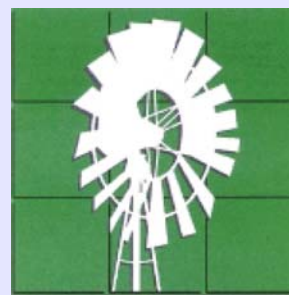
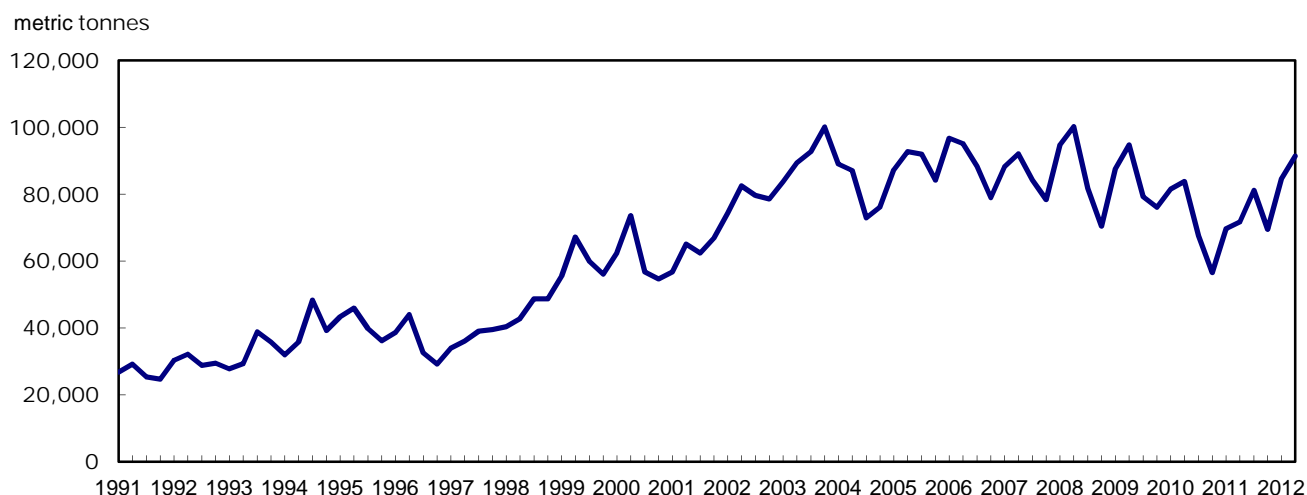


Service bulletin**Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats**

April 2012

**Highlights**

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 91 401 metric tonnes in April 2012, up 27% from April 2011, while the stocks of poultry meat were down 19% from a year earlier at 50 832 metric tonnes.
- Compared with January 2012, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 8% and the stocks of poultry meat were up 5%.

Chart 1**Quarterly stocks of frozen and chilled meats, Canada**

Statistical tables

Table 1
Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage, Canada

| | As of April 2011 | As of January 2012 | As of April 2012 ^P | Percentage change | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Previous quarter | Previous year |
| | tonnes | | | percent | |
| Pork | | | | | |
| Hams | 7,766 | 9,694 | 10,724 | 11 | 38 |
| Loins | 7,392 | 7,057 | 6,916 | -2 | -6 |
| Bellies | 505 | 1,285 | 1,102 | -14 | 118 |
| Butts | 2,109 | 2,494 | 2,822 | 13 | 34 |
| Picnics | 2,140 | 4,681 | 5,109 | 9 | 139 |
| Ribs | 4,053 | 4,038 | 3,533 | -13 | -13 |
| Backs and shoulders | 4,023 | 3,470 | 3,433 | -1 | -15 |
| Trimmings | 3,833 | 6,518 | 8,280 | 27 | 116 |
| Unclassified pork | 10,168 | 16,071 | 17,146 | 7 | 69 |
| Pork, total | 41,989 | 55,308 | 59,066 | 7 | 41 |
| Beef | | | | | |
| Bone-in | 3,087 | 2,366 | 2,242 | -5 | -27 |
| Boneless | 15,756 | 17,485 | 19,075 | 9 | 21 |
| Beef, total | 18,843 | 19,851 | 21,317 | 7 | 13 |
| Veal | | | | | |
| Bone-in | 174 | 104 | 172 | 65 | -1 |
| Boneless | 830 | 696 | 941 | 35 | 13 |
| Veal, total | 1,004 | 800 | 1,113 | 39 | 11 |
| Mutton and lamb, total | 3,134 | 1,946 | 3,006 | 54 | -4 |
| Fancy pork | 2,603 | 2,994 | 3,995 | 33 | 53 |
| Fancy beef | 3,971 | 3,592 | 2,802 | -22 | -29 |
| Fancy veal | 100 | 105 | 91 | -13 | -9 |
| Fancy lamb | 74 | 17 | 12 | -29 | -84 |
| Fancy meat, total | 6,748 | 6,708 | 6,899 | 3 | 2 |
| Total meat | 71,718 | 84,611 | 91,401 | 8 | 27 |

Note(s): Months shown refer to the first business day.

Table 2
Stocks of frozen poultry meats in cold storage, Canada

| | April 2011 | January 2012 | April 2012 ^P | Percentage change | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Previous quarter | Previous year |
| | tonnes | | | percent | |
| Poultry | | | | | |
| Chickens, total | 39,859 | 33,033 | 30,237 | -8 | -24 |
| Turkeys, total | 18,866 | 10,119 | 16,433 | 62 | -13 |
| Other fowl, total | 4,261 | 5,322 | 4,162 | -22 | -2 |
| Poultry meat, total | 62,986 | 48,474 | 50,832 | 5 | -19 |

Table 3
Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats in cold storage, Canada

| | As of April 2011 | As of January 2012 | As of April 2012 ^p | Percentage change | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Previous quarter | Previous year |
| | tonnes | | | percent | |
| Beef, bone-in | 434 | 303 | 231 | -24 | -47 |
| Beef, boneless | 5,918 | 4,453 | 6,001 | 35 | 1 |
| Total veal | 69 | 78 | 129 | 65 | 87 |
| Total mutton | 128 | 196 | 284 | 45 | 122 |
| Total lamb | 2,951 | 1,683 | 2,601 | 55 | -12 |
| Total | 9,500 | 6,712 | 9,246 | 38 | -3 |

Note(s): Months shown refer to the first business day.

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

| | As of April 2012 ^p | | | | | Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Pork, total | Beef, total | Veal, total | Mutton and lamb, total | Fancy meat, total | |
| | tonnes | | | | | |
| Atlantic provinces | 189 | 350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 539 |
| Quebec | 33,634 | 2,641 | x | 507 | x | 39,705 |
| Ontario | 3,132 | 7,548 | x | x | 2,520 | 14,201 |
| Manitoba | x | x | x | x | 180 | x |
| Saskatchewan | x | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |
| Alberta | 5,648 | 8,989 | x | x | 1,291 | 16,037 |
| British Columbia | 1,017 | 1,519 | x | x | x | 5,017 |

Note(s): Month shown refers to the first business day.

Methodology

This bulletin presents data on stocks of frozen and chilled meats at the wholesale level obtained from a quarterly census of known cold storage establishments registered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Included are such facilities as meat packers, wholesale butchers, abattoirs, and central warehouses of large retail grocery stores. Data not received in time for publication for the current period are estimated through imputation until such time as actual data are available. Therefore, current quarterly data are preliminary and subject to revision.

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| 0 ^s | value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded |
| P | preliminary |
| r | revised |
| x | suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the <i>Statistics Act</i> |
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