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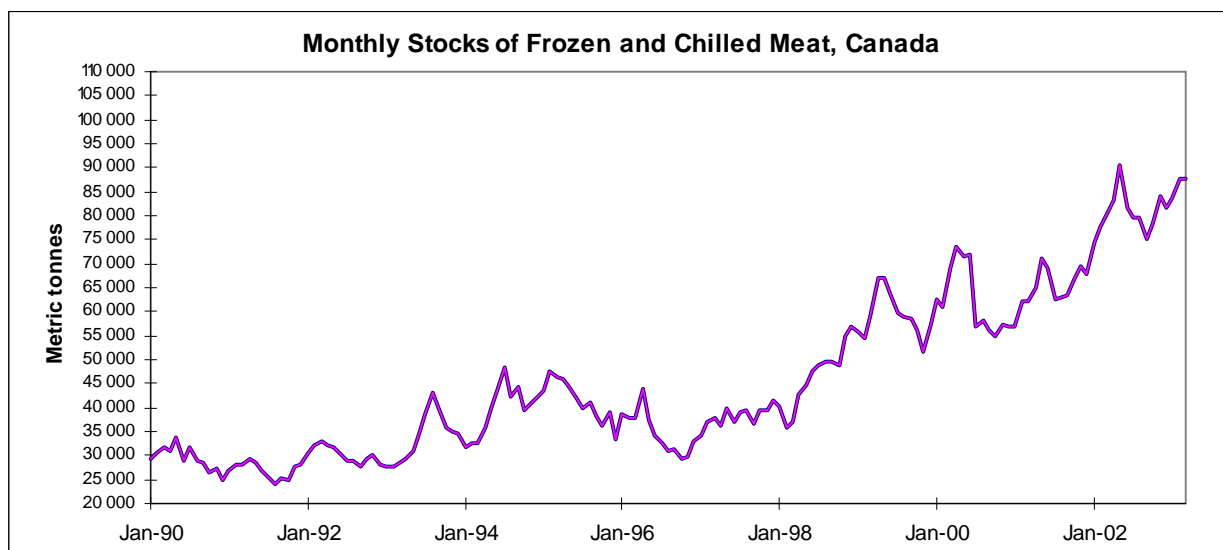
## Stocks of frozen and chilled meat products

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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March amounted to 87 823 metric tonnes, no percentage change from 87 746 tonnes in February and up 9% from 80 789 tonnes in March 2002. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to March 2003.



### Methodology

This bulletin presents data on stocks of frozen and chilled meat at the wholesale level obtained from a monthly 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 month are estimated through imputation until such time as actual data are available. Therefore, current month data are preliminary and subject to revision.

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Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meat in cold storage, tonnes - Canada	March 01, 2002	February 01, 2003	March 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
<b>Pork :</b>					
Hams	5 486	5 036	4 933	-2%	-10%
Loins	2 830	3 354	3 355	0%	19%
Bellies	1 735	1 362	1 472	8%	-15%
Butts	2 253	4 111	3 572	-13%	59%
Picnics	2 476	2 670	3 107	16%	25%
Ribs	3 968	6 008	6 335	5%	60%
Backs and shoulders	2 402	3 451	4 284	24%	78%
Trimmings	9 246	8 168	7 991	-2%	-14%
Unclassified	12 815	13 587	14 006	3%	9%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>43 210</b>	<b>47 746</b>	<b>49 054</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	2 548	2 976	2 669	-10%	5%
Beef, boneless	24 099	22 441	21 589	-4%	-10%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>26 647</b>	<b>25 416</b>	<b>24 259</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	266	586	630	8%	137%
Veal, boneless	505	524	482	-8%	-5%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>1 112</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>					
<b>Total mutton and lamb</b>	<b>1 883</b>	<b>1 266</b>	<b>1 290</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	4 795	7 806	7 406	-5%	54%
Beef fancy meats	3 151	4 021	4 299	7%	36%
Veal fancy meats	103	229	281	23%	173%
Lamb fancy meats	227	151	124	-18%	-45%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>8 277</b>	<b>12 207</b>	<b>12 109</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>80 789</b>	<b>87 746</b>	<b>87 823</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>64 690</b>	<b>55 228</b>	<b>57 070</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-15%</b>

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meat, tonnes - Canada	March 01, 2002	February 01, 2003	March 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Beef, bone-in	232	672	434	-35%	87%
Beef, boneless	10 528	11 018	10 088	-8%	-4%
Veal	83	219	209	-5%	152%
Mutton	144	54	61	13%	-58%
Lamb	1 687	1 177	1 193	1%	-29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 675</b>	<b>13 140</b>	<b>11 985</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-5%</b>

Table 3. Tonnes of frozen and chilled meat in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & Lamb	Fancy meats	Total
<b>March 01, 2003p</b>						
Atlantic provinces	766	1 663	x	x	138	<b>2 570</b>
Quebec	14 986	3 232	693	188	2 145	<b>21 245</b>
Ontario	x	7 847	351	x	2 031	<b>23 595</b>
Manitoba	x	187	0	0	x	<b>x</b>
Saskatchewan	2 308	148	0	0	668	<b>3 124</b>
Alberta	8 194	9 351	34	x	x	<b>23 636</b>
British Columbia	1 108	1 831	x	309	348	<b>x</b>

p = preliminary; x = suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act  
 Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add