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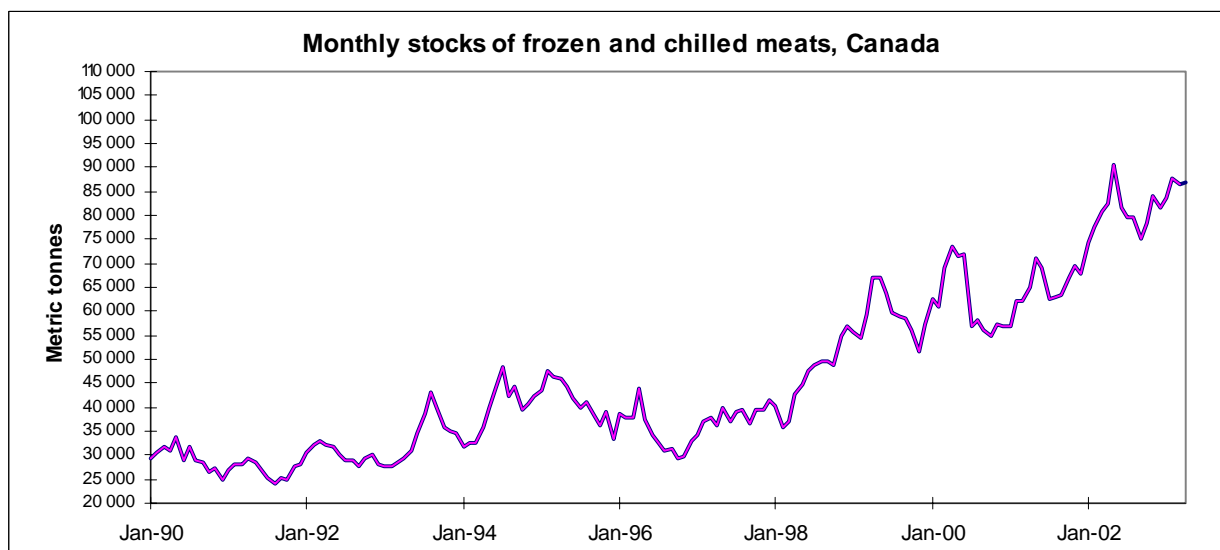
Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April amounted to 86 824 metric tonnes, virtually unchanged from 86 577 tonnes in March and up 5% from 82 453 tonnes in April 2002. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to April 2003.



Methodology

This bulletin presents data on stocks of frozen and chilled meats 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 meats in cold storage, tonnes - Canada	April 01, 2002	March 01, 2003	April 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Pork :					
Hams	4 996	4 869	4 196	-14%	-16%
Loins	2 919	3 402	3 544	4%	21%
Bellies	1 402	1 282	1 228	-4%	-12%
Butts	2 415	3 328	3 364	1%	39%
Picnics	2 898	3 220	2 999	-7%	3%
Ribs	3 858	6 375	6 653	4%	72%
Backs and shoulders	2 690	4 114	4 189	2%	56%
Trimmings	9 339	7 941	7 834	-1%	-16%
Unclassified	12 861	13 252	14 214	7%	11%
Total pork	43 377	47 782	48 220	1%	11%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 645	2 579	2 338	-9%	-12%
Beef, boneless	24 047	21 655	20 532	-5%	-15%
Total beef	26 691	24 234	22 870	-6%	-14%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	335	635	359	-43%	7%
Veal, boneless	470	482	608	26%	29%
Total veal	805	1 117	967	-13%	20%
Mutton & lamb :					
Total mutton and lamb	1 750	1 283	1 644	28%	-6%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 339	7 474	7 996	7%	26%
Beef fancy meats	3 192	4 282	4 702	10%	47%
Veal fancy meats	104	281	241	-14%	132%
Lamb fancy meats	197	123	183	49%	-7%
Total fancy meats	9 830	12 160	13 123	8%	33%
Total red meat	82 453	86 577	86 824	0%	5%
Total poultry	62 119	54 754

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats, tonnes - Canada	April 01, 2002	March 01, 2003	April 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Beef, bone-in	214	336	462	38%	116%
Beef, boneless	10 845	10 137	10 122	0%	-7%
Veal	140	214	143	-33%	2%
Mutton	48	49	46	-6%	-4%
Lamb	1 658	1 198	1 559	30%	-6%
Total	12 906	11 934	12 331	3%	-4%

Table 3. Tonnes of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & Lamb	Fancy meats	Total
April 01, 2003p						
Atlantic provinces	599	1 358	x	x	147	2 107
Quebec	14 346	3 897	567	234	2 685	21 728
Ontario	x	7 921	332	x	2 153	25 082
Manitoba	x	182	0	0	x	x
Saskatchewan	1 943	x	0	0	x	2 826
Alberta	7 473	x	28	x	6 177	21 159
British Columbia	1 099	1 948	x	309	371	x

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

.. = figures not available

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