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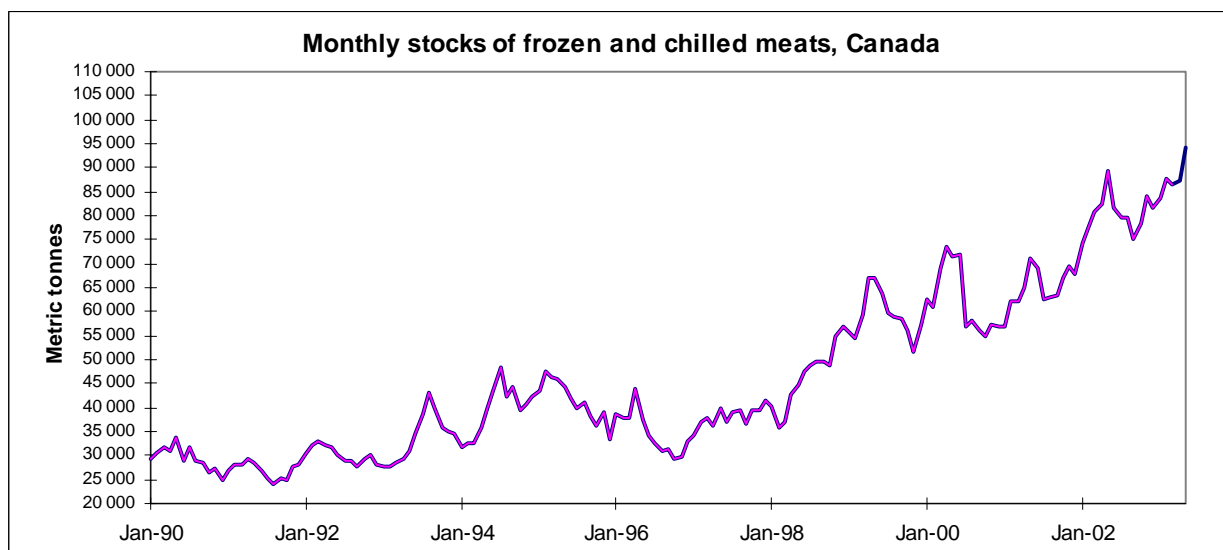
Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of May amounted to 94 154 metric tonnes, up 8% from 87 240 tonnes in April and up 5% from 89 515 tonnes in May 2002. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to May 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	May 01, 2002	April 01, 2003	May 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Pork :					
Hams	5 615	4 325	5 053	17%	-10%
Loins	3 632	3 573	3 941	10%	9%
Bellies	1 333	1 211	1 276	5%	-4%
Butts	2 772	3 410	3 443	1%	24%
Picnics	2 602	3 024	2 847	-6%	9%
Ribs	4 444	6 672	6 498	-3%	46%
Backs and shoulders	2 376	4 212	3 724	-12%	57%
Trimmings	10 304	7 999	9 126	14%	-11%
Unclassified	12 816	14 243	16 361	15%	28%
Total pork	45 892	48 669	52 268	7%	14%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 086	2 341	2 807	20%	-9%
Beef, boneless	27 742	20 500	22 035	7%	-21%
Total beef	30 828	22 841	24 842	9%	-19%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	608	357	326	-9%	-46%
Veal, boneless	463	604	870	44%	88%
Total veal	1 071	961	1 195	24%	12%
Mutton & lamb :					
Total mutton and lamb	1 338	1 666	1 760	6%	32%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 534	7 989	8 013	0%	23%
Beef fancy meats	3 503	4 693	5 601	19%	60%
Veal fancy meats	138	241	359	49%	160%
Lamb fancy meats	210	180	116	-36%	-45%
Total fancy meats	10 385	13 103	14 089	8%	36%
Total red meat	89 515	87 240	94 154	8%	5%
Total poultry	68 823	56 543	56 075	-1%	-19%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats, tonnes - Canada	May 01, 2002	April 01, 2003	May 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Beef, bone-in	505	464	467	1%	-8%
Beef, boneless	14 790	10 041	11 142	11%	-25%
Veal	142	136	304	124%	114%
Mutton	60	46	42	-9%	-30%
Lamb	1 241	1 581	1 644	4%	32%
Total	16 737	12 268	13 599	11%	-19%

Table 3. Tonnes of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & Lamb	Fancy meats	Total
May 01, 2003p						
Atlantic provinces	583	1 808	x	x	139	2 533
Quebec	16 175	4 482	636	272	3 244	24 809
Ontario	x	8 032	339	x	2 167	26 295
Manitoba	x	230	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	1 508	x	0	0	x	2 252
Alberta	8 941	x	39	x	6 971	x
British Columbia	1 204	2 156	176	331	369	4 237

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

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