



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

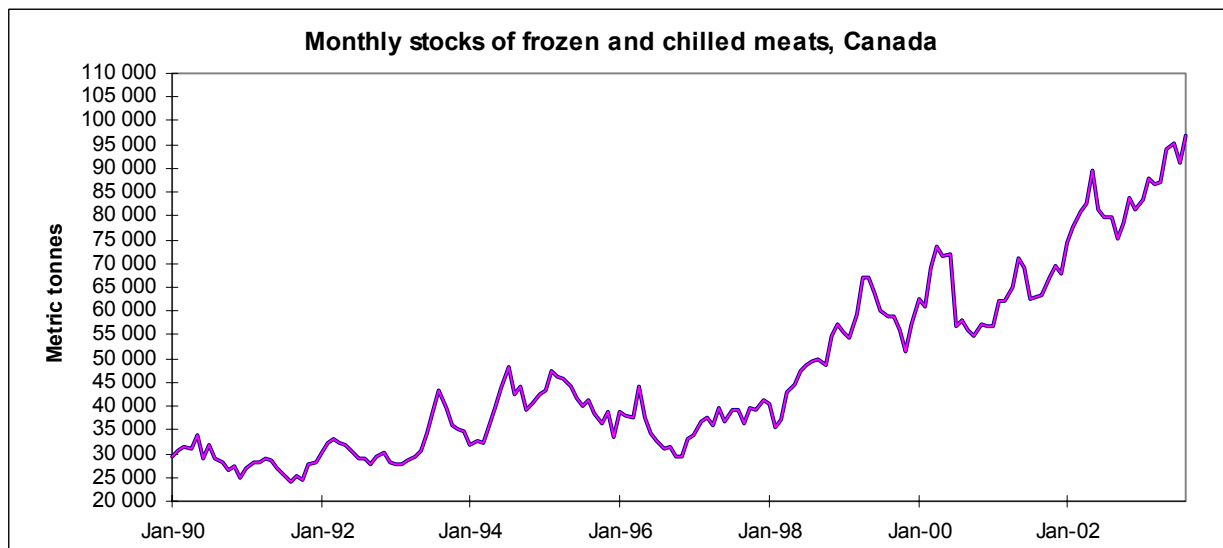
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of August amounted to 96 731 metric tonnes, up 6% from 91 202 tonnes in July and up 21% from 79 759 tonnes in August 2002. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to August 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.

For more details on concepts and methodology, please contact Client Services, Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, at 1-800-465-1991 or by email: agriculture@statcan.ca.

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Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage, tonnes - Canada	August 01, 2002	July 01, 2003	August 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Pork :					
Hams	5 635	5 617	5 363	-5%	-5%
Loins	2 062	2 579	2 496	-3%	21%
Bellies	1 116	1 074	832	-23%	-25%
Butts	2 500	3 680	2 896	-21%	16%
Picnics	2 769	2 273	2 405	6%	-13%
Ribs	3 950	5 664	5 494	-3%	39%
Backs and shoulders	2 739	3 949	4 349	10%	59%
Trimmings	8 295	6 609	5 175	-22%	-38%
Unclassified	11 942	13 721	12 044	-12%	1%
Total pork	41 008	45 165	41 054	-9%	0%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 332	2 950	3 888	32%	17%
Beef, boneless	21 954	23 943	29 810	25%	36%
Total beef	25 286	26 893	33 698	25%	33%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	353	691	957	38%	171%
Veal, boneless	662	1 013	1 233	22%	86%
Total veal	1 015	1 704	2 190	29%	116%
Mutton & lamb :	1 804	1 304	1 723	32%	-4%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 604	7 564	6 697	-11%	1%
Beef fancy meats	3 672	7 832	10 603	35%	189%
Veal fancy meats	280	667	649	-3%	132%
Lamb fancy meats	89	74	118	59%	33%
Total fancy meats	10 646	16 136	18 067	12%	70%
Total red meat	79 759	91 202	96 731	6%	21%
Poultry					
Chicken and Fowl	..	28 344	..	..	..
Turkey	..	28 895	..	..	..
Other Poultry	..	4 323	..	..	..
Total poultry	..	61 562	..	..	..

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats, tonnes - Canada	August 01, 2002	July 01, 2003	August 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
Beef, bone-in	226	436	956	119%	323%
Beef, boneless	10 822	12 610	14 983	19%	38%
Veal	112	276	132	-52%	18%
Mutton	104	34	54	59%	-48%
Lamb	1 632	1 213	1 615	33%	-1%
Total	12 896	14 567	17 740	22%	38%

Table 3. Tonnes of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & lamb	Fancy meats	Total
August 01, 2003p						
Atlantic provinces	606	x	x	x	144	2 376
Quebec	13 721	5 976	1 770	193	5 041	26 700
Ontario	x	12 020	326	x	2 102	27 251
Manitoba	x	201	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	1 209	x	0	x	x	2 477
Alberta	5 604	10 250	44	x	8 348	x
British Columbia	1 384	3 319	41	541	1 040	6 325

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

.. = figures not available

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