



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

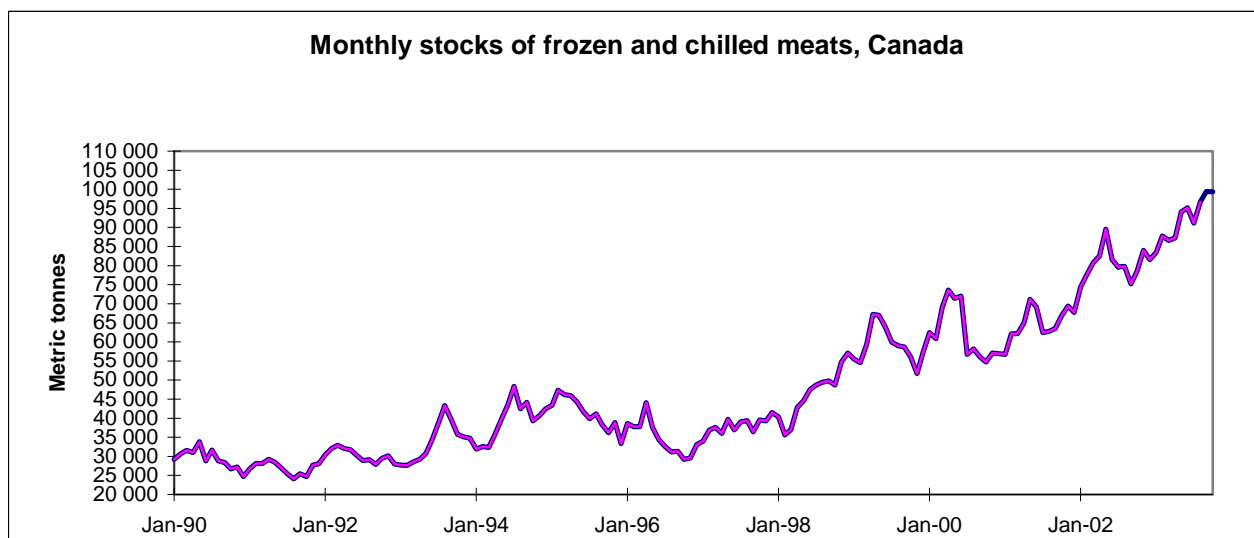
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of October amounted to 99 357 metric tonnes, virtually unchanged from 99 471 tonnes in September and up 26% from 78 555 tonnes in October 2002. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on October 1 totalled 67,368 metric tonnes, down 11% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to October 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 - Canada	October 01, 2002	September 01, 2003	October 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	4 722	5 958	6 108	3%	29%
Loins	2 787	2 742	2 563	-7%	-8%
Bellies	1 255	815	885	9%	-29%
Butts	2 513	2 427	2 185	-10%	-13%
Picnics	2 898	2 548	2 671	5%	-8%
Ribs	4 327	4 694	4 805	2%	11%
Backs and shoulders	2 378	3 342	2 820	-16%	19%
Trimming	8 370	5 873	6 079	4%	-27%
Unclassified	12 357	10 755	11 180	4%	-10%
Total pork	41 606	39 154	39 295	0%	-6%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 515	3 828	3 984	4%	58%
Beef, boneless	21 587	35 046	36 499	4%	69%
Total beef	24 101	38 873	40 482	4%	68%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	472	1 060	611	-42%	29%
Veal, boneless	725	1 220	1 772	45%	144%
Total veal	1 197	2 280	2 383	5%	99%
Mutton & lamb :	982	1 747	1 590	-9%	62%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	5 958	6 949	6 967	0%	17%
Beef fancy meats	4 271	9 656	7 892	-18%	85%
Veal fancy meats	388	610	568	-7%	46%
Lamb fancy meats	52	202	179	-11%	244%
Total fancy meats	10 669	17 417	15 606	-10%	46%
Total red meat	78 555	99 471	99 357	0%	26%
Poultry					
Chicken and Fowl	30 303	26 462	25 734	-3%	-15%
Turkey	38 659	37 264	36 664	-2%	-5%
Other Poultry	6 596	4 656	4 971	7%	-25%
Total poultry	75 558	68 382	67 368	-1%	-11%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	October 01, 2002	September 01, 2003	October 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	447	430	394	-8%	-12%
Beef, boneless	11 084	16 069	15 890	-1%	43%
Veal	142	156	224	44%	58%
Mutton	78	45	43	-4%	-45%
Lamb	866	1 661	1 504	-9%	74%
Total	12 618	18 361	18 055	-2%	43%

Table 3. Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & lamb	Fancy meats	Total
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
October 01, 2003p						
Atlantic provinces	605	1 434	x	x	x	2 178
Quebec	13 359	7 403	1 882	272	5 095	28 010
Ontario	x	13 272	401	x	2 135	26 735
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	7 360
Saskatchewan	1 176	x	x	x	936	2 223
Alberta	6 140	14 276	x	x	5 966	26 527
British Columbia	1 383	3 391	39	523	988	6 325

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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