



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

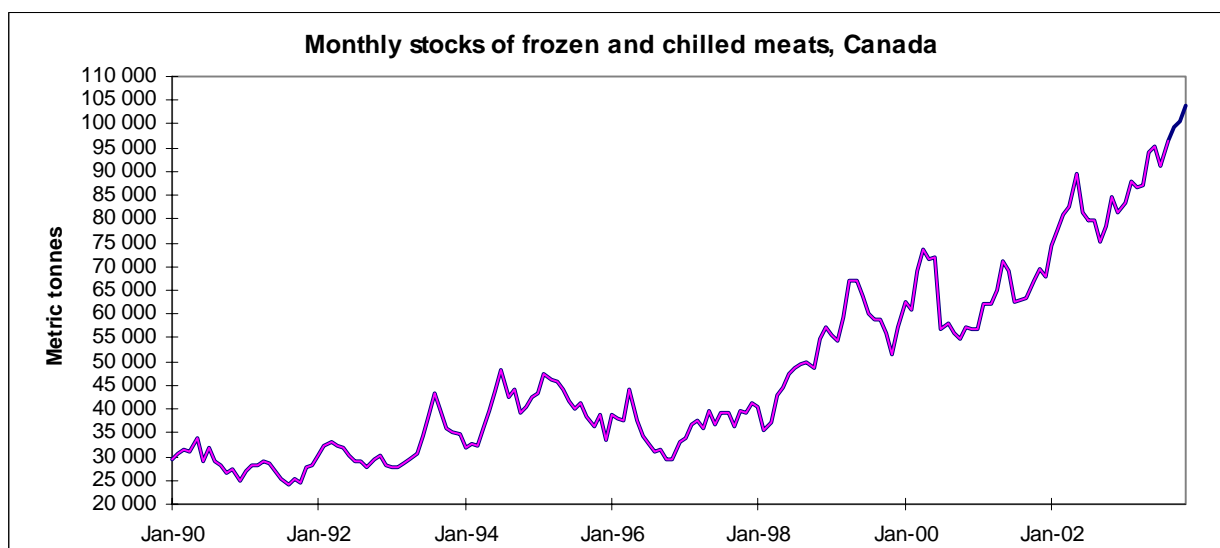
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of November amounted to 103 888 metric tonnes, up 3% from 100 464 tonnes in October and up 23% from 84 442 tonnes in November 2002. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on November 1 totalled 63 476 metric tonnes, down 9% from a year before. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to November 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	November 01, 2002	October 01, 2003	November 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	4 397	6 107	5 521	-10%	26%
Loins	3 022	2 543	2 477	-3%	-18%
Bellies	1 124	915	1 012	11%	-10%
Butts	2 996	2 212	2 705	22%	-10%
Picnics	2 747	3 224	3 437	7%	25%
Ribs	4 672	4 789	5 001	4%	7%
Backs and shoulders	2 260	2 681	2 487	-7%	10%
Trimming	9 840	6 134	6 684	9%	-32%
Unclassified	12 843	11 593	11 799	2%	-8%
Total pork	43 902	40 197	41 122	2%	-6%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 532	4 010	4 212	5%	66%
Beef, boneless	22 963	36 886	37 919	3%	65%
Total beef	25 495	40 896	42 131	3%	65%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	513	580	649	12%	27%
Veal, boneless	695	1 719	2 033	18%	193%
Total veal	1 208	2 300	2 682	17%	122%
Mutton & lamb :	1 374	1 599	1 513	-5%	10%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 025	6 962	7 964	14%	13%
Beef fancy meats	4 941	7 762	7 869	1%	59%
Veal fancy meats	372	569	433	-24%	16%
Lamb fancy meats	125	179	174	-3%	39%
Total fancy meats	12 463	15 472	16 440	6%	32%
Total red meat	84 442	100 464	103 888	3%	23%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	30 692	25 714	27 119	5%	-12%
Turkey	32 261	35 103	31 668	-10%	-2%
Other poultry	6 680	4 978	4 689	-6%	-30%
Total poultry	69 633	65 795	63 476	-4%	-9%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	November 01, 2002	October 01, 2003	November 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	252	394	440	12%	75%
Beef, boneless	11 737	15 913	15 451	-3%	32%
Veal	146	207	218	4%	49%
Mutton	69	44	47	7%	-32%
Lamb	1 250	1 512	1 412	-7%	13%
Total	13 455	18 071	17 568	-3%	31%

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
November 01, 2003p						
Atlantic provinces	648	1 553	x	x	x	2 356
Quebec	13 759	7 023	2 128	72	4 983	27 965
Ontario	8 984	12 991	x	x	2 712	25 977
Manitoba	7 628	x	x	x	x	8 656
Saskatchewan	1 595	x	x	x	1 030	2 727
Alberta	6 685	16 513	x	x	6 297	29 656
British Columbia	1 822	3 371	50	483	824	6 551

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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