



# Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

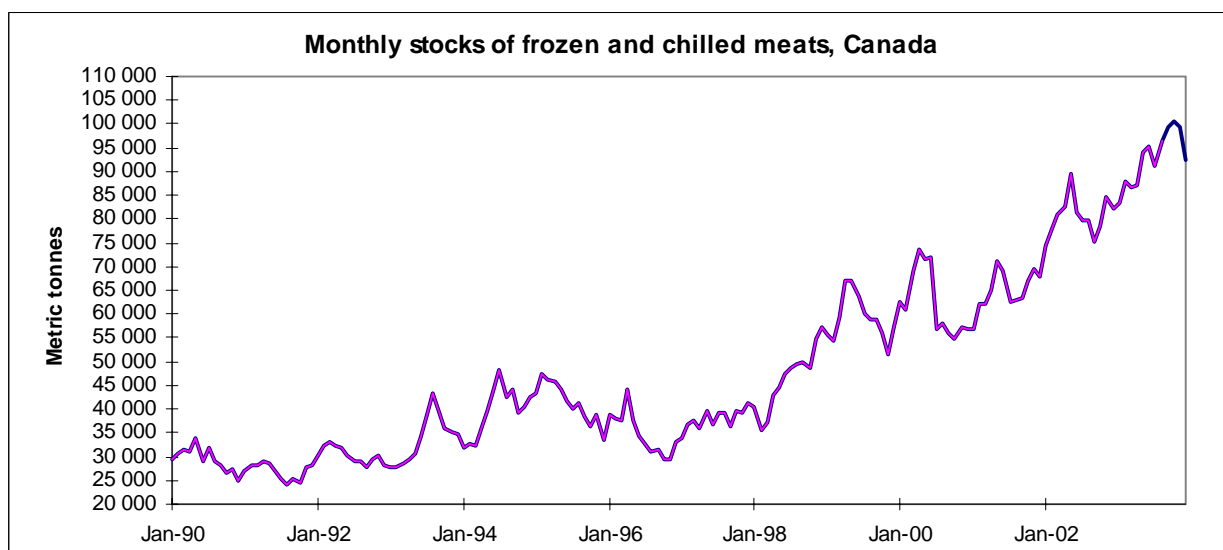
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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of December amounted to 92 399 metric tonnes, down 7% from 99 221 tonnes in November and up 12% from 82 139 tonnes in December 2002. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on December 1 totalled 61,304 metric tonnes, down 4% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to December 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](mailto:agriculture@statcan.ca).

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Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - Canada	December 01, 2002	November 01, 2003	December 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
<b>Pork :</b>					
Hams	3 573	5 649	5 497	-3%	54%
Loins	3 095	2 390	2 185	-9%	-29%
Bellies	1 019	1 117	1 245	11%	22%
Butts	3 823	2 476	2 441	-1%	-36%
Picnics	2 856	3 335	2 660	-20%	-7%
Ribs	4 885	4 169	4 382	5%	-10%
Backs and shoulders	3 220	2 459	2 682	9%	-17%
Trimmings	9 292	6 832	7 268	6%	-22%
Unclassified	12 904	11 251	10 666	-5%	-17%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>44 667</b>	<b>39 677</b>	<b>39 026</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	2 149	4 173	2 809	-33%	31%
Beef, boneless	21 415	35 033	32 938	-6%	54%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>23 564</b>	<b>39 206</b>	<b>35 748</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	519	647	657	2%	27%
Veal, boneless	579	2 011	1 876	-7%	224%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>1 097</b>	<b>2 659</b>	<b>2 533</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>131%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>	<b>1 174</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	7 025	7 759	6 253	-19%	-11%
Beef fancy meats	4 126	7 816	6 849	-12%	66%
Veal fancy meats	301	432	375	-13%	25%
Lamb fancy meats	183	174	131	-25%	-28%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>11 636</b>	<b>16 180</b>	<b>13 608</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>82 139</b>	<b>99 221</b>	<b>92 399</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chicken and fowl	30 889	27 098	26 487	-2%	-14%
Turkey	25 576	31 659	30 630	-3%	20%
Other poultry	7 107	4 689	4 187	-11%	-41%
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>63 573</b>	<b>63 447</b>	<b>61 304</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-4%</b>

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	December 01, 2002	November 01, 2003	December 01, 2003p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	222	435	409	-6%	84%
Beef, boneless	10 621	15 015	14 804	-1%	39%
Veal	175	217	154	-29%	-11%
Mutton	65	47	53	13%	-18%
Lamb	1 074	1 400	1 394	0%	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 156</b>	<b>17 114</b>	<b>16 814</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>38%</b>

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
<b>December 01, 2003p</b>						
Atlantic provinces	657	1 482	x	x	142	2 288
Quebec	12 856	5 963	2 035	198	4 472	25 524
Ontario	8 240	12 949	x	x	2 220	24 540
Manitoba	7 510	x	x	x	x	8 533
Saskatchewan	1 470	x	0	x	x	2 474
Alberta	6 550	11 437	x	x	4 702	22 824
British Columbia	1 743	3 274	42	467	691	6 216

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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