



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

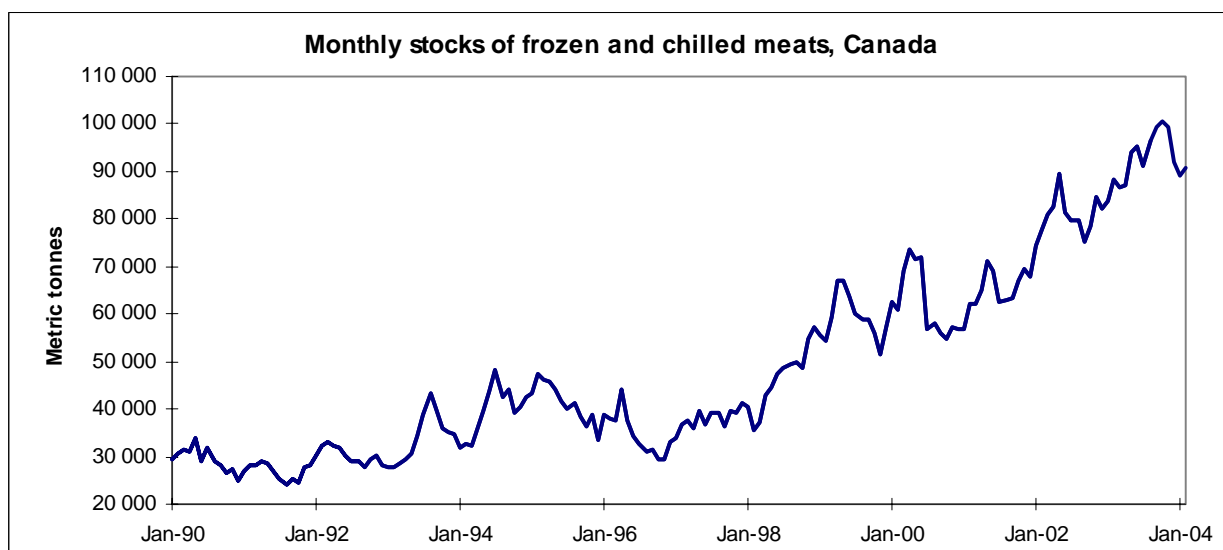
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of February amounted to 90 825 metric tonnes, up 2% from 88 964 tonnes in January and up 3% from 88 473 tonnes in February 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on February 1 totalled 45,997 metric tonnes, down 10% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to February 2004.



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	February 01, 2003	January 01, 2004	February 01, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	5 444	6 113	6 574	8%	21%
Loins	3 434	3 713	3 570	-4%	4%
Bellies	1 421	1 290	1 111	-14%	-22%
Butts	4 107	2 258	1 754	-22%	-57%
Picnics	2 660	2 453	2 657	8%	0%
Ribs	6 004	4 248	4 010	-6%	-33%
Backs and shoulders	3 430	3 041	3 133	3%	-9%
Trimmings	8 238	8 023	9 229	15%	12%
Unclassified	13 636	10 873	9 852	-9%	-28%
Total pork	48 374	42 011	41 890	0%	-13%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 976	3 745	3 561	-5%	20%
Beef, boneless	22 441	29 510	27 605	-6%	23%
Total beef	25 416	33 256	31 165	-6%	23%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	586	699	718	3%	23%
Veal, boneless	524	1 734	1 616	-7%	208%
Total veal	1 110	2 432	2 334	-4%	110%
Mutton & lamb :	1 266	1 093	1 541	41%	22%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 905	3 079	7 233	135%	-9%
Beef fancy meats	4 021	6 375	6 151	-4%	53%
Veal fancy meats	229	598	371	-38%	62%
Lamb fancy meats	151	120	140	17%	-7%
Total fancy meats	12 307	10 172	13 895	37%	13%
Total red meat	88 473	88 964	90 825	2%	3%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	27 876	24 499	23 568	-4%	-15%
Turkey	17 647	15 852	18 859	19%	7%
Other poultry	5 847	3 665	3 571	-3%	-39%
Total poultry	51 370	44 016	45 997	5%	-10%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	February 01, 2003	January 01, 2004	February 01, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	672	595	541	-9%	-19%
Beef, boneless	11 018	13 416	12 753	-5%	16%
Veal	219	279	140	-50%	-36%
Mutton	54	32	31	-3%	-43%
Lamb	1 177	1 027	1 476	44%	25%
Total	13 140	15 349	14 941	-3%	14%

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
February 01, 2004p						
Atlantic provinces	663	1 557	x	x	157	2 385
Quebec	12 753	5 234	1 923	162	3 554	23 627
Ontario	9 838	11 829	325	940	2 019	24 951
Manitoba	7 476	x	x	x	x	8 351
Saskatchewan	1 581	x	0	0	x	2 570
Alberta	8 070	9 272	x	x	6 351	23 816
British Columbia	1 509	2 769	18	374	455	5 125

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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