



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

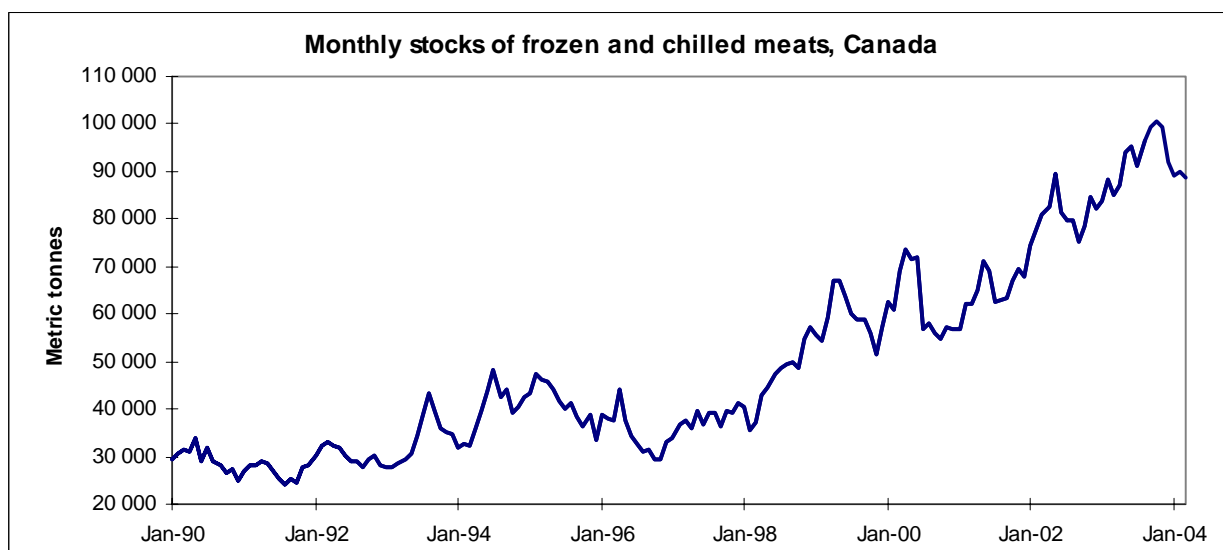
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March amounted to 88 843 metric tonnes, down 1% from 89 941 tonnes in February and up 5% from 84 953 tonnes in March 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on March 1 totalled 47 936 metric tonnes, down 8% from March 1, 2003. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to March 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	March 01, 2003	February 01, 2004	March 01, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	4 900	6 084	6 116	1%	25%
Loins	3 489	3 620	3 673	1%	5%
Bellies	1 304	1 086	1 149	6%	-12%
Butts	3 530	1 761	1 672	-5%	-53%
Picnics	3 242	2 630	2 348	-11%	-28%
Ribs	6 447	4 029	4 244	5%	-34%
Backs and shoulders	4 155	3 186	2 754	-14%	-34%
Trimmings	8 182	8 800	8 545	-3%	4%
Unclassified	13 394	9 762	9 776	0%	-27%
Total pork	48 642	40 957	40 277	-2%	-17%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 579	3 561	3 552	0%	38%
Beef, boneless	21 655	27 627	27 445	-1%	27%
Total beef	24 234	31 188	30 997	-1%	28%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	635	718	798	11%	26%
Veal, boneless	482	1 668	1 561	-6%	224%
Total veal	1 117	2 386	2 359	-1%	111%
Mutton & lamb :	1 283	1 289	1 161	-10%	-10%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	4 560	7 418	7 837	6%	72%
Beef fancy meats	4 712	6 192	5 778	-7%	23%
Veal fancy meats	281	371	279	-25%	-1%
Lamb fancy meats	123	140	154	10%	25%
Total fancy meats	9 677	14 121	14 049	-1%	45%
Total red meat	84 953	89 941	88 843	-1%	5%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	28 103	23 664	24 575	4%	-13%
Turkey	19 523	18 907	19 670	4%	1%
Other poultry	4 422	3 734	3 691	-1%	-17%
Total poultry	52 048	46 304	47 936	4%	-8%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	March 01, 2003	February 01, 2004	March 01, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	336	541	377	-30%	12%
Beef, boneless	10 137	12 771	12 542	-2%	24%
Veal	214	178	89	-50%	-59%
Mutton	49	30	90	200%	84%
Lamb	1 198	1 224	1 035	-15%	-14%
Total	11 934	14 744	14 132	-4%	18%

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
March 01, 2004p						
Atlantic provinces	685	1 459	x	x	128	2 278
Quebec	10 805	5 090	1 984	163	3 059	21 101
Ontario	9 135	11 754	303	570	2 518	24 279
Manitoba	7 795	x	x	x	x	8 530
Saskatchewan	1 408	x	0	x	739	2 275
Alberta	9 306	9 544	57	x	x	25 759
British Columbia	1 142	2 692	12	351	425	4 621

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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