



# Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

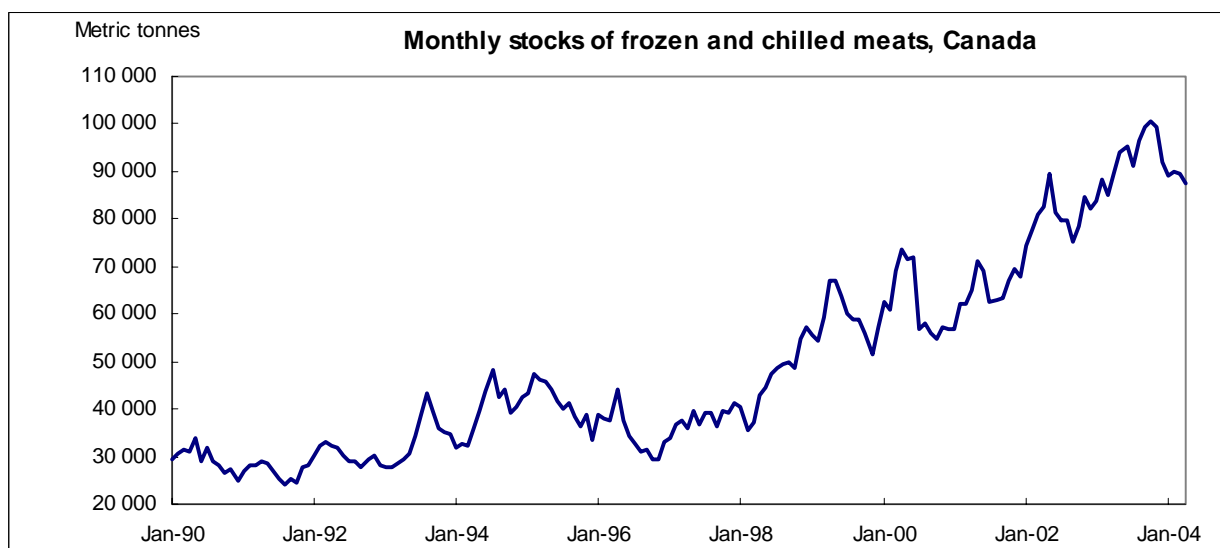
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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April amounted to 87 508 metric tonnes, down 2% from 89 452 tonnes in March and down 2% from 89 415 tonnes in April 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on April 1 totalled 47 998 metric tonnes, down 10% from April 1, 2003. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to April 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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<b>Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - Canada</b>	<b>April 1, 2003</b>	<b>March 1, 2004</b>	<b>April 1, 2004p</b>	<b>% Change to previous month</b>	<b>% Change to previous year</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>		
<b>Pork :</b>					
Hams	4 454	6 114	6 374	4%	43%
Loins	3 589	3 671	3 432	-7%	-4%
Bellies	1 208	1 149	1 100	-4%	-9%
Butts	3 731	1 686	1 906	13%	-49%
Picnics	2 863	2 353	3 260	39%	14%
Ribs	7 059	4 244	3 993	-6%	-43%
Backs and shoulders	4 286	2 753	2 652	-4%	-38%
Trimming	8 326	8 812	6 852	-22%	-18%
Unclassified	14 357	9 975	9 339	-6%	-35%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>49 873</b>	<b>40 757</b>	<b>38 908</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	2 597	3 554	4 141	17%	59%
Beef, boneless	21 798	27 447	27 684	1%	27%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>24 395</b>	<b>31 001</b>	<b>31 825</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	357	798	818	3%	129%
Veal, boneless	604	1 561	1 467	-6%	143%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>2 359</b>	<b>2 285</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>138%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>	<b>1 666</b>	<b>1 162</b>	<b>1 397</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	7 085	7 837	7 191	-8%	1%
Beef fancy meats	5 013	5 903	5 471	-7%	9%
Veal fancy meats	241	279	226	-19%	-6%
Lamb fancy meats	180	154	204	32%	13%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>12 520</b>	<b>14 173</b>	<b>13 092</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>89 415</b>	<b>89 452</b>	<b>87 508</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chicken and fowl	28 022	24 511	27 419	12%	-2%
Turkey	21 066	19 671	16 797	-15%	-20%
Other poultry	4 454	3 690	3 781	2%	-15%
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>53 542</b>	<b>47 873</b>	<b>47 998</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-10%</b>

<b>Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada</b>	<b>April 1, 2003</b>	<b>March 1, 2004</b>	<b>April 1, 2004p</b>	<b>% Change to previous month</b>	<b>% Change to previous year</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>		
Beef, bone-in	464	377	475	26%	2%
Beef, boneless	10 104	12 545	12 886	3%	28%
Veal	137	89	98	11%	-28%
Mutton	46	90	85	-6%	85%
Lamb	1 581	1 035	1 282	24%	-19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 332</b>	<b>14 135</b>	<b>14 825</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>20%</b>

<b>Table 3. Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province</b>	<b>Pork</b>	<b>Beef</b>	<b>Veal</b>	<b>Mutton &amp; lamb</b>	<b>Fancy meats</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>
<b>April 1, 2004p</b>						
Atlantic provinces	732	1 469	x	x	x	2 391
Quebec	10 392	4 769	1 916	161	2 847	20 086
Ontario	9 455	11 737	293	703	2 406	24 594
Manitoba	8 658	x	x	x	x	9 404
Saskatchewan	1 481	x	0	x	947	2 557
Alberta	7 017	10 269	58	77	5 817	23 239
British Columbia	1 173	3 148	13	448	455	5 237

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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