



Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

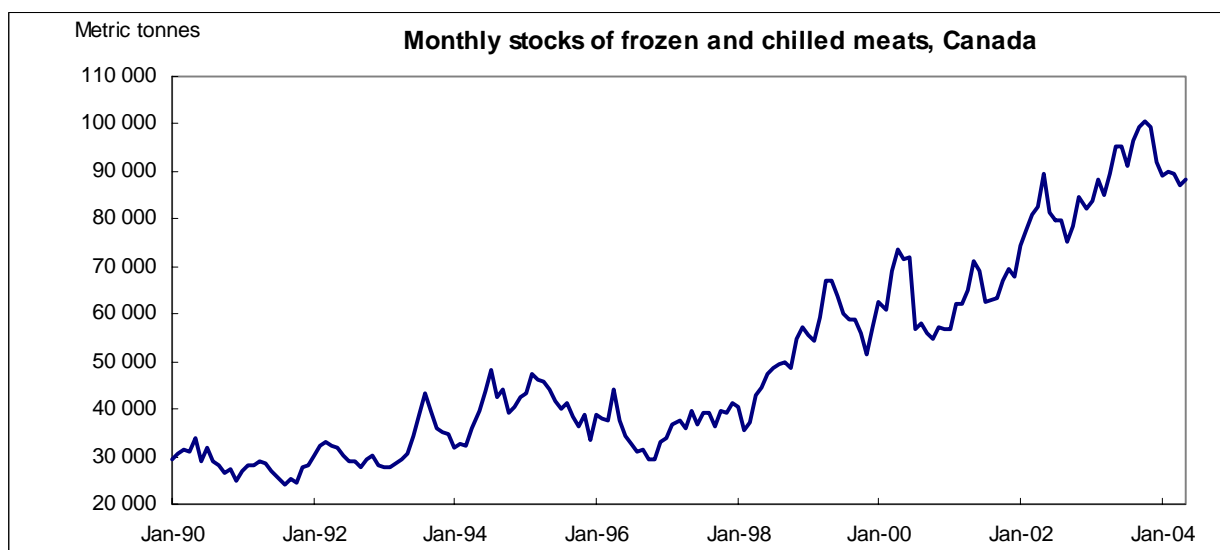
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of May amounted to 88 498 metric tonnes, up 2% from 87 085 tonnes in April and down 7% from 95 141 tonnes in May 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on May 1 totalled 51 860 metric tonnes, down 3% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to May 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	May 1, 2003	April 1, 2004	May 1, 2004^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	5 316	6 203	7 516	21%	41%
Loins	3 918	3 458	3 336	-4%	-15%
Bellies	1 215	1 049	1 005	-4%	-17%
Butts	3 541	2 068	1 840	-11%	-48%
Picnics	2 710	3 289	2 600	-21%	-4%
Ribs	6 691	4 038	4 163	3%	-38%
Backs and shoulders	3 643	2 583	2 702	5%	-26%
Trimming	9 304	6 799	6 084	-11%	-35%
Unclassified	16 413	9 291	10 429	12%	-36%
Total pork	52 750	38 778	39 673	2%	-25%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 005	4 130	4 125	0%	37%
Beef, boneless	23 027	27 440	27 252	-1%	18%
Total beef	26 032	31 570	31 377	-1%	21%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	316	818	794	-3%	151%
Veal, boneless	850	1 467	2 098	43%	147%
Total veal	1 166	2 285	2 893	27%	148%
Mutton & lamb :	1 759	1 362	1 541	13%	-12%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 964	7 186	6 252	-13%	-10%
Beef fancy meats	5 997	5 473	6 291	15%	5%
Veal fancy meats	356	226	232	3%	-35%
Lamb fancy meats	116	204	240	18%	107%
Total fancy meats	13 434	13 089	13 015	-1%	-3%
Total red meat	95 141	87 085	88 498	2%	-7%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	29 826	29 870	29 022	-3%	-3%
Turkey	19 222	17 016	17 915	5%	-7%
Other poultry	4 528	3 857	4 923	28%	9%
Total poultry	53 576	50 742	51 860	2%	-3%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	May 1, 2003	April 1, 2004	May 1, 2004^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	467	475	571	20%	22%
Beef, boneless	11 143	12 657	11 410	-10%	2%
Veal	301	98	239	144%	-21%
Mutton	42	85	127	49%	202%
Lamb	1 642	1 246	1 384	11%	-16%
Total	13 594	14 562	13 730	-6%	1%

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
May 1, 2004^P						
Atlantic provinces	777	1 601	x	x	180	2 567
Quebec	11 335	4 829	2 364	152	2 664	21 345
Ontario	9 471	11 080	329	x	x	25 029
Manitoba	8 480	294	x	x	x	9 166
Saskatchewan	1 596	x	0	x	1 023	2 757
Alberta	6 708	10 731	x	x	5 005	22 559
British Columbia	1 305	x	x	506	419	5 076

^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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