



# Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

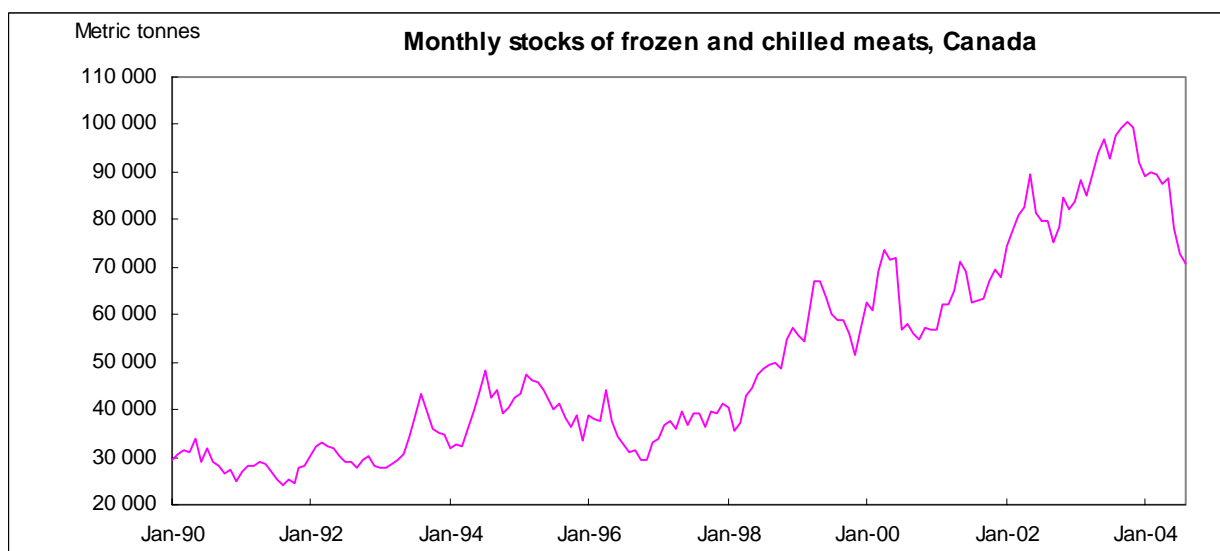
## Statistical bulletin

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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of August amounted to 70 676 metric tonnes, down 3% from 72 762 tonnes in July and down 28% from 97 574 tonnes in August 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on August 1 totalled 60 280 metric tonnes, no change from August 1, 2003. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to August 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>August 1, 2003</b>	<b>July 1, 2004</b>	<b>August 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	5 429	4 761	3 543	-26%	-35%
Loins	2 555	2 192	2 368	8%	-7%
Bellies	1 061	866	839	-3%	-21%
Butts	2 686	1 369	1 309	-4%	-51%
Picnics	2 453	1 474	1 634	11%	-33%
Ribs	5 599	2 928	2 770	-5%	-51%
Backs and shoulders	4 481	1 719	1 922	12%	-57%
Trimming	5 336	4 976	5 036	1%	-6%
Unclassified	12 484	8 619	8 894	3%	-29%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>42 084</b>	<b>28 904</b>	<b>28 314</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-33%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	3 889	3 533	3 541	0%	-9%
Beef, boneless	30 507	25 810	24 591	-5%	-19%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>34 396</b>	<b>29 342</b>	<b>28 132</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	953	433	380	-12%	-60%
Veal, boneless	1 228	1 455	1 529	5%	25%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>2 181</b>	<b>1 888</b>	<b>1 909</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>	<b>1 712</b>	<b>1 760</b>	<b>1 708</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	5 830	5 290	5 346	1%	-8%
Beef fancy meats	10 604	5 206	4 940	-5%	-53%
Veal fancy meats	649	178	176	-1%	-73%
Lamb fancy meats	119	193	152	-21%	28%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>17 202</b>	<b>10 868</b>	<b>10 614</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-38%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>97 574</b>	<b>72 762</b>	<b>70 676</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chicken and fowl	24 560	28 078	28 229	1%	15%
Turkey	32 025	24 863	27 005	9%	-16%
Other poultry	3 982	4 673	5 045	8%	27%
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>60 567</b>	<b>57 614</b>	<b>60 280</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0%</b>

<b>Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada</b>	<b>August 1, 2003</b>	<b>July 1, 2004</b>	<b>August 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	955	609	518	-15%	-46%
Beef, boneless	14 972	10 386	8 626	-17%	-42%
Veal	129	179	210	17%	63%
Mutton	54	112	108	-4%	100%
Lamb	1 604	1 599	1 550	-3%	-3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 713</b>	<b>12 885</b>	<b>11 011</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-38%</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>August 1, 2004p</b>						
Atlantic provinces	457	1 295	0	x	x	1 827
Quebec	6 663	5 416	1 439	112	1 994	15 624
Ontario	6 569	x	291	x	1 914	17 498
Manitoba	6 702	257	x	x	x	7 390
Saskatchewan	1 799	x	x	x	1 267	3 318
Alberta	5 241	10 416	x	x	4 286	20 135
British Columbia	883	2 689	83	576	654	4 885

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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