



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

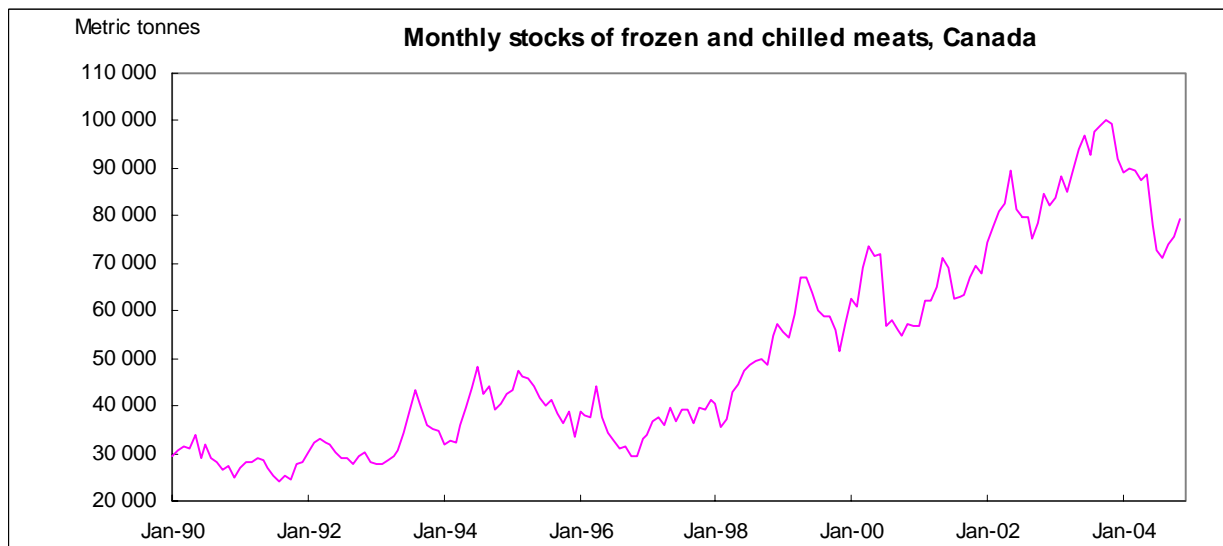
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of December 2004 amounted to 79 576 metric tonnes, virtually unchanged from 79 253 tonnes in November and down 14% from 92 180 tonnes in December 2003. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on December 1 totalled 61,152 metric tonnes, up 4.3% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to December 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	December 1, 2003	November 1, 2004	December 1, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	5 532	5 744	5 571	-3%	1%
Loins	2 337	2 187	2 279	4%	-2%
Bellies	1 203	1 021	1 213	19%	1%
Butts	2 464	1 463	1 433	-2%	-42%
Picnics	2 384	1 822	1 921	5%	-19%
Ribs	4 319	2 918	3 103	6%	-28%
Backs and shoulders	2 874	2 486	2 548	2%	-11%
Trimmings	7 763	6 543	6 771	3%	-13%
Unclassified	10 761	10 780	11 466	6%	7%
Total pork	39 637	34 962	36 306	4%	-8%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	2 792	3 700	3 720	1%	33%
Beef, boneless	32 916	26 238	26 131	0%	-21%
Total beef	35 708	29 938	29 851	0%	-16%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	720	264	269	2%	-63%
Veal, boneless	1 663	1 282	1 169	-9%	-30%
Total veal	2 383	1 545	1 438	-7%	-40%
Mutton & lamb :	1 496	1 481	1 320	-11%	-12%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	5 383	6 134	5 415	-12%	1%
Beef fancy meats	6 836	4 870	4 873	0%	-29%
Veal fancy meats	608	224	217	-3%	-64%
Lamb fancy meats	131	99	156	58%	19%
Total fancy meats	12 957	11 327	10 661	-6%	-18%
Total red meat	92 180	79 253	79 576	0%	-14%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	23 737	33 151	34 285	3%	44%
Turkey	30 707	25 374	22 384	-12%	-27%
Other poultry	4 186	4 328	4 484	4%	7%
Total poultry	58 630	62 852	61 152	-3%	4%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	December 1, 2003	November 1, 2004	December 1, 2004p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	409	542	537	-1%	31%
Beef, boneless	14 871	8 750	8 504	-3%	-43%
Veal	151	236	252	6%	66%
Mutton	53	128	130	2%	145%
Lamb	1 403	1 301	1 136	-13%	-19%
Total	16 886	10 957	10 560	-4%	-37%

Table 3. Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - by province	Pork	Beef	Veal	Mutton & lamb	Fancy meats	
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
December 1, 2004p						
Atlantic provinces	494	1 309	x	x	x	
Quebec	11 542	5 233	1 047	106	2 084	
Ontario	6 874	8 206	221	654	1 998	
Manitoba	x	243	x	x	x	
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	1 025	
Alberta	7 229	12 401	79	79	4 887	
British Columbia	1 381	x	88	x	559	

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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