



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

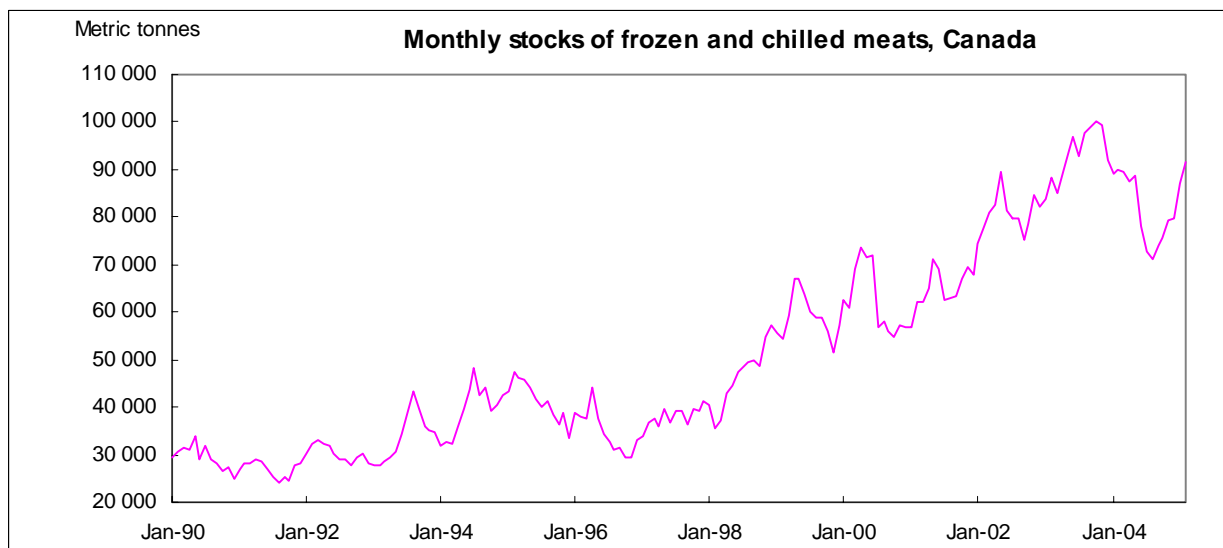
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of February 2005 amounted to 91 469 metric tonnes, up 5% from 86 916 tonnes in January and up 2% from 89 950 tonnes in February 2004. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to February 2005.



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	February 1, 2004	January 1, 2005	February 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	6 084	7 098	7 906	11%	30%
Loins	3 620	3 148	3 440	9%	-5%
Bellies	1 086	1 584	1 387	-12%	28%
Butts	1 761	1 880	2 110	12%	20%
Picnics	2 630	2 693	3 040	13%	16%
Ribs	4 029	3 606	4 636	29%	15%
Backs and shoulders	3 186	3 180	3 088	-3%	-3%
Trimnings	8 800	7 591	7 128	-6%	-19%
Unclassified	9 762	12 608	12 329	-2%	26%
Total pork	40 957	43 388	45 063	4%	10%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 562	3 756	4 063	8%	14%
Beef, boneless	27 635	26 237	27 134	3%	-2%
Total beef	31 197	29 993	31 197	4%	0%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	718	190	149	-22%	-79%
Veal, boneless	1 668	1 071	1 089	2%	-35%
Total veal	2 386	1 261	1 238	-2%	-48%
Mutton & lamb :	1 289	1 395	1 509	8%	17%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 418	6 572	7 904	20%	7%
Beef fancy meats	6 192	4 018	4 270	6%	-31%
Veal fancy meats	371	180	187	4%	-50%
Lamb fancy meats	140	110	101	-8%	-28%
Total fancy meats	14 121	10 880	12 462	15%	-12%
Total red meat	89 950	86 916	91 469	5%	2%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	23 664	33 907	31 695	-7%	34%
Turkey	18 907	11 731	13 878	18%	-27%
Other poultry	3 734	4 314	4 731	10%	27%
Total poultry	46 304	49 951	50 304	1%	9%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	February 1, 2004	January 1, 2005	February 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	541	552	727	32%	34%
Beef, boneless	12 771	7 856	8 460	8%	-34%
Veal	178	206	225	9%	27%
Mutton	30	151	190	26%	533%
Lamb	1 224	1 195	1 267	6%	4%
Total	14 744	9 960	10 868	9%	-26%

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
February 1, 2005p						
Atlantic provinces	530	1 133	0	x	x	1 699
Quebec	13 190	4 929	852	122	2 146	21 240
Ontario	9 530	8 643	280	832	1 970	21 255
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	1 204	3 121
Alberta	8 841	13 835	x	x	6 390	29 193
British Columbia	1 934	2 423	27	x	546	x

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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