



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

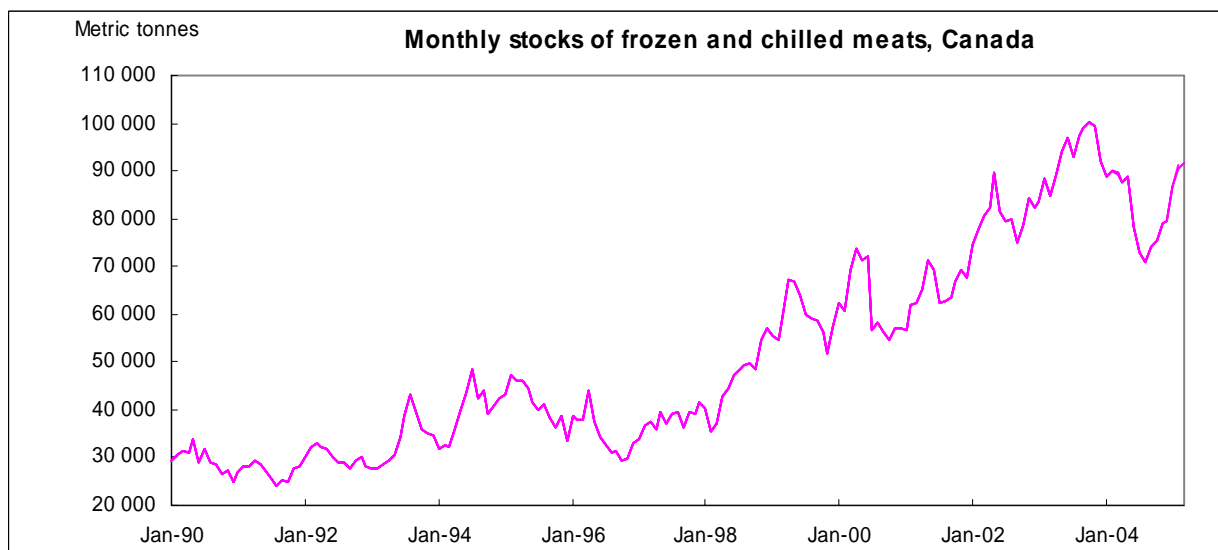
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March 2005 amounted to 91 555 metric tonnes, up 1% from 90 551 tonnes in February and up 2% from 89 363 tonnes in March 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on March 1 totalled 52 119 metric tonnes, up 9% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to March 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	March 1, 2004	February 1, 2005	March 1, 2005^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	5 974	7 510	7 875	5%	32%
Loins	3 760	3 440	3 486	1%	-7%
Bellies	1 139	1 387	1 853	34%	63%
Butts	1 753	2 092	2 000	-4%	14%
Picnics	2 393	3 036	2 918	-4%	22%
Ribs	4 179	4 636	4 998	8%	20%
Backs and shoulders	2 689	3 088	2 878	-7%	7%
Trimnings	8 751	7 139	8 164	14%	-7%
Unclassified	9 955	11 823	12 685	7%	27%
Total pork	40 591	44 151	46 857	6%	15%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 554	4 063	3 927	-3%	10%
Beef, boneless	27 447	27 129	26 913	-1%	-2%
Total beef	31 001	31 192	30 839	-1%	-1%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	798	149	241	62%	-70%
Veal, boneless	1 561	1 089	970	-11%	-38%
Total veal	2 359	1 238	1 210	-2%	-49%
Mutton & lamb :	1 162	1 509	1 651	9%	42%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 914	7 904	6 417	-19%	-19%
Beef fancy meats	5 903	4 270	4 208	-1%	-29%
Veal fancy meats	279	187	255	36%	-9%
Lamb fancy meats	154	101	117	16%	-24%
Total fancy meats	14 250	12 462	10 998	-12%	-23%
Total red meat	89 363	90 551	91 555	1%	2%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	24 511	31 274	31 779	2%	30%
Turkey	19 671	13 851	15 637	13%	-21%
Other poultry	3 690	4 732	4 703	-1%	27%
Total poultry	47 873	49 856	52 119	5%	9%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	March 1, 2004	February 1, 2005	March 1, 2005^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	377	727	713	-2%	89%
Beef, boneless	12 545	8 460	8 167	-3%	-35%
Veal	89	225	209	-7%	138%
Mutton	90	190	220	16%	144%
Lamb	1 035	1 267	1 347	6%	30%
Total	14 135	10 868	10 657	-2%	-25%

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
March 1, 2005^P						
Atlantic provinces	491	1 121	0	x	x	1 649
Quebec	13 413	5 052	853	157	2 364	21 840
Ontario	10 452	8 455	258	925	2 087	22 176
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	1 156	3 763
Alberta	9 050	13 421	x	x	4 619	27 216
British Columbia	1 537	2 469	26	x	596	x

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Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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