



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

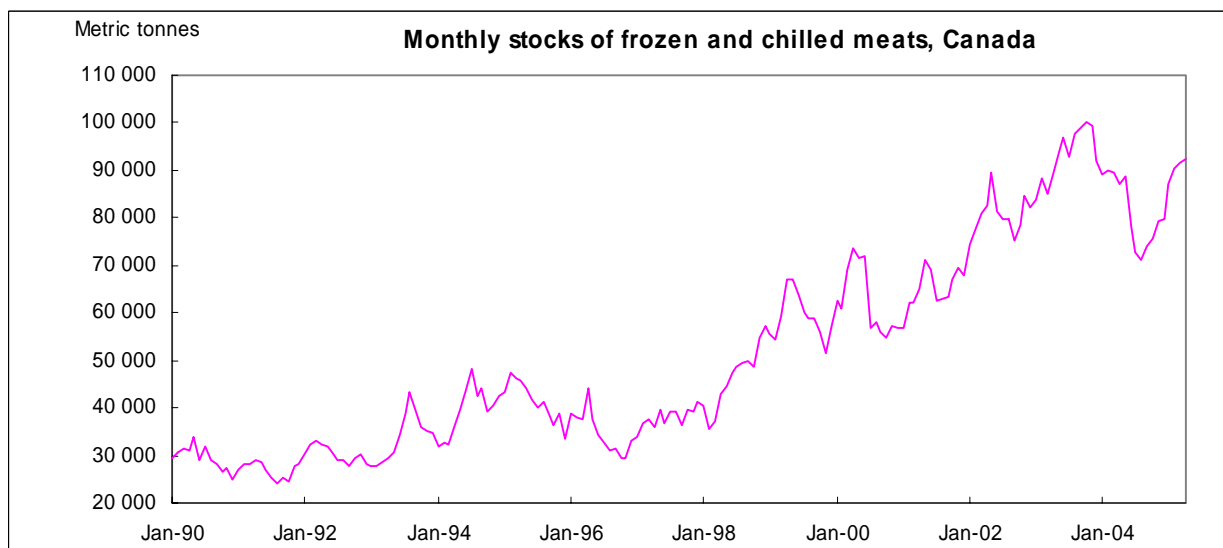
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April 2005 amounted to 92 556 metric tonnes, up 1% from 91 717 tonnes in March and up 6% from 87 113 tonnes in April 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on April 1st totalled 52 598 metric tonnes, up 4% from the same day one year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to April 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	April 1, 2004	March 1, 2005	April 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	6 203	8 047	8 438	5%	36%
Loins	3 458	3 573	4 559	28%	32%
Bellies	1 049	1 828	1 497	-18%	43%
Butts	2 068	2 044	1 849	-10%	-11%
Picnics	3 289	2 885	2 328	-19%	-29%
Ribs	4 038	4 992	4 947	-1%	23%
Backs and shoulders	2 583	2 837	2 807	-1%	9%
Trimmings	6 799	8 152	7 889	-3%	16%
Unclassified	9 291	12 688	11 768	-7%	27%
Total pork	38 778	47 047	46 082	-2%	19%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	4 135	3 927	4 748	21%	15%
Beef, boneless	27 464	26 914	27 904	4%	2%
Total beef	31 599	30 841	32 651	6%	3%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	818	241	264	10%	-68%
Veal, boneless	1 467	970	896	-8%	-39%
Total veal	2 285	1 210	1 160	-4%	-49%
Mutton & lamb :	1 362	1 651	1 820	10%	34%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 186	6 388	6 317	-1%	-12%
Beef fancy meats	5 473	4 208	4 173	-1%	-24%
Veal fancy meats	226	255	216	-15%	-4%
Lamb fancy meats	204	117	136	16%	-33%
Total fancy meats	13 089	10 968	10 842	-1%	-17%
Total red meat	87 113	91 717	92 556	1%	6%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	29 870	32 016	32 853	3%	14%
Turkey	17 016	15 613	14 405	-8%	-15%
Other poultry	3 857	4 840	5 340	10%	38%
Total poultry	50 742	52 469	52 598	0%	4%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	April 1, 2004	March 1, 2005	April 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	475	713	748	5%	57%
Beef, boneless	12 659	8 168	8 059	-1%	-36%
Veal	98	209	249	19%	154%
Mutton	85	220	240	9%	182%
Lamb	1 246	1 347	1 487	10%	19%
Total	14 563	10 659	10 783	1%	-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
April 1, 2005p						
Atlantic provinces	461	1 152	0	x	x	1 649
Quebec	12 874	5 489	812	178	1 774	21 127
Ontario	9 547	8 201	245	1 015	1 983	20 991
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	592	3 650
Alberta	9 845	14 408	75	107	5 699	30 134
British Columbia	1 492	2 586	23	x	641	x

p = preliminary; x = suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

..=figures not available

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