



# Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

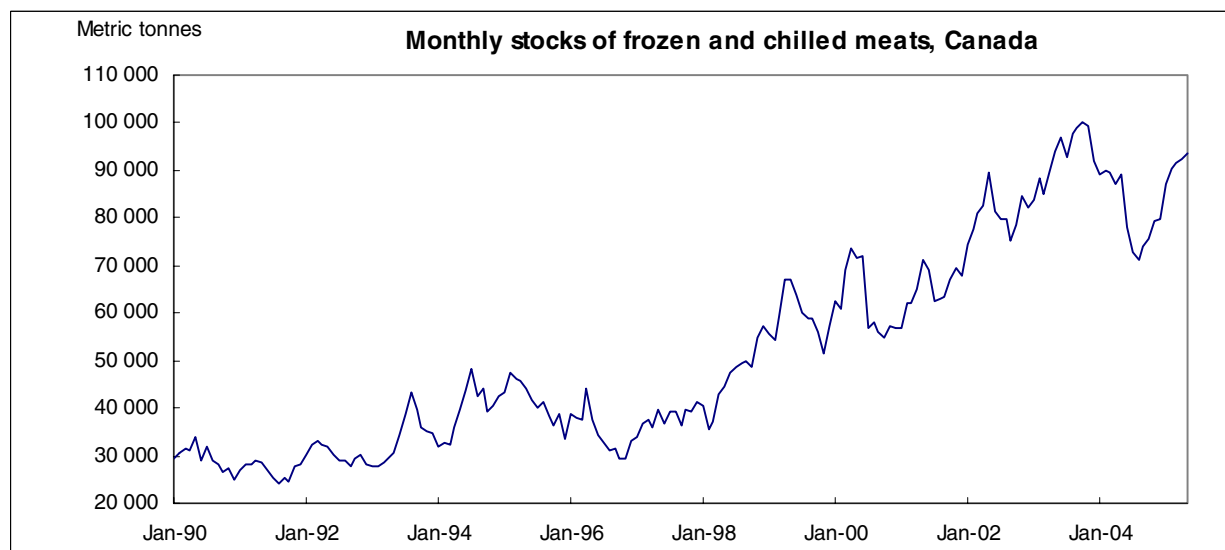
## Statistical bulletin

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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of May 2005 amounted to 93 449 metric tonnes, up 1% from 92 556 tonnes in April and up 5% from 88 957 tonnes in May 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on May 1<sup>st</sup> totalled 54 867 metric tonnes, up 6% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to May 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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<b>Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - Canada</b>	<b>May 1, 2004</b>	<b>April 1, 2005</b>	<b>May 1, 2005p</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	7 583	8 438	7 937	-6%	5%
Loins	3 336	4 559	4 695	3%	41%
Bellies	1 005	1 497	917	-39%	-9%
Butts	1 840	1 849	2 102	14%	14%
Picnics	2 600	2 328	2 081	-11%	-20%
Ribs	4 163	4 947	4 534	-8%	9%
Backs and shoulders	2 702	2 807	2 565	-9%	-5%
Trimminings	6 290	7 889	7 877	0%	25%
Unclassified	10 440	11 768	12 845	9%	23%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>39 958</b>	<b>46 082</b>	<b>45 551</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	4 138	4 748	4 711	-1%	14%
Beef, boneless	27 514	27 904	26 870	-4%	-2%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>31 652</b>	<b>32 651</b>	<b>31 581</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	794	264	281	6%	-65%
Veal, boneless	1 977	896	1 008	13%	-49%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>2 772</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 289</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>-53%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>	<b>1 541</b>	<b>1 820</b>	<b>2 004</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	6 257	6 317	7 835	24%	25%
Beef fancy meats	6 306	4 173	4 851	16%	-23%
Veal fancy meats	232	216	211	-2%	-9%
Lamb fancy meats	240	136	126	-7%	-48%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>13 035</b>	<b>10 842</b>	<b>13 023</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>88 957</b>	<b>92 556</b>	<b>93 449</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chicken and fowl	28 838	32 820	32 633	-1%	13%
Turkey	17 918	14 427	17 361	20%	-3%
Other poultry	4 923	5 341	4 872	-9%	-1%
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>51 679</b>	<b>52 588</b>	<b>54 867</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>

<b>Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada</b>	<b>May 1, 2004</b>	<b>April 1, 2005</b>	<b>May 1, 2005p</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	571	748	730	-2%	28%
Beef, boneless	11 573	8 059	8 207	2%	-29%
Veal	133	249	280	12%	109%
Mutton	127	240	393	64%	209%
Lamb	1 384	1 487	1 453	-2%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 788</b>	<b>10 783</b>	<b>11 063</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-20%</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>May 1, 2005<sup>p</sup></b>						
Atlantic provinces	482	1 143	0	0	37	1 661
Quebec	14 250	5 463	912	133	1 766	22 524
Ontario	8 941	8 075	257	1 273	2 237	20 784
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	480	2 841
Alberta	9 336	13 360	85	76	7 633	30 490
British Columbia	1 672	2 700	33	x	x	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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