



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

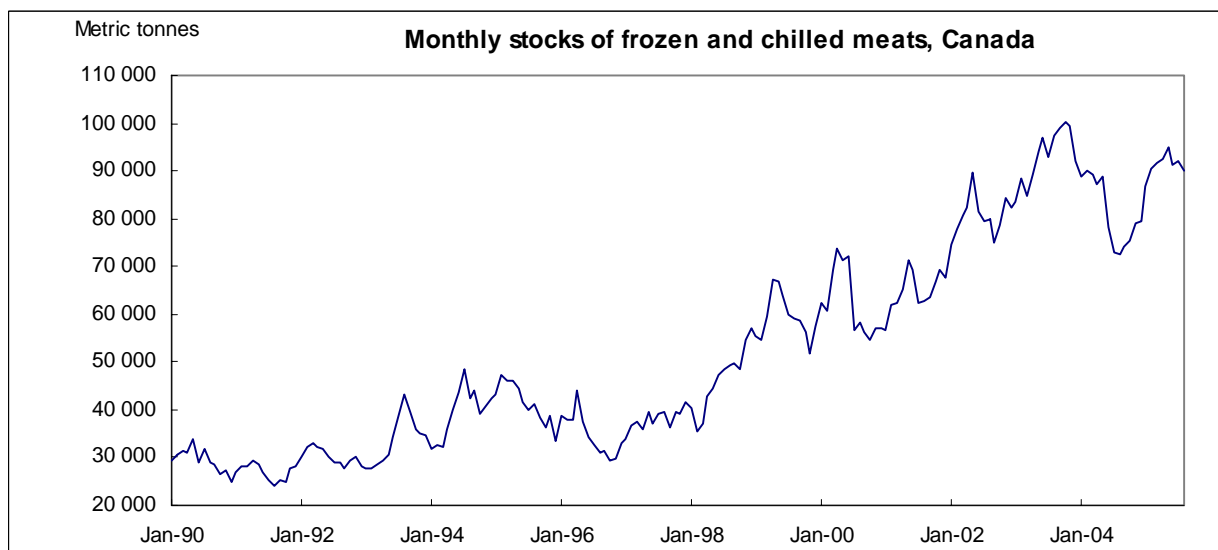
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of August 2005 amounted to 90 130 metric tonnes, down 2% from 91 949 tonnes in July and up 25% from 72 331 tonnes in August 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on August 1st totalled 62 919 metric tonnes, up 4% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to August 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	August 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	August 1, 2005^p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	3 876	7 429	6 679	-10%	72%
Loins	2 373	4 052	3 802	-6%	60%
Bellies	850	902	1 165	29%	37%
Butts	1 302	1 460	1 386	-5%	6%
Picnics	1 735	2 430	2 967	22%	71%
Ribs	2 803	4 192	4 213	1%	50%
Backs and shoulders	1 886	2 141	2 115	-1%	12%
Trimmings	5 125	7 547	6 263	-17%	22%
Unclassified	8 957	13 084	15 240	16%	70%
Total pork	28 908	43 237	43 831	1%	52%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 681	4 134	3 872	-6%	5%
Beef, boneless	24 558	27 830	26 027	-6%	6%
Total beef	28 239	31 964	29 899	-6%	6%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	378	245	367	50%	-3%
Veal, boneless	1 529	997	1 016	2%	-34%
Total veal	1 907	1 242	1 383	11%	-27%
Mutton & lamb :	1 705	1 943	1 737	-11%	2%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	5 780	8 397	8 762	4%	52%
Beef fancy meats	5 465	4 701	4 086	-13%	-25%
Veal fancy meats	177	280	198	-29%	12%
Lamb fancy meats	151	185	233	26%	54%
Total fancy meats	11 572	13 563	13 280	-2%	15%
Total red meat	72 331	91 949	90 130	-2%	25%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	28 352	30 811	30 332	-2%	7%
Turkey	26 982	25 677	28 047	9%	4%
Other poultry	5 013	4 613	4 540	-2%	-9%
Total poultry	60 347	61 101	62 919	3%	4%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	August 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	August 1, 2005^p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	510	792	836	6%	64%
Beef, boneless	8 721	8 418	7 549	-10%	-13%
Veal	208	334	299	-11%	44%
Mutton	107	287	252	-12%	136%
Lamb	1 547	1 431	1 268	-11%	-18%
Total	11 094	11 262	10 205	-9%	-8%

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
August 1, 2005^p						
Atlantic provinces	372	1 596	0	x	x	1 996
Quebec	12 310	4 779	998	253	1 836	20 176
Ontario	7 660	6 498	277	863	1 803	17 102
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	420	2 861
Alberta	11 375	14 027	64	54	8 604	34 123
British Columbia	2 376	2 269	42	x	547	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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