



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

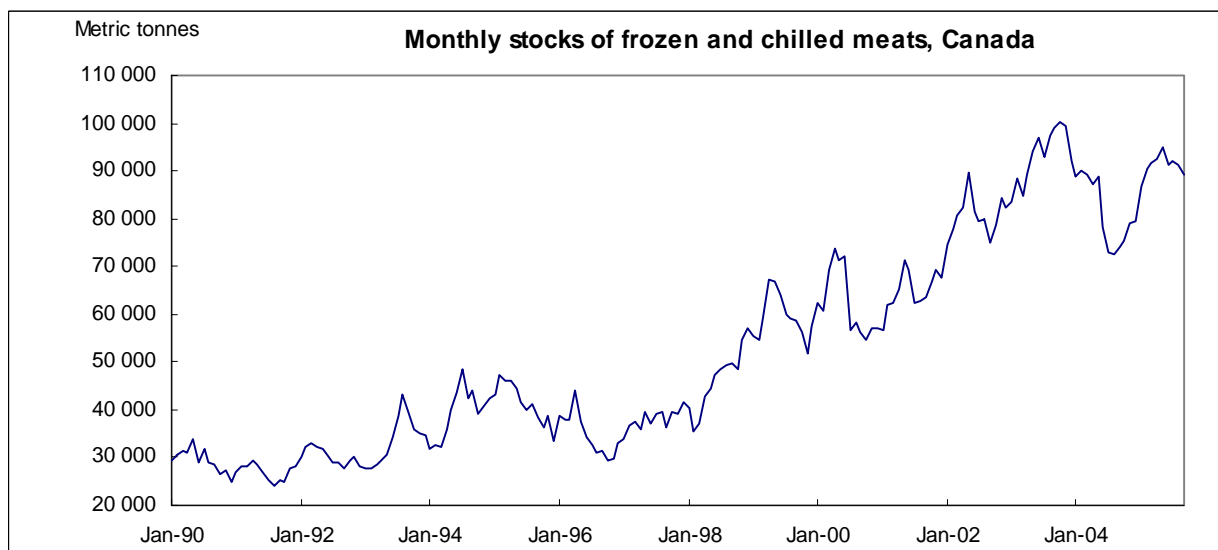
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of September 2005 amounted to 89 174 metric tonnes, down 2% from 91 143 tonnes in August and up 20% from 74 071 tonnes in September 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on September 1st totalled 67,603 metric tonnes, up 5% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to September 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	September 1, 2004	August 1, 2005	September 1, 2005 ^p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	3 601	6 744	5 669	-16%	57%
Loins	2 560	3 815	3 788	-1%	48%
Bellies	1 395	1 166	1 214	4%	-13%
Butts	1 416	1 385	1 348	-3%	-5%
Picnics	2 468	2 969	2 962	0%	20%
Ribs	3 278	4 215	4 573	8%	40%
Backs and shoulders	2 900	2 242	2 605	16%	-10%
Trimmings	5 664	6 235	5 914	-5%	4%
Unclassified	8 386	15 232	14 155	-7%	69%
Total pork	31 667	44 002	42 229	-4%	33%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 353	3 807	4 006	5%	19%
Beef, boneless	24 588	25 696	25 862	1%	5%
Total beef	27 941	29 503	29 868	1%	7%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	321	367	428	17%	33%
Veal, boneless	1 330	1 016	1 040	2%	-22%
Total veal	1 651	1 383	1 469	6%	-11%
Mutton & lamb :	1 566	1 737	1 823	5%	16%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	5 960	10 218	10 101	-1%	69%
Beef fancy meats	4 983	3 868	3 377	-13%	-32%
Veal fancy meats	187	198	208	5%	11%
Lamb fancy meats	116	233	100	-57%	-14%
Total fancy meats	11 246	14 518	13 786	-5%	23%
Total red meat	74 071	91 143	89 174	-2%	20%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	28 312	30 177	29 871	-1%	6%
Turkey	29 998	28 522	32 841	15%	9%
Other poultry	6 158	4 684	4 891	4%	-21%
Total poultry	64 469	63 383	67 603	7%	5%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	September 1, 2004	August 1, 2005	September 1, 2005 ^p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	486	836	712	-15%	47%
Beef, boneless	8 796	7 533	7 545	0%	-14%
Veal	196	299	367	23%	87%
Mutton	113	252	223	-12%	97%
Lamb	1 395	1 268	1 401	10%	0%
Total	10 986	10 188	10 248	1%	-7%

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
September 1, 2005^p						
Atlantic provinces	414	1 514	0	x	x	1 958
Quebec	12 703	5 719	1 019	257	1 303	21 002
Ontario	7 693	6 155	344	817	1 710	16 718
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	419	3 031
Alberta	10 419	13 639	65	75	9 982	34 179
British Columbia	1 591	2 186	39	x	280	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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