



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

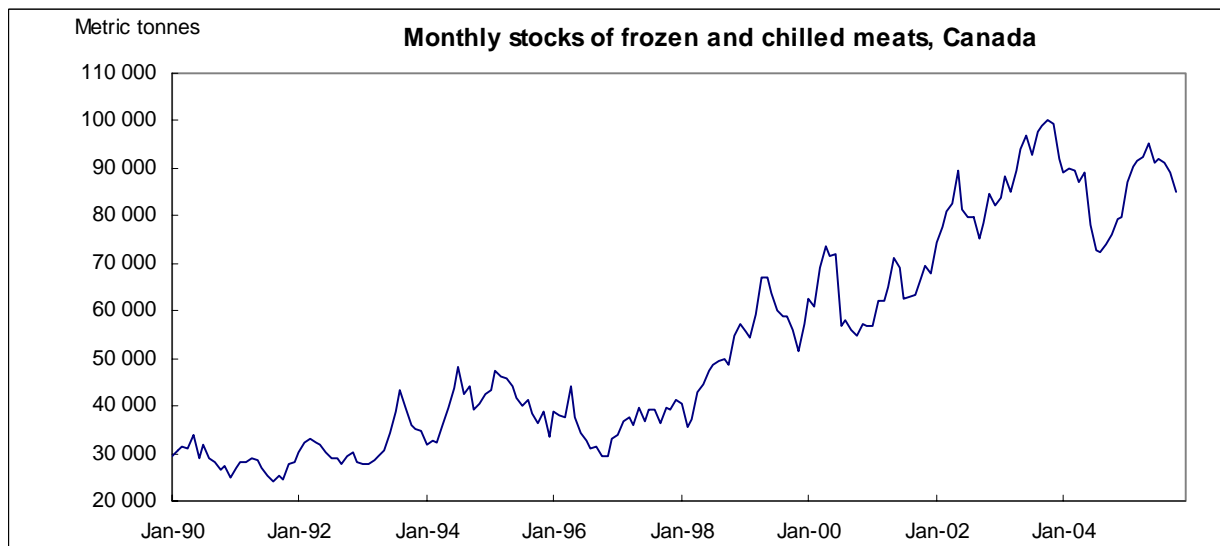
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of October 2005 amounted to 85 088 metric tonnes, down 5% from 89 168 tonnes in September and up 12% from 76 188 tonnes in October 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on October 1st totalled 64 185 metric tonnes, up 2% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to October 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	October 1, 2004	September 1, 2005	October 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	3 717	5 663	6 034	7%	62%
Loins	2 336	3 788	3 962	5%	70%
Bellies	1 299	1 214	1 037	-15%	-20%
Butts	1 232	1 348	1 408	4%	14%
Picnics	2 863	2 962	2 789	-6%	-3%
Ribs	3 047	4 572	4 695	3%	54%
Backs and shoulders	2 805	2 605	2 328	-11%	-17%
Trimmings	5 777	5 915	6 983	18%	21%
Unclassified	9 594	14 155	12 936	-9%	35%
Total pork	32 669	42 223	42 171	0%	29%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 911	4 006	3 829	-4%	-2%
Beef, boneless	24 892	25 861	24 142	-7%	-3%
Total beef	28 803	29 867	27 971	-6%	-3%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	319	428	515	20%	61%
Veal, boneless	1 148	1 040	1 027	-1%	-11%
Total veal	1 467	1 469	1 542	5%	5%
Mutton & lamb :	1 369	1 823	1 721	-6%	26%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 563	10 101	8 201	-19%	25%
Beef fancy meats	5 021	3 377	3 194	-5%	-36%
Veal fancy meats	200	208	201	-3%	1%
Lamb fancy meats	96	100	88	-12%	-8%
Total fancy meats	11 880	13 786	11 683	-15%	-2%
Total red meat	76 188	89 168	85 088	-5%	12%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	30 935	29 876	31 376	5%	1%
Turkey	26 472	33 049	28 238	-15%	7%
Other poultry	5 272	4 891	4 571	-7%	-13%
Total poultry	62 679	67 816	64 185	-5%	2%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	October 1, 2004	September 1, 2005	October 1, 2005p	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	553	712	743	4%	34%
Beef, boneless	8 189	7 544	7 465	-1%	-9%
Veal	258	367	450	23%	74%
Mutton	124	223	187	-16%	51%
Lamb	1 198	1 401	1 359	-3%	13%
Total	10 322	10 247	10 205	0%	-1%

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
October 1, 2005p						
Atlantic provinces	452	1 199	0	x	x	1 683
Quebec	14 127	5 735	1 072	316	1 237	22 487
Ontario	7 912	5 712	371	716	1 548	16 258
Manitoba	x	x	0	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	487	2 043
Alberta	9 286	12 243	x	x	7 685	29 353
British Columbia	1 630	2 451	39	x	463	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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