



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

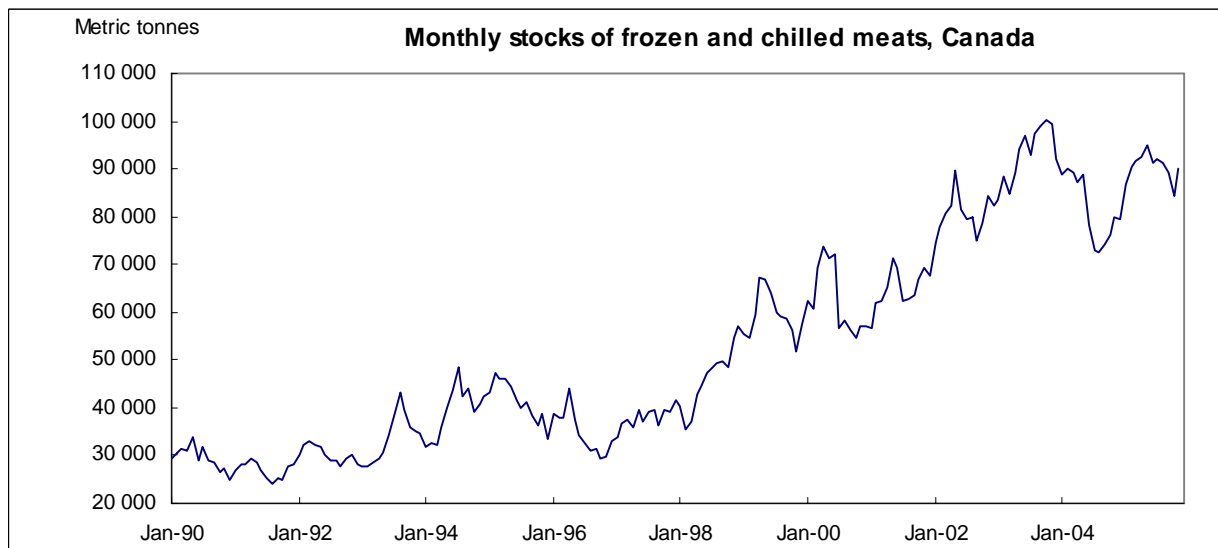
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of November 2005 amounted to 89 937 metric tonnes, up 7% from 84 308 tonnes in October and up 13% from 79 715 tonnes in November 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on November 1st totalled 64 833 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 November 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	November 1, 2004	October 1, 2005	November 1, 2005^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	5 744	5 981	6 524	9%	14%
Loins	2 187	3 814	3 984	4%	82%
Bellies	1 021	1 022	1 246	22%	22%
Butts	1 463	1 312	1 185	-10%	-19%
Picnics	1 822	2 810	2 930	4%	61%
Ribs	2 918	4 121	4 630	12%	59%
Backs and shoulders	2 486	2 282	2 786	22%	12%
Trimnings	6 543	7 095	8 876	25%	36%
Unclassified	10 780	12 905	12 371	-4%	15%
Total pork	34 962	41 343	44 531	8%	27%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 777	3 820	3 542	-7%	-6%
Beef, boneless	26 623	24 062	26 037	8%	-2%
Total beef	30 400	27 882	29 579	6%	-3%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	264	516	422	-18%	60%
Veal, boneless	1 282	1 027	1 142	11%	-11%
Total veal	1 545	1 543	1 564	1%	1%
Mutton & lamb :	1 481	1 731	1 803	4%	22%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 134	8 328	8 939	7%	46%
Beef fancy meats	4 870	3 193	3 228	1%	-34%
Veal fancy meats	224	201	181	-10%	-19%
Lamb fancy meats	99	88	113	28%	14%
Total fancy meats	11 327	11 810	12 461	6%	10%
Total red meat	79 715	84 308	89 937	7%	13%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	33 151	31 440	34 055	8%	3%
Turkey	25 374	28 161	25 793	-8%	2%
Other poultry	4 328	4 452	4 985	12%	15%
Total poultry	62 852	64 054	64 833	1%	4%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	November 1, 2004	October 1, 2005	November 1, 2005^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	542	743	720	-3%	33%
Beef, boneless	8 769	7 408	7 804	5%	-11%
Veal	236	450	403	-10%	71%
Mutton	128	187	189	1%	48%
Lamb	1 301	1 368	1 436	5%	10%
Total	10 976	10 156	10 553	4%	-4%

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
November 1, 2005^P						
Atlantic provinces	496	1 226	0	x	x	1 751
Quebec	15 192	5 453	1 079	244	1 634	23 602
Ontario	8 259	6 550	388	774	2 465	18 435
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	x	484	2 368
Alberta	9 522	13 066	57	76	7 107	29 828
British Columbia	1 619	2 537	39	x	484	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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