



# Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

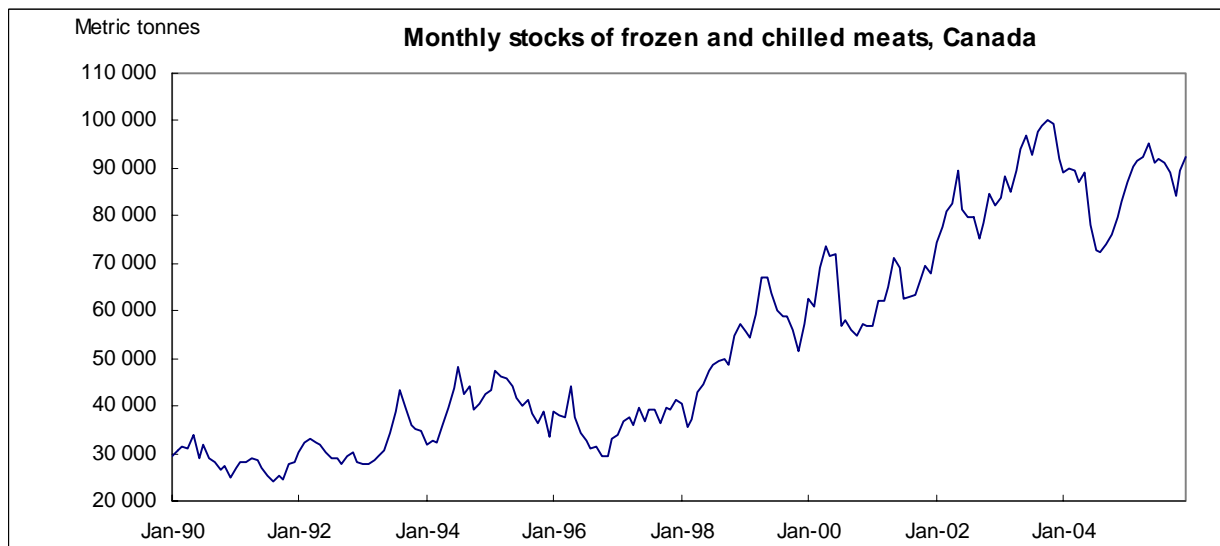
## Statistical bulletin

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### Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of December 2005 amounted to 92 569 metric tonnes, up 3% from 89 736 tonnes in November and up 12% from 82 875 tonnes in December 2004. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on December 1 totalled 64 351 metric tonnes, up 7% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to December 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>December 1, 2004</b>	<b>November 1, 2005</b>	<b>December 1, 2005<sup>P</sup></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	6 098	6 524	7 074	8%	16%
Loins	2 364	3 898	4 410	13%	87%
Bellies	1 240	1 239	1 408	14%	14%
Butts	1 479	1 185	1 426	20%	-4%
Picnics	2 073	2 912	2 950	1%	42%
Ribs	3 179	4 630	4 913	6%	55%
Backs and shoulders	2 554	2 786	3 146	13%	23%
Trimnings	7 001	8 876	7 624	-14%	9%
Unclassified	11 756	12 330	13 112	6%	12%
<b>Total pork</b>	<b>37 744</b>	<b>44 379</b>	<b>46 062</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Beef :</b>					
Beef, bone-in	3 926	3 555	4 059	14%	3%
Beef, boneless	26 888	25 999	27 100	4%	1%
<b>Total beef</b>	<b>30 814</b>	<b>29 554</b>	<b>31 159</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Veal :</b>					
Veal, bone-in	248	422	350	-17%	41%
Veal, boneless	1 156	1 142	1 008	-12%	-13%
<b>Total veal</b>	<b>1 405</b>	<b>1 564</b>	<b>1 358</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Mutton &amp; lamb :</b>	<b>1 362</b>	<b>1 801</b>	<b>1 712</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Fancy meats :</b>					
Pork fancy meats	6 297	8 916	8 605	-3%	37%
Beef fancy meats	4 880	3 228	3 176	-2%	-35%
Veal fancy meats	217	181	136	-25%	-37%
Lamb fancy meats	156	113	362	220%	132%
<b>Total fancy meats</b>	<b>11 551</b>	<b>12 438</b>	<b>12 278</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total red meat</b>	<b>82 875</b>	<b>89 736</b>	<b>92 569</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chicken and fowl	33 312	34 223	36 734	7%	10%
Turkey	22 171	25 897	22 850	-12%	3%
Other poultry	4 653	4 985	4 767	-4%	2%
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>60 137</b>	<b>65 105</b>	<b>64 351</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>7%</b>

<b>Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada</b>	<b>December 1, 2004</b>	<b>November 1, 2005</b>	<b>December 1, 2005<sup>P</sup></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	544	720	674	-6%	24%
Beef, boneless	8 574	7 771	7 208	-7%	-16%
Veal	262	403	369	-8%	41%
Mutton	140	189	201	6%	44%
Lamb	1 161	1 434	1 348	-6%	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 680</b>	<b>10 518</b>	<b>9 801</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-8%</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>December 1, 2005<sup>P</sup></b>						
Atlantic provinces	523	1 183	x	x	x	1 735
Quebec	14 828	5 652	942	121	1 750	23 294
Ontario	8 641	7 035	321	919	1 689	18 605
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	506	2 493
Alberta	9 683	13 696	57	83	7 700	31 219
British Columbia	1 812	2 846	38	x	403	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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