



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

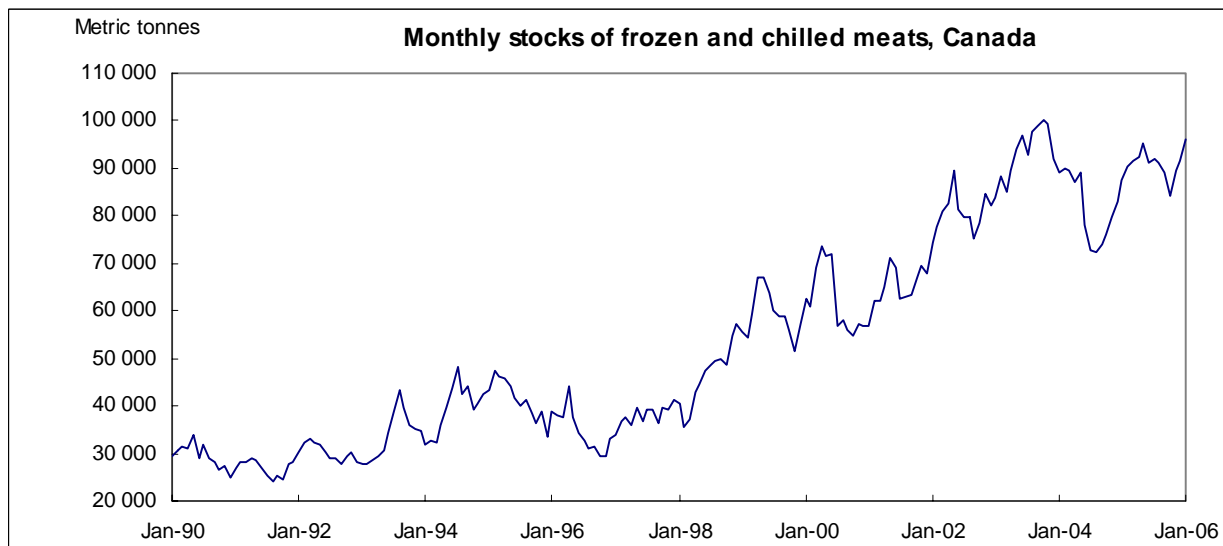
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of January 2006 amounted to 96 279 metric tonnes, up 5% from 91 418 tonnes in December 2005 and up 10% from 87 296 tonnes in January 2005. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on January 1st totalled 56 403 metric tonnes, up 13% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to January 2006.



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	January 1, 2005	December 1, 2005	January 1, 2006^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	7 097	6 146	6 545	6%	-8%
Loins	3 246	4 355	4 712	8%	45%
Bellies	1 584	1 397	1 544	11%	-3%
Butts	1 903	1 415	1 507	7%	-21%
Picnics	2 685	2 913	3 708	27%	38%
Ribs	3 609	4 763	5 740	21%	59%
Backs and shoulders	3 180	3 101	3 112	0%	-2%
Trimming	7 592	7 749	9 034	17%	19%
Unclassified	12 532	13 297	15 372	16%	23%
Total pork	43 428	45 136	51 273	14%	18%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 712	4 176	3 495	-16%	-6%
Beef, boneless	26 013	26 893	25 329	-6%	-3%
Total beef	29 725	31 069	28 824	-7%	-3%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	190	350	381	9%	101%
Veal, boneless	1 071	1 011	952	-6%	-11%
Total veal	1 261	1 361	1 333	-2%	6%
Mutton & lamb :	1 395	1 713	1 960	14%	41%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 574	8 451	9 377	11%	43%
Beef fancy meats	4 624	3 189	3 228	1%	-30%
Veal fancy meats	180	136	131	-4%	-27%
Lamb fancy meats	110	362	151	-58%	37%
Total fancy meats	11 487	12 138	12 888	6%	12%
Total red meat	87 296	91 418	96 279	5%	10%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	33 907	36 847	39 457	7%	16%
Turkey	11 731	22 763	12 393	-46%	6%
Other poultry	4 314	4 770	4 553	-5%	6%
Total poultry	49 951	64 379	56 403	-12%	13%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	January 1, 2005	December 1, 2005	January 1, 2006^P	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	552	674	566	-16%	3%
Beef, boneless	7 845	7 277	7 523	3%	-4%
Veal	206	369	337	-9%	64%
Mutton	151	201	138	-31%	-9%
Lamb	1 195	1 348	1 666	24%	39%
Total	9 949	9 870	10 230	4%	3%

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
January 1, 2006^P						
Atlantic provinces	600	1 107	x	x	73	1 783
Quebec	16 382	5 877	900	349	1 541	25 049
Ontario	8 916	6 967	302	972	1 774	18 932
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	2 790
Alberta	11 371	12 031	58	78	8 368	31 906
British Columbia	1 929	2 244	x	x	332	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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