



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

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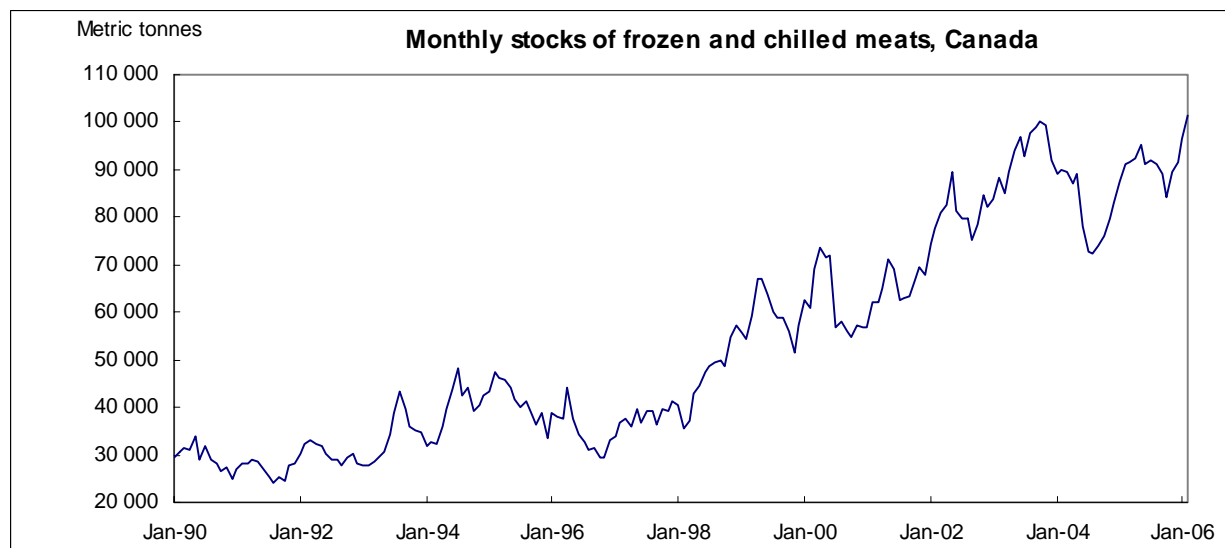
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of February 2006 amounted to 101 447 metric tonnes, up 5% from 96 503 tonnes in January 2006 and up 11% from 91 077 tonnes in February 2005. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on February 1st totalled 59 713 metric tonnes, up 20% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to February 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.

For more details on concepts and methodology, please contact Client Services, Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, at 1-800-465-1991 or by email: agriculture@statcan.ca.

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Table 1. Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage - Canada	February 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	February 1, 2006	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	7 510	6 544	7 532	15%	0%
Loins	3 581	4 631	5 079	10%	42%
Bellies	1 387	1 523	1 298	-15%	-6%
Butts	2 102	1 658	1 473	-11%	-30%
Picnics	3 019	3 739	3 209	-14%	6%
Ribs	4 655	5 740	5 952	4%	28%
Backs and shoulders	3 088	3 209	2 731	-15%	-12%
Trimming	7 146	8 933	10 060	13%	41%
Unclassified	11 689	15 508	14 877	-4%	27%
Total pork	44 177	51 485	52 211	1%	18%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 996	3 508	3 550	1%	-11%
Beef, boneless	26 794	25 302	27 129	7%	1%
Total beef	30 790	28 811	30 679	6%	0%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	149	381	192	-50%	29%
Veal, boneless	1 089	952	943	-1%	-13%
Total veal	1 238	1 334	1 135	-15%	-8%
Mutton & lamb :	1 509	1 960	2 018	3%	34%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	7 905	9 377	11 988	28%	52%
Beef fancy meats	5 170	3 253	3 010	-7%	-42%
Veal fancy meats	187	131	148	13%	-21%
Lamb fancy meats	101	151	258	71%	155%
Total fancy meats	13 363	12 913	15 404	19%	15%
Total red meat	91 077	96 503	101 447	5%	11%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	31 274	39 618	38 820	-2%	24%
Turkey	13 851	12 411	16 036	29%	16%
Other poultry	4 732	4 566	4 858	6%	3%
Total poultry	49 856	56 595	59 713	6%	20%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	February 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	February 1, 2006	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	727	566	727	28%	0%
Beef, boneless	8 443	7 498	8 393	12%	-1%
Veal	224	337	217	-36%	-3%
Mutton	190	138	178	29%	-6%
Lamb	1 267	1 666	1 685	1%	33%
Total	10 852	10 204	11 199	10%	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
February 1, 2006						
Atlantic provinces	598	1 224	x	x	37	x
Quebec	17 025	5 292	754	320	1 295	24 685
Ontario	9 099	7 376	258	1 078	2 109	19 920
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	2 585
Alberta	12 283	13 782	51	79	10 719	36 915
British Columbia	2 058	2 319	x	x	410	5 395

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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