



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

Statistical bulletin

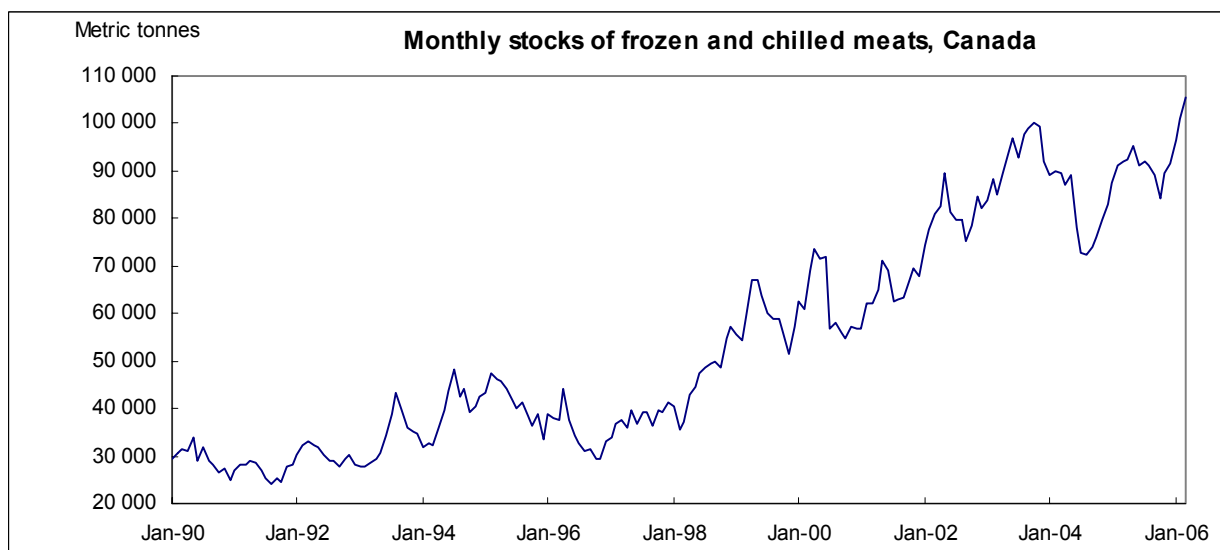
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Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March 2006 amounted to 105 327 metric tonnes, up 4% from 101 096 tonnes in February 2006 and up 15% from 91 943 tonnes in March 2005. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on March 1st 2006 totalled 62 772 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 March 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	March 1, 2005	February 1, 2006	March 1, 2006	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Pork :					
Hams	8 047	7 533	10 088	34%	25%
Loins	3 573	5 026	5 176	3%	45%
Bellies	1 828	1 294	1 169	-10%	-36%
Butts	2 044	1 473	1 463	-1%	-28%
Picnics	2 885	3 207	3 528	10%	22%
Ribs	4 992	5 952	5 587	-6%	12%
Backs and shoulders	2 837	2 731	3 035	11%	7%
Trimmings	8 152	9 872	9 902	0%	21%
Unclassified	12 688	15 182	15 099	-1%	19%
Total pork	47 047	52 269	55 047	5%	17%
Beef :					
Beef, bone-in	3 864	3 542	2 968	-16%	-23%
Beef, boneless	26 570	26 979	27 948	4%	5%
Total beef	30 434	30 521	30 917	1%	2%
Veal :					
Veal, bone-in	241	192	185	-4%	-23%
Veal, boneless	970	943	963	2%	-1%
Total veal	1 210	1 135	1 148	1%	-5%
Mutton & lamb :	1 651	2 018	2 287	13%	39%
Fancy meats :					
Pork fancy meats	6 388	11 805	12 266	4%	92%
Beef fancy meats	4 840	2 941	3 270	11%	-32%
Veal fancy meats	255	148	141	-5%	-45%
Lamb fancy meats	117	258	251	-3%	115%
Total fancy meats	11 600	15 152	15 927	5%	37%
Total red meat	91 943	101 096	105 327	4%	15%
Poultry					
Chicken and fowl	32 016	39 236	40 054	2%	25%
Turkey	15 613	15 710	17 206	10%	10%
Other poultry	4 840	4 883	5 512	13%	14%
Total poultry	52 469	59 829	62 772	5%	20%

Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada	March 1, 2005	February 1, 2006	March 1, 2006	% Change to previous month	% Change to previous year
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes		
Beef, bone-in	713	727	576	-21%	-19%
Beef, boneless	8 157	8 311	8 849	6%	8%
Veal	209	217	235	8%	12%
Mutton	220	178	179	1%	-19%
Lamb	1 347	1 685	1 905	13%	41%
Total	10 647	11 117	11 744	6%	10%

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
March 1, 2006						
Atlantic provinces	640	1 287	x	x	30	1 962
Quebec	18 891	5 725	789	397	1 580	27 381
Ontario	9 768	7 370	241	1 194	2 885	21 458
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	9 930
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	2 082
Alberta	12 622	13 841	x	x	10 466	37 061
British Columbia	2 359	2 008	x	x	410	5 453

x = suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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