



Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

Statistical bulletin

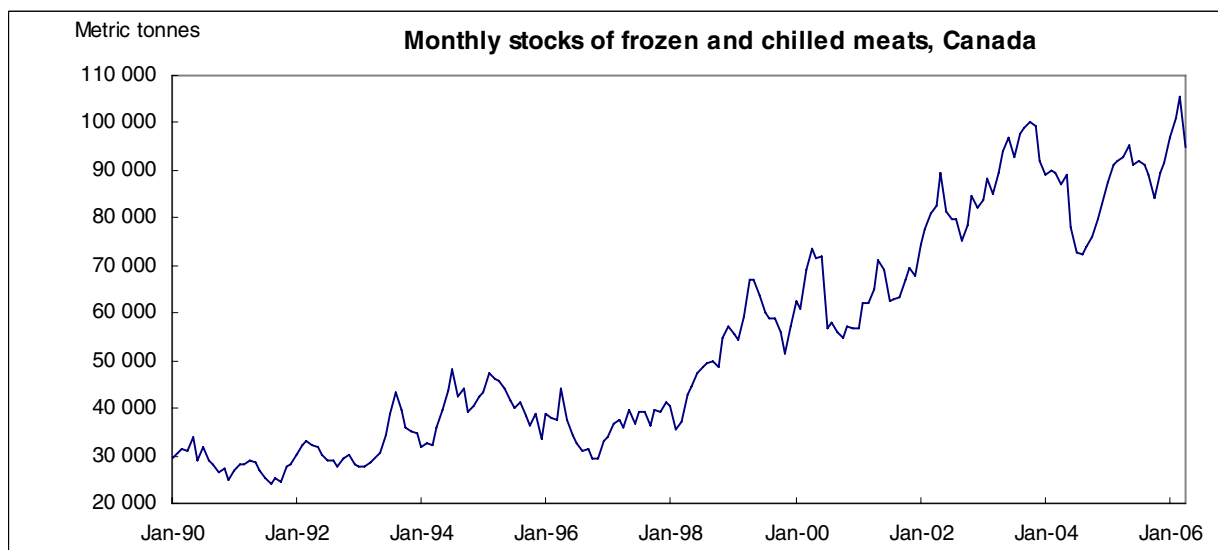
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Note to data users: Due to a change in operational requirements, Statistics Canada will move from collecting and releasing the Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meat monthly, to quarterly, starting on April 1st, 2006. If you require more information please contact Barbara McLaughlin at 902 893-7251 or at barbara.mclaughlin@statcan.ca.

Highlights

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April 2006 amounted to 95 040 metric tonnes, down 2% from 96 773 tonnes in January 2006 and up 3% from 92 706 tonnes in April 2005. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on April 1st 2006 totalled 64 204 metric tonnes, up 22% from a year ago. The graph below depicts the monthly stocks of all frozen and chilled red meat from January 1990 to April 2006.



Methodology

This bulletin presents data on stocks of frozen and chilled meats at the wholesale level obtained from a quarterly 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 period are estimated through imputation until such time as actual data are available. Therefore, current quarterly 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 | April 1, 2005 | January 1, 2006 | April 1, 2006 | % Change to previous quarter | % Change to previous year |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | | |
| Pork : | | | | | |
| Hams | 8 438 | 6 795 | 6 915 | 2% | -18% |
| Loins | 4 559 | 4 699 | 4 337 | -8% | -5% |
| Bellies | 1 497 | 1 565 | 740 | -53% | -51% |
| Butts | 1 849 | 1 681 | 1 552 | -8% | -16% |
| Picnics | 2 328 | 3 766 | 3 196 | -15% | 37% |
| Ribs | 4 947 | 5 765 | 4 618 | -20% | -7% |
| Backs and shoulders | 2 807 | 3 288 | 2 622 | -20% | -7% |
| Trimmings | 7 889 | 8 880 | 9 077 | 2% | 15% |
| Unclassified | 11 768 | 15 558 | 13 539 | -13% | 15% |
| Total pork | 46 082 | 51 997 | 46 594 | -10% | 1% |
| Beef : | | | | | |
| Beef, bone-in | 4 733 | 3 508 | 4 506 | 28% | -5% |
| Beef, boneless | 27 830 | 25 208 | 28 595 | 13% | 3% |
| Total beef | 32 563 | 28 716 | 33 101 | 15% | 2% |
| Veal : | | | | | |
| Veal, bone-in | 264 | 381 | 342 | -10% | 30% |
| Veal, boneless | 896 | 952 | 775 | -19% | -14% |
| Total veal | 1 160 | 1 334 | 1 116 | -16% | -4% |
| Mutton & lamb : | 1 820 | 1 960 | 2 189 | 12% | 20% |
| Fancy meats : | | | | | |
| Pork fancy meats | 6 317 | 9 274 | 8 691 | -6% | 38% |
| Beef fancy meats | 4 412 | 3 209 | 2 838 | -12% | -36% |
| Veal fancy meats | 216 | 131 | 200 | 53% | -7% |
| Lamb fancy meats | 136 | 151 | 311 | 106% | 129% |
| Total fancy meats | 11 081 | 12 766 | 12 040 | -6% | 9% |
| Total red meat | 92 706 | 96 773 | 95 040 | -2% | 3% |
| Poultry | | | | | |
| Chicken and fowl | 32 820 | 39 618 | 39 861 | 1% | 21% |
| Turkey | 14 427 | 12 411 | 18 737 | 51% | 30% |
| Other poultry | 5 341 | 4 566 | 5 607 | 23% | 5% |
| Total poultry | 52 588 | 56 595 | 64 204 | 13% | 22% |

| Table 2. Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats - Canada | April 1, 2005 | January 1, 2006 | April 1, 2006 | % Change to previous quarter | % Change to previous year |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | | |
| Beef, bone-in | 748 | 566 | 886 | 57% | 18% |
| Beef, boneless | 8 055 | 7 471 | 7 466 | 0% | -7% |
| Veal | 249 | 337 | 322 | -4% | 29% |
| Mutton | 240 | 138 | 275 | 99% | 15% |
| Lamb | 1 487 | 1 666 | 1 743 | 5% | 17% |
| Total | 10 780 | 10 178 | 10 690 | 5% | -1% |

| 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 |
| April 1, 2006 | | | | | | |
| Atlantic provinces | 623 | 1 357 | x | x | 29 | 2 013 |
| Quebec | 13 739 | 6 118 | 767 | 307 | 1 346 | 22 277 |
| Ontario | 8 560 | 7 928 | 242 | 1 056 | 1 754 | 19 539 |
| Manitoba | x | x | x | x | x | 9 584 |
| Saskatchewan | x | x | 0 | x | x | 2 313 |
| Alberta | 11 106 | 14 241 | 45 | 105 | 7 842 | 33 340 |
| British Columbia | 2 192 | 2 736 | x | x | 270 | 5 975 |

x = suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
Note: Due to rounding, totals may not add

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