



Service bulletin

Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats



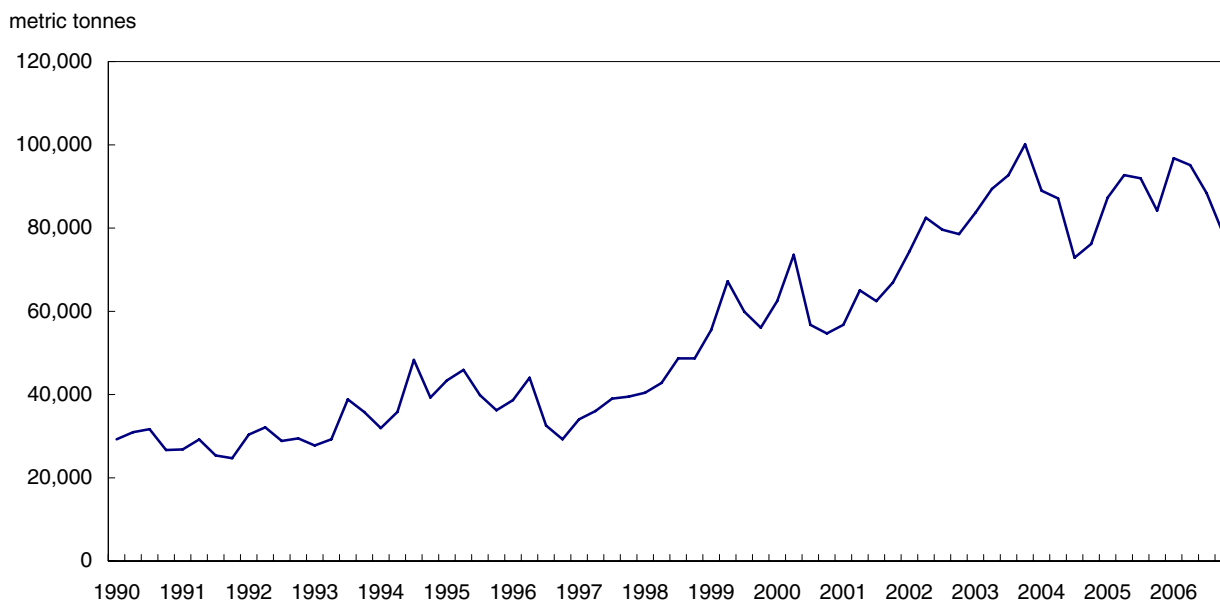
October 2006

Highlights

- Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of October 2006 amounted to 78,657 metric tonnes, down 11% from 88,341 tonnes in July 2006 and down 7% from 84,186 tonnes in October 2005. Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on October 1st 2006 totalled 66,250 metric tonnes, up 3% from a year ago.

Chart

Chart
 Monthly stocks of frozen and chilled meats, Canada



Statistical tables

Table 1
Stocks of frozen and chilled meats in cold storage, Canada

	As of	As of	As of ^P	Percentage change	
	October 2005	July 2006	October 2006	Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	5,215	7,318	4,672	-36	-10
Loins	3,814	4,420	3,789	-14	-1
Bellies	1,022	601	908	51	-11
Butts	1,312	1,359	959	-29	-27
Picnics	2,810	2,468	2,791	13	-1
Ribs	4,121	3,672	3,820	4	-7
Backs and shoulders	2,282	2,024	1,720	-15	-25
Trimmings	7,186	6,589	6,776	3	-6
Unclassified pork	13,458	13,227	10,789	-18	-20
Pork, total	41,220	41,679	36,224	-13	-12
Beef					
Bone-in	3,820	4,736	3,920	-17	3
Boneless	24,062	29,410	27,082	-8	13
Beef, total	27,882	34,146	31,002	-9	11
Veal					
Bone-in	516	345	216	-37	-58
Boneless	1,027	925	1,305	41	27
Veal, total	1,543	1,270	1,521	20	-1
Mutton and lamb, total	1,731	1,946	1,559	-20	-10
Fancy pork	8,328	5,446	4,201	-23	-50
Fancy beef	3,193	3,461	3,756	9	18
Fancy veal	201	91	96	5	-52
Fancy lamb	88	303	298	-2	239
Fancy meat, total	11,810	9,301	8,351	-10	-29
Total meat	84,186	88,341	78,657	-11	-7

^P Preliminary data.

Note(s): Months shown refer to the first business day.

Table 2
Stocks of frozen and chilled poultry meats in cold storage, Canada

	October 2005	July 2006	October 2006 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	31,441	35,783	31,199	-13	-1
Turkeys, total	28,161	29,918	30,540	2	8
Other fowl, total	4,452	5,604	4,511	-20	1
Poultry meat, total	64,054	71,305	66,250	-7	3

^P Preliminary data.

Table 3
Stocks of frozen and chilled imported meats in cold storage, Canada

	As of October 2005	As of July 2006	As of ^P October 2006	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	743	919	723	-21	-3
Beef, boneless	7,408	6,974	7,734	11	4
Total veal	450	372	398	7	-12
Total mutton	187	273	151	-45	-19
Total lamb	1,368	1,460	1,172	-20	-14
Total	10,156	9,998	10,179	2	0

^P Preliminary data.

Note(s): Months shown refer to the first business day.

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of October 2006 ^P					
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	tonnes					
Atlantic Provinces	382	1,164	x	x	24	1,573
Quebec	9,180	4,075	1,066	228	691	15,240
Ontario	7,200	5,805	305	768	2,240	16,319
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	8,198
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	1,936
Alberta	8,870	17,651	48	89	4,227	30,885
British Columbia	1,745	1,757	x	x	435	4,507

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^P Preliminary data.

Note(s): Month shown refers to the first business day.

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.

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