



Service bulletin

Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

January 2008

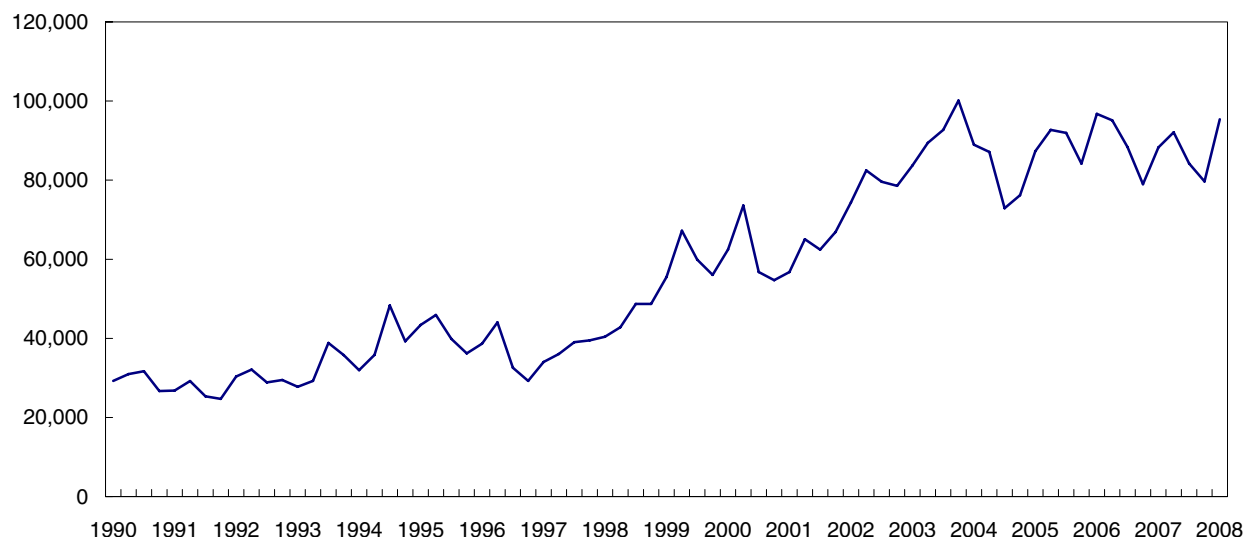


Highlights

- The January 2008 stocks of red meat in storage amount to 95 373 tonnes. This is up 8% from a year ago, and up 20% from October 2007. The stocks of poultry meat amount to 57 975 tonnes for January 2008, which is up 25% from last year, but down 12% from October 2007.

Chart 1
Monthly stocks of frozen and chilled meats, Canada

metric tonnes



Statistical tables

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

	As of January 2007	As of October 2007	As of January 2008 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	6,028	5,956	8,634	45	43
Loins	3,837	5,163	6,403	24	67
Bellies	1,023	660	1,106	68	8
Butts	1,447	926	1,402	51	-3
Picnics	2,766	2,644	3,001	14	8
Ribs	3,959	4,843	6,305	30	59
Backs and shoulders	2,382	2,757	3,080	12	29
Trimming	8,492	7,107	9,071	28	7
Unclassified pork	12,256	8,357	11,389	36	-7
Pork, total	42,189	38,413	50,392	31	19
Beef					
Bone-in	3,955	4,284	4,487	5	13
Boneless	31,180	24,652	27,144	10	-13
Beef, total	35,135	28,936	31,631	9	-10
Veal					
Bone-in	191	866	452	-48	137
Boneless	1,250	1,546	1,373	-11	10
Veal, total	1,441	2,413	1,824	-24	27
Mutton and lamb, total	2,031	1,655	2,246	36	11
Fancy pork	3,239	2,952	4,498	52	39
Fancy beef	3,838	4,840	4,404	-9	15
Fancy veal	109	222	213	-4	95
Fancy lamb	278	235	165	-30	-41
Fancy meat, total	7,464	8,248	9,280	13	24
Total meat	88,260	79,665	95,373	20	8

^P preliminary data.

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

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

	January 2007	October 2007	January 2008 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	29,164	34,035	37,742	11	29
Turkeys, total	12,834	27,803	15,384	-45	20
Other fowl, total	4,374	4,334	4,848	12	11
Poultry meat, total	46,374	66,173	57,975	-12	25

^P preliminary data.

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

	As of January 2007	As of October 2007	As of January 2008 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	738	1,335	1,602	20	117
Beef, boneless	8,789	6,762	8,012	18	-9
Total veal	432	336	211	-37	-51
Total mutton	158	220	261	19	65
Total lamb	1,659	1,240	1,714	38	3
Total	11,776	9,893	11,801	19	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 January 2008 ^p					
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	tonnes					
Atlantic Provinces	x	x	0	0	x	x
Quebec	17,019	5,254	1,576	267	2,025	26,140
Ontario	9,383	7,676	169	997	3,349	21,574
Manitoba	x	180	x	x	188	8,761
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	x
Alberta	11,294	15,597	x	x	2,160	29,197
British Columbia	3,576	2,213	x	x	x	7,926

^p preliminary data.

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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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r	revised
x	suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the <i>Statistics Act</i>
E	use with caution
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