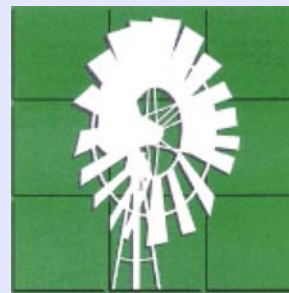
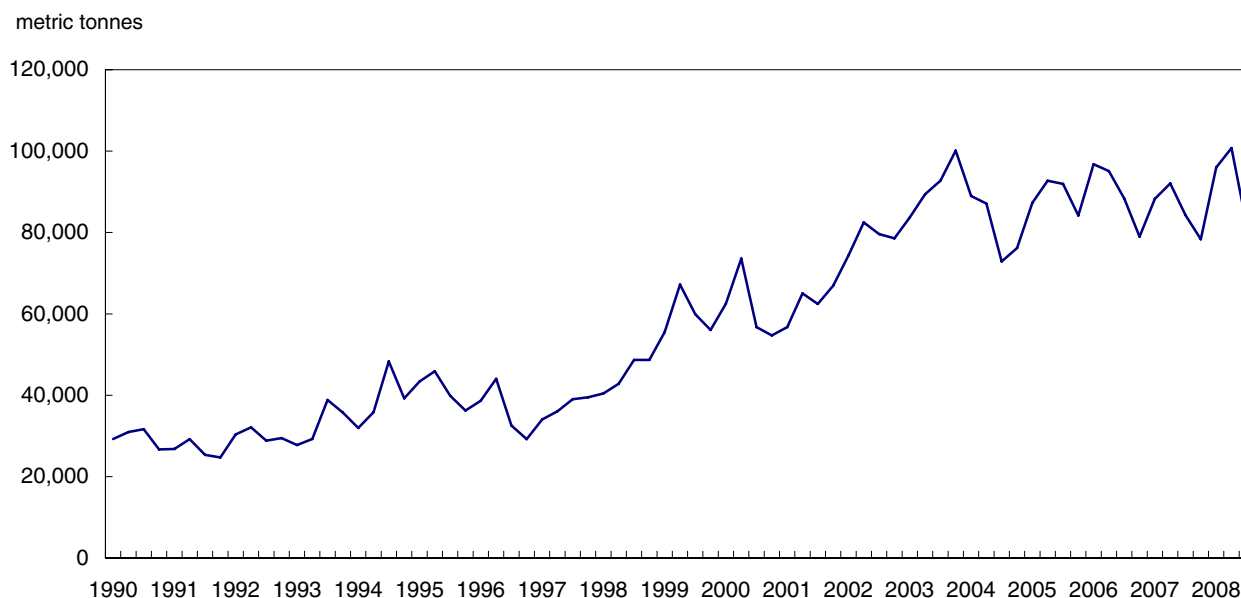


Service bulletin**Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats****October 2008****Highlights**

- The October 2008 stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in storage amounted to 70,502 metric tonnes, down 10% from a year ago, and down 14% from July 2008. The stocks of poultry meat were 82,008 metric tonnes for October 2008, up 24% from last year, and up 5% from July 2008.

Chart 1**Monthly stocks of frozen and chilled red meats, Canada**

Statistical tables

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

	As of October 2007	As of July 2008	As of October 2008 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	5,956	9,527	6,947	-27	17
Loins	5,163	6,096	4,355	-29	-16
Bellies	660	1,584	1,174	-26	78
Butts	926	1,441	1,216	-16	31
Picnics	2,644	2,739	2,485	-9	-6
Ribs	4,826	4,548	3,744	-18	-22
Backs and shoulders	2,757	3,932	2,299	-42	-17
Trimming	6,618	6,194	7,582	22	15
Unclassified pork	8,355	10,844	8,694	-20	4
Pork, total	37,906	46,905	38,495	-18	2
Beef					
Bone-in	3,727	4,227	3,795	-10	2
Boneless	24,445	18,281	17,997	-2	-26
Beef, total	28,173	22,508	21,792	-3	-23
Veal					
Bone-in	866	581	1,069	84	23
Boneless	1,546	1,417	1,292	-9	-16
Veal, total	2,413	1,998	2,361	18	-2
Mutton and lamb, total	1,655	1,531	1,128	-26	-32
Fancy pork	2,952	4,146	2,924	-29	-1
Fancy beef	4,788	4,304	3,496	-19	-27
Fancy veal	221	63	83	32	-62
Fancy lamb	235	241	222	-8	-6
Fancy meat, total	8,196	8,754	6,725	-23	-18
Total meat	78,342	81,697	70,502	-14	-10

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

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

	October 2007	July 2008	October 2008 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	34,035	41,733	38,350	-8	13
Turkeys, total	27,803	32,042	39,541	23	42
Other fowl, total	4,334	4,403	4,116	-7	-5
Poultry meat, total	66,173	78,177	82,008	5	24

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

	As of October 2007	As of July 2008	As of October 2008 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	883	543	553	2	-37
Beef, boneless	6,761	5,107	3,677	-28	-46
Total veal	336	186	158	-15	-53
Total mutton	220	49	80	63	-64
Total lamb	1,240	1,371	958	-30	-23
Total	9,441	7,256	5,426	-25	-43

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Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of October 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	204	547	0	0	x	x
Quebec	12,481	3,290	2,129	203	1,846	19,949
Ontario	8,661	5,414	102	676	2,430	17,282
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	7,735
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	x
Alberta	7,104	11,365	28	11	1,153	19,660
British Columbia	2,515	1,084	x	x	932	4,865

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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