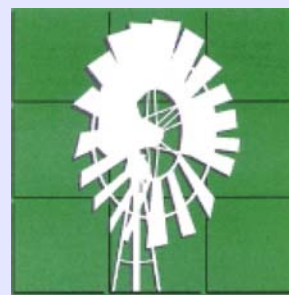
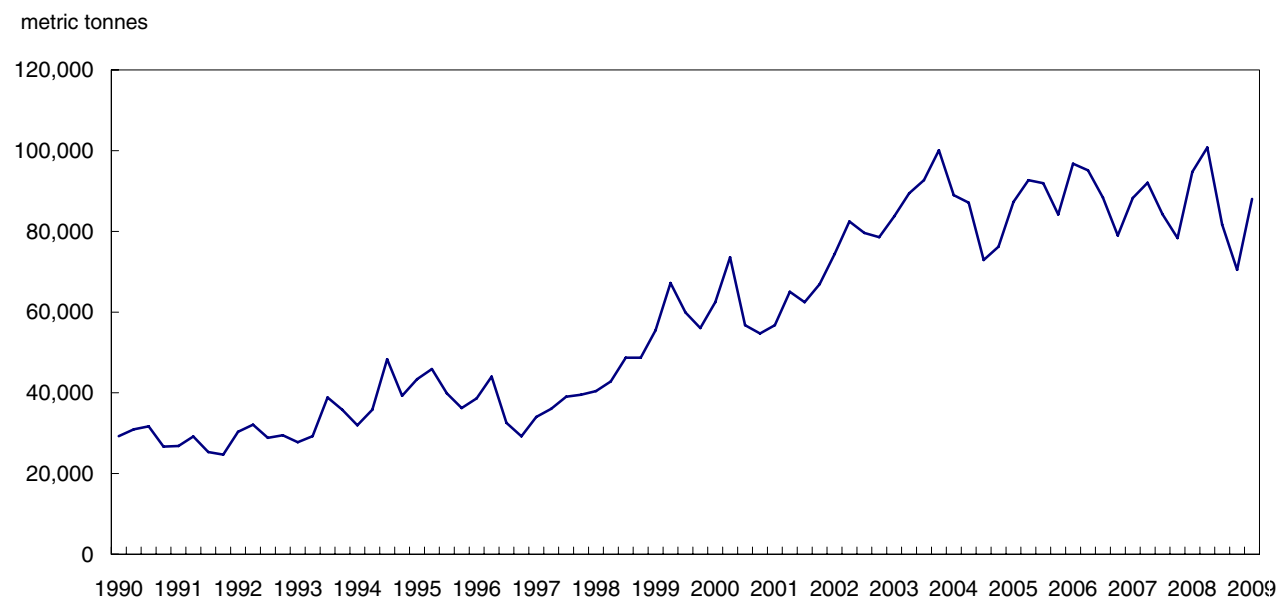


Service bulletin**Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats**

January 2009

**Highlights**

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 88 056 metric tonnes in January, down 7% from January 2008, while the stocks of poultry meat increased 11% from a year earlier to 64,592 metric tonnes.
- Compared with October 2008, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 25% while stocks of poultry meat were down 21%.

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

Statistical tables

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

	As of January 2008	As of October 2008	As of January 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	8,247	6,507	5,822	-11	-29
Loins	6,559	4,355	7,331	68	12
Bellies	1,100	1,174	1,576	34	43
Butts	1,406	1,216	2,044	68	45
Picnics	3,005	2,485	3,230	30	7
Ribs	6,274	3,744	4,721	26	-25
Backs and shoulders	3,080	2,299	4,503	96	46
Trimnings	8,658	7,582	10,268	35	19
Unclassified pork	11,376	8,694	12,584	45	11
Pork, total	49,704	38,055	52,079	37	5
Beef					
Bone-in	3,726	3,795	3,257	-14	-13
Boneless	28,143	17,976	20,248	13	-28
Beef, total	31,868	21,771	23,505	8	-26
Veal					
Bone-in	480	1,069	753	-30	57
Boneless	1,003	1,292	1,432	11	43
Veal, total	1,483	2,361	2,185	-7	47
Mutton and lamb, total	2,165	1,128	1,933	71	-11
Fancy pork	4,813	3,364	2,690	-20	-44
Fancy beef	4,343	3,496	5,421	55	25
Fancy veal	223	83	79	-5	-65
Fancy lamb	165	222	163	-27	-1
Fancy meat, total	9,545	7,165	8,353	17	-12
Total meat	94,764	70,481	88,056	25	-7

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

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

	January 2008	October 2008	January 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	37,999	38,411	39,117	2	3
Turkeys, total	15,415	39,511	22,319	-44	45
Other fowl, total	4,846	4,123	3,155	-23	-35
Poultry meat, total	58,259	82,045	64,592	-21	11

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

	As of January 2008	As of October 2008	As of January 2009 ^b	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	815	553	473	-14	-42
Beef, boneless	8,453	3,656	4,476	22	-47
Total veal	211	158	148	-6	-30
Total mutton	261	80	84	5	-68
Total lamb	1,716	958	1,709	78	0
Total	11,456	5,405	6,889	27	-40

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

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of January 2009 ^p					
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	tonnes					
Atlantic provinces	418	731	0	0	31	1,179
Quebec	18,036	3,756	2,017	244	1,157	25,210
Ontario	10,086	6,614	93	912	3,703	21,408
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	x
Alberta	9,981	10,573	x	x	1,884	22,468
British Columbia	2,512	1,691	x	x	1,101	6,124

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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p	preliminary
r	revised
x	suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the <i>Statistics Act</i>
E	use with caution
F	too unreliable to be published

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