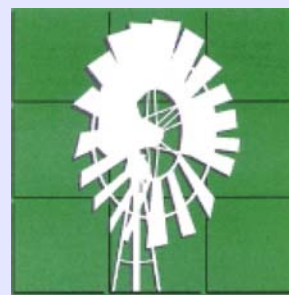
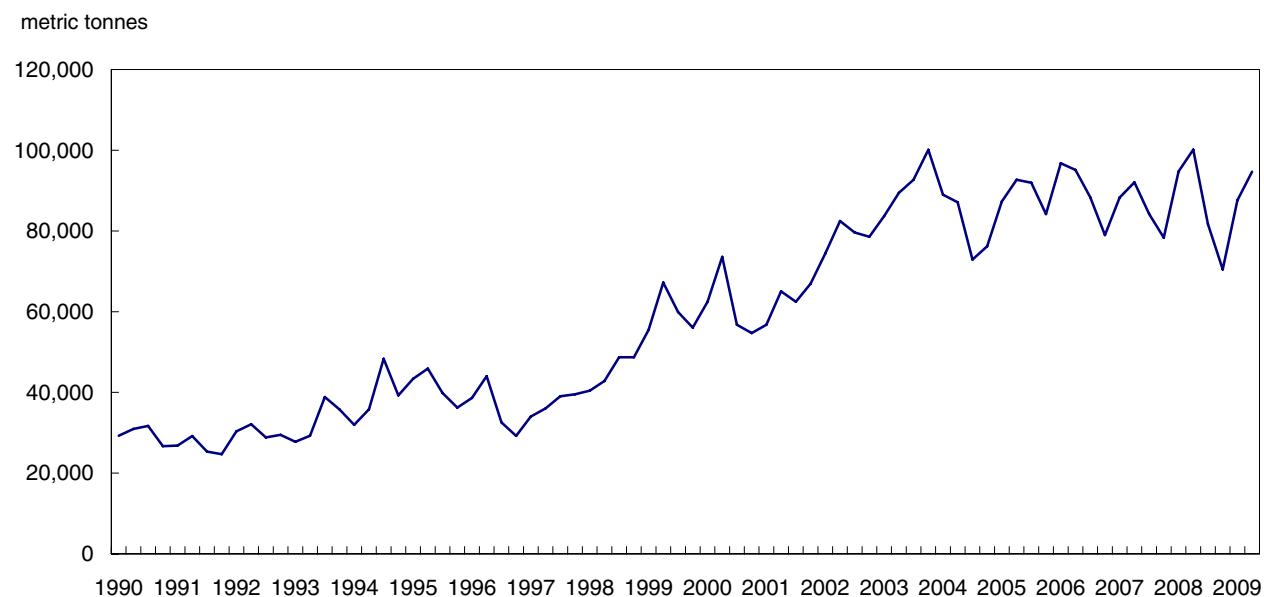


Service bulletin**Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats**

April 2009

**Highlights**

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 94 672 metric tonnes in April, down 5% from April 2008, while the stocks of poultry meat increased 3% from a year earlier to 68 891 metric tonnes.
- Compared with January 2009, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 8% while stocks of poultry meat were up 6%.

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 April 2008	As of January 2009	As of April 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	11,075	5,743	7,001	22	-37
Loins	7,235	7,245	8,166	13	13
Bellies	1,177	1,629	1,626	0	38
Butts	2,146	2,089	2,177	4	1
Picnics	4,146	3,165	4,224	33	2
Ribs	6,023	4,702	5,334	13	-11
Backs and shoulders	3,853	4,460	5,237	17	36
Trimming	8,467	10,204	8,608	-16	2
Unclassified pork	10,079	12,577	10,204	-19	1
Pork, total	54,201	51,814	52,578	1	-3
Beef					
Bone-in	3,611	3,208	8,796	174	144
Boneless	26,876	20,107	19,737	-2	-27
Beef, total	30,487	23,316	28,533	22	-6
Veal					
Bone-in	474	756	711	-6	50
Boneless	1,120	1,432	1,608	12	44
Veal, total	1,594	2,188	2,319	6	45
Mutton and lamb, total	2,107	1,951	2,112	8	0
Fancy pork	5,079	2,670	3,020	13	-41
Fancy beef	6,284	5,423	5,914	9	-6
Fancy veal	225	79	76	-4	-66
Fancy lamb	175	162	119	-27	-32
Fancy meat, total	11,763	8,334	9,129	10	-22
Total meat	100,152	87,603	94,672	8	-5

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

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

	April 2008	January 2009	April 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	42,890	39,867	39,581	-1	-8
Turkeys, total	19,311	22,241	25,576	15	32
Other fowl, total	4,530	3,161	3,734	18	-18
Poultry meat, total	66,732	65,271	68,891	6	3

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

	As of April 2008	As of January 2009	As of April 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	686	462	365	-21	-47
Beef, boneless	7,085	4,561	4,507	-1	-36
Total veal	164	150	174	16	6
Total mutton	88	84	91	8	3
Total lamb	1,884	1,724	1,862	8	-1
Total	9,907	6,981	6,999	0	-29

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

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of April 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	x	363	0	x	x	710
Quebec	19,409	3,438	2,116	247	1,764	26,973
Ontario	9,197	7,599	100	968	4,682	22,546
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	31	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	x
Alberta	8,555	15,143	21	11	1,485	25,214
British Columbia	2,157	1,815	x	x	928	5,862

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.

Acknowledgement

This publication was prepared under the direction of:

Gabriella Martello
Barbara McLaughlin

Chief of Livestock section, Ottawa
Truro, Nova Scotia

Release date: April 2009

Symbols

The following standard symbols are used in Statistics Canada publications:

.	not available for any reference period
..	not available for a specific reference period
...	not applicable
0	true zero or a value rounded to zero
0 ^s	value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
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

To access this product

This product, Catalogue no. 23-009-X, is available free in electronic format. To obtain a single issue, visit our website at www.statcan.gc.ca and select "Publications."

Frequency: Quarterly / ISSN 1206-5420

For information on the wide range of data available from Statistics Canada, please call our national inquiries line at 1-800-263-1136.

La version française de cette publication est disponible sur demande (n° 23-009-X au catalogue).

Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. © Minister of Industry, 2009. All rights reserved. The content of this electronic publication may be reproduced, in whole or in part, and by any means, without further permission from Statistics Canada, subject to the following conditions: that it be done solely for the purposes of private study, research, criticism, review or newspaper summary, and/or for non-commercial purposes; and that Statistics Canada be fully acknowledged as follows: Source (or "Adapted from", if appropriate): Statistics Canada, year of publication, name of product, catalogue number, volume and issue numbers, reference period and page(s). Otherwise, no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form, by any means—electronic, mechanical or photocopy—or for any purposes without prior written permission of Licensing Services, Client Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0T6.

Standards of service to the public

Statistics Canada is committed to serving its clients in a prompt, reliable and courteous manner. To this end, Statistics Canada has developed *standards of service* that its employees observe.

To obtain a copy of these service standards, please contact Statistics Canada toll-free at 1-800-263-1136. The service standards are also published on www.statcan.gc.ca under "About us" > "Providing services to Canadians."

Note of appreciation

Canada owes the success of its statistical system to a long standing partnership between Statistics Canada, the citizens of Canada, its businesses, governments and other institutions. Accurate and timely statistical information could not be produced without their continued cooperation and goodwill.