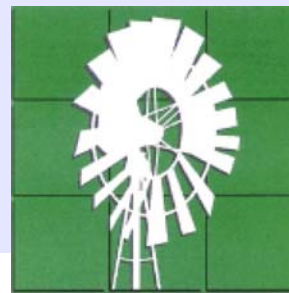


Service bulletin

Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

July 2009

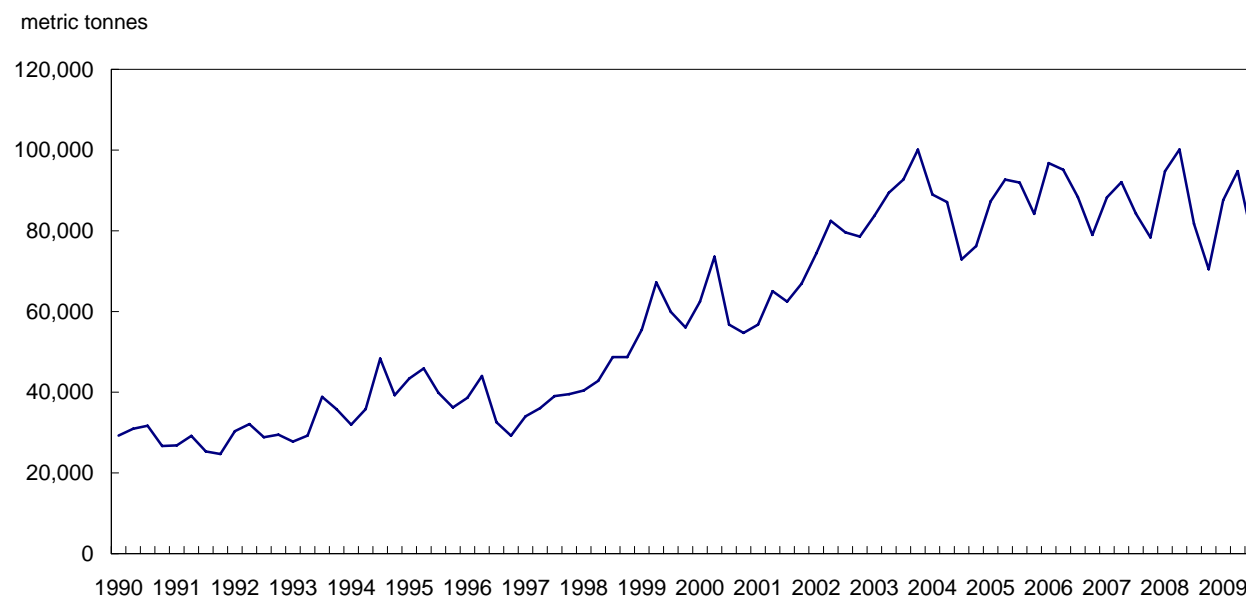


Highlights

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 78 282 metric tonnes in July, down 4% from July 2008, while the stocks of poultry meat increased 1% from a year earlier to 78 670 metric tonnes.
- Compared with April 2009, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were down 17% while stocks of poultry meat were up 14%.

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 July 2008	As of April 2009	As of July 2009 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	8,828	7,003	5,680	-19	-36
Loins	6,096	8,169	6,291	-23	3
Bellies	1,584	1,626	1,297	-20	-18
Butts	1,441	2,191	2,450	12	70
Picnics	2,739	4,224	4,224	0	54
Ribs	4,548	5,338	5,260	-1	16
Backs and shoulders	3,932	5,237	3,089	-41	-21
Trimmings	6,194	8,599	8,482	-1	37
Unclassified pork	10,844	10,198	9,097	-11	-16
Pork, total	46,207	52,586	45,871	-13	-1
Beef					
Bone-in	4,227	8,798	2,456	-72	-42
Boneless	18,281	19,859	16,785	-15	-8
Beef, total	22,508	28,658	19,242	-33	-15
Veal					
Bone-in	581	711	852	20	47
Boneless	1,417	1,593	1,945	22	37
Veal, total	1,998	2,304	2,796	21	40
Mutton and lamb, total	1,531	2,111	1,724	-18	13
Fancy pork	4,845	3,019	3,035	1	-37
Fancy beef	4,304	5,915	5,274	-11	23
Fancy veal	63	76	67	-12	6
Fancy lamb	241	118	272	131	13
Fancy meat, total	9,452	9,128	8,649	-5	-8
Total meat	81,697	94,786	78,282	-17	-4

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

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

	July 2008	April 2009	July 2009 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	41,733	39,775	37,989	-4	-9
Turkeys, total	32,042	25,580	36,940	44	15
Other fowl, total	4,403	3,659	3,741	2	-15
Poultry meat, total	78,177	69,015	78,670	14	1

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

	As of July 2008	As of April 2009	As of July 2009 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	543	367	146	-60	-73
Beef, boneless	5,107	4,620	3,891	-16	-24
Total veal	186	158	238	51	28
Total mutton	49	91	140	54	186
Total lamb	1,371	1,861	1,382	-26	1
Total	7,256	7,097	5,797	-18	-20

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

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of July 2009 ^p					Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	
	tonnes					
Atlantic provinces	x	353	0	x	x	582
Quebec	14,194	2,976	2,545	240	2,309	22,263
Ontario	8,643	5,802	119	804	2,742	18,111
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	24	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	x	x
Alberta	8,752	8,040	x	x	2,854	19,781
British Columbia	1,595	1,949	x	x	684	4,895

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
F	too unreliable to be published

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