

## Service bulletin

# Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

April 2010



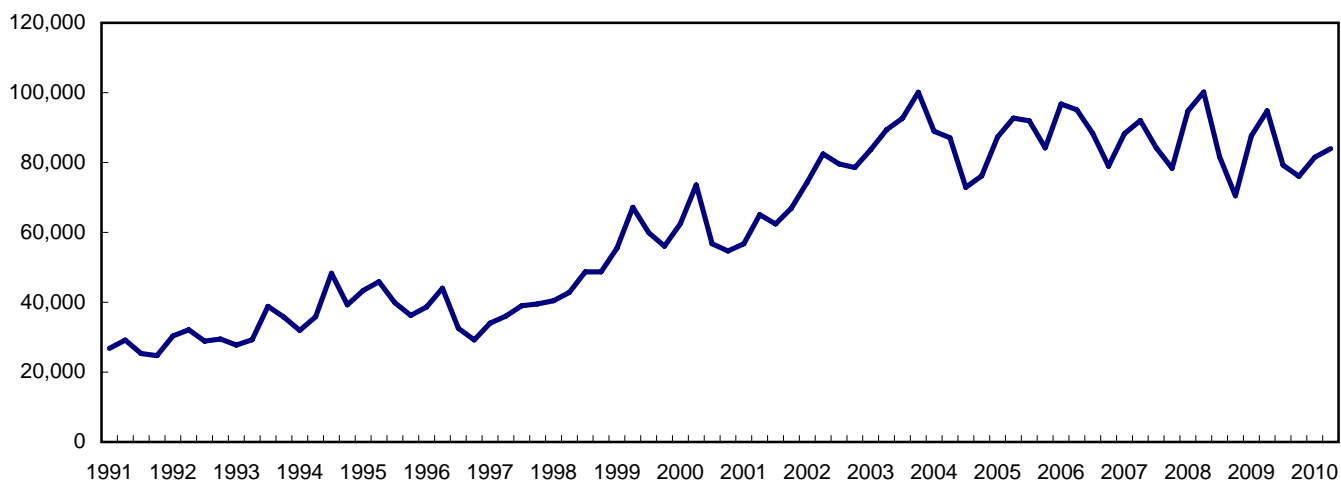
### Highlights

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 83 963 metric tonnes in April, down 11% from April 2009, while the stocks of poultry meat decreased 10% from a year earlier to 61 862 metric tonnes.
- Compared with January 2010, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 3% while stocks of poultry meat were up 4%.

### Chart 1

Quarterly 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 April 2009	As of January 2010	As of April 2010 <sup>P</sup>	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
<b>Pork</b>					
Hams	7,003	4,341	7,305	68	4
Loins	8,169	8,305	7,375	-11	-10
Bellies	1,626	1,428	975	-32	-40
Butts	2,191	1,737	1,607	-7	-27
Picnics	4,224	1,440	3,924	172	-7
Ribs	5,338	5,955	6,012	1	13
Backs and shoulders	5,237	3,860	3,837	-1	-27
Trimmings	8,599	6,649	7,673	15	-11
Unclassified pork	10,198	10,841	10,665	-2	5
<b>Pork, total</b>	<b>52,586</b>	<b>44,556</b>	<b>49,372</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>Beef</b>					
Bone-in	8,798	4,902	2,941	-40	-67
Boneless	19,859	20,705	20,039	-3	1
<b>Beef, total</b>	<b>28,658</b>	<b>25,607</b>	<b>22,980</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>Veal</b>					
Bone-in	711	644	657	2	-8
Boneless	1,593	1,768	1,777	1	12
<b>Veal, total</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Mutton and lamb, total</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Fancy pork	3,019	2,395	2,729	14	-10
Fancy beef	5,915	4,095	4,042	-1	-32
Fancy veal	76	104	75	-28	-1
Fancy lamb	118	204	160	-22	36
<b>Fancy meat, total</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-23</b>
<b>Total meat</b>	<b>94,786</b>	<b>81,521</b>	<b>83,963</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-11</b>

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

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

	April 2009	January 2010	April 2010 <sup>P</sup>	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
<b>Poultry</b>					
Chickens, total	39,775	38,387	36,476	-5	-8
Turkeys, total	25,580	18,336	22,123	21	-14
Other fowl, total	3,659	2,929	3,262	11	-11
<b>Poultry meat, total</b>	<b>69,015</b>	<b>59,653</b>	<b>61,862</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-10</b>

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

	As of April 2009	As of January 2010	As of April 2010 <sup>p</sup>	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	367	320	390	22	6
Beef, boneless	4,620	5,627	5,215	-7	13
Total veal	158	108	137	27	-13
Total mutton	91	74	103	39	13
Total lamb	1,861	1,998	2,011	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,097</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>11</b>

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

**Table 4**  
**Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province**

	As of April 2010 <sup>p</sup>					
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	tonnes					
Atlantic provinces	x	615	0	x	x	833
Quebec	17,192	2,486	2,240	396	1,987	24,300
Ontario	9,858	8,473	x	x	2,663	22,060
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	x	0	x
Alberta	7,427	9,408	15	35	1,653	18,537
British Columbia	1,513	1,841	x	x	633	4,831

**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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F	too unreliable to be published

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