

Service bulletin

Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats

April 2011

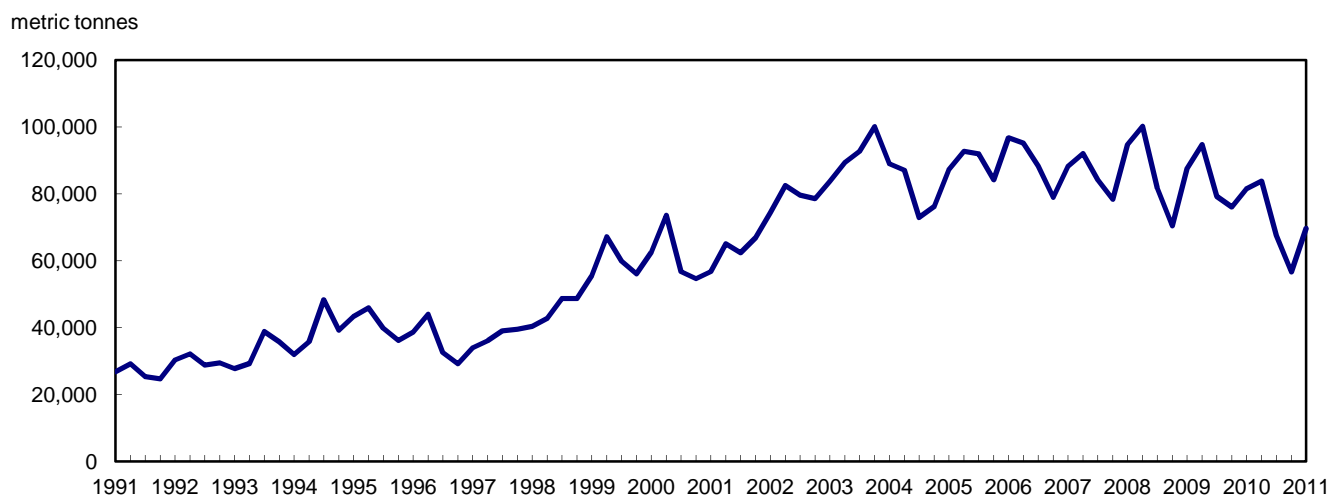


Highlights

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 73 468 metric tonnes in April, down 12% from April 2010, while the stocks of poultry meat were relatively unchanged from a year earlier at 61 781 metric tonnes.
- Compared with January 2011, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 5% and the stocks of poultry meat were up 18%.

Chart 1

Quarterly stocks of frozen and chilled red meats, Canada



Statistical tables

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

	As of April 2010	As of January 2011	As of April 2011 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	7,362	5,183	7,716	49	5
Loins	7,338	5,647	6,770	20	-8
Bellies	951	944	885	-6	-7
Butts	1,607	1,484	2,233	50	39
Picnics	3,988	3,811	3,764	-1	-6
Ribs	6,023	3,427	4,000	17	-34
Backs and shoulders	4,060	3,508	3,795	8	-7
Trimmings	7,763	4,107	4,137	1	-47
Unclassified pork	10,580	10,704	10,858	1	3
Pork, total	49,671	38,815	44,158	14	-11
Beef					
Bone-in	2,941	2,393	2,835	18	-4
Boneless	19,911	18,413	15,551	-16	-22
Beef, total	22,852	20,807	18,386	-12	-20
Veal					
Bone-in	658	219	175	-20	-73
Boneless	1,779	839	827	-1	-54
Veal, total	2,437	1,058	1,002	-5	-59
Mutton and lamb, total	1,986	1,945	3,195	64	61
Fancy pork	2,717	2,474	2,602	5	-4
Fancy beef	3,959	4,366	3,956	-9	0
Fancy veal	75	92	97	5	29
Fancy lamb	158	151	72	-52	-54
Fancy meat, total	6,909	7,084	6,727	-5	-3
Total meat	83,855	69,709	73,468	5	-12

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

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

	April 2010	January 2011	April 2011 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	36,679	36,836	38,765	5	6
Turkeys, total	22,111	11,966	18,756	57	-15
Other fowl, total	3,262	3,372	4,260	26	31
Poultry meat, total	62,052	52,174	61,781	18	0

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

	As of April 2010	As of January 2011	As of April 2011 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	389	325	435	34	12
Beef, boneless	5,214	5,354	5,746	7	10
Total veal	136	96	70	-27	-49
Total mutton	103	20	13	-35	-87
Total lamb	1,825	1,821	3,127	72	71
Total	7,667	7,616	9,391	23	22

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

Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of April 2011 ^p					
	Pork, total	Beef, total	Veal, total	Mutton and lamb, total	Fancy meat, total	Stocks of frozen and chilled meats, total
	tonnes					
Atlantic provinces	280	322	0	x	x	615
Quebec	11,134	2,184	x	x	1,434	15,921
Ontario	7,906	6,838	x	x	2,478	19,266
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	0	0	0	x
Alberta	9,154	7,434	13	46	1,635	18,282
British Columbia	1,770	1,508	x	x	1,155	5,349

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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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

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