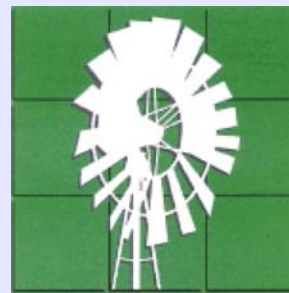
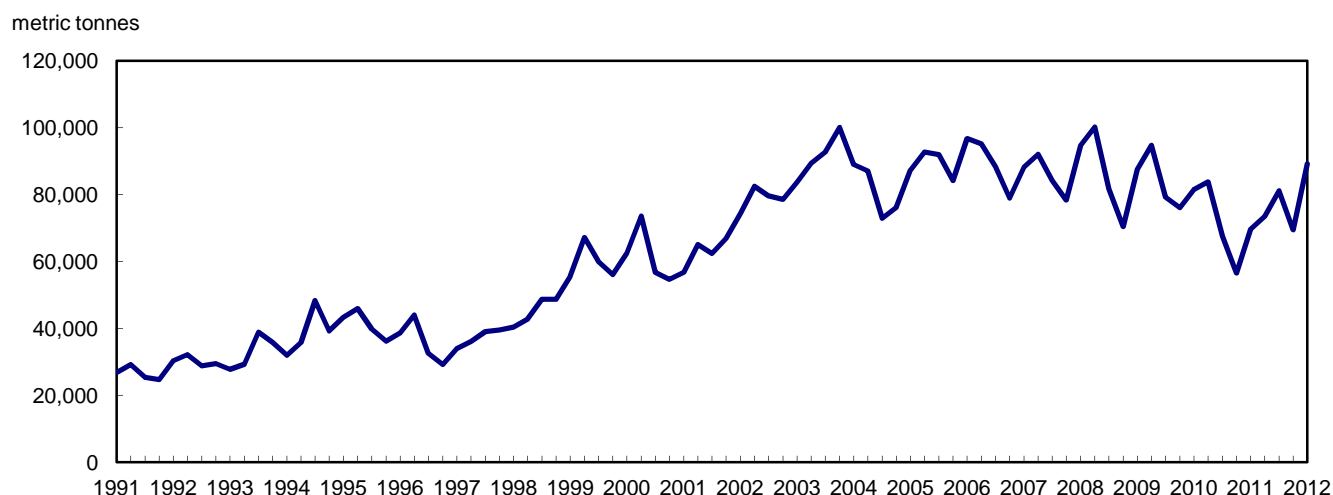


Service bulletin**Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats**

January 2012

**Highlights**

- Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage totalled 89 184 metric tonnes in January, up 28% from January 2011, while the stocks of poultry meat decreased 7% from a year earlier to 48 393 metric tonnes.
- Compared with October 2011, stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage were up 28% while stocks of poultry meat were down 31%.

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

Statistical tables

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

	As of January 2011	As of October 2011	As of January 2012 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Pork					
Hams	5,183	8,502	9,707	14	87
Loins	5,647	5,333	7,057	32	25
Bellies	944	729	1,286	76	36
Butts	1,484	1,561	2,494	60	68
Picnics	3,811	2,777	4,681	69	23
Ribs	3,427	3,383	4,074	20	19
Backs and shoulders	3,508	2,898	3,470	20	-1
Trimmings	4,107	5,046	6,527	29	59
Unclassified pork	10,704	12,617	16,073	27	50
Pork, total	38,815	42,846	55,368	29	43
Beef					
Bone-in	2,393	2,150	2,481	15	4
Boneless	18,413	14,072	19,854	41	8
Beef, total	20,807	16,222	22,336	38	7
Veal					
Bone-in	219	123	150	22	-32
Boneless	839	937	710	-24	-15
Veal, total	1,058	1,060	860	-19	-19
Mutton and lamb, total	1,945	1,707	1,958	15	1
Fancy pork	2,474	4,842	2,994	-38	21
Fancy beef	4,366	2,689	5,547	106	27
Fancy veal	92	88	105	19	14
Fancy lamb	151	15	17	13	-89
Fancy meat, total	7,084	7,634	8,663	13	22
Total meat	69,709	69,469	89,184	28	28

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

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

	January 2011	October 2011	January 2012 ^P	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Poultry					
Chickens, total	36,836	36,728	32,910	-10	-11
Turkeys, total	11,966	27,438	10,164	-63	-15
Other fowl, total	3,372	5,624	5,319	-5	58
Poultry meat, total	52,174	69,790	48,393	-31	-7

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

	As of January 2011	As of October 2011	As of January 2012 ^p	Percentage change	
				Previous quarter	Previous year
	tonnes			percent	
Beef, bone-in	325	444	334	-25	3
Beef, boneless	5,354	5,251	6,067	16	13
Total veal	96	72	78	8	-19
Total mutton	20	182	196	8	880
Total lamb	1,821	1,460	1,695	16	-7
Total	7,616	7,409	8,371	13	10

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Table 4
Frozen and chilled meats in cold storage by province

	As of January 2012 ^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	465	0	x	x	647
Quebec	31,020	3,263	650	296	2,211	37,440
Ontario	2,710	7,924	153	x	x	15,509
Manitoba	x	x	x	x	19	x
Saskatchewan	x	x	x	0	0	x
Alberta	4,880	9,075	x	x	1,410	15,399
British Columbia	925	1,533	50	x	x	4,440

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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