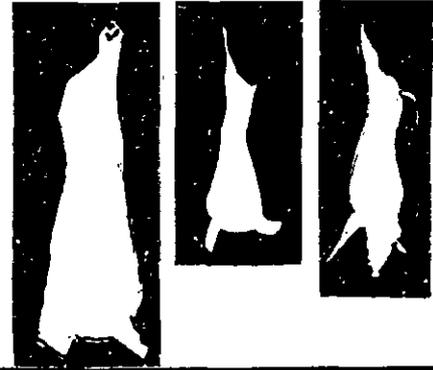


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



JANUARY 1966

February 28, 1966

JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial production of red meat during January in the 48 States totaled 2,609 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes animals slaughtered on a farm or ranch.

Beginning with this report, custom slaughtering of animals for farmers in plants is included in the commercial slaughter and meat production estimates. As a result of this change, slaughter in commercial plants is expected to be raised 2 to 3 percent for cattle, 1 to 2 percent each for calves and hogs and less than 1 percent for sheep and lambs. Since custom slaughtering for farmers is seasonal, the effect of this shift on commercial slaughter and meat production will vary somewhat by months. Comparable data for 1965 and earlier years are not available. Due to this change it would be misleading to make comparisons of the current commercial slaughter estimates with the same month a year earlier as is usually shown in the United States summary. In place of this, during 1966, comparisons with the same month a year earlier of the number of head slaughtered will be shown only for the federally inspected portion of the total slaughter.

BEEF PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY 1966

Beef production during January was 1,655 million pounds. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,023 pounds, 1 pound less than January 1965 but 6 pounds more than December 1965. The total commercial slaughter of cattle during January was 2,862,400 head. The number of cattle slaughtered in federally inspected plants totaled 2,304,500 head, 6 percent above January 1965 but virtually the same as a month earlier.

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VEAL PRODUCTION IN JANUARY 1966

There were 75 million pounds of veal produced during January 1966. Calves slaughtered during January averaged 235 pounds per head, 2 pounds heavier than a year earlier and 24 pounds more than December 1965. Commercial calf slaughter during January 1966 totaled 576,100 head. Federally inspected calf slaughter was 381,500 head in January, 6 percent less than January 1965 and 12 percent less than December 1965.

JANUARY PORK PRODUCTION

Pork production during January totaled 828 million pounds. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during the month was 242 pounds per head, 3 pounds heavier than a year earlier but 1 pound lighter than a month earlier. The hog kill during January 1966 was 5,527,500 head: Hogs slaughtered in federally inspected plants totaled 4,718,600 head, 22 percent below January 1965 and 6 percent below December 1965. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight of hogs was 10.8 pounds compared with 11.6 pounds in January 1965 and 11.1 pounds in December 1965.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY

There were 51 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during January 1966. Sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month averaged 105 pounds, 2 pounds heavier than both a year and a month earlier. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during January was 991,000 head. Federally inspected sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 906,700 head in January, 15 percent below January 1965 but virtually the same as December 1965.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1965

Production of poultry meat during January amounted to 589 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 5 percent above January 1965 but 15 percent below December 1965.

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January commercial meat and lard production, 48 States, with comparisons 1/

Month and Year	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total red meat 2/	Poultry 3/	Lard 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
January 1965	1,536	79	1,016	59	2,690	560	194
December 1965	1,584	72	863	51	2,570	695	157
January 1966 <u>5/</u>	1,655	75	828	51	2,609	589	145

1/ Excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

3/ Chicken and turkey meat--ready-to-cook basis, excludes slaughter on farms for home use and non-farm production. Estimates of monthly poultry meat production based on available indications of marketings developed from information on inventories, numbers raised, intentions to raise and market poultry as well as data on chick placements and current monthly marketings.

4/ Includes rendered pork fat.

5/ Data for 1966 not comparable with January 1965 and December 1965 due to changes in definition to include custom slaughtering in plants for farmers as part of the commercial meat production estimates beginning with January 1966.

January commercial livestock slaughter, 48 States, with comparisons 1/

Species, month and year	Number slaughtered			Average live weight	Total live weight
	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total		
<u>CATTLE</u>	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
January 1965	2,166.1	466.9	2,633.0	1,024	2,695
December 1965	2,314.3	460.7	2,775.0	1,017	2,823
January 1966 <u>2/</u>	2,304.5	557.9	2,862.4	1,023	2,929
<u>CALVES</u>					
January 1965	403.8	202.4	606.2	233	141
December 1965	432.6	190.9	623.5	211	131
January 1966 <u>2/</u>	381.5	194.6	576.1	235	136
<u>HOGS</u>					
January 1965	6,047.4	948.3	6,995.7	239	1,675
December 1965	5,009.6	803.3	5,812.9	243	1,411
January 1966 <u>2/</u>	4,718.6	808.9	5,527.5	242	1,336
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>					
January 1965	1,061.9	108.2	1,170.1	103	120
December 1965	909.6	96.2	1,005.8	103	104
January 1966 <u>2/</u>	906.7	84.3	991.0	105	104

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Data for 1966 not comparable with previous month and previous year due to change in definition to include custom slaughtering in plants for farmers as part of the commercial slaughter estimates beginning with January 1966.

CATTLE AND CALVES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1965-66

STATE <u>2/</u>	CATTLE SLAUGHTER <u>1/</u>				CALF SLAUGHTER <u>1/</u>			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	19.3	19.4	21,227	21,316	25.1	21.9	2,510	2,267
N.Y.....	35.5	38.0	39,263	42,484	72.5	65.5	9,425	8,253
N.J.....	32.0	30.5	40,064	38,338	28.0	29.0	6,216	6,090
PA.....	78.0	77.0	85,254	84,854	48.5	46.5	6,402	6,138
OHIO.....	106.0	109.0	105,364	109,654	10.1	9.7	1,929	1,794
IND.....	70.5	72.5	71,840	74,240	6.7	5.3	1,280	1,039
ILL.....	121.0	134.0	126,566	136,948	29.5	26.0	4,897	4,706
MICH.....	62.0	61.0	65,286	64,721	21.8	21.2	3,292	3,201
WIS.....	99.5	111.0	111,440	124,542	74.0	73.0	8,880	8,322
MINN.....	143.0	148.0	152,152	158,804	24.3	20.6	4,374	3,584
IOWA.....	323.0	366.0	348,194	391,986	35.5	39.0	6,248	6,045
MO.....	96.0	99.5	98,112	101,390	8.9	5.7	2,723	1,630
N.DAK.....	14.2	13.2	15,052	14,071	--	--	--	--
S.DAK.....	52.0	54.5	56,576	59,296	--	.4	--	140
NEBR.....	250.0	283.0	265,750	297,150	2.4	.9	1,210	395
KANS.....	128.0	138.0	130,816	142,002	3.3	2.0	1,204	822
DEL.-MD..	11.4	10.1	12,504	10,826	4.0	3.1	679	545
VA.....	18.7	18.7	19,242	19,242	19.1	16.3	4,947	4,434
W.VA.....	5.5	6.2	5,604	6,194	.7	.8	148	159
N.C.....	14.2	15.5	13,646	14,446	1.5	1.4	332	332
S.C.....	8.6	10.3	7,129	7,931	11.0	10.4	4,070	3,921
GA.....	31.5	34.5	25,294	26,392	3.5	4.4	1,628	1,980
FLA.....	32.5	36.0	29,510	32,688	20.3	19.8	5,481	6,098
KY.....	17.6	21.8	16,456	20,906	2.5	2.8	555	669
TENN.....	42.5	43.0	38,760	39,431	20.0	18.6	5,420	5,078
ALA.....	18.7	18.3	16,456	16,141	4.3	3.3	2,034	1,511
MISS.....	34.0	30.5	27,438	24,430	9.3	9.6	4,492	4,838
ARK.....	11.4	13.8	9,667	12,061	1.5	2.3	574	980
LA.....	11.8	12.1	9,145	9,196	23.3	24.0	10,438	10,992
OKLA.....	38.0	38.5	32,566	33,341	2.3	2.6	1,244	1,386
TEXAS....	182.0	201.0	162,708	180,699	54.5	53.0	29,430	29,097
MONT.....	15.7	22.1	16,140	23,227	.1	.1	30	35
IDAHO....	24.9	27.0	25,996	27,756	.2	.2	47	55
WYO.....	1.8	2.1	1,831	2,094	--	--	--	--
COLO.....	109.0	121.0	113,578	124,388	.5	.3	222	142
N.MEX....	15.4	22.7	14,769	21,951	.1	--	47	--
ARIZ.....	19.8	21.4	18,533	20,159	.6	.6	279	284
UTAH.....	24.3	29.5	25,102	31,240	.6	.5	219	167
NEV.....	2.0	2.2	2,006	2,226	.3	.2	108	74
WASH.....	49.0	49.0	50,225	50,911	2.0	1.8	662	612
OREG.....	23.7	27.5	23,676	27,500	1.9	2.3	608	754
CALIF....	239.0	273.0	244,019	282,009	31.5	31.0	7,214	7,037
48 STATES	2,633.0	2,862.4	2,694,956	2,929,181	606.2	576.1	141,498	135,606
HAWAII...	3.6	4.5	3,341	4,401	--	--	--	--
U. S.....	2,636.6	2,866.9	2,698,297	2,933,582	606.2	576.1	141,498	135,606

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HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1965-66

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	46.2	8.6	10,509	2,085	1.0	1.1	89	95
N.Y.....	95.5	75.5	21,678	17,138	48.0	18.5	4,800	1,887
N.J.....	136.0	112.0	28,424	23,184	94.0	74.0	9,400	7,326
PA.....	278.0	222.0	63,940	50,616	18.7	12.1	1,739	1,125
OHIO.....	415.0	356.0	92,960	80,456	9.0	22.1	846	2,188
IND.....	375.0	298.0	91,875	73,010	8.3	.8	813	73
ILL.....	454.0	354.0	112,138	89,916	71.0	53.5	7,384	5,564
MICH.....	176.0	140.0	39,952	32,060	27.5	25.0	2,832	2,675
WIS.....	310.0	218.0	71,920	51,884	1.8	1.6	175	149
MINN.....	512.0	377.0	127,488	97,266	100.0	78.5	10,500	8,321
IOWA.....	1,463.0	1,177.0	362,824	289,542	91.5	82.5	9,424	8,580
MO.....	297.0	204.0	73,953	52,836	38.5	36.5	3,888	3,796
N.DAK....	1.6	1.5	365	352	12.3	12.1	1,365	1,295
S.DAK....	210.0	170.0	52,920	44,880	34.0	37.5	3,638	4,162
NEBR.....	338.0	236.0	87,204	61,832	95.5	71.0	9,932	7,597
KANS.....	176.0	140.0	42,592	34,720	23.4	23.8	2,340	2,404
DEL.-MD..	53.1	43.4	11,170	9,416	4.7	3.9	446	370
VA.....	205.0	181.0	46,330	40,725	.2	.2	20	20
W.VA.....	8.7	8.1	2,114	2,057	.4	.4	37	41
N.C.....	104.0	98.5	23,504	22,360	--	--	--	--
S.C.....	40.5	36.5	9,153	8,687	.1	--	10	--
GA.....	152.0	123.0	32,680	26,814	--	--	--	--
FLA.....	45.0	33.0	9,585	7,128	--	--	--	--
KY.....	134.0	120.0	30,686	28,560	16.2	14.0	1,652	1,484
TENN.....	214.0	179.0	51,360	44,213	3.7	3.1	366	304
ALA.....	74.0	50.0	16,650	11,500	--	--	--	--
MISS.....	67.0	63.0	15,410	14,490	--	--	--	--
ARK.....	28.5	22.8	6,812	5,472	--	--	--	--
LA.....	16.7	14.6	3,507	3,022	.1	.1	9	7
OKLA.....	50.5	38.5	13,433	10,087	.1	.3	11	31
TEXAS....	158.0	131.0	38,236	31,964	61.5	37.0	5,720	3,515
MONT.....	21.9	25.5	4,949	5,890	.3	.3	31	28
IDAHO....	10.5	7.8	2,331	1,864	.8	.6	86	65
WYO.....	3.3	2.5	769	592	.2	.2	22	22
COLO.....	55.5	44.0	12,765	10,384	141.0	170.0	14,382	18,360
N.MEX....	8.3	7.7	1,917	1,786	3.0	3.0	312	315
ARIZ.....	10.7	9.3	2,472	2,158	1.1	1.0	118	111
UTAH.....	19.5	8.0	4,407	1,784	71.5	59.0	7,650	6,549
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	48	.2	.1	21	10
WASH.....	59.0	42.5	13,157	9,818	14.3	10.3	1,602	1,184
OREG.....	29.5	25.0	6,549	5,775	9.2	7.9	920	830
CALIF....	143.0	123.0	34,320	27,675	167.0	129.0	17,869	13,932
48 STATES	6,995.7	5,527.5	1,675,049	1,336,046	1,170.1	991.0	120,449	104,415
HAWAII...	4.9	4.9	862	858	--	.2	--	22
U. S.....	7,000.6	5,532.4	1,675,911	1,336,904	1,170.1	991.2	120,449	104,437

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1965 AND 1966 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	POUNDS	POUNDS						
NEW ENG..	1,100	1,099	100	104	227	242	89	86
N.Y.....	1,106	1,118	130	126	227	227	100	102
N.J.....	1,252	1,257	222	210	209	207	100	99
PA.....	1,093	1,102	132	132	230	228	93	93
OHIO.....	994	1,006	191	185	224	226	94	99
IND.....	1,019	1,024	191	196	245	245	98	91
ILL.....	1,046	1,022	166	181	247	254	104	104
MICH.....	1,053	1,061	151	151	227	229	103	107
WIS.....	1,120	1,122	120	114	232	238	97	93
MINN.....	1,064	1,073	180	174	249	258	105	106
IOWA.....	1,078	1,071	176	155	248	246	103	104
MO.....	1,022	1,019	306	286	249	259	101	104
N.DAK.....	1,060	1,066	--	--	228	235	111	107
S.DAK.....	1,088	1,088	--	350	252	264	107	111
NEBR.....	1,063	1,050	504	439	258	262	104	107
KANS.....	1,022	1,029	365	411	242	248	100	101
DEL.-MD..	1,097	1,072	170	176	210	217	95	95
VA.....	1,029	1,029	259	272	226	225	99	100
W.VA.....	1,019	999	212	199	243	254	93	103
N.C.....	961	932	221	237	226	227	--	--
S.C.....	829	770	370	377	226	238	99	--
GA.....	803	765	465	450	215	218	--	--
FLA.....	908	908	270	308	213	216	--	--
KY.....	935	959	222	239	229	238	102	106
TENN.....	912	917	271	273	240	247	99	98
ALA.....	880	882	473	458	225	230	--	--
MISS.....	807	801	483	504	230	230	--	--
ARK.....	848	874	383	426	239	240	--	--
LA.....	775	760	448	458	210	207	90	73
OKLA.....	857	866	541	533	266	262	110	104
TEXAS.....	894	899	540	549	242	244	93	95
MONT.....	1,028	1,051	300	354	226	231	104	94
IDAHO.....	1,044	1,028	234	274	222	239	107	109
WYO.....	1,017	997	--	--	233	237	112	110
COLO.....	1,042	1,028	443	472	230	236	102	108
N.MEX.....	959	967	467	--	231	232	104	105
ARIZ.....	936	942	465	473	231	232	107	111
UTAH.....	1,033	1,059	365	334	226	223	107	111
NEV.....	1,003	1,012	359	371	206	240	104	100
WASH.....	1,025	1,039	331	340	223	231	112	115
OREG.....	999	1,000	320	328	222	231	100	105
CALIF.....	1,021	1,033	229	227	240	225	107	108
48 STATES	1,024	1,023	233	235	239	242	103	105
HAWAII...	928	978	--	--	176	175	--	108
U. S.....	1,023	1,023	233	235	239	242	103	105

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Table 1.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1966 1/

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
Jan. 8	27.9	<u>2/</u> 1.6	23.4	<u>2/</u> 47.1
Jan. 15	26.5	1.5	23.7	48.3
Jan. 22	23.7	1.4	23.6	51.3
Jan. 29	<u>2/</u> 21.8	1.2	24.4	<u>2/</u> 52.6
Feb. 5	22.9	1.4	25.2	50.5
Feb. 12	26.3	1.4	23.7	48.6

1/ As reported by Meat Inspectors, MID, C&MS.
2/ Revised.

Table 2.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, monthly, 48 States 1/

Month	Percentages of total slaughter				Total number slaughtered
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers	
Jan. 1965	23.1	1.2	20.4	55.3	2,166
Dec. 1965	28.3	1.6	23.1	47.0	2,314
Jan. 1966	24.8	1.4	23.9	49.9	2,305

1/ Based on voluntary reports from Federally inspected slaughtering plants.

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