livestock slaughter

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DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,892 million pounds in December, 3 percent less than a year earlier and 6 percent less than November 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

December 1973 includes 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, excluding Christmas, the same as 1972.

BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 1972: Beef production was 1,775 million pounds 2 percent less than December 1972. Cattle kill totaled 2,762,000 head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,062 pounds, 6 pounds more than December 1972 and 7 pounds more than November 1973.

VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 23 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 24 million pounds of veal produced during December, down 23 percent from the 31 million pounds produced in December 1972. Calf slaughter was 22 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 229 pounds, down 5 pounds from December a year earlier.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 1,059 million pounds in December, 3 percent less than a year ago. Hog kill totaled 6,288,500 head, down 6 percent from December 1972. Live weight per head was 248 pounds, 7 pounds more than last year and 2 pounds more than last month's average. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.4 pounds, compared with 6.8 pounds in December 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 19 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1972: There were 34 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in December, down 19 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 638,700 head, 18 percent less than a year ago. Average live weight was 109 pounds, 2 pounds more than last year and last month.

NOTE: Poultry slaughter data will be dropped from the "Livestock Slaughter (MtAn 1-2) Report" beginning with the next issue. Total Poultry slaughter will be published in the "Poultry Slaughter (Pou 2-1) Report" on a monthly basis beginning with the March 7 issue which will provide January data.

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Commercial Meat and Lard Production: 48 States, **December** 1973 with comparisons 1/

KIND	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1973 as % of Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973 as % of Nov. 1973	Jan. - Dec. 5/ 1972	Jan. - Dec. 5/ 1973	1973 as % of 1972
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,813	1,872	1,775	98	95	22,218	21,060	95
Veal	31	28	24	77	86	429	325	76
Pork 2/	1,087	1,136	1,059	97	93	13,460	12,581	93
Lamb & Mutton	42	40	34	81	85	533	504	95
Total Red Meat	2,973	3,076	2,892	97	94	36,640	34,470	94
Poultry 3/	833	999	859	103	86	10,883	10,795	99
Lard 4/	109	113	100	92	88	1,541	1,235	80

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.
3/ Chicken and turkey meat ready-to-cook basis, excludes slaughter on farms. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: 48 States, **December** 1973 with comparisons 1/

SPECIES	Unit	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1973 as % of Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973 as % of Nov. 1973	Jan.-Dec. 2/ 1972	Jan.-Dec. 2/ 1973	1973 as % of 1972
					Percent				Percent
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,614.6	2,684.7	2,516.6	96	94	32,266.5	30,494.7	95
Other	thou.	251.8	267.6	245.4	97	92	3,512.1	3,140.7	89
Total	thou.	2,866.4	2,952.3	2,762.0	96	94	35,778.6	33,635.4	94
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,056	1,055	1,062	101	101	1,038	1,043	100
Total	mil. lb.	3,027	3,114	2,934	97	94	37,126	35,096	95
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	201.8	170.8	156.4	78	92	2,420.7	1,808.5	75
Other	thou.	37.6	36.6	31.1	83	85	632.2	444.4	70
Total	thou.	239.4	207.4	187.5	78	90	3,052.9	2,252.9	74
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	234	238	229	98	96	251	256	102
Total	mil. lb.	56	49	43	77	88	767	577	75
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,196.6	6,530.1	5,858.7	95	90	78,759.3	72,265.1	92
Other	thou.	466.8	401.6	429.8	92	107	5,947.8	4,510.3	76
Total	thou.	6,663.4	6,931.7	6,288.5	94	91	84,707.1	76,775.4	91
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	241	246	248	103	101	239	241	101
Total	mil. lb.	1,606	1,707	1,559	97	91	20,249	18,525	91
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	750.6	746.8	611.5	81	82	9,905.1	9,233.7	93
Other	thou.	29.7	32.5	27.2	92	84	395.9	364.3	92
Total	thou.	780.3	779.3	638.7	82	82	10,301.0	9,598.0	93
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	107	107	109	102	102	105	107	102
Total	mil. lb.	84	84	70	83	83	1,081	1,028	95

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973
	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..	11.5	8.9	12,599	9,831	152.7	122.4	166,514	134,020
N.Y.....	26.5	25.0	30,104	28,800	340.4	304.0	387,991	344,920
N.J.....	18.8	9.0	23,143	11,214	239.8	138.9	301,814	172,770
PA.....	53.5	54.5	61,418	60,004	640.5	701.0	724,205	794,204
OHIO.....	80.5	74.5	84,203	79,268	1,064.0	918.5	1,094,925	964,817
IND.....	36.0	34.0	37,584	35,088	439.0	418.0	441,663	426,224
ILL.....	106.0	109.0	112,996	112,270	1,450.0	1,234.5	1,492,812	1,260,911
MICH.....	50.0	45.5	56,200	50,460	627.5	582.0	679,668	638,278
WISC.....	101.0	109.0	113,423	124,696	1,108.0	1,200.0	1,242,415	1,350,438
MINN.....	130.0	110.0	142,870	122,650	1,493.0	1,241.0	1,635,620	1,363,983
IOWA.....	409.0	372.0	439,675	407,712	4,662.0	4,284.0	4,898,258	4,591,525
MO.....	75.5	72.5	80,181	79,388	931.5	820.0	966,125	855,329
N.DAK....	16.5	15.8	17,638	16,906	206.3	172.4	222,563	186,618
S.DAK....	52.5	62.0	56,228	67,828	550.0	561.5	580,846	603,420
NEBR.....	393.0	342.0	416,187	371,412	4,699.0	4,307.0	5,007,117	4,580,631
KANS.....	208.0	206.0	224,016	219,596	2,495.0	2,499.0	2,657,005	2,635,089
DEL.-MD..	8.2	6.5	8,634	7,028	102.1	88.9	109,751	95,193
VA.....	9.3	8.4	9,691	8,938	131.9	109.3	136,106	114,130
W.VA.....	5.0	4.4	4,935	4,215	55.3	51.3	56,632	52,824
N.C.....	10.1	10.4	9,534	9,849	151.8	126.5	145,254	121,929
S.C.....	4.5	5.1	4,072	4,549	71.0	70.8	60,199	63,032
GA.....	17.6	21.9	16,843	19,907	265.9	281.2	241,947	260,904
FLA.....	24.5	28.5	24,598	27,958	368.0	355.5	363,254	346,816
KY.....	15.9	15.5	14,692	14,710	196.1	187.5	186,510	175,423
TENN.....	35.5	37.0	36,530	38,258	515.5	455.5	517,745	457,857
ALA.....	8.3	11.9	7,528	10,936	92.4	140.6	81,029	128,161
MISS.....	19.1	23.6	16,522	21,122	277.5	308.7	236,788	269,913
ARK.....	10.1	12.6	9,302	11,378	156.5	165.5	144,327	150,832
LA.....	10.9	12.4	10,835	12,053	175.7	164.4	168,232	159,184
OKLA.....	47.0	53.0	47,658	53,636	607.5	634.0	593,469	626,662
TEXAS....	260.0	268.0	251,940	254,600	3,516.0	3,471.0	3,214,816	3,243,142
MONT.....	16.1	16.6	16,535	17,231	210.2	188.5	219,380	195,782
IDAHO....	32.0	48.5	34,912	54,272	416.0	452.0	449,679	502,369
WYO.....	1.5	1.4	1,520	1,418	20.7	20.3	21,001	20,682
COLO.....	197.0	192.0	211,972	215,808	2,461.0	2,268.0	2,642,532	2,439,006
N.MEX....	28.0	29.0	27,860	29,029	388.0	376.5	379,875	365,445
ARIZ.....	36.5	42.5	35,916	43,520	541.5	507.5	531,652	503,622
UTAH.....	19.2	18.9	21,542	20,884	265.5	239.1	293,530	265,376
NEV.....	1.8	2.1	1,834	2,243	25.7	27.0	26,102	28,062
WASH.....	48.5	35.5	53,204	39,760	613.0	494.5	665,084	551,147
OREG.....	21.5	21.6	23,177	24,797	294.1	277.1	311,421	300,812
CALIF....	210.0	185.0	216,300	188,885	2,761.0	2,670.0	2,830,246	2,754,144
48 STATES	2,866.4	2,762.0	3,026,551	2,934,107	35,778.6	33,635.4	37,126,102	35,095,626
HAWAII...	5.0	4.7	4,630	4,460	63.8	60.2	59,193	56,427
U. S.....	2,871.4	2,766.7	3,031,181	2,938,567	35,842.4	33,695.6	37,185,295	35,152,053

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.
2/ NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973
	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..	17.8	14.8	1,881	1,647	215.1	171.8	22,718	18,803
N.Y.....	53.0	50.5	5,565	6,060	643.0	531.5	69,792	58,062
N.J.....	20.6	14.6	5,397	4,088	275.1	184.2	82,404	52,947
PA.....	23.2	15.3	2,552	1,576	258.3	179.6	34,641	21,437
OHIO.....	2.8	1.5	610	309	45.4	21.2	9,508	4,572
IND.....	1.1	.2	223	27	40.1	3.0	8,695	428
ILL.....	7.5	5.8	1,605	1,288	81.1	77.3	17,160	17,523
MICH.....	8.1	4.6	1,474	938	95.0	61.6	17,411	13,493
WISC.....	22.6	20.2	3,390	2,929	233.0	206.7	39,514	35,346
MINN.....	.7	.6	146	132	7.5	7.8	1,509	1,888
IOWA.....	15.6	11.1	2,886	2,054	163.5	97.8	29,838	18,059
MO.....	1.0	.7	316	206	15.0	9.8	4,362	3,020
N.DAK....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	39	40
S.DAK....	---	---	---	---	.1	.2	40	80
NEBR.....	.3	.3	107	107	4.2	3.8	1,498	1,399
KANS.....	---	---	---	---	.4	.4	155	156
DEL.-MD..	.8	.7	197	173	15.0	10.6	3,606	2,621
VA.....	5.3	4.6	1,632	1,587	81.8	54.6	23,713	17,815
W.VA.....	.1	.1	23	30	1.8	.6	379	156
N.C.....	.3	.2	86	47	8.9	1.8	2,225	499
S.C.....	8.1	7.1	4,066	3,550	116.1	88.8	57,311	46,483
GA.....	.9	.2	434	84	18.9	6.8	8,447	3,199
FLA.....	6.1	4.5	1,842	994	92.7	67.4	22,966	20,981
KY.....	.2	.1	49	30	2.7	1.9	684	503
TENN.....	8.5	.1	2,950	29	108.4	46.0	35,609	15,389
ALA.....	.3	.5	126	213	4.0	5.1	1,653	2,174
MISS.....	2.3	2.5	1,286	1,250	44.8	35.6	25,466	20,015
ARK.....	.2	.3	85	120	2.8	1.3	1,359	511
LA.....	12.0	9.7	6,936	5,296	171.6	152.0	94,675	85,226
OKLA.....	.5	.9	221	377	4.3	7.0	1,968	3,014
TEXAS....	9.0	9.0	5,202	4,770	160.5	128.9	93,567	71,723
MONT.....	---	.1	---	44	---	.1	---	44
IDAHO....	---	---	---	---	.5	.3	185	93
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.2	---	58	---
COLO.....	---	.1	---	43	.1	.2	40	93
N.MEX....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	99	51	2.5	1.3	1,230	635
UTAH.....	.1	---	41	---	2.0	.3	838	130
NEV.....	.1	---	42	---	1.2	.3	457	121
WASH.....	.6	.4	218	128	8.1	4.9	2,657	1,570
OREG.....	.9	.4	371	182	7.8	5.1	2,908	2,196
CALIF....	8.6	5.7	3,896	2,645	119.3	75.2	46,211	34,482
48 STATES	239.4	187.5	55,954	43,004	3,052.9	2,252.9	767,496	576,926
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	239.4	187.5	55,954	43,004	3,052.9	2,252.9	767,496	576,926

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER NUMBER SLAUGHTERED 1973	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1972	JANUARY-DECEMBER TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT 1973
	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..	5.8	4.3	1,537	1,056	73.4	48.2	18,932	12,082
N.Y.....	67.5	73.0	15,525	16,863	878.5	789.0	203,430	182,935
N.J.....	39.5	34.0	9,124	7,820	401.5	342.0	82,096	77,804
PA.....	312.0	255.0	68,952	57,630	4,047.0	3,274.0	893,892	733,510
OHIO.....	329.0	295.0	70,406	69,325	4,040.0	3,314.0	922,411	766,359
IND.....	272.0	213.0	69,904	56,019	3,620.0	2,737.0	914,679	689,586
ILL.....	475.0	423.0	121,125	112,095	6,283.0	5,768.0	1,561,854	1,490,108
MICH.....	313.0	313.0	74,181	75,120	3,885.0	3,814.0	940,060	928,671
WISC.....	242.0	253.0	57,596	62,491	3,308.0	3,073.0	778,267	739,110
MINN.....	413.0	509.0	103,663	127,759	5,087.0	5,336.0	1,244,831	1,311,430
IOWA.....	1,690.0	1,526.0	412,360	393,708	20,932.0	19,411.0	5,066,360	4,725,383
MO.....	144.0	167.0	34,416	41,917	1,891.0	1,914.0	460,627	461,738
N.DAK....	3.5	3.2	791	742	31.6	27.1	7,198	6,178
S.DAK....	183.0	205.0	45,384	53,300	2,438.0	2,345.0	600,637	588,221
NEBR.....	204.0	214.0	53,448	55,426	2,576.0	2,567.0	639,943	637,350
KANS.....	172.0	164.0	40,764	39,360	2,180.0	2,195.0	530,807	527,678
DEL.-MD..	36.9	43.7	8,208	9,876	510.7	474.2	111,769	104,832
VA.....	244.0	229.0	56,608	53,357	3,099.0	2,798.0	719,170	641,074
W.VA.....	6.9	4.5	2,029	1,368	70.8	43.8	20,420	14,338
N.C.....	147.0	131.0	32,781	29,868	1,797.0	1,694.0	400,513	379,911
S.C.....	34.5	34.0	8,418	8,160	438.5	357.5	104,954	86,585
GA.....	155.0	146.0	34,410	32,996	1,943.0	1,707.0	428,960	384,394
FLA.....	40.0	32.5	7,600	5,525	497.5	349.7	100,543	65,951
KY.....	139.0	139.0	35,028	35,862	1,843.0	1,644.0	455,904	409,157
TENN.....	221.0	225.0	54,145	56,250	2,894.0	2,687.0	691,187	647,365
ALA.....	69.0	69.0	16,560	16,629	903.5	754.5	215,413	180,320
MISS.....	98.0	99.0	22,148	22,968	1,237.0	1,179.5	277,088	264,093
ARK.....	31.0	22.8	7,254	5,358	429.0	287.7	106,378	67,655
LA.....	18.1	16.1	5,484	3,574	204.2	168.7	46,310	37,881
OKLA.....	68.5	51.0	18,564	13,362	900.5	733.5	233,369	192,209
TEXAS....	164.0	123.0	41,656	29,520	1,957.0	1,562.0	476,710	378,022
MONT.....	23.5	34.5	5,428	8,280	354.7	350.6	84,535	86,652
IDAHO....	9.3	7.8	2,139	1,817	123.3	93.9	27,744	21,606
WYO.....	1.3	.8	300	184	20.5	13.1	4,681	3,046
COLO.....	74.5	31.5	17,880	7,434	999.5	560.0	233,677	130,475
N.MEX....	9.0	8.7	2,115	2,088	115.9	104.8	27,074	24,950
ARIZ.....	15.0	13.7	3,465	3,178	180.2	161.8	41,761	37,516
UTAH.....	6.8	5.8	1,503	1,230	90.1	66.9	19,280	14,371
NEV.....	.4	.3	84	69	4.4	3.4	951	737
WASH.....	56.5	56.5	12,712	12,995	722.0	592.5	167,202	137,273
OREG.....	13.9	15.3	3,197	3,580	196.8	168.0	45,309	38,578
CALIF....	115.0	96.5	27,255	22,967	1,503.0	1,265.0	341,788	297,838
48 STATES	6,663.4	6,288.5	1,606,147	1,559,126	84,707.1	76,775.4	20,248,714	18,524,972
HAWAII...	5.8	5.4	1,027	934	52.8	48.7	9,843	8,704
U. S.....	6,669.2	6,293.9	1,607,174	1,560,060	84,759.9	76,824.1	20,258,557	18,533,676

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.
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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	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..	.9	.8	74	68	13.1	10.3	1,110	842
N.Y.....	4.7	4.3	475	460	65.2	65.0	6,354	6,428
N.J.....	46.5	31.0	4,604	3,162	649.5	439.5	64,517	44,094
PA.....	11.8	12.6	1,180	1,298	134.5	165.8	12,888	16,590
OHIO.....	4.3	4.0	413	384	66.0	53.2	6,402	5,130
IND.....	1.5	.6	171	58	19.5	16.4	1,828	1,575
ILL.....	36.0	32.5	3,960	3,445	430.5	397.5	45,967	41,574
MICH.....	34.0	31.0	3,434	3,255	405.0	402.5	41,588	43,285
WISC.....	.3	.4	29	38	3.6	4.4	346	421
MINN.....	22.8	16.9	2,440	1,859	231.3	233.3	24,389	25,110
IOWA.....	42.5	30.5	4,505	3,202	465.0	389.3	48,443	41,222
MO.....	1.4	1.1	146	113	17.1	15.8	1,700	1,587
N.DAK....	.1	.2	10	20	.9	1.2	92	124
S.DAK....	43.5	35.0	4,568	3,780	427.5	450.0	44,647	48,060
NEBR.....	86.5	61.0	9,169	6,832	903.5	814.5	96,299	88,695
KANS.....	.3	.2	31	21	4.7	4.9	467	482
DEL.-MD..	2.6	3.5	265	357	48.7	45.9	4,788	4,472
VA.....	.1	.1	10	10	1.7	2.8	166	285
W.VA.....	.2	.1	23	11	2.6	1.3	283	143
N.C.....	.2	.1	18	9	.9	1.0	83	94
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	10	10
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	.7	.5	46	36
KY.....	20.9	18.2	2,257	2,002	225.4	245.7	24,029	26,827
TENN.....	8.0	---	792	---	85.4	84.3	8,472	8,443
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.2	11	20
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.1	17	8
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.4	20	35
LA.....	.2	.2	17	17	3.7	4.1	324	333
OKLA.....	.2	.2	19	20	2.4	2.5	240	242
TEXAS....	98.0	84.0	9,702	8,820	1,505.0	1,452.5	143,156	143,968
MONT.....	.1	.2	10	20	2.4	2.7	238	276
IDAHO....	1.0	1.0	106	106	12.4	14.0	1,331	1,520
WYO.....	.1	.3	11	29	3.0	3.2	335	350
COLO.....	133.0	132.0	15,428	14,784	1,889.0	1,810.0	211,553	203,236
N.MEX....	9.1	12.0	1,065	1,320	123.7	134.9	13,581	14,735
ARIZ.....	---	.1	---	10	1.2	1.5	128	151
UTAH.....	35.5	17.4	3,905	1,949	517.0	359.8	56,207	40,093
NEV.....	.2	.1	21	10	3.4	2.5	346	256
WASH.....	13.6	11.6	1,632	1,160	198.4	209.5	22,096	23,277
OREG.....	6.2	3.5	645	385	94.5	75.9	9,932	8,161
CALIF....	114.0	92.0	12,426	10,580	1,742.0	1,679.0	186,825	185,612
48 STATES	780.3	638.7	83,561	69,594	10,301.0	9,598.0	1,081,254	1,027,802
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	780.3	638.7	83,561	69,594	10,301.0	9,598.0	1,081,254	1,027,802

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
DECEMBER 1972 AND 1973 1/

STATE	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
2/	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,096	1,105	106	111	265	246	82	85
N.Y.....	1,136	1,152	105	120	230	231	101	107
N.J.....	1,231	1,246	262	280	231	230	99	102
PA.....	1,148	1,101	110	103	221	226	100	103
OHIO.....	1,046	1,064	218	206	214	235	96	96
IND.....	1,044	1,032	203	133	257	263	114	96
ILL.....	1,066	1,030	214	222	255	265	110	106
MICH.....	1,124	1,109	182	204	237	240	101	105
WISC.....	1,123	1,144	150	145	238	247	97	95
MINN.....	1,099	1,115	209	220	251	251	107	110
IOWA.....	1,075	1,096	185	185	244	258	106	105
MO.....	1,062	1,095	316	295	239	251	104	103
N.DAK....	1,069	1,070	---	---	226	232	100	100
S.DAK....	1,071	1,094	---	---	248	260	105	108
NEBR.....	1,059	1,086	356	356	262	259	106	112
KANS.....	1,077	1,066	---	---	237	240	104	104
DEL.-MD..	1,053	1,081	246	247	222	226	102	102
VA.....	1,042	1,064	308	365	232	233	100	104
W.VA.....	987	958	233	300	294	304	116	114
N.C.....	944	947	288	235	223	228	92	86
S.C.....	905	892	502	500	244	240	---	---
GA.....	957	909	482	421	222	226	---	---
FLA.....	1,004	981	302	221	190	170	---	---
KY.....	924	949	247	298	252	258	108	110
TENN.....	1,029	1,034	347	292	245	250	99	---
ALA.....	907	919	420	426	240	241	---	---
MISS.....	865	895	559	500	226	232	---	---
ARK.....	921	903	424	400	234	235	---	---
LA.....	994	972	578	546	303	222	84	83
OKLA.....	1,014	1,012	442	419	271	262	93	100
TEXAS....	969	950	578	530	254	240	99	105
MONT.....	1,027	1,038	---	439	231	240	100	100
IDAHO....	1,091	1,119	---	---	230	233	106	106
WYO.....	1,013	1,013	---	---	231	230	107	96
COLO.....	1,076	1,124	---	433	240	236	116	112
N.MEX....	995	1,001	---	---	235	240	117	110
ARIZ.....	984	1,024	493	514	231	232	---	100
UTAH.....	1,122	1,105	407	---	221	212	110	112
NEV.....	1,019	1,068	422	---	209	230	106	100
WASH.....	1,097	1,120	364	321	225	230	120	100
OREG.....	1,078	1,148	412	454	230	234	104	110
CALIF....	1,030	1,021	453	464	237	238	109	115
48 STATES	1,056	1,062	234	229	241	248	107	109
HAWAII...	926	949	---	---	177	173	---	---
U. S.....	1,056	1,062	234	229	241	248	107	109

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POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR: Production of poultry meat during December totaled 859 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 26 million pounds more than December 1972.

INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1973: Between January 1, 1973 and December 31, 1973 there were 67 plants which began slaughter under Federal inspection. During December 1973, these plants slaughtered 36,434 cattle, 1,230 calves, 138,388 hogs, and 2,848 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since January 1, 1973 slaughtered about 21,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 200 hogs, and less than 1,000 sheep and lambs during the last full month of operation under Federal inspection. Animals slaughtered in plants withdrawn from Federal inspection cannot be used to obtain a net change in slaughter since these animals may be diverted to existing or new plants under Federal inspection. Plants under suspension from Federal inspection are not included in the data for plants withdrawn from Federal inspection.

Federally inspected slaughter as a percent of total commercial slaughter in December 1973 and December 1972 is as follows; Cattle, 91.1 and 91.2 percent; calves, 83.4 and 84.3 percent; hogs, 93.2 and 93.0 percent; sheep and lambs, 95.7 and 96.2 percent.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under
Federal Inspection 48 States, December 1973 with comparisons

Species	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan.-Dec. 1972	Jan.-Dec. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan.-Dec. 1972	Jan.-Dec. 1973
	1,000 head					Percent of Total				
CLASSIFICATION: 1/										
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,453	1,409	1,331	17,749	16,591	55.6	52.5	52.9	55.0	54.4
Heifers	686	688	643	8,535	7,638	26.2	25.6	25.5	26.5	25.1
Cows	436	535	496	5,402	5,655	16.7	19.9	19.7	16.7	18.5
Bulls & stags	40	53	47	583	611	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0
Total	2,615	2,685	2,517	32,269	30,495	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	252	249	247	2,907	2,944	9.6	9.3	9.8	9.0	9.7
HOGS:										
Sows	460	404	389	4,646	4,191	7.4	6.2	6.6	5.9	5.8
Barrows & gilts	5,676	6,064	5,412	73,419	67,350	91.6	92.9	92.4	93.2	93.2
Stags & boars	61	62	58	695	724	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0
Total	6,197	6,530	5,859	78,760	72,265	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	688	656	557	9,229	8,426	91.6	87.8	91.0	93.2	91.2
Sheep	63	91	55	677	808	8.4	12.2	9.0	6.8	8.8
Total	751	747	612	9,906	9,234	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/										
Cattle	641	643	652	629	634					
Steers 4/	692	707	726	--	--					
Heifers 4/	601	610	615	--	--					
Cows 4/	527	514	490	--	--					
Bulls & Stags 4/	740	703	759	--	--					
Calves & Vealers	110	109	108	118	117					
Hogs	188	188	193	186	188					
Sheep & Lambs	54	52	54	52	53					

1/ Species totals and cattle classes of steers, heifers, cows, and bulls reported by Meat Inspectors, FOD, APHIS. Canners and cutters and classification of hogs and sheep based on packer reports. 2/ Included in cattle classification. 3/ Based on packer reports. 4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

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