FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION SHOWS 6 PERCENT GAIN: Commercial production of red meat in the United States totaled almost 3.1 billion pounds in February, 6 percent above a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Total red meat output for January-February 1977 was up 3 percent from 1976 -- change by individual components: beef, down 1 percent; veal, up 4 percent; pork, up 12 percent; lamb and mutton, down 10 percent. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

February 1977 included 19 weekdays, excluding 4 Saturdays, and one holiday, the same as February 1976.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT: Beef production totaled nearly 2.0 billion pounds, 1 percent above February last year. Cattle kill totaled 3,299,300 head, 1 percent below the previous year.

VEAL PRODUCTION INCREASES 2 PERCENT: There were 63 million pounds of veal produced in February, 2 percent over the 62 million pounds last year. Calf slaughter at 443,100 head was 9 percent above a year ago.

POK PRODUCTION UP 19 PERCENT: Pork production totaled over 1.0 billion pounds in February, 19 percent above a year ago. Hog kill totaled 6,096,400 head, a 19 percent gain from the previous year.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DECLINES 7 PERCENT: There were 27 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in February, a decrease of 7 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 473,800 head, 10 percent below February 1976.

This is the first monthly release to contain red meat production by States and U. S. average live weight by species for Federal, other non-Federal and commercial slaughter.

Average live and dressed weights for February 1977 are based on reports from nearly all Federal Inspected slaughter plants, plus a sample of other plants. For previous months, these estimates were based on a sample of all plants.
### COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES

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| U.S.      | 3,083,780| 3,083,800|          |                |

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL BEEF, VEAL, PORK, AND LAMB AND MUTTON.
2/ NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES CONNECTICUT, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND, AND CONNECTICUT.
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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.

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  - Number Slaughtered: 2, 2
  - Total Live Weight: 22, 22

- **California (CA)**
  - Number Slaughtered: 100.0, 103.0
  - Total Live Weight: 11,100, 11,970

- **Colorado (CO)**
  - Number Slaughtered: 122.0, 81.8
  - Total Live Weight: 13,908, 9,721

- **Delaware (DE)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 300, 328

- **Florida (FL)**
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- **Georgia (GA)**
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- **Idaho (ID)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 32, 34

- **Illinois (IL)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 3,668, 3,557

- **Indiana (IN)**
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- **Iowa (IA)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 2,022, 2,775

- **Kansas (KS)**
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- **Kentucky (KY)**
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- **Louisiana (LA)**
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- **Michigan (MI)**
  - Number Slaughtered: 25.5, 22.8
  - Total Live Weight: 2,720, 2,485

- **Minnesota (MN)**
  - Number Slaughtered: 10.9, 20.7
  - Total Live Weight: 1,221, 2,432

- **Mississippi (MS)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 114, 121

- **Montana (MT)**
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- **Nebraska (NE)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 2,538, 3,119

- **New England (NE)**
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  - Total Live Weight: 106, 47

- **New Jersey (NJ)**
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- **New Mexico (NM)**
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- **New York (NY)**
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- **Oregon (OR)**
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- **Pennsylvania (PA)**
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- **South Carolina (SC)**
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- **South Dakota (SD)**
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- **Tennessee (TN)**
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- **Utah (UT)**
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- **Vermont (VT)**
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- **Washington (WA)**
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- **Wyoming (WY)**
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### Notes

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter.

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|          |         | 598     | 617     | 608   | 597     | 613     |         |       | 585     | 587     |
|          |         | 679     | 709     | 685   | 690     | 685     |         |       | 565     | 582     |
|          |         | 493     | 490     | 487   | 487     | 487     |         |       | 435     | 435     |
|          |         | 665     | 711     | 685   | 700     | 685     |         |       | 711     | 685     |
|          |         | 123     | 143     | 125   | 130     | 135     |         |       | 111     | 111     |
|          |         | 186     | 185     | 167   | 190     | 176     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 352     | 352     | 352   | 352     | 352     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 240     | 240     | 240   | 240     | 240     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 161     | 161     | 161   | 161     | 161     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 272     | 272     | 272   | 272     | 272     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 240     | 240     | 240   | 240     | 240     |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 57      | 57      | 57    | 57      | 57      |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 57      | 57      | 57    | 57      | 57      |         |       | NA      | NA      |
|          |         | 58      | 58      | 58    | 58      | 58      |         |       | NA      | NA      |

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1/ Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, FDA APHIS. 2/ Based on packer reports. 3/ Included in cattle average dressed weight. 4/ Included in hogs average dressed weight. 5/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

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