

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Sets Record High for March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.59 billion pounds during March. This production was 1 percent above the record high set in March 1977 and 6 percent above a year earlier.

March 1994 and 1993 both contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.00 billion pounds. This was up 8 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.86 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 40 pounds to 1,181 pounds.

Veal production totaled 26.0 million pounds. This production was unchanged from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 114,000 head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 11 pounds to 384 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.53 billion pounds was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 2 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 253 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 34.0 million pounds was up 9 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 529,700 head, up 8 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 131 pounds.

January-March red meat production was 10.1 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent, veal was up 2 percent, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was up 6 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	Mar	Feb	Mar	:Mar 94 % of:		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		
	1993	1994	1994	Mar	Feb	1993	1994	:94 as % of 93
: --- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,858	1,801	2,001	108	111	5,358	5,744	107
Veal	26	22	26	100	119	69	70	102
Pork	1,480	1,275	1,530	103	120	4,204	4,182	99
Lamb & Mutton	32	27	34	109	128	82	86	106
Total Red Meat	3,396	3,125	3,591	106	115	9,712	10,083	104

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	Mar	Feb	Mar	:Mar 94 % of:		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		
	1993	1994	1994	Mar	Feb	1993	1994	:94 as % of 93
: --- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,822	1,769	1,967	108	111	5,252	5,642	107
Veal	25	21	25	101	119	67	69	102
Pork	1,451	1,249	1,500	103	120	4,117	4,096	99
Lamb & Mutton	31	26	34	109	128	80	84	106
Total Red Meat	3,329	3,066	3,526	106	115	9,517	9,891	104

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States 1/

Species	Unit	: Mar 94 % of:			Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>			:94 % :of 93	
		Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1994		

					Percent			P'cnt	
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,711.8	2,500.7	2,799.1	103	112	7,723.3	7,978.8	103
Other	:Thou:	63.5	57.6	60.4	95	105	186.2	182.6	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,775.3	2,558.3	2,859.5	103	112	7,909.5	8,161.4	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,143	1,190	1,185	103	99	1,157	1,191	102
Other	:Lbs :	1,025	1,017	1,027	100	101	1,018	1,023	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,141	1,186	1,181	104	100	1,153	1,186	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	115.9	93.8	111.6	96	119	313.5	304.5	97
Other	:Thou:	2.6	2.3	2.4	94	106	7.8	7.6	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	118.5	96.1	114.0	96	119	321.3	312.1	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	372	383	385	103	100	369	384	104
Other	:Lbs :	402	395	384	96	97	402	391	97
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	373	384	384	103	100	370	384	104
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,958.2	6,783.3	8,147.5	102	120	22,528.4	22,215.5	99
Other	:Thou:	181.0	165.4	182.4	101	110	528.4	529.9	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	8,139.2	6,948.7	8,329.9	102	120	23,056.8	22,745.3	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	253	254	254	100	100	253	254	100
Other	:Lbs :	230	228	230	100	101	233	231	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	252	253	253	100	100	253	254	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	475.7	408.4	515.4	108	126	1,240.5	1,307.2	105
Other	:Thou:	13.1	10.5	14.3	110	137	35.7	36.1	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	488.8	418.8	529.7	108	126	1,276.2	1,343.3	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	130	130	133	101	102	129	130	100
Other	:Lbs :	102	101	99	96	98	103	99	96
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	129	129	131	102	102	129	129	101

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States 1/

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar 94 as % of	
	1993	1994	1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	3,662	3,292	3,560	97	108
AZ	19,424	19,844	22,361	115	113
AR	5,825	5,063	6,027	103	119
CA	75,973	*71,759	80,253	106	112
CO	162,305	151,070	166,500	103	110
DE-MD	7,530	5,635	6,865	91	122
FL	3,440	3,309	3,643	106	110
GA	38,278	35,265	41,540	109	118
HI	1,444	1,239	1,449	100	117
ID	35,403	37,295	36,791	104	99
IL	175,938	179,774	220,832	126	123
IN	81,784	54,014	65,445	80	121
IA	572,816	507,499	612,900	107	121
KS	347,187	383,777	424,731	122	111
KY	51,522	38,989	45,198	88	116
LA	2,600	2,282	2,428	93	106
MI	70,403	*76,397	82,775	118	108
MN	198,161	165,814	187,446	95	113
MS	25,954	23,193	28,613	110	123
MO	64,265	31,605	38,021	59	120
MT	1,370	1,240	1,573	115	127
NE	443,998	411,415	470,058	106	114
NV	108	70	95	88	135
N ENG 2/	3,585	2,805	3,326	93	119
NJ	2,711	*2,234	2,518	93	113
NM	2,512	2,244	2,500	100	111
NY	7,634	6,051	8,222	108	136
NC	91,557	88,728	114,382	125	129
ND	10,970	9,609	11,642	106	121
OH	55,959	42,768	34,671	62	81
OK	5,763	3,754	5,069	88	135
OR	4,070	2,495	2,627	65	105
PA	92,594	83,949	96,436	104	115
SC	14,898	12,874	13,831	93	107
SD	99,783	88,266	108,279	109	123
TN	19,089	17,469	20,894	109	120
TX	361,783	332,245	357,905	99	108
UT	35,145	35,115	39,788	113	113
VA	63,562	56,979	72,204	114	127
WA	46,868	47,361	53,093	113	112
WV	1,494	1,327	1,460	98	110
WI	85,916	78,578	92,578	108	118
WY	301	273	281	93	103
US	3,395,584	*3,124,961	3,590,813	106	115

* Revised.

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1993 and 1994 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL	1.1	1.1	1,009	890	911	791
AZ	29.3	33.2	32,404	37,342	1,106	1,125
AR	1.7	2.6	1,589	2,578	935	987
CA	71.9	73.2	87,088	90,113	1,211	1,231
CO	213.7	201.8	256,624	247,215	1,201	1,225
DE-MD	3.7	3.7	4,608	4,507	1,237	1,217
FL						
GA						
HI	1.7	1.7	1,803	1,714	1,055	988
ID						
IL						
IN	6.6	6.8	6,891	7,181	1,049	1,057
IA	142.3	152.0	164,437	182,404	1,156	1,200
KS	503.0	569.3	549,343	665,922	1,092	1,170
KY	7.1	5.6	7,274	5,987	1,029	1,073
LA	2.6	2.5	2,162	1,993	825	809
MI						
MN	86.3	89.6	109,538	115,785	1,270	1,292
MS						
MO	18.2	15.6	20,314	16,939	1,119	1,086
MT	1.5	1.9	1,794	2,203	1,193	1,186
NE	523.7	522.1	607,744	637,035	1,160	1,220
NV	0.1	0.1	146	117	1,084	1,057
N ENG ^{2/}	3.5	3.3	3,871	3,771	1,098	1,145
NJ	1.8	1.3	2,110	1,570	1,158	1,203
NM	4.4	4.6	4,171	4,412	950	949
NY	5.3	5.9	5,805	6,251	1,090	1,053
NC	12.5	14.7	12,713	14,745	1,017	1,005
ND						
OH	17.0	12.6	18,825	14,106	1,105	1,118
OK	4.1	4.2	4,127	4,351	995	1,034
OR	2.1	1.4	2,592	1,615	1,212	1,168
PA	85.9	85.3	106,810	107,635	1,243	1,262
SC						
SD	22.4	20.6	26,868	24,499	1,202	1,191
TN						
TX	531.0	515.0	573,605	564,751	1,080	1,097
UT						
VA	1.8	2.0	1,661	1,895	917	962
WA	63.6	71.1	74,561	86,985	1,173	1,224
WV	1.0	1.1	1,031	1,093	1,005	1,002
WI	118.1	127.6	144,564	159,448	1,224	1,250
WY	0.3	0.3	390	363	1,130	1,159
US ^{3/}	2,775.3	2,859.5	3,165,418	3,378,466	1,141	1,181

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

^{2/} N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

^{3/} States with no data printed are still included in the U.S. total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1993 and 1994 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR	0.1	0.1	26	43	450	428
CA	6.9	5.9	2,380	2,180	345	369
CO						
DE-MD	0.9	0.6	338	254	394	415
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.1	9.6	4,259	4,034	420	420
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.9	2.0	975	866	520	430
MI	6.4	6.1	1,816	1,636	283	267
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	80	57	352	338
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	7.1	6.8	1,558	1,508	218	221
NJ	2.8	2.8	1,124	1,098	407	399
NM						
NY	21.4	21.0	6,053	6,816	283	325
NC	0.2	0.1	63	39	282	329
ND						
OH	6.3	6.3	3,148	3,260	502	521
OK						
OR						
PA	14.5	16.8	5,750	6,988	398	416
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.3	1.5	1,483	830	636	564
UT						
VA						
WA	2.0	1.4	1,099	661	551	472
WV						
WI	18.7	17.5	7,333	7,058	393	404
WY						
US ^{3/}	118.5	114.0	44,203	43,815	373	384

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

^{2/} N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1993 and 1994 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL	11.5	11.2	4,718	4,537	411	405
AZ	1.3	1.3	294	319	229	238
AR	21.9	19.3	7,765	7,142	354	371
CA	151.1	159.0	33,679	34,768	223	219
CO	4.2	4.1	1,033	1,008	247	245
DE-MD	27.9	23.7	6,347	5,469	227	231
FL	5.6	6.1	839	917	151	151
GA						
HI	3.2	3.5	605	687	187	197
ID						
IL	605.7	799.3	160,098	207,719	264	260
IN	418.7	324.1	104,097	79,023	249	244
IA	2,552.7	2,677.2	649,591	681,280	254	254
KS						
KY	252.6	238.5	65,882	63,099	261	265
LA	5.6	6.3	1,276	1,279	230	201
MI						
MN	780.1	708.4	185,127	170,418	237	241
MS						
MO						
MT	2.4	2.3	556	563	234	243
NE	475.7	500.7	116,792	124,091	246	248
NV	0.1	0.1	23	32	195	218
N ENG ^{2/}	3.8	2.6	974	576	255	219
NJ						
NM	0.4	0.2	74	34	211	226
NY	5.3	4.7	1,270	1,131	238	242
NC	474.0	594.8	118,860	149,361	251	251
ND	6.0	5.0	1,392	1,156	233	233
OH	232.9	136.0	59,721	34,844	256	256
OK	17.9	14.6	5,846	4,996	327	341
OR	15.0	11.5	3,898	2,642	260	229
PA	185.4	193.3	44,189	46,888	238	243
SC						
SD	466.6	516.6	117,713	131,185	252	254
TN						
TX	26.2	33.7	9,341	11,403	356	339
UT						
VA	348.7	384.5	84,308	95,180	242	248
WA						
WV	1.5	1.3	579	497	381	369
WI	33.3	35.1	12,474	13,458	374	384
WY	0.4	0.4	104	102	255	252
US ^{3/}	8,139.2	8,329.9	2,053,185	2,111,116	252	253

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

^{2/} N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

^{3/} States with no data printed are still included in the U.S. total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1993 and 1994 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL						
AZ	0.2	0.2	18	21	93	113
AR						
CA						
CO	142.9	174.7	20,016	24,749	140	142
DE-MD						
FL	0.1	0.1	13	12	97	105
GA						
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	46	45	123	106
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	0.2	0.3	24	31	124	122
KY	1.0	1.0	124	127	120	127
LA	0.7	0.7	81	79	113	111
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.2	29	23	131	114
NE	0.1	0.1	12	12	115	117
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	2.5	4.3	276	464	110	109
NJ	11.7	12.4	1,065	1,095	91	88
NM	6.6	4.4	722	479	110	109
NY	8.4	9.2	882	958	105	105
NC	0.2	0.3	15	24	89	87
ND	0.1	0.1	12	7	121	112
OH	1.7	1.4	177	143	107	104
OK	0.2	0.1	22	19	123	130
OR	0.5	0.4	61	47	134	123
PA	8.2	9.7	841	985	102	101
SC						
SD	16.8	19.0	2,171	2,389	129	126
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.6	1.8	169	192	106	106
WA						
WV						
WI	0.6	0.4	64	52	113	117
WY	0.1	0.1	15	10	125	122
US ^{3/}	488.8	529.7	63,157	69,568	129	131

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

^{2/} N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
United States

Item	: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :					: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :				
	Mar : 1993:	Feb : 1994:	Mar : 1994:	1993 :	1994 :	Mar : 1993:	Feb : 1994:	Mar : 1994:	1993 :	1994 :
----- 1,000 Head ----- Percent of Total -----										
Class <u>2/</u>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,403	1,269	1,405	3,937	4,044	51.7	50.8	50.2	51.0	50.7
Heifers	730	726	812	2,138	2,305	26.9	29.0	29.0	27.7	28.9
Dairy Cows	285	248	276	806	780	10.5	9.9	9.9	10.4	9.8
Other Cows	244	211	249	698	702	9.0	8.4	8.9	9.0	8.8
Bulls & Stags	51	45	56	144	148	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8
Total <u>1/</u>	2,712	2,501	2,799	7,723	7,979	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,571	6,439	7,733	21,431	21,099	95.1	94.9	94.9	95.1	95.0
Sows	310	274	326	884	895	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
Stags & Boars	77	70	88	213	221	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Total <u>1/</u>	7,958	6,783	8,147	22,528	22,215	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	20	18	24	59	62	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.7
Lambs & Yrlings	455	390	491	1,181	1,245	95.7	95.5	95.4	95.2	95.3
Total <u>1/</u>	476	408	515	1,241	1,307	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight: <u>3/</u>	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle	675	711	706	684	711					
Steers <u>4/</u>	717	768	762	731	769					
Heifers <u>4/</u>	665	698	699	673	702					
All Cows <u>4/</u>	558	557	550	558	550					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	861	879	877	865	878					
Calves & Vealers	219	229	230	219	229					
Hogs	183	185	185	183	185					
Barrow & Glts <u>5/</u>	178	180	180	178	180					
Sows <u>5/</u>	288	288	296	291	294					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	206	212	201	210	207					
Sheep	65	65	66	65	65					
Mature Sheep <u>6/</u>	57	57	58	57	57					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	66	65	66	65	65					

1/ Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

2/ Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

3/ Based on packer reports.

4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

5/ Included in hogs average dressed weight.

6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Regions and United States,
March 1994

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
1,000 Head							
1	3.1	0.2	0.2	2.4	0.1	0.2	6.8
2	6.9	1.1	0.3	5.0		0.5	23.7
3	89.7	37.6	6.9	33.8	9.3	2.1	19.3
4	74.2	2.5	3.5	24.7	34.6	8.9	1.1
5	346.0	143.7	45.9	110.1	32.8	13.5	3/
6	520.1	292.6	151.4	14.1	51.5	10.4	3/
7	1,248.7	696.9	455.7	27.0	59.7	9.5	53.2
8	281.9	122.9	100.9	8.5	44.0	5.6	
9	4/						3/
10	228.5	107.7	47.6	50.6	16.9	5.6	7.4
US 2/	2,799.1	1,405.3	812.4	276.1	249.0	56.3	111.6

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	6/				4.2	0.8	3.3
2	12.5	12.2	0.2		21.4	3.4	18.1
3	600.6	585.6	15.0	0.1	5/		
4	6/				5/		
5	3,388.6	3,178.6	180.5	29.5	69.2	7.0	62.2
6	48.4	25.5	22.5	0.4	5/		
7	6/				124.1	7.8	116.3
8	3,920.4	3,755.7	106.3	58.3	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	177.0	175.5	1.5		296.5	4.9	291.6
US 2/	8,147.5	7,733.1	326.0	88.4	515.4	23.9	491.5

- 1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR & WA.
- 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 3/ Regions 5-7 and 9-10 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 4/ Regions 9-10 combined for cattle to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 5/ Regions 3-5, 6-7 and 8-10 combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 6/ Regions 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Regions and United States.
January - March 1994 *

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>2/</u>
	1,000 Head						
1	8.8	0.8	0.6	6.7	0.1	0.6	16.2
2	18.6	3.2	1.0	12.9	0.1	1.4	59.6
3	244.5	101.6	17.0	94.6	25.9	5.4	54.1
4	199.3	6.1	9.3	69.6	92.5	21.7	4.8
5	959.9	387.8	141.3	306.1	90.7	33.9	<u>3/</u>
6	1,506.4	830.1	457.0	43.3	147.3	28.7	<u>3/</u>
7	3,562.6	2,012.6	1,280.7	76.3	168.2	24.9	147.7
8	827.5	388.7	272.2	24.5	126.5	15.7	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	651.2	313.1	125.9	146.3	50.8	15.2	22.0
US <u>2/</u>	7,978.8	4,044.0	2,304.9	780.3	702.0	147.6	304.5

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	<u>6/</u>				7.1	1.8	5.3
2	36.2	35.4	0.6	0.1	45.7	9.7	36.0
3	1,606.9	1,563.0	43.9	0.1	<u>5/</u>		
4	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
5	9,345.3	8,777.2	496.0	72.1	204.0	18.0	186.0
6	130.3	69.3	59.6	1.3	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				297.9	21.0	276.9
8	10,565.7	10,126.9	291.5	147.3	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	531.0	527.1	3.7	0.2	752.5	11.5	741.0
US <u>2/</u>	22,215.5	21,098.9	895.3	221.2	1,307.2	62.0	1,245.3

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR & WA.

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6/ Regions 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
March 1994 ^{1/}

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total ^{2/}	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total ^{2/}
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	32.8	31.9	0.8				
AR	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.3	
CA	72.8	19.9	6.6	37.0	7.1	2.2	5.8
CO	201.2	97.3	83.9	0.5	19.3	0.2	
DE-MD	3.7	2.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6
FL							
GA							
HI	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	
ID							
IL							9.5
IN							
IA	150.6	69.9	57.2	19.1	2.5	1.9	
KS	564.9	355.6	207.1	0.4	1.7	0.1	
KY	4.7	0.8	3.2	0.2	0.5		
LA							
MI							6.1
MN	86.5	32.3	12.3	20.3	16.1	5.4	
MS							
MO	13.3	1.2	0.6	3.3	7.0	1.1	
MT	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	
NE	519.9	270.2	190.7	4.2	48.5	6.4	
NV	0.1	0.1					
N ENG ^{2/}	3.1	0.2	0.2	2.4	0.1	0.2	6.8
NJ	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.4		0.2	
NM	4.4	1.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	0.3	
NY	5.6	0.5	0.3	4.6		0.3	21.0
NC	13.0	0.4		2.4	7.4	2.7	
ND							
OH	5.9	0.3	0.5	4.0	0.7	0.4	6.1
OK	1.3	0.3		0.5	0.4	0.1	
OR	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
PA	84.9	34.8	6.3	33.2	8.8	1.9	16.8
SC							
SD	18.7	0.1	0.1	2.1	14.1	2.3	
TN							
TX	511.8	290.9	150.8	11.6	48.7	9.8	1.1
UT							
VA							
WA	71.0	34.0	27.5	4.7	4.1	0.5	1.4
WV	0.1						
WI	123.2	38.8	3.6	66.2	8.6	6.1	17.4
WY							
US ^{3/}	2,799.1	1,405.3	812.4	276.1	249.0	56.3	111.6

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^{3/} States with no data printed are still included in the U.S. total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
March 1994 ^{1/}

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ^{2/}	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ^{2/}	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.6	0.2	7.0	1.3			
AZ							
AR	18.7	11.0	7.6				
CA	152.7	151.7	1.0				
CO	3.5	3.3	0.2		174.7		174.7
DE-MD	23.7	23.6	0.1				
FL							
GA							
HI	2.4	2.4					
ID					0.2		0.2
IL	761.9	686.2	52.6	23.1			
IN	318.0	317.6	0.4				
IA	2,673.4	2,553.3	61.7	58.3			
KS							
KY	237.7	224.3	13.4		1.0	0.6	0.3
LA							
MI							
MN	704.3	704.3					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.7	1.6	0.1		0.1		0.1
NE	498.7	498.6	0.1				
NV	0.1	0.1					
N ENG ^{2/}	2.3	2.2			4.2	0.8	3.3
NJ					12.3	1.9	10.4
NM					2.1	1.7	0.4
NY	4.3	4.2	0.1		9.1	1.5	7.7
NC	570.5	561.8	8.7				
ND	4.4	4.4					
OH	122.7	110.4	10.3	2.1	0.3		0.3
OK	10.7	4.9	5.8				
OR	11.3	11.0	0.2		0.2		0.2
PA	192.9	191.2	1.7		9.7	0.7	9.0
SC							
SD	514.8	480.9	33.9		18.8		18.8
TN							
TX	18.8	9.4	9.0	0.4			
UT							
VA	383.8	370.7	13.0		1.7	0.1	1.6
WA							
WV					0.3	0.2	0.1
WI	28.7	0.4	28.1	0.2			
WY							
US ^{3/}	8,147.5	7,733.1	326.0	88.4	515.4	23.9	491.5

^{1/} Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

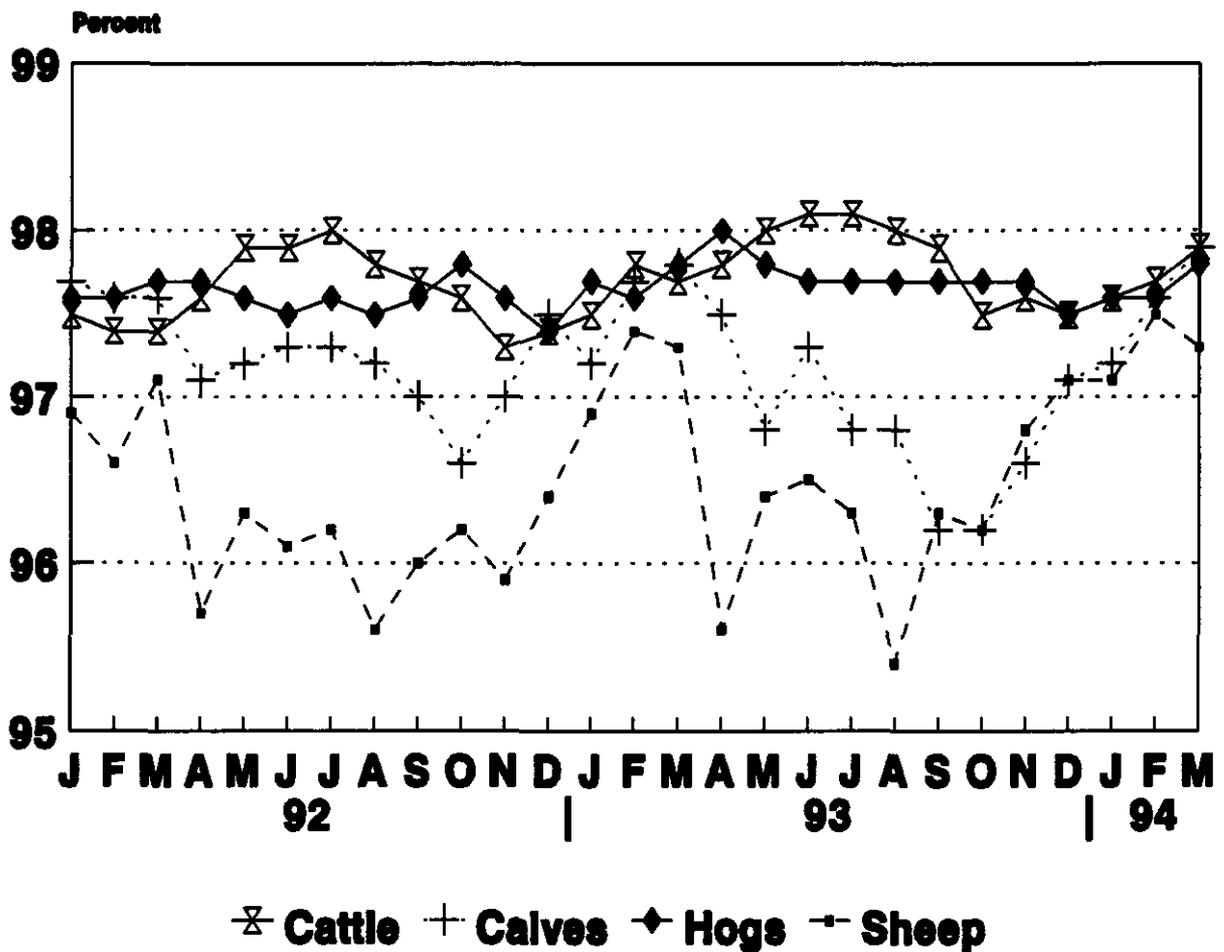
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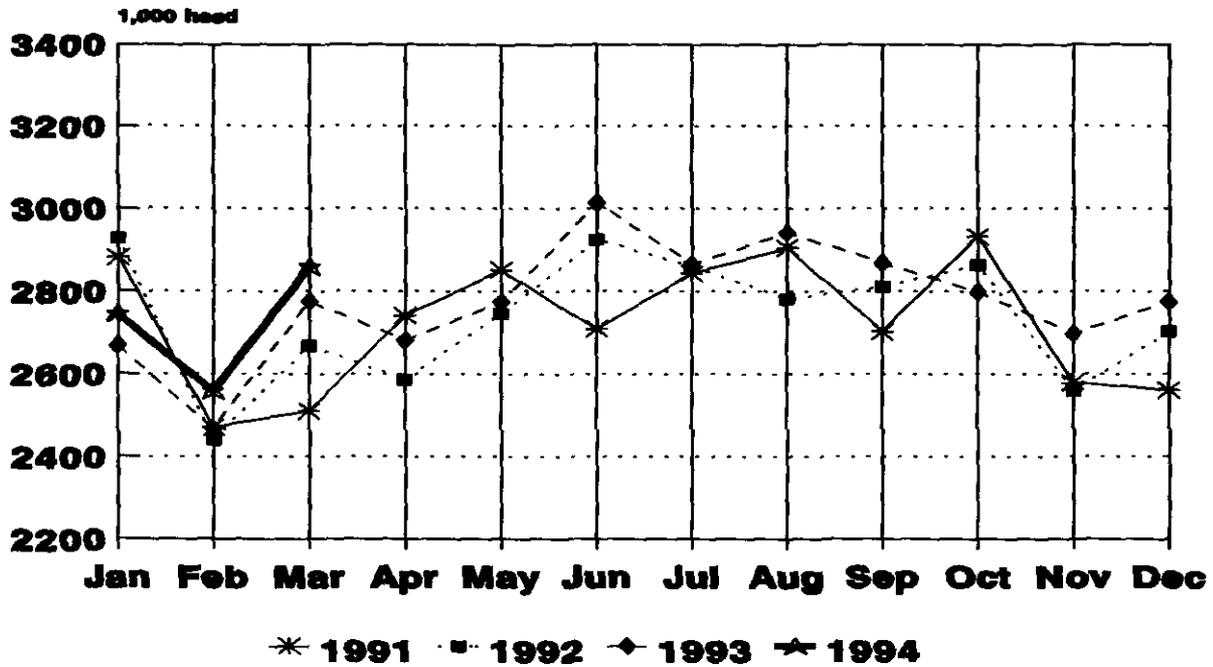
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter
By Species, United States

Species	Mar	Feb	Mar	Jan - Mar	
	1993	1994	1994	1993	1994
Percent					
Cattle	97.7	97.7	97.9	97.6	97.8
Calves	97.8	97.6	97.9	97.6	97.6
Hogs	97.8	97.6	97.8	97.7	97.7
Sheep	97.3	97.5	97.3	97.2	97.3

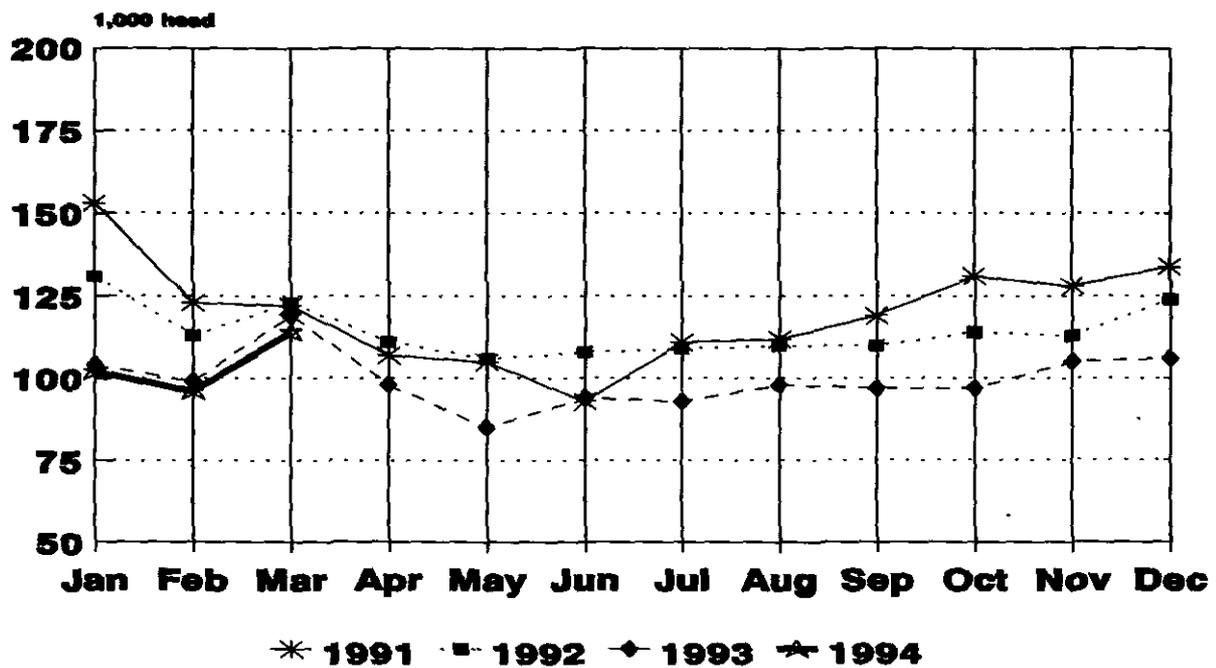
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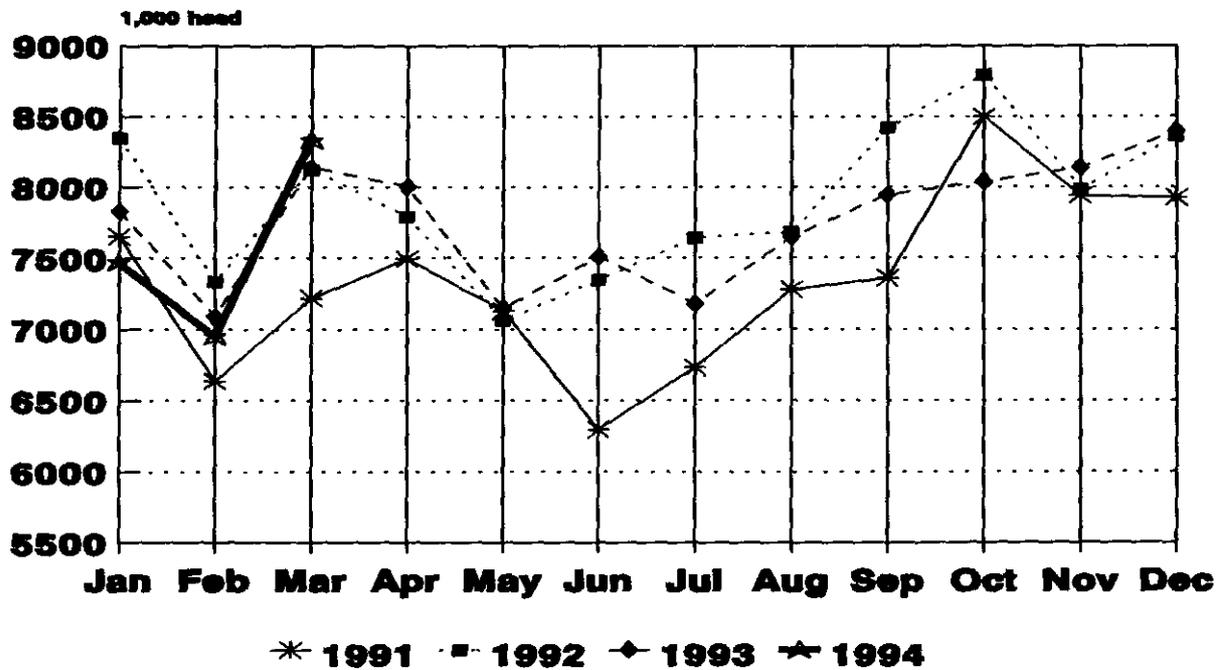
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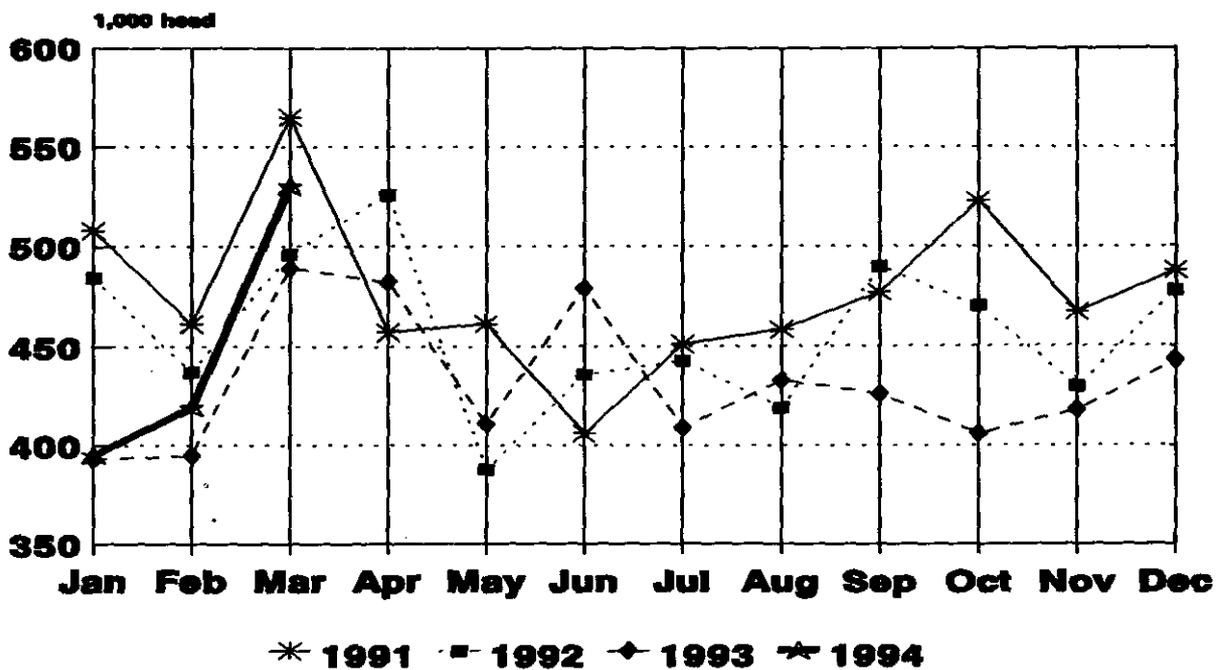
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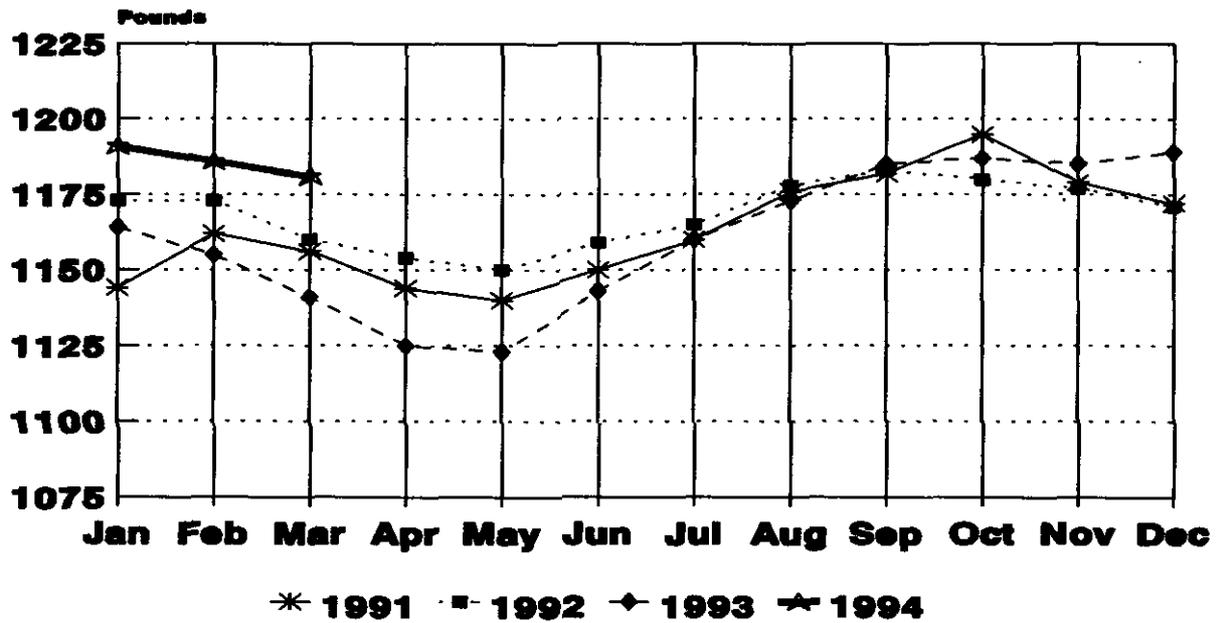
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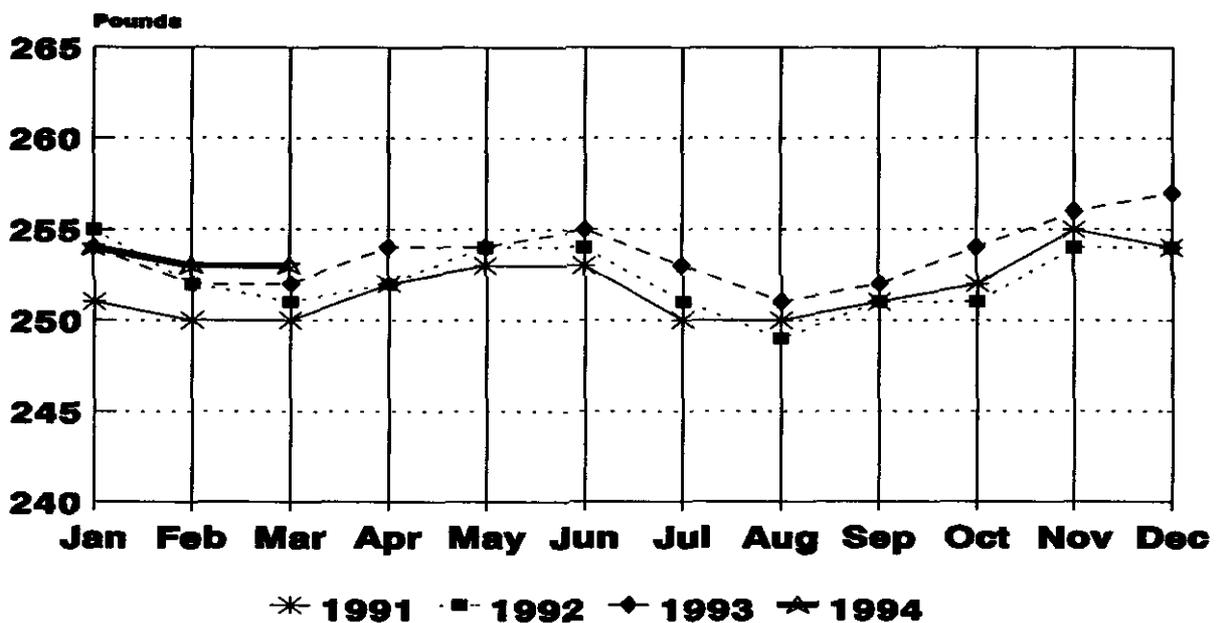
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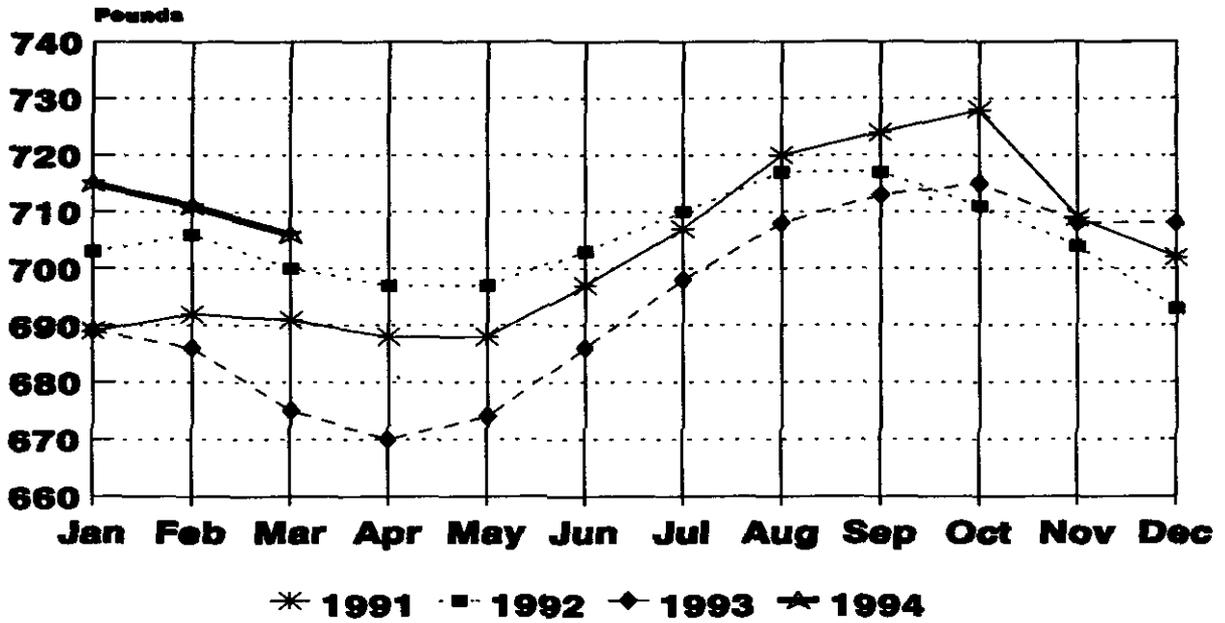
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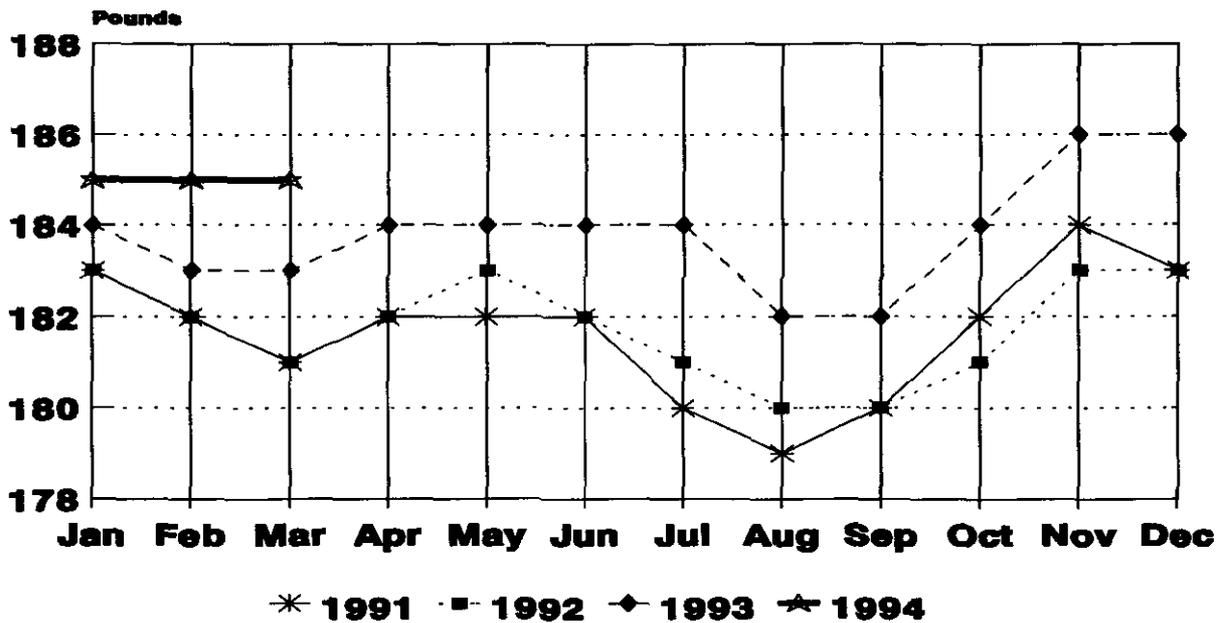
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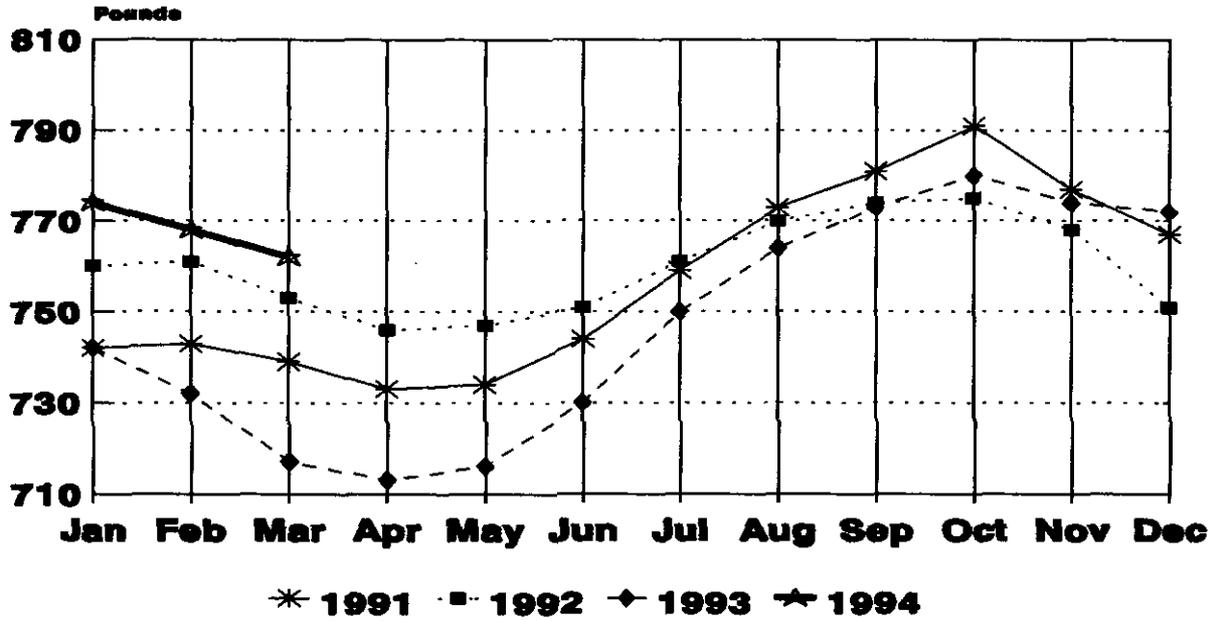
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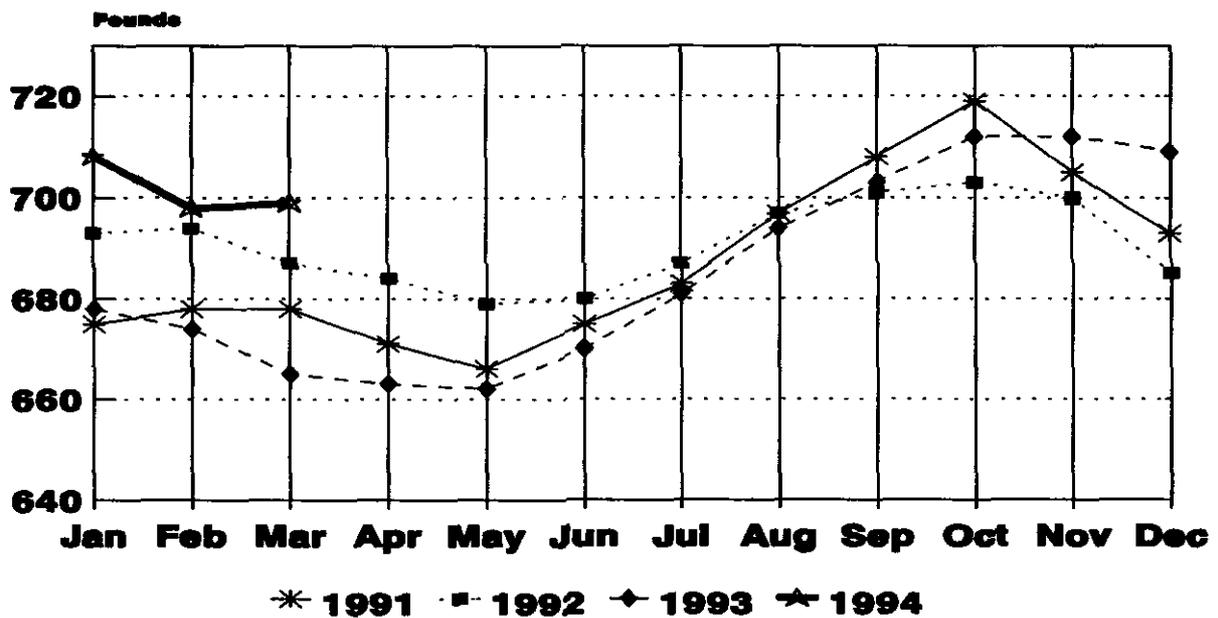
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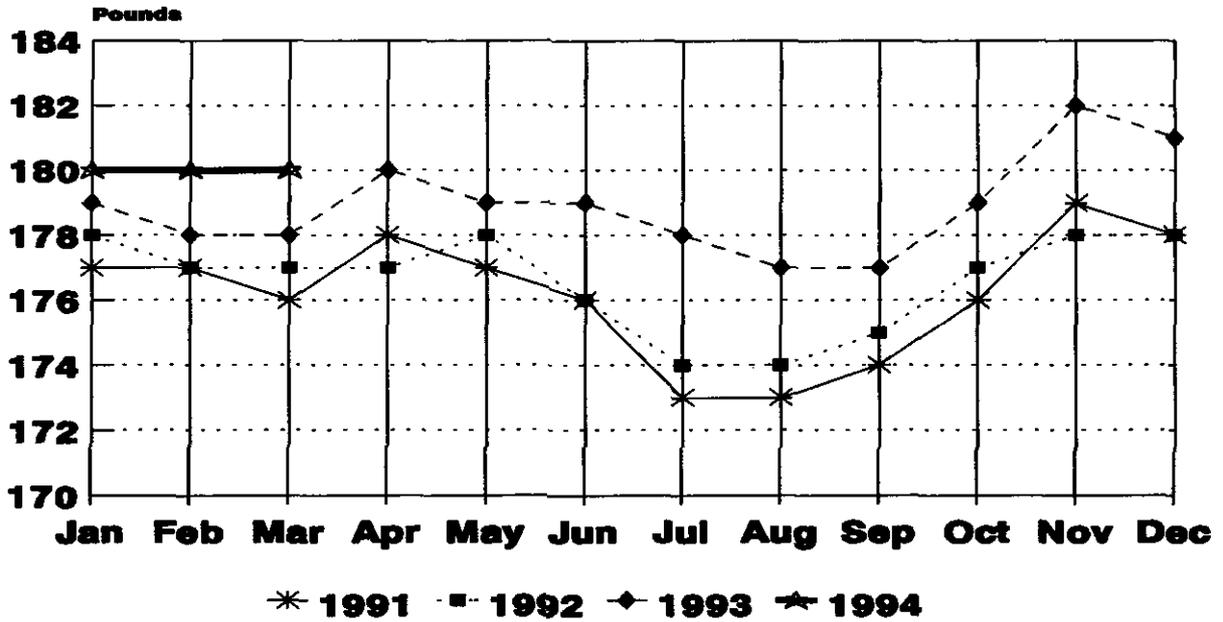
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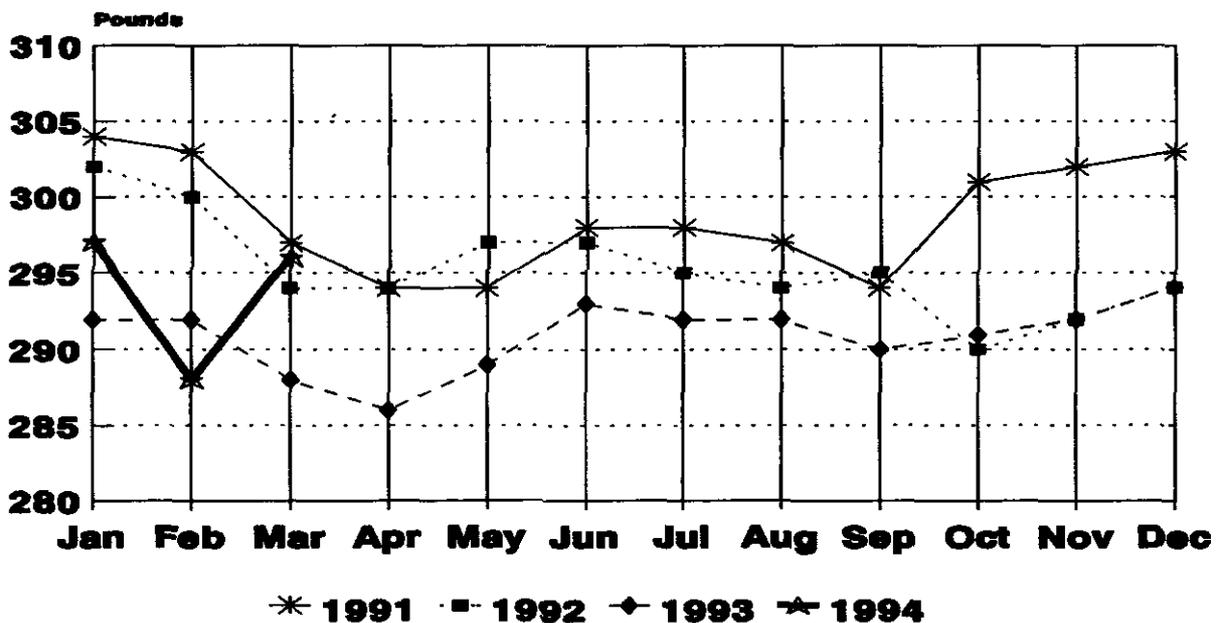
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report (LS-149)** questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,200 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 3,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmadge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 22). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one-half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for follow-up telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 15 percent and for hogs about 10 percent. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable.

Head kill for FI slaughter before condemnation is for the actual days of the survey month, while head kill after condemnation and live and dressed weight data are for full weeks only. Average live and dressed weight and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous week as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the kind of animal reported.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release, while NFI data are summarized monthly only. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants, and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Generally, no data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. These data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the reported data is made annually.

Types of Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Is usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last ten years; running about 1.547 head per 100 head for calves, .359 per 100 for cattle, .336 per 100 for hogs and .500 per 100 for sheep. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected; and further, meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with federal (USDA) standards.

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