

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Sets Record High for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.43 billion pounds during May. This production was 1 percent above the record high set in May 1984.

May 1994 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 1993 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 1.99 billion pounds. This was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.83 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 49 pounds to 1,172 pounds.

Veal production totaled 22.0 million pounds. This production was up 14 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 92,500 head, up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 9 pounds to 409 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.40 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.56 million head, 6 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 28.0 million pounds, was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 434,500 head, up 6 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 130 pounds.

January-May red meat production was 16.9 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent, veal was up 3 percent, pork was up slightly, and lamb and mutton was up 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	May	Apr	May	:May 94 % of:		Jan - May <u>2/</u>		:94 as % of 93
	1993	1994	1994	May	Apr	1993	1994	
	-- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,857	1,902	1,985	107	104	8,997	9,631	107
Veal	19	22	22	114	103	111	114	103
Pork	1,309	1,432	1,397	107	98	6,978	7,011	100
Lamb & Mutton	27	27	28	104	105	139	141	102
Total Red Meat	3,212	3,382	3,432	107	101	16,224	16,897	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	May	Apr	May	:May 94 % of:		Jan - May <u>2/</u>		:94 as % of 93
	1993	1994	1994	May	Apr	1993	1994	
	-- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,826	1,869	1,954	107	105	8,827	9,466	107
Veal	19	21	22	114	103	108	111	103
Pork	1,283	1,404	1,368	107	97	6,839	6,868	100
Lamb & Mutton	26	26	27	104	105	136	138	102
Total Red Meat	3,154	3,321	3,371	107	102	15,910	16,583	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	: May 94 % of:		: Jan - May <u>2/</u>				: 94 % : of 93	
		May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	1993		1994
		Percent						P'cnt	
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,720.0	2,655.7	2,780.4	102	105	13,066.6	13,414.9	103
Other	:Thou:	54.4	56.6	54.2	100	96	298.5	293.3	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,774.4	2,712.3	2,834.6	102	105	13,365.1	13,708.3	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,126	1,178	1,175	104	99	1,145	1,185	103
Other	:Lbs :	1,010	1,039	1,024	101	99	1,017	1,026	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,123	1,175	1,172	104	100	1,141	1,181	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	81.8	91.6	90.2	110	98	490.9	486.2	99
Other	:Thou:	2.7	2.7	2.4	89	89	12.9	12.6	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	84.5	94.3	92.5	110	98	503.8	498.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	398	391	408	102	104	377	391	103
Other	:Lbs :	417	393	422	101	107	407	397	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	400	392	409	102	104	378	390	103
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	6,988.3	7,608.8	7,379.8	106	97	37,356.8	37,204.0	100
Other	:Thou:	158.8	172.9	179.6	113	104	850.5	882.3	104
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	7,147.1	7,781.7	7,559.3	106	97	38,207.3	38,086.4	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	254	256	255	100	99	254	255	100
Other	:Lbs :	227	225	226	100	100	231	229	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	254	255	255	100	100	253	254	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	396.3	401.7	417.8	105	104	2,097.8	2,126.7	101
Other	:Thou:	14.6	17.7	16.7	114	94	71.4	70.5	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	410.9	419.4	434.5	106	104	2,169.2	2,197.3	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	133	131	131	98	100	130	131	100
Other	:Lbs :	94	90	97	103	108	97	96	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	131	129	130	99	101	129	130	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	May	Apr	May	May 94 as % of	
	1993	1994	1994	May 1993	Apr 1994
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	3,115	3,327	3,181	102	96
AZ	20,228	21,571	22,386	111	104
AR	4,907	4,987	5,098	104	102
CA	72,722	75,371	78,374	108	104
CO	139,052	152,048	152,577	110	100
DE-MD	6,436	6,096	6,388	99	105
FL	2,651	3,376	3,485	131	103
GA	32,699	38,468	36,122	110	94
HI	1,479	1,335	1,302	88	97
ID	34,819	37,662	42,079	121	112
IL	169,219	210,868	210,718	125	100
IN	67,428	64,904	62,693	93	97
IA	527,471	596,804	575,281	109	96
KS	377,369	408,035	440,657	117	108
KY	43,932	44,362	43,823	100	99
LA	2,115	1,862	1,949	92	105
MI	65,559	79,131	74,264	113	94
MN	168,869	155,083	161,025	95	104
MS	22,852	27,129	26,805	117	99
MO	59,785	32,976	31,927	53	97
MT	1,237	1,559	1,644	133	105
NE	453,946	445,976	480,293	106	108
NV	151	73	154	101	210
N ENG ^{2/}	2,958	2,852	3,246	110	114
NJ	2,691	2,251	2,591	96	115
NM	2,145	2,495	2,665	124	107
NY	5,855	7,282	6,610	113	91
NC	87,229	98,982	96,723	111	98
ND	8,448	8,595	6,873	81	80
OH	47,108	30,011	28,769	61	96
OK	4,357	4,401	4,428	102	101
OR	4,414	2,596	2,701	61	104
PA	86,374	88,271	89,069	103	101
SC	14,059	12,855	13,261	94	103
SD	85,492	100,159	96,435	113	96
TN	15,882	17,367	18,172	114	105
TX	362,533	351,155	359,524	99	102
UT	31,621	36,425	36,574	116	100
VA	45,541	66,399	66,605	146	100
WA	47,886	52,678	54,312	113	103
WV	1,191	1,308	1,148	96	88
WI	77,861	82,638	79,689	102	96
WY	288	290	331	115	114
US	3,211,978	3,382,013	3,431,951	107	101

^{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.
May 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	0.8	1.0	703	830	873	848
AZ	30.2	32.9	33,811	37,463	1,119	1,139
AR	1.4	2.3	1,287	2,244	937	980
CA	69.6	74.2	85,116	91,589	1,223	1,235
CO	188.1	191.4	212,418	226,637	1,129	1,184
DE-MD	3.1	3.0	3,779	3,599	1,215	1,204
FL						
GA						
HI	1.8	1.5	1,783	1,453	997	991
ID						
IL						
IN	5.5	6.1	5,751	6,487	1,037	1,059
IA	139.6	141.0	153,726	169,417	1,101	1,202
KS	543.4	593.8	600,486	696,950	1,105	1,174
KY	4.5	4.8	4,803	5,226	1,078	1,084
LA	2.3	2.0	1,869	1,620	817	825
MI						
MN	82.1	82.9	100,843	104,499	1,228	1,261
MS						
MO	15.0	10.7	16,524	11,845	1,104	1,108
MT	1.4	1.9	1,733	2,335	1,276	1,246
NE	548.4	546.2	619,285	652,077	1,129	1,194
NV	0.1	0.1	163	158	1,110	1,097
N ENG ^{2/}	3.1	3.2	3,442	3,609	1,113	1,132
NJ	1.7	1.3	2,127	1,576	1,228	1,187
NM	3.5	4.8	3,521	4,684	1,017	968
NY	5.0	6.0	5,448	6,271	1,091	1,047
NC	11.1	11.3	11,527	11,657	1,042	1,032
ND						
OH	14.1	10.4	15,764	11,664	1,116	1,123
OK	3.4	4.0	3,498	3,890	1,025	965
OR	3.0	1.4	3,627	1,684	1,207	1,163
PA	81.2	78.6	99,895	98,600	1,230	1,254
SC						
SD	18.0	20.4	22,512	23,269	1,252	1,142
TN						
TX	539.0	518.6	575,575	571,311	1,068	1,102
UT						
VA	1.4	1.8	1,297	1,762	942	1,005
WA	67.2	73.2	76,902	88,646	1,145	1,211
WV	0.8	0.9	840	853	1,010	989
WI	106.8	104.9	130,686	129,633	1,224	1,236
WY	0.3	0.4	377	434	1,138	1,142
US ^{3/}	2,774.4	2,834.6	3,116,887	3,321,550	1,123	1,172

^{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.
May 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	44	26	483	442
CA	4.7	7.1	1,620	2,677	342	379
CO						
DE-MD	0.5	0.7	213	280	430	422
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.1	8.9	3,569	3,523	442	397
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.0	2.0	1,055	928	525	460
MI	3.8	4.2	1,320	1,371	349	325
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1	0.1	54	53	364	371
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	3.9	4.3	874	1,257	223	290
NJ	2.7	2.8	1,125	1,242	420	438
NM						
NY	11.6	12.0	3,633	4,468	313	371
NC	0.2	0.1	58	40	281	327
ND						
OH	5.2	5.3	2,620	2,783	503	526
OK	0.1	0.1	58	48	425	406
OR						
PA	10.9	12.4	4,483	5,127	412	413
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.1	2.0	1,282	1,335	623	656
UT						
VA						
WA	1.2	1.6	671	757	562	485
WV						
WI	14.6	15.0	5,822	6,155	398	410
WY						
US ^{3/}	84.5	92.5	33,792	37,822	400	409

^{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 Hog Slaughter: By States and United States,
May 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	10.0	10.1	3,959	4,164	397	411
AZ	1.1	1.0	252	245	240	234
AR	18.7	16.5	6,392	6,013	341	363
CA	144.5	152.2	33,013	33,603	228	221
CO	3.7	4.0	887	911	241	229
DE-MD	24.6	23.9	5,554	5,616	226	235
FL	4.7	4.5	824	994	175	220
GA						
HI	3.3	3.5	665	690	199	196
ID						
IL	528.8	717.8	141,060	188,889	267	263
IN	348.3	309.4	85,793	75,498	246	244
IA	2,297.9	2,491.8	597,034	642,902	260	258
KS						
KY	217.9	215.9	56,933	56,246	261	261
LA	3.7	4.2	798	858	218	205
MI						
MN	640.9	588.0	151,791	140,039	237	238
MS						
MO						
MT	1.9	2.3	445	585	231	250
NE	434.6	472.0	108,056	117,593	249	249
NV	0.3	0.3	63	69	199	209
N ENG ^{2/}	3.8	3.5	968	877	255	254
NJ						
NM	0.2	0.1	37	31	220	214
NY	4.9	4.9	1,109	1,087	226	223
NC	458.4	506.1	112,990	126,622	246	250
ND	5.0	5.9	1,140	1,343	229	227
OH	196.1	112.1	49,303	28,594	251	255
OK	12.4	12.0	3,876	4,178	314	349
OR	13.6	11.3	3,504	2,642	258	233
PA	163.6	179.4	39,141	42,939	239	239
SC						
SD	397.0	456.2	101,683	116,472	256	255
TN						
TX	20.5	30.0	7,133	9,954	348	331
UT						
VA	247.9	357.6	59,841	87,543	241	245
WA						
WV	1.2	1.2	451	429	371	362
WI	30.9	34.5	12,126	13,391	392	388
WY	0.3	0.4	89	108	255	294
US ^{3/}	7,147.1	7,559.3	1,814,847	1,924,163	254	255

^{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,
May 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	0.1	0.1	12	13	107	116
AR						
CA						
CO	125.3	154.4	18,345	22,316	146	144
DE-MD						
FL	0.1	0.1	5	4	66	71
GA	0.1	0.1	6	12	102	87
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	39	40	97	103
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	0.2	0.3	26	31	120	117
KY	1.2	1.1	163	149	132	134
LA	0.3	0.3	26	25	86	91
MI						
MN	21.8	0.1	2,994	14	138	114
MS						
MO						
MT	0.1	0.2	16	25	117	115
NE	0.1	0.1	13	12	109	111
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	1.9	2.9	202	302	104	102
NJ	10.7	11.5	1,020	1,043	96	91
NM	6.2	3.8	650	426	105	112
NY	5.6	3.8	577	382	103	101
NC	0.2	0.2	15	17	91	87
ND	0.1	0.1	7	10	111	119
OH	1.3	1.2	136	120	101	101
OK	0.1	0.1	13	9	124	111
OR	0.4	0.4	51	55	129	123
PA	5.9	6.2	603	583	101	94
SC						
SD	14.0	16.1	1,712	2,039	122	127
TN						
TX						
UT	5.2	4.8	647	615	125	127
VA	2.2	1.9	225	211	104	111
WA						
WV						
WI	0.4	0.9	43	107	116	120
WY	0.1	0.1	10	14	120	130
US ^{3/}	410.9	434.5	54,022	56,693	131	130

^{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.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
United States

Item	: May : Apr :		: May : Jan - May 1/:		: May : Apr :		: May : Jan - May 1/:			
	1993:	1994:	1994:	1993 :	1994 :	1993:	1994:	1994:	1993:	1994
Class 2/	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Cattle										
Steers	1,475	1,418	1,546	6,790	7,008	54.2	53.4	55.6	52.0	52.2
Heifers	751	736	745	3,594	3,786	27.6	27.7	26.8	27.5	28.2
Dairy Cows	215	225	212	1,274	1,218	7.9	8.5	7.6	9.7	9.1
Other Cows	228	223	223	1,162	1,148	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.9	8.6
Bulls & Stags	52	53	54	247	255	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	2,720	2,656	2,780	13,067	13,415	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	6,642	7,250	7,021	35,540	35,371	95.0	95.3	95.1	95.1	95.1
Sows	274	280	288	1,451	1,463	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9
Stags & Boars	72	78	71	366	370	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	6,988	7,609	7,380	37,357	37,204	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	24	23	28	108	113	6.1	5.8	6.6	5.2	5.3
Lambs & Yrlings	372	378	390	1,990	2,014	93.9	94.2	93.4	94.8	94.7
Total 1/	396	402	418	2,098	2,127	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight: 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle										
Steers 4/	674	707	706	679	709					
Heifers 4/	716	759	756	724	764					
All Cows 4/	662	700	693	669	700					
Bulls & Stags 4/	537	544	533	551	545					
Bulls & Stags 4/	873	867	864	869	873					
Calves & Vealers	234	233	243	223	233					
Hogs										
Barrow & Glts 5/	184	185	186	183	185					
Sows 5/	179	180	181	179	180					
Sows 5/	289	293	295	290	294					
Stags & Boars 5/	211	211	216	210	210					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep 6/	67	65	65	65	65					
Mature Sheep 6/	58	58	58	57	58					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	67	66	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,
May 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	3.0	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.3	<u>3/</u>
2	7.0	1.3	0.4	4.5	0.1	0.8	19.2
3	82.2	42.9	6.4	26.0	4.8	2.2	<u>3/</u>
4	63.2	1.8	3.0	20.1	29.8	8.5	16.2
5	318.0	148.8	50.6	80.3	26.0	12.4	<u>3/</u>
6	523.2	305.9	141.1	10.4	55.9	10.0	<u>3/</u>
7	1,283.2	782.1	419.8	19.4	52.7	9.2	46.1
8	261.9	133.4	86.4	5.3	32.1	4.6	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	238.7	129.9	37.1	43.9	21.7	6.2	8.7
US <u>2/</u>	2,780.4	1,546.3	744.9	212.0	223.1	54.1	90.2

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>				2.5	0.8	1.7
2	<u>6/</u>				14.8	4.2	10.6
3	574.9	561.9	12.9		<u>5/</u>		
4	1,036.9	960.1	75.1	1.7	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				52.7	9.1	43.6
6	1,969.4	1,836.2	109.2	24.0	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				91.2	8.1	83.1
8	3,629.8	3,496.0	89.0	44.8	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	168.8	166.9	1.8	0.1	256.6	5.5	251.1
US <u>2/</u>	7,379.8	7,021.2	287.9	70.6	417.8	27.6	390.2

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Regions and United States,
January - May 1994 *

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>3/</u>
	1,000 Head						
1	14.6	1.3	1.0	10.9	0.3	1.2	<u>3/</u>
2	32.0	5.6	1.7	21.9	0.2	2.6	118.2
3	410.7	185.8	29.0	147.2	38.7	9.9	<u>3/</u>
4	327.6	9.6	15.5	109.5	153.8	39.3	91.4
5	1,595.5	685.5	232.4	476.1	142.4	59.0	<u>3/</u>
6	2,541.6	1,426.8	740.3	65.2	259.9	49.5	<u>3/</u>
7	6,027.9	3,494.0	2,106.8	117.9	267.2	42.1	238.9
8	1,350.7	640.0	455.8	36.7	193.9	24.3	0.1
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	1,114.3	559.4	203.8	232.3	91.8	26.9	37.7
US <u>2/</u>	13,414.9	7,008.0	3,786.2	1,217.6	1,148.1	255.0	486.2

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>				12.7	3.4	9.3
2	<u>6/</u>				79.4	17.7	61.8
3	2,776.8	2,708.4	67.9	0.4	<u>5/</u>		
4	5,284.0	4,889.9	387.6	6.6	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				316.6	34.2	282.4
6	10,262.0	9,615.4	528.6	118.0	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				479.7	36.1	443.6
8	18,009.3	17,291.9	472.5	244.9	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	871.9	865.0	6.7	0.3	1,238.3	21.5	1,216.8
US <u>2/</u>	37,204.0	35,370.6	1,463.2	370.3	2,126.7	112.9	2,013.9

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
 May 1994 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>2/</u>
1,000 Head							
AL							
AZ	32.4	31.7	0.7				
AR	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.2	
CA	73.7	23.6	4.1	32.5	10.7	2.8	7.0
CO	190.8	109.9	69.3	0.5	10.9	0.2	
DE-MD	3.0	2.2	0.4	0.2		0.1	0.7
FL							
GA							
HI	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	
ID							
IL							8.8
IN							
IA	140.3	71.0	50.4	15.9	0.1	2.9	
KS	589.7	400.9	187.1	0.1	1.4	0.1	
KY	4.0	0.8	2.8	0.3	0.2		
LA							
MI							4.2
MN	80.1	32.2	12.9	15.9	13.7	5.4	
MS							
MO	9.0	1.0	0.5	1.3	5.3	0.9	
MT	1.1	0.3	0.2		0.4	0.2	
NE	544.2	309.3	181.8	2.1	45.8	5.3	
NV	0.1	0.1					
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.0	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.3	4.3
NJ	1.3	0.7	0.1	0.3		0.2	
NM	4.6	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	
NY	5.7	0.5	0.3	4.2	0.1	0.5	12.0
NC	10.5	0.2		2.6	4.8	2.8	
ND							
OH	4.1	0.3	0.5	2.3	0.6	0.4	5.2
OK	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	
OR	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	
PA	78.4	40.5	5.9	25.5	4.4	2.0	12.4
SC							
SD	18.8	0.1	0.1	1.6	14.7	2.4	
TN							
TX	515.0	303.7	140.5	8.3	53.2	9.3	1.6
UT							
VA							
WA	73.1	43.2	21.7	3.9	3.7	0.5	1.6
WV	0.1						
WI	100.4	39.1	4.3	46.3	5.7	5.1	15.0
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	2,780.4	1,546.3	744.9	212.0	223.1	54.1	90.2

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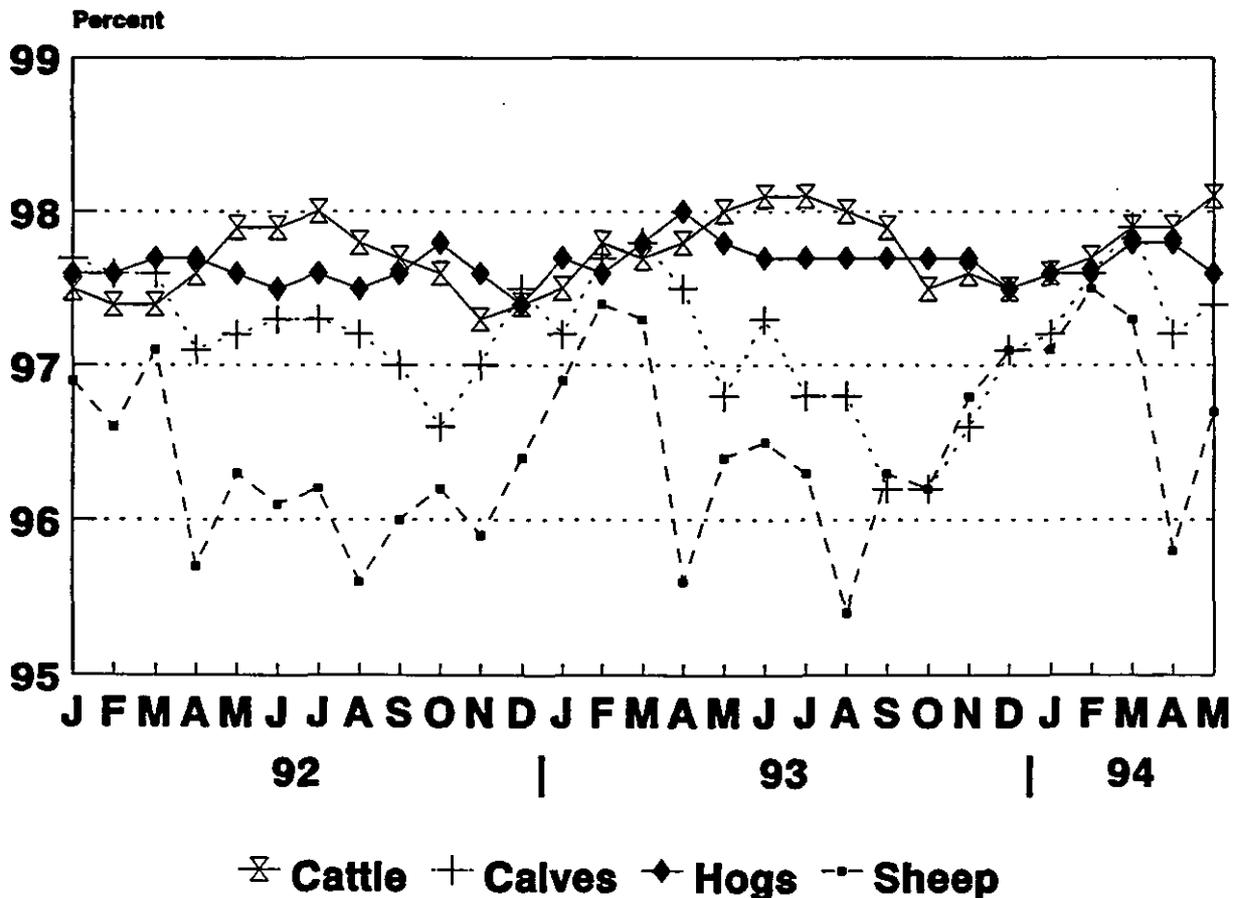
State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	7.9	0.4	5.8	1.7			
AZ							
AR	16.1	10.1	6.0				
CA	144.4	143.0	1.4				
CO					154.4		154.4
DE-MD	23.9	23.9					
FL							
GA							
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					0.2		0.2
IL	673.9	604.1	49.1	20.7			
IN	303.1	302.7	0.3				
IA	2,489.9	2,393.9	51.3	44.7			
KS							
KY	215.2	204.1	11.0		1.1	0.8	0.2
LA							
MI							
MN	584.1	584.1			0.1		
MS							
MO							
MT	1.9	1.8	0.1				
NE	470.1	470.0	0.1				
NV	0.3	0.3					
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.1	3.0	0.1		2.5	0.8	1.7
NJ					11.1	2.6	8.4
NM					2.0	1.6	0.4
NY	4.5	4.4	0.1		3.7	1.5	2.2
NC	482.6	474.5	8.0				
ND	5.7	5.7					
OH	99.3	90.5	8.6	0.2	0.2		0.2
OK	9.9	4.4	5.4				
OR	11.0	10.8	0.2		0.3	0.1	0.2
PA	179.0	177.6	1.4		6.2	0.9	5.2
SC							
SD	454.6	424.8	29.7		15.9		15.9
TN							
TX	14.6	7.1	7.2	0.4			
UT					4.5	4.1	0.5
VA	357.1	346.1	11.0		1.7	0.2	1.5
WA							
WV							
WI	27.8	0.5	27.2	0.1			
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	7,379.8	7,021.2	287.9	70.6	417.8	27.6	390.2

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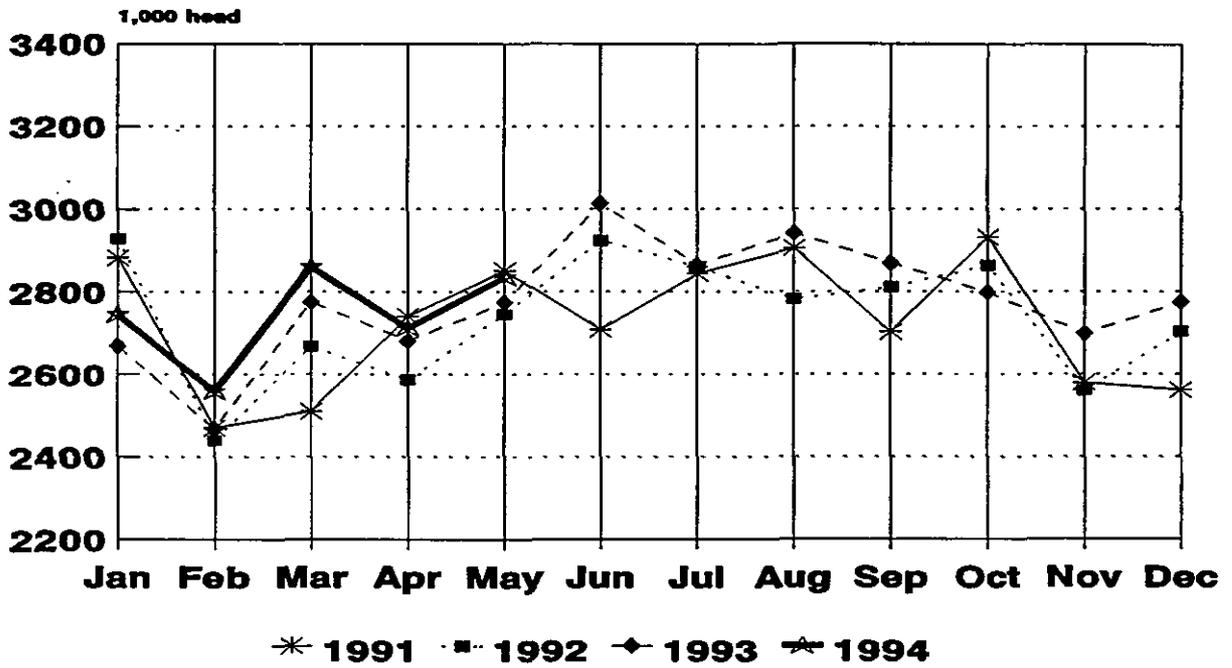
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter
By Species, United States

Species	May	Apr	May	Jan - May	
	1993	1994	1994	1993	1994
	Percent				
Cattle	98.0	97.9	98.1	97.8	97.9
Calves	96.8	97.2	97.4	97.4	97.5
Hogs	97.8	97.8	97.6	97.8	97.7
Sheep	96.4	95.8	96.2	96.7	96.8

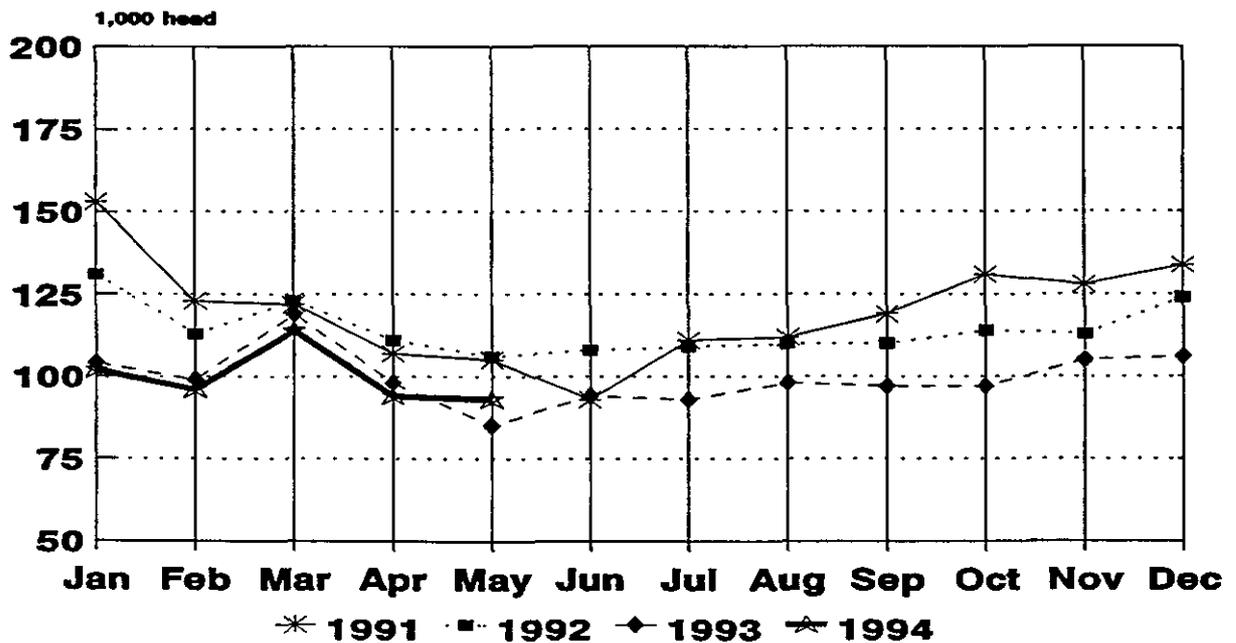
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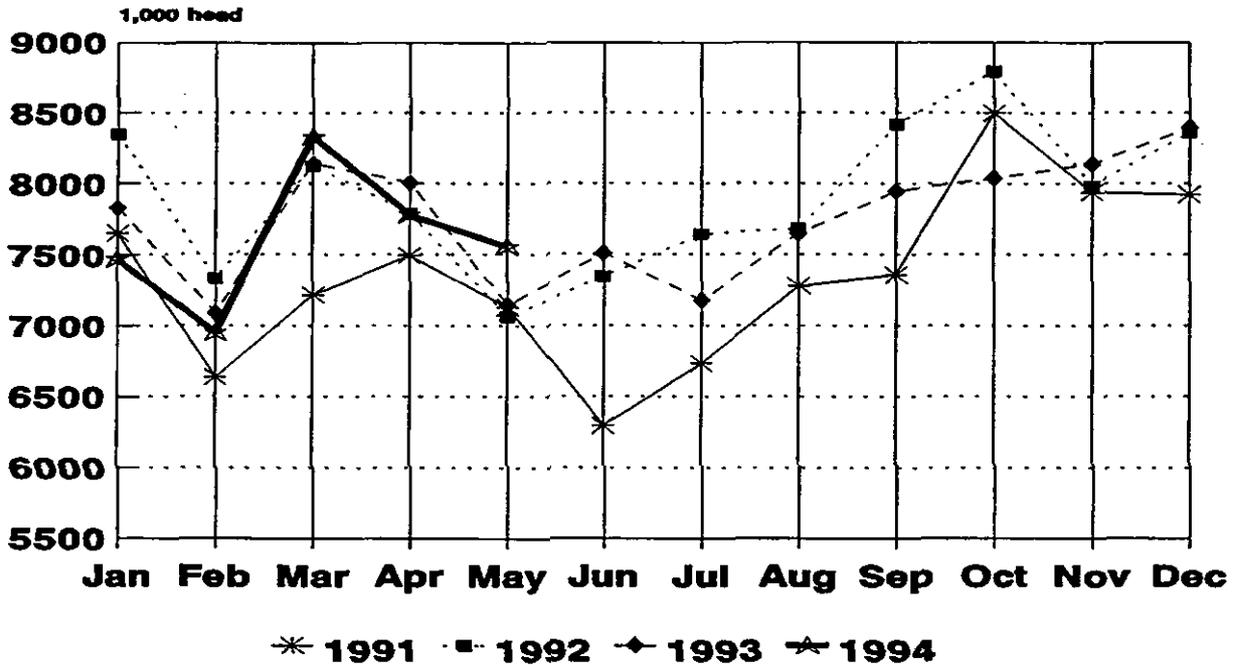
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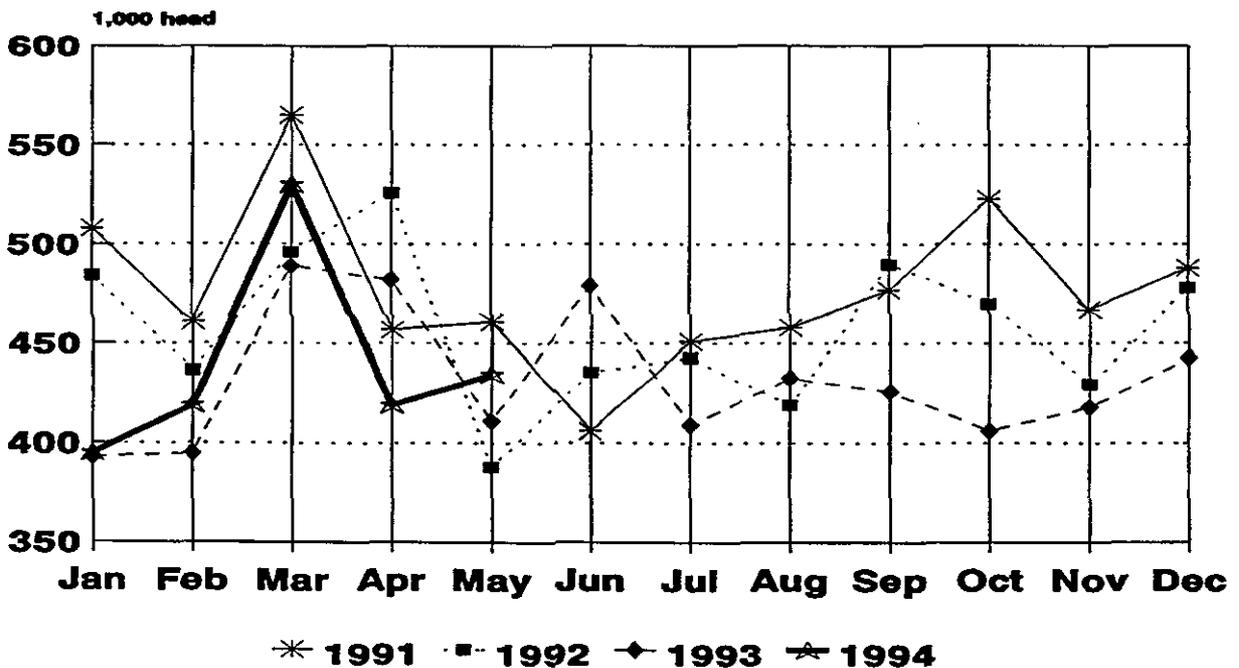
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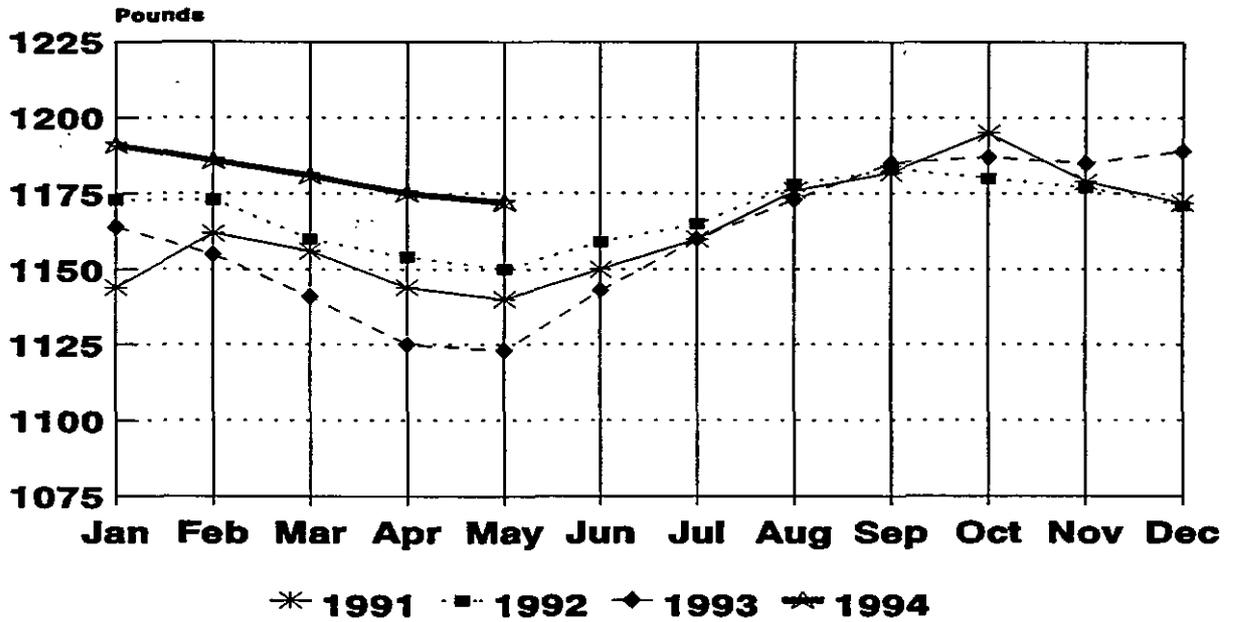
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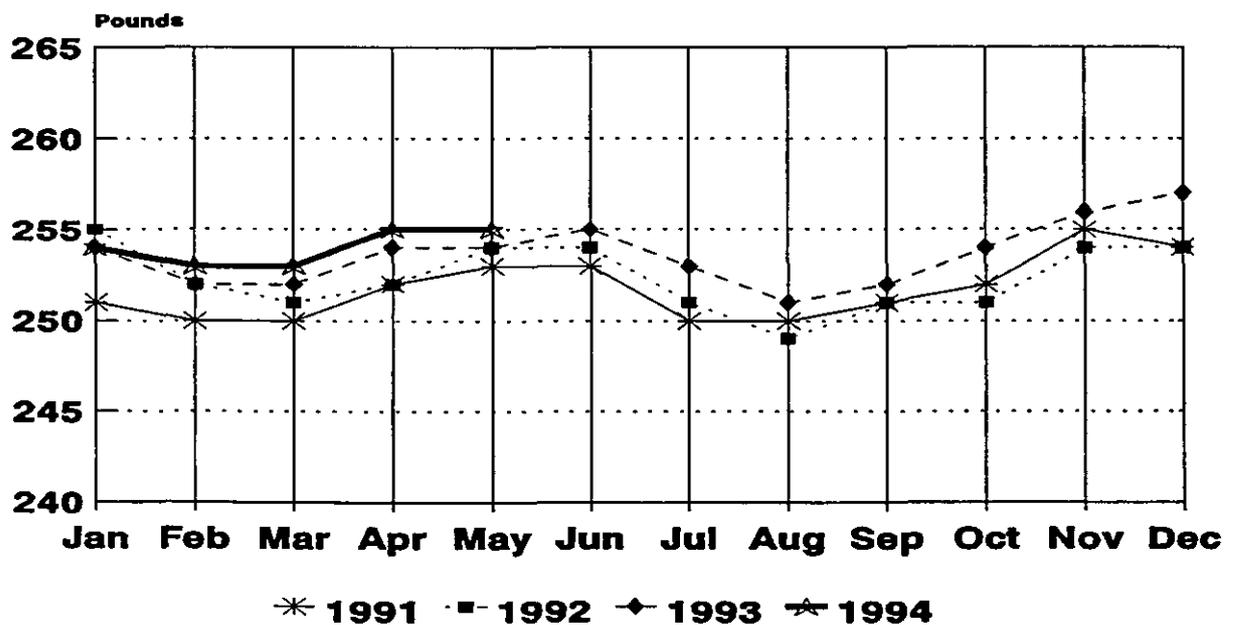
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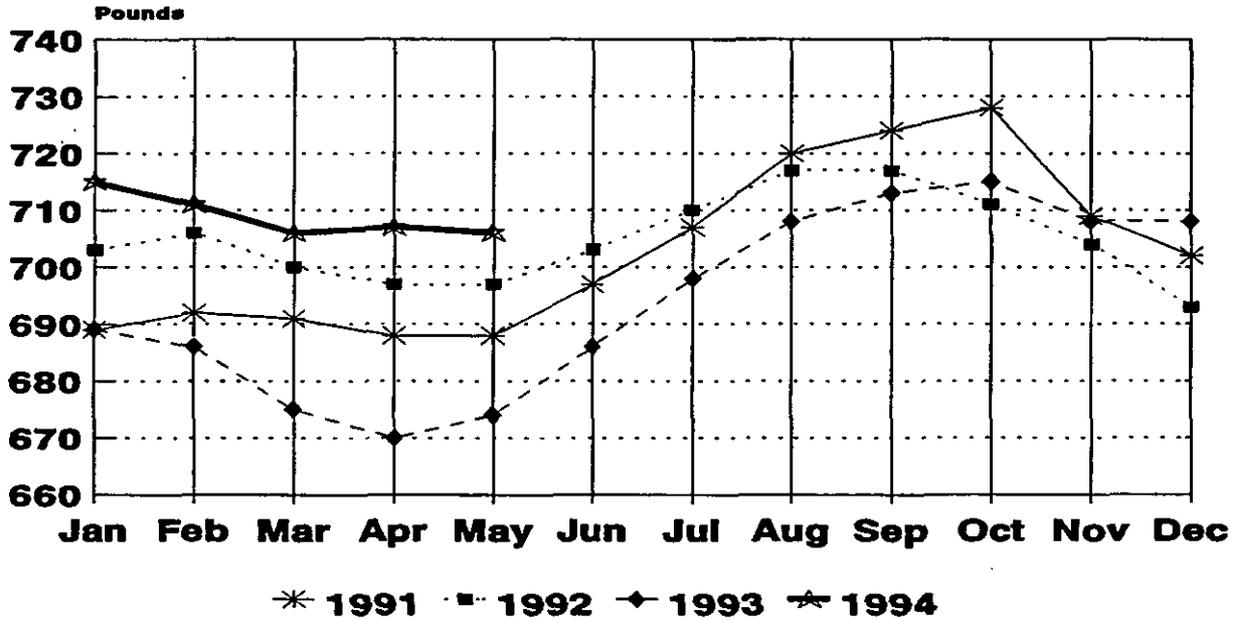
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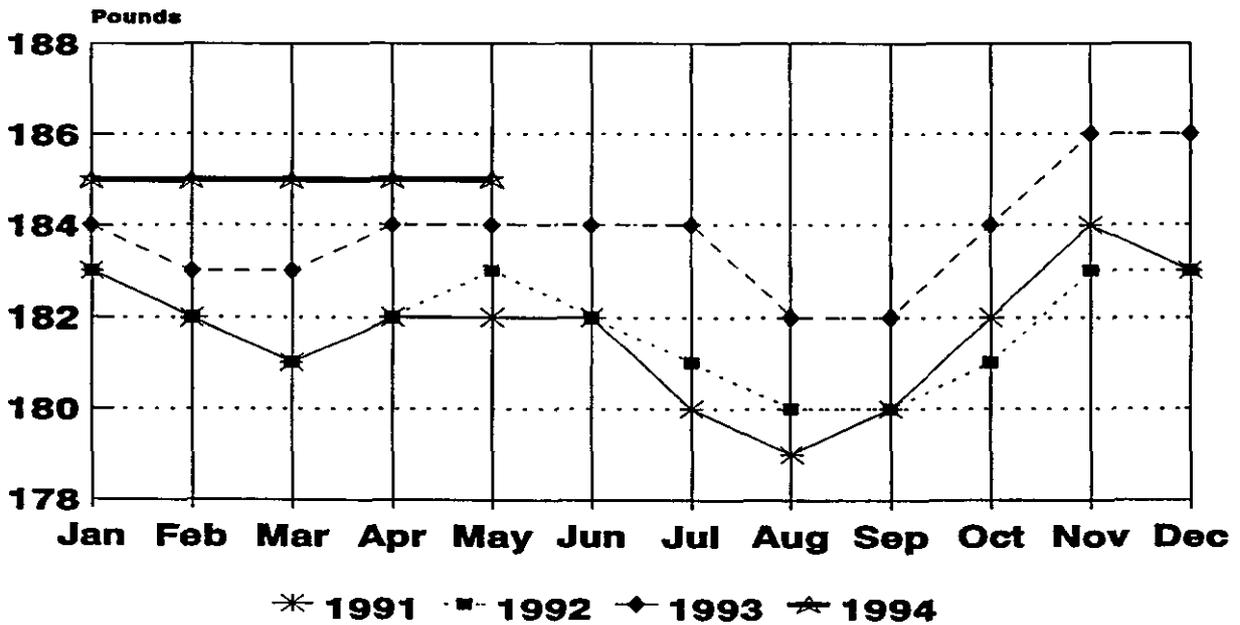
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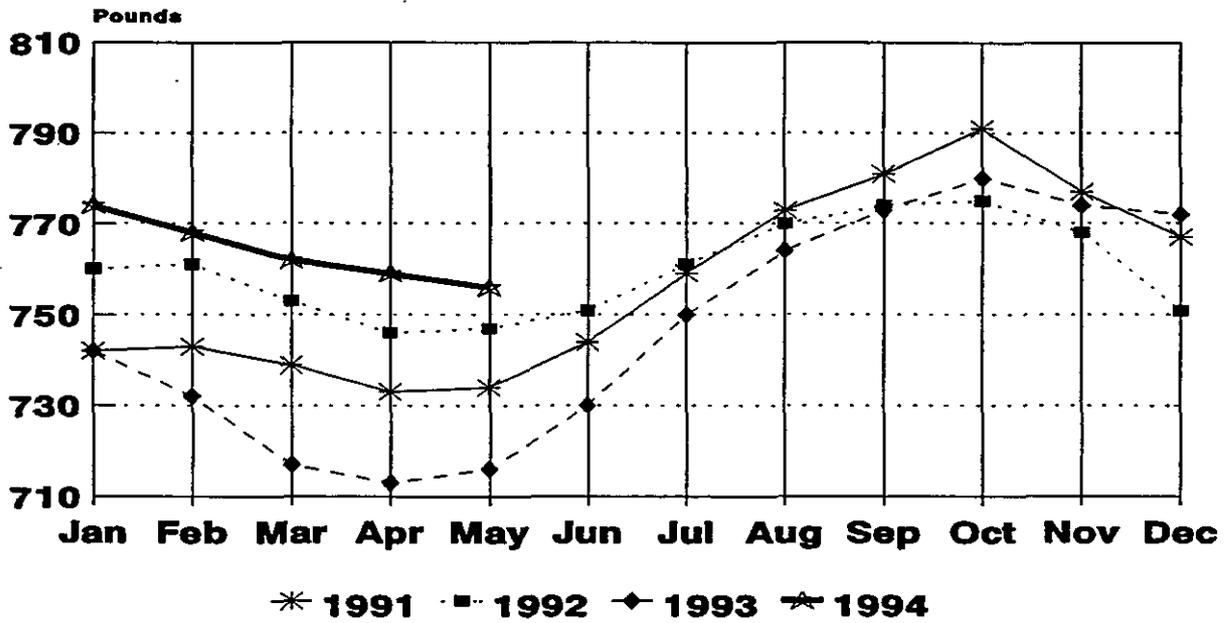
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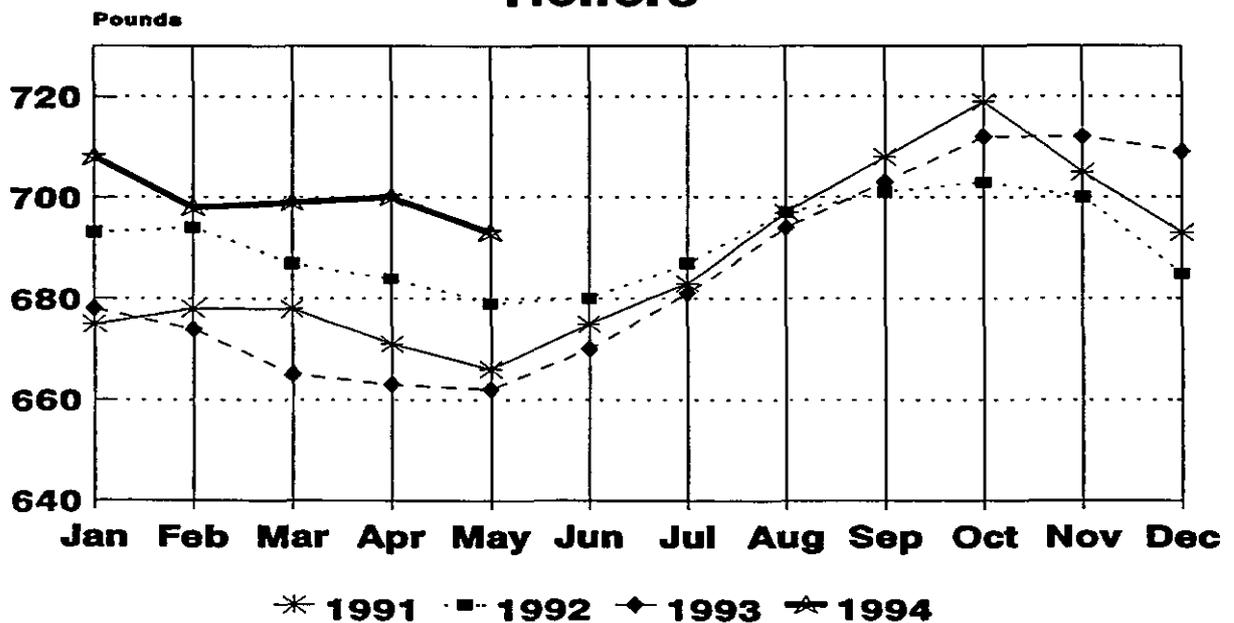
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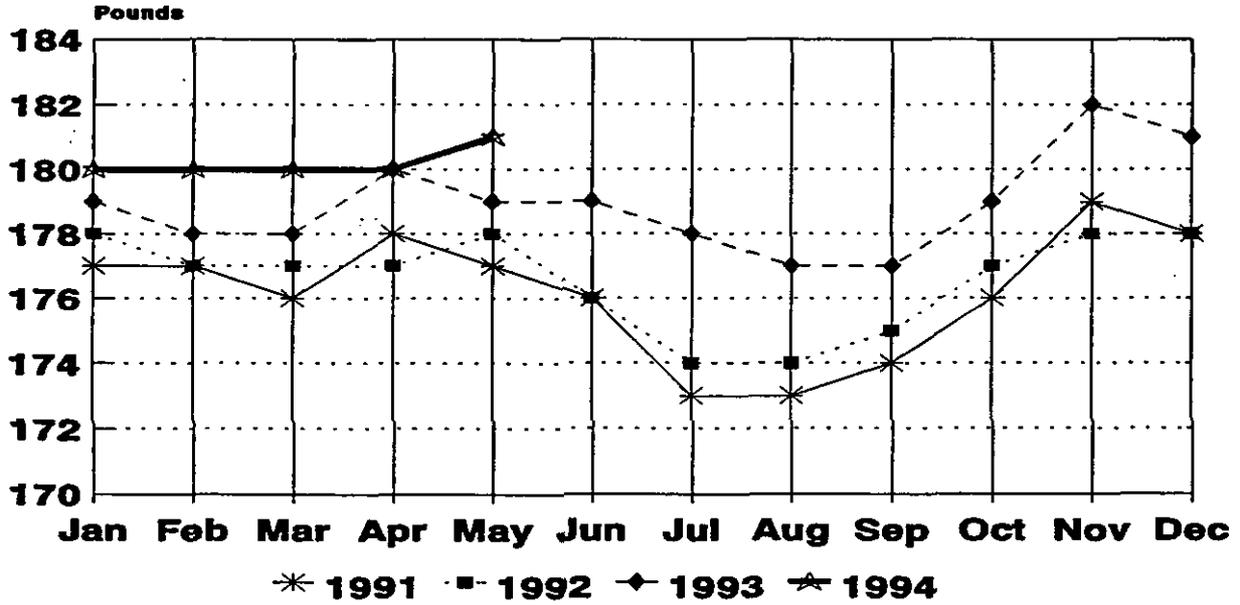
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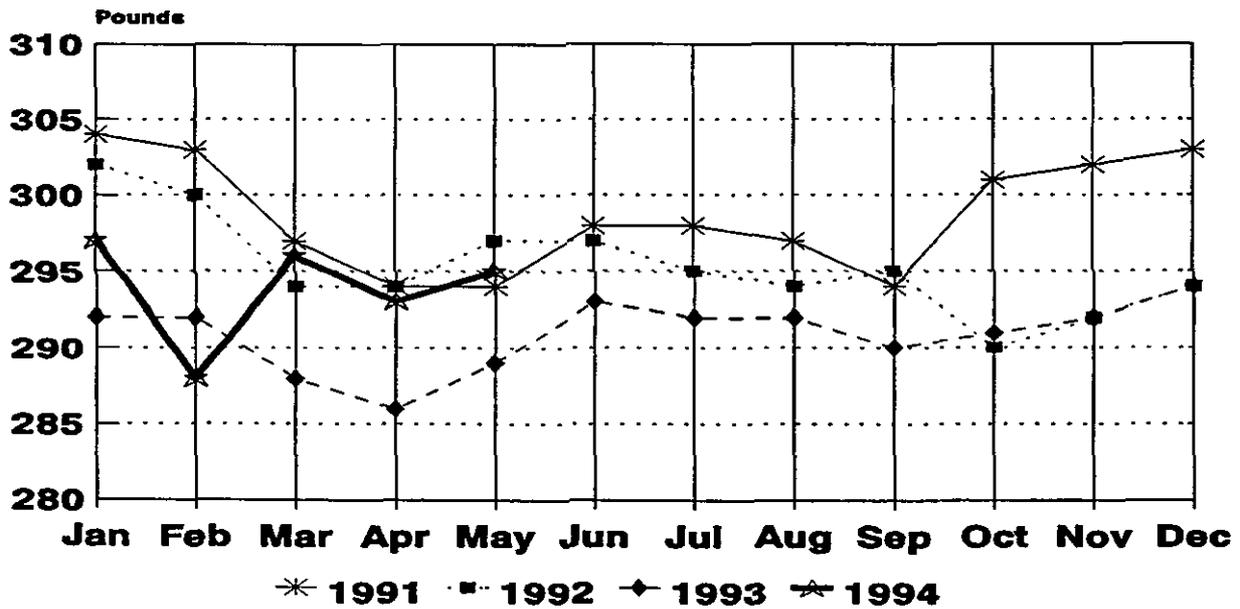
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 Talmedge-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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