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Red Meat Production Sets Record for August Pork Sets Record High In August For Third Year In a Row

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.76 billion pounds during August. This production was 7 percent above the previous record high set in August 1988.

August 1994 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 1993 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.22 billion pounds. This was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 3.06 million, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 31 pounds to 1,204 pounds.

Veal production totaled 24.0 million pounds. This production was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 107,900 head, up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 21 pounds to 379 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.49 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from the record high set in August 1993. Hog kill totaled 8.19 million head, 7 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 252 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 12 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 400,000 head, down 8 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 120 pounds.

January-August red meat production was 27.6 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent, veal was up 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Aug :		: Jul :		: Aug :		: Aug 94 % of:		Jan - Aug <u>2/</u>	
	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 1994 :	: 1994 :	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 94 as %	: of 93
	: -- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 2,065	: 2,027	: 2,215	: 107	: 109	: 15,097	: 16,030	: 106		
Veal	: 23	: 21	: 24	: 104	: 112	: 177	: 183	: 103		
Pork	: 1,389	: 1,294	: 1,493	: 107	: 115	: 11,055	: 11,208	: 101		
Lamb & Mutton	: 27	: 19	: 24	: 88	: 124	: 223	: 208	: 93		
Total Red Meat	: 3,504	: 3,361	: 3,756	: 107	: 112	: 26,552	: 27,630	: 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	: Aug :		: Jul :		: Aug :		: Aug 94 % of:		Jan - Aug <u>2/</u>	
	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 1994 :	: 1994 :	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 1993 :	: 1994 :	: 94 as %	: of 93
	: -- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 2,032	: 1,997	: 2,181	: 107	: 109	: 14,831	: 15,770	: 106		
Veal	: 22	: 21	: 23	: 105	: 112	: 172	: 178	: 104		
Pork	: 1,360	: 1,269	: 1,462	: 107	: 115	: 10,833	: 10,982	: 101		
Lamb & Mutton	: 26	: 18	: 23	: 88	: 125	: 217	: 203	: 93		
Total Red Meat	: 3,440	: 3,305	: 3,689	: 107	: 112	: 26,053	: 27,133	: 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	Aug		Jul		Aug 94 % of:		Jan - Aug ^{2/}		
		1993	1994	1994	1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	1993	1994	
						Percent		P'cnt		
Cattle No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,882.9	2,769.9	3,001.1	104	108	21,717.0	22,169.6	102	
Other	:Thou:	58.6	51.5	59.4	101	115	467.7	459.1	98	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Thou:	2,941.5	2,821.4	3,060.4	104	108	22,184.7	22,628.7	102	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	1,176	1,195	1,208	102	101	1,151	1,189	103	
Other	:Lbs:	1,024	1,040	1,043	102	100	1,017	1,032	101	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Lbs:	1,173	1,192	1,204	103	101	1,148	1,185	103	
Calves No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	95.2	93.1	105.6	111	113	767.6	782.8	102	
Other	:Thou:	3.1	2.3	2.4	76	103	21.5	20.1	94	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Thou:	98.3	95.4	107.9	110	113	789.0	802.9	102	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	400	383	378	94	98	386	389	100	
Other	:Lbs:	403	386	409	101	106	401	398	99	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Lbs:	400	382	379	95	99	388	389	100	
Hogs No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,473.1	6,940.6	7,996.5	107	115	59,177.4	59,594.6	101	
Other	:Thou:	179.3	158.7	193.0	108	122	1,370.0	1,410.7	103	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Thou:	7,652.4	7,099.4	8,189.6	107	115	60,547.5	61,005.3	101	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	252	252	252	100	100	254	254	100	
Other	:Lbs:	232	224	230	100	103	229	228	99	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Lbs:	251	252	252	100	100	253	254	100	
Sheep&Lambs No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	412.5	301.6	381.8	93	127	3,365.9	3,187.1	95	
Other	:Thou:	20.1	16.3	18.2	91	112	123.3	120.1	97	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Thou:	432.6	318.0	400.0	92	126	3,489.2	3,307.1	95	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	126	123	121	95	98	130	128	98	
Other	:Lbs:	95	92	95	101	103	95	94	99	
Comm'l. ^{3/}	:Lbs:	125	121	120	96	99	128	127	99	

^{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	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1994	Aug 94 as % of	
	1,000 Pounds			Aug 1993	Jul 1994
				Percent	
AL	3,477	2,795	3,357	97	120
AZ	23,203	22,984	26,182	113	114
AR	5,503	4,844	5,823	106	120
CA	77,306	74,504	82,939	107	111
CO	169,456	158,926	171,507	101	108
DE-MD	6,291	5,660	6,866	109	121
FL	3,264	2,920	3,173	97	109
GA	37,324	32,420	39,302	105	121
HI	1,380	1,352	1,517	110	112
ID	42,754	40,529	48,650	114	120
IL	195,992	197,174	223,141	114	113
IN	58,647	56,383	66,424	113	118
IA	545,030	549,307	608,342	112	111
KS	417,943	446,431	474,289	113	106
KY	41,774	41,086	50,832	122	124
LA	2,228	1,700	2,024	91	119
MI	73,664	78,949	84,972	115	108
MN	183,568	152,037	175,140	95	115
MS	24,978	21,211	27,421	110	129
MO	56,285	30,566	35,567	63	116
MT	1,831	1,589	2,185	119	137
NE	512,359	496,503	550,430	107	111
NV	127	125	95	74	76
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,282	2,825	3,630	111	128
NJ	2,431	2,231	2,623	108	118
NM	2,319	2,205	2,086	90	95
NY	7,168	7,151	7,991	111	112
NC	95,840	87,121	104,708	109	120
ND	8,533	8,391	9,111	107	109
OH	54,274	26,876	32,847	61	122
OK	4,613	3,797	4,477	97	118
OR	4,369	2,555	3,178	73	124
PA	94,595	83,032	98,627	104	119
SC	14,690	12,742	16,081	109	126
SD	92,871	87,750	104,594	113	119
TN	17,460	17,546	20,376	117	116
TX	372,013	364,352	388,076	104	107
UT	38,852	35,906	42,740	110	119
VA	58,835	61,936	74,750	127	121
WA	56,429	57,448	60,065	106	105
WV	1,242	990	1,451	117	147
WI	89,401	75,767	87,515	98	116
WY	724	321	785	108	244
US	3,504,324	3,360,936	3,755,887	107	112

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,
August 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	0.7	0.8	566	622	832	826
AZ	34.2	38.1	38,897	43,957	1,138	1,152
AR	1.9	2.3	1,908	2,292	1,011	1,009
CA	72.4	80.4	88,311	97,489	1,219	1,213
CO	212.5	209.2	258,941	260,129	1,218	1,243
DE-MD	3.5	3.3	4,210	4,047	1,213	1,221
FL						
GA						
HI	1.6	1.9	1,613	1,845	1,003	948
ID						
IL						
IN	7.3	7.3	7,566	7,670	1,037	1,049
IA	145.4	153.6	169,868	190,620	1,169	1,241
KS	554.5	610.5	657,478	740,093	1,186	1,212
KY	4.2	5.6	4,620	6,107	1,097	1,095
LA	2.3	2.6	1,720	2,088	762	789
MI						
MN	90.1	94.0	111,883	119,283	1,242	1,270
MS						
MO	16.2	12.6	17,764	14,282	1,100	1,137
MT	1.8	2.4	2,238	2,870	1,239	1,190
NE	593.7	608.6	702,809	755,748	1,184	1,242
NV	0.1	0.1	144	74	1,141	1,120
N ENG ^{2/}	3.2	3.3	3,474	3,786	1,082	1,157
NJ	1.3	1.3	1,464	1,489	1,169	1,161
NM	4.0	4.0	3,909	3,703	986	927
NY	5.7	5.9	6,192	6,136	1,090	1,032
NC	12.9	13.6	13,509	14,417	1,046	1,062
ND						
OH	18.7	12.0	21,038	13,570	1,123	1,129
OK	3.4	3.5	3,557	3,370	1,056	976
OR	2.4	1.8	2,840	2,159	1,203	1,190
PA	88.6	88.7	107,142	109,151	1,210	1,230
SC						
SD	18.6	20.4	22,411	22,977	1,206	1,125
TN						
TX	534.1	545.6	591,771	615,888	1,108	1,129
UT						
VA	1.7	1.7	1,551	1,576	915	949
WA	75.4	77.0	92,070	97,110	1,221	1,262
WV	1.0	1.1	1,116	1,160	1,073	1,034
WI	122.7	117.3	151,628	145,447	1,236	1,240
WY	0.7	0.8	853	916	1,169	1,187
US ^{3/}	2,941.5	3,060.4	3,450,361	3,685,241	1,173	1,204

^{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,
August 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						
CA	5.6	9.3	1,984	3,182	354	343
CO						
DE-MD	0.9	0.6	382	264	415	415
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.6	9.3	3,544	3,944	414	426
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.7	1.7	1,383	770	512	462
MI	3.6	4.6	1,138	1,054	319	230
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	60	64	375	368
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	5.0	7.2	1,326	1,640	265	228
NJ	2.6	3.0	1,022	1,191	394	403
NM						
NY	14.9	19.0	4,981	6,674	334	351
NC	0.2	0.1	57	32	279	307
ND						
OH	5.8	5.2	2,951	2,601	507	501
OK	0.2	0.1	80	56	462	429
OR						
PA	14.2	12.8	5,991	5,196	422	405
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.9	1.6	1,793	971	611	605
UT						
VA						
WA	1.4	2.3	678	1,357	501	590
WV						
WI	16.7	14.3	6,680	5,977	400	417
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	98.3	107.9	39,354	40,922	400	379

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By States and United States.
August 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	11.0	10.9	4,673	4,466	425	410
AZ	0.9	0.8	197	180	231	230
AR	19.4	19.7	6,916	7,253	356	368
CA	162.3	166.5	35,893	36,350	221	218
CO	6.0	6.6	1,482	1,531	246	232
DE-MD	21.3	25.0	4,761	5,972	224	239
FL	3.2	8.3	694	1,005	220	121
GA						
HI	3.4	3.5	633	698	188	200
ID						
IL	658.6	765.4	170,365	198,419	259	259
IN	295.7	334.6	70,868	80,658	240	241
IA	2,380.5	2,653.1	604,361	673,363	254	254
KS						
KY	210.2	256.4	54,300	64,873	258	253
LA	4.0	3.4	812	774	203	227
MI						
MN	679.3	612.2	161,153	147,314	237	241
MS						
MO						
MT	3.6	3.4	813	804	226	236
NE	466.1	509.1	114,865	123,904	246	243
NV	0.2	0.2	37	53	184	225
N ENG ^{2/}	3.8	4.0	1,021	983	267	244
NJ						
NM	0.4	0.3	77	70	218	215
NY	6.1	5.9	1,309	1,240	214	209
NC	503.8	558.5	123,800	138,100	246	247
ND	5.0	7.5	1,114	1,684	224	224
OH	210.5	130.0	54,696	33,221	260	256
OK	13.4	13.9	4,251	4,691	318	336
OR	16.3	12.0	4,130	2,829	253	236
PA	184.1	201.0	44,010	47,745	239	237
SC						
SD	433.7	491.0	111,946	128,043	258	261
TN						
TX	20.8	25.3	7,502	9,290	361	368
UT						
VA	319.7	400.7	77,181	99,732	241	249
WA						
WV	1.6	1.6	545	563	345	349
WI	32.9	32.8	12,561	12,796	382	390
WY	1.0	1.1	252	292	259	256
US ^{3/}	7,652.4	8,189.6	1,921,244	2,063,067	251	252

^{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,
August 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						
CA						
CO	116.9	100.2	16,782	13,396	144	134
DE-MD						
FL	0.1	0.1	5	8	85	114
GA	0.1	0.1	6	9	102	85
HI						
ID	0.9	0.8	121	86	135	111
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	0.5	0.5	57	60	118	120
KY	1.1	1.3	130	157	122	121
LA	0.4	0.4	29	26	83	74
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.7	0.8	73	87	111	116
NE	0.2	0.2	19	19	124	106
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	2.4	3.0	247	339	104	113
NJ	11.3	13.4	998	1,200	88	90
NM	5.8	3.4	652	376	112	112
NY	7.3	5.1	782	534	107	104
NC	0.2	0.2	17	12	94	76
ND	0.1	0.1	14	13	120	121
OH	2.6	2.0	269	218	102	108
OK	0.1	0.1	8	11	109	98
OR	1.1	0.9	117	106	106	114
PA	7.7	6.8	803	666	104	98
SC						
SD	16.1	19.3	1,981	2,346	123	122
TN						
TX						
UT	5.0	4.7	538	582	108	123
VA	2.6	2.6	265	282	103	110
WA						
WV						
WI	1.8	1.5	213	177	117	117
WY	0.6	0.4	65	50	118	119
US <u>3/</u>	432.6	400.0	54,027	47,857	125	120

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
United States

Item	: Aug : Jul : Aug :		: Jan - Aug 1/:		: Aug : Jul : Aug :		: Jan - Aug 1/:			
	1993:	1994:	1994:	1993 :	1994 :	1993:	1994:	1994:	1993:	1994
Class 2/	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Cattle										
Steers	1,533	1,558	1,654	11,369	11,895	53.2	56.3	55.1	52.4	53.7
Heifers	804	761	805	6,078	6,181	27.9	27.5	26.8	28.0	27.9
Dairy Cows	243	202	242	1,971	1,869	8.4	7.3	8.1	9.1	8.4
Other Cows	242	200	238	1,875	1,805	8.4	7.2	7.9	8.6	8.1
Bulls & Stags	61	49	63	425	420	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.9
Total 1/	2,883	2,770	3,001	21,717	22,170	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,062	6,550	7,561	56,165	56,519	94.5	94.4	94.6	94.9	94.8
Sows	338	317	358	2,428	2,471	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.1
Stags & Boars	73	74	77	584	606	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	7,473	6,941	7,997	59,177	59,595	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	27	22	27	184	188	6.5	7.4	7.1	5.5	5.9
Lambs & Yrlings	386	279	355	3,182	2,999	93.5	92.6	92.9	94.5	94.1
Total 1/	412	302	382	3,366	3,187	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight: 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle	708	724	731	686	715					
Steers 4/	764	779	790	734	770					
Heifers 4/	694	703	713	674	702					
All Cows 4/	536	538	534	547	542					
Bulls & Stags 4/	846	856	848	867	866					
Calves & Vealers	236	228	224	228	232					
Hogs	182	183	183	183	185					
Barrow & Glts 5/	177	177	177	178	180					
Sows 5/	292	296	295	291	295					
Stags & Boars 5/	233	217	229	217	214					
Sheep	63	61	60	65	64					
Mature Sheep 6/	57	58	57	57	58					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	64	61	60	65	64					

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,
August 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	3.1	0.3	0.2	2.3		0.3	<u>3/</u>
2	7.0	1.2	0.2	4.9		0.7	29.1
3	92.9	43.8	6.6	32.6	7.8	2.1	<u>3/</u>
4	72.0	1.7	3.7	23.6	32.7	10.3	18.8
5	353.3	170.8	54.1	85.7	29.5	13.2	<u>3/</u>
6	548.3	300.4	157.5	13.2	65.7	11.6	<u>3/</u>
7	1,376.2	838.7	452.4	24.7	47.3	13.1	46.1
8	288.5	156.2	89.5	8.1	29.9	4.8	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	259.7	141.1	40.5	46.7	25.0	6.5	11.6
US <u>2/</u>	3,001.1	1,654.2	804.6	241.7	238.0	62.6	105.6

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>				2.8	1.0	1.8
2	<u>6/</u>				18.1	4.5	13.6
3	642.7	624.8	17.8	0.1	<u>5/</u>		
4	1,170.1	1,085.2	83.4	1.5	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				66.6	8.4	58.2
6	2,111.3	1,964.3	118.7	28.4	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				95.6	7.8	87.8
8	3,885.0	3,701.7	136.5	46.8	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	187.4	185.2	2.1	0.1	198.6	5.3	193.3
US <u>2/</u>	7,996.5	7,561.2	358.5	76.9	381.8	27.0	354.8

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 1-2, 3-4, 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 1-3, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total
	2/						2/
1,000 Head							
1	23.0	2.0	1.5	17.1	0.4	2.1	3/
2	51.8	8.9	2.4	35.4	0.4	4.7	193.8
3	669.1	319.9	47.6	228.4	58.0	15.3	3/
4	516.6	14.5	25.8	173.2	237.8	65.3	144.4
5	2,588.6	1,164.5	395.9	714.0	219.9	94.4	3/
6	4,162.8	2,331.4	1,220.4	99.6	432.1	79.3	3/
7	10,085.6	5,978.2	3,449.8	181.3	401.3	74.9	373.3
8	2,203.5	1,105.7	715.3	56.8	287.1	38.6	0.1
9	4/						3/
10	1,868.7	969.5	322.8	362.8	167.9	45.7	71.2
US 2/	22,169.6	11,894.7	6,181.5	1,868.5	1,804.7	420.2	782.8

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	2/				2/		
1,000 Head							
1	6/				20.1	6.0	14.0
2	6/				127.2	29.8	97.4
3	4,517.9	4,397.0	120.0	0.9	5/		
4	8,500.2	7,867.0	621.8	11.3	5/		
5	6/				492.3	58.4	433.9
6	16,241.3	15,173.4	863.3	204.6	5/		
7	6/				728.8	58.3	670.5
8	28,933.7	27,692.3	853.2	388.2	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	1,401.5	1,388.8	12.2	0.5	1,818.7	35.6	1,783.1
US 2/	59,594.6	56,518.6	2,470.5	605.5	3,187.1	188.2	2,998.9

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN;
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individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
August 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	37.8	36.0	1.7	0.1			
AR	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.2	
CA	79.9	26.7	4.3	34.3	12.0	2.6	9.2
CO	208.6	127.3	72.0	0.3	8.7	0.3	
DE-MD	3.3	2.5	0.4	0.2		0.1	0.6
FL							
GA							
HI							
ID	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.1	
IL							9.2
IN							
IA	152.9	81.5	50.0	17.9	0.1	3.5	
KS	606.5	395.5	208.8	0.3	1.8	0.2	
KY	4.8	0.7	3.4	0.6	0.2		
LA							
MI							4.5
MN	90.5	39.0	13.2	17.6	14.2	6.5	
MS							
MO	10.4	1.3	0.5	2.0	5.6	1.1	
MT	1.6	0.9	0.1		0.3	0.2	
NE	606.4	360.5	193.1	4.6	39.9	8.4	
NV	0.1						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.1	0.3	0.2	2.3		0.3	7.2
NJ	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.4		0.2	
NM	3.8	0.8	0.2	1.6	0.9	0.3	
NY	5.8	0.6	0.2	4.5		0.5	19.0
NC	12.9	0.3		2.4	6.8	3.4	
ND							
OH	4.4	0.4	0.4	2.5	0.7	0.4	5.1
OK	1.0			0.4	0.4	0.1	
OR	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	
PA	88.6	41.1	6.1	32.0	7.4	2.0	12.8
SC							
SD	18.6	0.2	0.1	2.1	14.2	2.0	
TN							
TX	541.3	299.3	157.0	10.9	63.1	11.0	1.4
UT							
VA							
WA	76.9	44.2	23.6	4.8	3.8	0.4	2.3
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	112.3	45.4	5.4	47.4	9.5	4.6	14.3
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	3,001.1	1,654.2	804.6	241.7	238.0	62.6	105.6

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August 1994 1/

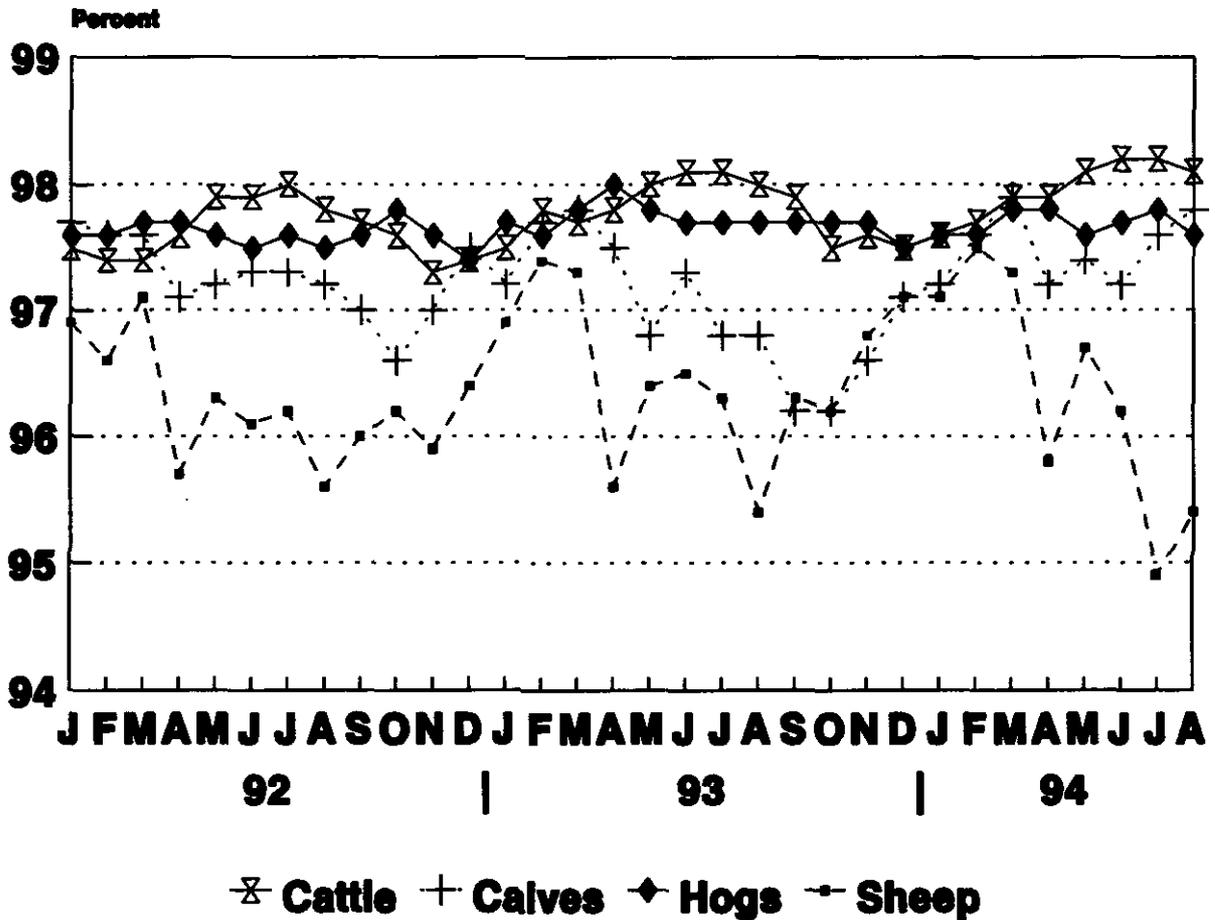
State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	8.6	0.3	6.9	1.5			
AZ							
AR	19.3	11.8	7.4				
CA	159.3	157.6	1.7				
CO					100.1	0.1	100.0
DE-MD	25.0	24.9					
FL							
GA							
HI	2.4	2.4					
ID					0.6		0.5
IL	722.3	641.2	57.5	23.6			
IN	326.0	324.9	1.1				
IA	2,650.6	2,524.3	79.6	46.7			
KS							
KY	255.7	243.9	11.8		1.2	1.0	0.2
LA							
MI							
MN	606.9	606.8					
MS							
MO							
MT	2.7	2.6	0.1		0.4		0.4
NE	506.9	506.8	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1
NV	0.2	0.2					
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.5	3.4	0.1		2.8	1.0	1.8
NJ					13.1	2.7	10.4
NM	0.1	0.1			1.7	1.4	0.3
NY	5.5	5.4	0.1		5.0	1.8	3.2
NC	532.4	523.7	8.7				
ND	7.2	7.2					
OH	110.8	99.7	10.2	1.0	0.1		0.1
OK	11.5	5.5	6.0				
OR	11.7	11.3	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.6
PA	200.5	199.0	1.4	0.1	6.7	0.8	6.0
SC							
SD	489.1	440.9	48.2		19.0		19.0
TN							
TX	14.8	6.5	7.9	0.3			
UT					4.2	4.0	0.2
VA	400.2	384.4	15.8		2.3	0.5	1.9
WA							
WV							
WI	23.8	0.6	23.0	0.2			
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	7,996.5	7,561.2	358.5	76.9	381.8	27.0	354.8

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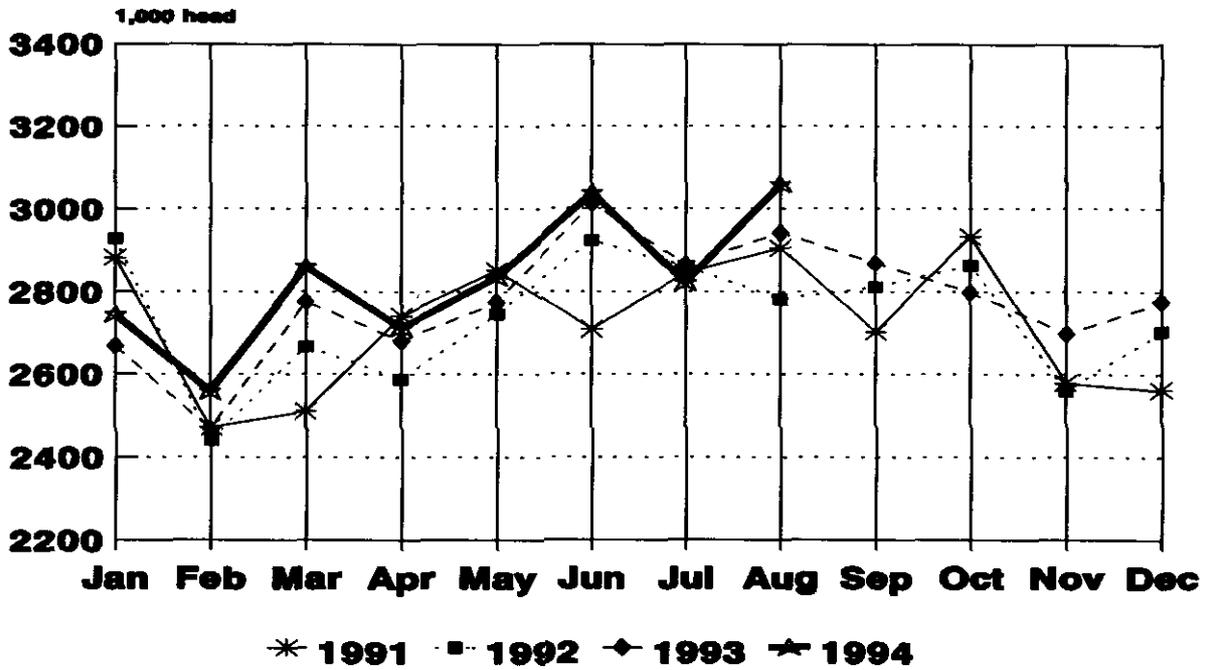
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter
By Species, United States

Species	Aug	Jul	Aug	Jan - Aug	
	1993	1994	1994	1993	1994
Percent					
Cattle	98.0	98.2	98.1	97.9	98.0
Calves	96.8	97.6	97.8	97.3	97.5
Hogs	97.7	97.8	97.6	97.7	97.7
Sheep	95.4	94.9	95.4	96.5	96.4

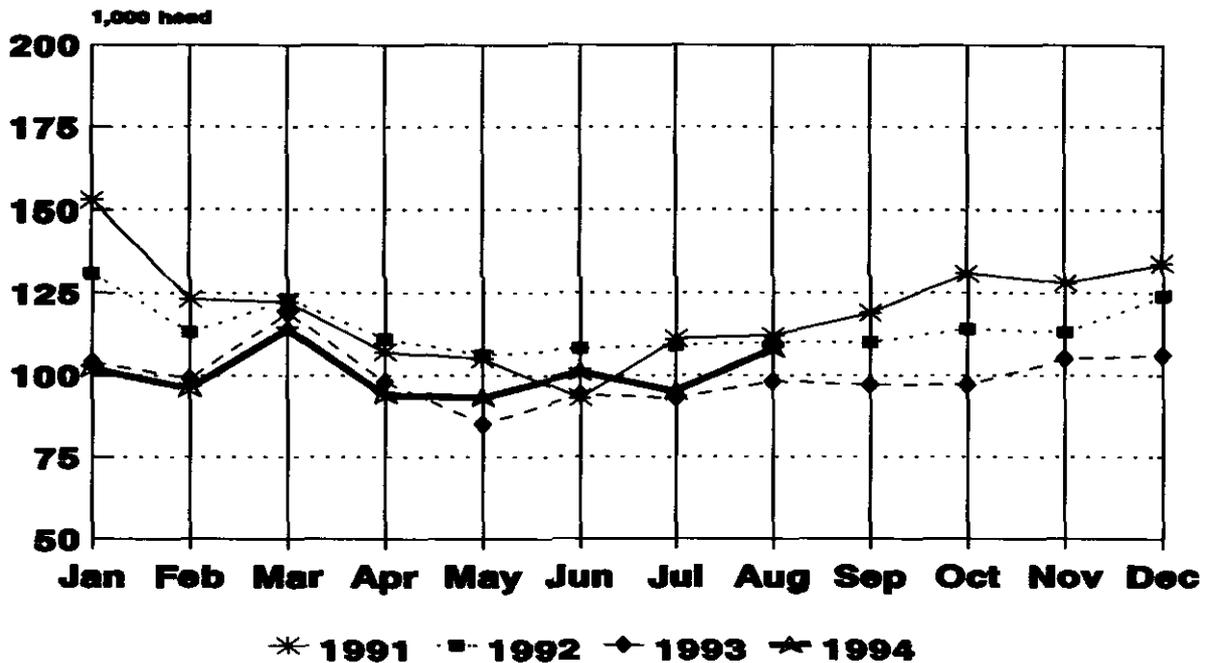
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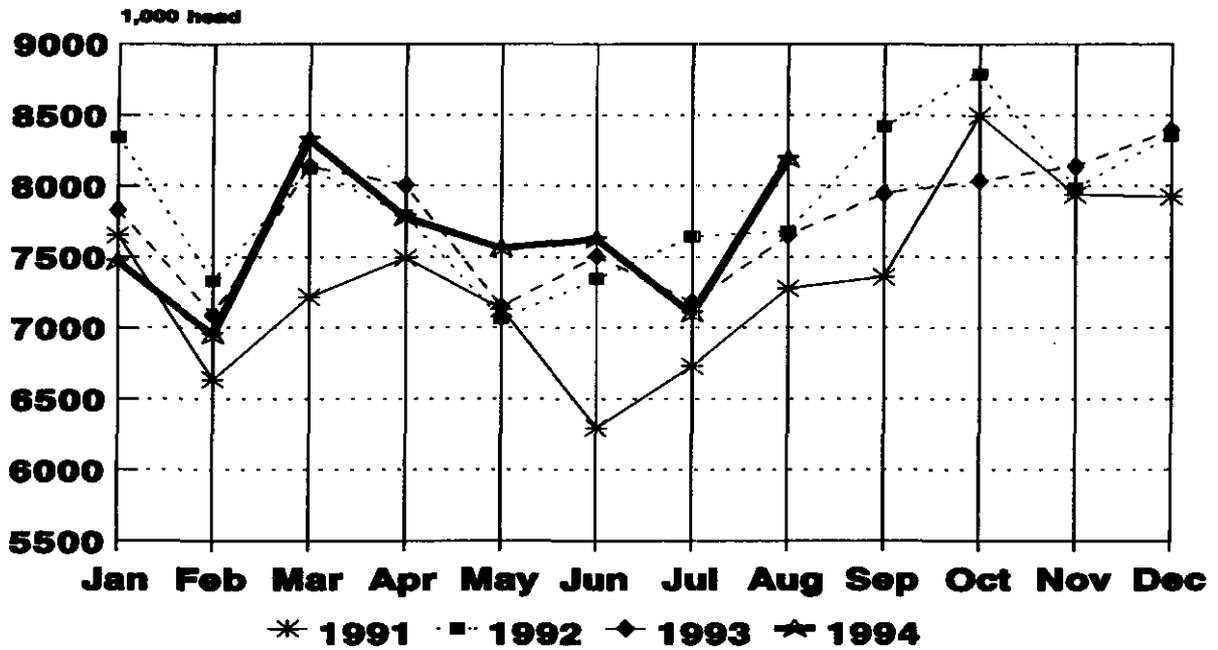
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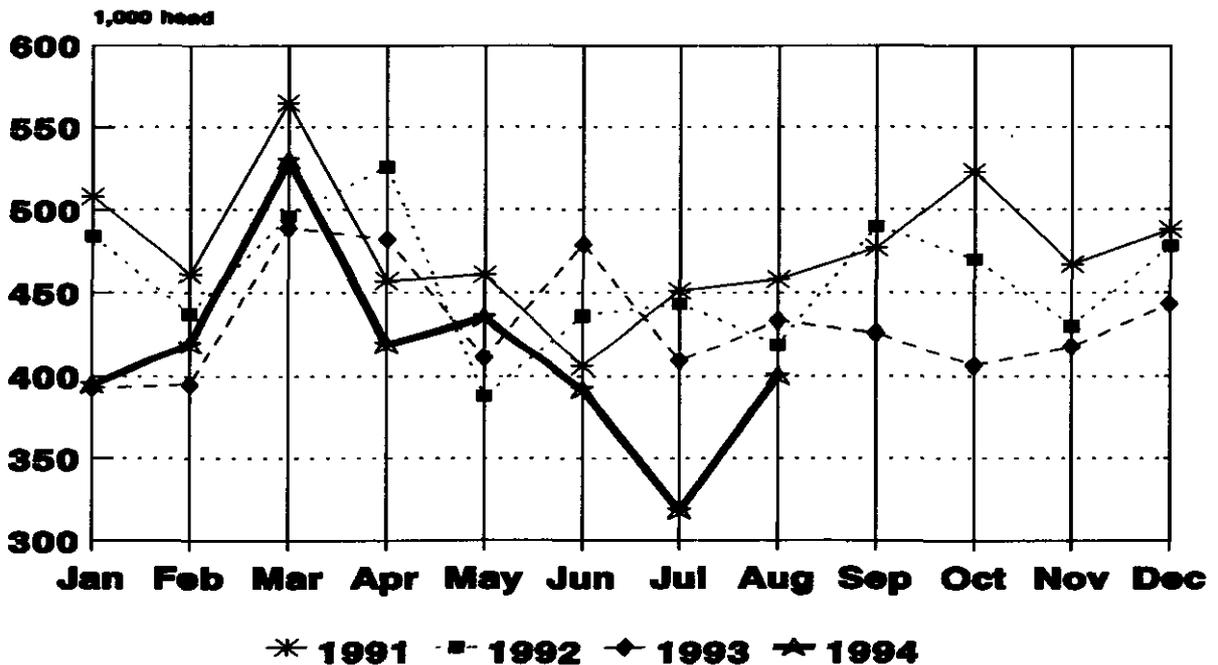
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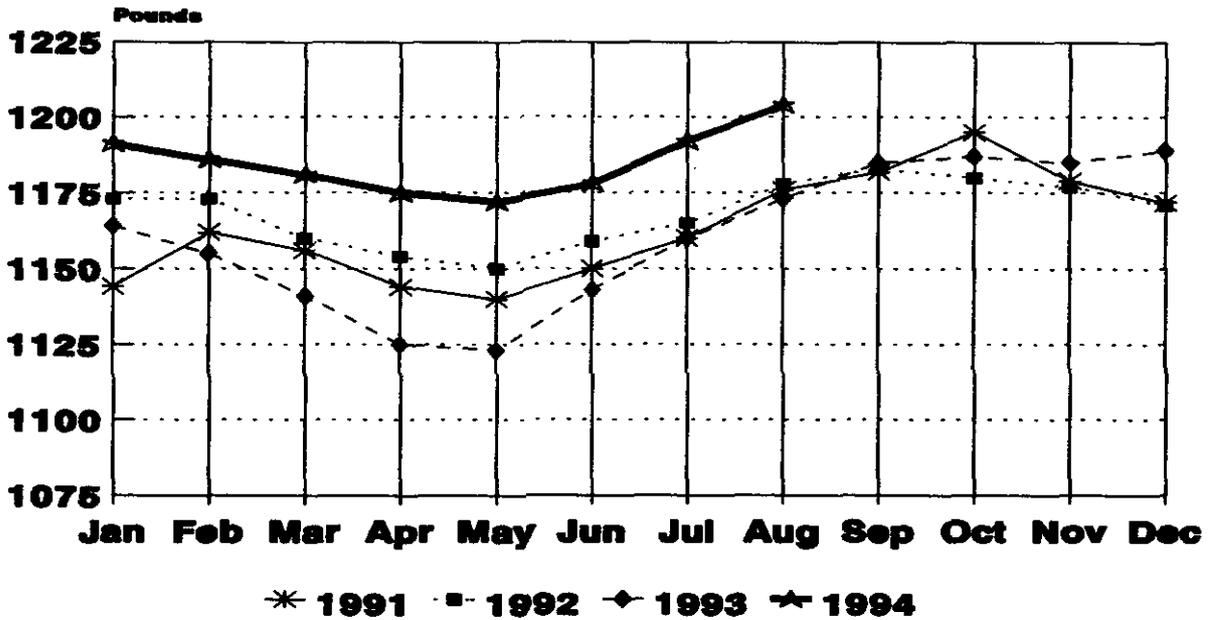
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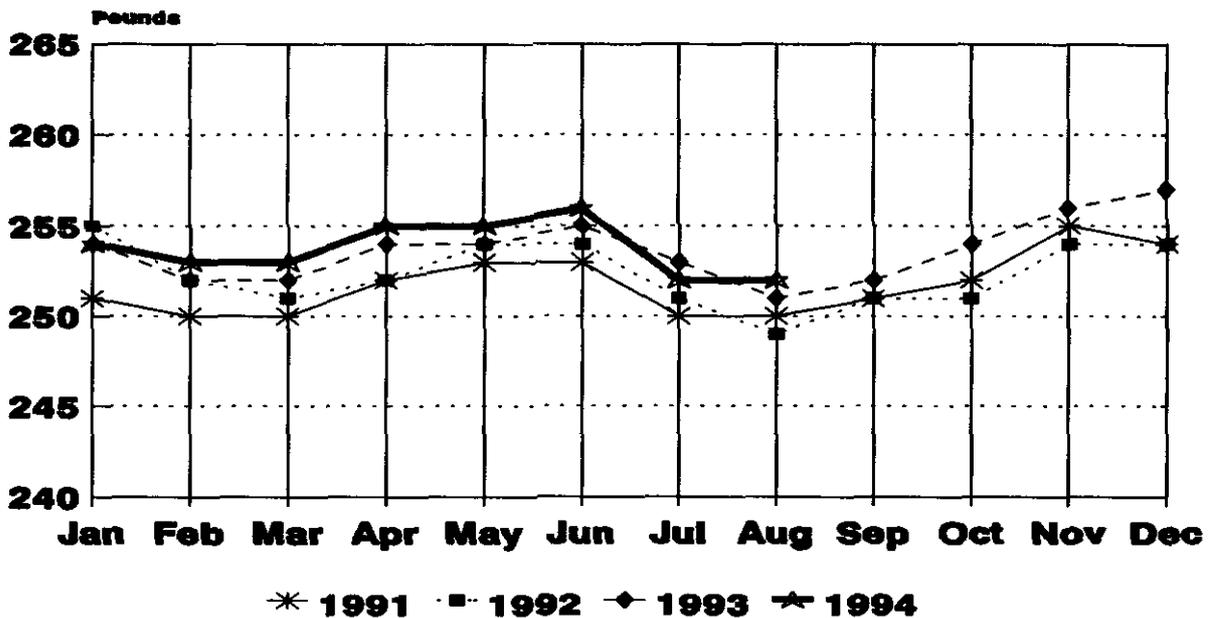
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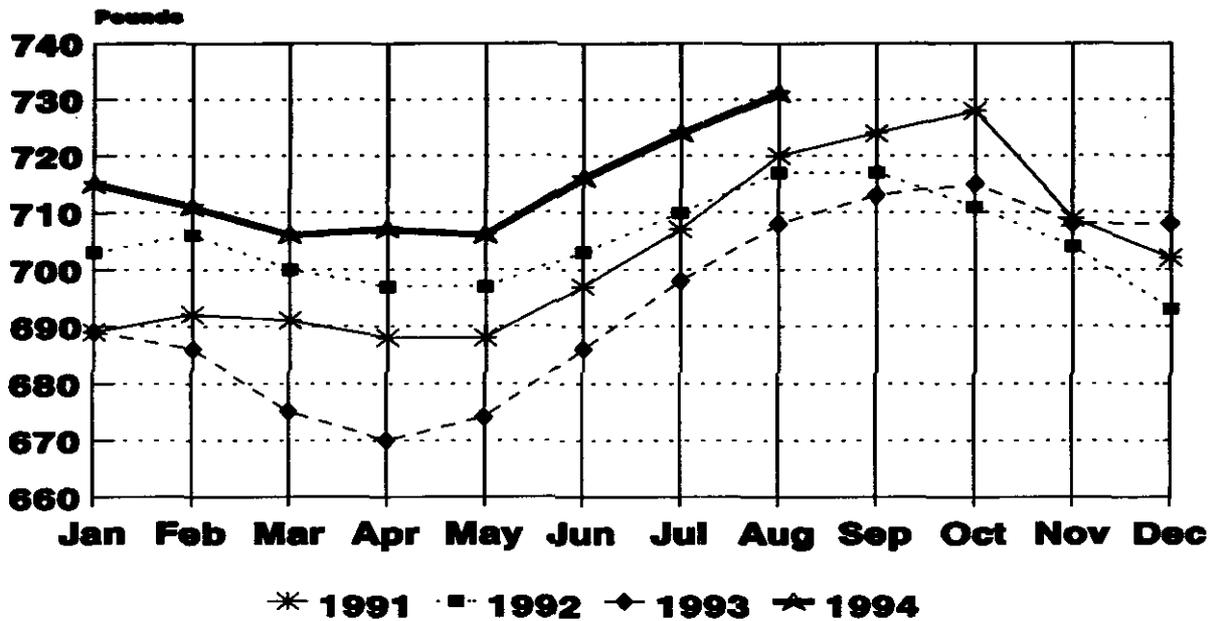
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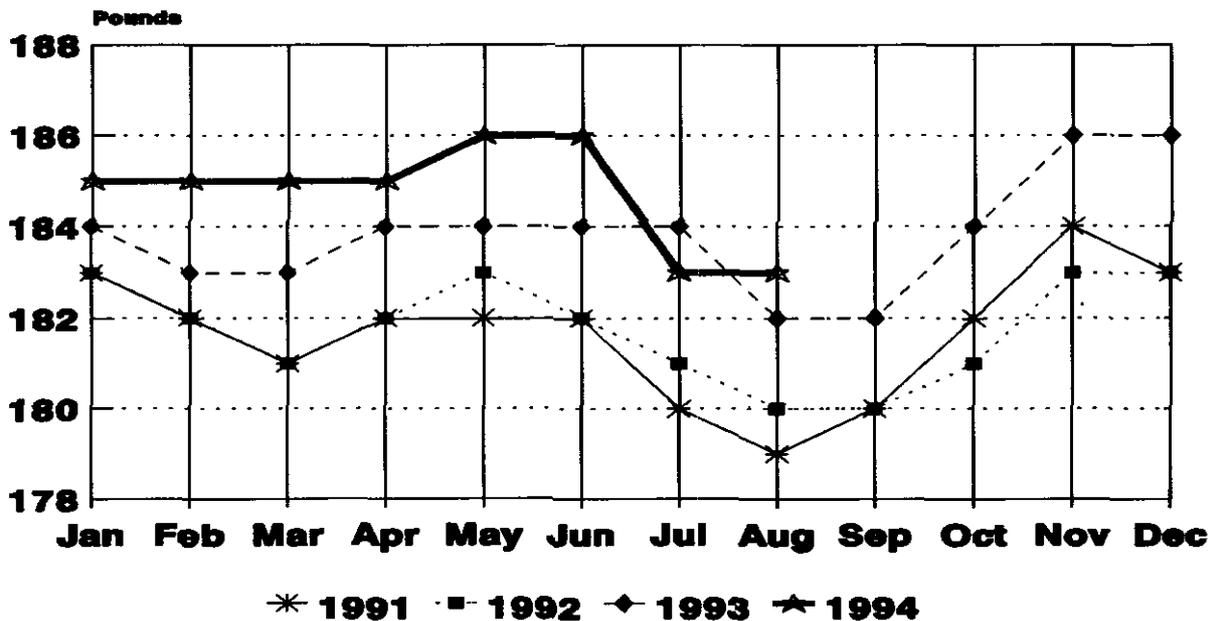
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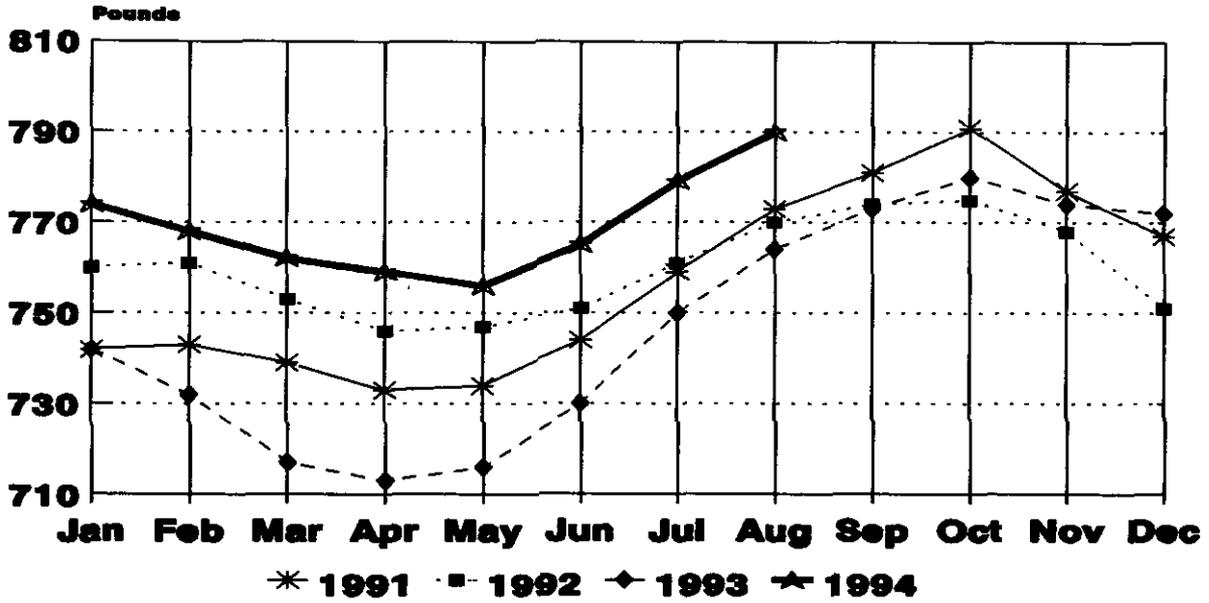
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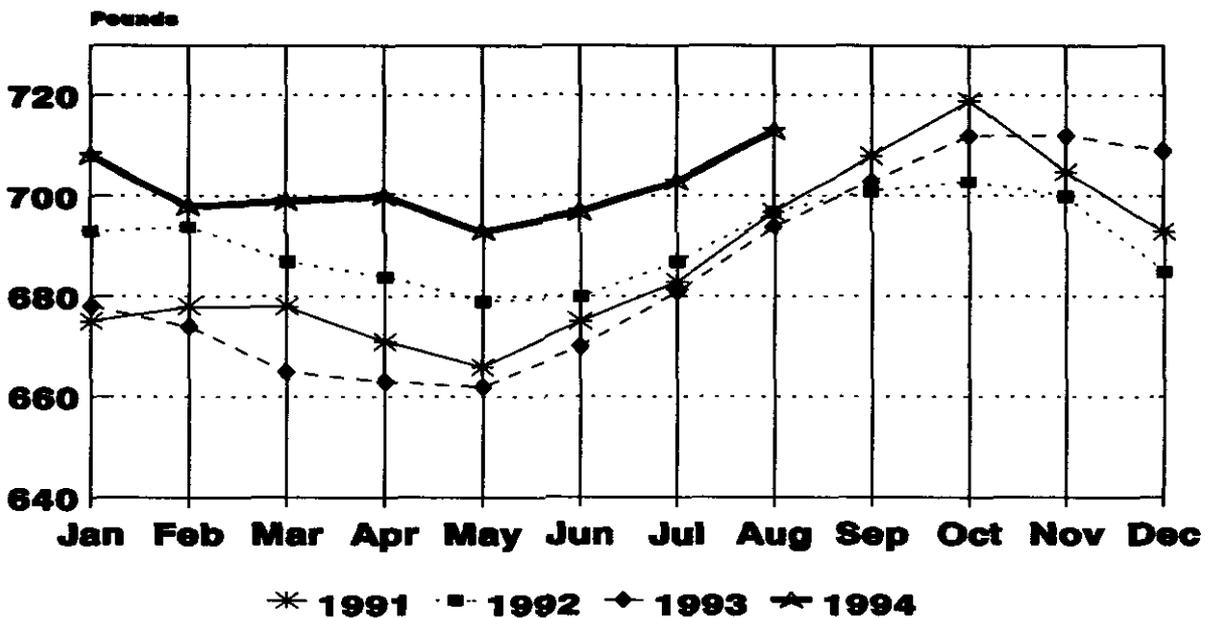
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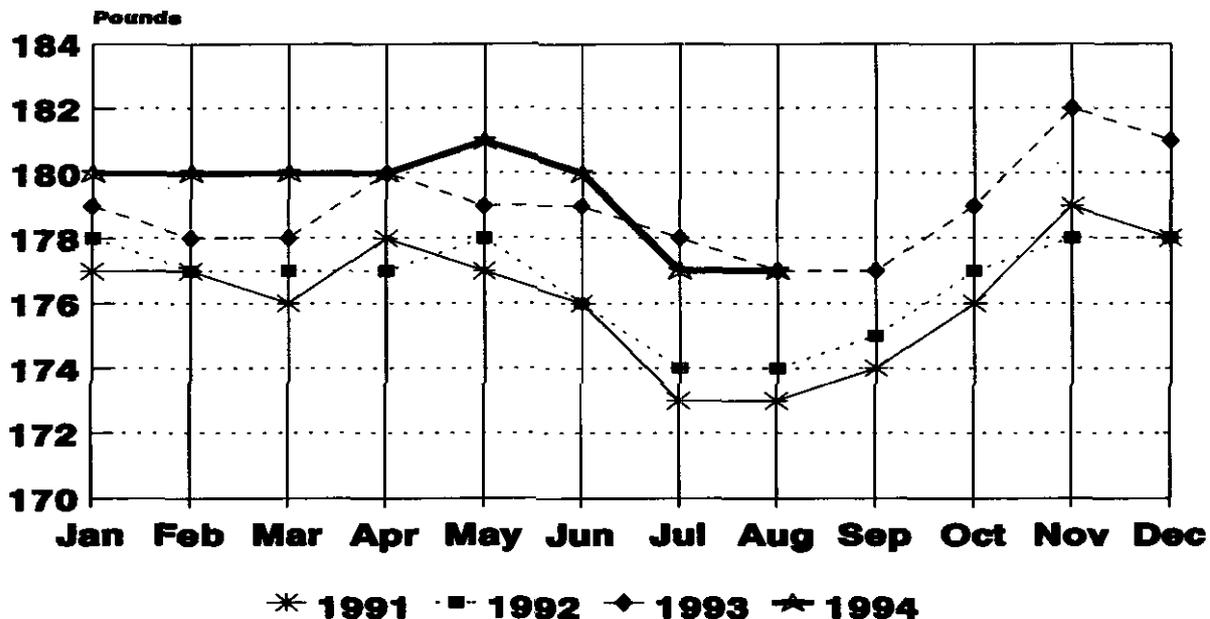
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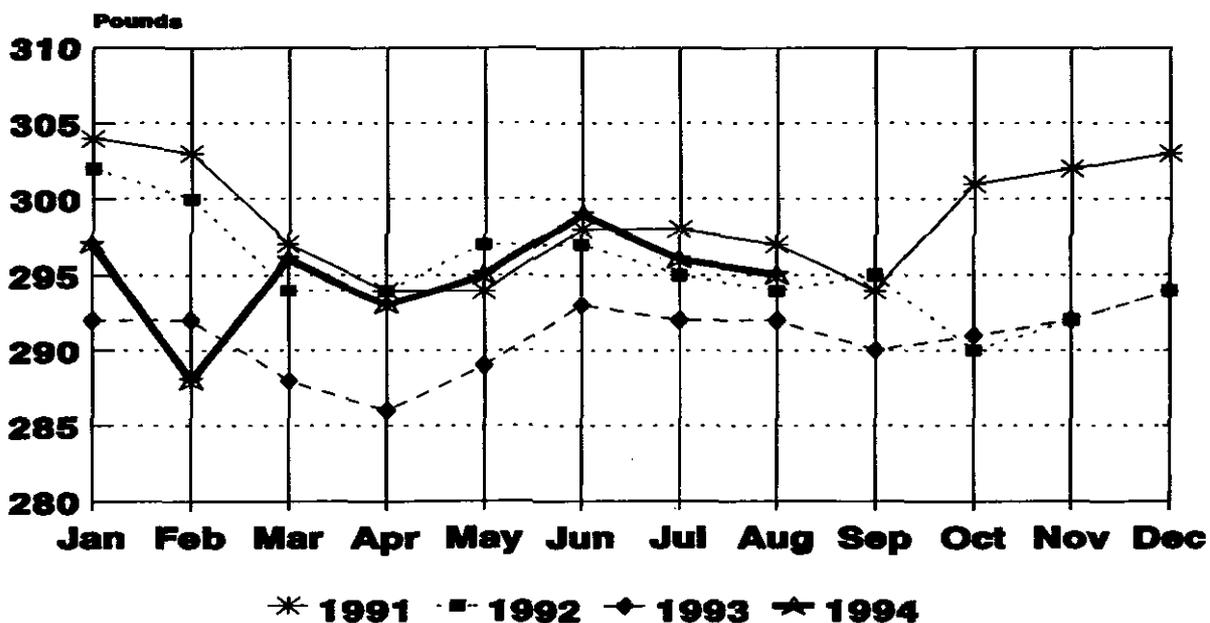
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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