

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat and Pork Production Sets Record for October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.80 billion pounds during October. This production was 2 percent above the previous record high set in October 1991.

October 1994 and 1993 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.12 billion pounds. This production was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.95 million, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 14 pounds to 1,201 pounds.

Veal production totaled 25.0 million pounds. This production was up 14 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 115,600 head, up 19 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 15 pounds to 381 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.63 billion pounds, was up 11 percent from a year earlier and up 3 percent from the previous record high set in October 1992. Hog kill totaled 8.80 million head, 9 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 396,900 head, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 119 pounds.

January-October red meat production was 35.2 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent, veal was up 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Oct 94 % of:		Jan - Oct <u>2/</u>					
	: Oct	: Sep	: Oct	: Oct	: Sep	: 94 as %	: 94 as %	: of 93
	: 1993	: 1994	: 1994	: 1993:	: 1994:	: 1993	: 1994	: of 93
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 1,980	: 2,136	: 2,117	107	99	19,103	20,283	106
Veal	: 22	: 23	: 25	114	108	221	232	105
Pork	: 1,472	: *1,540	: 1,632	111	106	13,967	*14,380	103
Lamb & Mutton	: 25	: 23	: 23	94	100	275	255	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,500	: *3,723	: 3,797	108	102	33,567	*35,150	105

* Revised.

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	: Oct 94 % of:		Jan - Oct <u>2/</u>					
	: Oct	: Sep	: Oct	: Oct	: Sep	: 94 as %	: 94 as %	: of 93
	: 1993	: 1994	: 1994	: 1993:	: 1994:	: 1993	: 1994	: of 93
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 1,941	: 2,102	: 2,077	107	99	18,765	19,949	106
Veal	: 21	: 23	: 25	115	108	215	226	105
Pork	: 1,443	: *1,508	: 1,596	111	106	13,686	*14,087	103
Lamb & Mutton	: 24	: 23	: 23	93	100	268	248	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,430	: *3,656	: 3,721	108	102	32,933	*34,510	105

* Revised.

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	: Oct : Sep : Oct			: Oct 94 % of:		Jan - Oct <u>2/</u>		:94 % :of 93
		1993	1994	1994	Oct : Sep :	1993 : 1994 :	1993 : 1994		
				Percent		P'cnt			
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,728.6	2,884.8	2,878.2	105	100	27,255.2	27,932.5	102
Other	:Thou:	69.0	58.8	70.4	102	120	596.3	588.2	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,797.6	*2,943.6	2,948.5	105	100	27,851.6*	28,520.7	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,192	1,208	1,205	101	99	1,159	1,192	102
Other	:Lbs :	1,020	1,039	1,029	101	99	1,018	1,032	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,187	1,205	1,201	101	100	1,156	1,189	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	93.6	106.4	112.2	120	105	954.8	1,001.4	105
Other	:Thou:	3.7	2.9	3.4	92	119	28.8	26.4	91
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	97.3	109.3	115.6	119	106	983.6	1,027.8	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	395	*372	380	96	102	387	386	99
Other	:Lbs :	411	413	425	104	103	402	403	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	396	*373	381	96	102	389	386	99
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,856.8	*8,192.4	8,584.8	109	105	74,797.3*	76,371.8	102
Other	:Thou:	181.5	197.5	214.1	118	108	1,735.2	1,822.3	105
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	8,038.3	*8,389.9	8,798.9	109	105	76,532.5*	78,194.1	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	254	255	259	101	101	254	255	100
Other	:Lbs :	230	228	235	102	103	230	229	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	254	254	258	102	102	253	254	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	390.9	383.8	381.3	98	99	4,167.1	3,952.2	95
Other	:Thou:	15.3	16.9	15.7	102	93	154.3	152.6	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	406.3	400.7	396.9	98	99	4,321.4	4,104.8	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	125	120	120	95	100	129	127	98
Other	:Lbs :	98	95	98	100	103	96	95	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	124	119	119	96	101	128	126	98

* Revised.

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	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 94 as % of	
	1993	1994	1994	Oct 1993	Sep 1994
----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---		
AL	3,254	3,254	3,455	106	106
AZ	20,448	*23,548	23,876	117	101
AR	5,744	5,871	6,618	115	113
CA	78,282	79,588	81,944	105	103
CO	159,251	171,645	158,766	100	92
DE-MD	6,959	6,287	7,231	104	115
FL	3,278	3,912	3,681	112	94
GA	36,247	36,889	40,222	111	109
HI	1,529	1,317	1,291	84	98
ID	40,627	46,493	42,879	106	92
IL	202,182	227,371	238,762	118	105
IN	61,091	62,994	60,997	100	97
IA	580,023	623,331	648,970	112	104
KS	395,959	460,110	471,312	119	102
KY	43,360	54,991	56,675	131	103
LA	2,378	2,029	2,232	94	110
MI	79,350	90,732	92,195	116	102
MN	186,211	*175,785	181,044	97	103
MS	27,136	27,773	30,171	111	109
MO	60,509	*34,007	43,116	71	127
MT	1,598	1,721	1,713	107	100
NE	497,314	531,636	520,325	105	98
NV	94	103	105	112	101
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,968	3,611	3,853	97	107
NJ	2,282	2,621	2,659	117	101
NM	2,897	2,142	2,532	87	118
NY	6,828	8,033	8,232	121	102
NC	100,795	107,663	112,589	112	105
ND	9,952	9,275	9,246	93	100
OH	53,197	30,703	33,933	64	111
OK	4,577	4,411	5,041	110	114
OR	4,085	2,921	3,096	76	106
PA	95,275	*93,682	101,714	107	109
SC	14,054	15,218	14,861	106	98
SD	96,291	107,629	120,290	125	112
TN	17,610	*19,856	21,619	123	109
TX	358,458	384,460	383,694	107	100
UT	36,587	40,802	38,724	106	95
VA	64,581	77,494	78,711	122	102
WA	51,554	56,168	55,991	109	100
WV	1,860	1,615	2,457	132	152
WI	81,990	82,978	80,211	98	97
WY	275	509	336	122	66
US	3,499,939	*3,723,178	3,797,368	108	102

* 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,
October 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	0.9	1.0	710	827	788	810
AZ	29.8	34.9	34,190	39,997	1,146	1,145
AR	2.4	2.7	2,332	2,612	959	968
CA	71.4	78.5	89,434	96,080	1,253	1,224
CO	198.6	193.7	239,650	239,738	1,207	1,238
DE-MD	3.3	3.2	4,053	3,887	1,218	1,212
FL						
GA						
HI	1.9	1.5	1,967	1,498	1,031	1,014
ID						
IL						
IN	7.3	7.2	7,531	7,431	1,036	1,034
IA	144.9	142.3	175,234	175,897	1,210	1,236
KS	517.7	604.2	624,461	737,276	1,206	1,220
KY	5.4	5.9	5,615	5,999	1,035	1,016
LA	2.4	2.1	1,883	1,665	796	799
MI						
MN	87.3	88.1	110,807	112,830	1,270	1,281
MS						
MO	17.5	13.6	19,090	14,571	1,094	1,071
MT	1.8	1.8	2,170	2,134	1,216	1,179
NE	548.9	560.5	668,890	693,797	1,219	1,238
NV	0.1	0.1	105	118	1,105	1,090
N ENG ^{2/}	4.1	3.7	4,516	3,881	1,101	1,054
NJ	1.2	1.6	1,419	1,892	1,172	1,152
NM	5.4	5.0	5,006	4,541	933	917
NY	5.3	6.0	5,788	6,435	1,090	1,072
NC	14.6	13.5	15,000	14,012	1,029	1,038
ND						
OH	16.4	15.4	17,873	17,082	1,092	1,108
OK	3.6	3.9	3,490	3,931	968	1,004
OR	2.3	1.8	2,835	2,212	1,224	1,199
PA	87.0	88.5	107,927	110,128	1,240	1,244
SC						
SD	18.3	22.8	21,855	25,157	1,196	1,103
TN						
TX	516.4	545.3	570,689	612,126	1,105	1,123
UT						
VA	1.9	2.1	1,745	1,983	905	946
WA	68.4	71.9	84,284	90,737	1,233	1,262
WV	2.4	2.5	2,125	2,305	902	918
WI	114.4	108.9	140,912	133,882	1,232	1,229
WY	0.3	0.4	384	422	1,262	1,100
US ^{3/}	2,797.6	2,948.5	3,321,367	3,540,037	1,187	1,201

^{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.
October 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	4.7	12.9	1,708	4,463	362	347
CO						
DE-MD	1.0	0.7	400	303	409	409
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.4	9.5	3,468	4,029	415	425
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.6	2.9	1,307	1,275	497	447
MI	4.2	5.3	1,234	1,408	295	266
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	83	69	386	403
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	4.8	5.2	1,245	1,434	258	277
NJ	2.7	3.1	1,115	1,055	406	336
NM						
NY	14.1	17.4	4,904	6,730	348	387
NC	0.2	0.1	58	48	301	342
ND						
OH	5.3	5.4	2,631	2,753	498	508
OK	0.1	0.2	63	93	428	478
OR						
PA	14.7	13.2	6,013	5,369	408	407
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.2	2.1	1,212	1,180	555	562
UT						
VA						
WA	1.3	3.0	703	1,386	533	456
WV						
WI	15.1	14.1	5,964	5,704	394	404
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	97.3	115.6	38,516	44,001	396	381

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By States and United States.
October 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	10.5	10.9	4,245	4,480	403	410
AZ	1.0	0.9	256	237	246	259
AR	19.7	22.1	7,018	8,217	357	372
CA	164.9	158.4	36,947	35,438	224	224
CO	4.4	4.9	1,076	1,201	246	247
DE-MD	26.1	27.4	5,952	6,525	228	238
FL	7.0	9.3	1,054	1,590	150	172
GA						
HI	3.4	3.3	599	650	177	196
ID						
IL	715.7	845.9	187,845	225,569	262	267
IN	302.5	299.2	74,006	73,854	245	247
IA	2,520.3	2,871.1	646,923	745,157	257	260
KS						
KY	211.7	288.1	56,009	73,267	265	254
LA	4.7	4.3	971	950	205	221
MI						
MN	703.2	655.1	167,901	162,537	239	248
MS						
MO						
MT	2.5	3.1	569	761	230	246
NE	505.5	544.7	126,700	137,270	251	252
NV	0.1	0.1	27	31	224	244
N ENG ^{2/}	4.8	5.1	1,220	1,270	257	248
NJ						
NM	0.6	0.5	123	114	217	209
NY	5.6	5.8	1,250	1,387	224	240
NC	518.6	590.7	129,408	150,566	250	255
ND	6.3	8.8	1,461	2,059	231	234
OH	227.2	125.1	57,263	31,579	252	252
OK	13.9	15.5	4,640	5,330	334	343
OR	14.3	11.3	3,675	2,811	256	249
PA	187.5	212.6	47,185	52,941	252	249
SC						
SD	452.3	572.7	117,747	150,445	260	263
TN						
TX	25.9	31.8	9,175	10,795	355	339
UT						
VA	345.8	410.9	85,094	104,816	246	255
WA						
WV	1.6	1.7	549	602	348	353
WI	27.1	29.8	10,043	11,516	371	386
WY	0.3	0.6	85	138	247	247
US ^{3/}	8,038.3	8,798.9	2,039,812	2,271,504	254	258

^{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,
October 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	120.9	126.5	15,998	15,441	132	122
DE-MD						
FL	0.1	0.1	6	5	84	87
GA	0.1	0.2	14	28	108	120
HI						
ID	0.5	0.5	58	57	108	110
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	0.3	0.3	32	36	117	121
KY	0.8	0.8	96	98	118	117
LA	0.3	0.3	25	27	82	82
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.5	0.5	65	53	119	116
NE	0.2	0.1	25	15	115	107
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	3.2	3.6	318	381	100	105
NJ	9.7	12.2	879	1,087	91	89
NM	6.0	3.4	697	373	117	111
NY	5.3	3.7	557	404	106	108
NC	0.2	0.2	18	19	80	79
ND	0.1	0.1	15	9	124	112
OH	1.9	1.5	203	161	109	109
OK	0.1	0.1	13	15	122	120
OR	0.7	0.6	75	71	114	116
PA	5.8	5.8	597	584	103	101
SC						
SD	11.7	17.3	1,461	2,172	125	126
TN						
TX						
UT	3.2	4.4	398	563	126	128
VA	2.5	2.4	261	257	104	107
WA						
WV						
WI	1.2	1.3	144	150	116	116
WY	0.1	0.1	12	11	106	137
US ^{3/}	406.3	396.9	50,490	47,333	124	119

^{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	: Oct :		: Sep :		: Oct :		: Jan - Oct 1/ :		: Jan - Oct 1/ :	
	1993:	1994:	1994:	1994:	1993 :	1994 :	1993:	1994:	1994:	1993: 1994
Class 2/	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Cattle										
Steers	1,367	1,532	1,470	14,181	14,897	50.1	53.1	51.1	52.0	53.3
Heifers	785	822	833	7,662	7,837	28.8	28.5	29.0	28.1	28.1
Dairy Cows	248	238	235	2,474	2,341	9.1	8.2	8.2	9.1	8.4
Other Cows	270	236	287	2,396	2,328	9.9	8.2	10.0	8.8	8.3
Bulls & Stags	58	57	52	543	530	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9
Total 1/	2,729	2,885	2,878	27,255	27,933	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,481*	7,782	8,162	70,995*	72,462	95.2	95.0	95.1	94.9	94.9
Sows	306	336	353	3,072	3,160	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Stags & Boars	70	75	70	731	750	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	7,857*	8,192	8,585	74,797*	76,372	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	27	27	26	239	240	6.8	6.9	6.7	5.7	6.1
Lambs & Yrlings	364	357	356	3,928	3,712	93.2	93.1	93.3	94.3	93.9
Total 1/	391	384	381	4,167	3,952	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight: 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle	715	732	725	692	718					
Steers 4/	780	795	794	742	775					
Heifers 4/	712	723	723	681	706					
All Cows 4/	533	529	523	544	539					
Bulls & Stags 4/	837	821	821	862	857					
Calves & Vealers	234	218	224	228	229					
Hogs	184	185	186	183	185					
Barrow & Glts 5/	179	179	181	178	180					
Sows 5/	291	293	290	291	294					
Stags & Boars 5/	232	233	230	219	218					
Sheep	62	59	60	64	63					
Mature Sheep 6/	57	55	57	57	57					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	63	60	60	65	63					

- 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,
October 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	3.1	0.7	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.3	<u>3/</u>
2	7.3	1.5	0.5	4.5	0.1	0.7	25.7
3	92.5	41.5	7.1	31.5	9.6	2.8	<u>3/</u>
4	71.6	1.9	3.5	23.3	34.4	8.6	22.5
5	333.0	154.9	53.1	79.2	34.6	11.3	<u>3/</u>
6	548.2	281.1	160.5	13.2	83.1	10.4	<u>3/</u>
7	1,310.8	742.1	477.4	25.5	56.3	9.4	48.1
8	268.5	122.2	94.6	9.4	38.8	3.4	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	243.2	124.4	36.6	46.8	30.1	5.3	15.9
US <u>2/</u>	2,878.2	1,470.4	833.5	235.0	287.1	52.1	112.2

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>				3.1	1.0	2.1
2	<u>6/</u>				15.5	4.2	11.3
3	665.9	646.2	19.1	0.6	<u>5/</u>		
4	1,247.2	1,163.4	82.7	1.1	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				57.5	6.7	50.7
6	2,242.2	2,104.3	110.8	27.1	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				90.8	8.4	82.5
8	4,252.4	4,072.7	138.9	40.7	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	177.0	175.1	1.8	0.1	214.4	5.2	209.2
US <u>2/</u>	8,584.8	8,161.8	353.3	69.7	381.3	25.5	355.8

- 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 - October 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	29.1	3.0	2.1	20.9	0.5	2.6	<u>3/</u>
2	66.1	11.6	3.2	44.7	0.5	6.0	248.6
3	849.4	401.3	62.3	291.1	74.2	20.6	<u>3/</u>
4	658.7	18.3	32.6	219.8	305.0	83.0	189.3
5	3,256.4	1,483.0	495.9	875.7	283.4	118.4	<u>3/</u>
6	5,250.3	2,909.6	1,530.3	126.4	583.1	100.9	<u>3/</u>
7	12,715.8	7,476.7	4,407.4	232.1	504.3	95.4	465.7
8	2,752.6	1,369.8	907.3	74.1	355.4	46.0	0.1
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	2,354.2	1,223.4	395.6	456.5	221.8	56.8	97.7
US <u>2/</u>	27,932.5	14,896.7	7,836.7	2,341.3	2,328.3	529.5	1,001.4

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>				25.9	8.0	18.0
2	<u>6/</u>				159.0	38.1	120.8
3	5,824.8	5,667.5	155.7	1.6	<u>5/</u>		
4	10,938.6	10,142.9	781.8	13.9	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				609.1	72.6	536.6
6	20,667.6	19,328.6	1,080.3	258.7	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				914.6	75.6	839.0
8	37,177.2	35,576.1	1,126.1	475.0	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	1,763.6	1,747.3	15.6	0.7	2,243.5	45.9	2,197.6
US <u>2/</u>	76,371.8	72,462.4	3,159.5	749.8	3,952.2	240.2	3,712.0

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
October 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	34.5	33.7	0.7				
AR	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.2	
CA	78.1	22.8	4.5	35.2	13.3	2.3	12.8
CO	193.1	95.5	81.9	2.5	12.9	0.3	
DE-MD	3.2	2.3	0.5	0.2		0.1	0.7
FL							
GA							
HI	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	
ID							
IL							9.4
IN							
IA	141.1	66.9	51.0	20.5		2.6	
KS	600.5	378.4	219.6	0.2	2.2	0.1	
KY	4.6	0.9	3.0	0.5	0.2		
LA							
MI							5.2
MN	84.0	33.6	12.2	15.9	17.2	5.0	
MS							
MO	10.7	1.3	0.6	1.5	6.4	0.8	
MT	0.8	0.3	0.2		0.2	0.1	
NE	558.5	295.5	206.1	3.3	47.6	6.0	
NV	0.1	0.1					
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.1	0.7	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.3	5.2
NJ	1.6	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	
NM	4.6	0.8	0.2	1.3	2.1	0.2	
NY	5.7	0.9	0.4	3.9		0.5	17.4
NC	12.4	0.3		2.9	6.7	2.4	
ND							
OH	4.2	0.3	0.5	2.4	0.7	0.3	5.3
OK	1.1	0.1		0.3	0.6		
OR	1.5	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	
PA	88.2	39.0	6.4	31.1	9.2	2.6	13.2
SC							
SD	20.9	0.2	0.1	1.7	17.5	1.4	
TN							
TX	540.0	279.8	160.0	11.4	78.9	10.0	1.8
UT							
VA							
WA	71.8	42.0	19.4	4.6	5.4	0.4	3.0
WV	0.3	0.1	0.1				
WI	104.1	40.7	4.9	43.3	11.0	4.2	14.1
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	2,878.2	1,470.4	833.5	235.0	287.1	52.1	112.2

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By States and United States
October 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	8.2	0.2	6.9	1.1			
AZ							
AR	21.2	12.7	8.5				
CA	151.6	150.4	1.2				
CO					126.4		126.4
DE-MD	27.3	26.7	0.1	0.5			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					0.3		0.3
IL	806.0	730.2	53.1	22.7			
IN	291.4	290.0	0.5	0.9			
IA	2,866.7	2,741.1	84.9	40.6			
KS							
KY	286.7	278.2	8.6		0.8	0.5	0.3
LA							
MI							
MN	647.7	647.6	0.1				
MS							
MO							
MT	2.2	2.1	0.1		0.1		0.1
NE	541.8	541.7	0.1		0.1		0.1
NV	0.1	0.1					
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.8	3.7	0.1		3.1	1.0	2.1
NJ					11.9	2.9	9.0
NM	0.3	0.3			1.5	1.2	0.3
NY	5.0	5.0	0.1		3.7	1.3	2.3
NC	565.6	557.3	8.3				
ND	7.8	7.7	0.1				
OH	103.2	94.6	8.6		0.1		0.1
OK	12.2	5.4	6.9				
OR	10.9	10.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3
PA	212.1	210.7	1.4	0.1	5.7	0.6	5.2
SC							
SD	569.0	523.4	45.6		17.1		17.0
TN							
TX	14.6	6.1	8.1	0.5			
UT					3.9	3.7	0.2
VA	410.5	393.3	17.2		2.2	0.4	1.8
WA							
WV							
WI	20.9	0.5	20.3	0.2			
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	8,584.8	8,161.8	353.3	69.7	381.3	25.5	355.8

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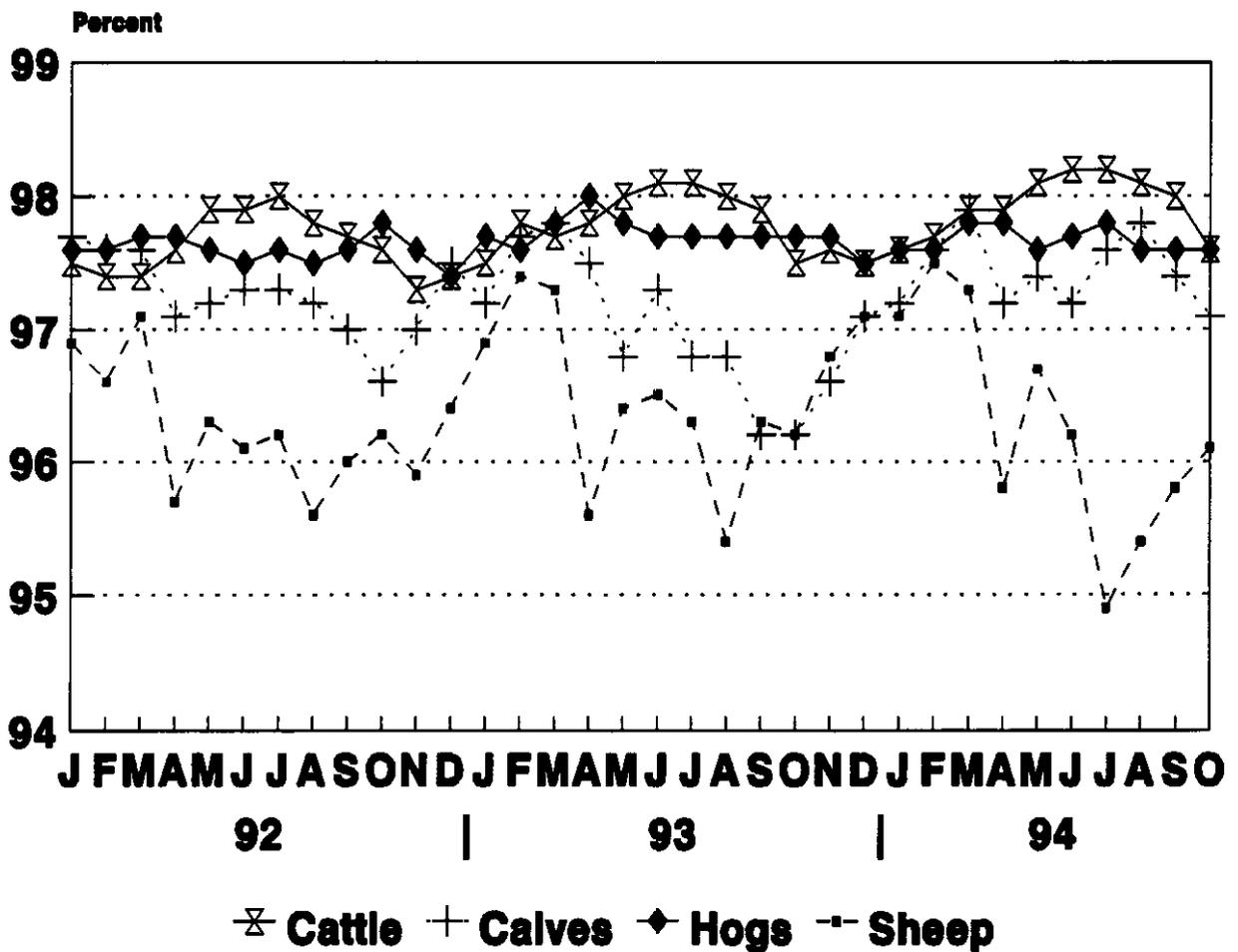
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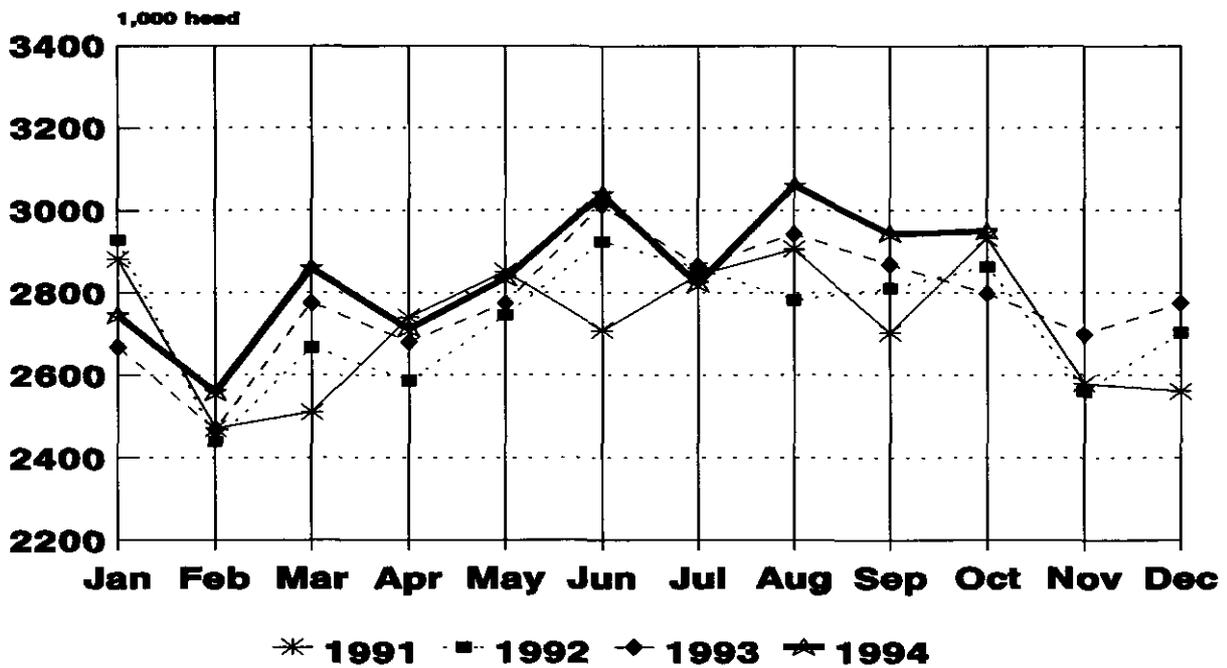
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter
By Species, United States

Species	Oct	Sep	Oct	Jan - Oct	
	1993	1994	1994	1993	1994
	Percent				
Cattle	97.5	98.0	97.6	97.9	97.9
Calves	96.2	97.4	97.1	97.1	97.4
Hogs	97.7	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.7
Sheep	96.2	95.8	96.1	96.4	96.3

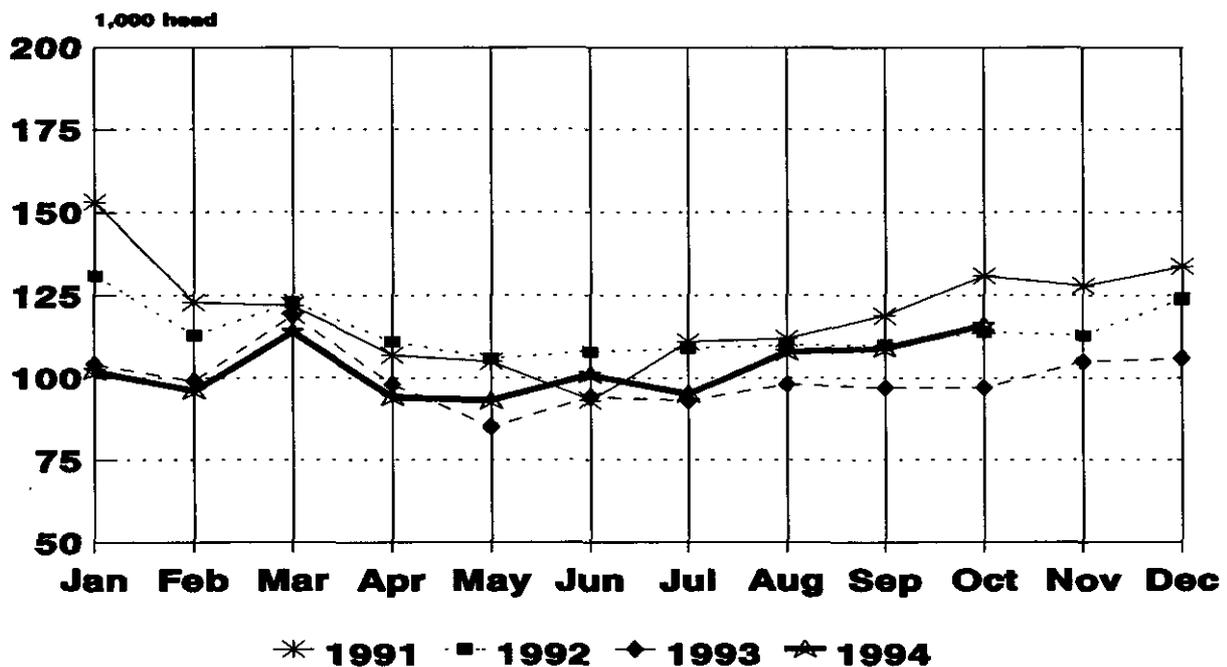
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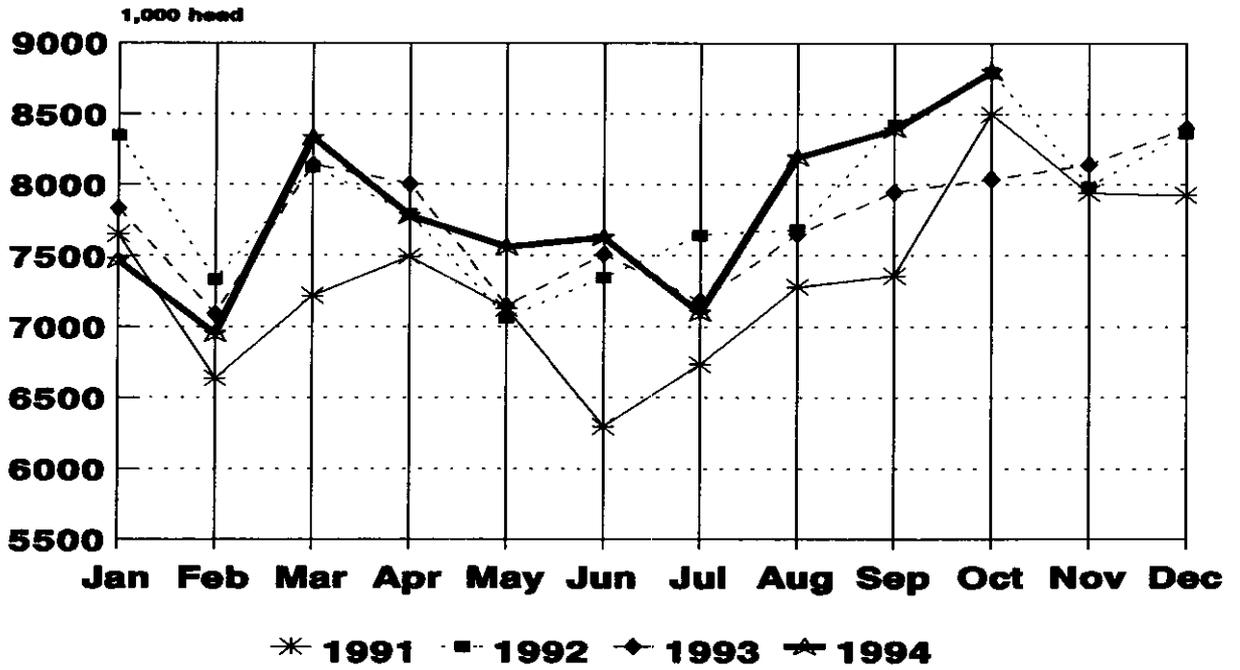
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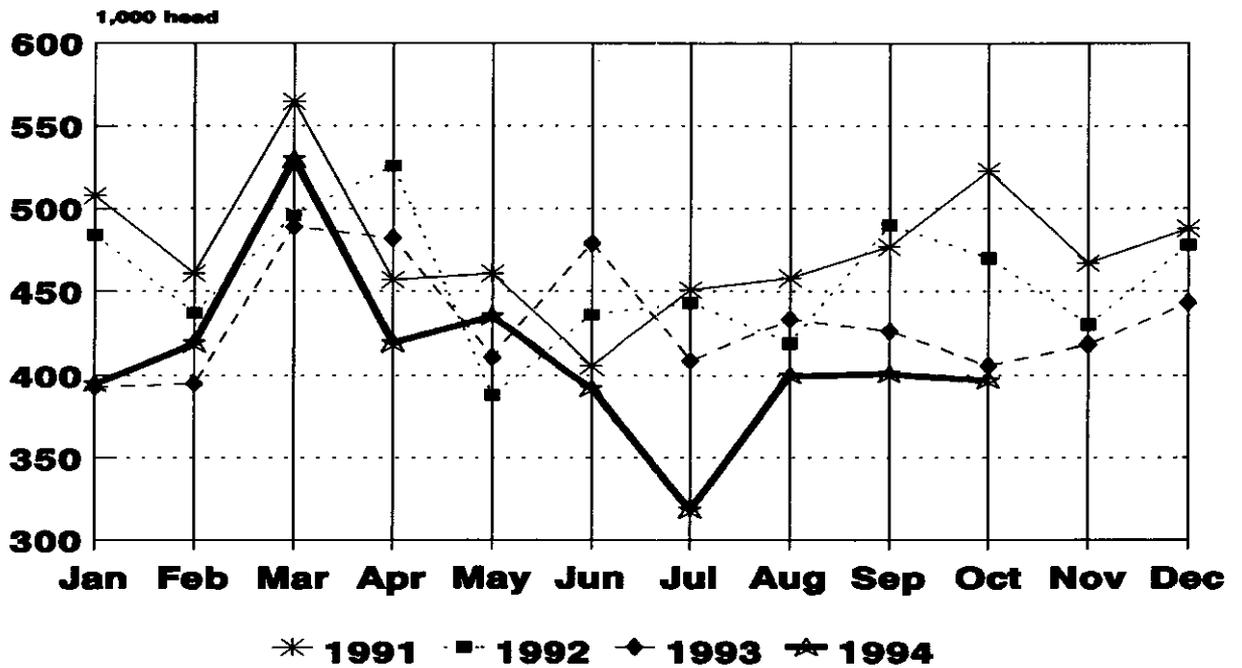
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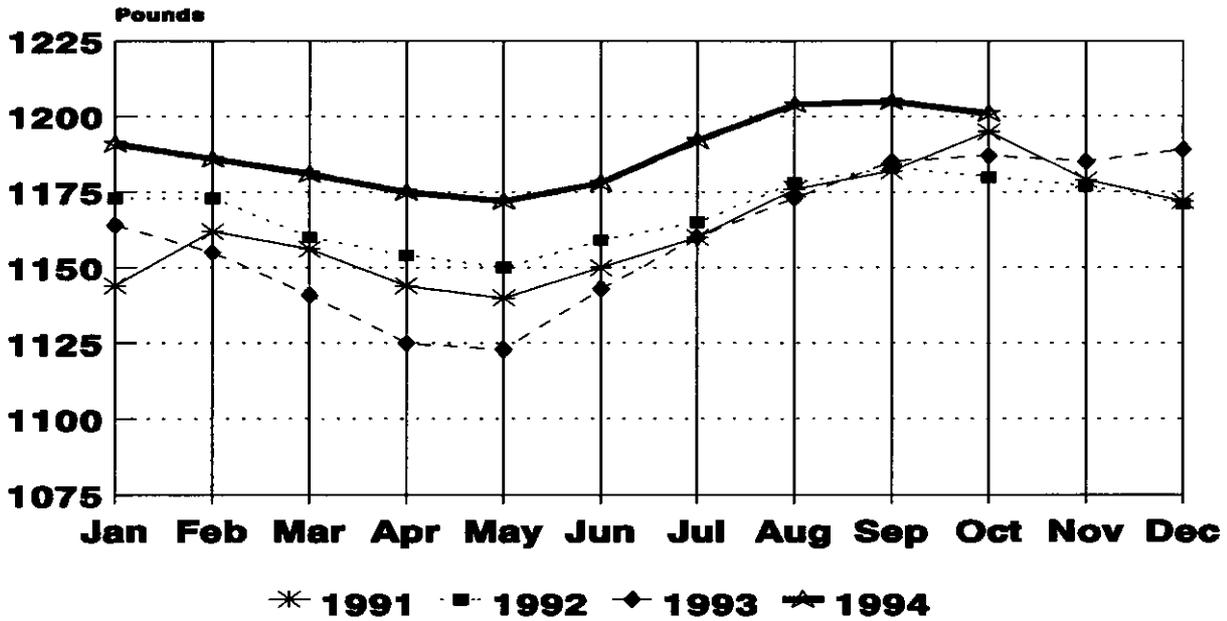
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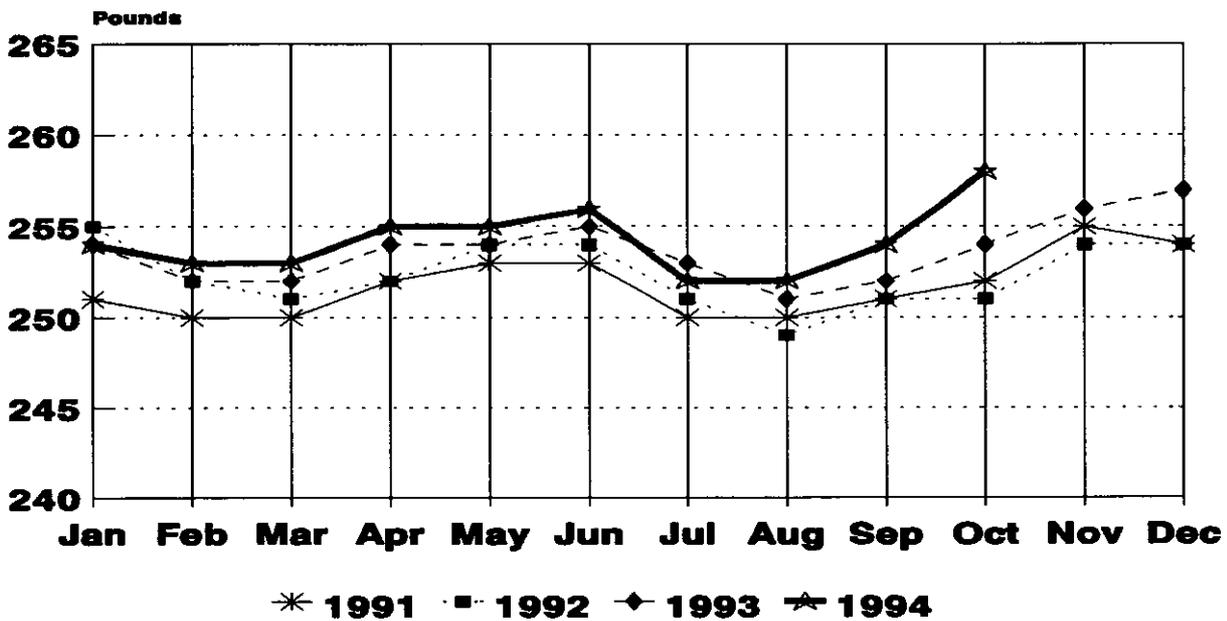
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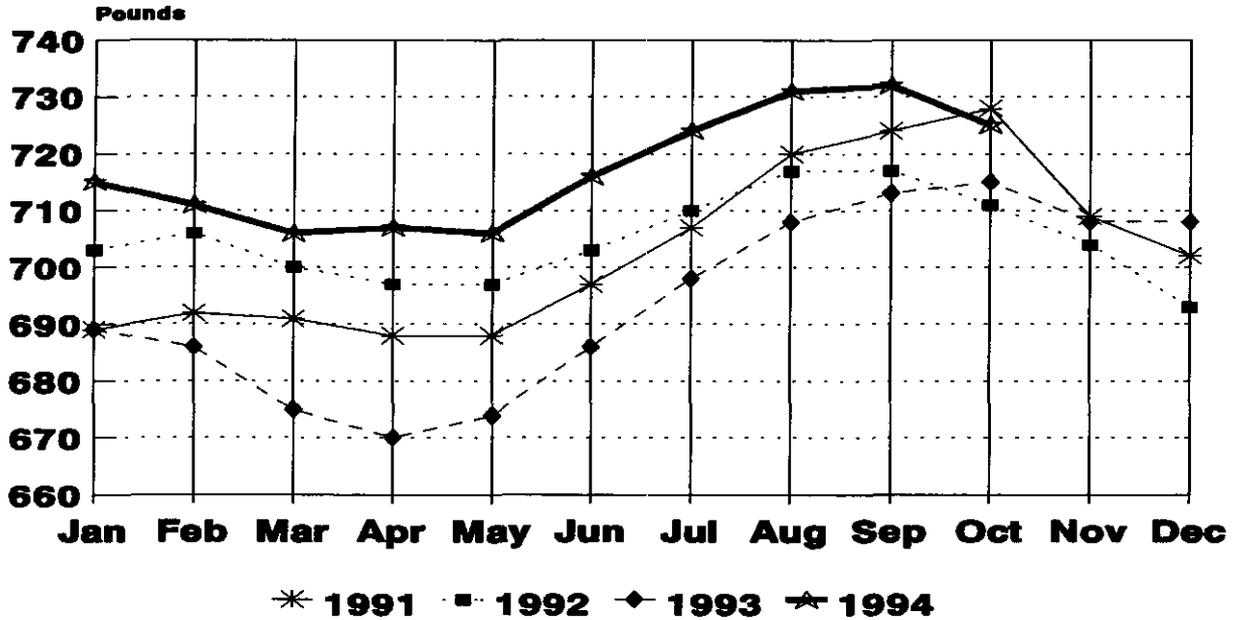
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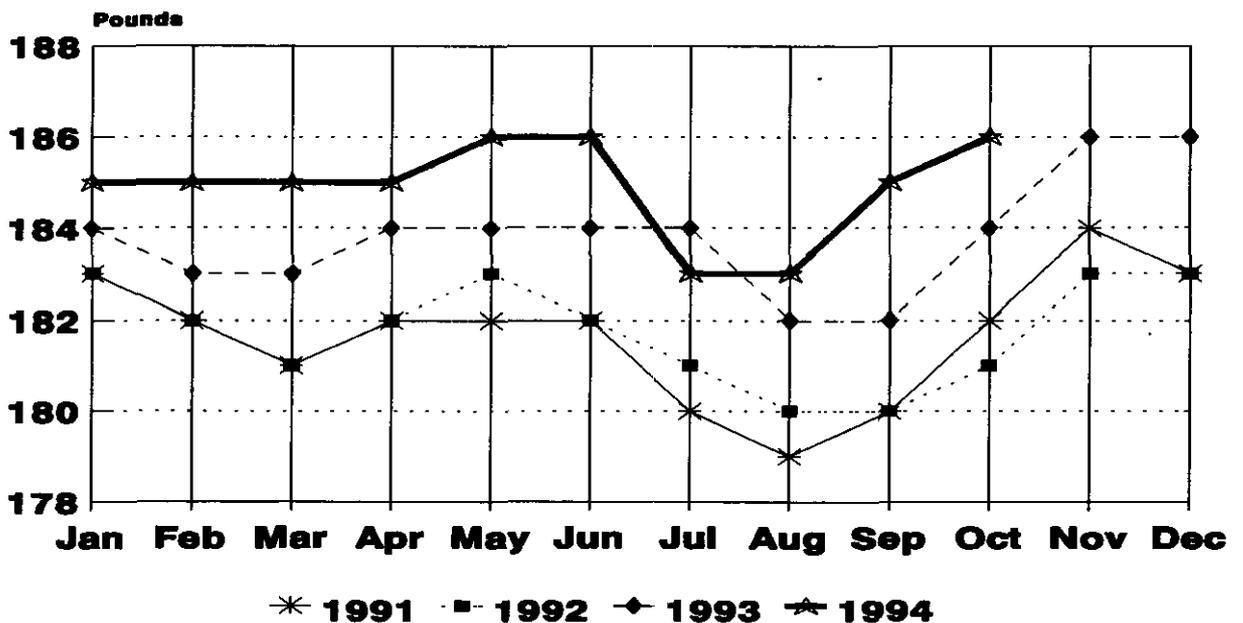
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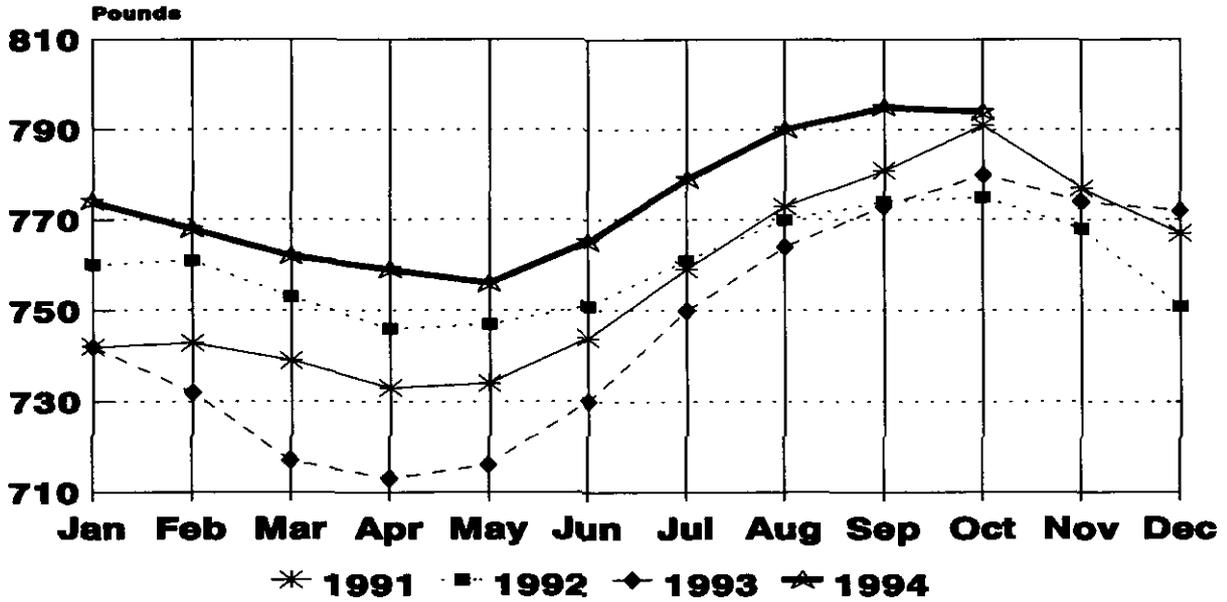
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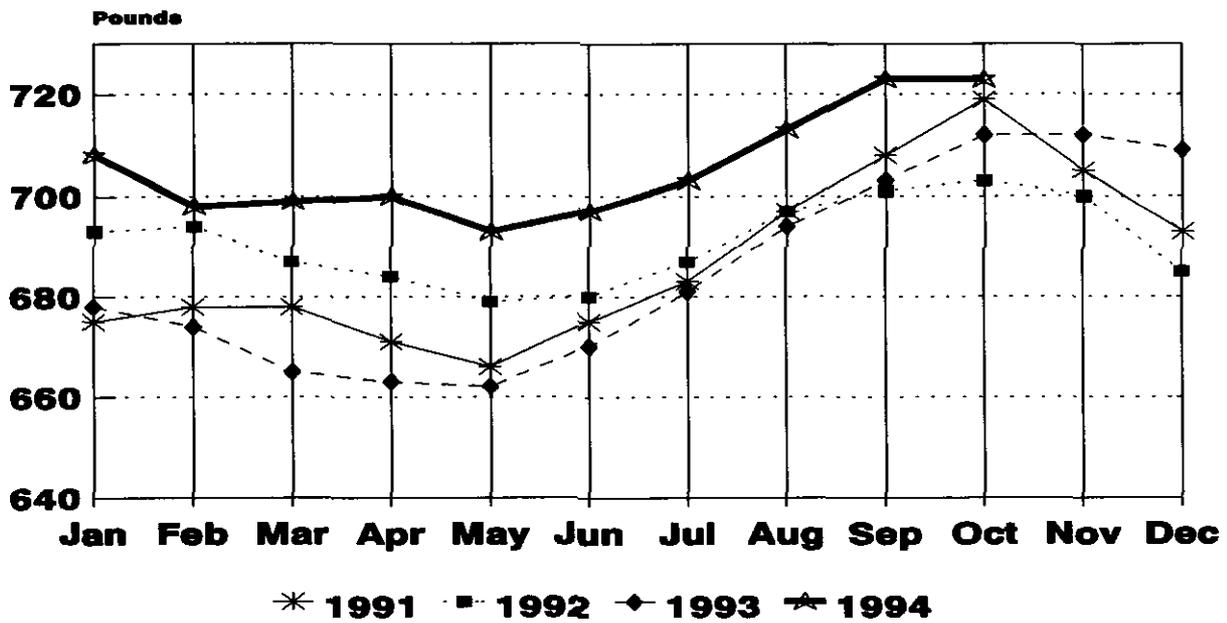
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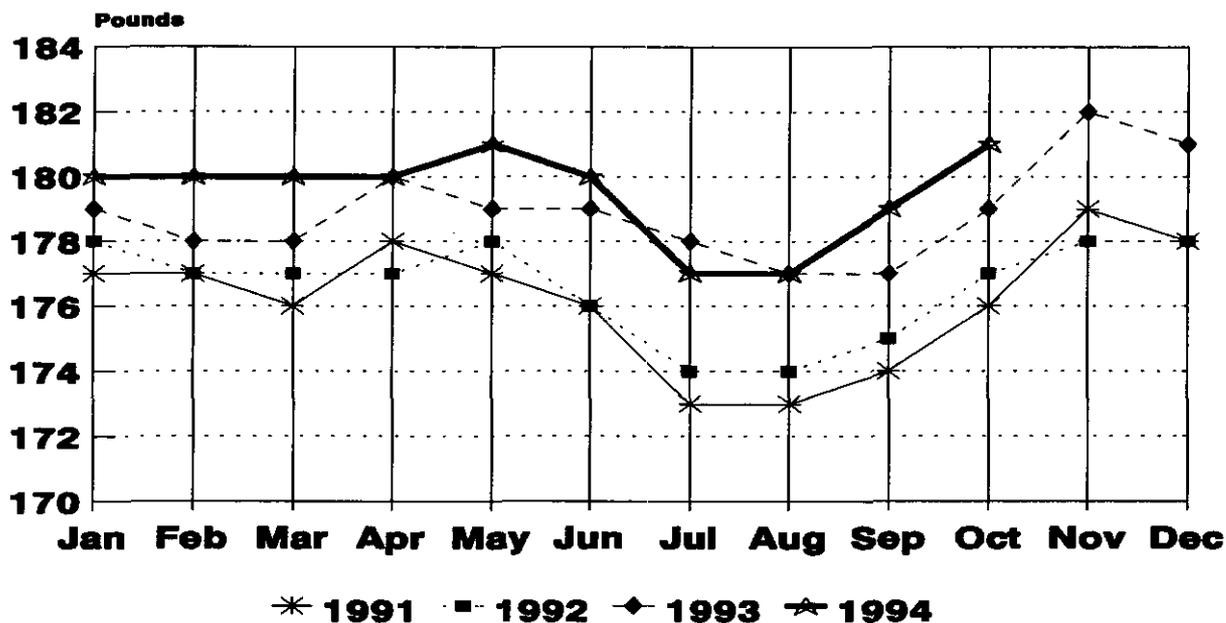
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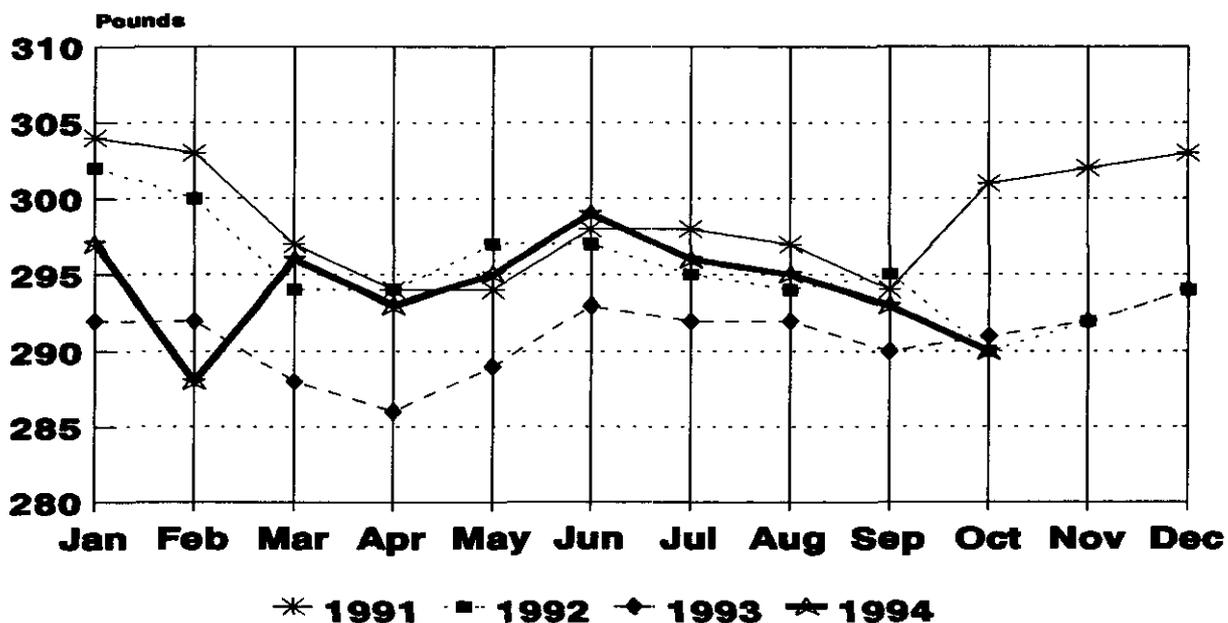
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 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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