

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat and Pork Production Sets Record for December

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.72 billion pounds during December. This production was 5 percent above the previous record high set in December 1993.

December 1994 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 1993 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.02 billion pounds. This production was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.87 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight remain unchanged at 1,189 pounds.

Veal production totaled 26.0 million pounds. This production was up 11 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 123,600, up 17 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 16 pounds to 369 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.64 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the previous record high set in December 1993. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, 5 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 26.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from year earlier. Slaughter totaled 425,500 head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 123 pounds.

January-December red meat production was 42.5 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec 94 % of		Jan - Dec <u>2/</u>		94 as % of 93
	1993	1994	1994	Dec 1993	Nov 1994	1993	1994	
	--- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,948	1,978	2,021	104	102	22,942	24,282	106
Veal	24	25	26	111	105	268	283	106
Pork	1,554	1,639	1,642	106	100	17,029	17,662	104
Lamb & Mutton	28	24	26	93	107	329	305	93
Total Red Meat	3,553	3,667	3,715	105	101	40,568	42,533	105

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/

Class	Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov 94 % of		Jan - Dec <u>2/</u>		94 as % of 93
	1993	1994	1994	Dec 1993	Nov 1994	1993	1994	
	-- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,909	1,942	1,984	104	102	22,528	23,875	106
Veal	23	25	26	112	106	260	276	106
Pork	1,520	1,604	1,603	105	100	16,684	17,293	104
Lamb & Mutton	27	24	25	93	107	320	297	93
Total Red Meat	3,479	3,594	3,638	105	101	39,793	41,741	105

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	Dec 94 % of :			Jan - Dec <u>2/</u>		94 % of 93		
		Dec 1993	Nov 1994	Dec 1994	Dec 1993	Nov 1994		1993	1994
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,706.3	2,744.3	2,805.7	104	102	32,593.3	33,482.5	103
Other	:Thou:	68.8	64.8	65.1	95	101	731.1	718.2	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,775.1	2,809.1	2,870.9	103	102	33,324.4	34,200.7	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,192	1,195	1,193	100	99	1,164	1,193	102
Other	:Lbs :	1,025	1,024	1,030	100	101	1,018	1,031	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,189	1,191	1,189	100	100	1,161	1,189	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	103.0	*114.0	121.3	118	106	1,159.2	1,236.8	107
Other	:Thou:	3.1	3.0	2.4	76	79	35.4	31.7	89
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	106.1	*117.0	123.6	117	106	1,194.6	1,268.4	106
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	385	371	367	95	99	387	383	99
Other	:Lbs :	396	419	396	100	94	402	404	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	385	*372	369	96	99	388	383	99
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,184.0*	8,515.8	8,546.8	104	100	90,933.1	93,434.4	103
Other	:Thou:	212.5	221.3	238.9	112	108	2,134.5	2,282.5	107
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	8,396.5*	8,737.1	8,785.8	105	101	93,067.6	95,716.9	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	258	261	260	101	99	254	256	100
Other	:Lbs :	228	230	236	103	102	230	230	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	257	261	260	101	100	254	255	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	429.6	392.5	411.1	96	105	5,001.5	4,755.8	95
Other	:Thou:	13.0	13.5	14.4	111	106	180.8	180.6	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	442.6	406.0	425.5	96	105	5,182.3	4,936.3	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	128	121	125	97	103	129	126	98
Other	:Lbs :	93	99	95	102	96	96	95	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	127	120	123	97	103	127	125	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	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec 94 as % of	
	1993	1994	1994	Dec 1993	Nov 1994
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	3,568	3,865	3,575	100	92
AZ	20,656	21,598	21,149	102	98
AR	5,744	6,921	7,158	125	103
CA	77,818	84,035	87,695	113	104
CO	157,477	157,466	169,745	108	108
DE-MD	7,944	7,206	7,485	94	104
FL	3,870	4,355	3,882	100	89
GA	37,367	40,558	38,769	104	96
HI	1,603	1,191	1,168	73	98
ID	37,247	43,971	42,509	114	97
IL	213,110	233,492	235,403	110	101
IN	68,864	59,679	61,119	89	102
IA	605,963	654,614	648,383	107	99
KS	401,662	411,226	436,284	109	106
KY	49,065	58,258	57,494	117	99
LA	2,142	2,388	2,361	110	99
MI	82,952	90,298	93,517	113	104
MN	199,018	182,267	184,485	93	101
MS	28,051	29,824	26,176	93	88
MO	54,114	46,660	51,057	94	109
MT	1,582	1,649	1,685	106	102
NE	482,827	489,256	487,781	101	100
NV	99	120	111	113	93
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,987	4,013	3,717	93	93
NJ	2,822	2,882	3,262	116	113
NM	2,562	2,223	1,695	66	76
NY	7,281	8,586	9,483	130	110
NC	103,566	119,623	121,676	117	102
ND	11,262	10,733	10,528	93	98
OH	51,794	30,785	33,420	65	109
OK	4,388	*5,808	5,430	124	93
OR	3,760	3,150	3,046	81	97
PA	96,001	97,225	97,946	102	101
SC	15,822	15,335	16,557	105	108
SD	108,750	118,912	120,156	110	101
TN	19,786	19,891	20,729	105	104
TX	333,484	*339,227	341,777	102	101
UT	39,455	40,900	38,015	96	93
VA	65,859	81,949	75,308	114	92
WA	47,719	49,814	54,321	114	109
WV	1,543	2,427	2,294	149	95
WI	89,914	82,234	86,520	96	105
WY	438	539	485	111	90
US	3,552,937	*3,667,154	3,715,358	105	101

* 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 State and United States,
December 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	.8	.9	685	757	819	823
AZ	30.5	30.7	34,567	35,378	1,133	1,151
AR	2.5	2.7	2,387	2,427	949	901
CA	70.9	82.5	88,319	101,998	1,245	1,236
CO	196.5	215.5	240,157	261,263	1,222	1,212
DE-MD	3.6	3.2	4,362	3,895	1,225	1,202
FL						
GA						
HI	1.8	1.0	1,722	949	982	991
ID						
IL						
IN	7.5	6.9	7,756	7,029	1,041	1,020
IA	151.6	146.3	186,242	179,614	1,228	1,227
KS	524.2	565.0	632,506	683,205	1,207	1,209
KY	5.2	5.8	5,245	5,834	1,009	1,004
LA	1.9	2.0	1,508	1,731	801	859
MI						
MN	94.1	92.8	119,373	116,889	1,269	1,260
MS						
MO	18.4	15.6	19,382	16,488	1,056	1,059
MT	1.9	1.9	2,248	2,161	1,157	1,156
NE	536.4	538.9	655,904	665,964	1,223	1,236
NV	.1	.1	123	120	1,099	1,142
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.8	3.4	4,155	3,513	1,090	1,023
NJ	1.3	1.7	1,488	1,972	1,190	1,139
NM	4.7	3.3	4,554	2,958	964	909
NY	5.3	6.3	5,564	6,559	1,048	1,040
NC	12.7	13.5	12,990	13,923	1,019	1,029
ND						
OH	11.8	12.1	12,959	13,500	1,101	1,113
OK	3.6	4.1	3,579	4,090	981	997
OR	1.9	1.8	2,272	2,232	1,178	1,214
PA	81.5	83.7	102,650	103,581	1,260	1,238
SC						
SD	21.9	22.9	25,526	24,855	1,166	1,087
TN						
TX	485.4	493.1	528,618	540,346	1,089	1,096
UT						
VA	2.3	2.1	2,295	1,993	983	959
WA	64.9	72.3	78,869	89,503	1,215	1,238
WV	1.5	1.9	1,315	1,784	862	916
WI	127.1	122.0	157,830	148,784	1,242	1,219
WY	.6	.5	615	594	1,087	1,096
US <u>3/</u>	2,775.1	2,870.9	3,298,301	3,413,765	1,189	1,189

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 US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
December 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	6.0	13.9	2,157	4,884	360	351
CO						
DE-MD	.6	.7	224	317	357	442
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.4	9.4	3,833	3,853	410	411
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.2	1.9	1,062	997	490	534
MI	5.0	7.1	1,210	1,633	240	231
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	83	68	395	395
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	4.9	6.5	1,227	1,761	252	270
NJ	3.1	3.1	1,294	1,308	419	418
NM						
NY	16.0	21.3	5,240	8,016	328	377
NC	.2	.2	57	67	296	421
ND						
OH	5.4	5.7	2,702	2,926	502	511
OK	.1	.1	56	62	432	433
OR						
PA	16.6	12.8	6,731	5,060	406	397
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.0	4.8	1,075	1,065	536	224
UT						
VA						
WA	2.1	3.0	1,003	1,395	478	461
WV						
WI	17.1	15.2	6,729	6,044	393	397
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	106.1	123.6	40,815	45,644	385	369

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States.
December 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	11.9	11.8	4,690	4,852	394	412
AZ	1.0	1.0	234	254	240	243
AR	19.2	23.5	7,009	9,232	365	393
CA	163.4	176.3	36,374	40,351	223	229
CO	4.4	4.8	1,008	1,194	230	247
DE-MD	30.6	29.0	7,098	6,861	232	237
FL	12.0	9.9	1,323	2,142	110	215
GA						
HI	4.4	4.4	869	849	198	192
ID						
IL	772.1	844.0	204,493	224,096	265	266
IN	338.2	301.4	84,163	74,721	249	248
IA	2,582.0	2,808.4	672,955	742,869	261	265
KS						
KY	237.2	292.3	64,063	74,614	270	255
LA	5.6	6.3	1,155	1,295	205	204
MI						
MN	747.1	662.9	180,428	165,115	242	249
MS						
MO						
MT	2.3	3.0	526	736	233	247
NE	498.2	496.9	125,405	121,379	252	244
NV	.2	.2	32	51	169	248
N ENG <u>2/</u>	5.7	4.6	1,509	1,150	263	250
NJ						
NM	.1	.2	27	51	225	214
NY	8.3	8.9	1,763	2,071	211	234
NC	539.3	633.3	138,229	159,965	256	253
ND	6.1	9.3	1,430	2,175	234	235
OH	237.4	131.0	60,135	33,431	253	255
OK	12.6	15.6	4,395	6,066	349	390
OR	14.2	10.9	3,737	2,691	263	248
PA	212.9	217.0	50,104	55,287	235	255
SC						
SD	508.9	567.8	132,540	149,341	260	263
TN						
TX	33.5	34.7	10,891	12,884	325	371
UT						
VA	350.3	391.7	86,505	99,457	247	254
WA						
WV	2.0	2.1	720	729	357	350
WI	27.0	30.5	9,989	11,834	370	388
WY	.4	.7	114	172	261	255
US <u>3/</u>	8,396.5	8,785.8	2,157,821	2,280,754	257	260

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 US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
December 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	142.5	142.6	19,472	18,384	137	129
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	7	6	87	103
GA	.1	.1	11	12	113	89
HI						
ID	.5	.4	64	44	120	107
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	25	20	116	123
KY	.8	.8	102	92	124	120
LA	.2	.2	12	15	77	73
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.3	.4	32	45	114	111
NE	.1	.1	12	8	120	97
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.2	3.1	327	309	102	99
NJ	11.0	13.9	1,085	1,274	98	92
NM	5.1	3.8	586	405	115	108
NY	5.8	4.7	585	515	101	109
NC	.2	.2	21	18	93	84
ND	.1	.1	13	11	118	120
OH	1.2	1.0	129	106	110	105
OK	.1	.1	8	14	118	123
OR	.5	.5	62	55	123	117
PA	5.3	6.4	533	650	100	101
SC						
SD	11.1	19.8	1,401	2,494	126	126
TN						
TX						
UT	3.5	4.7	448	539	129	114
VA	2.2	2.1	238	235	109	110
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.7	95	76	115	116
WY	.2	.2	22	23	130	116
US <u>3/</u>	442.6	425.5	56,204	52,509	127	123

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

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

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	:Jan - Dec <u>1/</u> :					:Jan - Dec <u>1/</u> :				
	Dec 1993	Nov 1994	Dec 1994	1993	1994	Dec 1993	Nov 1994	Dec 1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class <u>2/</u>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,376	1,335	1,419	16,840	17,651	50.8	48.7	50.6	51.7	52.7
Heifers	749	782	770	9,152	9,389	27.7	28.5	27.5	28.1	28.0
Dairy Cows	262	251	265	2,995	2,858	9.7	9.2	9.5	9.2	8.5
Other Cows	269	325	302	2,959	2,955	10.0	11.8	10.8	9.1	8.8
Bulls & Stags	50	51	49	648	629	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.9
Total <u>1/</u>	2,706	2,744	2,806	32,593	33,483	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,790	8,065	8,087	86,362	88,614	95.2	94.7	94.6	95.0	94.8
Sows	327	377	380	3,709	3,917	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.2
Stags & Boars	67	74	80	862	904	.8	.9	.9	.9	1.0
Total <u>1/</u>	8,184	8,516	8,547	90,933	93,434	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	28	25	27	293	292	6.4	6.4	6.5	5.9	6.1
Lambs & Yrlings	402	367	384	4,708	4,463	93.6	93.6	93.5	94.1	93.9
Total <u>1/</u>	430	392	411	5,002	4,756	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight <u>3/</u>	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle <u>4/</u>	708	711	711	694	717					
Steers <u>4/</u>	772	785	781	747	776					
Heifers <u>4/</u>	709	718	710	685	707					
All Cows <u>4/</u>	535	519	527	542	536					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	853	834	843	859	854					
Calves & Vealers	229	219	217	228	227					
Hogs	186	189	188	184	185					
Barrow Gilts <u>5/</u>	181	183	182	179	180					
Sows <u>5/</u>	294	293	294	291	294					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	230	230	229	221	219					
Sheep	64	61	62	64	63					
Mature Sheep <u>6/</u>	57	57	57	57	57					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	64	61	62	65	63					

1/ Total 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 hog average dressed weight.

6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
December 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	3.0	.5	.3	1.9	.1	.2	<u>3/</u>
2	7.7	1.4	.5	4.9	.2	.7	30.9
3	87.4	32.9	6.0	35.4	10.6	2.5	<u>3/</u>
4	70.4	2.0	3.2	22.3	35.5	7.4	21.0
5	349.3	143.0	55.6	98.3	41.5	10.7	<u>3/</u>
6	495.8	265.8	138.5	12.8	68.8	9.9	<u>3/</u>
7	1,255.5	707.3	445.7	31.1	62.8	8.5	52.4
8	292.4	144.9	85.6	6.8	51.0	4.1	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	244.2	121.4	34.9	51.6	31.3	5.0	17.0
US <u>2/</u>	2,805.7	1,419.2	770.5	265.2	301.8	49.0	121.3
	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	.9	1.9
2	<u>6/</u>				18.2	5.3	13.0
3	660.2	638.7	20.3	1.2	<u>5/</u>		
4	1,271.5	1,190.7	79.2	1.6	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				62.3	7.5	54.8
6	2,249.4	2,096.7	121.2	31.6	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				94.9	7.4	87.5
8	4,171.5	3,968.4	157.8	45.2	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	194.2	192.3	1.8	.1	232.9	5.7	227.1
US <u>2/</u>	8,546.8	8,086.9	380.2	79.7	411.1	26.9	384.2

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - December 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	35.3	4.1	2.7	24.7	.7	3.1	<u>3/</u>
2	81.3	14.7	4.3	54.0	.9	7.4	308.0
3	1,027.4	471.3	74.8	361.1	94.5	25.8	<u>3/</u>
4	801.0	22.5	39.0	264.3	377.0	98.2	229.6
5	3,945.0	1,771.9	603.2	1,062.7	366.8	140.3	<u>3/</u>
6	6,239.7	3,426.2	1,805.2	151.3	736.1	120.8	<u>3/</u>
7	15,188.8	8,838.1	5,313.0	294.6	630.5	112.5	566.4
8	3,324.1	1,647.0	1,076.6	87.7	458.8	54.0	.1
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	2,840.0	1,455.5	470.5	557.4	289.4	67.1	132.8
US	33,482.5	17,651.3	9,389.5	2,857.8	2,954.8	629.2	1,236.8
	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>				31.7	9.8	22.0
2	<u>6/</u>				192.4	47.7	144.7
3	7,154.0	6,954.5	195.1	4.4	<u>5/</u>		
4	13,491.8	12,537.7	937.3	16.7	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				728.5	87.5	641.0
6	25,121.6	23,480.4	1,321.0	320.3	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				1,100.7	90.3	1,010.4
8	45,533.6	43,528.3	1,443.9	561.4	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	2,133.3	2,113.2	19.2	.9	2,702.5	57.0	2,645.5
US	93,434.4	88,614.1	3,916.6	903.7	4,755.8	292.3	4,463.5

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States.
December 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	30.4	28.7	1.6	.1			
AR	2.2	.3	.2	.2	1.4	.1	
CA	82.1	26.3	2.6	39.4	11.7	2.0	13.9
CO	214.9	120.0	70.8	1.7	22.2	.2	
DE-MD	3.2	2.3	.6	.2		.1	.7
FL							
GA							
HI	.4	.1	.2	.1			
ID							
IL							9.3
IN							
IA	144.8	63.2	53.3	25.9	.1	2.4	
KS	561.2	350.2	208.8	.2	1.9	.1	
KY	4.3	1.0	2.7	.4	.1		
LA							
MI							7.0
MN	88.5	30.6	14.5	17.7	20.5	5.2	
MS							
MO	12.6	1.5	.7	2.1	7.5	.8	
MT	1.0	.2	.2		.4	.1	
NE	536.9	292.5	183.0	3.0	53.3	5.3	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	3.0	.5	.3	1.9	.1	.2	6.5
NJ	1.7	.6	.1	.6	.1	.3	
NM	3.0	.5	.3	1.3	.8	.2	
NY	6.0	.8	.5	4.3		.4	21.2
NC	12.6	.4	.1	2.6	7.3	2.2	
ND							
OH	4.8	.3	.4	2.9	.8	.5	5.6
OK	.8			.3	.5	.1	
OR	1.5	.9	.1	.2	.2	.1	
PA	83.3	30.3	5.3	35.0	10.4	2.3	12.8
SC							
SD	21.0	.2	.1	1.4	17.2	2.1	
TN							
TX	489.4	264.9	138.0	11.0	66.0	9.6	4.5
UT							
VA							
WA	72.2	40.4	19.7	4.7	7.0	.4	3.0
WV	.1	.1					
WI	117.4	36.3	5.8	57.9	13.8	3.7	15.2
WY							
US ^{3/}	2,805.7	1,419.2	770.5	265.2	301.8	49.0	121.3

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
December 1994 ^{1/}

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ^{2/}	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ^{2/}	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	8.1	.2	6.5	1.4			
AZ							
AR	22.6	11.9	10.7				
CA	167.3	166.3	1.0				
CO					142.6		142.5
DE-MD	28.9	27.7	.1	1.1			
FL							
GA							
HI	3.1	3.1					
ID					.2		.2
IL	796.3	715.2	54.0	27.1			
IN	293.6	293.1	.5				
IA	2,803.1	2,647.4	110.5	45.2			
KS							
KY	289.1	280.3	8.8		.8	.5	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	652.6	652.5	.1				
MS							
MO							
MT	2.0	1.9	.1		.1		.1
NE	494.3	494.2	.1				
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	3.9	3.8			2.8	.9	1.9
NJ					13.5	3.4	10.2
NM					1.6	1.3	.3
NY	8.3	8.2	.1		4.7	1.9	2.8
NC	606.4	598.1	8.1	.2			
ND	7.8	7.7	.1				
OH	114.0	103.3	10.5	.2	.2		.2
OK	12.4	5.7	6.7				
OR	10.6	10.0	.5	.1	.3	.1	.2
PA	216.6	215.4	1.2		6.4	.5	5.9
SC							
SD	563.4	524.2	39.1		19.6		19.6
TN							
TX	16.4	5.0	10.2	1.2			
UT					4.3	4.1	.2
VA	390.4	371.9	18.5		2.1	.2	1.8
WA							
WV							
WI	23.4	.4	22.7	.2			
WY							
US ^{3/}	8,546.8	8,086.9	380.2	79.7	411.1	26.9	384.2

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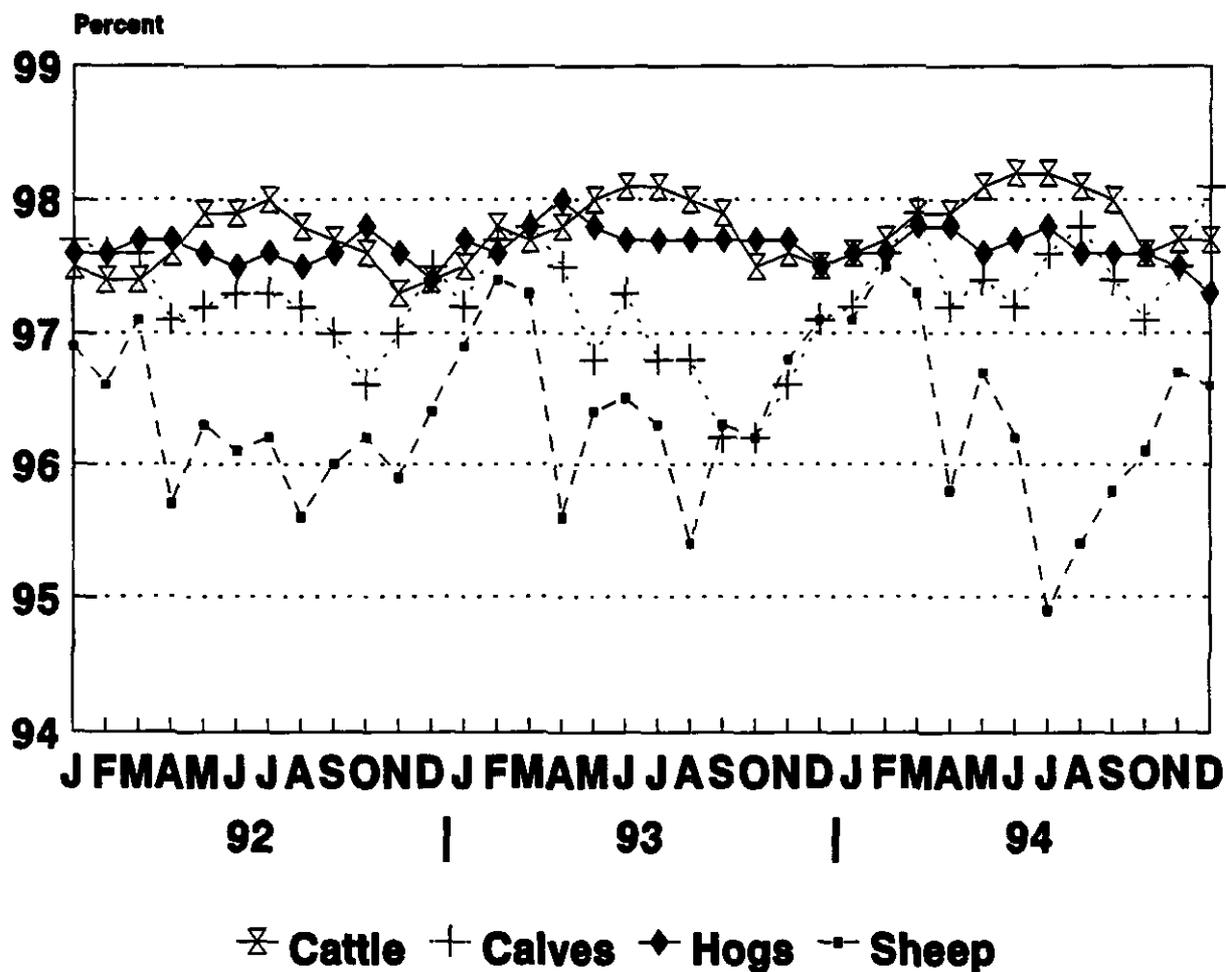
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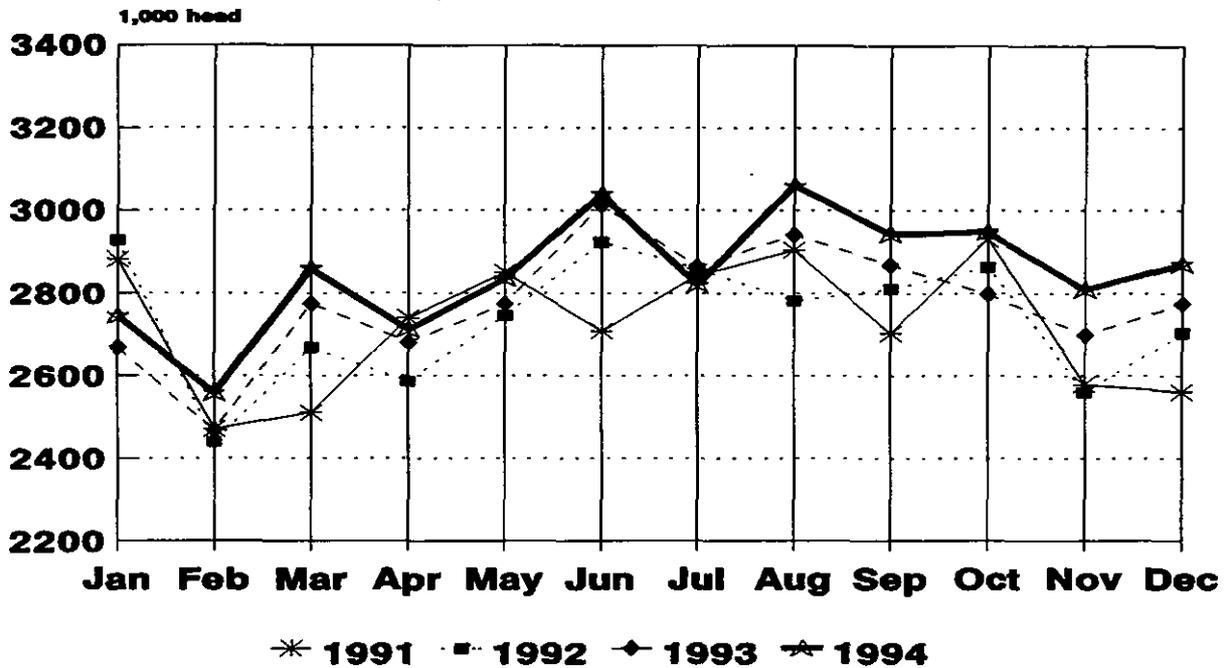
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Dec 1993		Nov 1994		Dec 1994		Jan - Dec	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	Percent							
Cattle	97.5	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.8	97.9		
Calves	97.1	97.5	98.1	97.0	97.5	97.6		
Hogs	97.5	97.5	97.3	97.7	97.6	96.3		
Sheep	97.1	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.3			

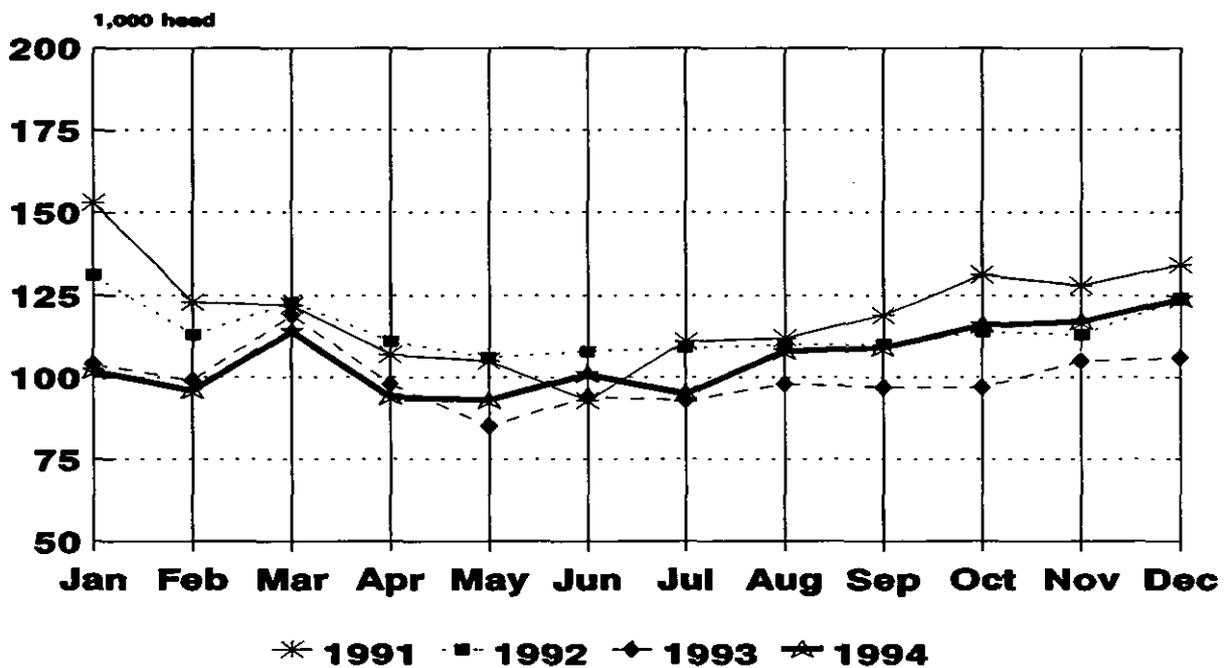
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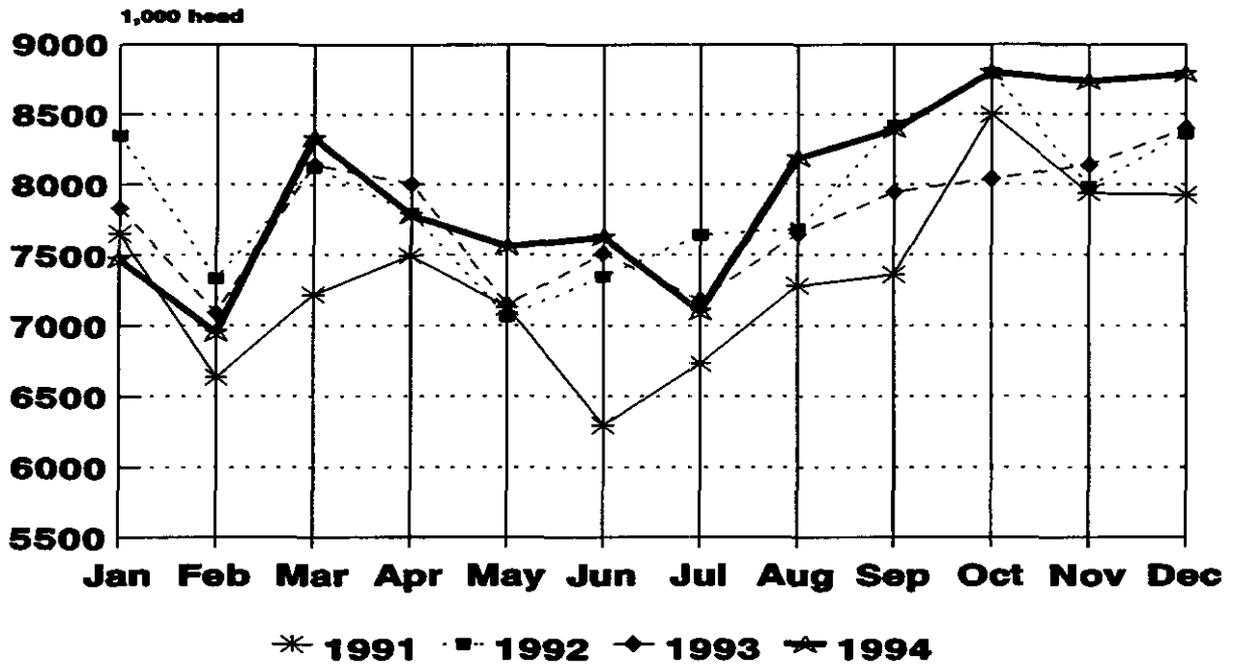
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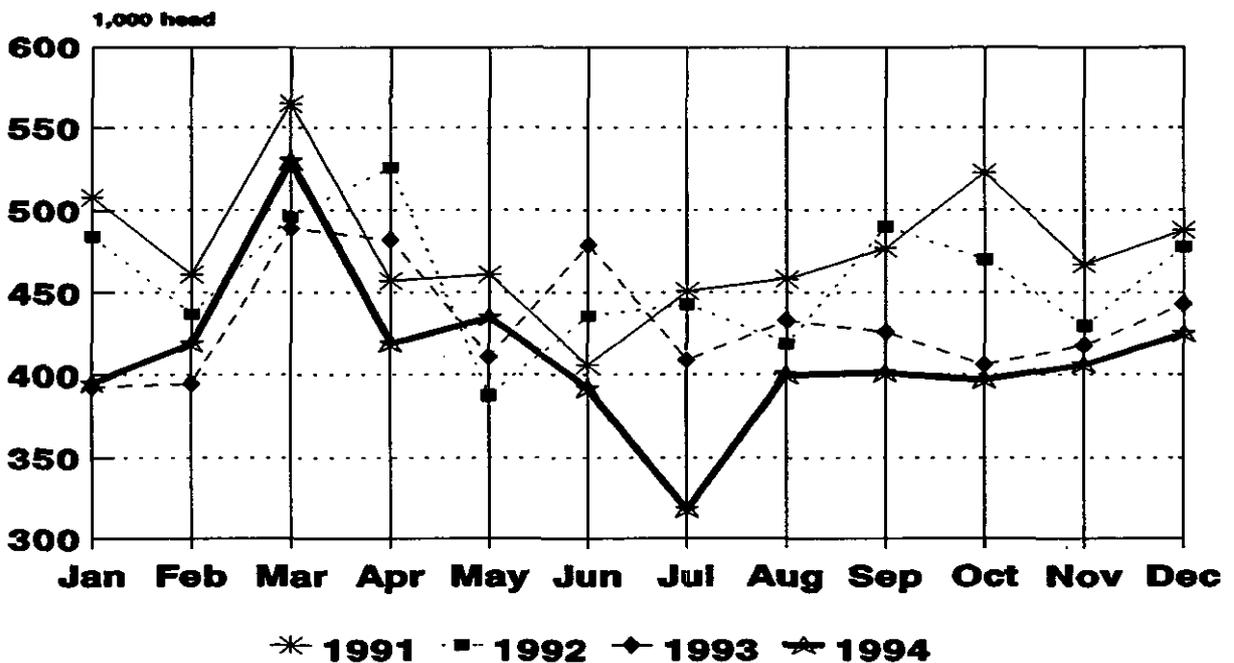
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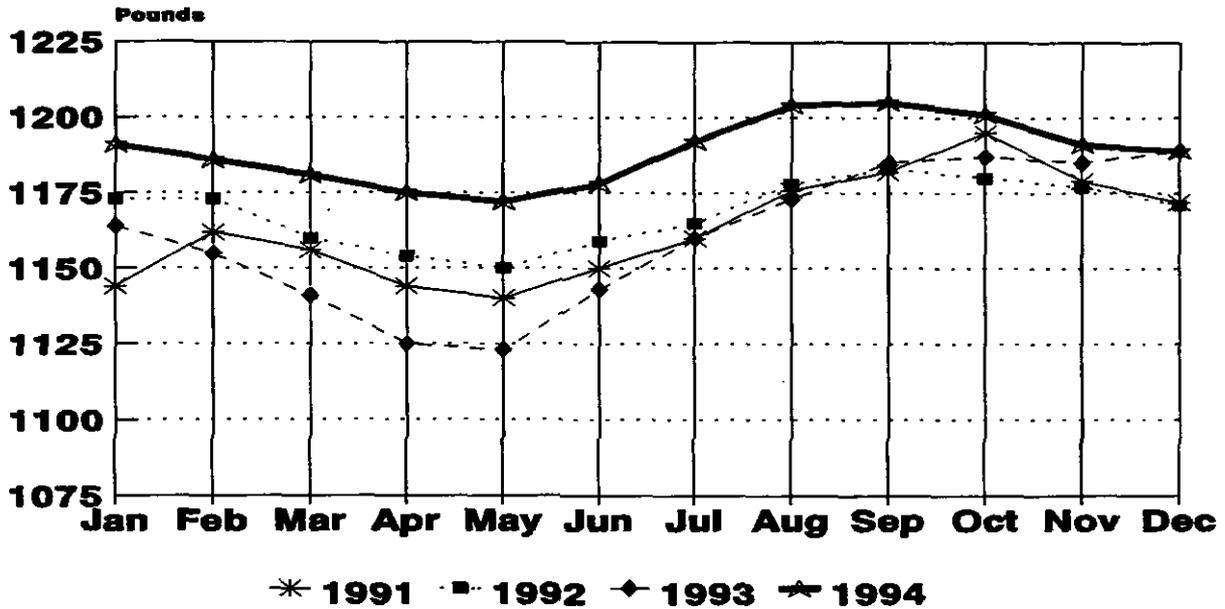
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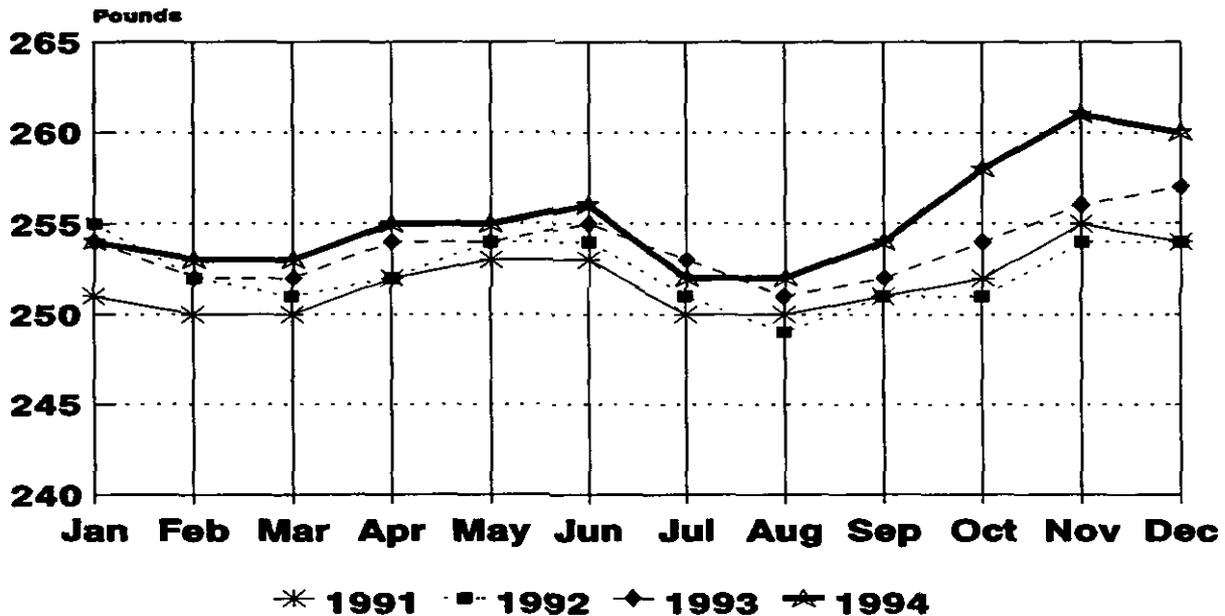
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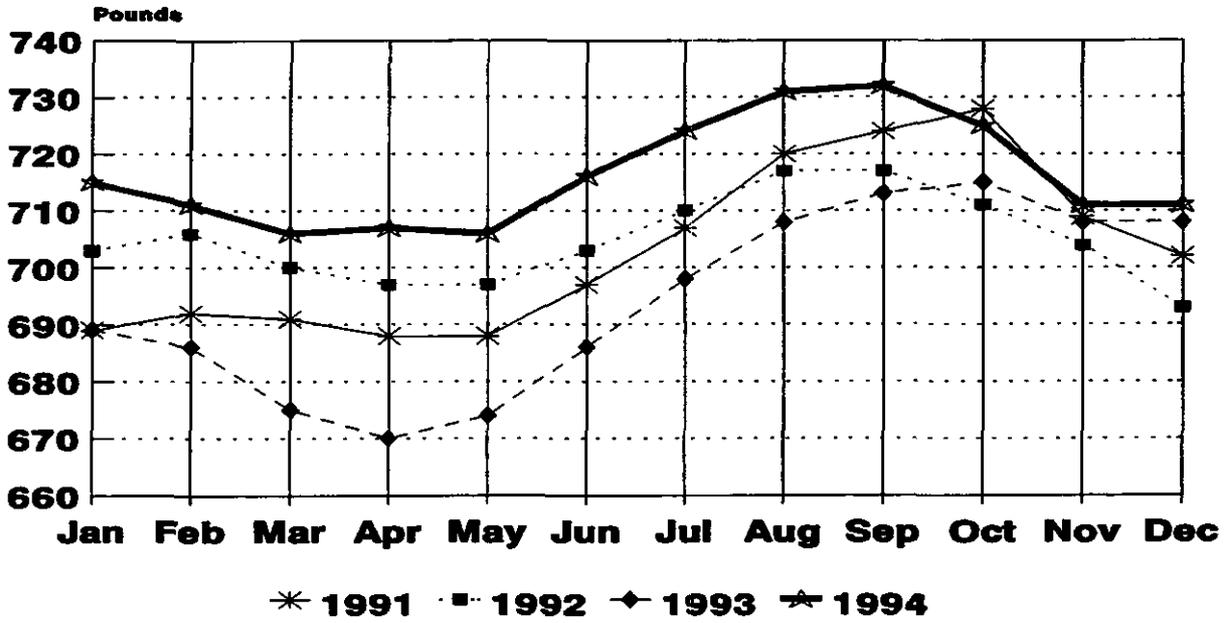
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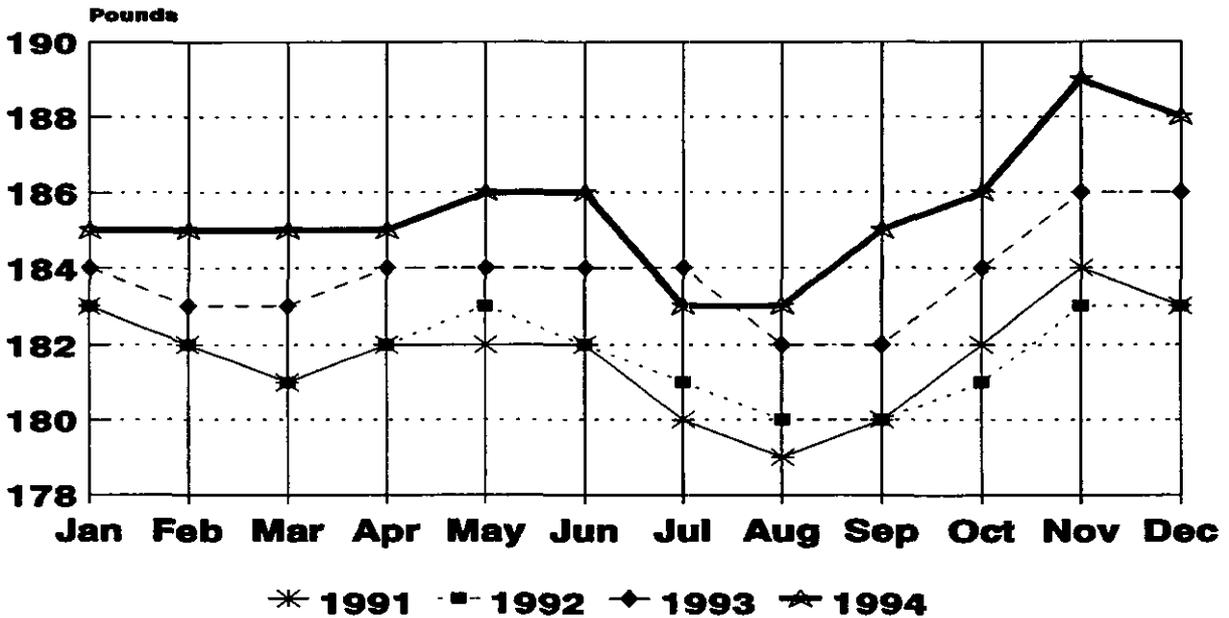
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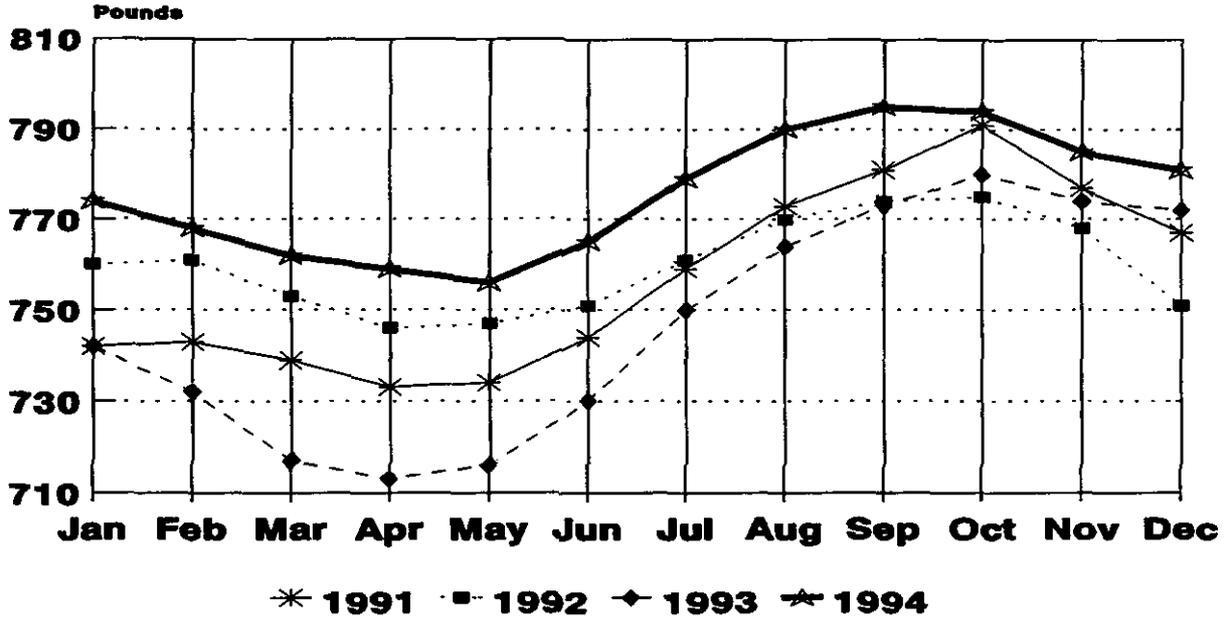
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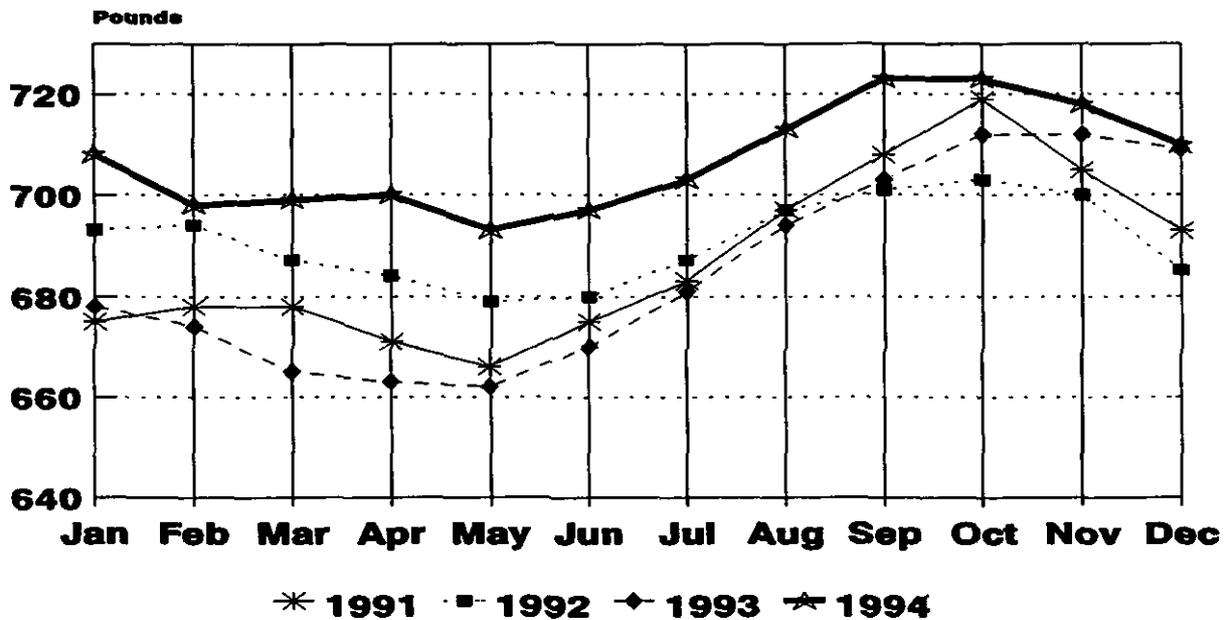
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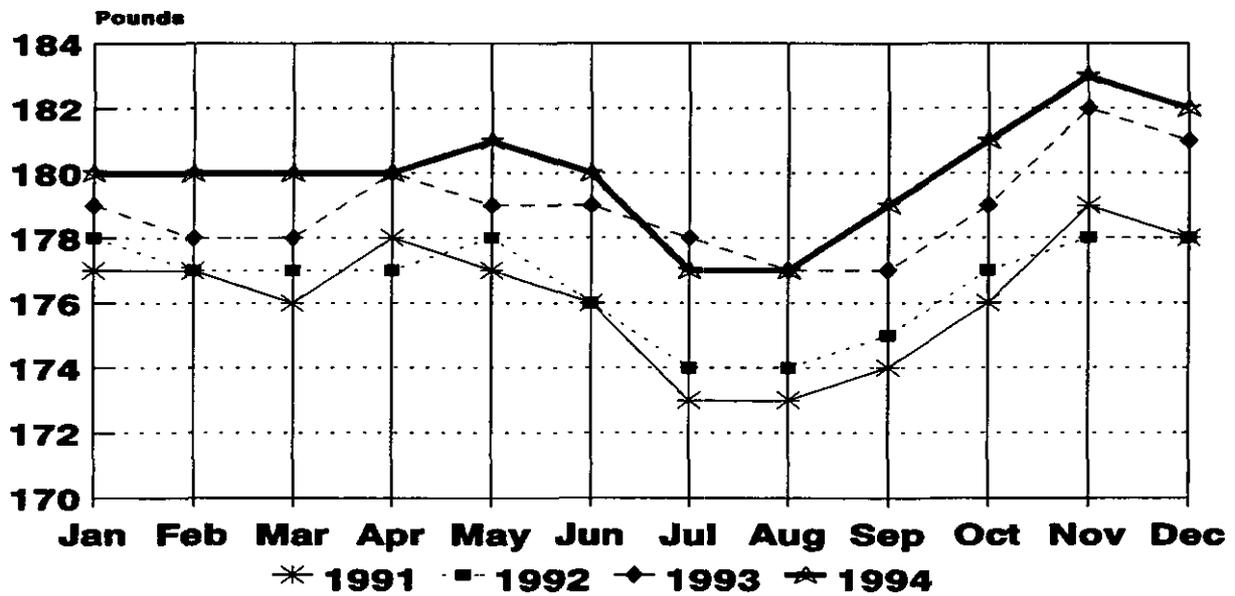
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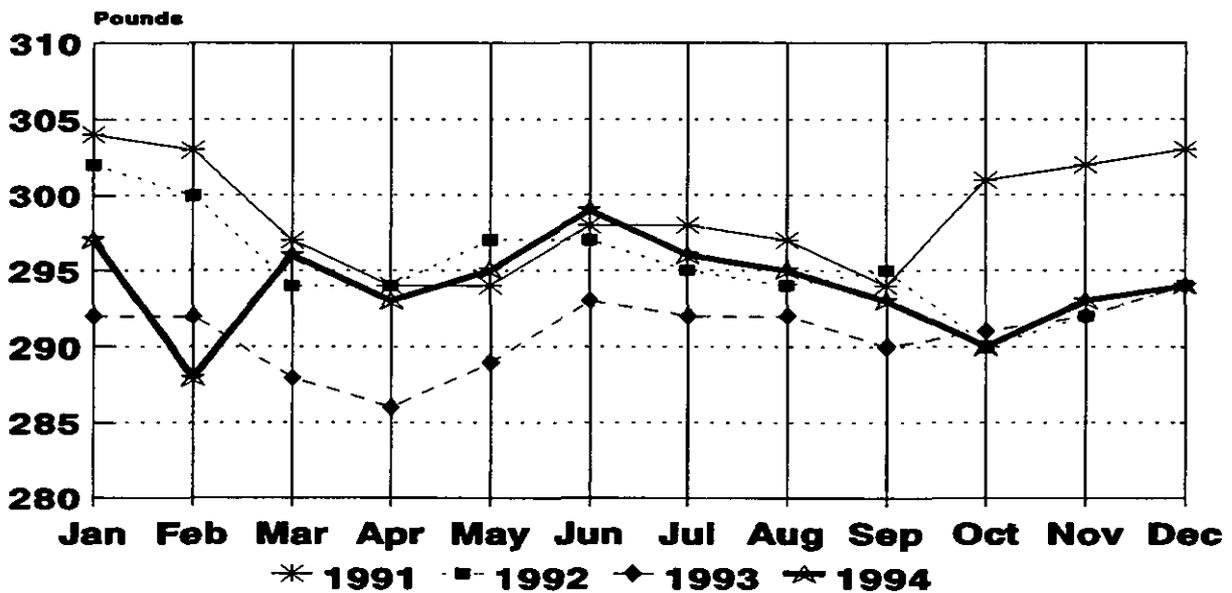
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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