

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Up

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.56 billion pounds during January. This production was 6 percent above last year.

January 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. January 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.01 billion pounds. This production was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.87 million, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, 1,189 pounds, was down 2 pounds from a year earlier.

Veal production totaled 27.0 million pounds. This production was up 19 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 124,000, up 22 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 2 pounds to 383 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.50 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.09 million head, 8 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 2 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 386,200 head, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight remained unchanged at 127 pounds.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan 95 % of		Jan <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1994	1995	Jan	Dec	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,942	*2,020	2,009	103	99	1,942	2,009	103
Veal	23	26	27	119	103	23	27	119
Pork	*1,376	1,642	1,500	109	91	*1,376	1,500	109
Lamb & Mutton	25	26	24	98	94	25	24	98
Total Red Meat	*3,366	3,715	3,561	106	96	*3,366	3,561	106

* 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/

Class	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan 95 % of		Jan <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1994	1995	Jan	Dec	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,906	1,984	1,971	103	99	1,906	1,971	103
Veal	22	26	27	119	103	22	27	119
Pork	1,346	1,603	1,466	109	91	1,346	1,466	109
Lamb & Mutton	24	25	24	97	94	24	24	97
Total Red Meat	3,299	3,638	3,487	106	96	3,299	3,487	106

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	1994		1995	Jan 95 % of :		Jan <u>2/</u>		95 % of 94
		Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan	Dec	1994	1995	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	*2,679.0	2,805.7	2,801.6	105	100	*2,679.0	2,801.6	105
Other	Thou	*64.0	65.1	67.3	105	103	*64.0	67.3	105
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Thou	*2,743.0	*2,870.8	2,868.9	105	100	*2,743.0	2,868.9	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,196	1,193	1,192	99	100	1,196	1,192	99
Other	Lbs	*1,020	*1,020	1,039	102	102	*1,020	1,039	102
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Lbs	1,191	1,189	1,189	100	100	1,191	1,189	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	99.1	121.3	121.3	122	100	99.1	121.3	122
Other	Thou	*2.8	*2.3	2.7	97	116	*2.8	2.7	97
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Thou	*101.9	123.6	124.0	122	100	*101.9	124.0	122
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	385	367	382	99	104	385	382	99
Other	Lbs	*402	*387	418	104	108	*402	418	104
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Lbs	385	369	383	99	104	385	383	99
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,284.7	8,546.8	7,882.1	108	92	7,284.7	7,882.1	108
Other	Thou	*181.2	*238.8	209.8	116	88	*181.2	209.8	116
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Thou	*7,465.9	*8,785.6	8,091.9	108	92	*7,465.9	8,091.9	108
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	254	260	258	101	99	254	258	101
Other	Lbs	234	236	234	100	99	234	234	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Lbs	254	260	258	101	99	254	258	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	383.3	411.1	372.9	97	91	383.3	372.9	97
Other	Thou	*11.0	*14.5	13.3	121	92	*11.0	13.3	121
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Thou	*394.3	*425.6	386.2	98	91	*394.3	386.2	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	128	125	128	100	102	128	128	100
Other	Lbs	*96	95	99	103	104	*96	99	103
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	Lbs	127	123	127	100	103	127	127	100

* 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	1,000 Pounds		Jan 1995	Jan 95 as % of	
	Jan 1994	Dec 1994		Jan 1994	Dec 1994
AL	3,358	3,575	3,554	106	99
AZ	20,678	21,149	21,482	104	102
AR	5,568	7,158	7,368	132	103
CA	*77,358	87,695	86,682	112	99
CO	170,935	169,745	164,580	96	97
DE-MD	6,444	7,485	6,892	107	92
FL	3,711	3,882	3,753	101	97
GA	*37,215	38,769	39,486	106	102
HI	1,233	1,168	1,048	85	90
ID	36,799	42,509	42,886	117	101
IL	185,059	235,403	209,723	113	89
IN	*57,494	61,119	58,387	102	96
IA	*541,396	*648,590	589,721	109	91
KS	417,204	436,284	432,604	104	99
KY	42,918	57,494	53,677	125	93
LA	2,692	*2,385	2,328	86	98
MI	*75,416	*93,677	82,830	110	88
MN	180,784	*183,865	172,021	95	94
MS	27,024	26,176	26,396	98	101
MO	*33,448	51,057	50,572	151	99
MT	1,574	1,685	1,678	107	100
NE	468,167	487,781	482,856	103	99
NV	85	111	98	116	88
N ENG <u>2/</u>	*3,046	*3,729	3,362	110	90
NJ	2,153	3,262	2,928	136	90
NM	2,218	1,695	1,781	80	105
NY	6,571	9,483	8,404	128	89
NC	*100,021	121,676	114,087	114	94
ND	*9,822	*10,505	10,823	110	103
OH	47,321	33,420	32,195	68	96
OK	4,274	5,430	4,764	111	88
OR	3,125	3,046	2,880	92	95
PA	80,719	97,946	94,433	117	96
SC	*14,283	16,557	14,788	104	89
SD	*93,778	*120,061	111,345	119	93
TN	18,391	20,729	20,723	113	100
TX	*350,129	*341,519	350,157	100	103
UT	37,798	38,015	37,386	99	98
VA	*62,147	*75,573	75,317	121	100
WA	48,630	54,321	49,803	102	92
WV	*1,432	2,294	1,707	119	74
WI	*83,505	*86,447	83,012	99	96
WY	367	485	461	125	95
US	*3,366,286	*3,714,957	3,560,976	106	96

* 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,
January 1994 and 1995 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ---		---- 1,000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ----	
AL	.8	1.1	674	949	799	829
AZ	30.3	31.7	34,607	35,931	1,141	1,135
AR	2.4	2.6	2,377	2,404	1,001	917
CA	69.6	82.2	*87,990	101,219	1,264	1,231
CO	213.3	208.9	263,606	253,479	1,236	1,214
DE-MD	3.4	3.4	4,268	4,167	1,240	1,211
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.1	1,433	1,077	963	1,021
ID						
IL						
IN	6.5	6.8	*6,918	7,175	1,071	1,059
IA	*135.6	145.0	*165,004	179,204	1,217	1,236
KS	542.5	570.6	656,327	682,213	1,210	1,196
KY	4.4	5.9	4,711	6,092	1,069	1,024
LA	2.7	2.1	2,186	1,715	816	817
MI						
MN	87.3	92.8	111,173	119,764	1,273	1,291
MS						
MO	15.6	13.9	*16,111	14,859	*1,036	1,065
MT	1.9	1.9	2,196	2,225	1,166	1,174
NE	522.4	543.6	640,320	669,606	1,226	1,232
NV	.1	.1	95	98	1,066	1,126
N ENG ^{2/}	3.1	3.0	*3,246	3,217	*1,037	1,062
NJ	1.2	1.8	1,313	2,052	1,136	1,134
NM	4.1	3.4	3,839	3,034	940	891
NY	5.0	5.8	5,146	6,105	1,026	1,061
NC	12.3	13.2	*12,285	13,262	*998	1,008
ND						
OH	14.7	14.0	15,541	15,965	1,058	1,143
OK	3.7	3.9	3,746	3,891	1,017	1,003
OR	1.6	1.4	1,822	1,788	1,168	1,242
PA	69.8	86.0	88,663	106,790	1,271	1,242
SC						
SD	*21.0	21.4	*25,455	24,185	*1,210	1,129
TN						
TX	504.6	505.4	*551,614	558,225	1,093	1,104
UT						
VA	*2.3	2.1	*2,122	1,910	*935	915
WA	66.0	67.0	79,849	82,076	1,211	1,224
WV	1.0	1.5	*1,026	1,506	*978	1,007
WI	*115.3	117.1	*144,580	142,324	1,254	1,215
WY	.4	.5	478	591	1,121	1,143
US ^{3/}	*2,743.0	2,868.9	*3,266,868	3,410,925	*1,191	1,189

* Revised.

^{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,
January 1994 and 1995 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	*5.9	15.8	2,180	6,300	366	399
CO						
DE-MD	.6	.4	266	184	430	413
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.9	10.4	3,616	4,348	408	418
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.3	2.5	1,142	1,264	497	516
MI	6.3	7.5	1,622	1,866	258	248
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	68	69	377	375
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	4.9	6.7	*1,322	1,973	270	297
NJ	2.6	3.0	1,004	1,316	393	446
NM						
NY	16.4	20.4	5,552	7,819	338	384
NC	*.1	.1	*28	50	*270	375
ND						
OH	4.7	5.9	2,425	2,807	515	473
OK	.1	.1	41	56	438	433
OR						
PA	15.4	12.0	6,264	4,803	408	401
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.5	4.6	*885	1,170	*599	254
UT						
VA						
WA	1.6	2.2	821	989	499	442
WV						
WI	15.9	15.5	6,270	6,327	394	407
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	*101.9	124.0	*39,262	47,493	*385	383

* Revised.

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

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
January 1994 and 1995 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		---- Pounds ----	
AL	11.1	11.2	4,378	4,502	396	401
AZ	.9	1.0	235	258	251	264
AR	18.2	23.8	6,623	9,435	364	396
CA	*162.8	169.5	*36,294	38,208	223	225
CO	4.2	4.8	1,023	1,180	245	247
DE-MD	22.5	24.8	5,095	5,950	226	240
FL	8.0	7.8	1,368	1,661	170	212
GA						
HI	3.1	3.3	593	609	193	185
ID						
IL	671.2	772.4	173,243	205,381	258	266
IN	281.6	282.9	*69,220	70,308	246	248
IA	*2,345.8	2,546.1	*600,396	657,291	256	258
KS						
KY	207.2	268.5	55,683	68,385	269	255
LA	6.1	4.7	1,370	1,063	225	228
MI						
MN	670.8	579.7	161,402	148,253	241	256
MS						
MO						
MT	2.4	2.8	592	693	246	246
NE	466.1	471.3	115,910	118,045	249	250
NV	.2	.2	28	48	184	242
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.2	3.2	*855	759	*265	239
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	49	42	214	216
NY	4.5	4.9	954	1,076	214	219
NC	527.5	606.1	132,503	153,229	251	253
ND	5.8	7.5	*1,320	1,718	229	228
OH	202.6	120.2	51,463	30,880	254	257
OK	11.5	13.4	4,083	4,795	355	357
OR	12.7	11.6	3,242	2,784	256	239
PA	167.0	189.5	40,339	48,122	242	254
SC						
SD	432.4	528.3	111,071	135,688	257	257
TN						
TX	30.2	30.5	9,848	10,434	326	342
UT						
VA	*334.2	398.5	*82,864	99,189	248	249
WA						
WV	1.3	1.5	*525	555	*393	366
WI	*27.1	30.7	*10,762	12,122	*397	394
WY	.4	.6	98	152	252	253
US <u>3/</u>	*7,465.9	8,091.9	*1,895,805	2,084,023	254	258

* Revised.

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,
January 1994 and 1995 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA						
CO	124.1	126.0	16,863	17,213	136	137
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	9	5	105	98
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.4	48	41	120	104
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	26	28	119	136
KY	.6	.7	75	85	122	117
LA	.5	.2	47	14	94	78
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.2	18	24	107	118
NE	.1	.2	12	17	109	105
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	1.6	2.2	172	227	107	104
NJ	9.6	12.0	944	1,085	99	90
NM	5.0	3.8	555	410	110	107
NY	3.1	3.1	332	354	107	114
NC	.2	.2	14	15	77	81
ND	.1	.1	5	13	103	114
OH	1.2	.8	133	90	111	113
OK						
OR	.4	.4	47	50	123	115
PA	4.5	5.4	459	541	101	101
SC						
SD	12.5	20.0	1,600	2,599	128	130
TN						
TX						
UT	3.4	3.6	403	403	119	113
VA	1.7	1.8	*180	195	*109	107
WA						
WV						
WI	*.5	.8	*58	93	118	115
WY	.2	.1	19	14	123	124
US <u>3/</u>	*394.3	386.2	*50,035	49,072	127	127

* Revised.

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.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan <u>1/</u>		Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan <u>1/</u>	
	1994	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class <u>2/</u>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,369	1,419	1,400	1,369	1,400	51.1	50.6	50.0	51.1	50.0
Heifers	766	770	800	766	800	28.6	27.5	28.6	28.6	28.6
Dairy Cows	256	265	277	256	277	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.9
Other Cows	242	302	273	242	273	9.0	10.8	9.7	9.0	9.7
Bulls & Stags	46	49	51	46	51	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total <u>1/</u>	2,679	2,806	2,802	2,679	2,802	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	6,927	8,087	7,483	6,927	7,483	95.1	94.6	94.9	95.1	94.9
Sows	295	380	324	295	324	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1
Stags & Boars	62	80	75	62	75	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9
Total <u>1/</u>	7,285	8,547	7,882	7,285	7,882	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	20	27	21	20	21	5.1	6.5	5.7	5.1	5.7
Lambs & Yrlings	364	384	352	364	352	94.9	93.5	94.3	94.9	94.3
Total <u>1/</u>	383	411	373	383	373	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight <u>3/</u>										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle <u>4/</u>	715	711	707	715	707					
Steers <u>4/</u>	774	781	770	774	770					
Heifers <u>4/</u>	708	710	702	708	702					
All Cows <u>4/</u>	544	527	537	544	537					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	880	843	850	880	850					
Calves & Vealers	230	217	224	230	224					
Hogs	185	188	186	185	186					
Barrow Gilts <u>5/</u>	180	182	181	180	181					
Sows <u>5/</u>	297	294	294	297	294					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	207	229	220	207	220					
Sheep	64	62	64	64	64					
Mature Sheep <u>6/</u>	56	57	59	56	59					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	64	62	64	64	64					

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,
January 1995

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle						Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total
1/	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/
1,000 Head							
1	2.7	.3	.2	1.9		.2	3/
2	7.3	1.3	.5	4.8	.1	.6	29.9
3	89.7	35.8	6.7	35.1	9.8	2.2	3/
4	71.3	2.2	3.4	23.4	34.6	7.6	17.8
5	334.6	137.9	52.6	96.3	36.8	10.9	3/
6	507.9	274.7	143.3	15.2	63.3	11.3	3/
7	1,262.0	693.6	470.4	33.6	55.4	8.9	55.5
8	286.3	136.9	87.5	6.6	50.8	4.5	
9	4/						3/
10	239.9	117.5	35.3	59.9	22.1	5.0	18.1
US 2/	2,801.6	1,400.3	799.9	277.0	273.0	51.4	121.3
Hogs : Sheep							
1,000 Head							
Total : Barrows : : Stags & : Total : Mature : Lambs &							
2/ : & Gilts : Sows : Boars : 2/ : Sheep : Yearlings							
1	6/				2.1	.7	1.4
2	6/				14.8	4.3	10.5
3	626.1	609.9	14.7	1.5	5/		
4	1,214.8	1,139.2	74.2	1.3	5/		
5	6/				56.8	5.7	51.1
6	2,016.8	1,877.8	108.4	30.6	5/		
7	6/				84.1	6.4	77.7
8	3,834.3	3,667.8	125.3	41.2	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	190.1	188.2	1.8	.1	215.1	4.3	210.8
US 2/	7,882.1	7,482.9	324.4	74.8	372.9	21.4	351.5

- 1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR, & WA.
- 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 3/ Regions 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 State and United States,
January 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>2/</u>
1,000 Head							
AL	.1						
AZ	31.2	29.4	1.7				
AR	2.1	.3	.2	.2	1.3	.2	
CA	81.8	24.5	3.0	46.0	6.7	1.6	15.7
CO	208.2	110.7	73.1	1.1	23.1	.3	
DE-MD	3.4	2.5	.6	.2		.1	.4
FL							
GA							
HI	.6	.1	.2	.2	.1		
ID							
IL							10.3
IN							
IA	143.4	60.2	52.5	27.8	.1	2.7	
KS	566.3	347.2	216.9	.2	2.0	.1	
KY	4.6	1.0	3.0	.4	.1		
LA							
MI							7.5
MN	89.0	34.4	13.4	17.5	18.0	5.6	
MS							
MO	11.0	1.3	.6	2.3	6.1	.8	
MT	1.0	.3	.2		.4	.1	
NE	541.3	285.0	200.3	3.3	47.3	5.4	
NV	.1						
N ENG	2.7	.3	.2	1.9		.2	6.6
NJ	1.8	.6	.1	.7	.1	.3	
NM	3.1	.5	.3	1.5	.6	.2	
NY	5.5	.7	.4	4.0		.4	20.4
NC	12.0	.4	.1	2.1	7.2	2.3	
ND							
OH	4.7	.3	.5	2.8	.7	.3	5.8
OK	1.0	.1		.3	.5	.1	
OR	1.2	.7	.1	.2	.1	.1	
PA	85.5	33.2	6.0	34.6	9.5	2.1	12.0
SC							
SD	19.4	.1	.1	1.5	15.7	2.1	
TN							
TX	501.4	273.7	142.8	13.2	60.8	10.8	4.2
UT							
VA							
WA	66.9	37.2	18.0	5.4	5.9	.5	2.2
WV	.1						
WI	112.6	35.6	6.7	55.1	11.8	3.4	15.5
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	2,801.6	1,400.3	799.9	277.0	273.0	51.4	121.3

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2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
January 1995 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	8.1	.3	6.5	1.3			
AZ							
AR	23.1	11.7	11.5				
CA	163.0	161.8	1.2				
CO					125.9		125.9
DE-MD	24.8	23.3		1.4			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.4	2.4					
ID					.2		.2
IL	731.9	660.8	47.1	24.0			
IN	275.2	272.8	.4	2.0			
IA	2,540.7	2,418.2	81.4	41.2			
KS							
KY	266.3	258.4	7.9		.7	.5	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	571.1	571.0					
MS							
MO							
MT	2.1	1.9	.1		.1		.1
NE	468.3	468.3	.1		.1		.1
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	2.7	2.7			2.1	.7	1.4
NJ					11.7	3.0	8.8
NM					1.6	1.2	.4
NY	4.6	4.5	.1		3.1	1.4	1.7
NC	585.4	577.6	7.8				
ND	6.7	6.7	.1				
OH	102.0	91.5	9.7	.8	.2		.2
OK	10.6	5.2	5.5				
OR	11.4	10.9	.3	.1	.3		.2
PA	189.1	188.0	1.1		5.3	.4	4.9
SC							
SD	525.2	490.2	35.0		19.9		19.8
TN							
TX	14.5	6.5	7.3	.7			
UT					3.3	3.1	.2
VA	397.4	384.3	13.1		1.8	.2	1.6
WA							
WV							
WI	23.4	.4	23.0	.1			
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	7,882.1	7,482.9	324.4	74.8	372.9	21.4	351.5

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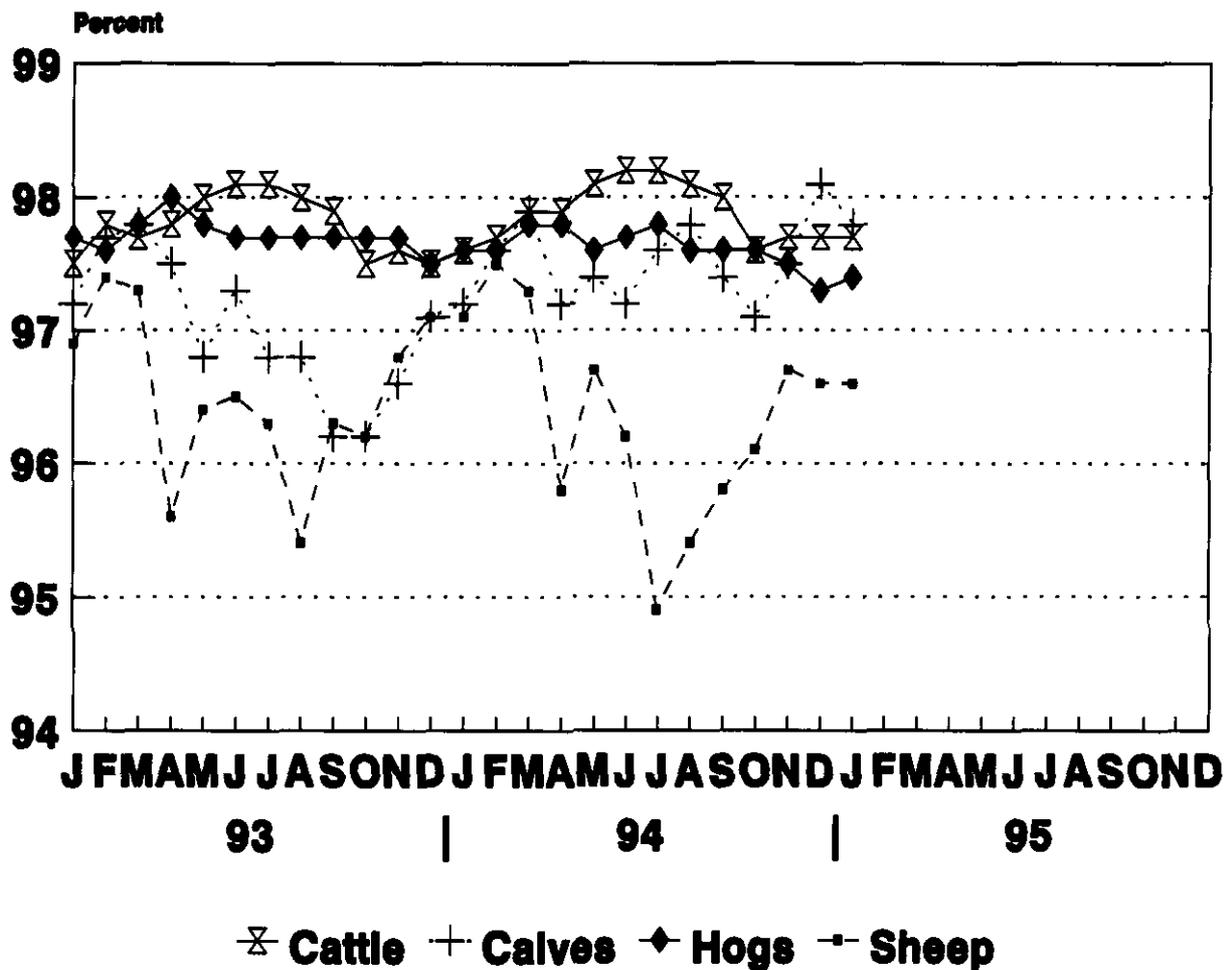
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

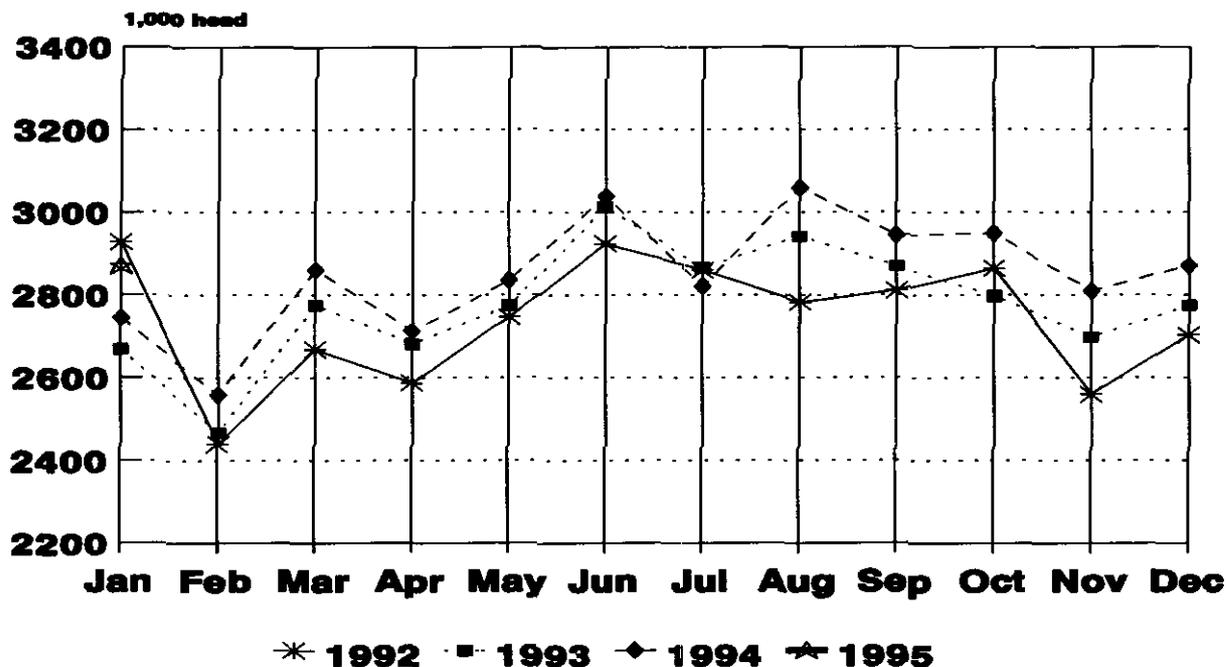
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				1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	*97.7	97.7	97.7	*97.7	97.7
Calves	*97.3	98.1	97.8	*97.3	97.8
Hogs	97.6	97.3	97.4	97.6	97.4
Sheep	*97.2	96.6	96.6	*97.2	96.6

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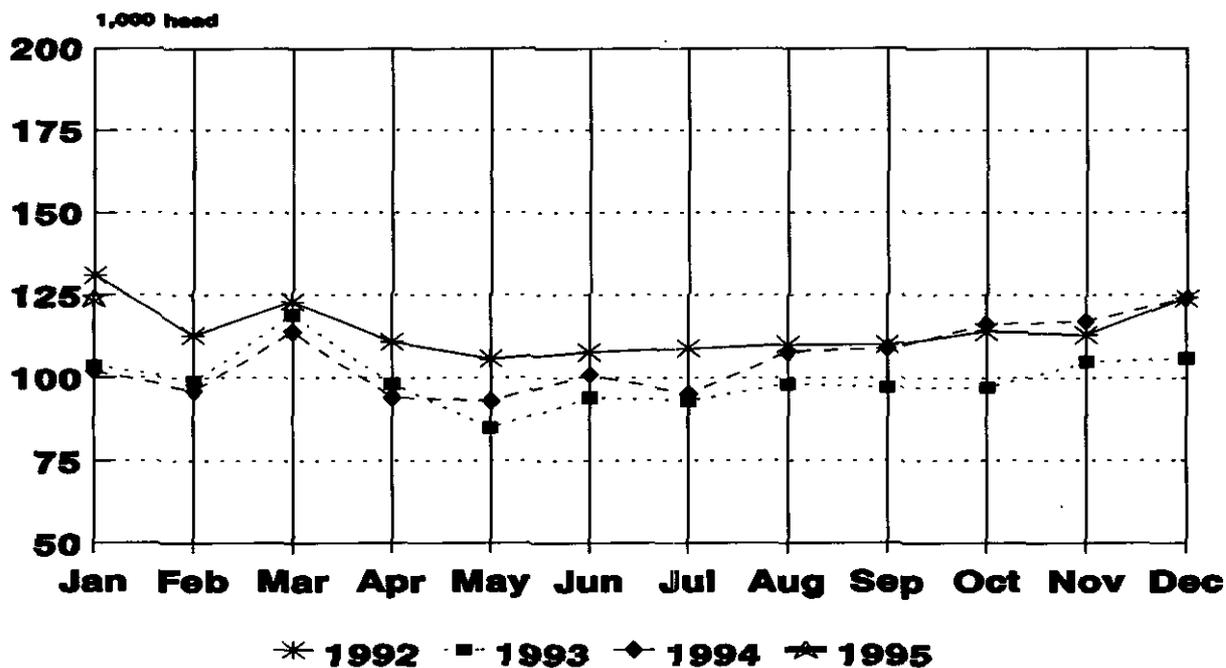
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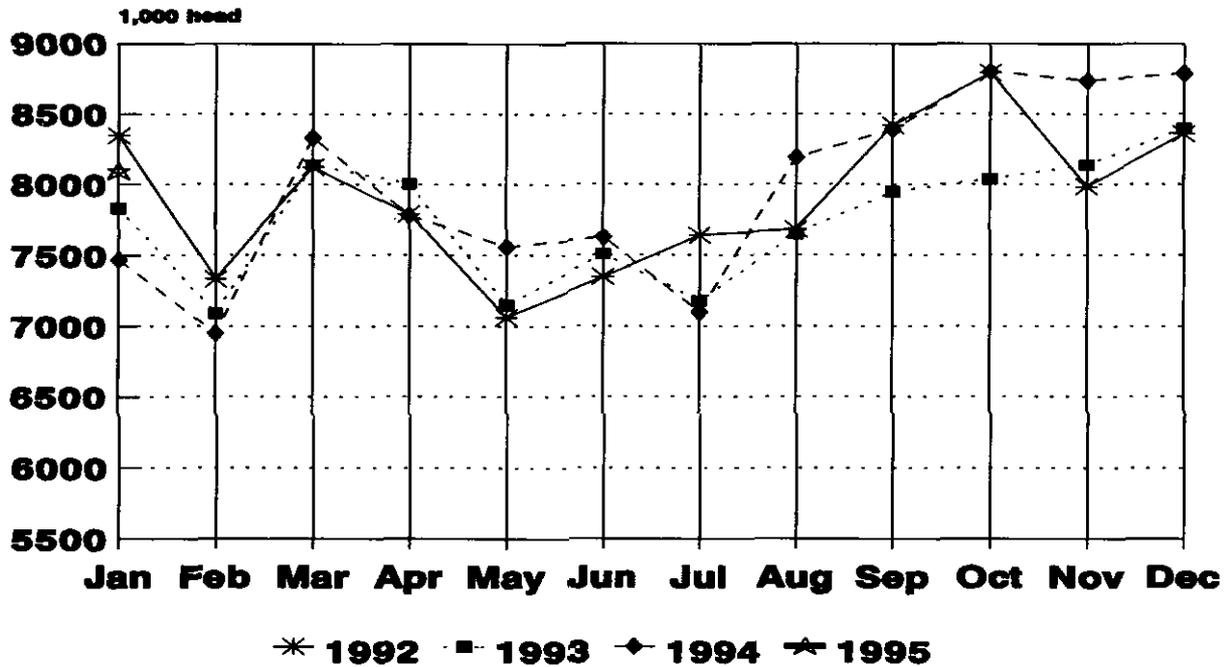
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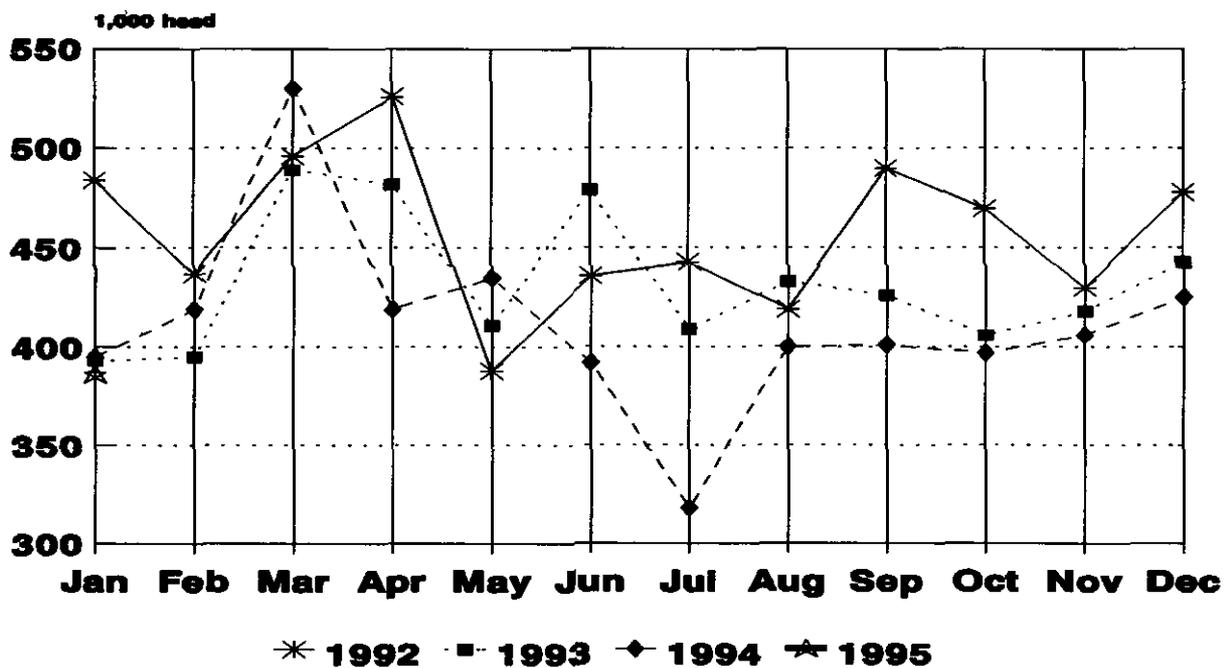
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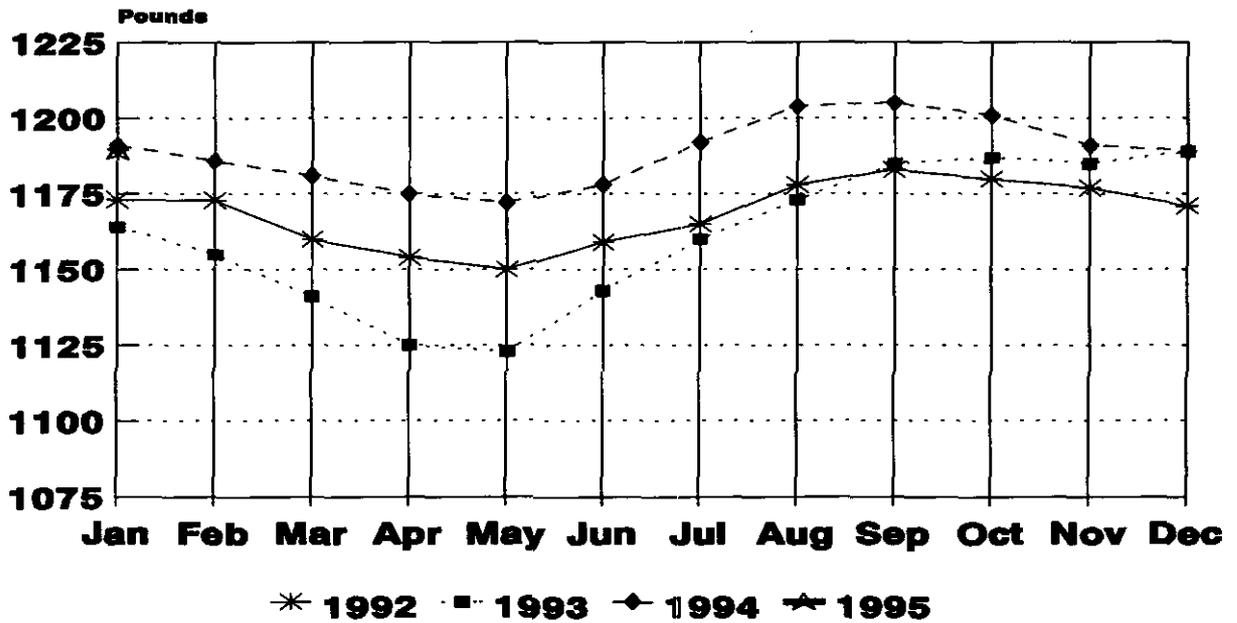
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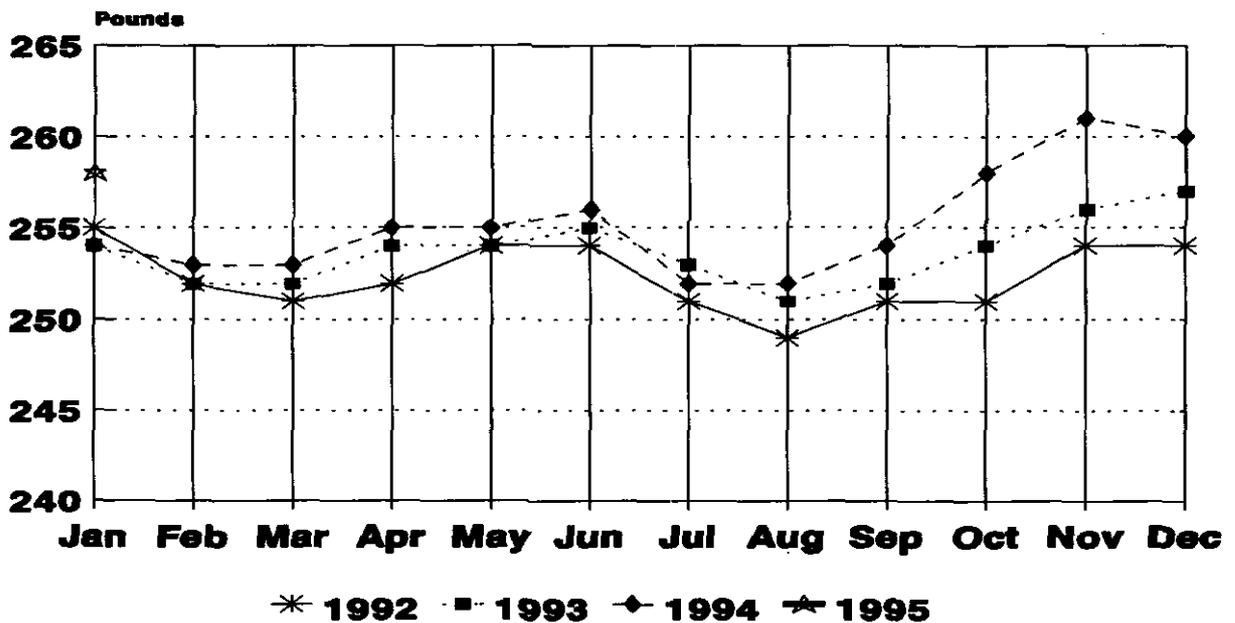
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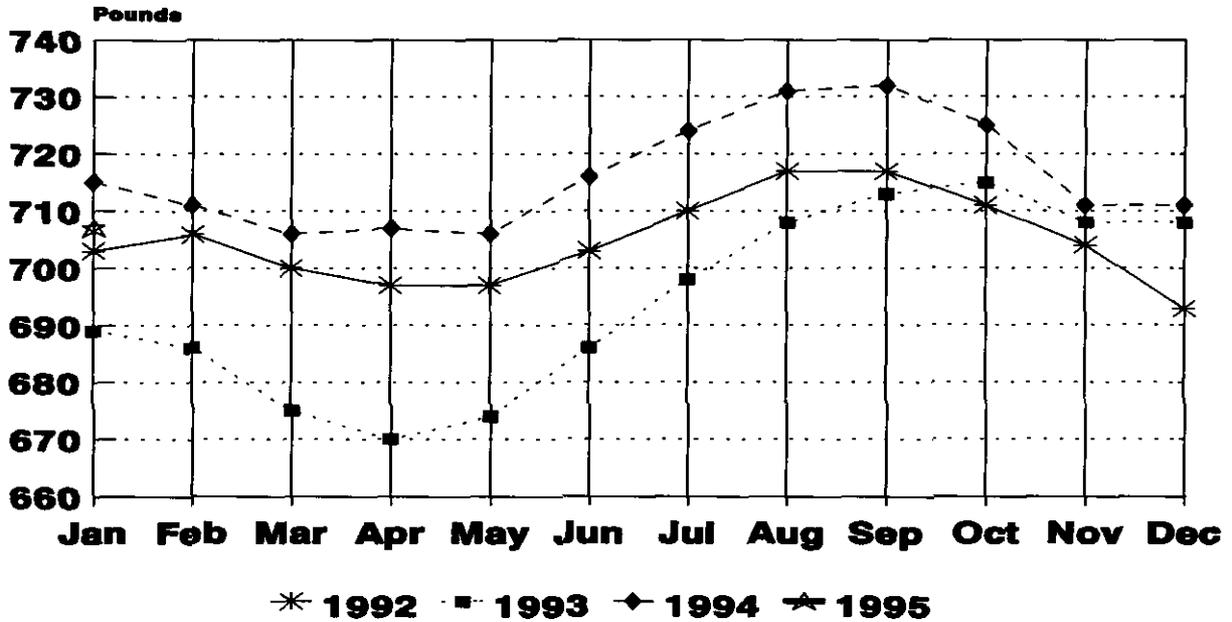
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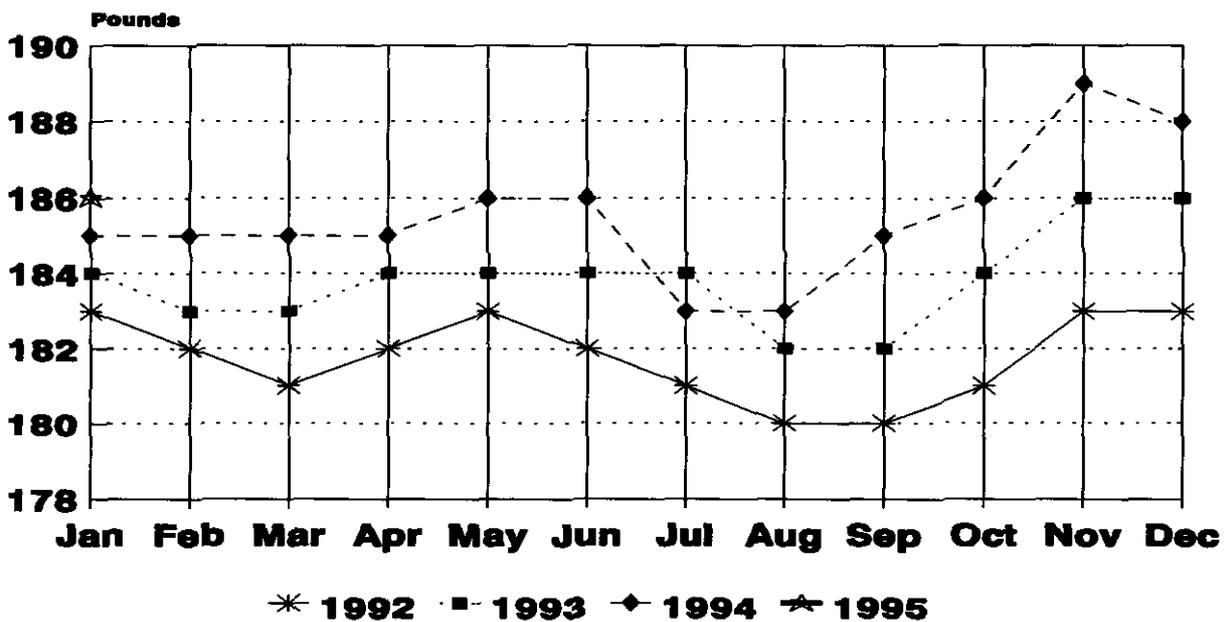
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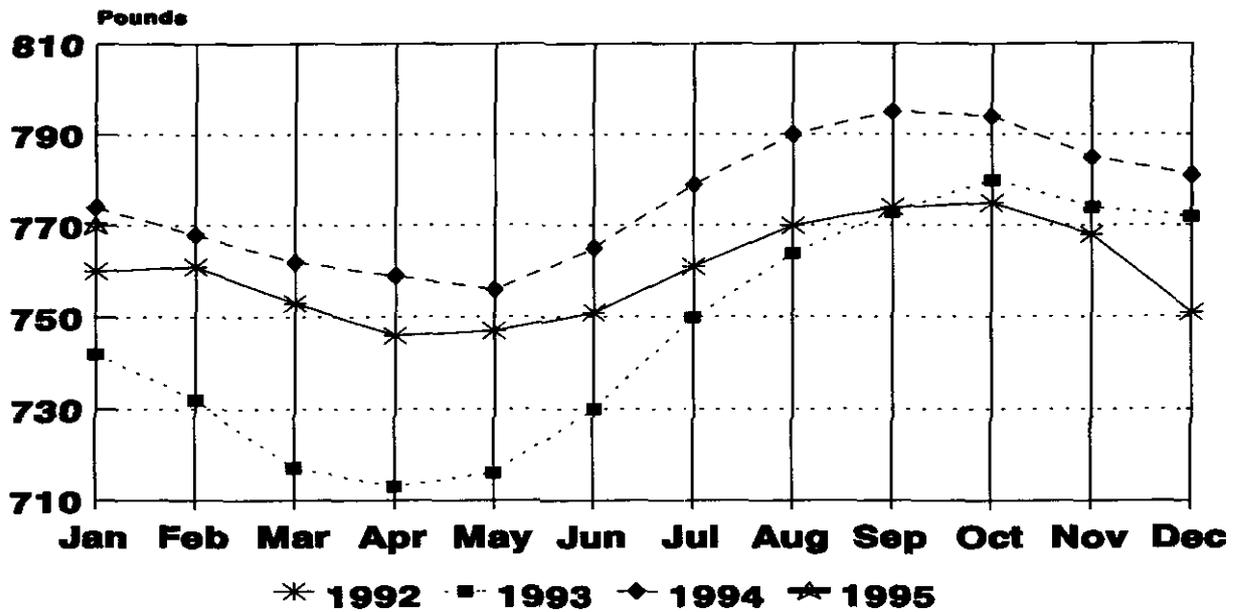
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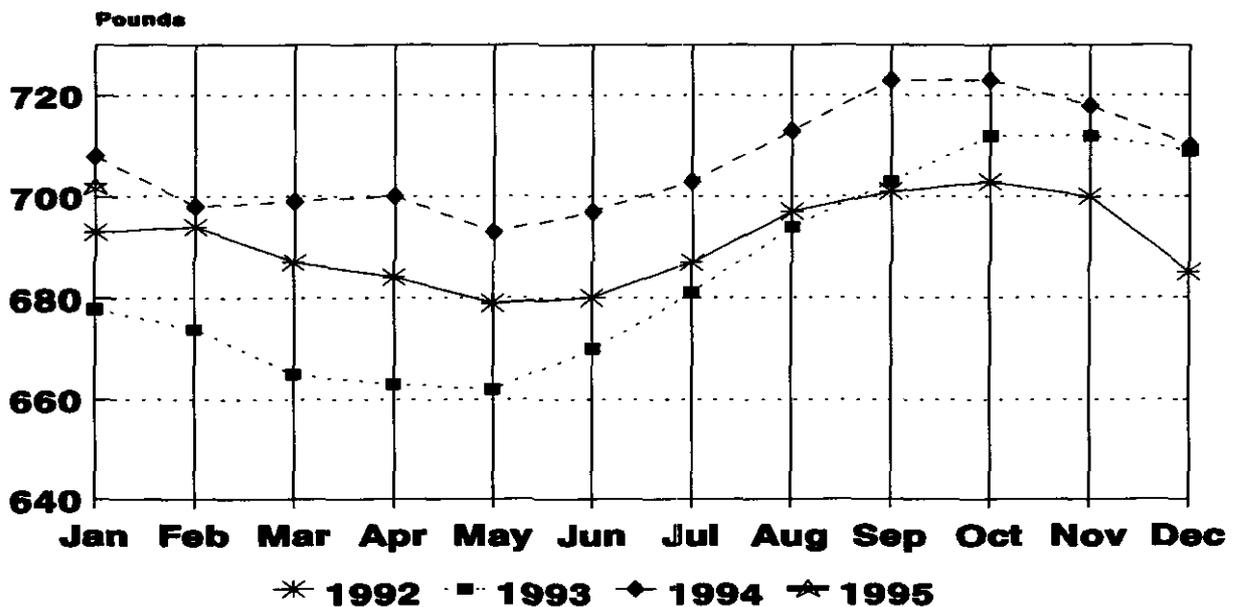
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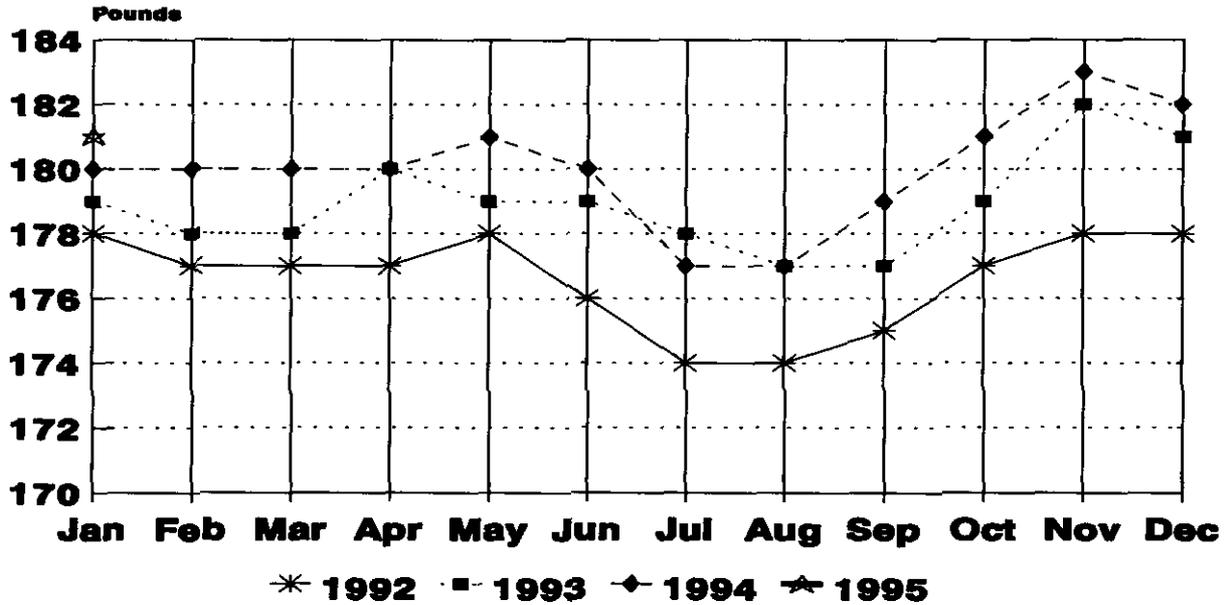
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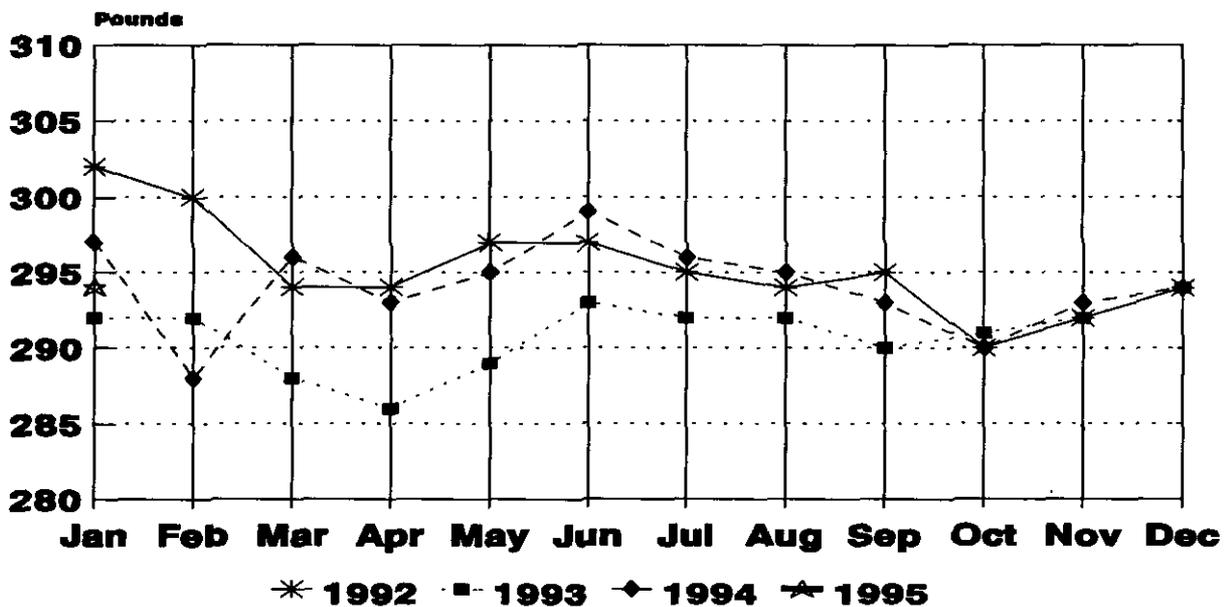
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 21). 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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