

# Livestock Slaughter



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## Red Meat Production Up Pork Production Continues to Break Records

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.21 billion pounds during February. This production was 3 percent above last year.

February 1994 and 1995 each contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Beef production** totaled 1.81 billion pounds. This production was slightly above a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.58 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 1,184 pounds, was down 2 pounds from a year earlier.

**Veal production** totaled 24.0 million pounds. This production was up 9 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 106,000, up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 383 pounds.

**Pork production**, at 1.35 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from a year earlier and 2 percent above the previous February high set in 1992. Hog kill totaled 7.33 million head, 5 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 255 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 375,400 head, down 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 128 pounds.

**January - February** red meat production was 6.77 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent, veal was up 14 percent, pork was up 8 percent but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb 95 % of		Jan - Feb <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Feb	Jan	1994	1995	
	--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,802	2,009	1,808	100	90	3,744	3,817	102
Veal	22	27	24	109	86	45	51	114
Pork	1,275	1,500	1,354	106	90	2,652	2,855	108
Lamb & Mutton	27	24	24	89	98	52	48	93
Total Red Meat	3,126	3,561	3,210	103	90	6,492	6,771	104

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb 95 % of		Jan - Feb <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Feb	Jan	1994	1995	
	--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,769	1,971	1,776	100	90	3,675	3,747	102
Veal	21	27	23	109	86	43	50	114
Pork	1,249	1,466	1,326	106	90	2,595	2,792	108
Lamb & Mutton	26	24	23	88	98	51	47	93
Total Red Meat	3,066	3,487	3,149	103	90	6,365	6,636	104

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States 1/

Species	Unit	Number			Feb 95 % of		Jan - Feb <u>2/</u>		95 % of 94
		Feb 1994	Jan 1995	Feb 1995	Feb 1994	Jan 1995	1994	1995	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,500.7	2,801.6	2,524.2	101	90	5,179.7	5,325.8	103
Other	:Thou:	58.2	67.3	56.4	97	84	122.2	123.6	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,558.9	2,868.9	2,580.6	101	90	5,301.9	5,449.5	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs	1,190	1,192	1,188	99	99	1,193	1,190	99
Other	:Lbs	1,017	1,039	1,039	102	100	1,019	1,039	102
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs	1,186	1,189	1,184	100	100	1,189	1,187	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	93.8	*121.2	103.7	111	86	192.9	224.9	117
Other	:Thou:	2.2	2.7	2.3	108	87	5.0	5.0	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	96.0	*123.9	106.0	110	86	197.9	229.9	116
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs	383	382	382	99	100	384	382	99
Other	:Lbs	405	418	418	103	100	403	418	104
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs	384	383	383	100	100	385	383	100
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	6,783.3	7,882.1	7,157.0	106	91	14,068.0	15,039.1	107
Other	:Thou:	166.1	209.8	172.2	104	82	347.3	382.0	110
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	6,949.4	8,091.9	7,329.2	105	91	14,415.3	15,421.1	107
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs	254	258	256	100	99	254	257	101
Other	:Lbs	229	234	233	102	99	232	234	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs	253	258	255	101	99	254	256	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	408.6	372.9	363.0	89	97	791.8	735.8	93
Other	:Thou:	10.2	13.3	12.5	122	94	21.2	25.8	121
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	418.7	386.2	375.4	90	97	813.0	761.6	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs	130	128	129	99	100	129	128	99
Other	:Lbs	100	99	99	99	100	98	99	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs	129	127	128	99	101	128	128	100

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	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb 95 as % of	
	1994	1995	1995	Feb 1994	Jan 1995
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	3,292	3,554	3,043	92	86
AZ	19,844	21,482	21,171	107	99
AR	5,063	7,368	6,493	128	88
CA	71,915	86,682	75,760	105	87
CO	151,070	164,580	144,656	96	88
DE-MD	5,635	6,892	5,707	101	83
FL	3,309	*3,757	3,385	102	90
GA	35,296	39,486	35,385	100	90
HI	1,239	1,048	969	78	92
ID	37,295	42,886	36,752	99	86
IL	179,774	209,723	196,673	109	94
IN	54,011	58,387	52,128	97	89
IA	508,083	589,721	533,651	105	90
KS	383,777	432,604	387,120	101	89
KY	38,989	*53,679	46,253	119	86
LA	2,282	2,328	2,162	95	93
MI	76,436	82,830	77,481	101	94
MN	165,814	172,021	160,944	97	94
MS	23,193	26,396	24,224	104	92
MO	31,601	50,572	48,317	153	96
MT	1,240	1,678	1,335	108	80
NE	411,415	482,856	425,397	103	88
NV	70	98	66	95	67
N ENG <u>2/</u>	2,802	3,362	2,443	87	73
NJ	2,234	2,928	2,620	117	89
NM	2,244	1,781	1,744	78	98
NY	6,051	8,404	7,414	123	88
NC	88,717	114,087	96,196	108	84
ND	9,574	10,823	9,012	94	83
OH	42,768	32,195	28,542	67	89
OK	3,754	4,764	4,231	113	89
OR	2,498	2,880	2,600	104	90
PA	83,949	94,433	82,405	98	87
SC	12,717	14,788	13,772	108	93
SD	88,181	111,345	99,145	112	89
TN	17,469	20,723	15,681	90	76
TX	332,273	*350,146	335,127	101	96
UT	35,115	37,386	34,309	98	92
VA	56,890	75,317	64,331	113	85
WA	47,361	49,803	45,001	95	90
WV	1,362	1,707	1,157	85	68
WI	78,643	83,012	74,822	95	90
WY	273	461	355	130	77
US	3,125,518	*3,560,971	3,209,978	103	90

\* 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,  
February 1994 and 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1.000 Head ---		--- 1.000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ----	
AL	.8	1.0	660	796	806	821
AZ	29.5	31.0	33,176	35,468	1,126	1,143
AR	2.2	2.3	2,219	2,208	1,022	973
CA	61.8	71.8	77,949	87,708	1,261	1,222
CO	186.1	179.0	231,781	219,852	1,245	1,228
DE-MD	3.0	2.8	3,728	3,480	1,239	1,235
FL						
GA						
HI	1.4	1.0	1,437	968	1,008	1,004
ID						
IL						
IN	6.4	5.5	6,652	5,740	1,046	1,045
IA	131.6	128.5	158,695	156,054	1,206	1,214
KS	509.6	516.1	601,765	607,283	1,181	1,177
KY	5.0	5.4	5,349	5,648	1,061	1,051
LA	2.6	2.1	2,111	1,769	816	858
MI						
MN	80.4	83.9	103,643	109,557	1,289	1,306
MS						
MO	14.7	12.1	15,881	13,162	1,081	1,084
MT	1.4	1.6	1,636	1,813	1,158	1,167
NE	460.5	474.3	562,350	581,633	1,221	1,226
NV	.1	.1	82	73	1,093	1,058
N ENG <sup>2/</sup>	3.0	2.4	3,447	2,592	1,155	1,070
NJ	1.2	1.7	1,405	1,936	1,173	1,139
NM	4.4	3.1	3,953	2,946	909	946
NY	4.9	5.4	5,095	5,786	1,048	1,081
NC	11.8	11.3	11,917	11,439	1,014	1,009
ND						
OH	13.3	11.0	14,840	12,541	1,119	1,141
OK	3.3	3.4	3,177	3,448	972	1,024
OR	1.3	1.3	1,579	1,603	1,214	1,213
PA	76.8	74.2	98,797	91,583	1,286	1,234
SC						
SD	19.2	18.2	22,498	20,609	1,174	1,135
TN						
TX	476.0	484.5	521,474	532,212	1,096	1,099
UT						
VA	2.0	1.4	1,787	1,395	908	993
WA	63.7	61.0	77,229	74,615	1,213	1,224
WV	1.1	1.0	1,107	999	998	953
WI	110.2	102.9	138,045	127,025	1,252	1,235
WY	.3	.4	329	457	1,063	1,148
US <sup>3/</sup>	2,558.9	2,580.6	3,035,134	3,055,897	1,186	1,184

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> 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,  
February 1994 and 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

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	5.4	11.8	2,033	3,773	373	321
CO						
DE-MD	.5	.5	187	233	382	467
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.7	9.0	3,591	3,694	415	410
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.1	1.7	855	771	412	462
MI	5.4	5.9	1,347	1,670	250	285
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	66	67	390	410
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2/</sup>	4.5	4.7	1,022	1,222	226	260
NJ	2.6	2.7	1,063	1,149	405	428
NM						
NY	14.4	17.1	4,776	6,736	333	393
NC	.1	.1	38	32	282	326
ND						
OH	4.7	6.7	2,450	3,353	519	499
OK	.1	.1	45	35	463	458
OR						
PA	14.9	11.5	6,098	4,673	409	405
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.5	3.6	932	1,029	605	282
UT						
VA						
WA	1.2	1.9	530	771	460	414
WV						
WI	15.4	14.9	5,881	6,037	382	405
WY						
US <sup>3/</sup>	96.0	106.0	36,849	40,570	384	383

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

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

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
February 1994 and 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
AL	10.7	9.7	4,310	3,846	404	396
AZ	1.0	.8	250	204	248	242
AR	16.2	21.6	5,993	8,640	369	400
CA	160.4	141.7	35,665	31,697	222	224
CO	3.6	3.9	890	987	246	254
DE-MD	19.7	20.6	4,503	4,870	229	236
FL	6.1	8.6	913	1,375	151	160
GA						
HI	3.1	3.0	602	590	191	196
ID						
IL	647.9	707.9	168,706	184,599	260	261
IN	263.7	254.1	64,494	62,460	245	246
IA	2,203.9	2,338.9	558,640	601,637	253	257
KS						
KY	190.8	231.5	49,761	58,703	261	254
LA	4.9	5.2	1,008	1,204	206	234
MI						
MN	617.8	552.5	148,408	135,692	240	246
MS						
MO						
MT	2.1	2.1	518	506	249	246
NE	403.0	444.0	99,277	110,135	246	248
NV	.1	.1	26	23	204	201
N ENG <sup>2/</sup>	2.7	2.5	667	544	250	221
NJ						
NM	.3	.3	66	69	214	212
NY	4.3	4.0	971	824	224	208
NC	467.6	517.0	116,610	130,984	249	253
ND	5.1	5.3	1,172	1,220	229	230
OH	182.6	110.0	46,458	28,117	254	256
OK	10.7	11.9	3,951	4,222	369	354
OR	10.6	9.9	2,477	2,419	233	245
PA	159.3	165.6	38,418	40,745	241	246
SC						
SD	412.8	474.7	105,622	120,504	256	254
TN						
TX	32.4	27.8	10,453	9,552	323	344
UT						
VA	305.7	338.2	74,594	84,770	244	251
WA						
WV	1.4	1.3	482	487	354	379
WI	28.2	28.7	11,069	11,085	393	386
WY	.4	.5	104	117	254	250
US <sup>3/</sup>	6,949.4	7,329.2	1,759,485	1,871,458	253	255

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> 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.  
February 1994 and 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

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	144.8	122.5	19,709	16,923	136	138
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	6	3	120	58
GA						
ID	.3	.4	34	38	106	100
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	22	20	117	115
KY	.7	.7	84	79	124	120
LA	.4	.6	41	64	104	109
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.1	24	16	124	116
NE	.1	.1	9	10	100	107
NV						
N ENG <sup>2/</sup>	1.6	1.7	169	175	108	101
NJ	9.5	12.3	912	1,123	96	92
NM	4.1	4.1	460	440	113	108
NY	2.6	2.6	276	271	107	106
NC	.2	.2	15	13	80	77
ND						
OH	1.0	.8	105	88	110	110
OK						
OR	.3	.4	42	46	123	116
PA	4.6	4.9	489	504	106	102
SC						
SD	15.1	20.9	1,933	2,732	128	131
TN						
TX						
UT	3.6	2.9	457	308	125	108
VA	1.8	1.6	186	181	105	112
WA						
WV						
WI	.4	.6	52	70	116	118
WY	.1	.1	9	11	121	111
US <sup>3/</sup>	418.7	375.4	54,178	48,072	129	128

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

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:  
United States

Item	:Jan - Feb 1/ :					:Jan - Feb 1/ :				
	Feb : 1994	Jan : 1995	Feb : 1995	1994	1995	Feb : 1994	Jan : 1995	Feb : 1995	1994	1995
	----- 1.000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/										
Cattle										
Steers	1,269	1,400	1,257	2,639	2,657	50.8	50.0	49.8	50.9	49.9
Heifers	726	800	742	1,492	1,542	29.0	28.6	29.4	28.8	29.0
Dairy Cows	248	277	242	504	519	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.8
Other Cows	211	273	232	453	505	8.4	9.7	9.2	8.7	9.5
Bulls & Stags	45	51	51	91	102	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9
Total 1/	2,501	2,802	2,524	5,180	5,326	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	6,439	7,483	6,806	13,366	14,288	94.9	94.9	95.1	95.0	95.0
Sows	274	324	279	569	604	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Stags & Boars	70	75	72	133	147	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0
Total 1/	6,783	7,882	7,157	14,068	15,039	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	18	21	19	38	40	4.5	5.7	5.2	4.8	5.5
Lambs & Yrlings	390	352	344	754	696	95.5	94.3	94.8	95.2	94.5
Total 1/	409	373	363	792	736	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	711	707	707	713	707					
Steers 4/	768	770	766	772	768					
Heifers 4/	698	702	704	704	703					
All Cows 4/	557	537	539	550	538					
Bulls & Stags 4/	879	850	855	879	852					
Calves & Vealers	229	224	226	229	225					
Hogs	185	186	186	185	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	180	181	181	180	181					
Sows 5/	288	294	291	293	293					
Stags & Boars 5/	212	220	214	210	217					
Sheep	65	64	64	64	64					
Mature Sheep 6/	57	59	59	57	59					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	65	64	64	65	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,  
February 1995

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	2.2	.2	.2	1.7		.1	<u>3/</u>
2	6.7	1.0	.3	4.8	.1	.5	24.5
3	77.3	33.4	5.4	29.9	6.7	1.9	<u>3/</u>
4	63.2	1.9	3.0	21.7	29.4	7.2	15.3
5	304.8	130.1	49.3	83.1	31.5	10.9	<u>3/</u>
6	487.0	264.6	133.0	13.0	64.2	12.1	<u>3/</u>
7	1,120.9	609.9	428.4	28.1	45.4	9.2	50.1
8	248.3	110.5	88.3	6.7	38.9	3.8	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	213.7	105.3	34.3	53.5	15.7	5.0	13.8
US <u>2/</u>	2,524.2	1,256.9	742.2	242.5	231.8	50.8	103.7
	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>				1.7	.5	1.1
2	<u>6/</u>				14.5	3.4	11.2
3	534.2	520.0	12.6	1.6	<u>5/</u>		
4	1,055.8	993.7	61.0	1.1	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				54.7	5.2	49.5
6	1,880.2	1,751.4	102.0	26.9	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				77.3	6.3	71.0
8	3,528.9	3,384.2	102.2	42.6	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	157.9	156.4	1.5		214.8	3.4	211.3
US <u>2/</u>	7,157.0	6,805.6	279.2	72.3	363.0	18.9	344.1

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 Region and United States.  
January - February 1995 \*

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	4.9	.5	.4	3.6	.1	.4	<u>3/</u>
2	14.0	2.3	.8	9.5	.2	1.2	54.4
3	167.1	69.2	12.1	65.1	16.5	4.1	<u>3/</u>
4	134.5	4.2	6.4	45.1	64.0	14.9	33.0
5	639.4	267.9	101.8	179.4	68.3	21.9	<u>3/</u>
6	994.8	539.3	276.4	28.2	127.5	23.4	<u>3/</u>
7	2,382.9	1,303.5	898.8	61.8	100.8	18.1	105.5
8	534.6	247.3	175.8	13.4	89.7	8.3	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	453.6	222.8	69.6	113.3	37.8	10.0	31.9
US	5,325.8	2,657.2	1,542.1	519.4	504.9	102.2	224.9
	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>				3.7	1.2	2.5
2	<u>6/</u>				29.3	7.7	21.6
3	1,160.3	1,129.9	27.3	3.1	<u>5/</u>		
4	2,270.6	2,132.9	135.3	2.5	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				111.5	10.9	100.6
6	3,897.0	3,629.1	210.4	57.6	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				161.4	12.7	148.7
8	7,363.3	7,052.0	227.5	83.8	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	348.0	344.6	3.2	.1	429.9	7.7	422.2
US	15,039.1	14,288.5	603.6	147.0	735.8	40.3	695.6

\* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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/ Region 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,  
February 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total <sup>2/</sup>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <sup>2/</sup>
1,000 Head							
AL							
AZ	30.7	28.9	1.7				
AR	1.9	.3	.1	.2	1.1	.1	
CA	71.4	21.4	3.6	40.1	4.6	1.7	11.7
CO	178.4	88.6	71.9	1.1	16.6	.2	
DE-MD	2.8	2.1	.4	.2		.1	.5
FL							
GA							
HI	.5	.1	.1	.1	.1		
ID							
IL							9.0
IN							
IA	127.3	58.1	45.0	21.9		2.3	
KS	512.0	313.5	196.4	.2	1.8	.1	
KY	4.3	.8	2.8	.6	.2		
LA							
MI							5.8
MN	81.0	30.1	14.6	15.9	14.5	5.8	
MS							
MO	9.5	1.0	.5	2.1	5.0	.8	
MT	.9	.3	.2		.3	.1	
NE	472.2	237.3	186.5	3.9	38.5	5.9	
NV	.1						
N ENG	2.2	.2	.2	1.7		.1	4.7
NJ	1.7	.6	.1	.7		.2	
NM	2.7	.6	.3	1.3	.4	.2	
NY	5.1	.5	.2	4.0		.3	17.1
NC	10.5	.3	.1	2.5	5.6	2.1	
ND							
OH	4.2	.3	.5	2.4	.6	.3	6.6
OK	.9	.1		.3	.4		
OR	1.1	.7	.1	.1	.1	.1	
PA	73.8	31.2	4.9	29.5	6.4	1.8	11.5
SC							
SD	16.3	.1	.1	1.4	13.1	1.7	
TN							
TX	481.1	263.7	132.6	11.1	62.1	11.7	3.4
UT							
VA							
WA	60.9	30.6	20.3	4.8	4.6	.5	1.9
WV	.1						
WI	99.1	33.1	5.6	46.6	10.5	3.3	14.9
WY							
US <sup>3/</sup>	2,524.2	1,256.9	742.2	242.5	231.8	50.8	103.7

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

<sup>2/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>3/</sup> 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,  
February 1995 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.0	.2	5.7	1.1			
AZ							
AR	21.0	10.3	10.7				
CA	135.0	134.0	1.0				
CO					122.5		122.5
DE-MD	20.6	19.0	.1	1.5			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.1	2.1					
ID					.2		.2
IL	671.6	607.3	44.1	20.3			
IN	247.9	245.3	.3	2.2			
IA	2,335.5	2,225.5	67.4	42.6			
KS							
KY	230.3	222.6	7.8		.6	.5	.1
LA							
MI							
MN	547.6	547.5					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.6	1.5	.1				
NE	441.4	441.3	.1				
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.1	2.0	.1		1.7	.5	1.1
NJ					12.0	2.2	9.8
NM					1.8	1.4	.4
NY	3.6	3.5	.1		2.5	1.2	1.4
NC	498.8	491.5	7.3				
ND	4.8	4.8					
OH	96.5	86.7	8.5	1.3	.1		.1
OK	9.4	4.7	4.6				
OR	9.6	9.3	.3		.2	.1	.2
PA	165.1	164.0	1.1		4.9	.4	4.5
SC							
SD	472.8	445.5	27.3		20.8		20.8
TN							
TX	13.7	5.5	7.5	.6			
UT					2.6	2.4	.3
VA	337.7	326.8	10.9		1.6	.2	1.4
WA							
WV							
WI	22.2	.3	21.8	.1			
WY							
US <sup>3/</sup>	7,157.0	6,805.6	279.2	72.3	363.0	18.9	344.1

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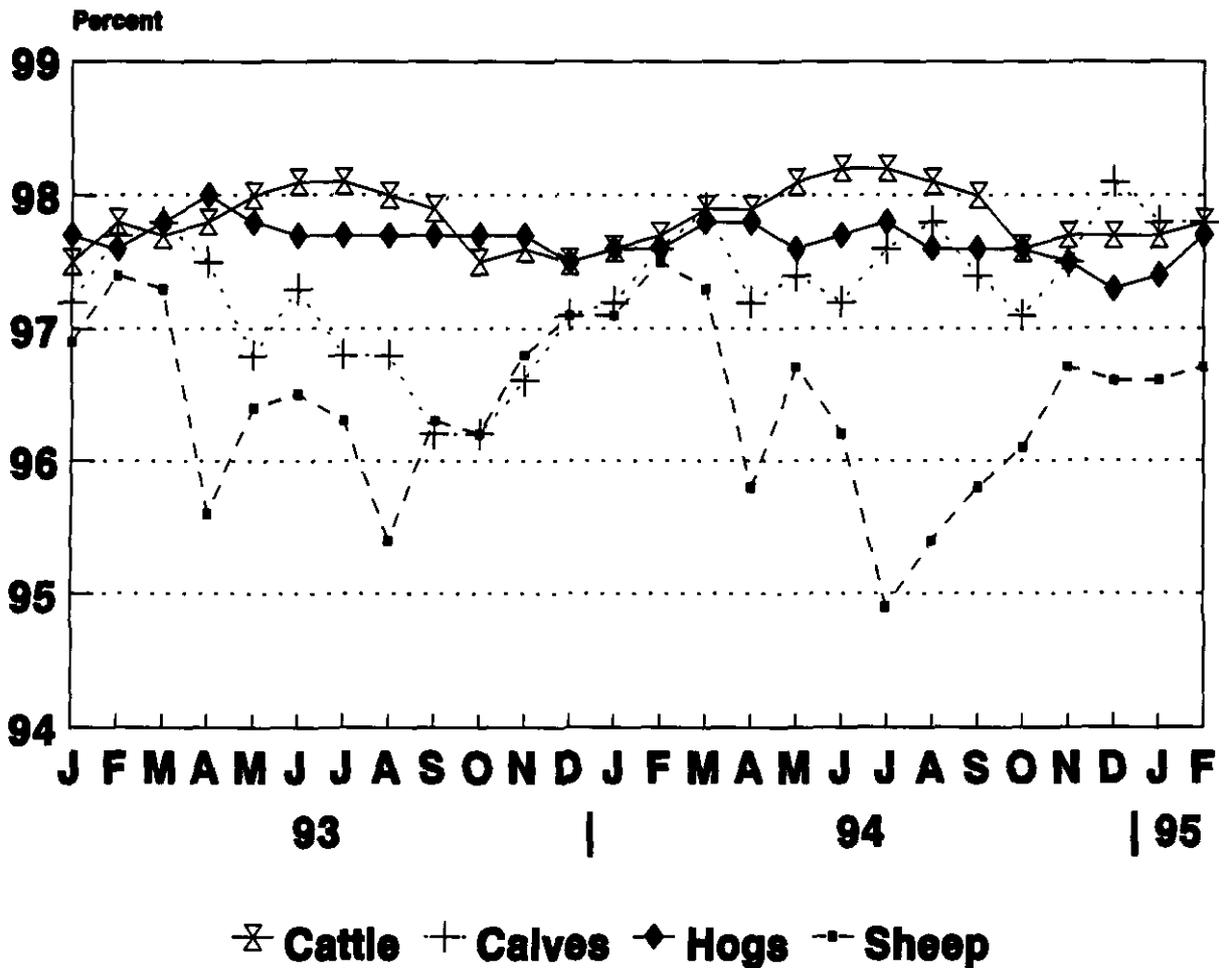
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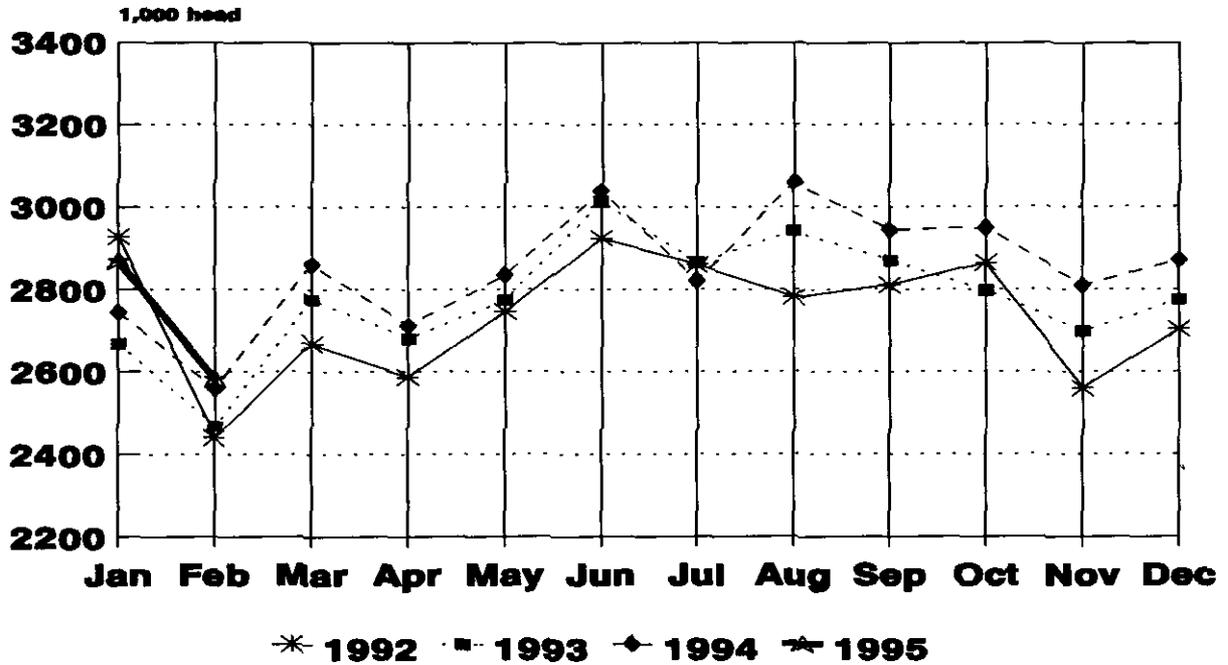
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Feb 1994	Jan 1995	Feb 1995	Jan - Feb	
				1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	97.7	97.7	97.8	97.7	97.7
Calves	97.7	97.8	97.8	97.5	97.8
Hogs	97.6	97.4	97.7	97.6	97.5
Sheep	97.6	96.6	96.7	97.4	96.6

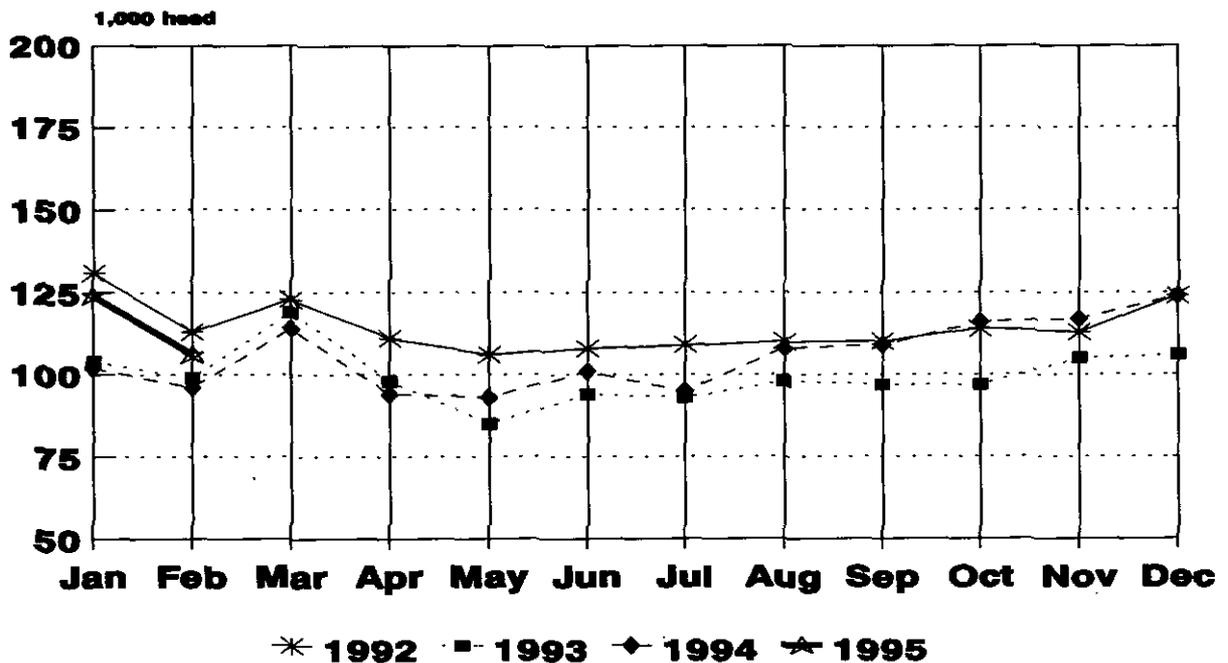
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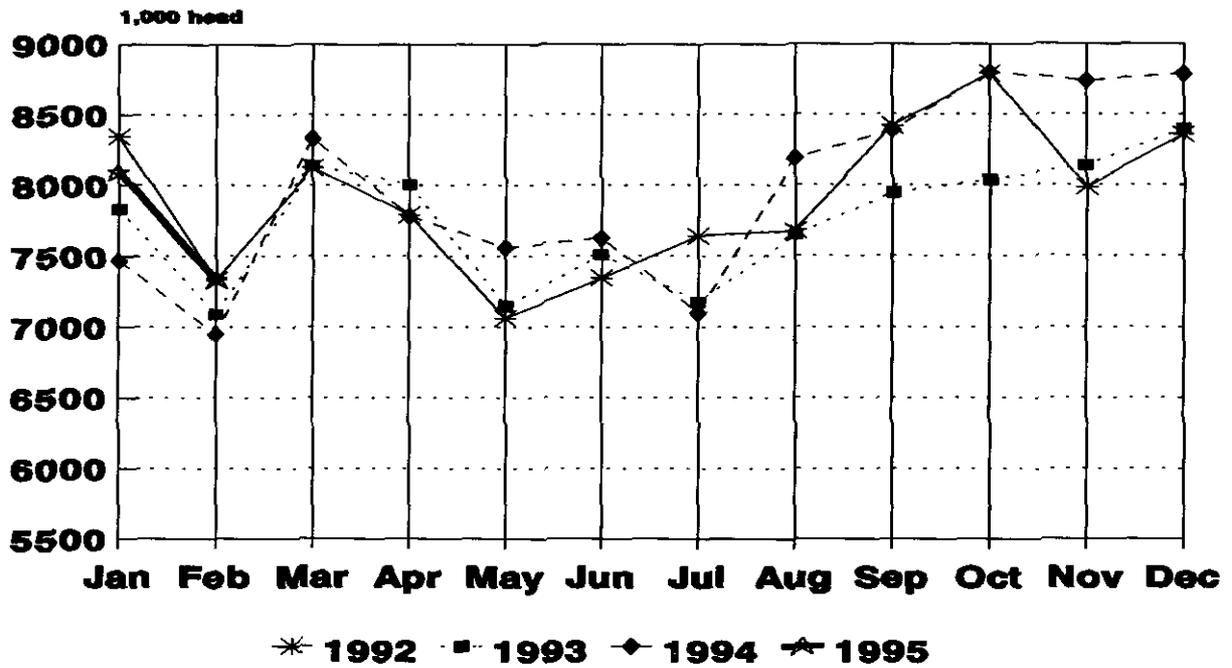
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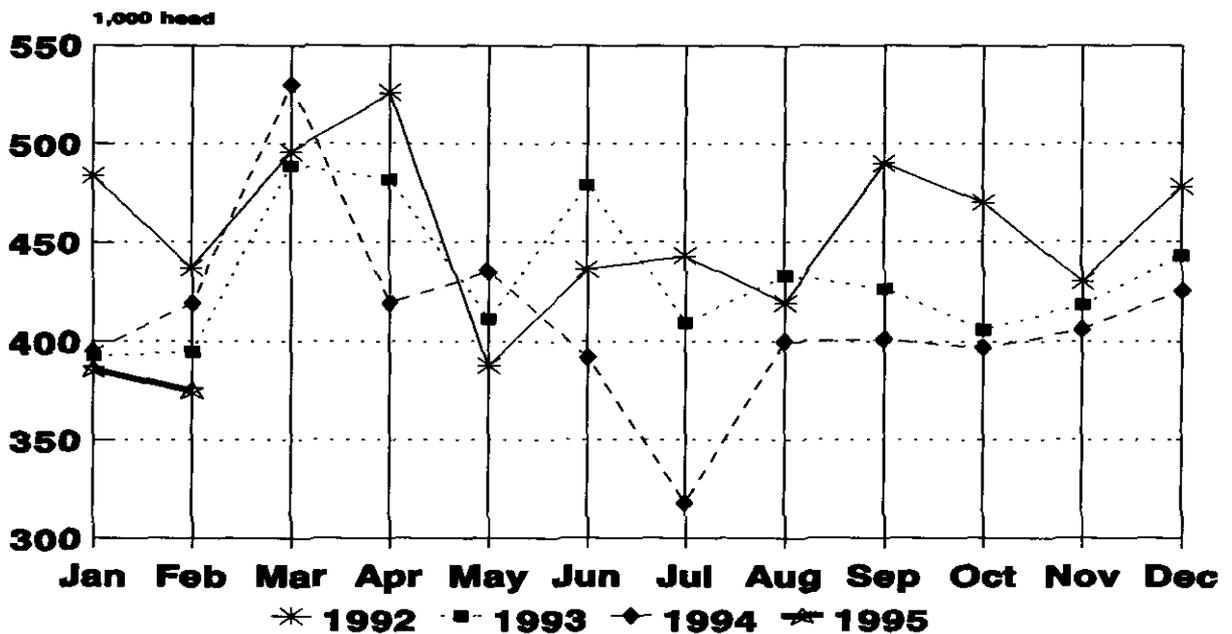
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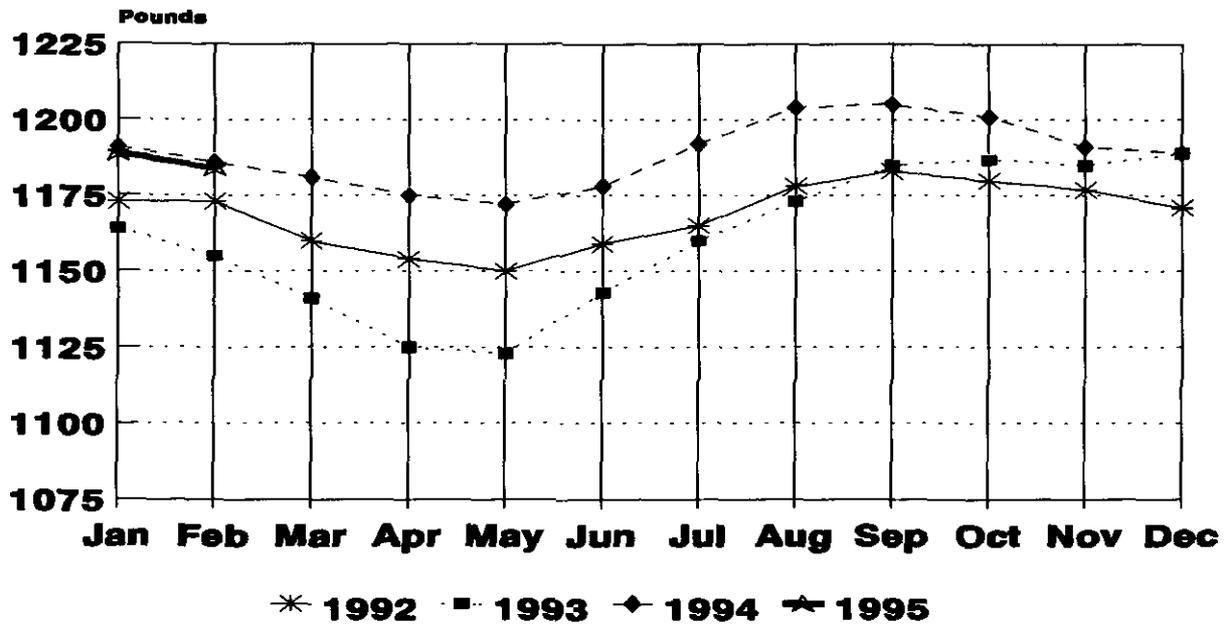
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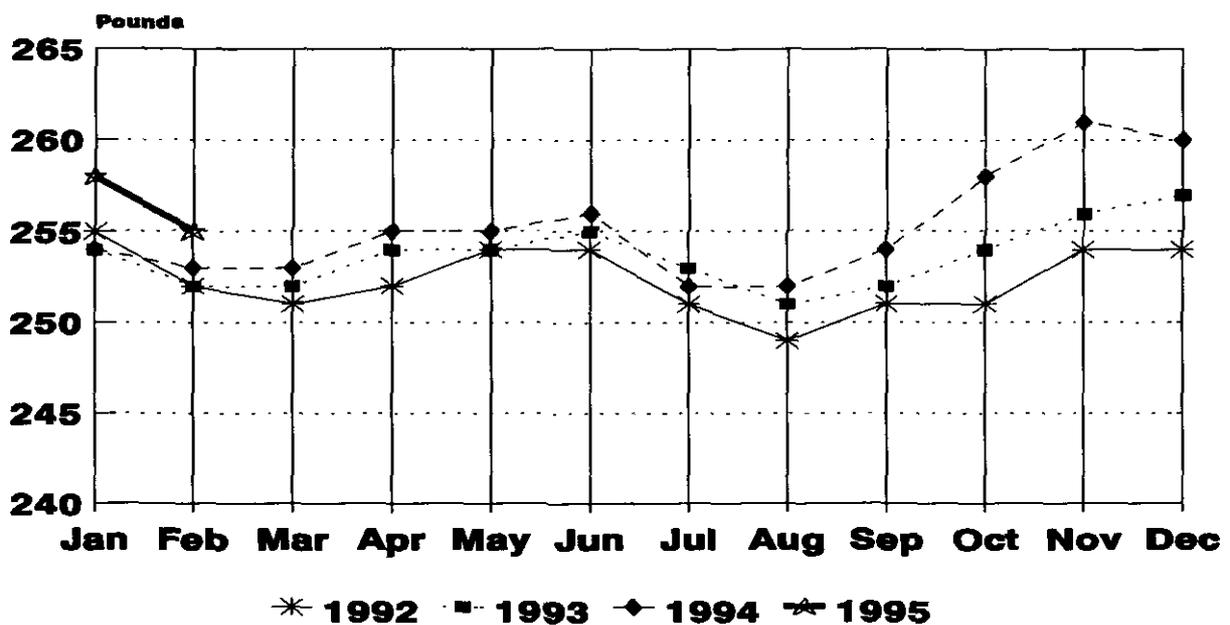
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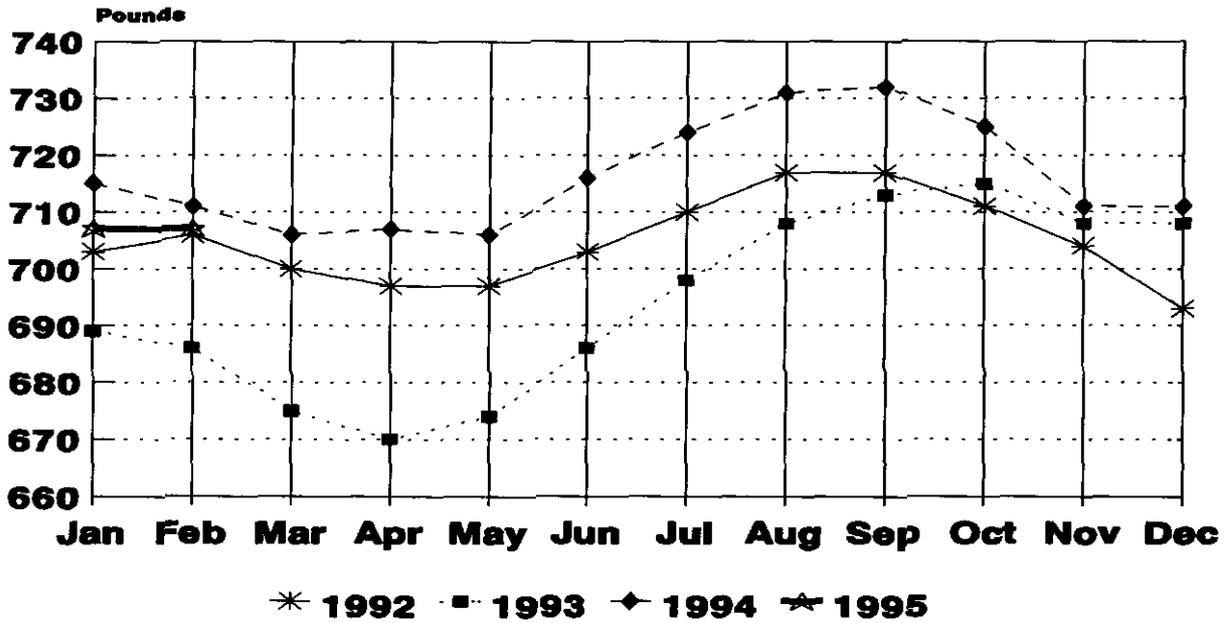
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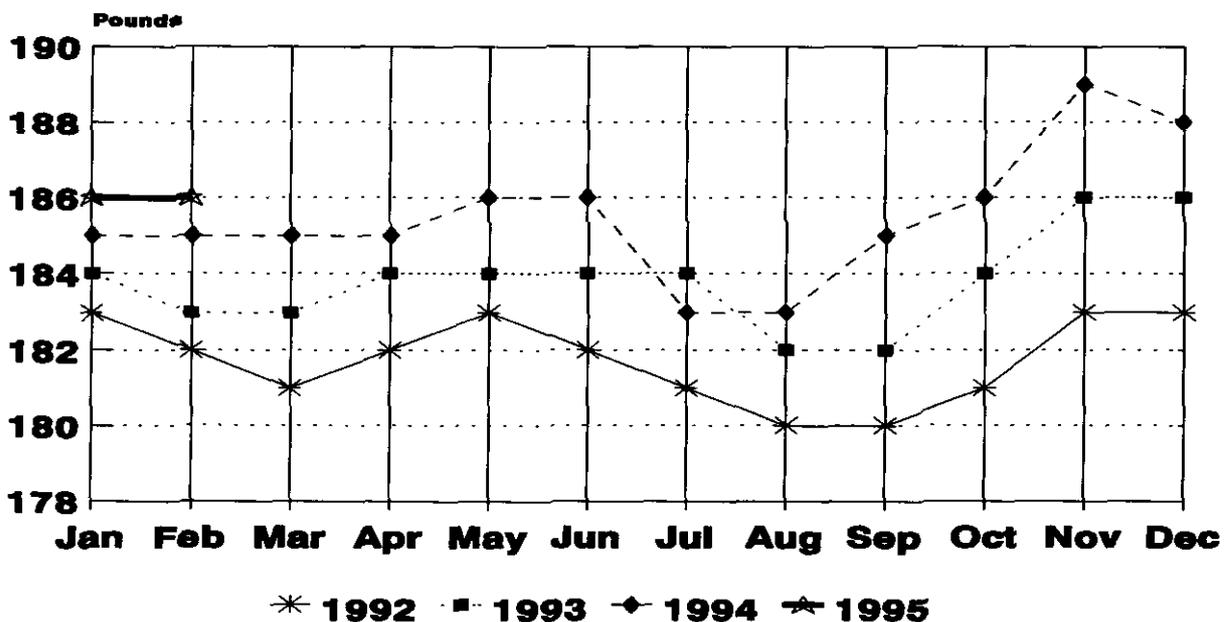
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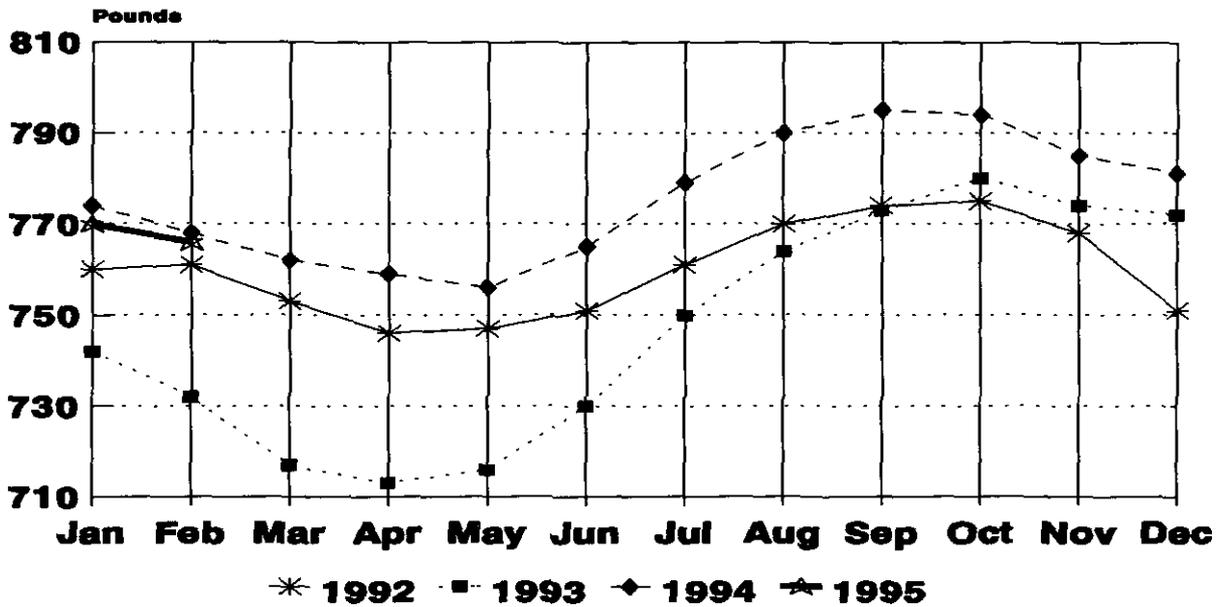
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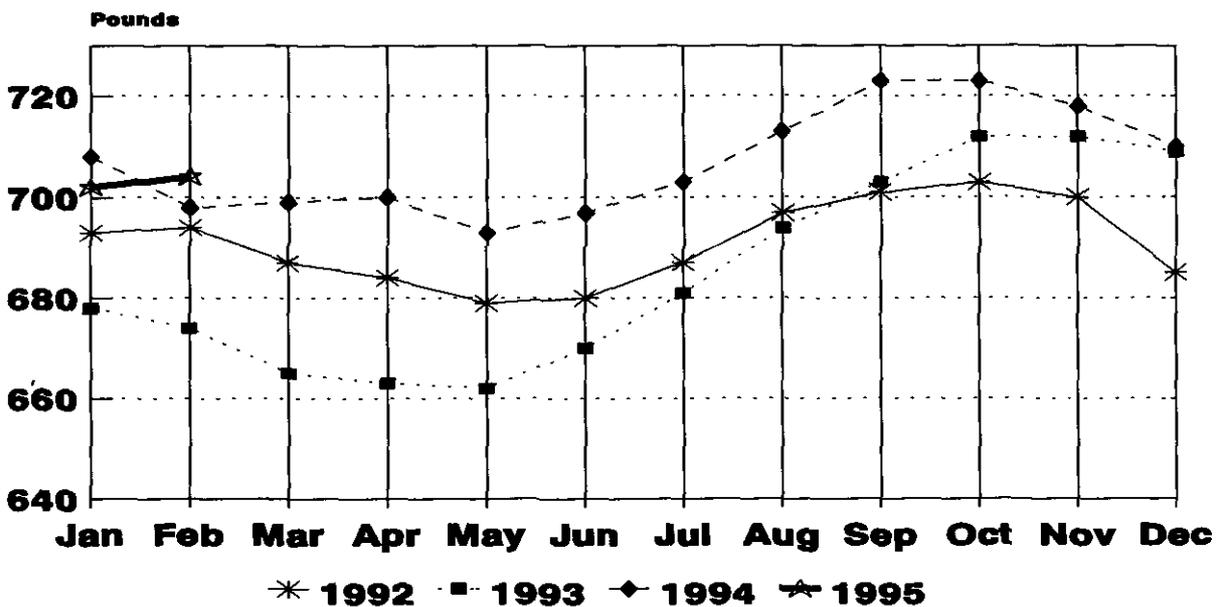
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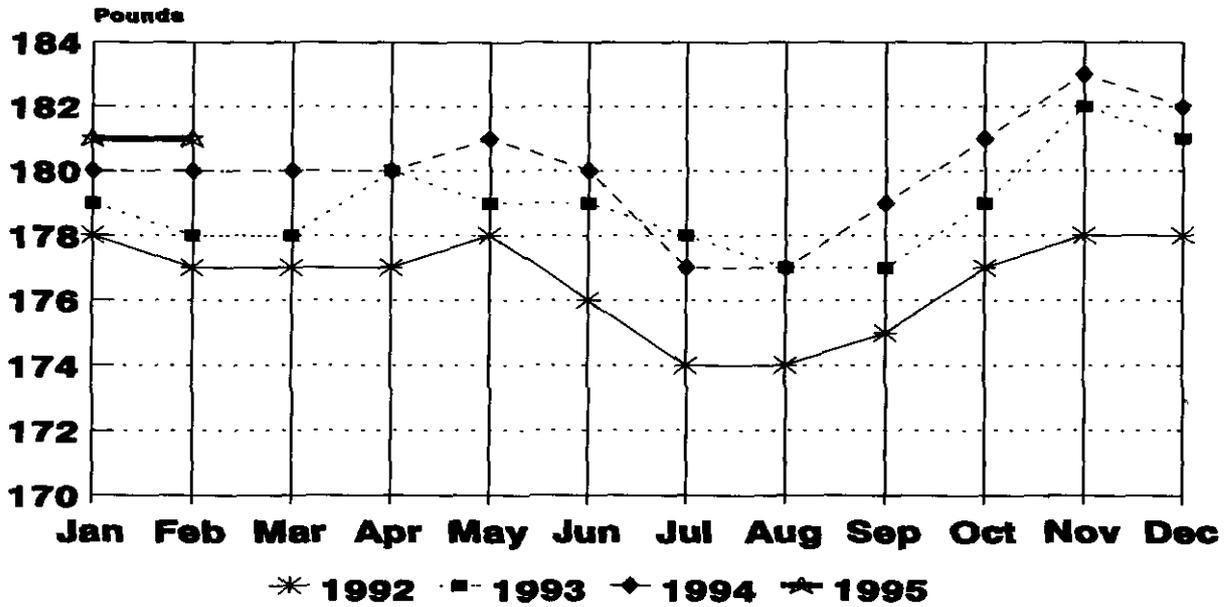
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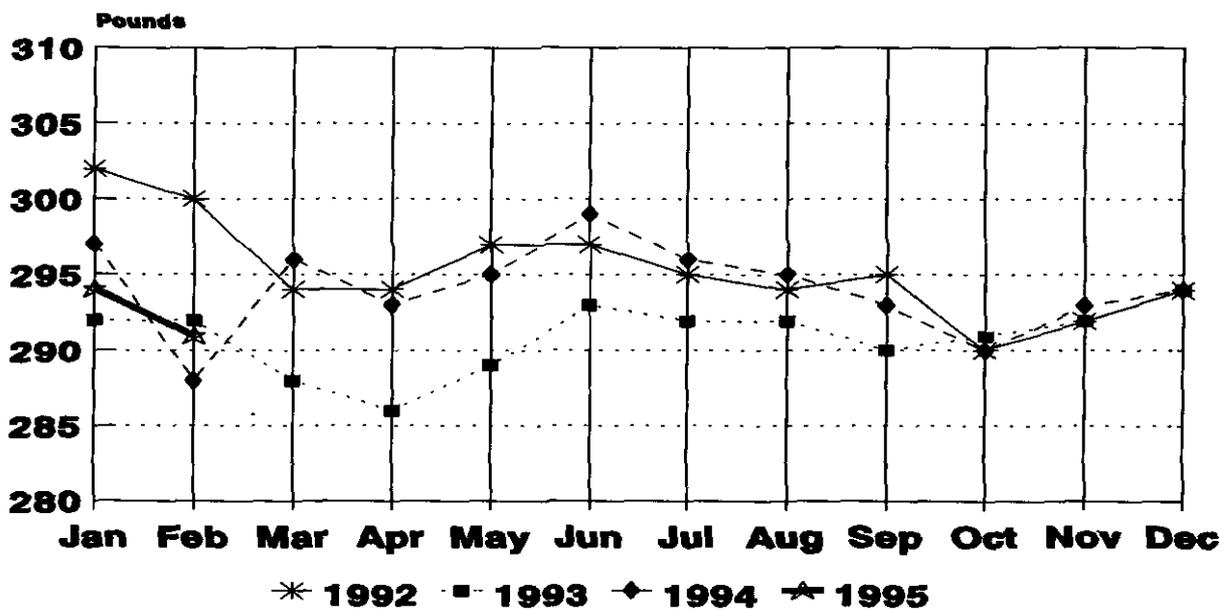
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## U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## 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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