

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Drops

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.30 billion pounds during April, 2 percent below last year.

April 1995 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays. April 1994 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.65 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1.171 pounds was down 4 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 22.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 98,300, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 391 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.41 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.55 million head, 3 percent below April 1994. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 28.0 million pounds, was up 3 percent from April 1994. Slaughter totaled 440,100 head, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 126 pounds.

January - April red meat production was 13.8 billion pounds up 3 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 5 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 6 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Apr	Mar	Apr	Apr 95 % of		Jan - Apr 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Apr	Mar	1994	1995	
: --- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,901	2,060	1,849	97	90	7,645	7,727	101
Veal	22	27	22	103	83	92	100	109
Pork	1,432	1,634	1,405	98	86	5,614	5,893	105
Lamb & Mutton	27	30	28	103	91	113	106	94
Total Red Meat	3,381	3,751	3,304	98	88	13,464	13,825	103

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	Apr	Mar	Apr	Apr 95 % of		Jan - Apr 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Apr	Mar	1994	1995	
: --- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,869	2,026	1,816	97	90	7,512	7,590	101
Veal	21	26	22	104	83	90	98	109
Pork	1,404	1,604	1,377	98	86	5,500	5,773	105
Lamb & Mutton	26	30	27	102	90	110	103	93
Total Red Meat	3,321	3,687	3,242	98	88	13,212	13,564	103

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	: Apr 95 % of :			: Jan - Apr 2/			: 95 % : of 94	
		Apr 1994	Mar 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994	Mar 1995	Apr 1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,655.7	2,890.3	2,590.9	98	90	10,634.5	10,807.0	102
Other	:Thou:	55.5	59.8	59.2	107	99	238.2	242.5	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,711.1	2,950.1	2,650.0	98	90	10,872.7	11,049.5	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,178	1,179	1,175	99	99	1,188	1,183	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,032	1,031	1,015	98	98	1,024	1,031	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,175	1,176	1,171	100	100	1,183	1,180	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	91.6	118.0	96.1	105	81	396.1	439.0	111
Other	:Thou:	2.7	2.5	2.2	84	89	10.0	9.8	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	94.3	120.5	98.3	104	82	406.1	448.8	111
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	391	386	392	100	101	386	385	99
Other	:Lbs :	394	410	379	96	93	397	407	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	392	386	391	100	101	386	386	100
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,608.8	8,628.0	7,378.4	97	86	29,824.3	31,045.5	104
Other	:Thou:	172.1	179.9	168.5	98	94	698.7	730.5	105
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,780.9	8,807.9	7,547.0	97	86	30,523.0	31,776.0	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	256	257	258	101	100	254	257	101
Other	:Lbs :	226	232	232	103	100	231	233	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	255	256	258	101	101	254	257	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	401.7	455.7	420.4	105	92	1,708.9	1,611.9	94
Other	:Thou:	17.9	12.6	19.8	111	157	53.9	58.1	108
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	419.6	468.2	440.1	105	94	1,762.8	1,670.0	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	131	131	127	97	97	130	129	98
Other	:Lbs :	90	101	94	105	94	95	98	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	129	130	126	97	97	129	128	99

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States 1/

State	1,000 Pounds		Apr 95 as % of	
	Apr 1994	Mar 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994 : Mar 1995

AL	3,342	3,584	3,247	97
AZ	21,571	24,002	22,806	106
AR	4,987	6,532	5,941	119
CA	75,512	89,590	79,229	105
CO	152,048	170,130	141,121	93
DE-MD	6,096	6,700	5,745	94
FL	3,376	4,000	3,256	96
GA	38,468	43,090	36,422	95
HI	1,335	1,137	1,130	85
ID	37,662	41,540	36,976	98
IL	210,868	238,361	207,855	99
IN	64,904	62,964	53,605	83
IA	596,052	641,484	552,942	93
KS	408,035	430,295	412,220	101
KY	44,362	58,143	50,663	114
LA	1,862	2,556	1,812	97
MI	79,168	89,396	77,262	98
MN	155,083	186,978	153,978	99
MS	27,129	29,849	23,236	86
MO	32,940	55,453	49,850	151
MT	1,560	1,330	1,305	84
NE	445,976	482,868	433,488	97
NV	73	88	82	112
N ENG 2/	2,853	2,913	2,639	92
NJ	2,251	2,965	2,774	123
NM	2,495	1,796	1,461	59
NY	7,282	9,029	7,282	100
NC	98,982	119,766	106,450	108
ND	8,548	8,840	8,091	95
OH	30,011	30,693	28,245	94
OK	4,397	4,808	4,118	94
OR	2,596	2,915	2,790	107
PA	88,271	100,557	86,242	98
SC	12,784	15,417	12,588	98
SD	100,144	120,654	101,473	101
TN	17,367	18,737	15,774	91
TX	351,223	376,971	341,347	97
UT	36,425	37,845	30,768	84
VA	66,290	84,612	70,668	107
WA	52,678	53,369	50,409	96
WV	1,308	1,208	1,110	85
WI	82,505	87,334	74,827	91
WY	290	385	318	110
US	3,381,106	3,750,890	3,303,546	98

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,
April 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	1.2	1.2	1,015	1,054	881	910
AZ	32.1	32.4	35,967	38,145	1,122	1,176
AR	2.2	2.2	2,164	2,201	1,004	992
CA	69.2	72.3	86,144	88,775	1,245	1,228
CO	189.4	177.3	228,688	210,052	1,207	1,185
DE-MD	3.1	2.8	3,781	3,407	1,205	1,237
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.2	1,537	1,238	1,026	998
ID						
IL						
IN	6.0	5.4	6,327	5,583	1,048	1,039
IA	143.1	129.4	171,035	157,521	1,196	1,217
KS	547.1	558.8	639,158	648,581	1,168	1,161
KY	4.9	4.8	5,178	5,046	1,062	1,043
LA	1.8	2.0	1,444	1,678	818	820
MI						
MN	80.2	79.1	103,070	102,021	1,285	1,290
MS						
MO	12.0	11.5	13,119	12,069	1,092	1,052
MT	1.9	1.4	2,324	1,666	1,252	1,215
NE	488.1	488.1	589,818	584,220	1,208	1,197
NV	.1	.1	85	95	1,132	1,026
N ENG 2/	3.0	2.3	3,305	2,541	1,106	1,091
NJ	1.1	1.6	1,339	1,925	1,209	1,196
NM	4.8	2.7	4,332	2,399	909	899
NY	5.7	4.9	5,903	5,380	1,039	1,106
NC	12.3	11.3	12,685	11,857	1,032	1,046
ND						
OH	13.2	11.3	14,859	12,513	1,130	1,105
OK	4.0	3.3	4,054	3,253	1,020	999
OR	1.4	1.5	1,600	1,886	1,177	1,294
PA	80.2	77.8	101,085	96,958	1,260	1,246
SC						
SD	20.3	17.5	23,283	19,816	1,148	1,134
TN						
TX	507.7	495.3	555,644	543,860	1,094	1,098
UT						
VA	1.4	1.5	1,279	1,395	902	961
WA	70.9	68.7	86,448	83,159	1,219	1,210
WV	.9	.9	982	891	1,088	982
WI	111.6	100.9	137,775	123,670	1,234	1,226
WY	.3	.3	395	397	1,151	1,137
US 3/	2,711.1	2,650.0	3,185,229	3,103,233	1,175	1,171

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 operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	5.7	14.0	2,081	4,643	368	331
CO						
DE-MD	.7	.5	266	202	369	407
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.8	8.8	3,514	3,724	401	423
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.3	1.5	968	654	425	424
MI	5.3	5.0	1,694	1,315	321	261
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	52	58	375	383
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	4.3	3.8	1,064	1,273	249	335
NJ	2.6	2.6	1,140	1,109	446	433
NM						
NY	16.4	15.7	5,703	5,961	348	379
NC	.1	.2	30	60	279	398
ND						
OH	5.1	5.7	2,678	2,984	529	524
OK	.2	.1	59	27	388	380
OR						
PA	12.4	10.0	5,095	4,043	410	405
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.1	1.6	611	680	533	428
UT						
VA						
WA	1.2	2.0	629	1,088	512	539
WV						
WI	14.3	13.6	5,554	5,578	389	411
WY						
US 3/	94.3	98.3	36,940	38,465	392	391

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

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	10.3	9.6	4,143	3,988	401	414
AZ	1.5	1.1	347	258	238	236
AR	16.0	19.3	5,866	7,820	366	405
CA	155.8	152.1	35,329	36,118	227	238
CO	3.6	3.7	826	883	231	238
DE-MD	22.0	21.1	5,041	4,904	229	232
FL	6.5	5.6	922	1,316	141	234
GA						
HI	3.5	3.3	691	640	195	196
ID						
IL	737.3	748.8	192,740	198,996	261	266
IN	323.4	261.6	79,219	64,662	245	247
IA	2,631.8	2,427.9	669,119	628,611	254	259
KS						
KY	218.1	255.8	56,832	66,412	261	260
LA	4.2	3.6	853	755	204	211
MI						
MN	561.7	528.0	133,854	131,014	238	248
MS						
MO						
MT	1.9	2.4	472	586	243	249
NE	495.1	449.6	125,352	111,881	253	249
NV	.1	.1	29	28	236	209
N ENG 2/	2.9	2.5	617	543	210	220
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	48	51	212	211
NY	4.4	4.4	1,049	1,077	239	244
NC	513.3	549.1	128,582	142,138	250	259
ND	5.6	6.6	1,269	1,495	228	226
OH	110.7	108.3	28,409	28,133	257	260
OK	11.9	11.9	3,953	4,085	332	344
OR	10.7	10.4	2,509	2,576	234	249
PA	168.4	167.3	40,656	40,726	241	243
SC						
SD	475.7	491.7	121,620	125,154	256	255
TN						
TX	30.2	27.0	10,073	9,574	334	355
UT						
VA	357.0	373.8	98,398	94,296	276	252
WA						
WV	1.2	1.0	410	377	345	367
WI	35.1	31.8	13,610	12,317	388	388
WY	.4	.4	89	107	252	271
US 3/	7,780.9	7,547.0	1,983,603	1,945,165	255	258

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

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

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	132.3	149.1	19,083	20,241	144	136
DE-MD						
FL	.3	.2	20	20	80	124
GA	.1	.2	7	16	85	76
HI						
ID	.4	.4	39	39	105	97
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.3	24	27	120	108
KY	.8	.8	105	95	128	117
LA	.3	.3	30	28	99	102
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.1	17	15	107	125
NE	.1	.1	14	8	119	116
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.6	4.7	360	537	99	115
NJ	12.2	14.5	1,038	1,236	85	85
NM	4.2	3.9	467	435	111	112
NY	7.2	10.4	761	930	106	89
NC	.2	.2	16	21	100	85
ND	.1	.1	7	6	123	100
OH	2.1	2.7	194	240	94	90
OK	.1	.1	15	12	118	128
OR	.4	.3	45	38	123	115
PA	8.3	9.9	802	872	96	88
SC						
SD	19.0	18.8	2,443	2,471	129	132
TN						
TX						
UT	4.3	3.5	550	380	126	109
VA	2.0	1.7	217	179	106	107
WA						
WV						
WI	1.0	.9	116	99	119	116
WY	.1	.1	9	13	119	135
US 3/	419.6	440.1	54,099	55,308	129	126

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 operations.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	:Jan - Apr 1/ :					:Jan - Apr 1/ :				
	Apr : 1994	Mar : 1995	Apr : 1995	Apr : 1994	Apr : 1995	Apr : 1994	Mar : 1995	Apr : 1995	Apr : 1994	Apr : 1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	1,418	1,467	1,370	5,462	5,495	53.4	50.8	52.9	51.4	50.8
Heifers	736	847	748	3,041	3,137	27.7	29.3	28.9	28.6	29.0
Dairy Cows	225	261	205	1,006	985	8.5	9.0	7.9	9.5	9.1
Other Cows	223	257	219	925	981	8.4	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1
Bulls & Stags	53	58	49	201	209	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	2,656	2,890	2,591	10,635	10,807	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,250	8,220	7,048	28,349	29,556	95.3	95.3	95.5	95.1	95.2
Sows	280	320	263	1,175	1,187	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.8
Stags & Boars	78	88	68	300	303	1.0	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	7,609	8,628	7,378	29,824	31,046	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	23	24	20	85	84	5.8	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.2
Lambs & Yrlings	378	432	401	1,624	1,528	94.2	94.8	95.3	95.0	94.8
Total 1/	402	456	420	1,709	1,612	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	707	705	704	710	706					
Steers 4/	759	760	753	766	762					
Heifers 4/	700	700	699	702	701					
All Cows 4/	544	536	538	549	538					
Bulls & Stags 4/	867	871	862	875	859					
Calves & Vealers	233	227	230	230	227					
Hogs	185	186	187	185	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	180	182	183	180	182					
Sows 5/	293	287	290	294	291					
Stags & Boars 5/	211	214	219	208	217					
Sheep	65	65	64	65	64					
Mature Sheep 6/	58	57	60	57	59					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	66	65	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.
April 1995

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	2.1	.2	.2	1.5		.2	3/
2	6.1	1.0	.3	4.1	.1	.6	22.0
3	81.0	41.2	6.5	24.3	7.1	1.8	3/
4	60.7	1.8	3.1	19.7	28.2	7.9	13.8
5	299.3	139.7	48.5	72.2	29.2	9.8	3/
6	495.0	276.9	143.0	9.8	54.8	10.6	3/
7	1,178.2	677.7	422.2	23.5	45.7	9.1	44.1
8	244.6	117.8	85.3	4.8	33.2	3.5	
9	4/						3/
10	223.7	113.9	38.5	45.0	20.6	5.8	16.1
US 2/	2,590.9	1,370.1	747.5	205.0	218.9	49.4	96.1
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				4.1	.8	3.4
2	6/				24.6	4.1	20.6
3	573.4	564.5	7.3	1.7	5/		
4	1,095.8	1,033.5	61.1	1.3	5/		
5	6/				62.8	5.5	57.3
6	1,901.8	1,767.8	105.7	28.3	5/		
7	6/				85.8	5.3	80.5
8	3,636.5	3,512.1	87.8	36.6	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	170.9	169.8	1.1	.1	243.0	3.9	239.1
US 2/	7,378.4	7,047.6	263.0	67.9	420.4	19.6	400.8

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - April 1995 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	9.7	.9	.7	7.2	.1	.7	3/
2	27.9	4.5	1.5	19.2	.3	2.3	107.1
3	341.8	154.3	24.6	121.7	33.0	8.1	3/
4	269.4	8.4	13.1	87.5	128.6	31.8	64.2
5	1,285.9	564.8	203.4	344.3	130.0	43.4	3/
6	2,043.2	1,119.2	570.4	49.6	256.4	47.5	3/
7	4,839.0	2,693.9	1,797.5	114.7	195.0	37.9	203.2
8	1,067.7	492.3	373.1	24.9	162.0	15.5	
9	4/						3/
10	922.5	456.5	152.3	216.2	75.6	22.0	64.5
US	10,807.0	5,494.8	3,136.7	985.3	981.1	209.2	439.0
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				10.0	2.9	7.1
2	6/				69.0	15.5	53.4
3	2,410.5	2,355.6	47.8	7.1	5/		
4	4,644.1	4,367.6	271.4	5.1	5/		
5	6/				236.8	23.2	213.5
6	8,075.4	7,519.8	436.1	119.4	5/		
7	6/				349.2	26.3	323.0
8	15,200.5	14,603.6	425.6	171.3	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	715.0	709.3	5.5	.2	947.0	15.8	931.2
US	31,045.5	29,555.9	1,186.5	303.1	1,611.9	83.7	1,528.2

* 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,
April 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	32.0	29.9	2.0				
AR	1.8	.3	.1	.2	1.1	.2	
CA	71.8	21.1	5.9	33.7	8.6	2.5	13.9
CO	176.8	98.1	66.1	.7	11.7	.3	
DE-MD	2.7	2.1	.4	.2		.1	.5
FL							
GA							
HI	.8	.1	.1	.2	.3		
ID							
IL							8.8
IN							
IA	128.4	60.6	46.3	18.9	.2	2.4	
KS	554.8	361.9	191.3	.1	1.3	.1	
KY	3.8	.7	2.8	.2	.1		
LA							
MI							5.0
MN	76.0	32.6	13.4	11.3	13.8	4.8	
MS							
MO	8.8	1.0	.4	1.2	5.3	.9	
MT	.8	.2	.1		.2	.2	
NE	486.3	254.2	184.1	3.3	38.9	5.8	
NV	.1						
N ENG	2.1	.2	.2	1.5		.2	3.8
NJ	1.6	.6	.1	.7		.2	
NM	2.3	.6	.3	.9	.4	.1	
NY	4.5	.4	.2	3.5		.4	15.7
NC	10.3	.3	.1	4.1	3.4	2.5	
ND							
OH	2.9	.3	.4	1.3	.5	.4	5.6
OK	.7			.2	.4	.1	
OR	1.2	.7	.2	.2	.1	.1	
PA	77.5	39.0	6.0	24.0	6.8	1.7	10.0
SC							
SD	15.8	.1	.1	1.2	13.3	1.3	
TN							
TX	489.8	275.9	142.5	8.5	52.8	10.2	1.3
UT							
VA							
WA	68.7	38.4	20.3	4.4	5.0	.5	2.0
WV	.1						
WI	97.1	37.4	5.2	42.8	8.6	3.1	13.5
WY							
US 3/	2,590.9	1,370.1	747.5	205.0	218.9	49.4	96.1

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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 operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1995 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.4	.2	6.0	1.2			
AZ							
AR	18.7	11.6	7.1				
CA	145.1	144.3	.8				
CO					149.0	.1	149.0
DE-MD	21.1	19.5		1.6			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.5	2.4					
ID					.2		.2
IL	715.3	642.9	50.5	21.8			
IN	256.6	253.2	.5	3.0			
IA	2,424.7	2,335.1	53.0	36.6			
KS							
KY	254.9	248.0	6.9		.8	.5	.3
LA							
MI							
MN	524.0	524.0					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.9	1.8	.1				
NE	447.9	447.8	.1				
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.1	2.0	.1		4.1	.8	3.4
NJ					14.2	2.7	11.5
NM					2.1	1.5	.6
NY	4.0	3.9			10.4	1.3	9.1
NC	526.7	520.0	6.7				
ND	6.1	6.0					
OH	92.4	84.7	7.7		.3		.3
OK	8.5	4.0	4.5				
OR	10.1	9.9	.2		.2		.2
PA	166.9	166.1	.8		9.8	.3	9.6
SC							
SD	490.1	462.2	27.9		18.6		18.6
TN							
TX	12.5	5.6	6.3	.6			
UT					2.9	2.7	.2
VA	373.6	367.5	6.1		1.6	.2	1.4
WA							
WV							
WI	25.6	.4	25.0	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,378.4	7,047.6	263.0	67.9	420.4	19.6	400.8

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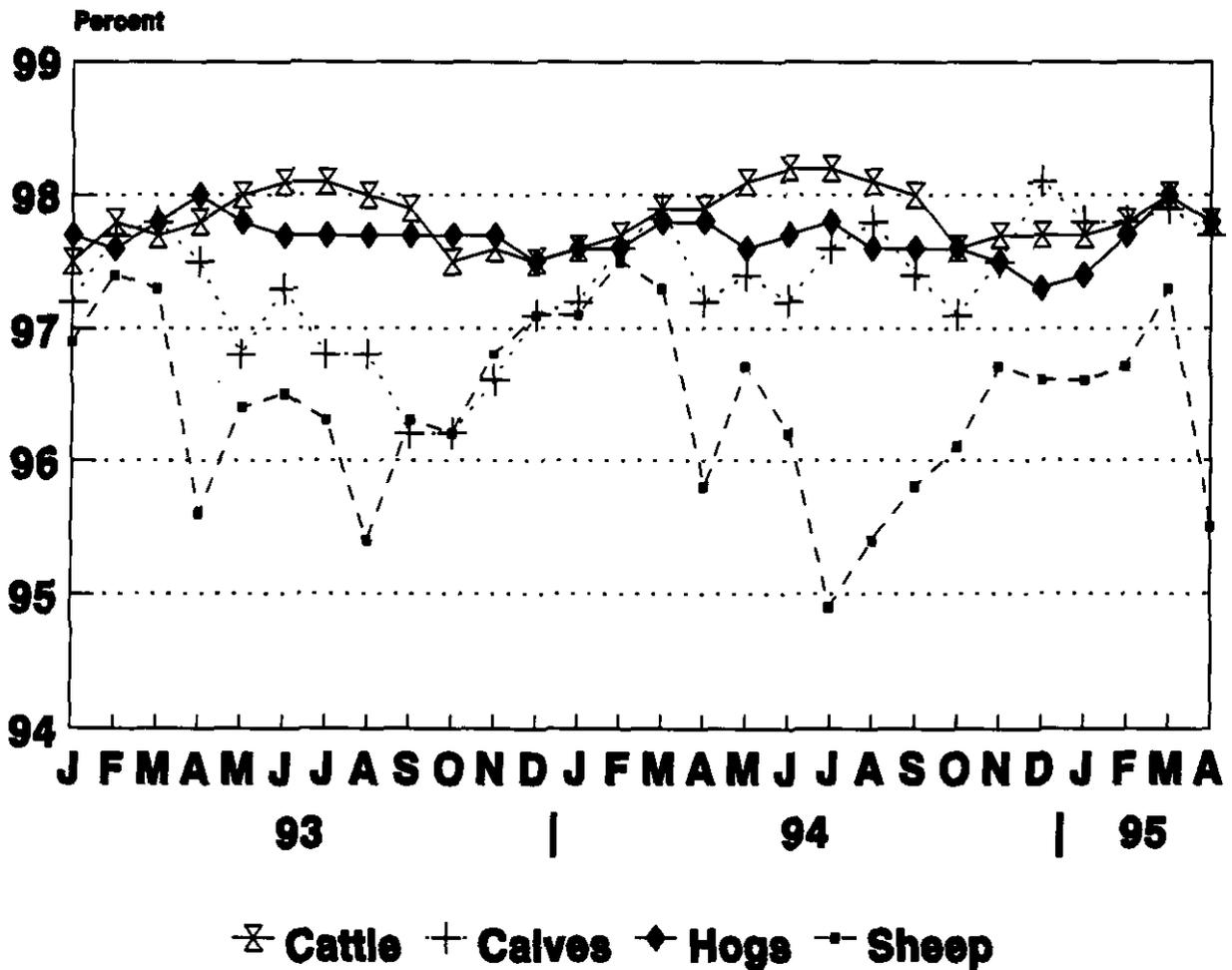
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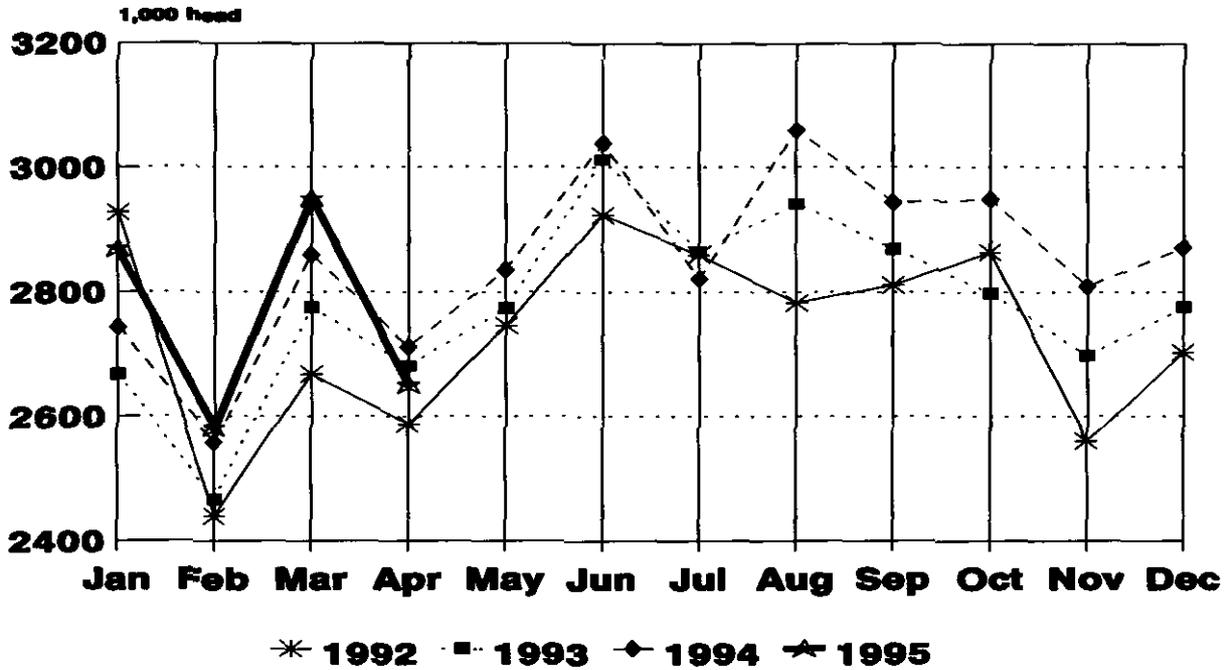
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Apr 1994	Mar 1995	Apr 1995	Jan - Apr	
				1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	98.0	98.0	97.8	97.8	97.8
Calves	97.2	97.9	97.7	97.5	97.8
Hogs	97.8	98.0	97.8	97.7	97.7
Sheep	95.7	97.3	95.5	96.9	96.5

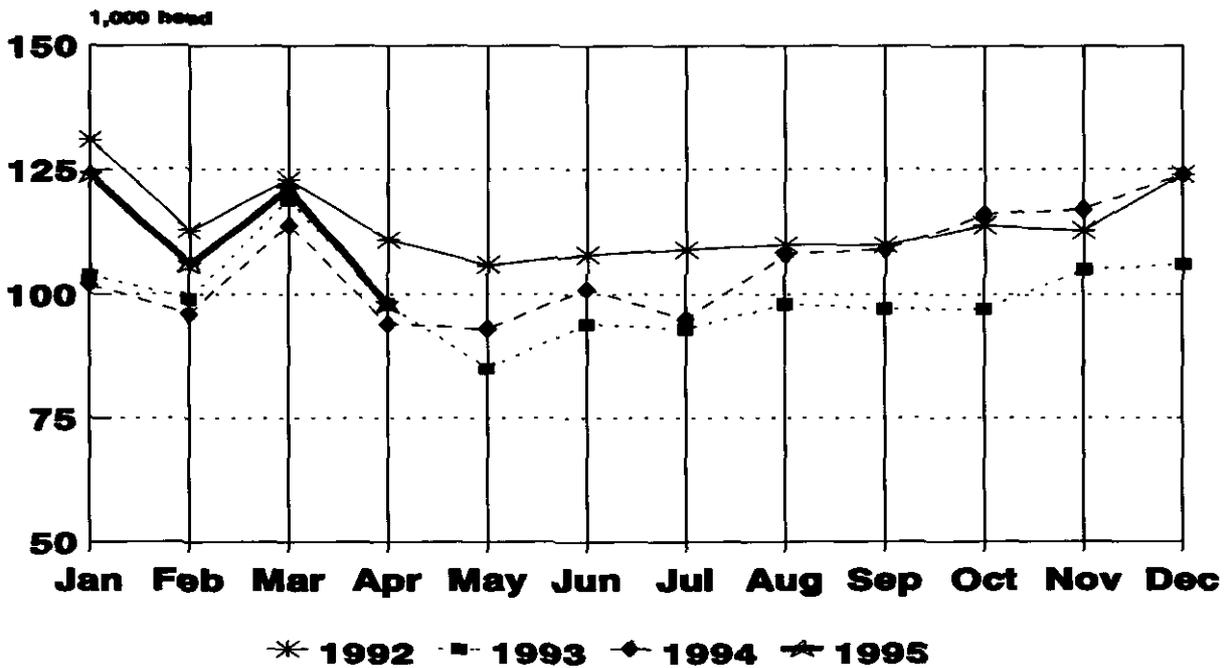
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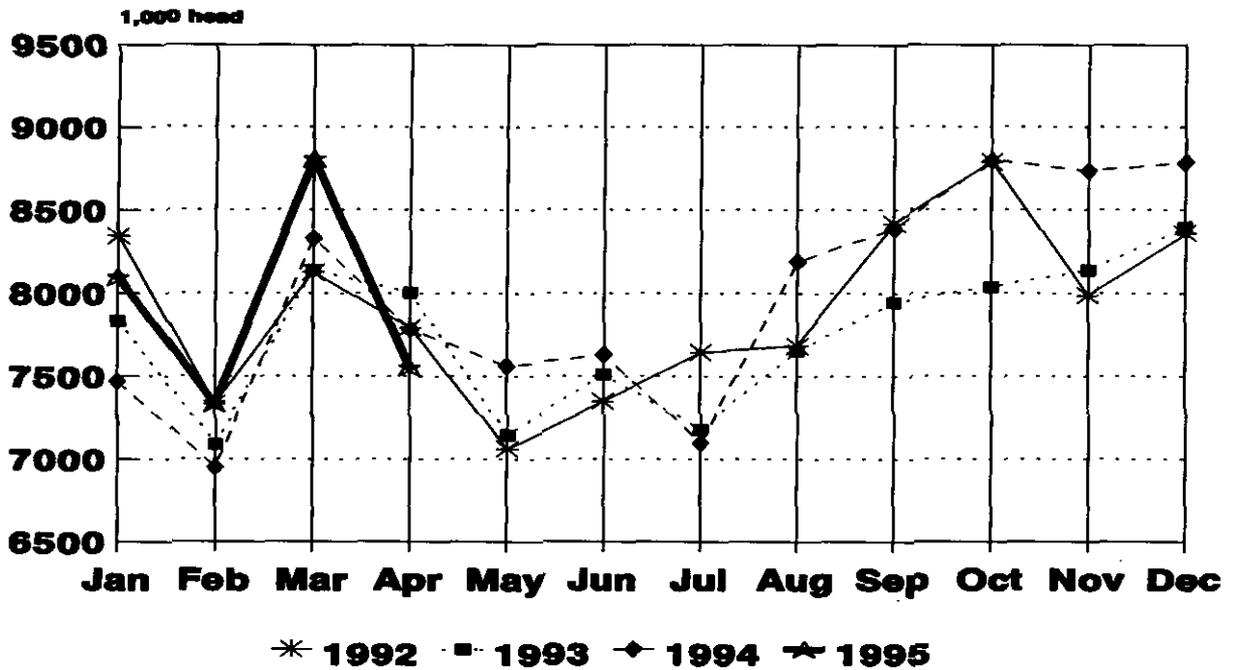
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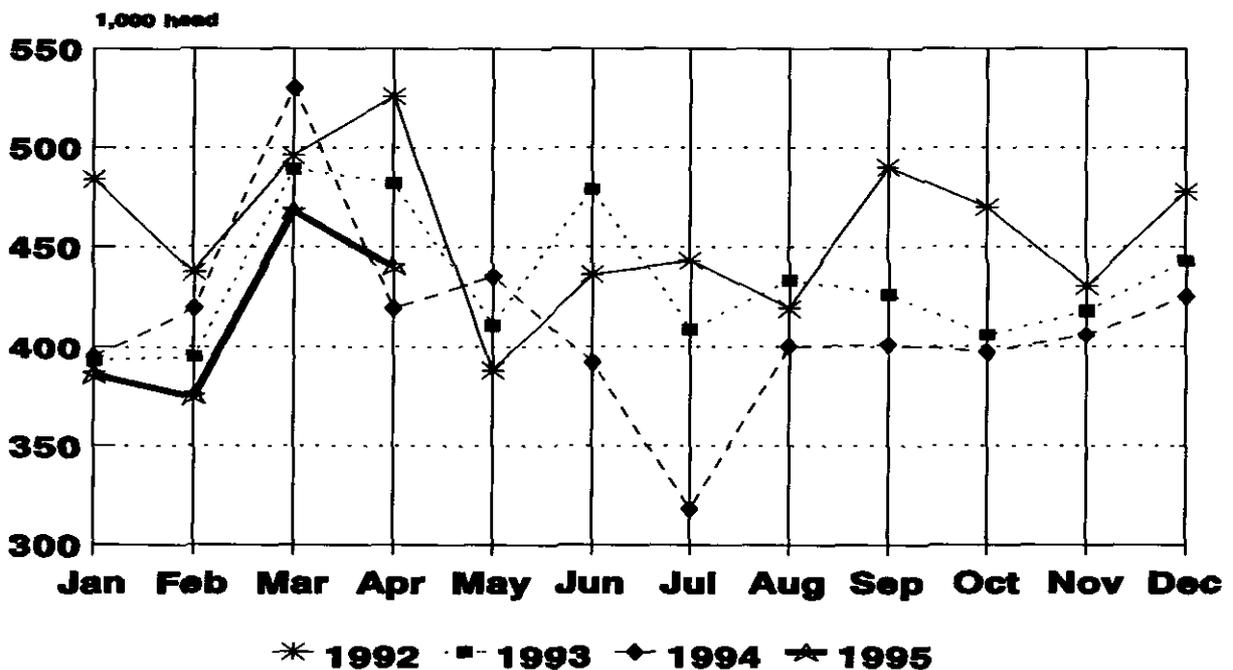
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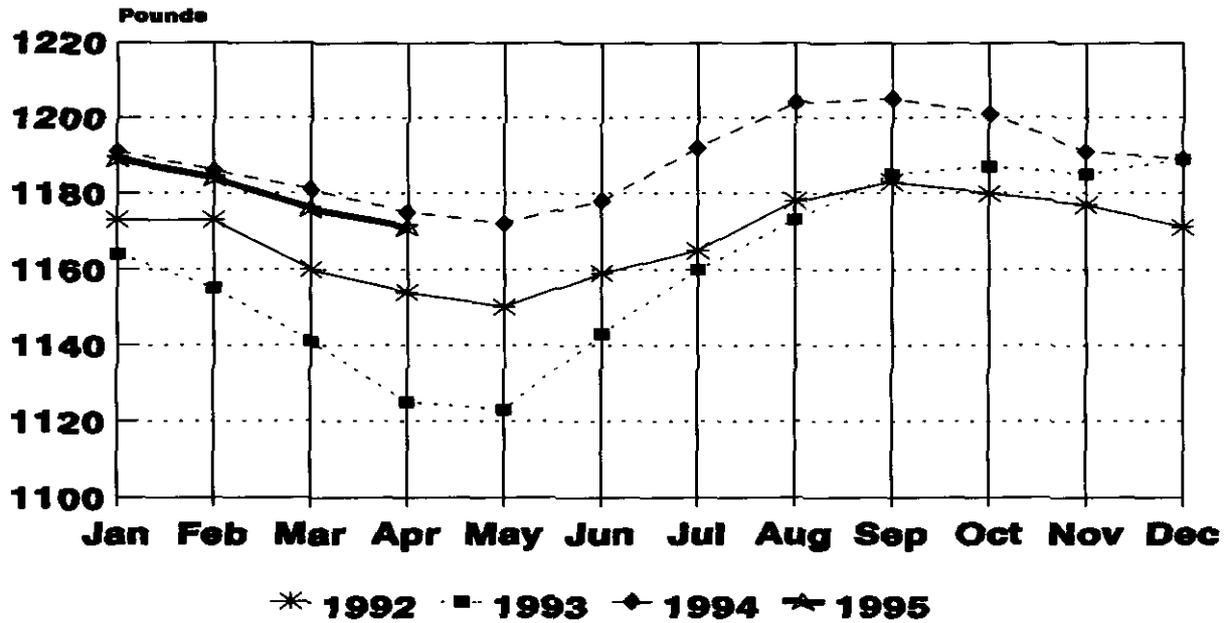
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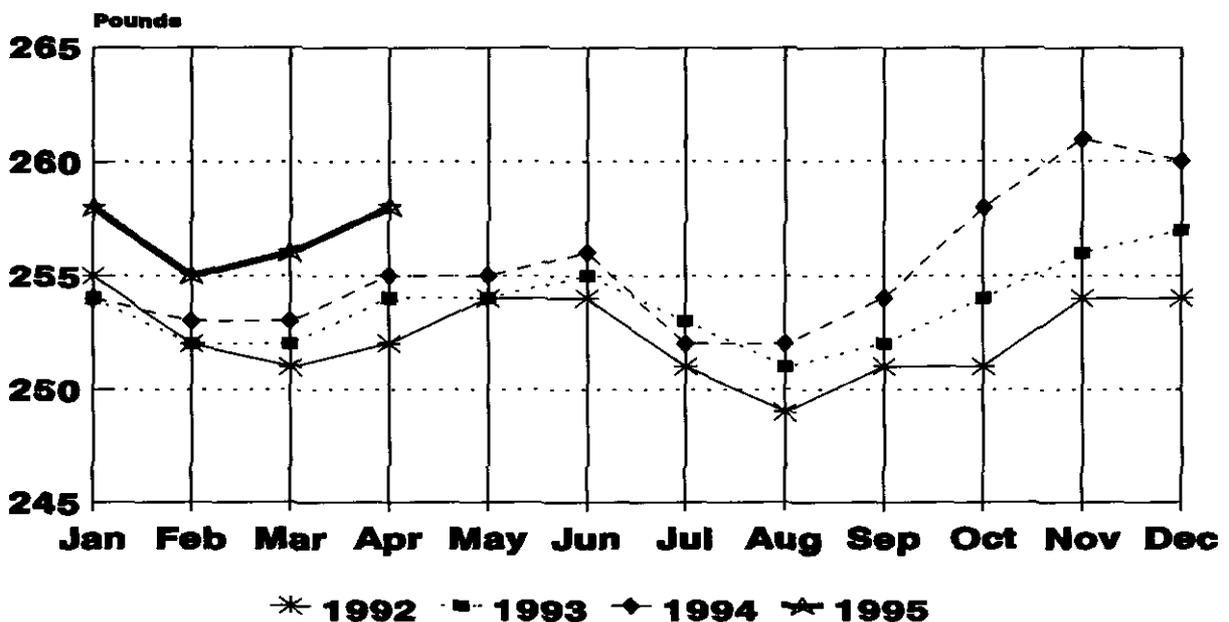
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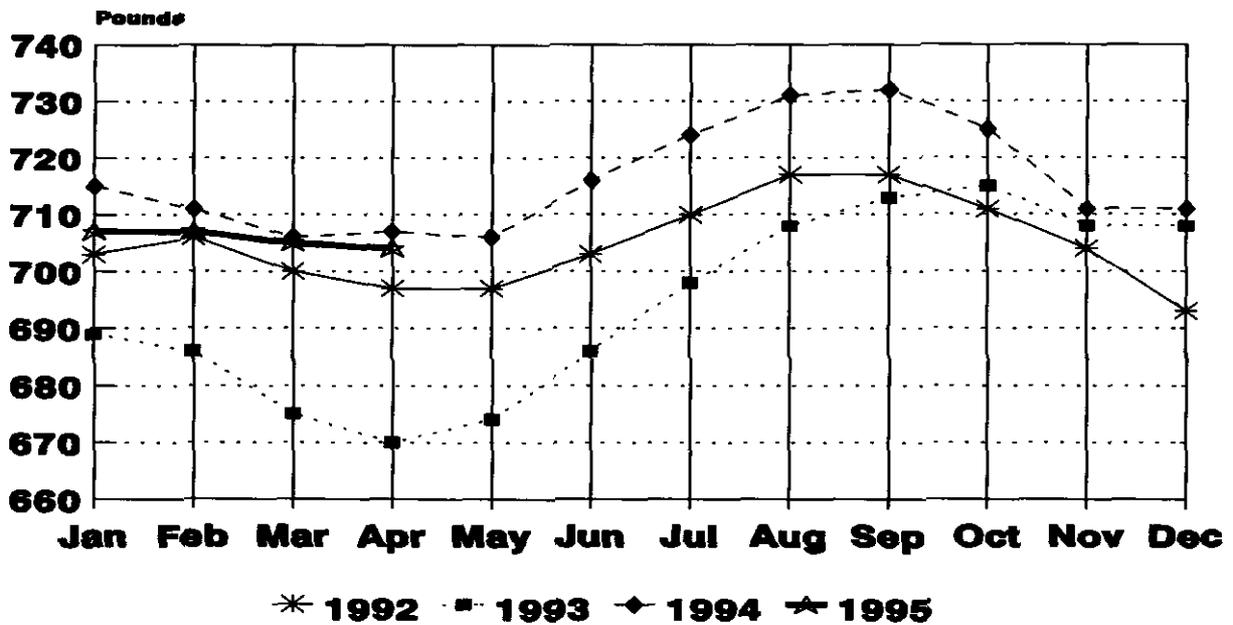
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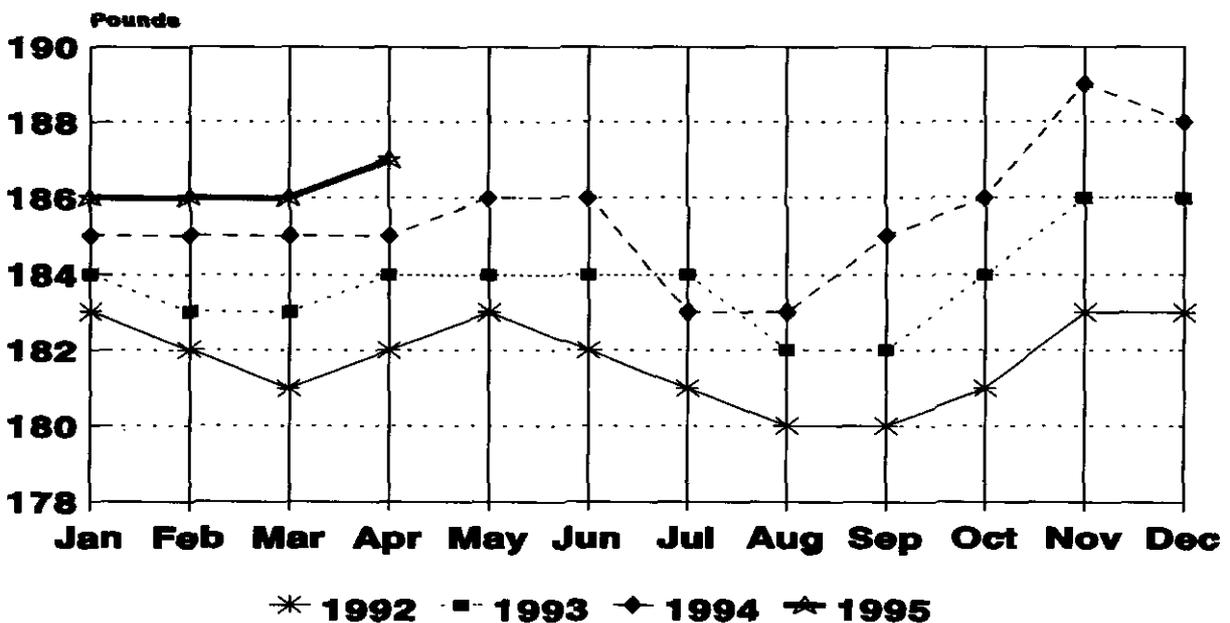
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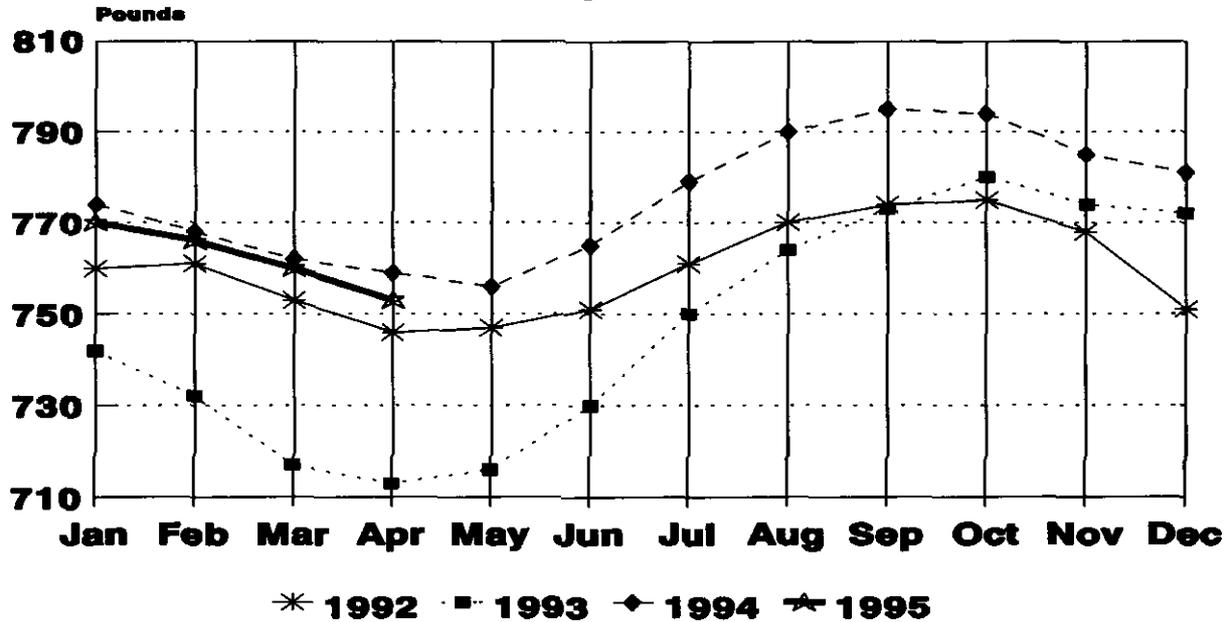
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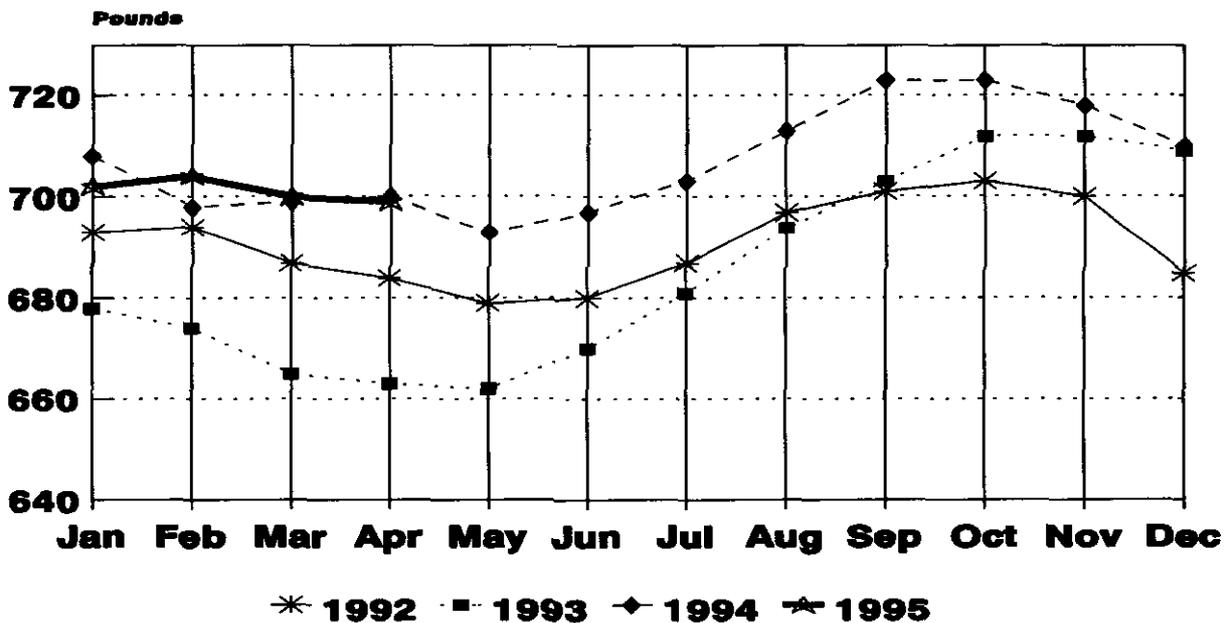
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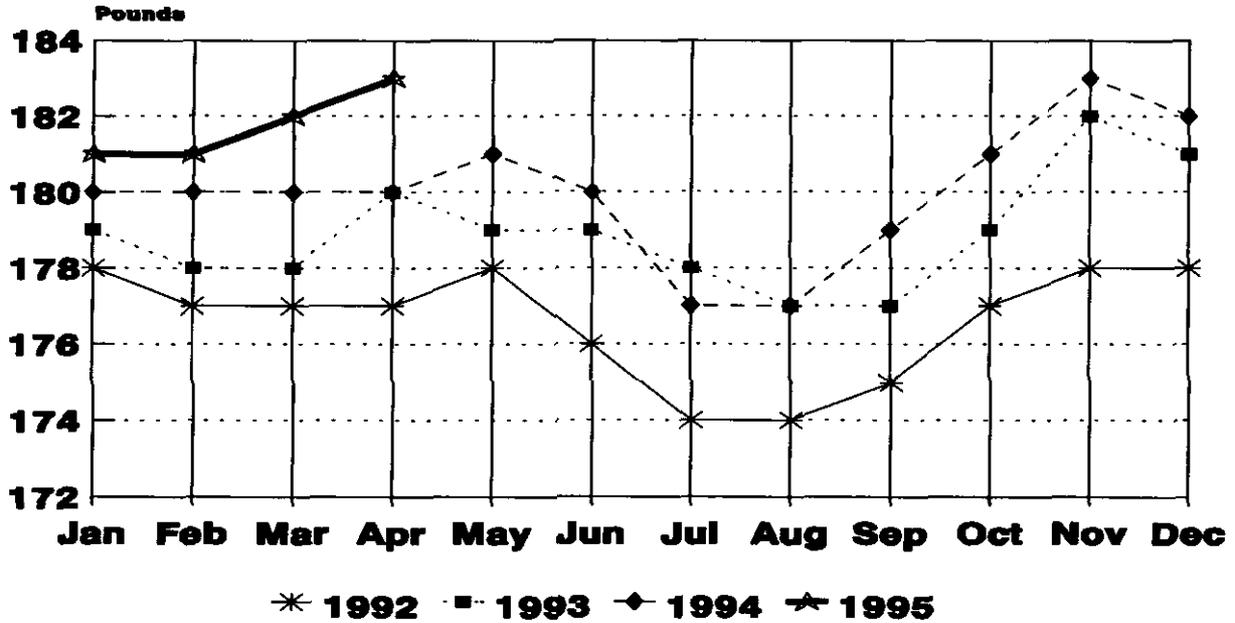
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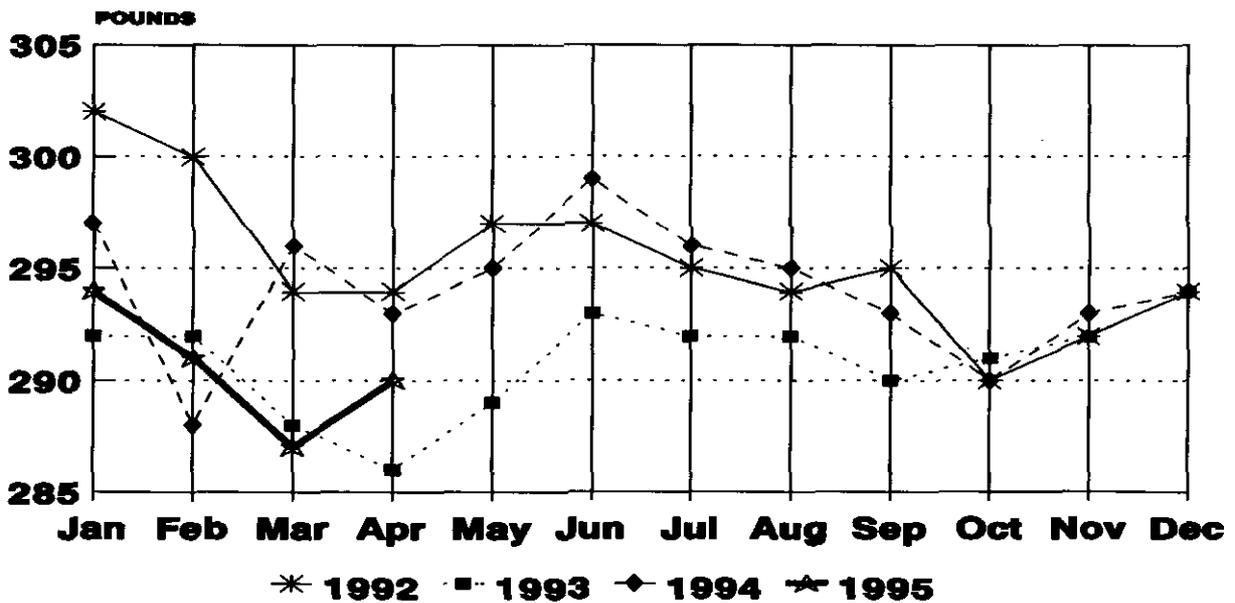
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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