

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat, Beef, and Pork Production Set Records for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.76 billion pounds during May. This production was 10 percent above the previous record high set in May 1994.

May 1995 and 1994 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.18 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous record high set in May 1986. Head kill totaled 3.12 million, up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,170 pounds was down 2 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 26.0 million pounds, up 18 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 116,800, up 26 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 24 pounds to 385 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.53 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the previous record high set in May 1980. Hog kill totaled 8.19 million head, 8 percent above May 1994. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 17 percent from May 1994. Slaughter totaled 370,900 head, down 15 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 127 pounds.

January-May red meat production was 17.6 billion pounds up 4 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent, veal was up 11 percent, pork was up 6 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 8 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	May	Apr	May	May 95 % of		Jan - May 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	May 1994	Apr 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,985	1,849	2,184	110	118	9,630	9,910	103
Veal	22	22	26	118	118	114	126	111
Pork	1,396	1,405	1,525	109	109	7,010	7,417	106
Lamb & Mutton	28	28	23	83	85	141	129	92
Total Red Meat	3,431	*3,303	3,758	110	114	16,895	17,583	104

* 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	May	Apr	May	May 95 % of		Jan - May 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	May 1994	Apr 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,954	*1,815	2,150	110	118	9,466	9,740	103
Veal	22	22	25	118	117	111	123	111
Pork	1,369	1,377	1,495	109	109	6,869	7,269	106
Lamb & Mutton	27	27	23	83	86	138	126	91
Total Red Meat	3,372	*3,241	3,694	110	114	16,584	17,257	104

* Revised.

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Species	Unit	1995			May 95 % of		Jan - May 2/		95 % of 94
		May 1994	Apr 1995	May 1995	May 1994	Apr 1995	1994	1995	

Percent									

Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,780.4	2,590.9	3,063.9	110	118	13,414.9	13,870.9	103
Other	:Thou:	53.8	59.2	59.1	110	100	292.0	301.7	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,834.2	2,650.0	3,123.0	110	118	13,706.9	14,172.5	103

Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,175	1,175	1,173	99	99	1,185	1,181	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,021	1,015	1,021	100	101	1,024	1,029	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,172	1,171	1,170	100	100	1,181	1,178	100

Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	90.2	96.1	114.0	126	119	486.2	553.0	114
Other	:Thou:	2.4	2.2	2.7	113	122	12.5	12.5	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	92.6	98.3	116.8	126	119	498.7	565.5	113

Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	408	392	386	94	98	391	386	98
Other	:Lbs :	416	379	407	98	107	401	407	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	409	391	385	94	98	390	385	99

Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,382.6*	7,378.5	8,011.6	109	109	37,206.9	39,057.2	105
Other	:Thou:	173.0	168.5	180.9	105	107	871.7	911.3	105
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,555.6	7,547.0	8,192.5	108	109	38,078.6	39,968.5	105

Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	255	258	258	101	100	255	258	101
Other	:Lbs :	225	232	228	101	98	230	232	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	255	258	258	101	100	254	257	101

Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	417.8	420.4	355.1	85	84	2,126.7	1,967.0	92
Other	:Thou:	17.4	19.8	15.7	91	80	71.3	73.8	104
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	435.2	440.1	370.9	85	84	2,198.0	2,040.8	93

Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	131	127	129	98	101	131	129	98
Other	:Lbs :	95	94	93	98	98	95	97	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	130	*125	127	98	102	130	128	99

* 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		May 95 as % of	
	May 1994	Apr 1995	May 1995	May 1994 : Apr 1995
AL	3,181	*3,264	3,413	107 105
AZ	22,386	22,806	28,820	129 126
AR	5,098	5,941	6,100	120 103
CA	78,312	79,229	90,775	116 115
CO	152,577	*140,596	169,476	111 121
DE-MD	6,388	5,745	6,565	103 114
FL	3,942	3,256	3,718	94 114
GA	36,122	36,422	37,807	105 104
HI	1,302	1,130	1,265	97 112
ID	42,079	36,976	44,645	106 121
IL	209,496	207,855	231,093	110 111
IN	62,683	53,605	62,011	99 116
IA	575,388	552,942	604,292	105 109
KS	440,657	412,220	484,511	110 118
KY	43,823	50,663	53,793	123 106
LA	1,949	1,812	1,872	96 103
MI	74,263	77,262	88,642	119 115
MN	161,025	153,978	170,496	106 111
MS	26,805	23,236	24,954	93 107
MO	31,927	49,850	51,664	162 104
MT	1,644	1,305	1,493	91 114
NE	480,330	433,488	523,692	109 121
NV	154	82	149	97 182
N ENG 2/	3,250	*2,596	2,719	84 105
NJ	2,591	2,774	3,196	123 115
NM	2,665	1,461	1,802	68 123
NY	6,610	7,282	7,659	116 105
NC	96,723	106,450	116,146	120 109
ND	6,833	8,091	9,470	139 117
OH	28,769	28,245	30,292	105 107
OK	4,428	4,118	4,477	101 109
OR	2,698	2,790	3,018	112 108
PA	89,069	86,242	93,952	105 109
SC	13,421	12,588	13,813	103 110
SD	96,381	101,473	109,170	113 108
TN	18,172	15,774	18,251	100 116
TX	359,507	341,347	398,554	111 117
UT	36,574	30,768	34,825	95 113
VA	66,468	70,668	73,170	110 104
WA	54,312	50,409	58,142	107 115
WV	1,148	1,110	1,192	104 107
WI	79,479	74,827	86,396	109 115
WY	331	318	370	112 116
US	3,430,960	*3,302,995	3,757,861	110 114

* 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,
May 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	1.0	1.1	830	935	848	837
AZ	32.9	40.8	37,463	48,266	1,139	1,184
AR	2.3	2.3	2,244	2,361	980	1,006
CA	74.2	79.2	91,631	98,294	1,235	1,240
CO	191.4	221.0	226,637	260,434	1,184	1,178
DE-MD	3.0	3.3	3,599	4,068	1,204	1,232
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.5	1,453	1,458	991	1,003
ID						
IL						
IN	6.1	5.4	6,468	5,560	1,056	1,036
IA	141.1	153.8	169,531	185,571	1,202	1,207
KS	593.8	651.2	696,950	761,748	1,174	1,170
KY	4.8	5.1	5,226	5,428	1,084	1,054
LA	2.0	2.0	1,620	1,449	825	718
MI						
MN	82.9	84.7	104,499	108,560	1,261	1,281
MS						
MO	10.7	11.9	11,845	12,865	1,108	1,077
MT	1.9	1.6	2,335	1,913	1,246	1,224
NE	546.2	608.4	652,137	718,855	1,194	1,182
NV	.1	.1	158	151	1,097	1,057
N ENG 2/	3.2	2.4	3,616	2,648	1,133	1,084
NJ	1.3	1.8	1,576	2,166	1,187	1,177
NM	4.8	3.3	4,684	3,003	968	915
NY	6.0	5.5	6,271	5,889	1,047	1,078
NC	11.3	11.7	11,657	12,053	1,032	1,030
ND						
OH	10.4	9.8	11,664	11,146	1,123	1,137
OK	4.0	3.7	3,890	3,736	965	1,019
OR	1.4	1.4	1,684	1,878	1,163	1,326
PA	78.6	83.2	98,600	103,316	1,254	1,242
SC						
SD	20.4	20.1	23,161	22,960	1,134	1,143
TN						
TX	518.6	577.2	571,311	635,626	1,102	1,101
UT						
VA	1.5	1.4	1,475	1,377	973	966
WA	73.2	80.0	88,646	96,046	1,211	1,200
WV	.9	.9	853	880	989	1,000
WI	104.6	117.5	129,273	144,208	1,236	1,228
WY	.4	.4	434	476	1,142	1,120
US 3/	2,834.2	3,123.0	3,320,947	3,655,255	1,172	1,170

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.
May 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	7.1	21.1	2,682	6,223	377	295
CO						
DE-MD	.7	.5	280	205	422	427
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.9	9.7	3,523	4,132	397	427
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.0	2.2	928	974	460	446
MI	4.2	6.0	1,371	1,580	325	262
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	53	53	371	327
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	4.3	4.9	1,257	1,435	290	290
NJ	2.8	3.2	1,242	1,335	438	423
NM						
NY	12.0	16.3	4,468	6,454	371	396
NC	.1	.2	40	70	327	393
ND						
OH	5.3	7.9	2,783	4,177	526	529
OK	.1	.1	48	43	406	415
OR						
PA	12.4	11.0	5,127	4,440	413	405
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.0	2.5	1,335	1,084	656	442
UT						
VA						
WA	1.6	2.8	757	1,408	485	507
WV						
WI	15.0	14.4	6,155	5,833	410	404
WY						
US 3/	92.6	116.8	37,831	44,948	409	385

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,
May 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	10.1	10.5	4,164	4,355	411	416
AZ	1.0	1.2	245	292	234	244
AR	16.5	19.8	6,013	7,872	363	397
CA	151.3	177.1	33,436	42,575	221	240
CO	4.0	4.1	911	977	229	237
DE-MD	23.9	23.3	5,616	5,505	235	237
FL	7.4	8.6	1,681	1,611	228	187
GA						
HI	3.5	3.4	690	674	196	199
ID						
IL	711.4	793.7	187,225	209,918	263	264
IN	309.4	307.7	75,498	76,555	244	249
IA	2,492.0	2,596.5	642,954	677,591	258	261
KS						
KY	215.9	271.4	56,246	69,038	261	254
LA	4.2	3.7	858	800	205	215
MI						
MN	588.0	601.1	140,039	149,158	238	248
MS						
MO						
MT	2.3	2.6	585	659	250	250
NE	472.0	496.6	117,593	124,759	249	251
NV	.3	.3	69	67	209	216
N ENG 2/	3.5	2.8	878	642	254	226
NJ						
NM	.1	.2	31	39	214	216
NY	4.9	5.3	1,087	1,279	223	243
NC	506.1	598.0	126,622	152,565	250	255
ND	6.0	6.7	1,352	1,501	227	224
OH	112.1	120.7	28,594	30,992	255	257
OK	12.0	12.8	4,178	4,259	349	333
OR	11.3	12.0	2,637	2,922	233	243
PA	179.4	191.4	42,939	47,046	239	246
SC						
SD	456.2	522.9	116,472	135,205	255	259
TN						
TX	30.0	26.8	9,954	9,173	331	342
UT						
VA	357.5	388.7	87,532	97,861	245	252
WA						
WV	1.2	1.2	429	442	362	362
WI	34.4	31.1	13,365	12,369	388	398
WY	.4	.4	108	119	294	271
US 3/	7,555.6	8,192.5	1,923,231	2,110,986	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.

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

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	154.4	130.1	22,316	17,736	145	136
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	4	8	74	63
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.4	40	34	103	92
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.2	31	21	117	103
KY	1.1	1.0	149	122	134	122
LA	.3	.3	25	29	91	91
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.1	25	17	115	119
NE	.1	.1	12	6	111	91
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.9	2.1	302	218	102	106
NJ	11.5	13.3	1,043	1,248	91	94
NM	3.8	5.0	426	554	112	110
NY	3.8	3.1	382	312	101	99
NC	.2	.2	17	19	87	78
ND	.1	.1	10	7	119	87
OH	1.2	1.2	120	118	101	102
OK	.1	.1	9	12	111	134
OR	.4	.5	55	62	123	115
PA	6.2	6.3	583	569	94	90
SC						
SD	16.1	16.2	2,039	2,085	127	129
TN						
TX						
UT	4.8	4.6	615	495	127	108
VA	2.1	2.1	232	224	110	107
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.6	97	67	120	112
WY	.1	.1	14	9	130	121
US 3/	435.2	370.9	56,730	47,238	130	127

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

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

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	May	Apr	May	:Jan - May 1/ :		May	Apr	May	:Jan - May 1/ :	
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/										
Cattle										
Steers	1,546	1,370	1,671	7,008	7,166	55.6	52.9	54.5	52.2	51.7
Heifers	745	748	870	3,786	4,007	26.8	28.9	28.4	28.2	28.9
Dairy Cows	212	205	218	1,218	1,203	7.6	7.9	7.1	9.1	8.7
Other Cows	223	219	247	1,148	1,228	8.0	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.9
Bulls & Stags	54	49	58	255	268	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	2,780	2,591	3,064	13,415	13,871	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,024	7,048	7,634	35,373	37,190	95.1	95.5	95.3	95.1	95.2
Sows	288	263	304	1,463	1,491	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.8
Stags & Boars	71	68	73	370	377	1.0	.9	.9	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	7,383	7,378	8,012	37,207	39,057	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	28	20	27	113	111	6.6	4.7	7.7	5.3	5.7
Lambs & Yrlings	390	401	328	2,014	1,856	93.4	95.3	92.3	94.7	94.3
Total 1/	418	420	355	2,127	1,967	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/										
Steers 4/	706	704	705	709	706					
Heifers 4/	756	753	753	764	760					
All Cows 4/	693	699	691	700	699					
Bulls & Stags 4/	533	538	541	545	538					
Bulls & Stags 4/	864	862	862	873	860					
Calves & Vealers	243	230	228	233	227					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts 5/	186	187	187	185	187					
Sows 5/	181	183	183	180	182					
Sows 5/	295	290	288	294	290					
Stags & Boars 5/	216	219	218	210	217					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep 6/	65	*63	64	65	64					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	58	*59	58	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	66	64	65	65	64					

- * Revised.
- 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.
May 1995

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
1,000 Head							
1	2.3	.3	.2	1.5		.2	3/
2	6.8	1.3	.4	4.1	.1	.9	24.4
3	86.9	45.7	5.8	27.3	5.8	2.3	3/
4	63.9	1.9	3.4	19.6	30.4	8.6	15.1
5	349.3	170.3	56.6	78.7	31.3	12.5	3/
6	578.2	327.3	164.4	9.4	65.0	12.1	3/
7	1,415.1	834.9	492.0	25.9	51.4	10.9	50.6
8	299.1	149.4	101.7	5.4	38.3	4.2	
9	4/						3/
10	262.3	139.8	45.6	45.8	24.3	6.7	23.9
US 2/	3,063.9	1,670.9	870.2	217.7	246.6	58.4	114.0
Hogs : Sheep							
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	6/				1.9	.9	1.1
2	6/				15.9	5.3	10.7
3	617.8	607.9	8.0	1.8	5/		
4	1,185.0	1,113.0	70.8	1.3	5/		
5	6/				55.6	7.7	48.0
6	2,108.8	1,964.6	112.9	31.3	5/		
7	6/				47.6	7.8	39.8
8	3,900.4	3,750.2	111.1	39.1	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	199.7	198.3	1.3	.1	234.0	5.9	228.1
US 2/	8,011.6	7,634.0	304.1	73.5	355.1	27.5	327.7

- 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.
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- 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 - May 1995 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	12.0	1.2	1.0	8.6	.2	1.0	3/
2	34.6	5.8	2.0	23.3	.4	3.2	131.5
3	428.7	200.0	30.5	149.0	38.8	10.3	3/
4	333.3	10.3	16.5	107.2	158.9	40.3	79.3
5	1,635.2	735.1	259.9	423.0	161.3	55.8	3/
6	2,621.4	1,446.5	734.8	59.0	321.5	59.6	3/
7	6,254.1	3,528.8	2,289.5	140.5	246.4	48.8	253.8
8	1,366.7	641.6	474.8	30.2	200.3	19.7	
9	4/						3/
10	1,184.8	596.3	197.9	262.0	99.9	28.6	88.4
US	13,870.9	7,165.7	4,007.0	1,203.0	1,227.7	267.5	553.0
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				11.9	3.8	8.1
2	6/				84.9	20.8	64.1
3	3,028.2	2,963.5	55.9	8.9	5/		
4	5,829.1	5,480.6	342.2	6.3	5/		
5	6/				292.4	30.9	261.5
6	10,184.2	9,484.5	549.0	150.7	5/		
7	6/				396.9	34.1	362.8
8	19,100.9	18,353.8	536.8	210.4	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	914.7	907.6	6.8	.3	1,181.0	21.7	1,159.3
US	39,057.2	37,189.9	1,490.7	376.6	1,967.0	111.2	1,855.8

* 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.

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States.
May 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	40.4	38.0	2.3				
AR	2.0	.3	.1	.1	1.3	.2	
CA	78.8	24.7	6.3	34.4	10.1	3.3	21.0
CO	220.4	123.0	83.3	.7	13.0	.3	
DE-MD	3.3	2.6	.4	.2		.1	.5
FL							
GA							
HI	1.0	.2	.1	.2	.5		
ID							
IL							9.6
IN							
IA	152.4	76.7	51.3	21.4	.1	2.9	
KS	647.1	422.3	223.3	.1	1.2	.1	
KY	4.2	.7	3.1	.3	.1		
LA							
MI							6.0
MN	81.1	34.4	15.2	10.9	15.0	5.6	
MS							
MO	9.6	1.0	.5	1.3	5.9	.9	
MT	.9	.3	.2		.2	.2	
NE	606.1	334.8	217.0	3.0	44.2	7.0	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.3	.3	.2	1.5		.2	4.9
NJ	1.8	.7	.1	.6		.3	
NM	2.9	.6	.3	1.3	.6	.1	
NY	5.0	.6	.3	3.5		.6	16.3
NC	10.6	.2		3.3	4.6	2.5	
ND							
OH	3.5	.4	.4	1.8	.4	.5	7.8
OK	.7			.2	.4	.1	
OR	1.2	.5	.2	.1	.1	.2	
PA	82.9	43.0	5.4	26.9	5.5	2.1	11.0
SC							
SD	18.3	.1		1.4	15.2	1.5	
TN							
TX	572.3	326.3	163.9	7.7	62.7	11.7	2.2
UT							
VA							
WA	80.0	43.1	25.8	4.9	5.6	.6	2.8
WV	.1						
WI	113.9	47.5	4.8	48.2	9.0	4.3	14.4
WY							
US 3/	3,063.9	1,670.9	870.2	217.7	246.6	58.4	114.0

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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 operations.

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.1	.3	6.5	1.3			
AZ							
AR	19.3	10.0	9.2				
CA	170.1	169.1	1.0				
CO	3.5	3.3	.2		130.1		130.1
DE-MD	23.2	21.5		1.7			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.4	2.4					
ID					.2		.1
IL	752.5	675.0	53.2	24.3			
IN	301.7	297.6	.4	3.7			
IA	2,592.6	2,482.6	70.9	39.0			
KS							
KY	270.6	263.0	7.6		1.0	.8	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	597.1	597.1					
MS							
MO							
MT	2.2	2.1	.1				
NE	494.6	494.5	.1				
NV	.3	.3					
N ENG	2.4	2.3	.1		1.9	.9	1.1
NJ					12.8	3.6	9.2
NM					3.2	2.4	.8
NY	5.0	4.8	.1		3.1	1.6	1.5
NC	570.9	563.1	7.7		.1		.1
ND	6.3	6.3					
OH	108.2	98.9	9.3		.2		.2
OK	10.1	6.1	4.1				
OR	11.8	11.5	.2		.4	.1	.3
PA	191.0	190.0	1.1		6.3	.5	5.8
SC							
SD	521.4	488.8	32.6		16.1		16.1
TN							
TX	12.7	6.0	6.7				
UT					4.3	4.0	.3
VA	388.3	381.8	6.5		2.0	.2	1.8
WA							
WV							
WI	25.7	.5	25.1	.1			
WY							
US 3/	8,011.6	7,634.0	304.1	73.5	355.1	27.5	327.7

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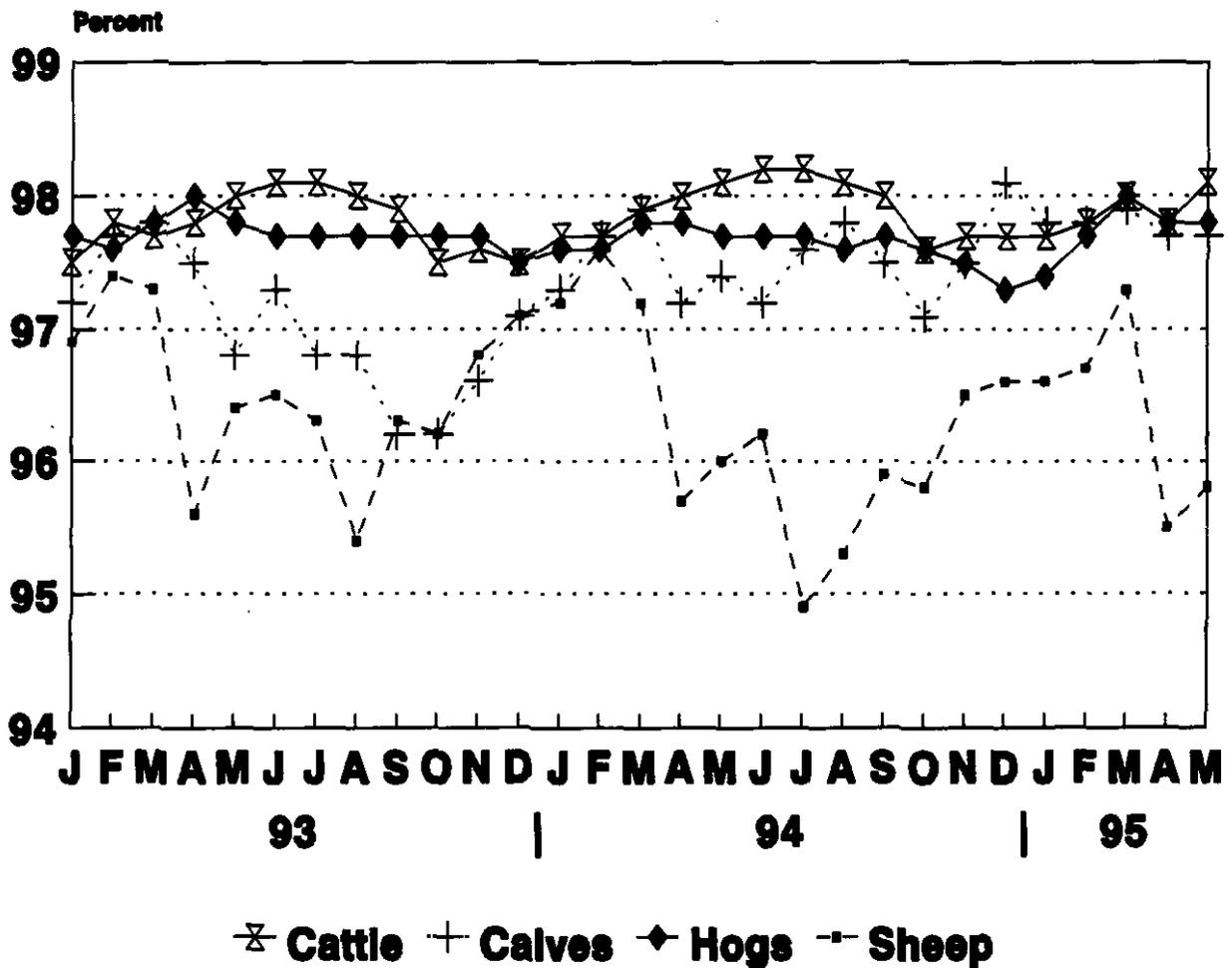
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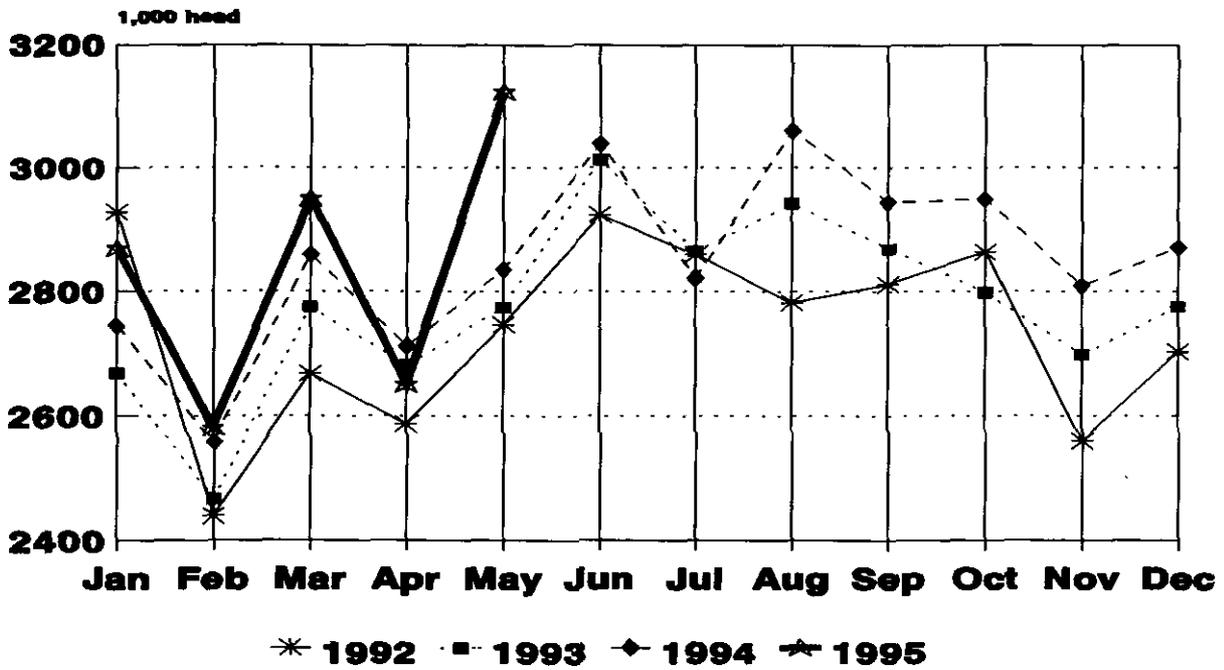
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	May 1994	Apr 1995	May 1995	Jan - May	
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	98.1	97.8	98.1	97.9	97.9
Calves	97.4	97.7	97.7	97.5	97.8
Hogs	97.7	97.8	97.8	97.7	97.7
Sheep	96.0	95.5	95.8	96.8	96.4

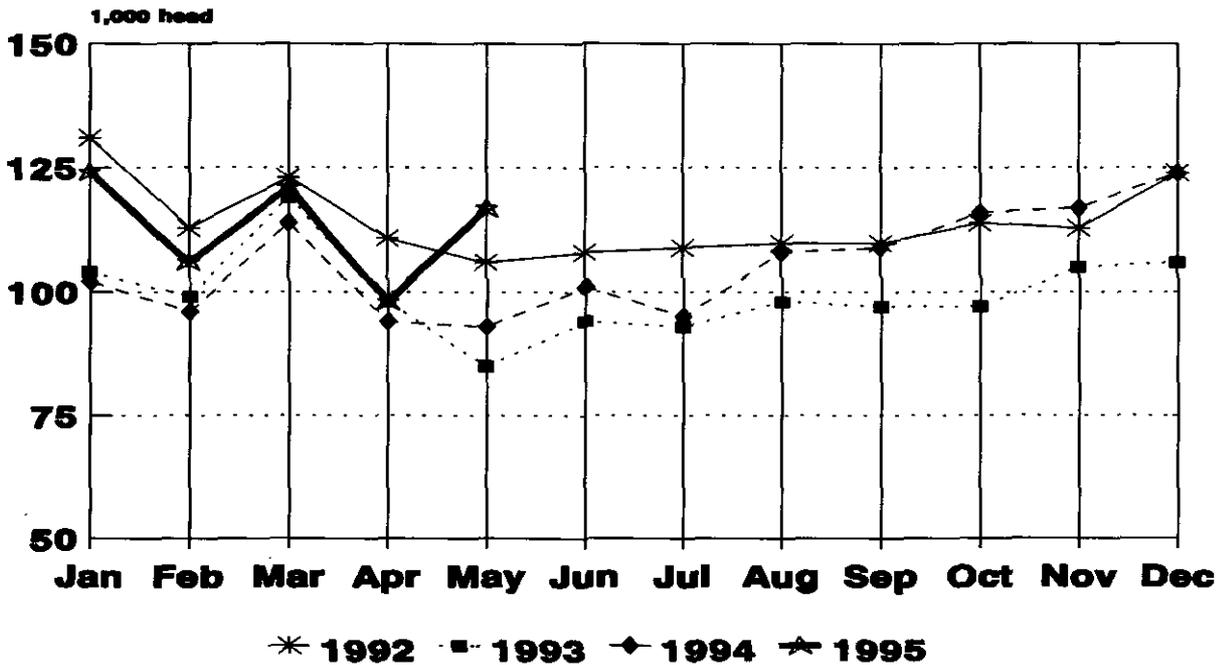
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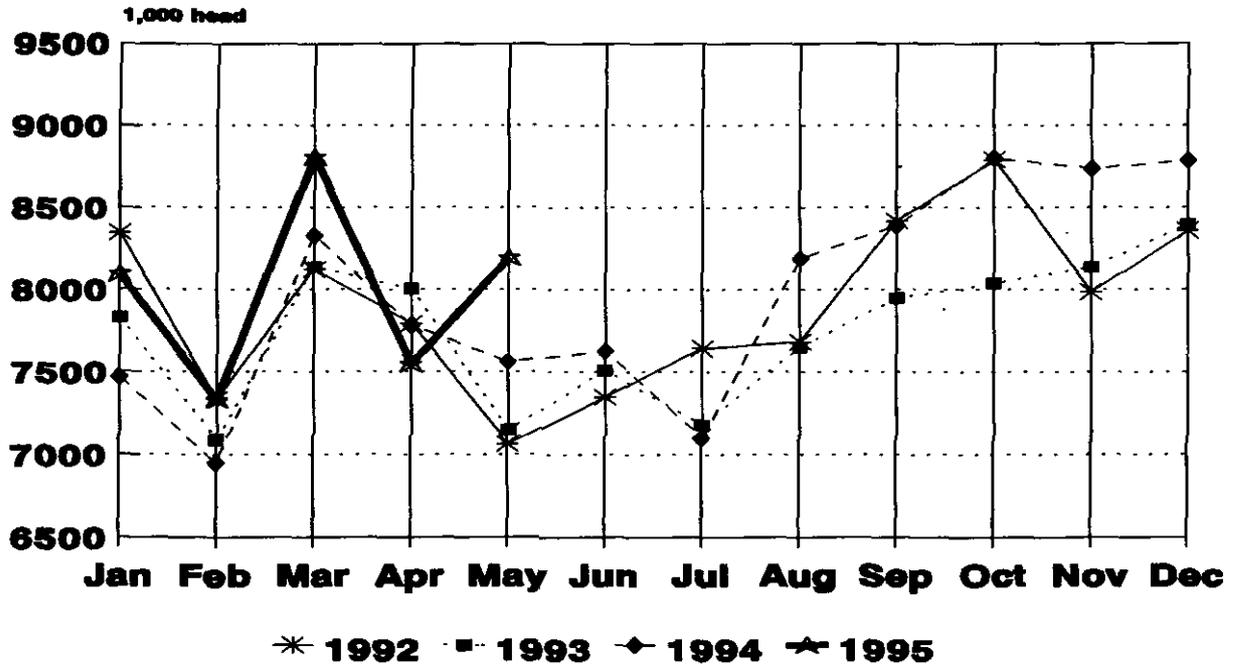
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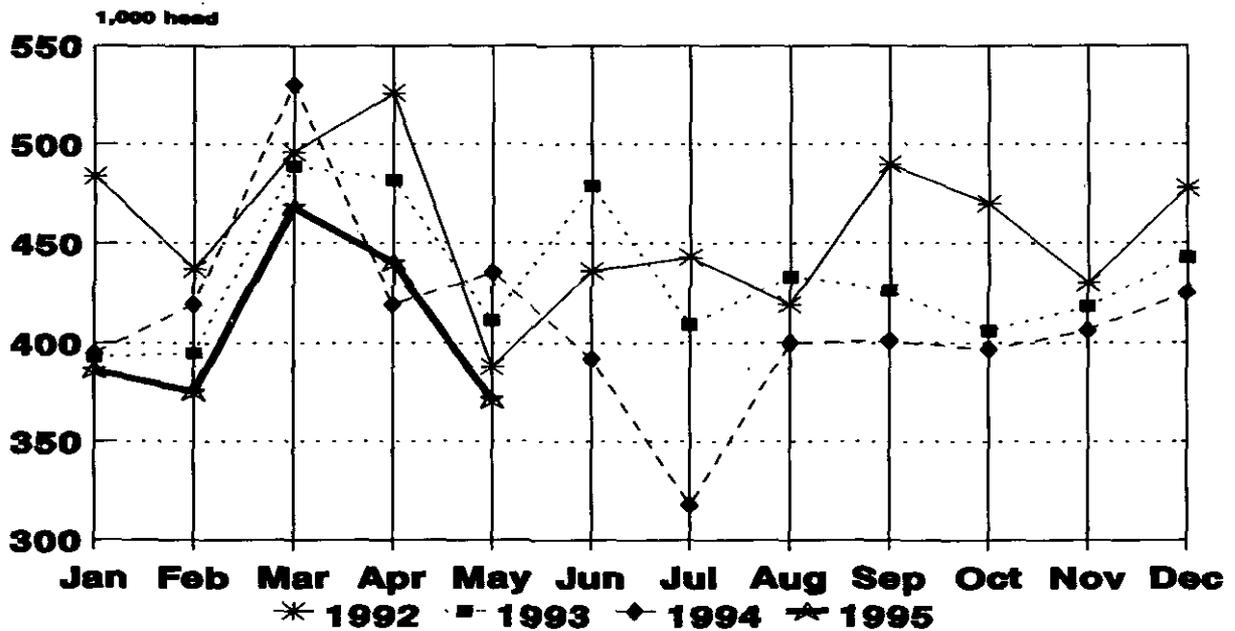
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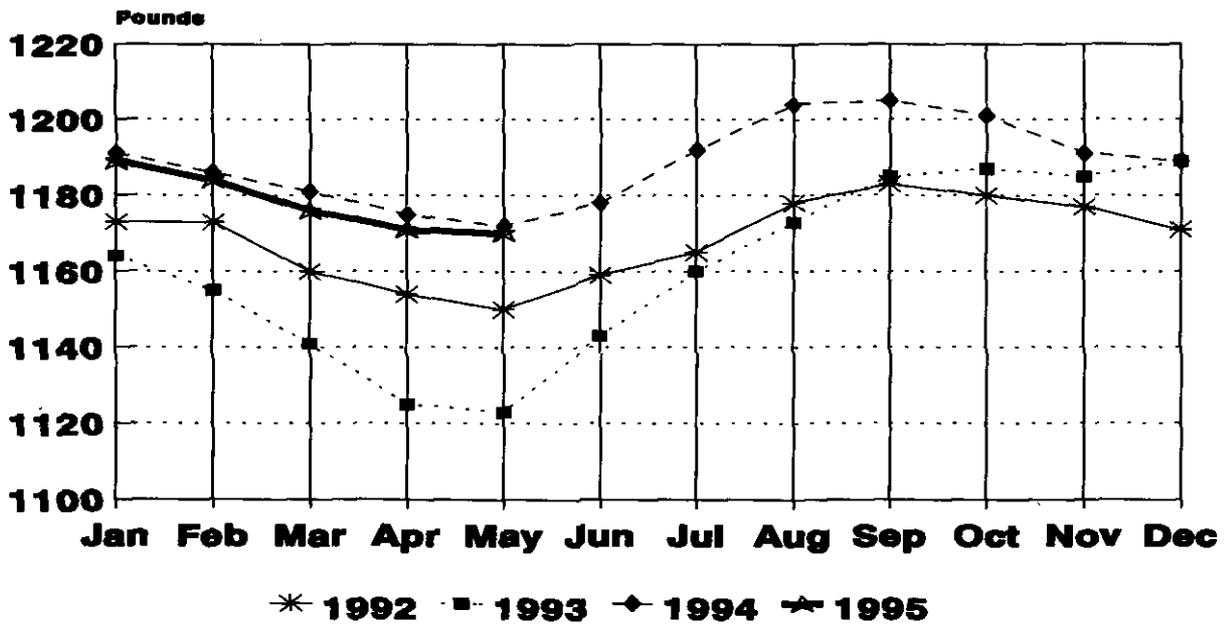
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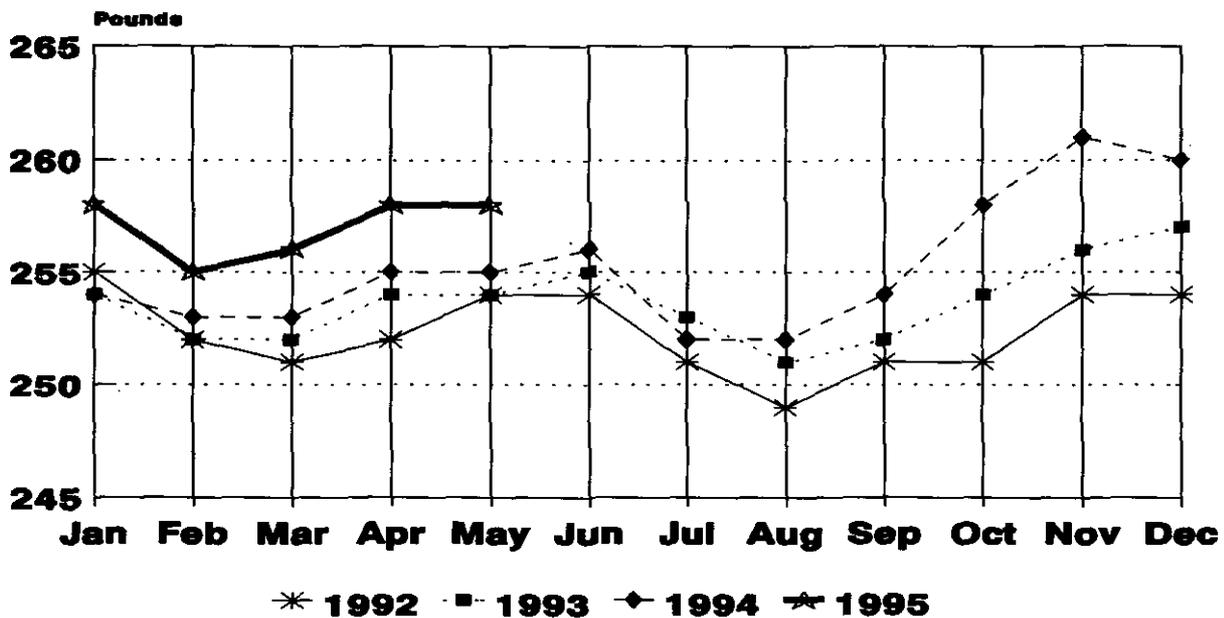
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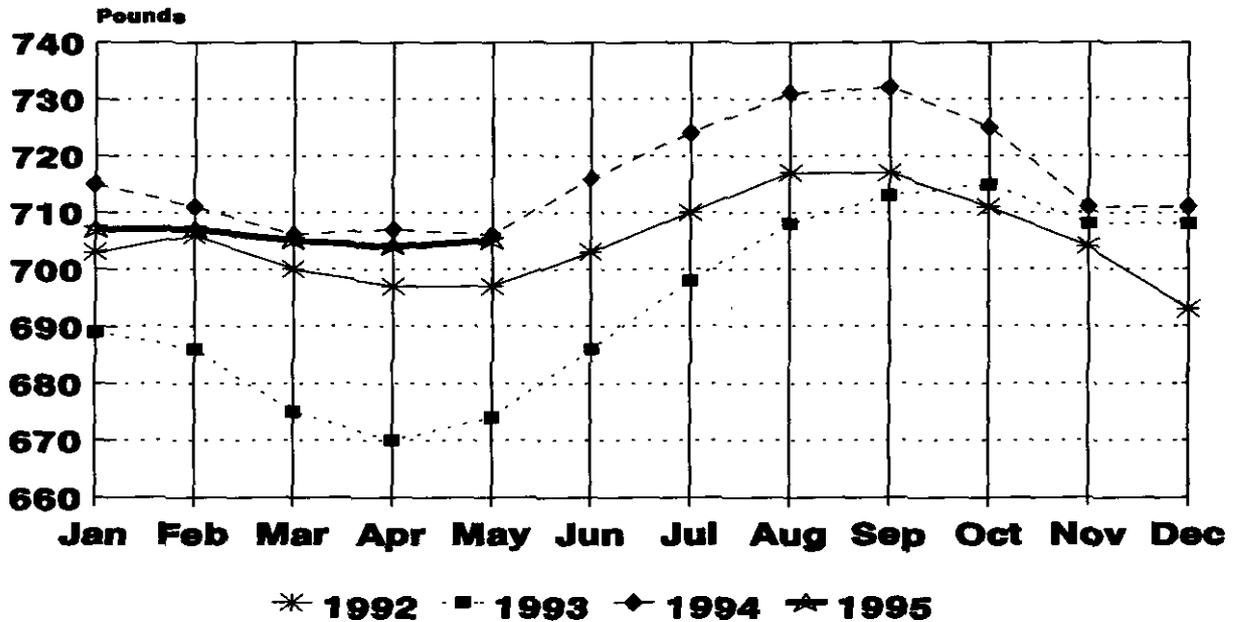
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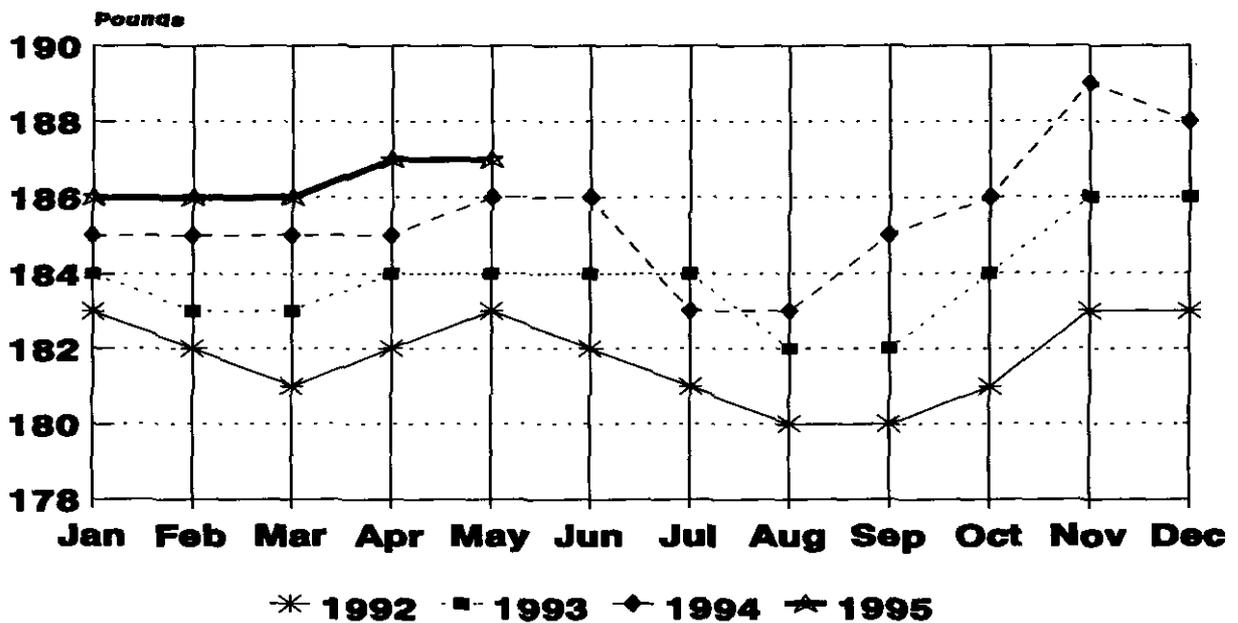
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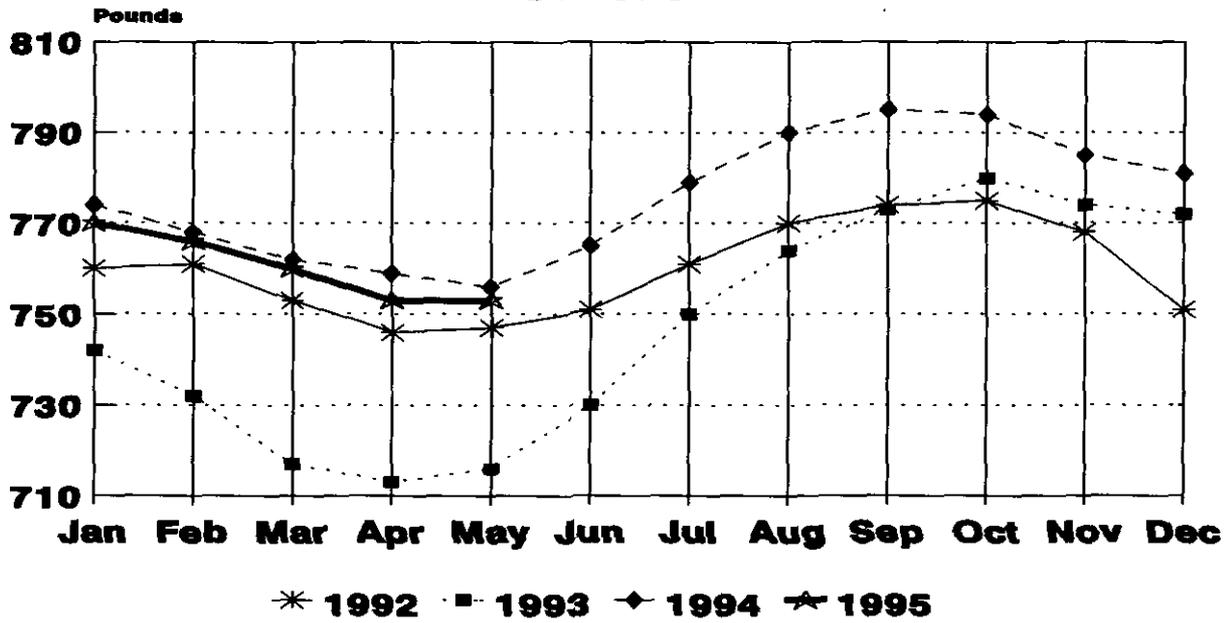
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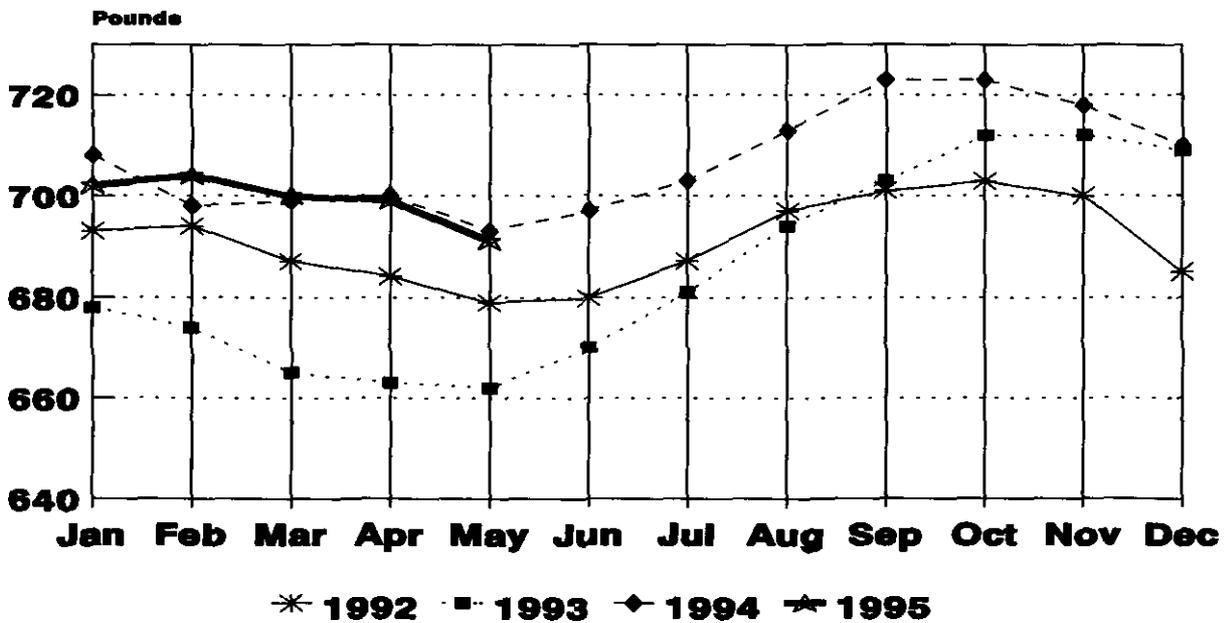
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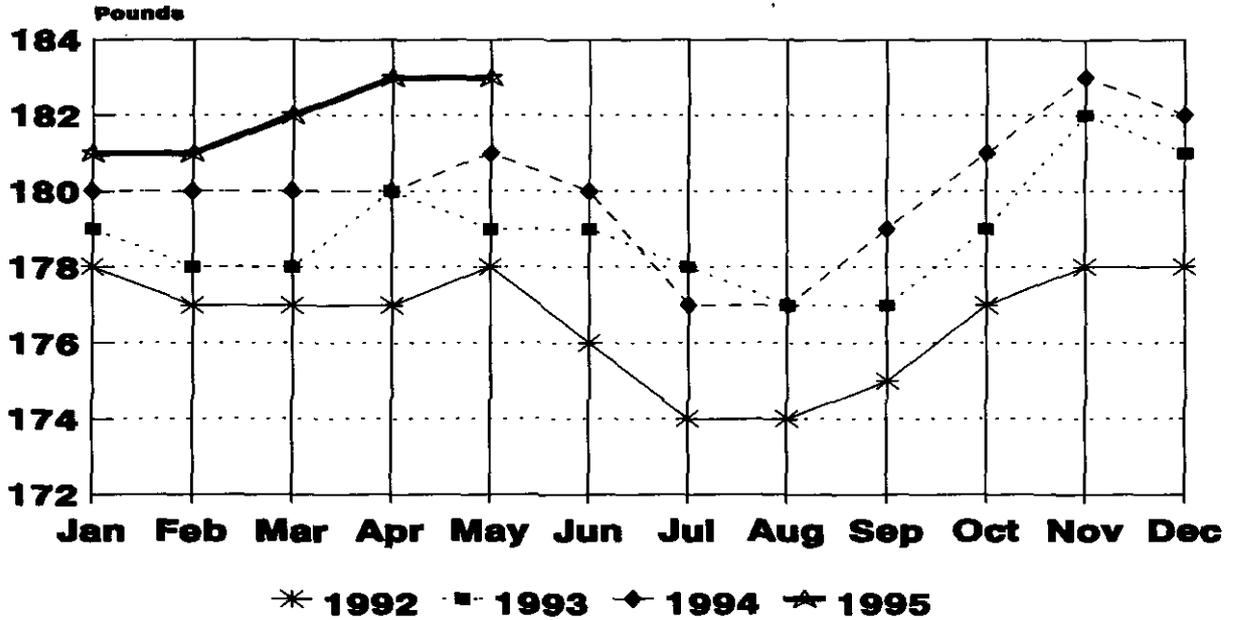
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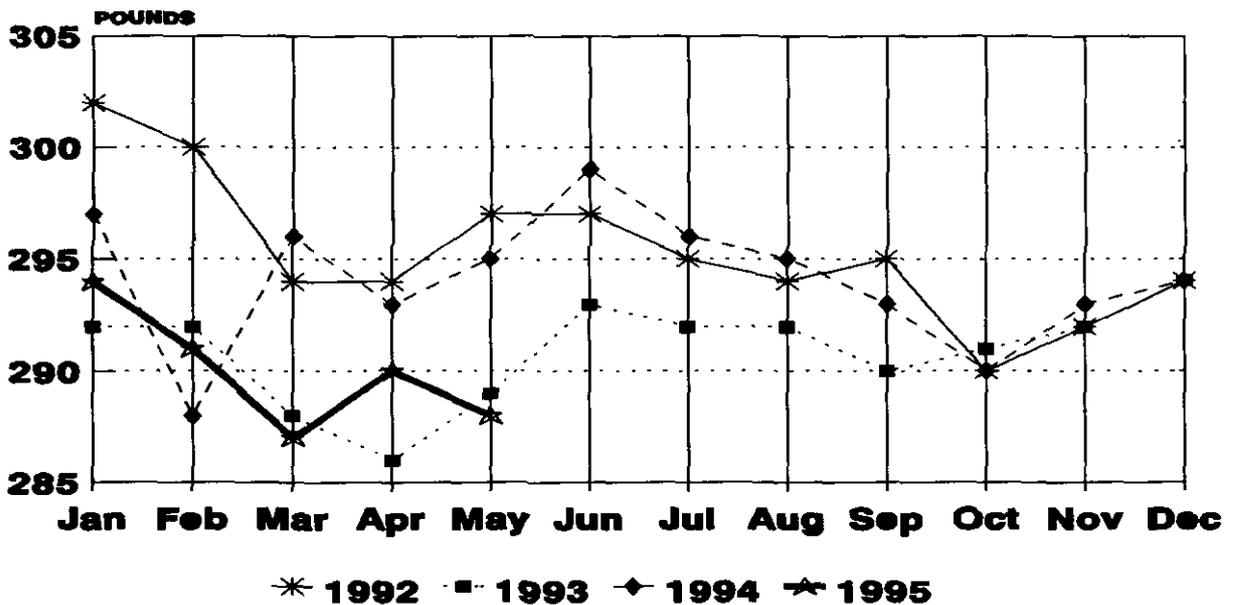
U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Helpers



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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