

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Up

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.43 billion pounds during July. This production was 2 percent above last year.

July 1995 and 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.93 million, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,184 pounds was down 8 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 24.0 million pounds, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 114,000, up 20 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 11 pounds to 371 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.30 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.08 million head, slightly below a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 310,000 head, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 125 pounds.

January-July red meat production was 24.8 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 5 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul 95 % of		Jan - Jul 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Jul 1994	Jun 1995	1994	1995	
: --- Million Pounds --								
				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,027	2,279	2,082	103	91	13,813	14,271	103
Veal	21	26	24	114	93	159	177	111
Pork	1,294	1,464	1,299	100	89	9,714	10,180	105
Lamb & Mutton	19	22	19	101	86	185	171	93
Total Red Meat	3,361	3,791	3,425	102	90	23,871	24,798	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	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul 95 % of		Jan - Jul 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Jul 1994	Jun 1995	1994	1995	
: --- Million Pounds --								
				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,997	2,247	2,053	103	91	13,589	14,039	103
Veal	21	25	24	114	93	155	172	111
Pork	1,269	1,437	1,274	100	89	9,520	9,979	105
Lamb & Mutton	18	22	19	102	85	180	166	92
Total Red Meat	3,305	3,731	3,369	102	90	23,444	24,357	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		Percent		Jan - Jul 2/		95 % of 94	
		Jul 1994	Jun 1995	Jul 1995	Jul 1994	Jun 1995	1994		1995
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,769.9	3,186.9	2,877.8	104	90	19,168.5	19,935.5	104
Other	:Thou:	51.7	55.8	52.3	101	94	397.6	409.7	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,821.6	3,242.6	2,930.0	104	90	19,566.1	20,345.2	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	1,195	1,180	1,187	99	100	1,186	1,182	99
Other	:Lbs:	1,033	1,027	1,025	99	100	1,026	1,028	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs:	1,192	1,177	1,184	99	101	1,182	1,179	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	93.1	114.5	111.1	119	97	677.3	778.6	115
Other	:Thou:	2.2	3.2	2.9	131	92	17.5	18.6	106
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	95.4	117.7	114.0	120	97	694.7	797.2	115
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	382	382	369	96	96	390	382	98
Other	:Lbs:	397	417	430	108	103	402	412	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs:	382	383	371	97	97	391	383	98
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	6,940.6*	7,731.0	6,917.7	100	89	51,599.0	53,705.8	104
Other	:Thou:	160.1	174.7	157.4	98	90	1,208.9	1,243.4	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,100.7*	7,905.6	7,075.1	100	89	52,807.9	54,949.2	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	252	258	256	101	99	254	257	101
Other	:Lbs:	222	221	226	102	102	228	230	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs:	252	257	255	101	99	254	257	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	301.6	347.4	296.4	98	85	2,805.3	2,610.9	93
Other	:Thou:	16.1	12.8	13.5	84	106	102.5	100.2	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	317.8	360.2	310.0	98	86	2,907.8	2,711.1	93
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs:	123	127	126	102	99	129	128	99
Other	:Lbs:	92	94	96	104	102	94	96	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs:	121	126	125	103	99	128	127	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	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul 95 as % of	
	1994	1995	1995	Jul 1994	Jun 1995
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	2,795	3,280	2,822	101	86
AZ	22,984	28,730	28,620	125	100
AR	4,844	6,336	5,598	116	88
CA	74,293	92,521	83,892	113	91
CO	158,926	183,338	173,762	109	95
DE-MD	5,660	6,143	4,966	88	81
FL	2,920	3,590	3,075	105	86
GA	32,420	37,920	32,724	101	86
HI	1,355	1,283	1,173	87	91
ID	40,529	45,917	42,657	105	93
IL	197,174	224,728	197,962	100	88
IN	56,386	57,267	48,082	85	84
IA	549,384	584,311	518,593	94	89
KS	446,431	498,334	468,148	105	94
KY	41,086	52,750	43,384	106	82
LA	1,697	1,883	1,842	109	98
MI	78,999	90,560	77,503	98	86
MN	152,037	*165,095	150,538	99	91
MS	21,211	24,207	21,714	102	90
MO	30,535	49,809	45,616	149	92
MT	1,570	1,479	1,411	90	95
NE	496,503	542,256	489,732	99	90
NV	125	84	98	78	117
N ENG 2/	2,851	2,711	2,464	86	91
NJ	2,231	2,810	2,782	125	99
NM	2,205	1,457	1,316	60	90
NY	7,151	8,589	7,872	110	92
NC	87,123	114,629	111,696	128	97
ND	8,377	9,835	3,019	36	31
OH	26,876	28,536	26,371	98	92
OK	3,797	4,612	3,706	98	80
OR	2,555	3,118	2,945	115	94
PA	83,030	94,610	85,525	103	90
SC	12,503	13,758	11,536	92	84
SD	87,603	108,069	94,607	108	88
TN	17,546	15,226	12,730	73	84
TX	364,176	*406,327	377,806	104	93
UT	35,906	38,806	33,090	92	85
VA	61,942	76,699	63,146	102	82
WA	57,448	65,535	59,875	104	91
WV	990	1,063	968	98	91
WI	76,370	92,396	78,952	103	85
WY	321	390	340	106	87
US	3,360,865	*3,790,997	3,424,658	102	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,
July 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	.7	.9	575	751	822	809
AZ	33.5	40.1	38,475	48,036	1,150	1,198
AR	1.9	2.1	1,819	1,891	980	918
CA	73.7	79.3	89,483	97,384	1,215	1,227
CO	199.0	224.4	243,731	269,584	1,225	1,201
DE-MD	2.7	2.7	3,282	3,298	1,225	1,240
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.4	1,484	1,311	962	968
ID						
IL						
IN	6.1	5.1	6,366	5,170	1,049	1,012
IA	140.9	137.0	171,445	168,362	1,216	1,229
KS	584.0	620.0	698,533	737,774	1,196	1,190
KY	4.6	4.9	5,091	5,324	1,095	1,083
LA	2.0	1.9	1,607	1,496	811	781
MI						
MN	79.3	81.6	98,985	101,631	1,249	1,246
MS						
MO	10.3	12.4	11,393	13,823	1,101	1,116
MT	1.7	1.4	2,075	1,797	1,207	1,261
NE	568.7	569.6	695,813	675,534	1,224	1,186
NV	.1	.1	120	96	1,102	1,102
N ENG 2/	2.7	1.9	3,099	2,196	1,136	1,134
NJ	1.1	1.6	1,328	1,933	1,156	1,184
NM	4.2	2.5	3,903	2,326	925	922
NY	5.3	4.9	5,458	5,322	1,032	1,084
NC	10.1	9.7	10,511	10,089	1,040	1,036
ND						
OH	9.9	9.9	11,222	11,160	1,128	1,129
OK	3.1	3.2	2,929	3,017	948	955
OR	1.6	1.6	1,912	1,970	1,216	1,251
PA	76.1	77.8	93,115	94,529	1,224	1,215
SC						
SD	16.9	19.0	18,848	22,329	1,119	1,172
TN						
TX	514.2	534.5	578,613	606,042	1,125	1,134
UT						
VA	1.1	1.1	1,059	998	952	934
WA	74.4	79.4	92,051	97,956	1,237	1,233
WV	.7	.7	690	815	1,019	1,097
WI	102.2	105.5	126,437	130,313	1,237	1,236
WY	.4	.4	392	422	1,114	1,152
US 3/	2,821.6	2,930.0	3,362,809	3,470,081	1,192	1,184

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.
July 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	8.6	19.3	3,046	6,237	352	323
CO						
DE-MD	.5	.3	193	151	409	489
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.5	8.8	3,486	3,469	409	396
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.8	2.2	806	1,049	445	468
MI	4.4	4.6	1,062	1,151	241	250
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.1	49	61	326	406
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.9	6.7	1,277	1,507	218	224
NJ	2.5	2.9	984	1,200	388	411
NM						
NY	16.5	19.2	6,257	7,709	380	402
NC	.1	.1	30	37	325	279
ND						
OH	4.7	6.6	2,279	3,319	488	500
OK	.1	.1	58	30	435	405
OR						
PA	11.9	12.2	4,737	5,066	400	414
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.4	3.7	826	1,185	597	318
UT						
VA						
WA	2.2	2.9	1,109	1,263	510	431
WV						
WI	12.4	12.9	5,094	5,010	410	389
WY						
US 3/	95.4	114.0	36,388	42,299	382	371

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,
July 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	9.2	8.7	3,748	3,691	409	423
AZ	.7	.6	165	148	248	255
AR	16.4	18.1	5,952	7,590	362	420
CA	146.0	154.7	31,688	34,732	217	224
CO	4.0	4.1	915	961	231	237
DE-MD	21.7	17.5	4,974	4,099	229	235
FL	7.3	7.6	1,131	1,430	155	187
GA						
HI	3.5	3.2	719	627	203	196
ID						
IL	663.8	663.4	173,098	175,023	261	264
IN	284.3	240.6	68,695	60,206	242	250
IA	2,383.1	2,255.2	607,437	579,558	255	257
KS						
KY	206.3	220.6	52,617	55,362	255	251
LA	2.9	3.0	616	699	213	230
MI						
MN	552.9	516.7	131,071	125,496	237	243
MS						
MO						
MT	2.6	2.6	629	608	239	236
NE	407.9	420.8	99,356	103,718	244	246
NV	.2	.2	49	43	215	228
N ENG 2/	2.8	2.5	703	591	248	236
NJ						
NM	.2	.1	43	28	213	220
NY	4.5	5.0	938	1,028	209	204
NC	477.9	583.5	114,992	147,681	241	253
ND	6.4	6.4	1,446	1,406	225	221
OH	104.9	102.0	27,011	25,879	257	254
OK	11.6	10.1	3,865	3,764	334	372
OR	9.1	11.2	2,068	2,729	227	243
PA	161.8	172.2	37,982	41,359	235	240
SC						
SD	412.4	439.3	108,441	114,995	263	262
TN						
TX	23.4	25.4	7,445	8,487	318	334
UT						
VA	333.2	342.1	81,990	84,473	246	247
WA						
WV	1.0	1.0	387	377	370	367
WI	30.4	30.5	11,512	12,313	379	404
WY	.3	.4	74	101	257	240
US 3/	7,100.7	7,075.1	1,787,172	1,806,577	252	255

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,
July 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	79.2	109.3	10,833	15,381	137	141
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.5	50	52	113	109
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.3	30	32	118	117
KY	.9	.8	117	99	133	121
LA	.3	.3	22	23	79	84
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.3	.3	32	36	117	118
NE	.1	.1	13	10	112	96
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.3	2.2	256	245	109	113
NJ	11.3	11.8	989	1,117	88	95
NM	3.5	2.3	392	259	113	115
NY	3.9	2.4	417	248	106	104
NC	.1	.1	10	13	83	86
ND	.1	.1	9	11	118	109
OH	1.1	1.1	120	126	106	112
OK						
OR	.7	.6	79	74	118	115
PA	5.6	5.2	520	474	93	92
SC						
SD	18.0	16.5	2,192	2,048	122	124
TN						
TX						
UT	3.5	3.3	459	365	132	109
VA	1.8	1.6	185	169	104	108
WA						
WV						
WI	1.1	1.2	135	133	117	111
WY	.1	.2	18	27	123	135
US 3/	317.8	310.0	38,505	38,762	121	125

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

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

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	: : :			:Jan - Jul 1/ :		: : :			:Jan - Jul 1/ :	
	: Jul	: Jun	: Jul	:-----	:-----	: Jul	: Jun	: Jul	:-----	:-----
	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1.558	1,748	1,567	10,241	10,481	56.3	54.9	54.4	53.4	52.6
Heifers	: 761	907	854	5,377	5,769	27.5	28.5	29.7	28.1	28.9
Dairy Cows	: 202	218	198	1,627	1,618	7.3	6.8	6.9	8.5	8.1
Other Cows	: 200	252	208	1,567	1,688	7.2	7.9	7.2	8.2	8.5
Bulls & Stags	: 49	61	51	358	380	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:2,770	3,187	2,878	19,169	19,935	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:6,550	7,320	6,536	48,958	51,045	94.4	94.7	94.5	94.9	95.0
Sows	: 317	336	312	2,112	2,138	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.0
Stags & Boars	: 74	76	70	529	523	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	:6,941*	7,731	6,918	51,599	53,706	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 22	25	21	161	158	7.4	7.3	7.1	5.7	6.0
Lambs & Yrlings	: 279	322	275	2,644	2,453	92.6	92.7	92.9	94.3	94.0
Total 1/	: 302	347	296	2,805	2,611	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 724	709	717	713	708					
Steers 4/	: 779	754	767	767	760					
Heifers 4/	: 703	693	698	700	698					
All Cows 4/	: 538	546	544	543	540					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 859	869	874	870	863					
Calves & Vealers	: 228	225	216	233	225					
Hogs	: 183	186	185	185	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 177	181	179	180	182					
Sows 5/	: 296	291	294	295	291					
Stags & Boars5/	: 217	223	227	212	219					
Sheep	: 61	63	63	64	64					
Mature Sheep6/	: 58	58	58	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 61	64	63	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,
July 1995

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle						Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total
1/	2/						2/
1,000 Head							
1	1.8	.2	.1	1.2		.2	3/
2	6.3	1.0	.3	4.3	.1	.6	28.8
3	81.0	39.3	6.7	25.1	7.6	2.2	3/
4	52.8	1.6	3.1	17.2	24.5	6.5	16.2
5	324.4	163.3	51.5	69.6	28.5	11.5	3/
6	534.8	305.4	157.9	8.6	52.3	10.6	3/
7	1,330.7	761.9	496.1	19.0	43.6	10.0	43.5
8	289.2	156.1	95.6	4.1	30.3	3.0	
9	4/						3/
10	256.8	138.0	42.9	48.5	20.6	6.8	22.6
US 2/	2,877.8	1,566.8	854.3	197.6	207.6	51.5	111.1
Hogs : Sheep							
	Total	Barrows		Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &
	2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	6/				2.0	1.1	.9
2	6/				13.9	3.3	10.6
3	545.4	534.6	10.7	.1	5/		
4	1,074.0	1,012.0	60.6	1.3	5/		
5	6/				53.2	6.0	47.2
6	1,762.3	1,619.4	111.5	31.4	5/		
7	6/				42.7	6.2	36.5
8	3,362.9	3,198.3	127.3	37.3	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	173.0	171.3	1.7	.1	184.6	4.5	180.2
US 2/	6,917.7	6,535.6	311.9	70.2	296.4	21.1	275.3

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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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 - July 1995 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	15.7	1.7	1.3	11.2	.2	1.4	3/
2	47.6	7.8	2.6	31.9	.6	4.7	187.4
3	597.2	285.1	43.5	200.3	53.2	15.0	3/
4	447.8	13.6	23.2	143.7	212.2	55.1	111.4
5	2,322.2	1,078.0	370.5	569.2	223.7	80.9	3/
6	3,744.4	2,086.3	1,061.4	76.7	437.4	82.5	3/
7	9,058.4	5,156.6	3,305.8	185.3	340.1	70.5	345.3
8	1,980.3	970.8	671.4	40.8	270.0	27.3	
9	4/						3/
10	1,721.9	880.9	289.0	359.1	150.1	42.9	134.4
US	19,935.5	10,480.7	5,768.6	1,618.2	1,687.7	380.3	778.6
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				16.3	5.9	10.3
2	6/				114.4	28.2	86.2
3	4,214.1	4,125.4	78.7	10.0	5/		
4	8,068.5	7,586.2	473.1	9.2	5/		
5	6/				401.0	44.0	357.1
6	13,960.5	12,967.4	778.5	214.6	5/		
7	6/				488.5	48.3	440.1
8	26,190.8	25,104.6	797.7	288.5	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	1,271.9	1,261.6	9.9	.5	1,590.8	31.2	1,559.6
US	53,705.8	51,045.2	2,137.9	522.7	2,610.9	157.6	2,453.3

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	39.8	36.8	2.9				
AR	1.7	.3	.1	.1	1.0	.2	
CA	78.9	25.8	4.6	36.6	8.7	3.2	19.3
CO	223.8	129.4	79.3	.9	14.0	.2	
DE-MD	2.7	2.0	.4	.2		.1	.3
FL							
GA							
HI	.9	.1	.1	.2	.4		
ID							
IL							8.7
IN							
IA	135.6	68.8	47.5	14.2	3.0	2.1	
KS	616.8	387.4	228.3	.1	1.0	.1	
KY	4.2	.7	2.9	.5	.1		
LA							
MI							4.5
MN	78.6	36.0	14.2	10.5	12.9	5.0	
MS							
MO	10.2	1.6	.6	1.5	5.6	.8	
MT	.8	.4	.1		.1	.2	
NE	568.1	304.1	219.8	3.1	34.1	7.1	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	1.8	.2	.1	1.2		.2	6.7
NJ	1.6	.6	.1	.6	.1	.2	
NM	2.2	.5	.2	.9	.4	.2	
NY	4.7	.4	.2	3.6		.4	19.2
NC	9.2	.1		3.6	3.4	2.1	
ND							
OH	3.6	.4	.3	2.0	.4	.6	6.6
OK	.9			.3	.4	.1	
OR	1.3	.5	.4	.1	.1	.2	
PA	77.6	37.3	6.3	24.6	7.3	2.1	12.2
SC							
SD	17.4	.1	.1	1.7	13.7	1.8	
TN							
TX	529.6	304.5	157.5	7.2	50.3	10.1	3.2
UT							
VA							
WA	79.4	46.2	22.8	6.0	3.6	.6	2.9
WV	.1						
WI	101.6	43.4	4.7	39.9	9.3	4.3	12.8
WY							
US 3/	2,877.8	1,566.8	854.3	197.6	207.6	51.5	111.1

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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.
July 1995 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	7.1	.3	5.5	1.3			
AZ							
AR	17.7	8.0	9.7				
CA	147.6	146.3	1.4				
CO	3.4	3.2	.2		109.2		109.2
DE-MD	17.4	17.4					
FL							
GA							
HI	2.2	2.2					
ID					.3		.3
IL	626.9	548.5	55.8	22.6			
IN	233.9	228.2	.2	5.6			
IA	2,251.7	2,143.3	71.1	37.3			
KS							
KY	220.0	212.9	7.1		.8	.6	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	513.1	513.0					
MS							
MO							
MT	2.0	1.9	.1		.1		.1
NE	419.0	418.9	.1				
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	2.2	2.2	.1		2.0	1.1	.9
NJ					11.6	2.2	9.3
NM					2.2	1.7	.6
NY	4.8	4.7	.1		2.4	1.1	1.3
NC	564.0	556.9	7.0				
ND	6.1	6.1					
OH	89.9	81.4	8.5		.1		.1
OK	8.5	4.4	4.1				
OR	10.9	10.7	.2		.4	.1	.4
PA	171.9	170.9	.9		5.1	.4	4.7
SC							
SD	438.0	388.8	49.2		16.4		16.4
TN							
TX	11.5	5.2	6.2	.1			
UT					2.9	2.7	.2
VA	341.8	332.4	9.4		1.5	.2	1.3
WA							
WV							
WI	22.9	.5	22.3	.1			
WY							
US 3/	6,917.7	6,535.6	311.9	70.2	296.4	21.1	275.3

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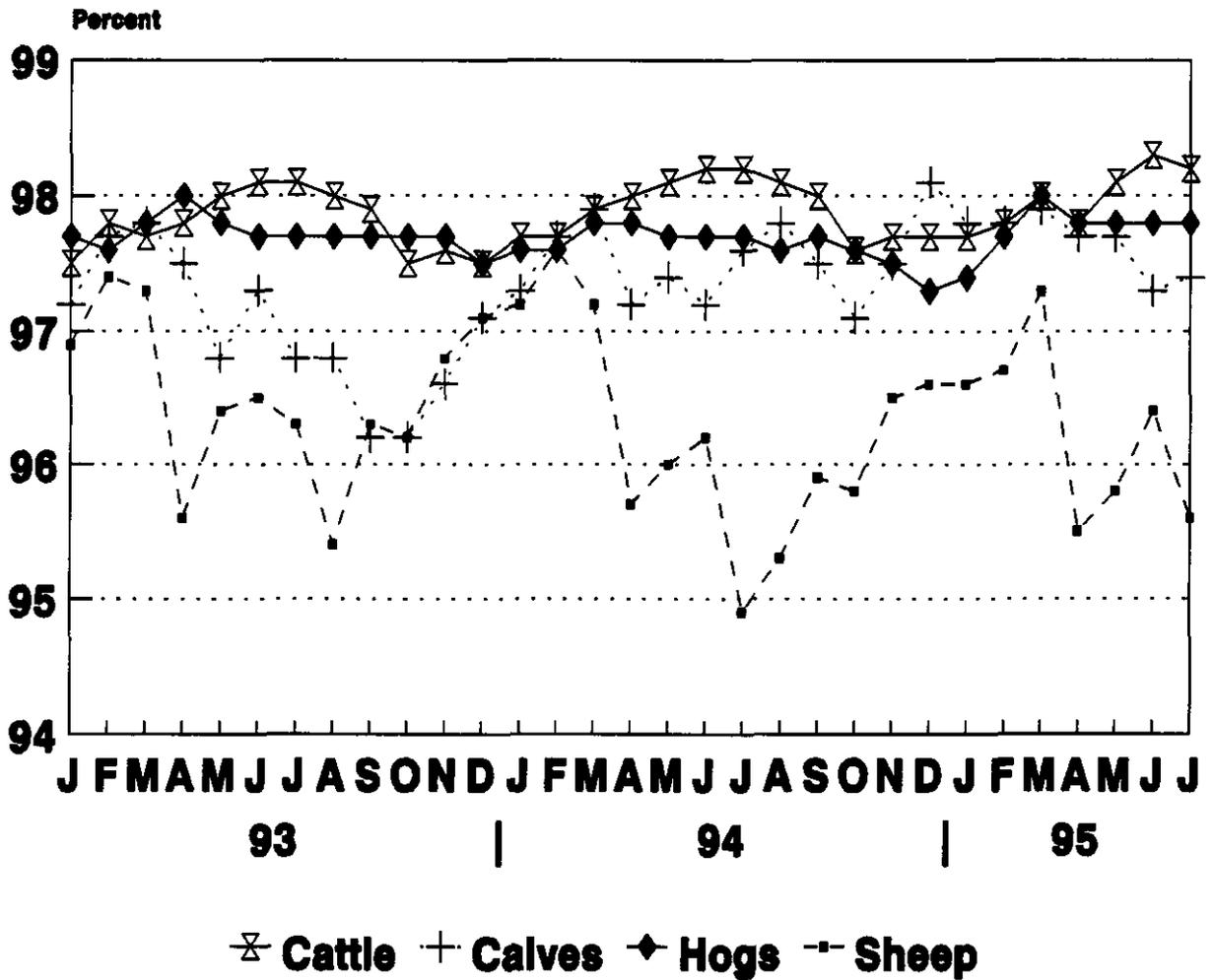
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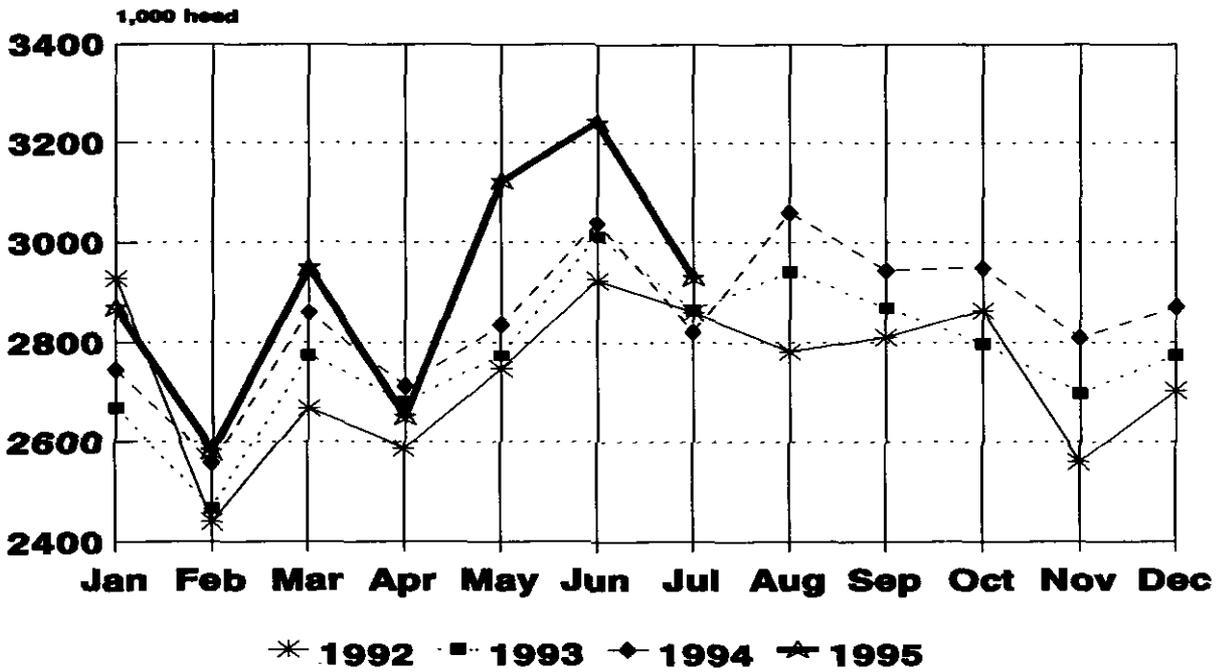
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Species	Jul 1994	Jun 1995	Jul 1995	Jan - Jul	
				1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.0	98.0
Calves	97.6	97.3	97.4	97.5	97.7
Hogs	97.7	97.8	97.8	97.7	97.7
Sheep	94.9	96.4	95.6	96.5	96.3

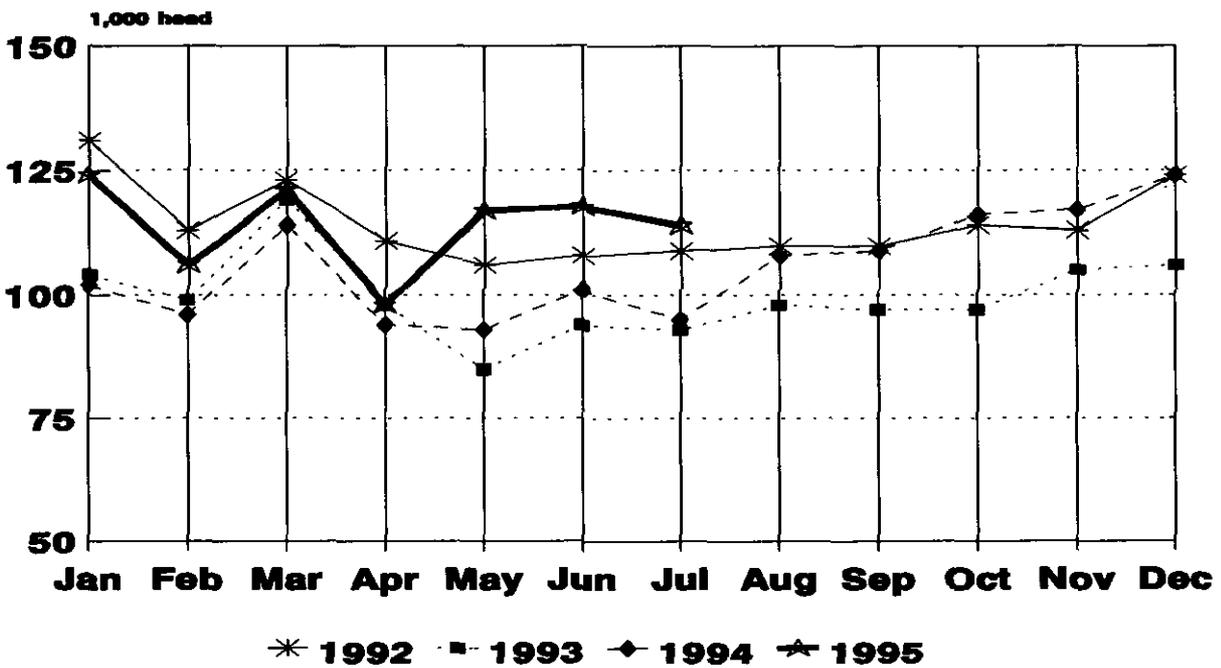
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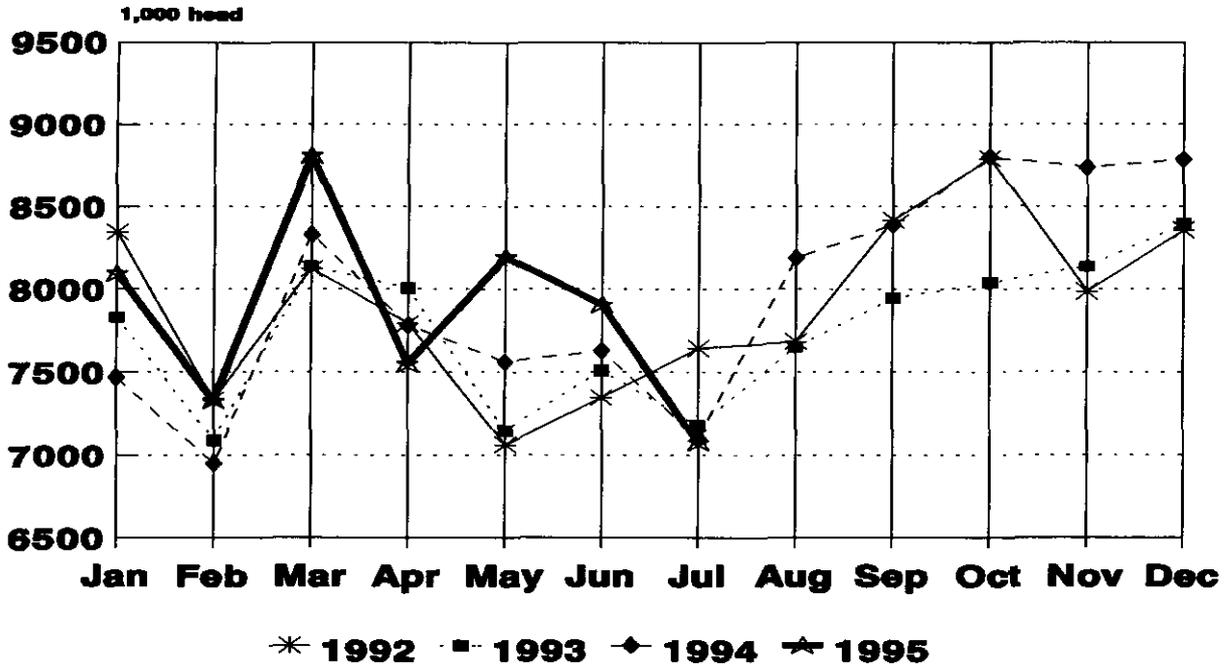
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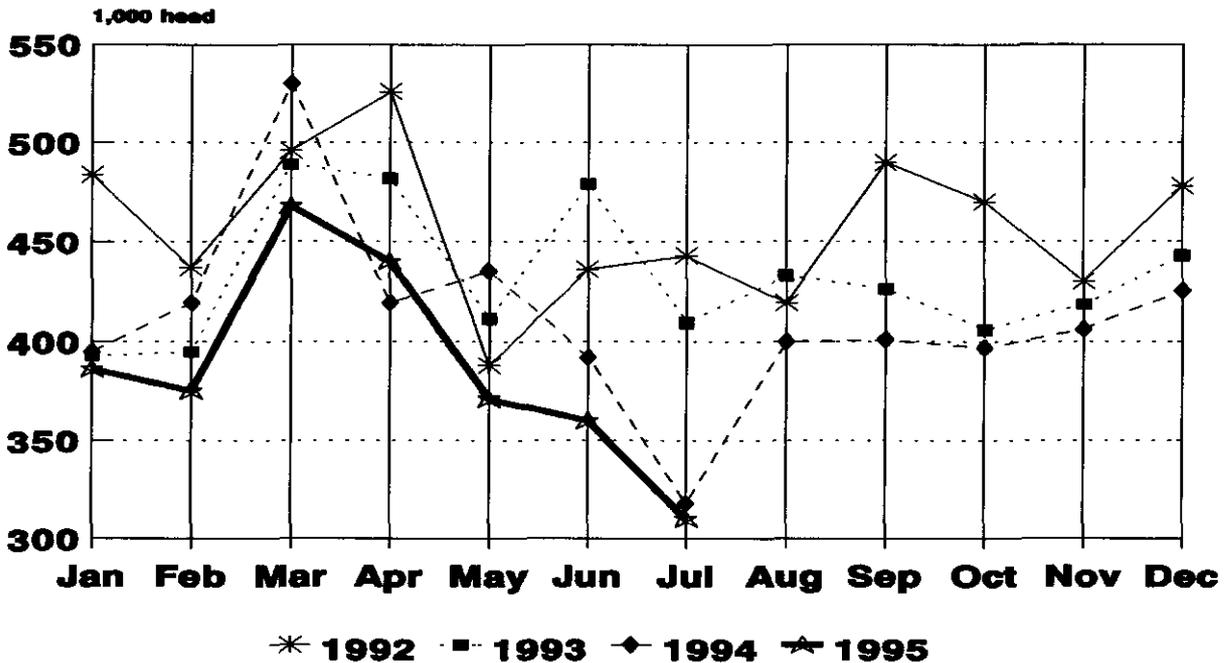
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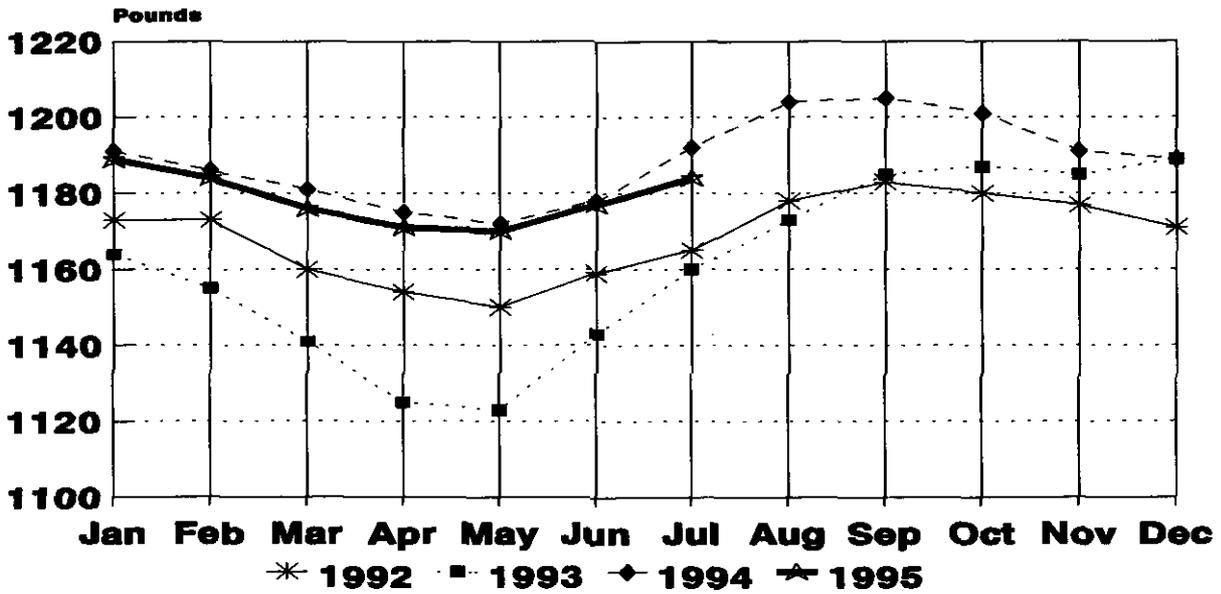
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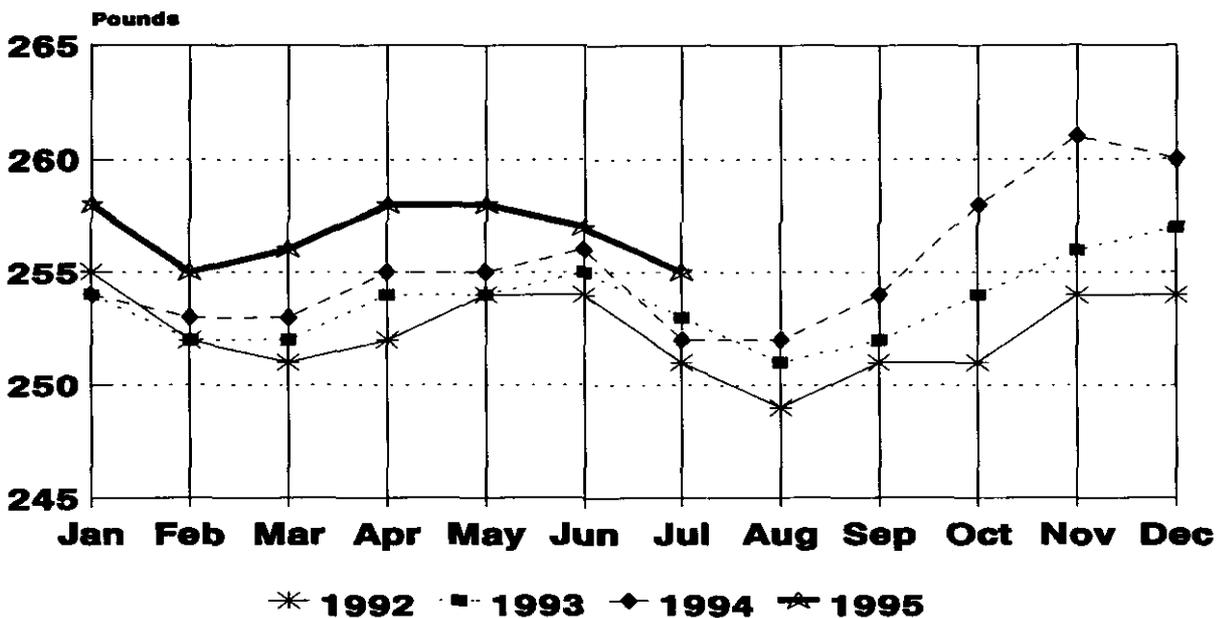
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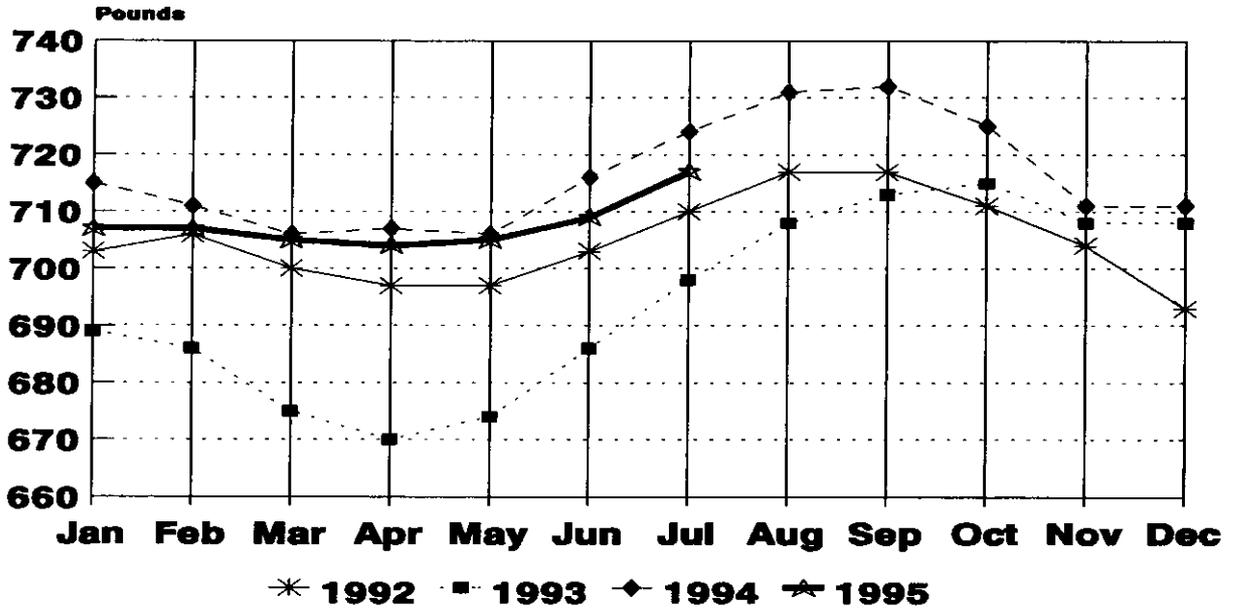
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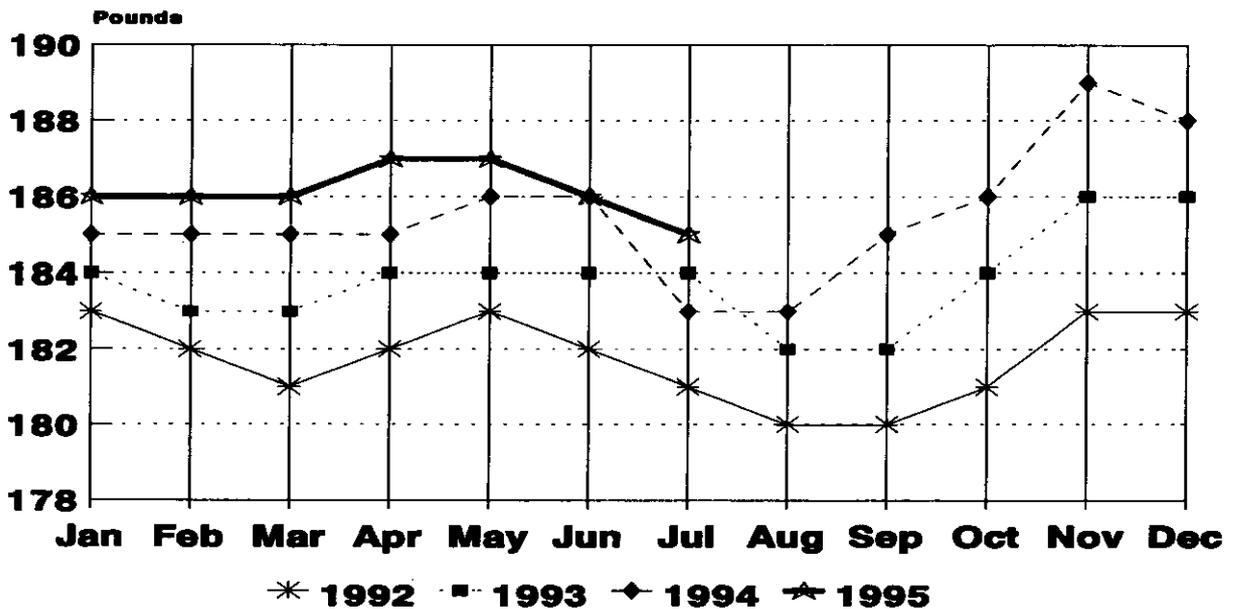
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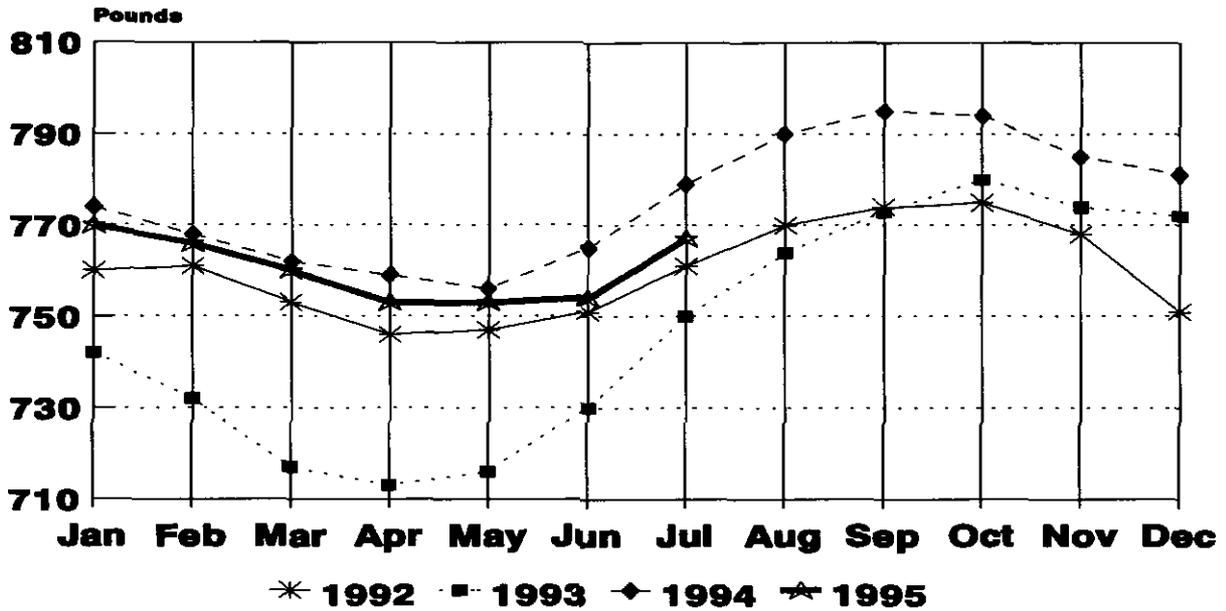
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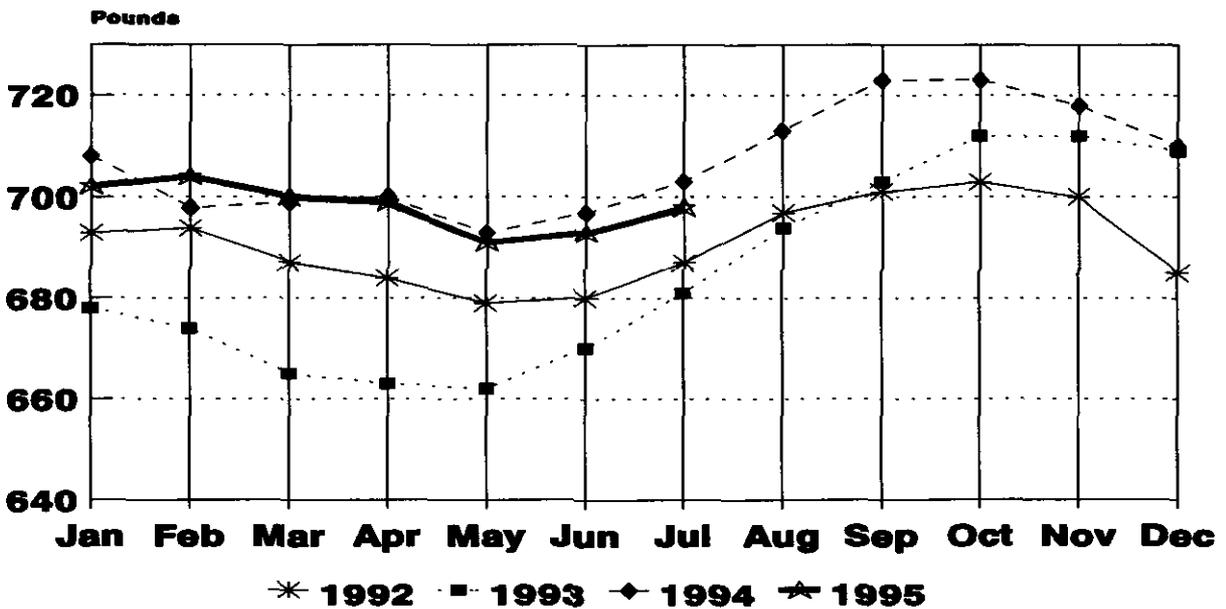
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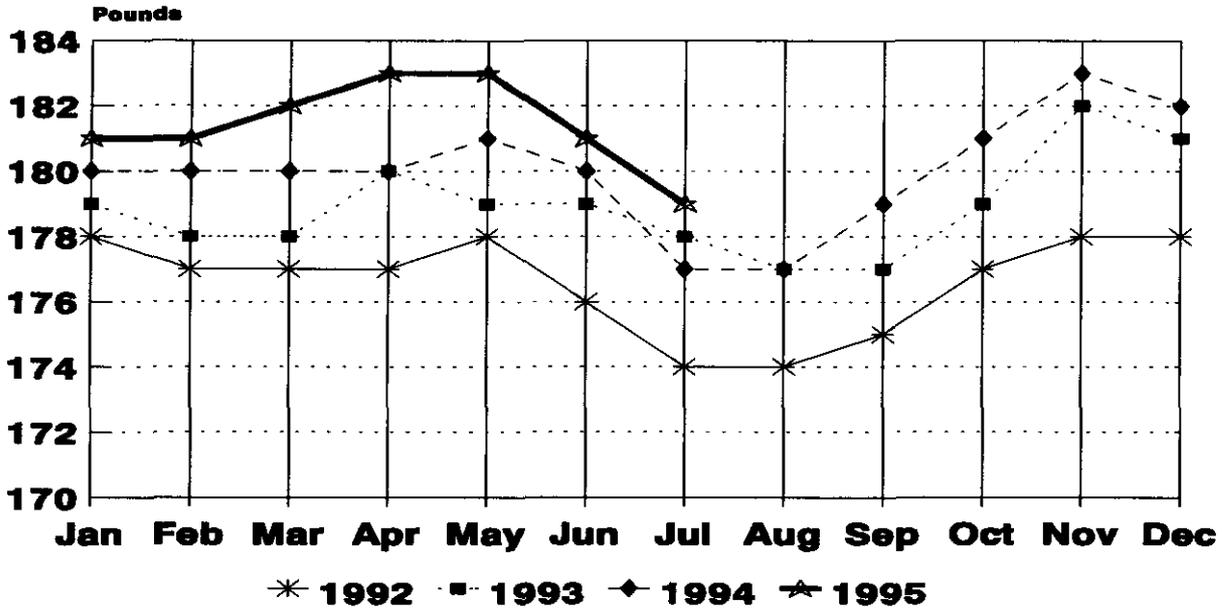
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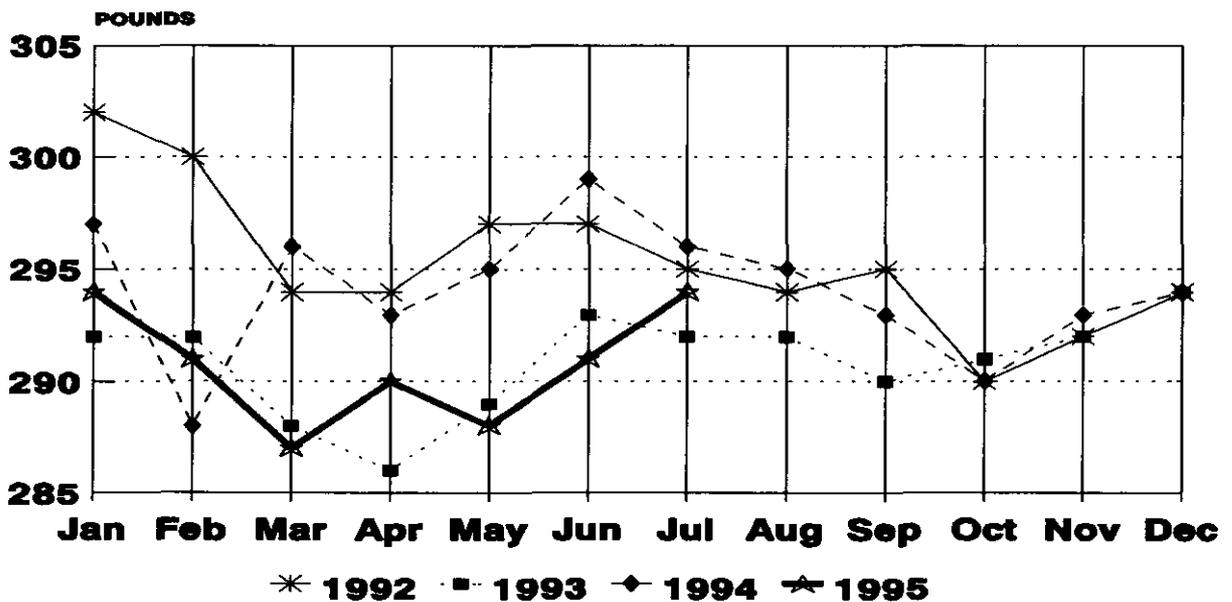
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,200 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 3,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 22). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one-half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for follow-up telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 15 percent and for hogs about 10 percent. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable.

Head kill for FI slaughter before condemnation is for the actual days of the survey month, while head kill after condemnation and live and dressed weight data are for full weeks only. Average live and dressed weight and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous week as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the kind of animal reported.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release, while NFI data are summarized monthly only. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants, and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Generally, no data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. These data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the reported data is made annually.

Types of Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Is usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last ten years: running about 1.547 head per 100 head for calves, .359 per 100 for cattle, .336 per 100 for hogs and .500 per 100 for sheep. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected; and further, meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with federal (USDA) standards.

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