

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat, Beef and Pork Production Set Records for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.86 billion pounds during August. This production was 3 percent above the previous record high set in August 1994.

August 1995 and 1994 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.31 billion pounds, up 3 percent from previous record high set in August 1976. Head kill totaled 3.22 million, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,189 pounds was down 15 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 26.0 million pounds, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 124,400, up 15 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 21 pounds to 358 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.50 billion pounds was up 1 percent from the previous record high set in August 1994. Hog kill totaled 8.26 million head, 1 percent above August 1994. The average live weight remained the same at 252 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 4 percent from a year earlier. Slaughter totaled 371,700 head, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 123 pounds.

January-August red meat production was 28.7 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 4 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 95 % of		Jan - Aug 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Aug 1994	Jul 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,215	2,082	2,308	104	111	16,029	16,579	103
Veal	24	24	26	108	106	183	202	111
Pork	1,493	1,299	1,503	101	116	11,207	11,683	104
Lamb & Mutton	24	19	23	96	118	208	194	93
Total Red Meat	3,756	3,425	3,859	103	113	27,627	28,658	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	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 95 % of		Jan - Aug 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Aug 1994	Jul 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,181	2,053	2,273	104	111	15,770	16,313	103
Veal	23	24	25	107	106	178	197	111
Pork	1,462	1,274	1,475	101	116	10,982	11,454	104
Lamb & Mutton	23	19	22	96	118	203	188	93
Total Red Meat	3,689	3,369	3,795	103	113	27,133	28,152	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	Aug 95 % of :			Jan - Aug 2/			95 % of 94	
		Aug 1994	Jul 1995	Aug 1995	Aug 1994	Jul 1995	1994 1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,001.1	2,877.8	3,160.1	105	110	22,169.6	23,095.6	104
Other	:Thou:	59.6	52.3	59.7	100	114	457.2	469.4	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,060.6	2,930.0	3,219.8	105	110	22,626.8	23,565.0	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,208	1,187	1,192	98	100	1,189	1,183	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,040	1,025	1,031	99	101	1,028	1,029	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,204	1,184	1,189	99	100	1,185	1,180	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	105.6	111.1	121.4	115	109	782.8	899.9	115
Other	:Thou:	2.4	2.9	3.1	131	105	19.8	21.7	109
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	107.9	114.0	124.4	115	109	802.7	921.6	115
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	378	369	357	94	96	389	380	97
Other	:Lbs :	415	430	428	103	100	404	415	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	379	371	358	95	97	389	380	98
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,996.5	6,917.7	8,082.6	101	117	59,595.5	61,788.4	104
Other	:Thou:	194.7	157.4	181.9	93	116	1,403.6	1,425.3	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,191.2	7,075.1	8,264.5	101	117	60,999.1	63,213.7	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	252	256	253	100	98	254	257	101
Other	:Lbs :	230	226	223	97	99	228	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	252	255	252	100	99	254	256	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	381.8	296.4	354.7	93	120	3,187.1	2,965.6	93
Other	:Thou:	18.6	13.5	17.0	92	126	121.1	117.2	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	400.4	310.0	371.7	93	120	3,308.1	3,082.8	93
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	121	126	124	102	98	128	128	99
Other	:Lbs :	96	96	100	105	104	94	97	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	120	125	123	103	98	127	127	100

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

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

State	1,000 Pounds		Aug 95 as % of	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1995	Aug 1995	Aug 1994 : Jul 1995
AL	3,357	2,822	3,365	100 119
AZ	26,182	28,620	30,620	117 107
AR	5,823	5,598	6,828	117 122
CA	82,767	83,892	92,529	112 110
CO	171,507	173,762	189,969	111 109
DE-MD	6,866	4,966	5,963	87 120
FL	3,135	3,075	3,904	125 127
GA	39,302	32,724	38,097	97 116
HI	1,517	1,173	1,218	80 104
ID	48,650	42,657	47,110	97 110
IL	223,141	197,962	217,809	98 110
IN	66,431	48,082	55,424	83 115
IA	608,329	518,593	617,309	101 119
KS	474,289	468,148	510,708	108 109
KY	50,832	43,384	51,501	101 119
LA	2,035	1,842	2,125	104 115
MI	85,045	77,503	85,983	101 111
MN	175,140	150,538	172,119	98 114
MS	27,421	21,714	25,060	91 115
MO	35,570	45,616	52,518	148 115
MT	2,185	1,411	1,864	85 132
NE	550,430	489,732	552,097	100 113
NV	95	98	117	124 119
N ENG 2/	3,620	2,464	2,880	80 117
NJ	2,623	2,782	3,094	118 111
NM	2,086	1,316	1,603	77 122
NY	7,991	7,872	8,407	105 107
NC	104,708	111,696	124,722	119 112
ND	9,143	3,019	7,452	82 247
OH	32,847	26,371	28,907	88 110
OK	4,477	3,706	4,361	97 118
OR	3,178	2,945	3,534	111 120
PA	98,627	85,525	101,225	103 118
SC	16,009	11,536	13,017	81 113
SD	104,555	94,607	103,082	99 109
TN	20,376	12,730	14,989	74 118
TX	388,051	377,806	412,413	106 109
UT	42,740	33,090	36,850	86 111
VA	74,731	63,146	70,817	95 112
WA	60,065	59,875	67,305	112 112
WV	1,451	968	1,313	91 136
WI	88,030	78,952	88,452	100 112
WY	785	340	799	102 235
US	3,756,140	3,424,658	3,859,462	103 113

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,
August 1994 and 1995 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ----	
AL	.8	.9	622	735	826	805
AZ	38.1	43.6	43,957	51,103	1,152	1,171
AR	2.3	2.2	2,292	2,022	1,009	906
CA	80.3	88.6	97,417	108,443	1,213	1,223
CO	209.2	239.0	260,129	287,571	1,243	1,203
DE-MD	3.3	3.3	4,047	4,065	1,221	1,227
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	1.9	1.4	1,845	1,337	948	986
IL						
IN	7.3	5.9	7,673	6,051	1,049	1,023
IA	153.6	158.3	190,620	186,854	1,241	1,180
KS	610.5	664.3	740,093	799,429	1,212	1,203
KY	5.6	5.5	6,107	5,858	1,095	1,058
LA	2.6	2.4	2,088	1,806	789	763
MI						
MN	94.0	92.5	119,283	114,685	1,270	1,240
MS						
MO	12.6	17.3	14,284	20,146	1,137	1,164
MT	2.4	2.0	2,870	2,417	1,190	1,184
NE	608.6	620.0	755,748	747,473	1,242	1,206
NV	.1	.1	74	130	1,120	1,147
N ENG 2/	3.3	2.3	3,775	2,620	1,158	1,120
NJ	1.3	1.8	1,489	2,172	1,161	1,195
NM	4.0	3.0	3,703	2,713	927	904
NY	5.9	6.1	6,136	6,510	1,032	1,076
NC	13.6	13.1	14,417	13,464	1,062	1,029
ND						
OH	12.0	10.4	13,570	11,840	1,129	1,139
OK	3.5	3.1	3,370	3,201	976	1,042
OR	1.8	1.8	2,159	2,214	1,190	1,237
PA	88.7	95.6	109,151	116,518	1,230	1,219
SC						
SD	20.5	18.9	22,878	22,036	1,116	1,164
TN						
TX	545.6	577.8	615,845	655,369	1,129	1,134
UT						
VA	1.6	1.3	1,459	1,219	934	949
WA	77.0	87.4	97,110	109,891	1,262	1,257
WV	1.1	1.0	1,160	980	1,034	1,012
WI	117.6	119.5	145,805	145,912	1,240	1,221
WY	.8	.8	916	941	1,187	1,175
US 3/	3,060.6	3,219.8	3,685,321	3,828,781	1,204	1,189

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,
August 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	9.3	18.6	3,186	6,094	344	327
CO						
DE-MD	.6	.4	264	173	415	412
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.3	9.6	3,944	4,009	426	419
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.7	2.5	788	1,142	457	452
MI	4.6	5.9	1,054	1,471	230	250
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.1	63	48	363	366
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	7.2	7.6	1,640	1,620	228	213
NJ	3.0	3.4	1,191	1,285	403	378
NM						
NY	19.0	18.9	6,674	7,105	351	377
NC	.1	.1	32	44	307	348
ND						
OH	5.2	3.4	2,601	1,643	501	486
OK	.1	.1	56	51	429	422
OR						
PA	12.8	13.5	5,196	5,628	405	418
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.6	3.3	973	1,083	607	324
UT						
VA						
WA	2.3	3.5	1,357	1,581	590	452
WV						
WI	14.3	15.0	5,981	6,160	417	410
WY						
US 3/	107.9	124.4	40,932	44,608	379	358

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,
August 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	10.9	10.4	4,466	4,483	410	432
AZ	.8	.8	180	196	230	247
AR	19.7	22.8	7,253	9,553	368	418
CA	166.3	175.4	36,157	39,195	217	223
CO	6.6	6.4	1,531	1,624	232	255
DE-MD	25.0	20.2	5,972	4,789	239	237
FL	8.3	9.3	1,005	2,082	121	224
GA						
HI	3.5	3.6	698	700	200	196
ID						
IL	765.4	741.1	198,419	192,843	259	260
IN	334.6	279.3	80,665	67,580	241	242
IA	2,653.0	2,742.4	673,338	693,319	254	253
KS						
KY	256.4	266.3	64,873	65,643	253	247
LA	3.4	3.5	774	792	227	226
MI						
MN	612.2	602.4	147,314	145,295	241	241
MS						
MO						
MT	3.4	3.1	804	687	236	224
NE	509.1	530.7	123,904	129,239	243	244
NV	.2	.2	53	36	225	213
N ENG 2/	4.0	3.6	977	779	245	218
NJ						
NM	.3	.6	70	125	215	211
NY	5.9	6.5	1,240	1,293	209	198
NC	558.5	647.8	138,100	162,529	247	251
ND	7.5	6.9	1,688	1,518	224	221
OH	130.0	120.5	33,221	30,261	256	251
OK	13.9	13.1	4,691	4,758	336	362
OR	12.0	13.7	2,829	3,329	236	242
PA	201.0	186.4	47,745	44,852	237	241
SC						
SD	491.0	499.8	128,059	129,026	261	258
TN						
TX	25.3	25.1	9,290	8,803	368	351
UT						
VA	400.7	383.9	99,794	94,694	249	247
WA						
WV	1.6	1.3	563	459	349	347
WI	34.9	33.7	13,321	13,476	382	400
WY	1.1	1.2	292	297	256	251
US 3/	8,191.2	8,264.5	2,063,405	2,083,746	252	252

- 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,
August 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	100.2	124.7	13,396	16,545	134	133
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	.8	.6	86	68	111	109
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.5	.3	60	38	120	118
KY	1.3	1.1	157	138	121	122
LA	.4	.3	26	28	74	85
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.8	.6	87	67	116	115
NE	.2	.2	19	17	106	106
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.0	2.7	339	287	112	108
NJ	13.4	12.6	1,200	1,174	90	94
NM	3.4	2.5	376	298	112	121
NY	5.1	3.6	534	379	104	105
NC	.2	.1	12	12	76	80
ND	.1	.1	13	13	121	95
OH	2.0	1.7	218	185	108	106
OK	.1	.1	11	9	98	120
OR	.9	.8	106	89	114	115
PA	6.8	6.3	666	610	98	97
SC						
SD	19.3	18.2	2,346	2,292	122	126
TN						
TX						
UT	4.7	3.4	582	374	123	109
VA	2.5	1.6	267	172	107	111
WA						
WV						
WI	1.8	1.8	216	199	117	110
WY	.4	.4	50	52	119	136
US 3/	400.4	371.7	47,899	45,673	120	123

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	Aug	Jul	Aug	:Jan - Aug 1/ :		Aug	Jul	Aug	:Jan - Aug 1/ :	
	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/										
Cattle										
Steers	1,654	1,567	1,698	11,895	12,178	55.1	54.4	53.7	53.7	52.7
Heifers	805	854	919	6,181	6,687	26.8	29.7	29.1	27.9	29.0
Dairy Cows	242	198	236	1,869	1,854	8.1	6.9	7.5	8.4	8.0
Other Cows	238	208	247	1,805	1,934	7.9	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.4
Bulls & Stags	63	51	61	420	442	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	3,001	2,878	3,160	22,170	23,096	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,561	6,536	7,657	56,519	58,702	94.6	94.5	94.7	94.8	95.0
Sows	358	312	346	2,471	2,483	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0
Stags & Boars	77	70	80	606	603	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total 1/	7,997	6,918	8,083	59,596	61,788	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	27	21	25	188	182	7.1	7.1	7.0	5.9	6.1
Lambs & Yrlings	355	275	330	2,999	2,783	92.9	92.9	93.0	94.1	93.9
Total 1/	382	296	355	3,187	2,966	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/										
Steers 4/	731	717	723	715	710					
Heifers 4/	790	767	778	770	763					
All Cows 4/	713	698	708	702	699					
Bulls & Stags 4/	534	544	536	542	540					
Bulls & Stags 4/	848	874	864	867	863					
Calves & Vealers	224	216	209	232	223					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts 5/	183	185	183	185	186					
Sows 5/	177	179	177	180	181					
Sows 5/	295	294	292	295	291					
Stags & Boars 5/	229	227	227	214	220					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep 6/	60	63	62	64	64					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	57	58	59	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	60	63	62	64	64					

- 1/ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.
2/ Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.
3/ Based on packer reports.
4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.
5/ Included in hog average dressed weight.
6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States.
August 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	7.7	1.2	.4	5.2	.1	.8	29.8
3	99.5	49.7	8.2	31.8	7.4	2.6	3/
4	65.3	1.8	3.4	19.0	33.5	7.6	19.3
5	360.3	168.8	61.2	84.0	33.5	12.9	3/
6	576.5	325.9	170.1	10.6	57.1	12.9	3/
7	1,450.6	837.3	523.7	24.7	52.6	12.3	46.2
8	315.4	160.8	109.0	6.8	35.1	3.8	
9	4/						3/
10	282.5	152.0	42.6	52.2	27.5	8.2	26.0
US 2/	3,160.1	1,697.6	918.8	235.7	246.8	61.2	121.4
Hogs : Sheep							
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	6/				2.5	1.2	1.2
2	6/				15.9	4.2	11.7
3	607.2	596.0	11.0	.1	5/		
4	1,215.9	1,143.1	71.6	1.2	5/		
5	6/				62.3	6.6	55.7
6	2,014.5	1,851.0	126.3	37.1	5/		
7	6/				58.2	7.6	50.6
8	4,046.8	3,870.1	135.1	41.6	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	198.2	196.6	1.6	.1	215.9	5.1	210.8
US 2/	8,082.6	7,656.8	345.6	80.1	354.7	24.7	330.0

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.

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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 - August 1995 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	17.9	1.9	1.4	12.7	.3	1.6	3/
2	55.3	9.0	3.0	37.0	.7	5.5	217.2
3	696.7	334.8	51.6	232.1	60.6	17.6	3/
4	513.1	15.4	26.6	162.7	245.7	62.7	130.7
5	2,682.5	1,246.7	431.7	653.2	257.1	93.8	3/
6	4,320.9	2,412.2	1,231.5	87.3	494.5	95.4	3/
7	10,509.0	5,993.9	3,829.6	210.0	392.7	82.8	391.6
8	2,295.7	1,131.5	780.4	47.6	305.1	31.1	.1
9	4/						3/
10	2,004.4	1,032.8	331.6	411.3	177.7	51.0	160.4
US	23,095.6	12,178.3	6,687.4	1,853.9	1,934.5	441.6	899.9
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				18.7	7.2	11.6
2	6/				130.2	32.4	97.9
3	4,821.3	4,721.5	89.7	10.1	5/		
4	9,284.4	8,729.3	544.7	10.4	5/		
5	6/				463.3	50.5	412.8
6	15,975.0	14,818.4	904.9	251.7	5/		
7	6/				546.6	55.9	490.7
8	30,237.6	28,974.7	932.8	330.1	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	1,470.2	1,458.2	11.5	.5	1,806.7	36.3	1,770.4
US	61,788.4	58,702.1	2,483.5	602.8	2,965.6	182.3	2,783.3

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

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	43.3	41.6	1.6	.1			
AR	1.7	.3	.1	.1	1.1	.1	
CA	88.2	28.8	5.3	38.0	12.6	3.5	18.6
CO	238.3	131.5	91.6	1.2	13.9	.2	
DE-MD	3.3	2.6	.3	.2		.1	.4
FL							
GA							
HI	.9	.1	.1	.2	.5		
ID							
IL							9.5
IN							
IA	156.7	81.5	51.3	18.0	3.5	2.5	
KS	660.7	412.3	247.0	.2	1.1	.1	
KY	4.8	.8	3.2	.6	.1		
LA							
MI							5.8
MN	89.1	33.7	19.3	15.0	15.1	6.0	
MS							
MO	15.4	2.5	2.0	2.2	7.7	1.0	
MT	1.3	.9	.1		.1	.2	
NE	617.9	341.0	223.5	4.3	40.4	8.8	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.1	.2	.2	1.5		.2	7.6
NJ	1.8	.6	.1	.7	.1	.3	
NM	2.6	.4	.2	1.2	.6	.1	
NY	5.9	.6	.3	4.4		.5	18.8
NC	12.3	.1		3.9	5.6	2.7	
ND							
OH	4.1	.5	.3	2.2	.6	.6	3.3
OK	.9			.4	.4	.1	
OR	1.5	.7	.4	.1	.2	.2	
PA	95.4	46.9	7.8	31.2	7.0	2.4	13.5
SC							
SD	17.2	.1	.1	1.2	14.4	1.3	
TN							
TX	571.0	325.1	169.6	8.9	54.9	12.5	3.0
UT							
VA							
WA	87.3	50.1	24.3	7.0	5.2	.7	3.5
WV	.1	.1					
WI	115.2	47.6	5.0	47.1	11.0	4.5	15.0
WY							
US 3/	3,160.1	1,697.6	918.8	235.7	246.8	61.2	121.4

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	8.6	.2	7.2	1.2			
AZ							
AR	22.4	9.1	13.2				
CA	168.4	167.2	1.2				
CO	5.2	5.0	.2		124.6	.2	124.4
DE-MD	20.2	20.1	.1				
FL							
GA							
HI	2.5	2.5					
ID					.4		.4
IL	697.1	612.8	59.7	24.6			
IN	271.6	263.0	.3	8.3			
IA	2,739.1	2,610.6	86.9	41.6			
KS							
KY	265.7	258.0	7.7		1.1	.9	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	597.8	597.7					
MS							
MO							
MT	2.4	2.3	.1		.3	.1	.3
NE	528.6	528.6	.1				
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	3.0	2.9			2.5	1.2	1.2
NJ					12.3	2.9	9.4
NM					2.4	1.9	.5
NY	6.2	6.1	.1		3.6	1.3	2.3
NC	621.8	613.9	7.9				
ND	6.6	6.5					
OH	106.2	96.4	9.8		.2		.2
OK	10.9	5.0	5.9				
OR	13.4	13.2	.2		.6	.1	.4
PA	185.9	184.5	1.3		6.2	.5	5.8
SC							
SD	498.2	458.1	40.1		18.0		18.0
TN							
TX	14.5	6.6	7.9				
UT					3.0	2.7	.3
VA	383.6	374.4	9.1		1.5	.2	1.3
WA							
WV							
WI	25.0	.7	24.2	.1			
WY							
US 3/	8,082.6	7,656.8	345.6	80.1	354.7	24.7	330.0

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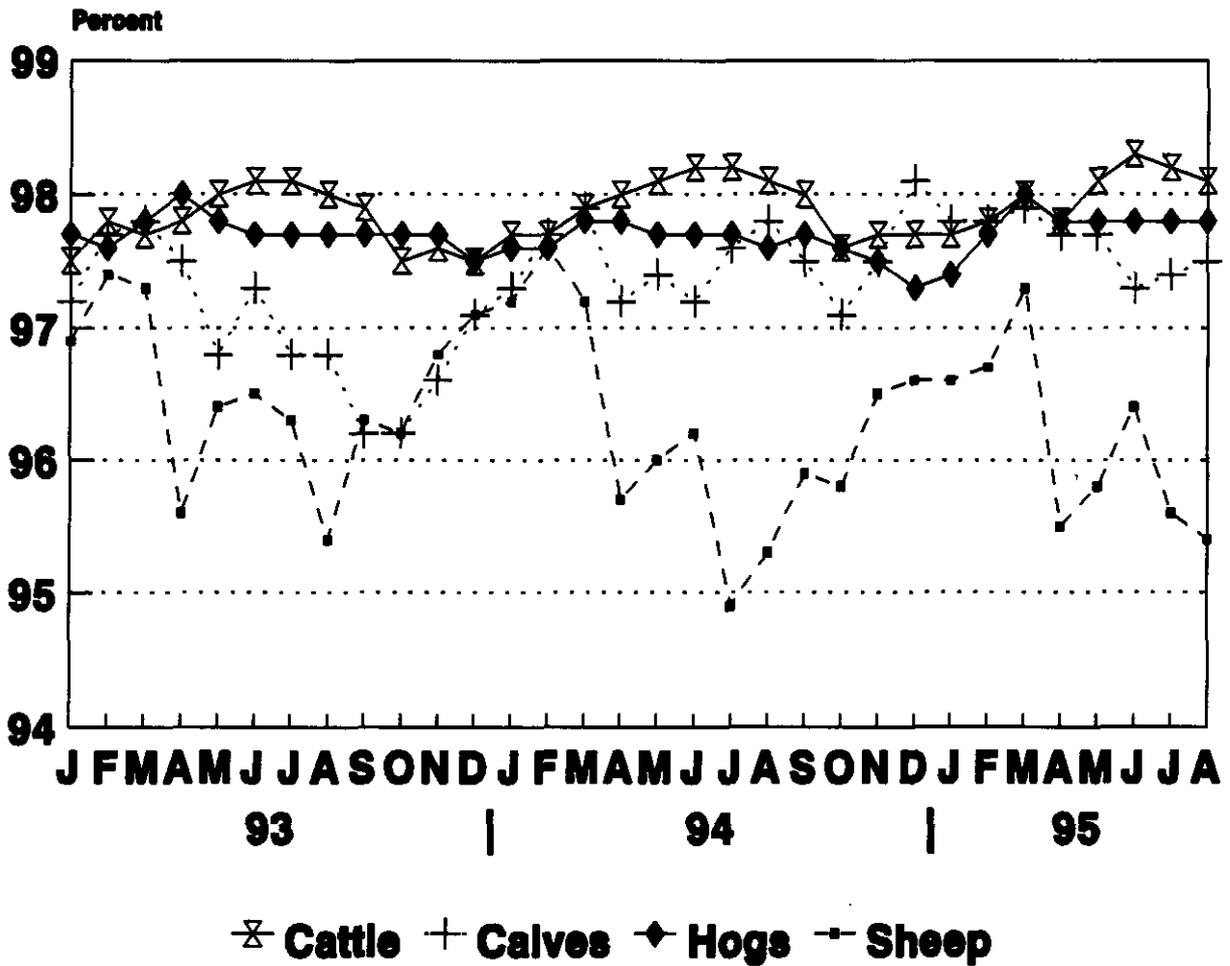
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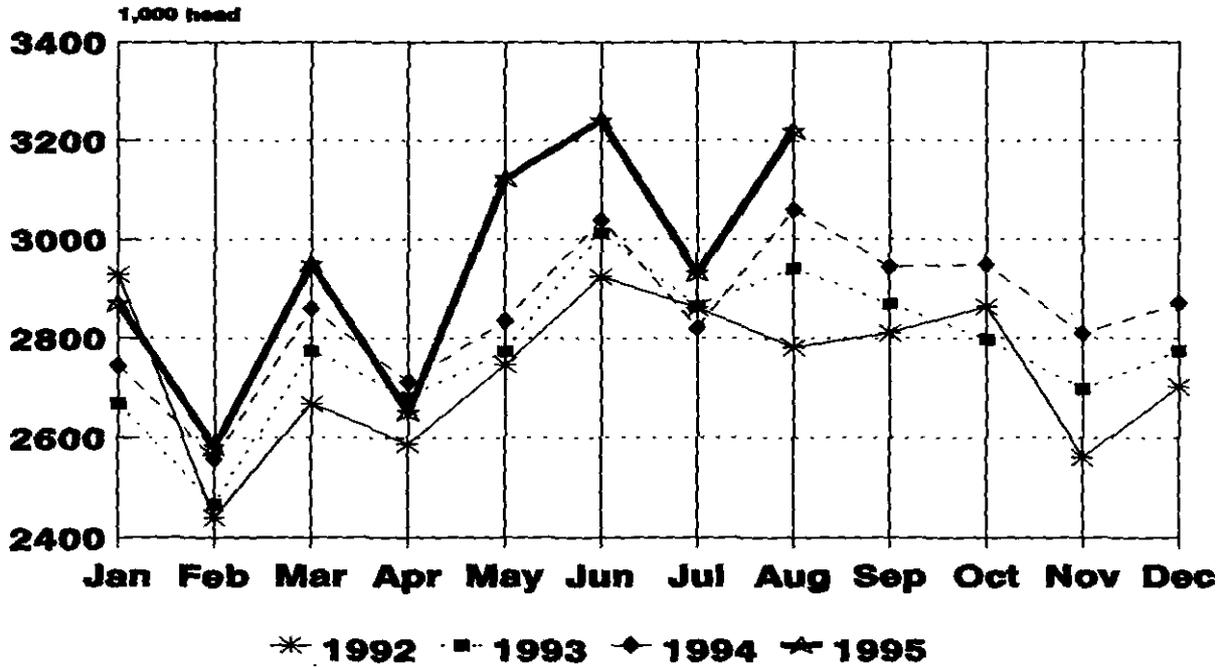
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Aug 1994	Jul 1995	Aug 1995	Jan - Aug	
				1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	98.1	98.2	98.1	98.0	98.0
Calves	97.8	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.6
Hogs	97.6	97.8	97.8	97.7	97.7
Sheep	95.3	95.6	95.4	96.3	96.2

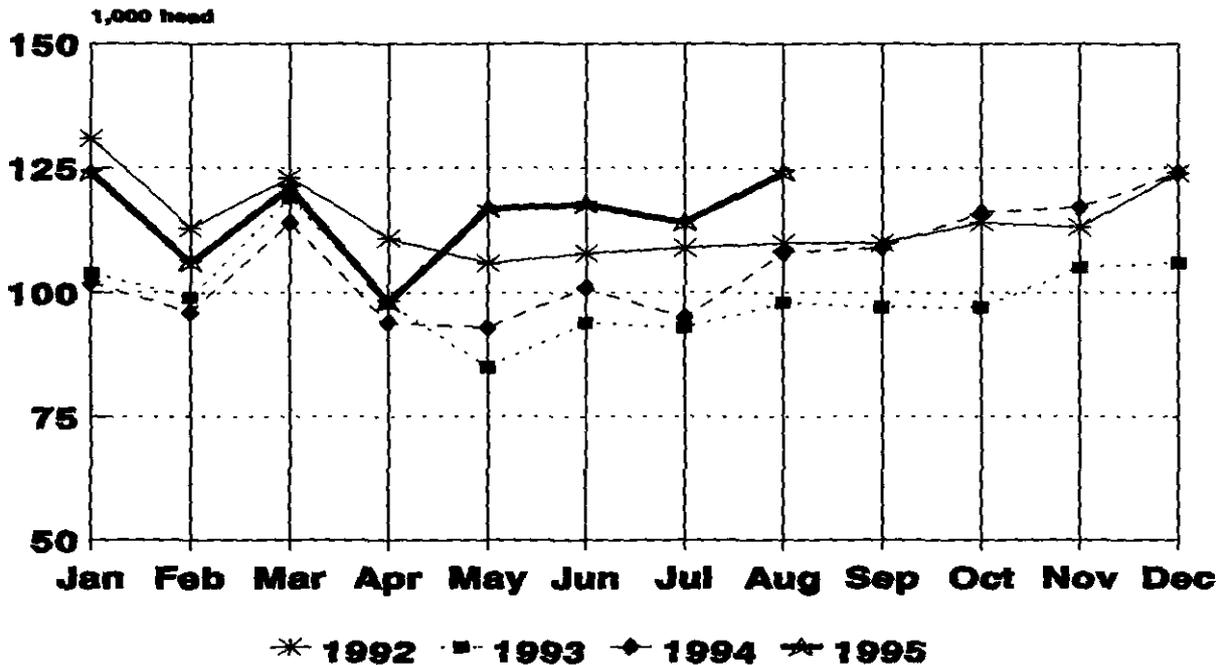
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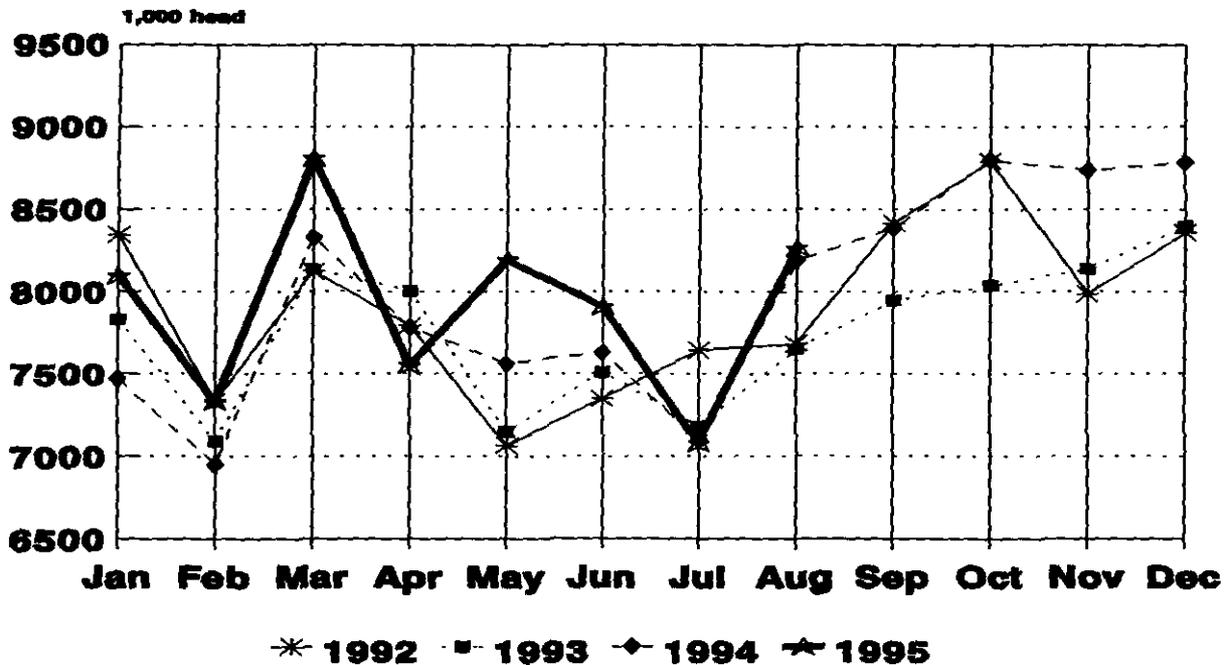
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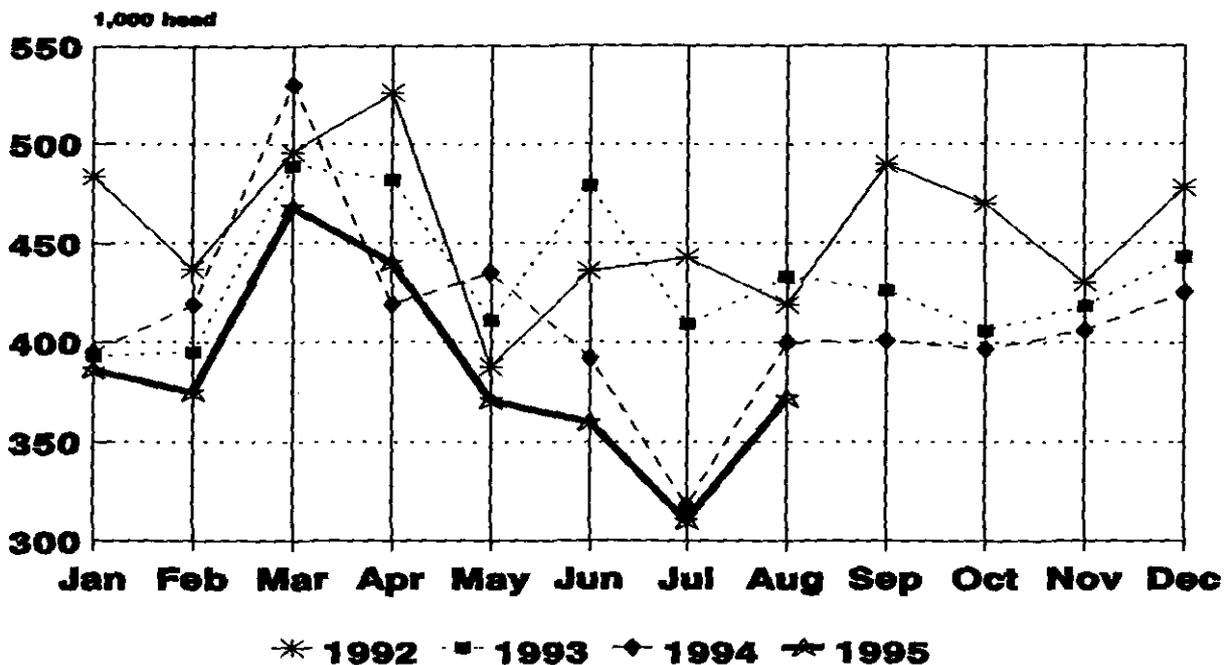
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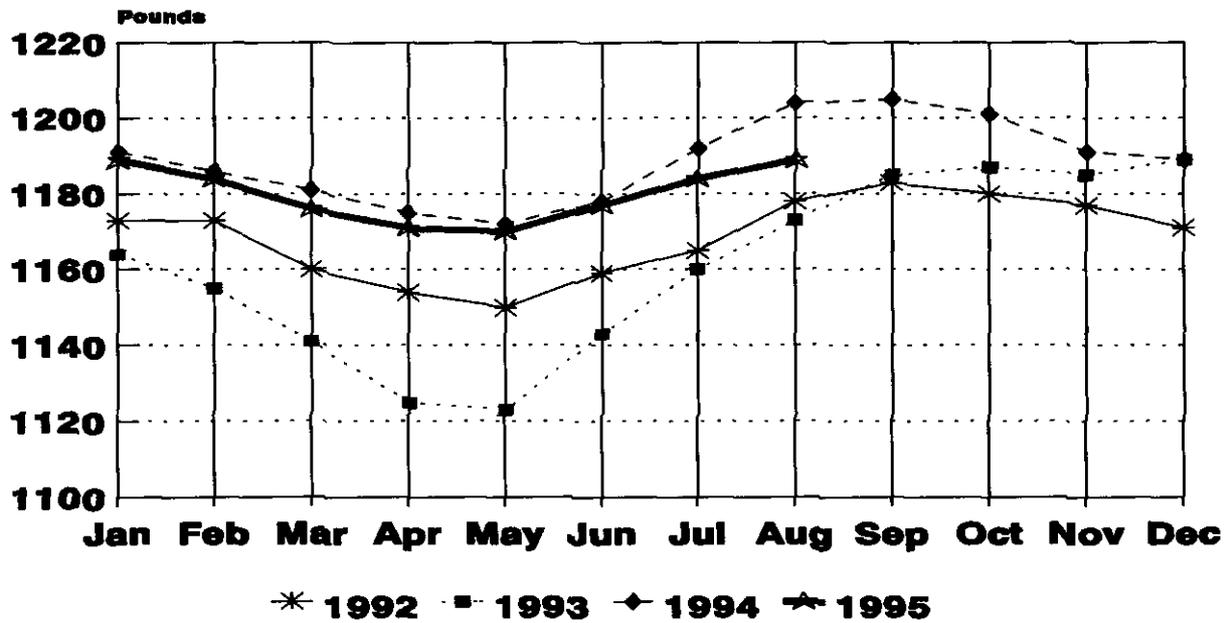
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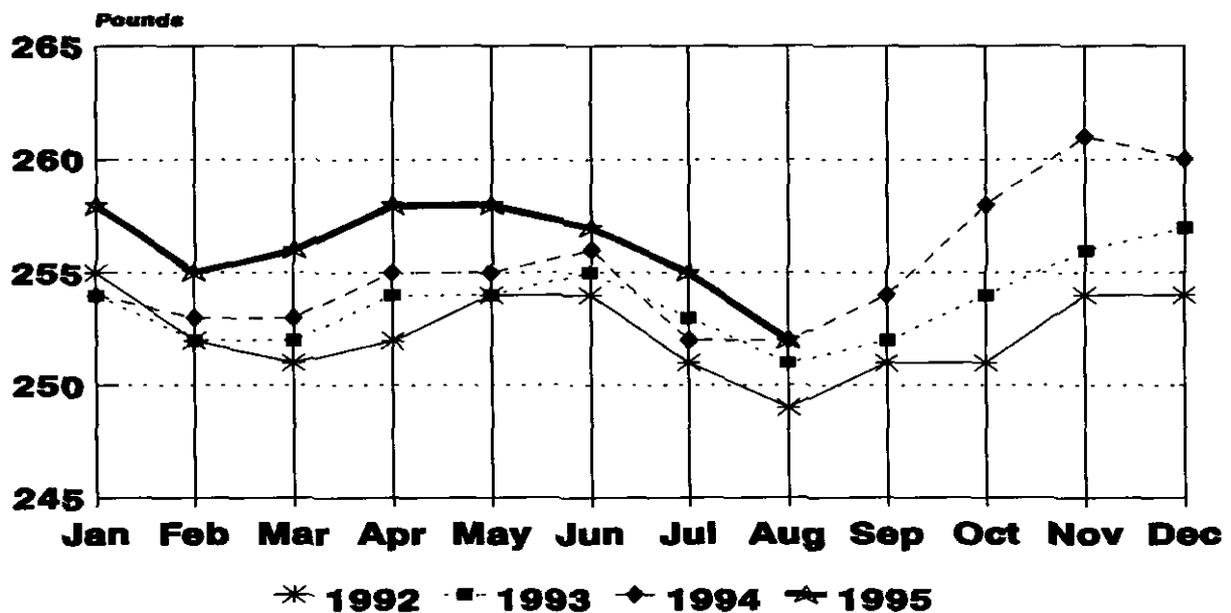
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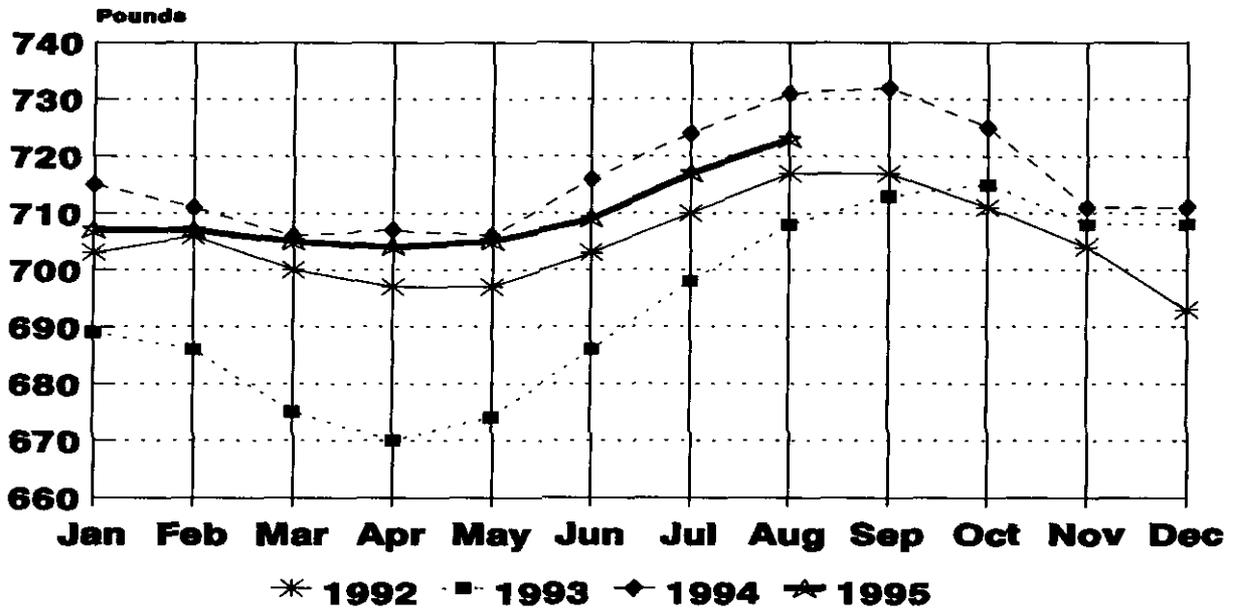
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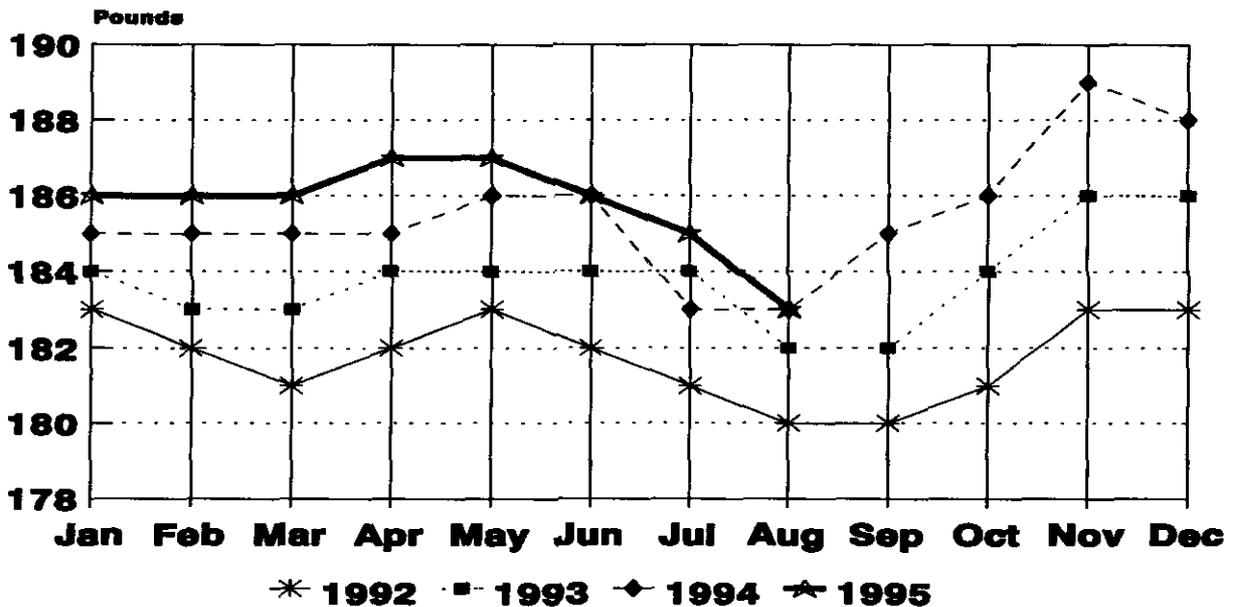
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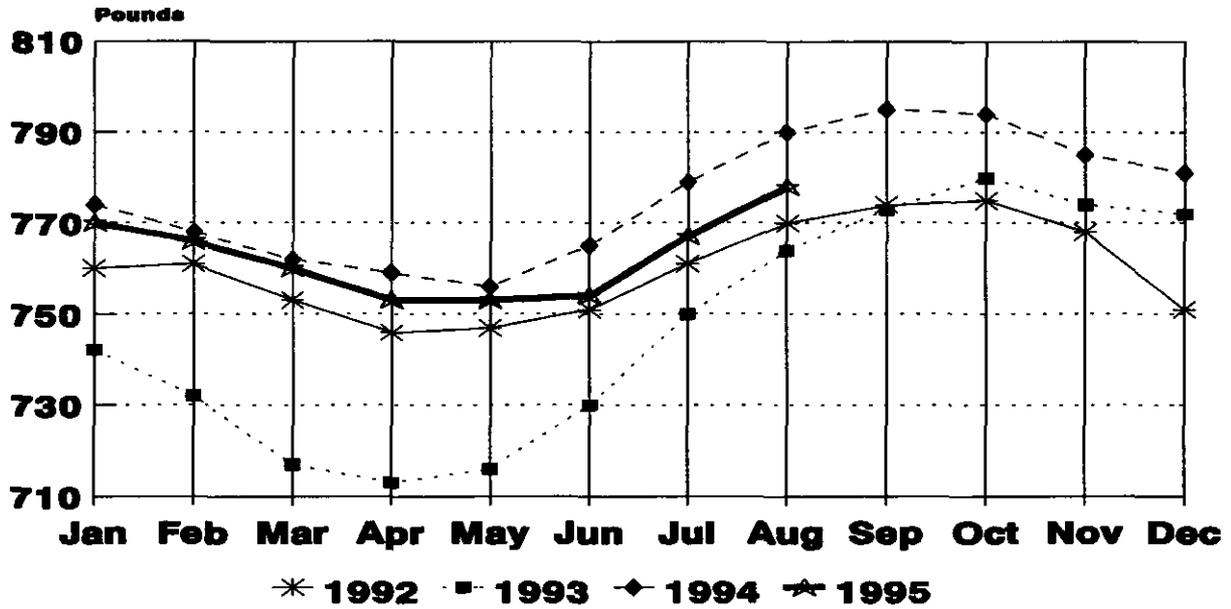
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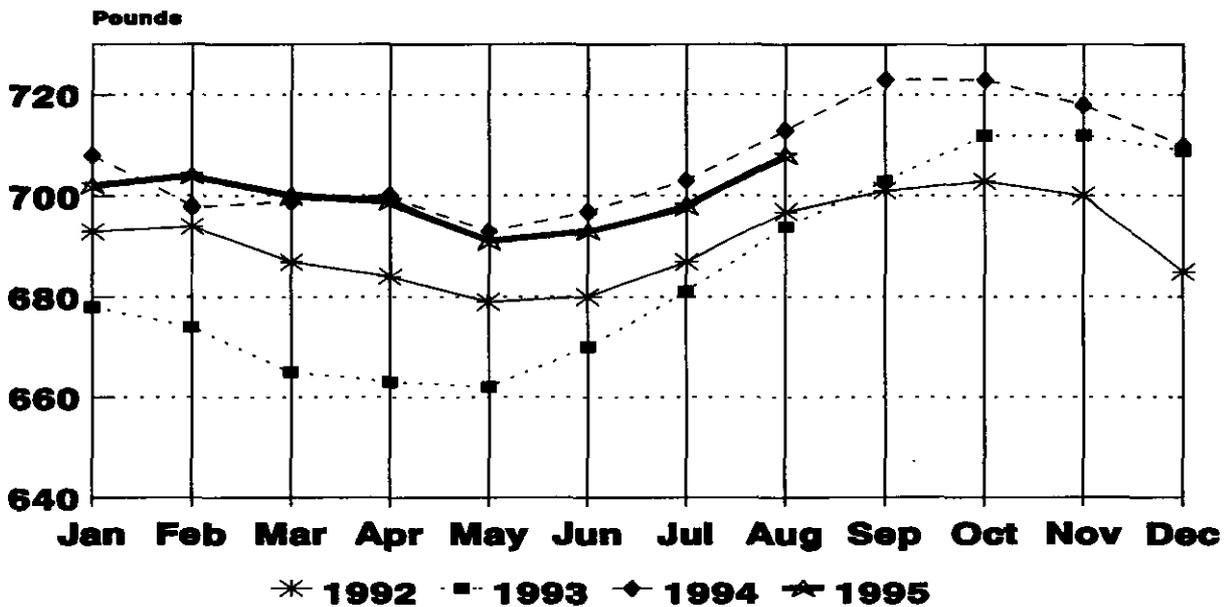
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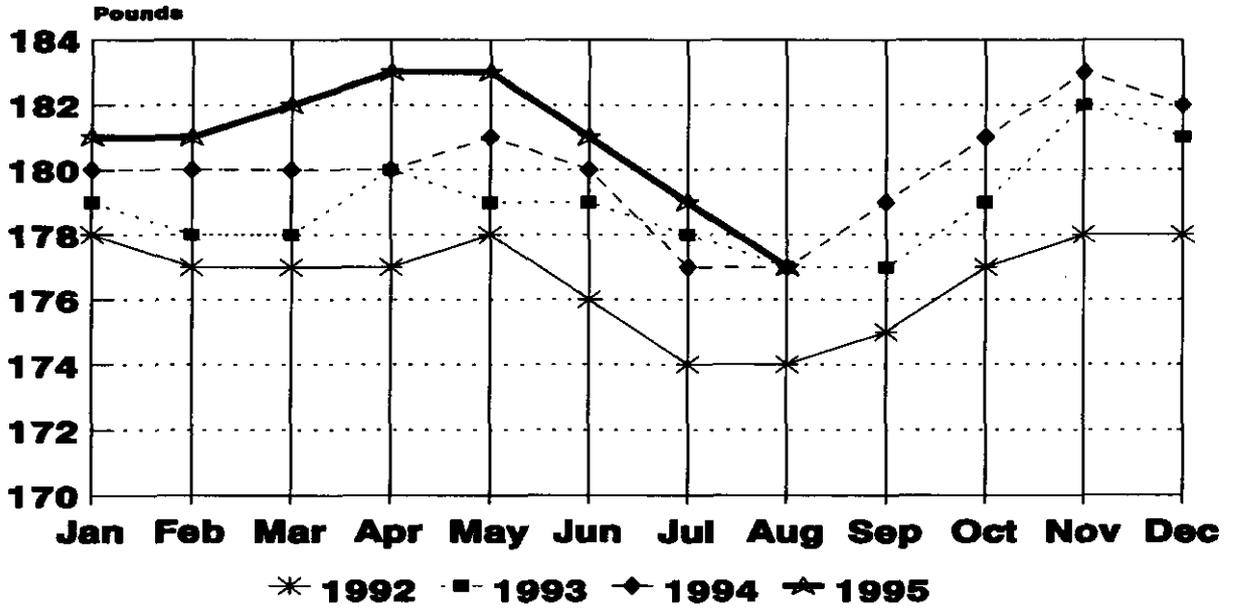
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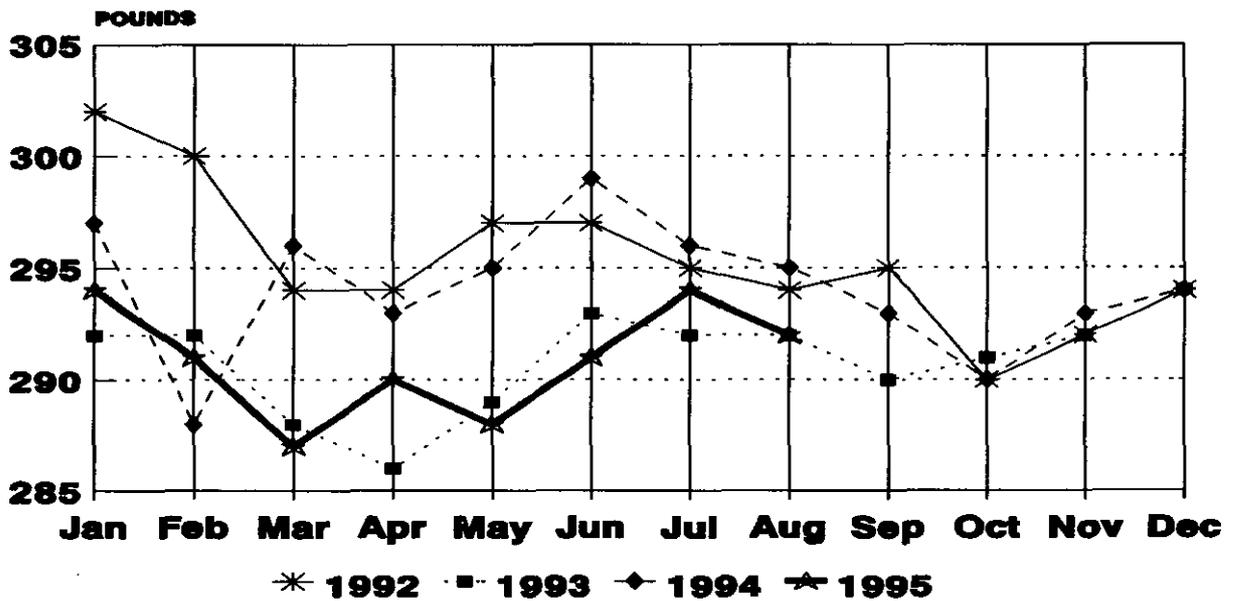
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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