

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Virtually Unchanged From Previous Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds during October. This production was virtually unchanged from last year.

October 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Head kill totaled 3.06 million, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,190 pounds was down 10 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 27.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 128,700, up 11 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 20 pounds to 361 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.57 billion pounds was down 4 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 3 percent below October 1994. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 4 percent from October 1994. Slaughter totaled 371,200 head, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 123 pounds.

January-October red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds up 3 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent, veal was up 10 percent, pork was up 2 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 95 % of		Jan - Oct 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
	--- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,116	2,212	2,171	103	98	20,280	20,962	103
Veal	25	26	27	105	105	232	255	110
Pork	1,631	1,438	1,574	96	109	14,378	14,695	102
Lamb & Mutton	23	21	23	96	106	255	238	93
Total Red Meat	3,796	3,697	3,794	100	103	35,145	36,149	103

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 95 % of		Jan - Oct 2/		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
	--- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,077	2,176	2,130	103	98	19,949	20,619	103
Veal	25	25	26	105	105	226	248	110
Pork	1,596	1,411	1,545	97	109	14,087	14,410	102
Lamb & Mutton	23	21	22	96	106	248	231	93
Total Red Meat	3,721	3,632	3,722	100	102	34,510	35,507	103

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Species	Unit	1994		1995		Oct 95 % of		Jan - Oct 2/		95 % of 94
		Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Oct	Sep	1994	1995	
Percent										
Cattle No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,878.2	3,018.9	2,982.4	104	99	27,932.5	29,097.0	104	
Other	:Thou:	70.3	62.9	74.9	106	119	585.2	607.2	104	
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,948.5	3,081.9	3,057.3	104	99	28,517.7	29,704.2	104	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,205	1,197	1,195	99	99	1,192	1,186	99	
Other	:Lbs :	1,019	1,012	1,008	99	100	1,027	1,025	100	
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,200	1,193	1,190	99	100	1,189	1,183	99	
Calves No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	112.2	118.9	124.4	111	105	1,001.4	1,143.2	114	
Other	:Thou:	3.4	3.5	4.4	130	127	26.0	29.5	114	
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	115.6	122.3	128.7	111	105	1,027.4	1,172.7	114	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	380	360	360	94	99	386	375	97	
Other	:Lbs :	425	414	418	98	101	408	415	102	
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	381	362	361	95	100	386	376	97	
Hogs No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,584.8	7,751.5	8,357.6	97	108	76,372.7	77,897.5	102	
Other	:Thou:	210.2	172.0	178.6	85	104	1,803.6	1,775.8	98	
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,795.0	7,923.5	8,536.2	97	108	78,176.2	79,673.4	102	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	259	252	255	98	101	255	256	100	
Other	:Lbs :	235	226	229	97	101	229	228	100	
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	258	251	255	99	102	254	255	100	
Sheep&Lambs No.										
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	381.3	343.8	356.2	93	104	3,952.2	3,665.6	93	
Other	:Thou:	16.6	15.7	14.9	90	95	154.0	147.8	96	
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	397.9	359.5	371.2	93	103	4,106.2	3,813.4	93	
Live Wt/Hd										
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	120	120	124	102	103	127	127	100	
Other	:Lbs :	99	95	96	98	101	94	97	102	
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	119	119	123	103	103	125	125	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		Percent	
	Oct 1994	Sep 1995	Oct 1995	Oct 95 as % of Oct 1994 : Sep 1995
AL	3,455	3,340	3,225	93 97
AZ	23,876	28,696	27,563	115 96
AR	6,618	6,474	7,216	109 111
CA	82,003	84,629	91,052	111 108
CO	158,768	183,208	175,397	110 96
DE-MD	7,231	*5,963	6,405	89 107
FL	3,681	3,628	3,879	105 107
GA	40,222	35,155	41,515	103 118
HI	1,291	1,210	1,265	98 105
ID	42,879	48,110	45,182	105 94
IL	238,762	208,727	230,875	97 111
IN	60,994	50,529	67,100	110 133
IA	649,086	581,439	583,027	90 100
KS	471,312	476,185	447,170	95 94
KY	56,675	50,504	54,320	96 108
LA	2,232	2,092	2,452	110 117
MI	92,173	89,757	94,808	103 106
MN	181,044	162,906	188,089	104 115
MS	30,171	26,539	26,115	87 98
MO	43,116	51,400	61,808	143 120
MT	1,713	1,417	1,659	97 117
NE	520,325	525,878	526,582	101 100
NV	105	98	98	94 100
N ENG 2/	3,843	2,941	3,466	90 118
NJ	2,659	3,135	3,155	119 101
NM	2,631	1,664	1,951	74 117
NY	8,232	8,513	9,182	112 108
NC	112,589	128,262	143,427	127 112
ND	9,198	8,289	11,192	122 135
OH	33,933	27,306	31,761	94 116
OK	5,041	3,933	4,534	90 115
OR	3,096	3,181	3,531	114 111
PA	101,714	96,053	102,416	101 107
SC	14,434	13,199	14,223	99 108
SD	120,183	98,146	108,768	91 111
TN	21,619	13,992	17,521	81 125
TX	383,662	401,346	385,016	100 96
UT	38,724	36,523	36,908	95 101
VA	78,899	71,496	78,962	100 110
WA	55,991	62,689	58,688	105 94
WV	2,457	1,648	2,637	107 160
WI	79,486	86,028	89,976	113 105
WY	336	570	317	94 56
US	3,796,459	*3,696,799	3,794,434	100 103

* 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,
October 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	827	869	810	778
AZ	34.9	40.8	39,997	45,700	1,145	1,120
AR	2.7	3.2	2,612	2,724	968	847
CA	78.5	89.3	96,073	110,959	1,224	1,243
CO	193.7	223.1	239,738	269,004	1,238	1,206
DE-MD	3.2	3.1	3,887	3,793	1,212	1,211
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	1.5	1.6	1,498	1,588	1,014	1,020
IL						
IN	7.2	7.4	7,425	7,513	1,033	1,022
IA	142.4	154.3	176,018	186,345	1,236	1,207
KS	604.2	581.2	737,276	700,478	1,220	1,205
KY	5.9	6.3	5,999	6,405	1,016	1,020
LA	2.1	2.5	1,665	1,997	799	809
MI						
MN	88.1	96.6	112,830	121,729	1,281	1,260
MS						
MO	13.6	19.6	14,571	21,988	1,071	1,119
MT	1.8	1.9	2,134	2,266	1,179	1,202
NE	560.5	574.7	693,797	708,193	1,238	1,232
NV	.1	.1	118	125	1,090	1,101
N ENG 2/	3.7	3.3	3,858	3,522	1,053	1,071
NJ	1.6	1.9	1,892	2,176	1,152	1,171
NM	5.1	3.5	4,635	3,238	915	916
NY	6.0	7.0	6,435	7,412	1,072	1,060
NC	13.5	15.4	14,012	15,508	1,038	1,007
ND						
OH	15.4	13.2	17,082	14,872	1,108	1,131
OK	3.9	4.1	3,931	3,769	1,004	915
OR	1.8	1.7	2,212	2,242	1,199	1,317
PA	88.5	92.5	110,128	112,081	1,244	1,211
SC						
SD	22.8	21.7	24,985	24,737	1,096	1,140
TN						
TX	545.3	557.9	612,074	616,365	1,122	1,105
UT						
VA	2.7	1.7	2,280	1,656	839	991
WA	71.9	77.7	90,737	96,707	1,262	1,245
WV	2.5	3.1	2,305	2,637	918	861
WI	108.2	123.9	133,035	151,284	1,229	1,221
WY	.4	.4	422	455	1,100	1,254
US 3/	2,948.5	3,057.3	3,539,291	3,639,193	1,200	1,190

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.
October 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	12.9	12.6	4,467	4,242	347	338
CO						
DE-MD	.7	.5	303	218	409	435
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.5	11.1	4,029	4,630	425	417
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.9	3.3	1,275	1,449	447	444
MI	5.3	6.8	1,404	1,893	266	279
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	69	86	403	395
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.2	5.6	1,434	1,401	277	250
NJ	3.1	3.6	1,055	1,435	336	393
NM						
NY	17.4	21.9	6,730	7,754	387	354
NC	.1	.2	48	55	342	288
ND						
OH	5.4	4.6	2,753	2,242	508	492
OK	.2	.2	93	68	478	407
OR						
PA	13.2	15.2	5,369	6,280	407	412
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.1	2.5	1,180	768	562	309
UT						
VA						
WA	3.0	2.8	1,386	1,052	456	375
WV						
WI	14.1	15.3	5,704	5,991	404	392
WY						
US 3/	115.6	128.7	43,994	46,422	381	361

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

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	9.9	4,480	4,265	410	431
AZ	.9	1.1	237	261	259	234
AR	22.1	22.3	8,217	9,239	372	414
CA	158.5	164.1	35,522	35,881	224	219
CO	4.9	4.7	1,203	1,191	247	255
DE-MD	27.4	23.2	6,525	5,509	238	238
FL	9.3	9.7	1,590	2,147	172	221
GA						
HI	3.3	3.2	650	588	196	181
ID						
IL	845.9	836.7	225,569	217,740	267	260
IN	299.2	331.5	73,854	82,198	247	248
IA	2,871.3	2,526.9	745,208	645,839	260	256
KS						
KY	288.1	270.9	73,267	70,262	254	259
LA	4.3	4.2	950	895	221	213
MI						
MN	655.1	663.1	162,537	163,727	248	247
MS						
MO						
MT	3.1	2.4	761	562	246	234
NE	544.7	543.0	137,270	135,186	252	249
NV	.1	.1	31	24	244	236
N ENG 2/	5.1	4.5	1,272	1,032	250	232
NJ						
NM	.8	.7	174	145	209	211
NY	5.8	5.9	1,387	1,257	240	214
NC	590.7	732.3	150,566	186,372	255	255
ND	8.7	7.0	2,031	1,634	234	235
OH	125.1	123.1	31,579	31,577	252	256
OK	15.5	12.5	5,330	4,716	343	378
OR	11.3	14.1	2,811	3,367	249	238
PA	212.6	205.2	52,941	50,289	249	245
SC						
SD	572.6	520.3	150,416	132,297	263	254
TN						
TX	31.8	31.5	10,795	10,588	339	336
UT						
VA	411.1	415.8	104,868	104,124	255	250
WA						
WV	1.7	1.5	602	511	353	347
WI	27.7	29.1	10,981	11,497	396	395
WY	.6	.3	138	80	247	259
US 3/	8,795.0	8,536.2	2,270,614	2,175,554	258	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.
October 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	126.5	120.7	15,441	15,542	122	129
DE-MD						
FL	.1		5	3	87	78
GA						
HI						
ID	.5	.5	57	51	110	108
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.3	36	29	121	110
KY	.8	.8	98	102	117	121
LA	.3	.3	27	21	82	77
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.5	.4	53	49	116	113
NE	.1	.2	15	19	107	91
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.6	3.1	381	321	105	103
NJ	12.2	12.6	1,087	1,129	89	90
NM	3.6	2.8	402	337	110	119
NY	3.7	2.9	404	286	108	100
NC	.2	.2	19	20	79	82
ND	.1	.1	9	10	112	113
OH	1.5	1.3	161	138	109	110
OK	.1	.1	15	13	120	105
OR	.6	.7	71	79	116	117
PA	5.8	4.8	584	399	101	84
SC						
SD	17.3	18.2	2,172	2,333	126	128
TN						
TX						
UT	4.4	3.6	563	391	128	109
VA	2.5	1.7	264	184	107	107
WA						
WV						
WI	1.7	1.1	197	120	116	111
WY	.1	.1	11	7	137	119
US 3/	397.9	371.2	47,429	45,470	119	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	:Jan - Oct 1/ :			:Jan - Oct 1/ :		
	Oct 1994	Sep 1995	Oct 1995	Oct 1994	Sep 1995	Oct 1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent of Total -----		
Class 2/ Cattle						
Steers	1,470	1,545	1,428	14,897	15,152	51.1
Heifers	833	927	930	7,837	8,544	29.0
Dairy Cows	235	232	246	2,341	2,332	8.2
Other Cows	287	256	319	2,328	2,509	10.0
Bulls & Stags	52	59	60	530	560	1.8
Total 1/	2,878	3,019	2,982	27,933	29,097	100.0
Hogs						
Barrows & Gilts	8,162	7,383	7,993	72,463	74,078	95.1
Sows	353	301	298	3,160	3,082	4.1
Stags & Boars	70	67	67	750	737	.8
Total 1/	8,585	7,752	8,358	76,373	77,898	100.0
Sheep						
Mature Sheep	26	23	23	240	228	6.7
Lambs & Yrlings	356	321	333	3,712	3,437	93.3
Total 1/	381	344	356	3,952	3,666	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/	----- Pounds -----					
Cattle 4/	725	724	718	718	712	
Steers 4/	794	786	785	775	767	
Heifers 4/	723	716	718	706	703	
All Cows 4/	523	528	526	539	537	
Bulls & Stags 4/	821	855	850	857	861	
Calves & Vealers	224	211	212	229	221	
Hogs	186	182	185	185	185	
Barrow Gilts 5/	181	177	181	180	181	
Sows 5/	290	292	292	294	291	
Stags & Boars 5/	230	229	225	218	221	
Sheep	60	60	61	63	63	
Mature Sheep 6/	57	58	58	57	58	
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	60	60	62	63	63	

- 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,
October 1995

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
1	2.7	.6	.3	1.5	.1	.3	3/
2	8.4	1.6	.5	5.2	.2	.9	31.1
3	96.2	42.3	10.4	30.6	10.1	2.7	3/
4	69.9	2.0	3.6	21.8	34.7	7.9	22.9
5	356.2	158.1	57.3	90.2	38.1	12.5	3/
6	558.5	269.5	179.8	11.3	85.5	12.4	3/
7	1,319.0	687.8	526.6	24.2	68.5	11.9	52.1
8	303.9	137.8	106.3	7.3	48.7	3.8	
9	4/						3/
10	267.6	128.5	45.0	53.6	33.0	7.5	18.3
US 2/	2,982.4	1,428.2	929.9	245.8	318.8	59.8	124.4
	Hogs						Sheep
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				2.7	1.0	1.7
2	6/				15.0	4.3	10.7
3	659.1	647.7	11.3	.2	5/		
4	1,333.3	1,253.0	79.0	1.3	5/		
5	6/				57.0	6.5	50.5
6	2,276.1	2,134.6	113.9	27.6	5/		
7	6/				64.3	5.7	58.6
8	3,900.8	3,770.6	92.5	37.7	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	188.4	187.3	1.0	.1	217.1	5.5	211.7
US 2/	8,357.6	7,993.1	297.7	66.8	356.2	23.0	333.2

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR, & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

3/ Regions 1-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 9-10 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ Regions 9-10 combined for cattle to avoid disclosing individual operations.

5/ Regions 3-5, 6-7 and 8-10 combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.

6/ Regions 1-3, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total
	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/
	1,000 Head						
1	22.9	2.9	1.9	15.5	.4	2.2	3/
2	71.3	11.9	3.9	47.1	1.1	7.3	278.6
3	887.6	419.4	71.8	295.2	78.2	23.1	3/
4	648.1	19.2	33.2	205.3	312.0	78.4	173.4
5	3,383.7	1,565.5	547.8	823.8	329.0	117.6	3/
6	5,446.0	2,975.8	1,591.4	109.9	648.6	120.3	3/
7	13,193.3	7,435.7	4,877.9	257.1	516.2	106.4	491.1
8	2,903.4	1,418.3	996.0	61.9	388.4	38.8	.1
9	4/						3/
10	2,540.7	1,303.0	420.4	516.2	235.2	65.8	200.0
US	29,097.0	15,151.7	8,544.3	2,331.9	2,509.1	560.0	1,143.2
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/
	1,000 Head						
1	6/				24.1	9.4	14.7
2	6/				160.2	40.6	119.6
3	6,078.6	5,954.8	113.4	10.4	5/		
4	11,837.8	11,135.1	689.9	12.8	5/		
5	6/				575.3	63.1	512.2
6	20,202.7	18,769.0	1,125.4	308.3	5/		
7	6/				664.4	68.6	595.9
8	37,941.8	36,398.0	1,139.1	404.8	5/		
9	6/				5/		
10	1,836.6	1,821.6	14.4	.6	2,241.6	46.5	2,195.1
US	77,897.5	74,078.4	3,082.2	736.9	3,665.6	228.2	3,437.4

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

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

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	40.3	38.4	1.8	.1			
AR	2.3	.5	.2	.1	1.4	.2	
CA	88.8	24.5	5.6	40.8	14.6	3.3	12.5
CO	222.5	109.3	90.7	1.3	21.0	.2	
DE-MD	3.1	2.4	.4	.2		.1	.5
FL							
GA							
HI	1.1	.2	.1	.3	.5		
ID							
IL							11.0
IN							
IA	152.6	68.9	56.7	18.9	4.6	3.5	
KS	577.6	338.5	236.8	.1	1.8	.3	
KY	4.7	.9	3.1	.3	.2		
LA							
MI							6.7
MN	92.0	34.9	17.4	15.4	19.0	5.3	
MS							
MO	16.4	1.6	.7	1.8	11.4	.8	
MT	1.1	.5	.2		.2	.2	
NE	572.3	278.7	232.4	3.3	50.6	7.3	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.7	.6	.3	1.5	.1	.3	5.6
NJ	1.8	.6	.1	.6	.2	.3	
NM	2.9	.4	.2	1.0	1.3	.1	
NY	6.6	1.0	.4	4.6		.6	21.9
NC	14.0	.1	.1	5.9	5.3	2.7	
ND							
OH	4.2	.3	.4	2.3	.7	.5	4.4
OK	1.1	.1	.1	.3	.5	.1	
OR	1.4	.5	.4	.1	.1	.2	
PA	92.2	39.8	9.9	30.2	9.8	2.6	15.2
SC							
SD	19.5	.1	.1	1.6	16.5	1.3	
TN							
TX	551.8	268.6	179.3	9.8	82.0	12.0	2.0
UT							
VA							
WA	77.6	36.3	27.0	7.1	6.6	.6	2.8
WV	.2	.1	.1				
WI	119.4	46.1	5.4	52.2	11.3	4.5	15.2
WY							
US 3/	2,982.4	1,428.2	929.9	245.8	318.8	59.8	124.4

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	8.2	.2	6.7	1.3			
AZ							
AR	21.5	9.8	11.7				
CA	157.4	156.8	.6				
CO	3.8	3.6	.2		120.6	.1	120.5
DE-MD	23.1	22.9	.2	.1			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					.3		.3
IL	800.4	728.8	50.6	20.9			
IN	324.9	321.6	.1	3.2			
IA	2,523.1	2,436.7	48.8	37.7			
KS							
KY	269.9	261.5	8.4		.8	.6	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	657.9	657.9					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.9	1.8	.1		.2		.2
NE	541.0	540.9	.1		.1		.1
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	3.4	3.2	.1		2.7	1.0	1.7
NJ					12.2	3.3	8.9
NM	.2	.2			2.4	1.8	.6
NY	5.3	5.2	.1		2.8	1.0	1.9
NC	707.9	699.1	8.8				
ND	6.5	6.4	.1				
OH	106.1	96.5	9.6		.2		.2
OK	9.9	3.9	6.1				
OR	13.9	13.6	.2	.1	.5	.2	.3
PA	204.8	203.6	1.1		4.7	.6	4.1
SC							
SD	518.4	482.6	35.8		18.0		18.0
TN							
TX	15.9	6.5	9.2	.2			
UT					3.1	2.8	.3
VA	415.2	405.8	9.4		1.6	.1	1.4
WA							
WV							
WI	22.2	.5	21.6				
WY							
US 3/	8,357.6	7,993.1	297.7	66.8	356.2	23.0	333.2

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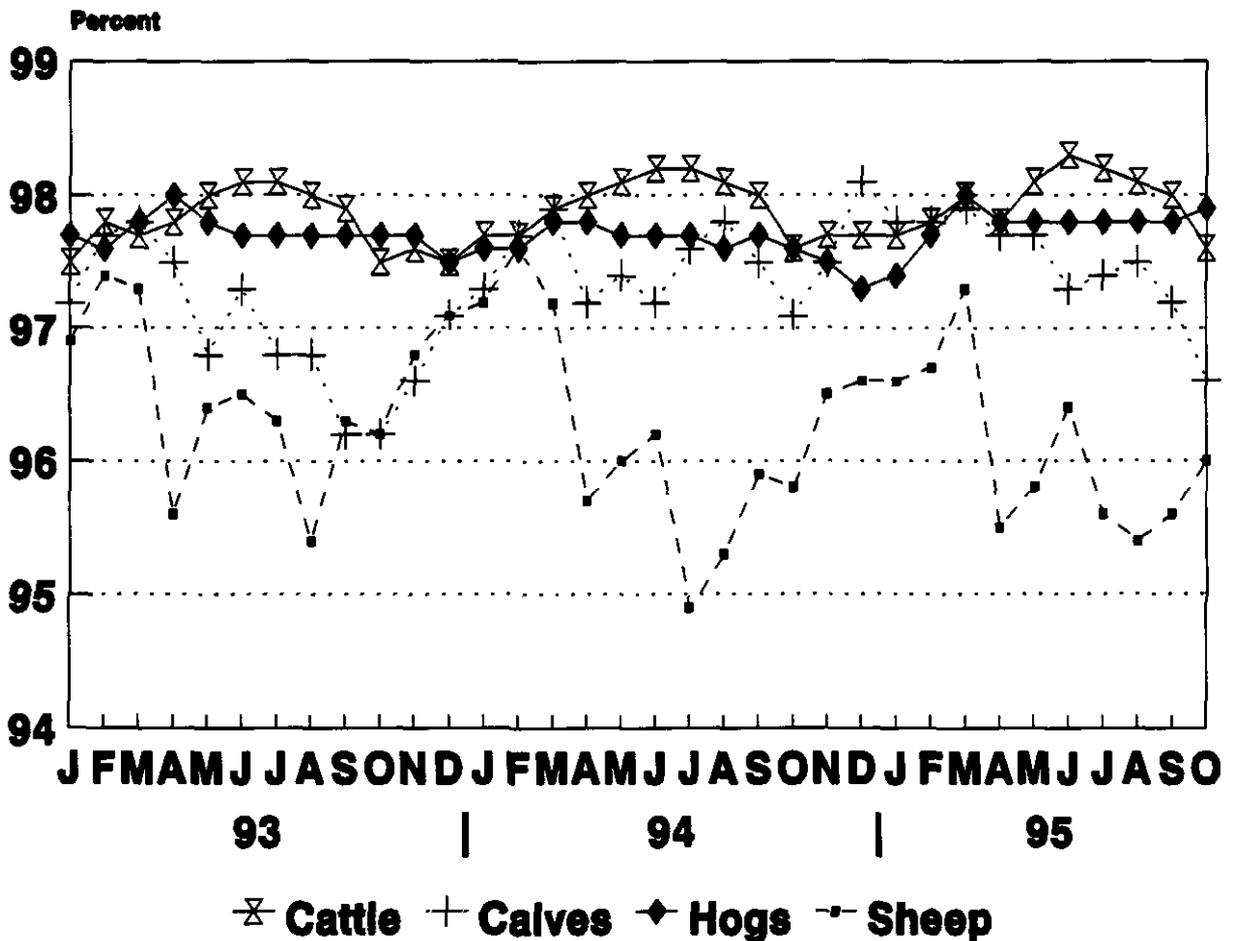
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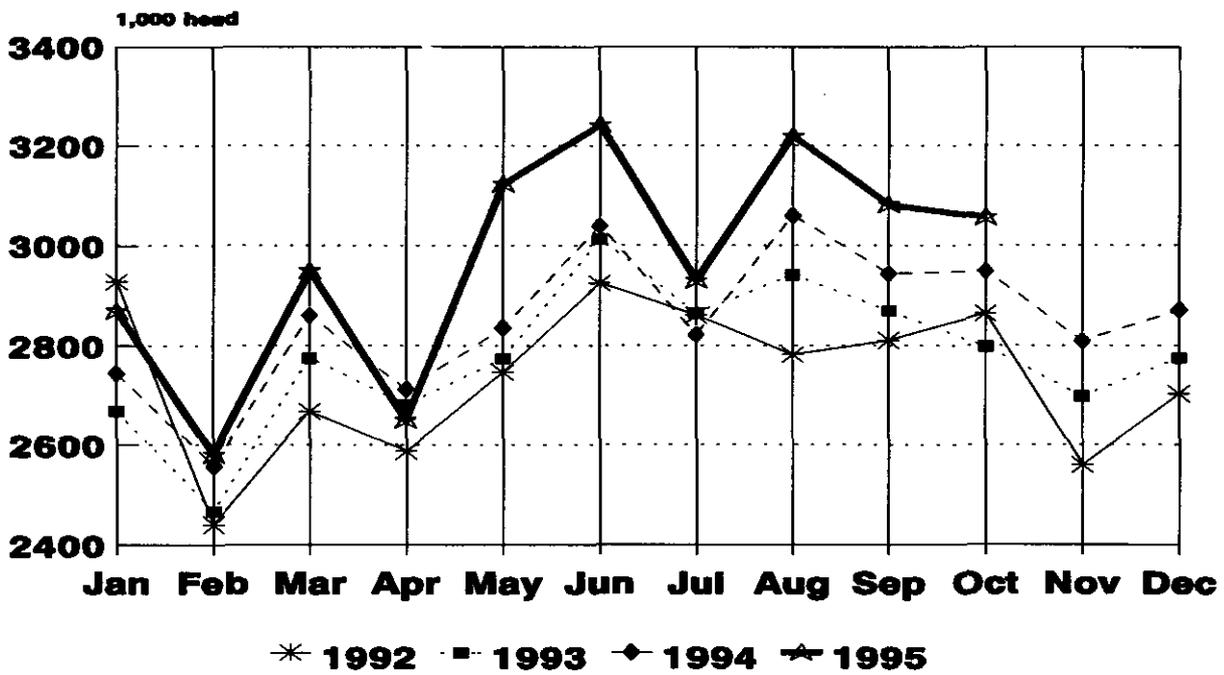
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Oct		Jan - Oct	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
Cattle	97.6	98.0	97.9	98.0
Calves	97.1	97.2	97.5	97.5
Hogs	97.6	97.8	97.7	97.8
Sheep	95.8	95.6	96.2	96.1

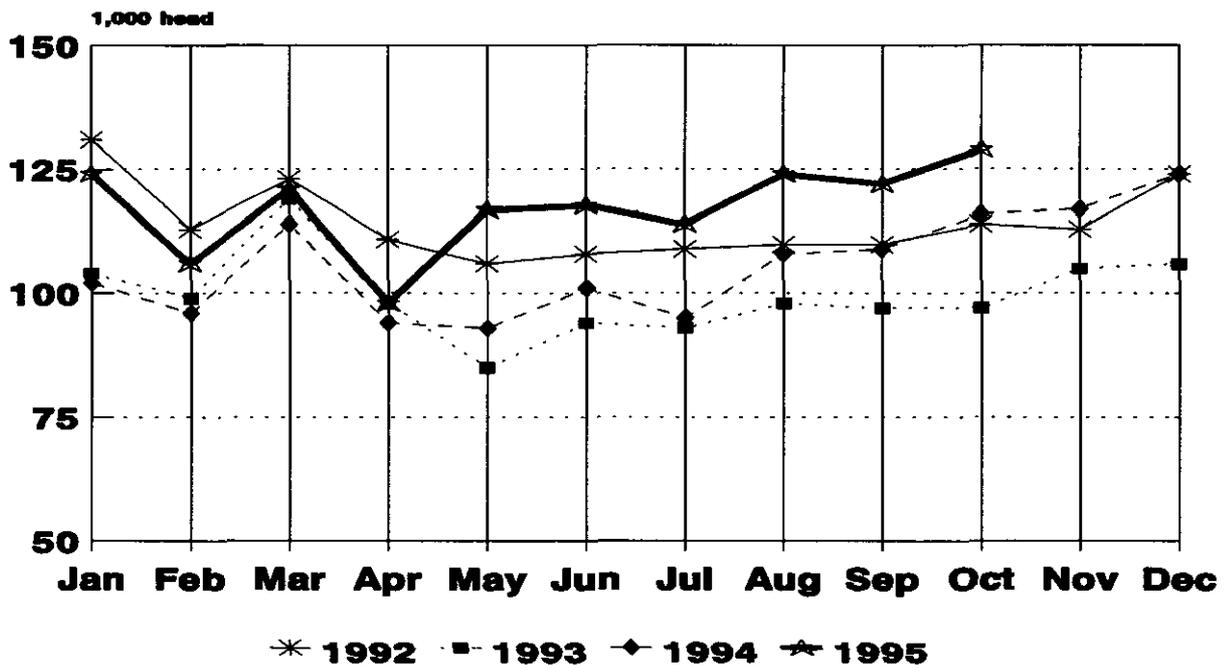
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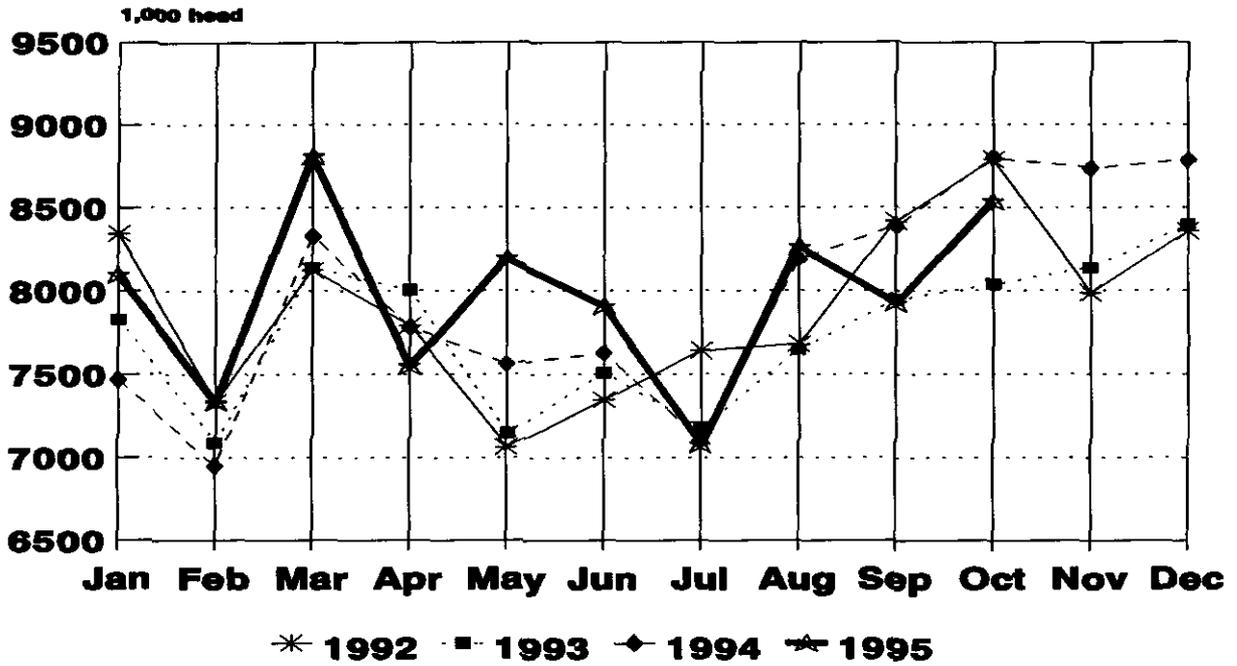
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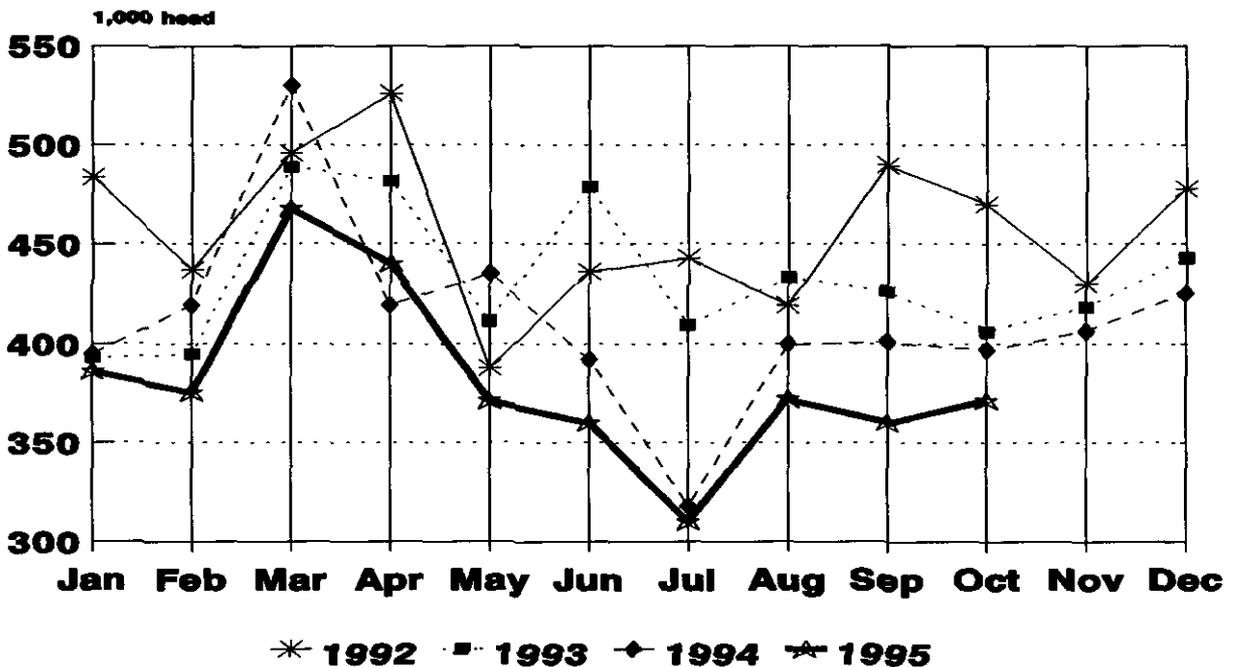
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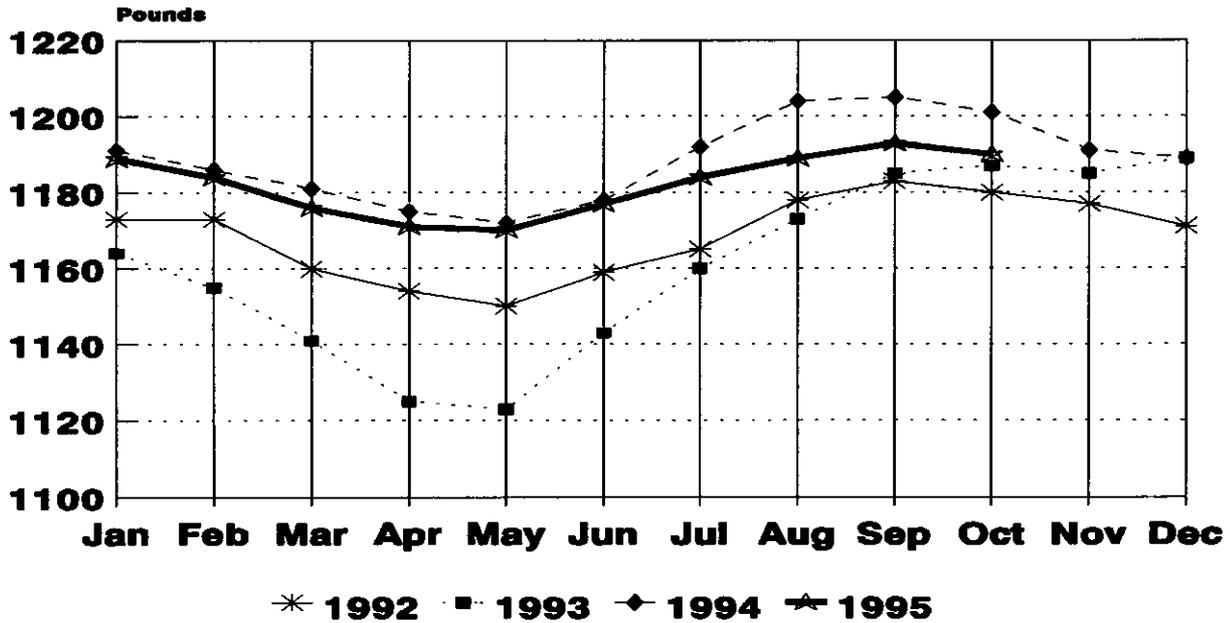
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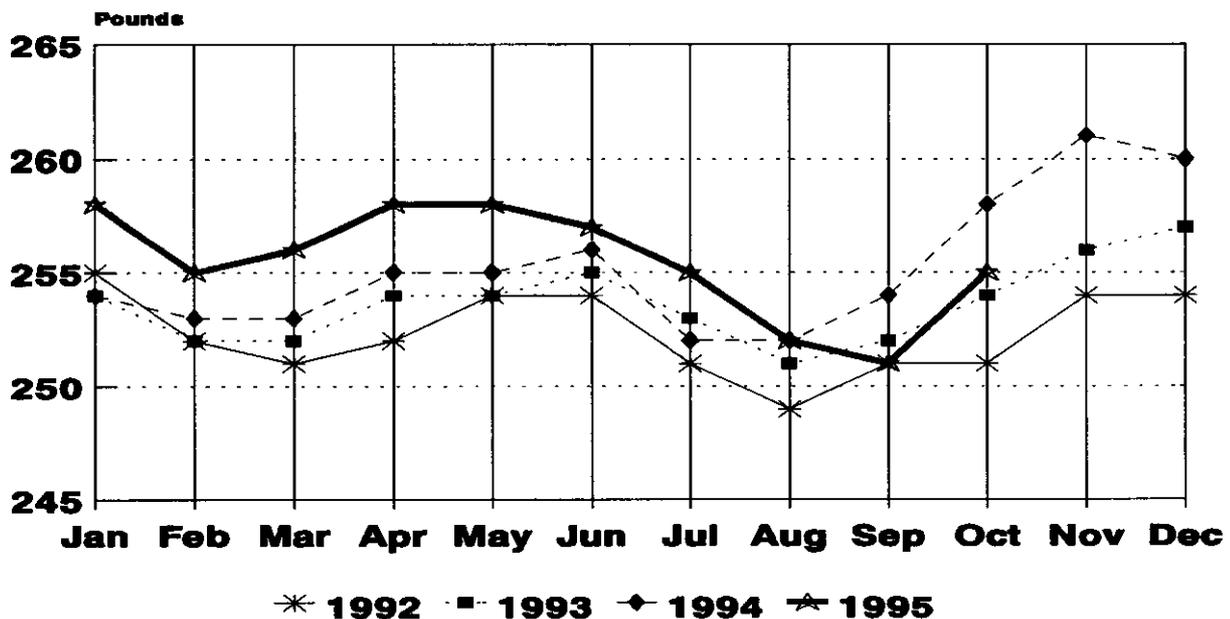
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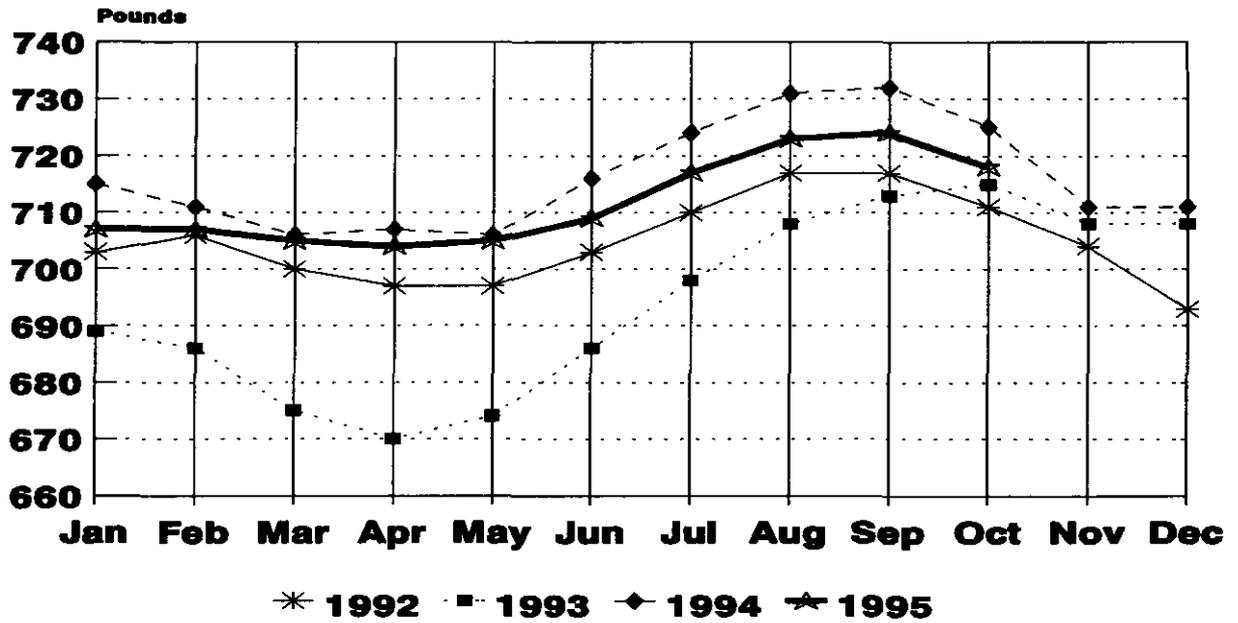
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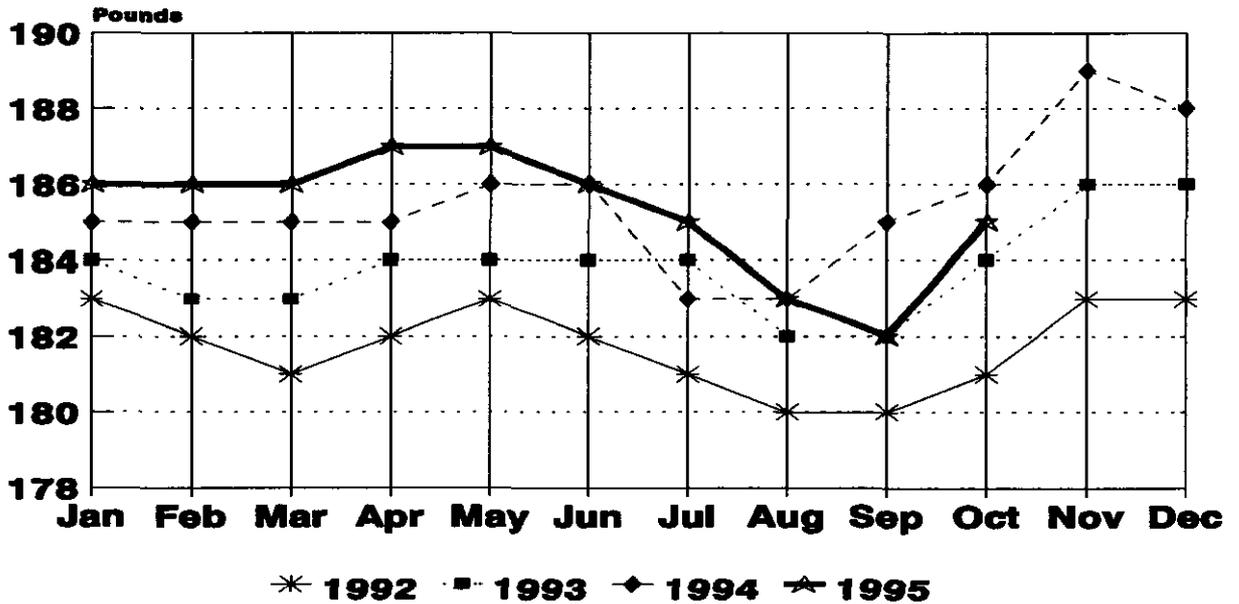
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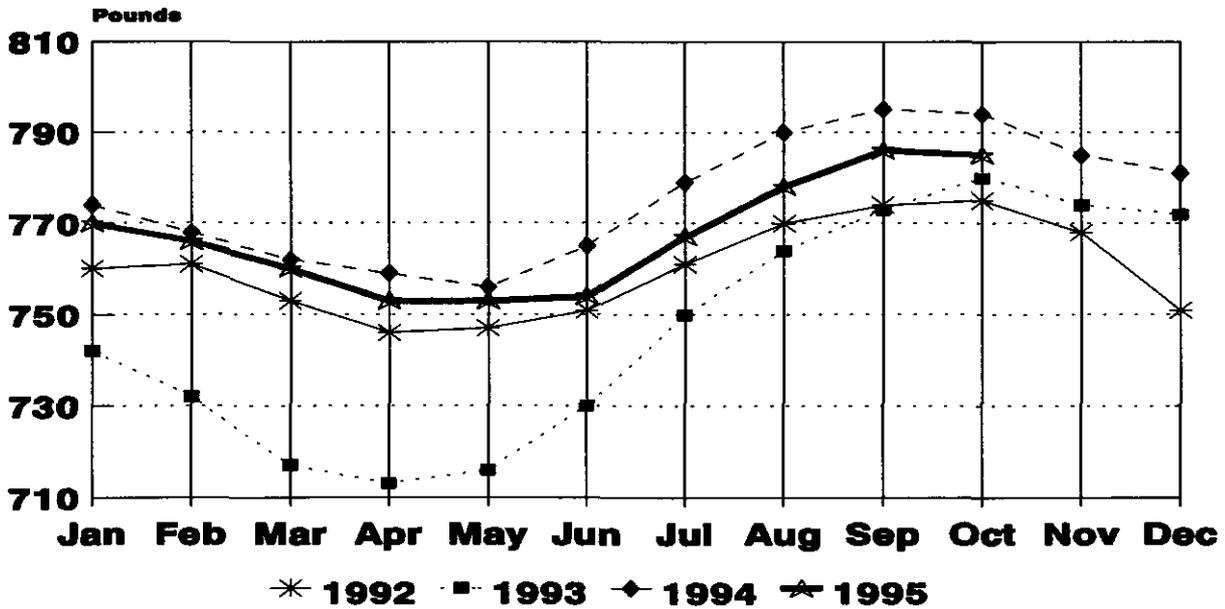
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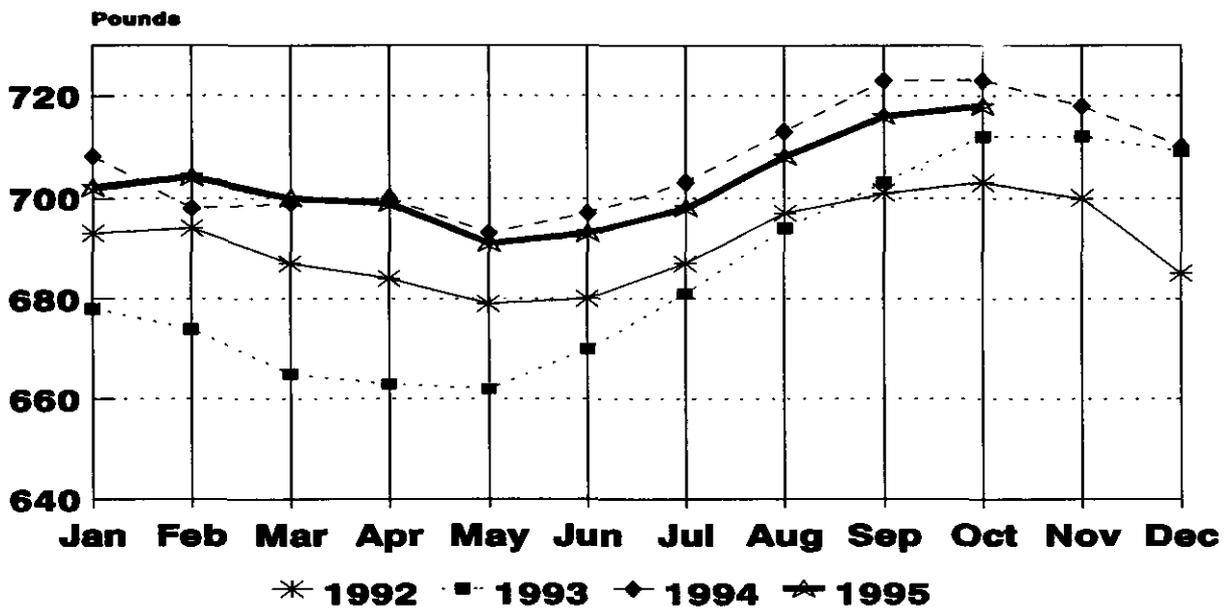
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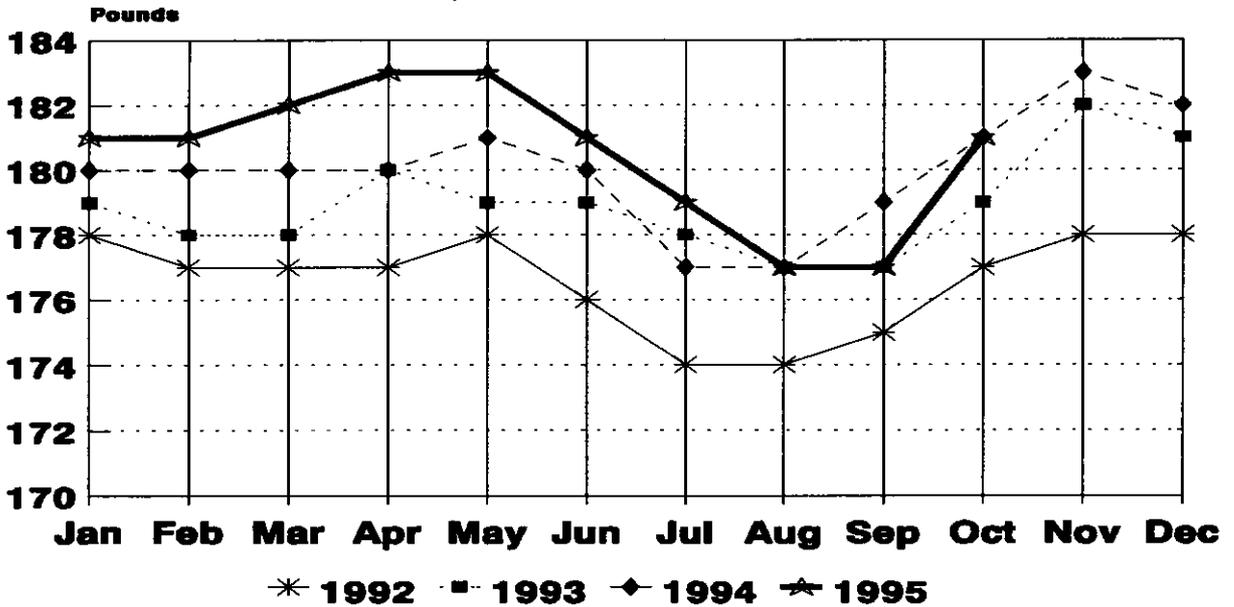
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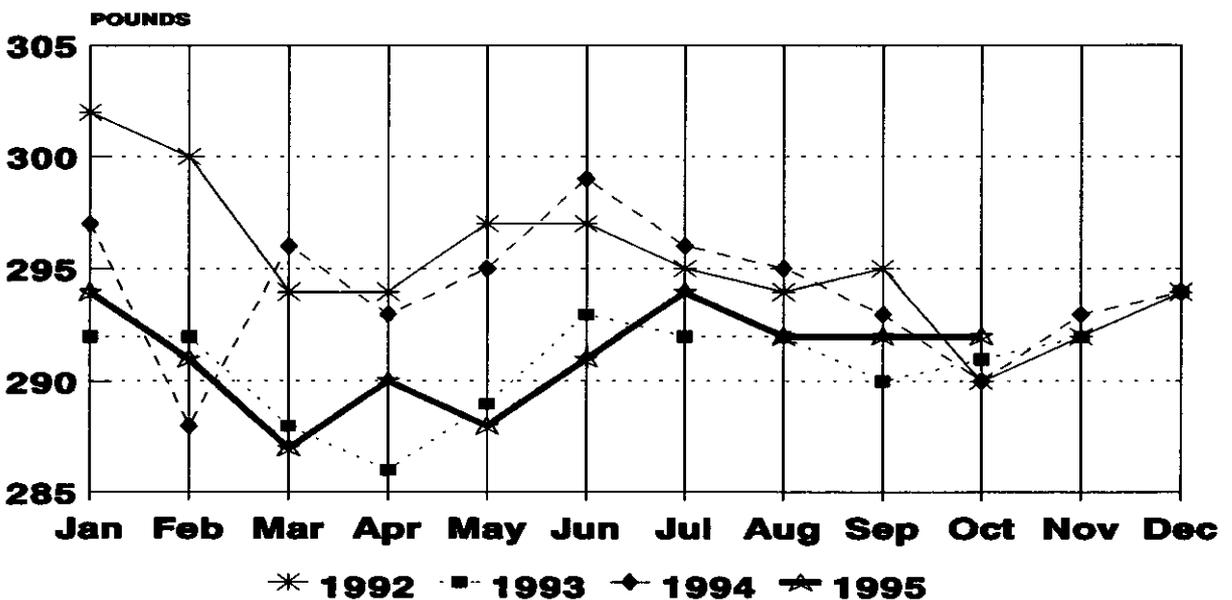
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Sows



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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