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## Red Meat Production Sets January Record

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds during January. This production was up 7 percent from last year and 5 percent above the previous record high for January set in 1992.

January 1996 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. January 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 10 percent from last year and slightly above the previous record high for January set in 1976. Head kill totaled 3.12 million, up 9 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year at 1,193 pounds.

Veal production totaled 30.0 million pounds. This production was up 11 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 143,800, up 16 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 24 pounds to 359 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.55 billion pounds was up 3 percent from a year ago and 2 percent above the previous January record set in 1992. Hog kill totaled 8.29 million head, up 2 percent above January 1995. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year of 257 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from January 1995. Slaughter totaled 363,200 head, down 6 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 126 pounds.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan 96 % of		Jan 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1995	1996	1995	1995	1995	1996	
	--- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,009	*1,992	2,211	110	111	2,009	2,211	110
Veal	27	26	30	111	116	27	30	111
Pork	1,500	*1,507	1,550	103	103	1,500	1,550	103
Lamb & Mutton	24	23	23	93	99	24	23	93
Total Red Meat	3,561	*3,548	3,814	107	107	3,561	3,814	107

\* Revised.

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan 96 % of		Jan 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1995	1996	1995	1995	1995	1996	
	--- Million Pounds ---			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,971	1,951	2,168	110	111	1,971	2,168	110
Veal	27	25	29	110	116	27	29	110
Pork	1,466	1,477	1,523	104	103	1,466	1,523	104
Lamb & Mutton	24	22	22	94	99	24	22	94
Total Red Meat	3,487	3,476	3,743	107	108	3,487	3,743	107

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			Jan 96 % of		Jan 2/		% of 95
		Jan 1995	Dec 1995	Jan 1996	Jan 1995	Dec 1995	1995	1996	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,801.6	2,741.2	3,045.6	109	111	2,801.6	3,045.6	109
Other	:Thou:	*68.6	*73.5	77.1	112	105	*68.6	77.1	112
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	*2,870.2	*2,814.8	3,122.6	109	111	*2,870.2	3,122.6	109
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,192	1,197	1,198	100	100	1,192	1,198	100
Other	:Lbs :	*1,029	*1,027	1,012	98	99	*1,029	1,012	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,189	1,193	1,193	100	100	1,189	1,193	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	*121.2	*124.8	139.9	115	112	*121.2	139.9	115
Other	:Thou:	2.6	3.6	3.9	146	108	*2.6	3.9	146
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	*123.9	*128.4	143.8	116	112	*123.9	143.8	116
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	382	354	356	93	100	382	356	93
Other	:Lbs :	*421	*410	419	100	102	*421	419	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	383	354	359	94	101	383	359	94
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,882.1	*7,881.2	8,129.0	103	103	7,882.1	8,129.0	103
Other	:Thou:	*208.6	*186.1	162.3	78	87	*208.6	162.3	78
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,090.7	8,067.2	8,291.2	102	103	*8,090.7	8,291.2	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	258	258	257	99	99	258	257	99
Other	:Lbs :	*236	*229	236	100	103	*236	236	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	*257	257	257	100	100	*257	257	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	*372.9	*358.0	351.6	94	98	*372.9	351.6	94
Other	:Thou:	*13.1	*13.4	11.5	88	86	*13.1	11.5	88
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	*386.0	*371.4	363.2	94	98	*386.0	363.2	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	128	127	127	98	100	128	127	98
Other	:Lbs :	*97	*99	97	100	97	*97	97	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	127	126	126	99	100	127	126	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	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan 96 as % of	
	1995	1995	1996	Jan 1995	Dec 1995
1,000 Pounds			Percent		
AL	3,554	3,207	3,614	102	113
AZ	21,482	*24,275	27,637	129	114
AR	7,368	6,471	6,518	88	101
CA	*86,651	*86,179	92,598	107	107
CO	164,580	162,901	179,141	109	110
DE-MD	6,892	7,003	6,838	99	98
FL	*3,757	*5,123	4,194	112	82
GA	*39,509	*37,152	38,369	97	103
HI	*1,052	1,333	1,256	119	94
ID	*43,064	*43,240	45,122	105	104
IL	*209,823	210,723	220,999	105	105
IN	*58,636	70,821	75,829	129	107
IA	*589,665	*549,630	560,385	95	102
KS	*432,789	*415,316	467,976	108	113
KY	*53,679	48,266	52,937	99	110
LA	2,328	2,133	2,272	98	107
MI	*82,827	*93,585	94,958	115	101
MN	*171,981	*170,242	179,484	104	105
MS	26,396	22,403	24,217	92	108
MO	*50,545	57,712	63,846	126	111
MT	1,678	1,398	1,895	113	136
NE	*482,747	*500,833	546,557	113	109
NV	98	89	119	121	134
N ENG 2/	3,367	*3,154	3,116	93	99
NJ	2,928	3,123	2,992	102	96
NM	1,781	*1,688	1,764	99	104
NY	8,404	8,967	9,316	111	104
NC	114,087	*143,111	148,505	130	104
ND	*10,793	10,393	12,496	116	120
OH	32,195	*28,688	30,700	95	107
OK	4,764	4,657	9,427	198	202
OR	*2,891	3,122	3,408	118	109
PA	94,433	*95,508	97,705	103	102
SC	*14,510	13,881	14,791	102	107
SD	111,345	*107,316	111,347	100	104
TN	20,723	*17,407	18,043	87	104
TX	*350,143	*339,330	390,323	111	115
UT	37,386	32,393	35,848	96	111
VA	*75,506	*71,750	73,121	97	102
WA	49,803	54,681	60,415	121	110
WV	1,707	1,979	1,737	102	88
WI	*83,137	*86,644	92,191	111	106
WY	*478	539	483	101	90
US	*3,561,482	*3,548,365	3,814,492	107	107

\* 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,  
January 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
AL	1.1	1.5	949	1,155	829	767
AZ	31.7	40.1	35,931	44,455	1,135	1,108
AR	2.6	2.9	2,404	2,521	917	879
CA	82.2	87.8	*101,194	108,714	1,231	1,238
CO	208.9	224.4	253,479	277,200	1,214	1,235
DE-MD	3.4	3.1	4,167	3,811	1,211	1,217
FL						
GA						
HI	1.1	1.4	*1,067	1,374	*1,012	980
ID						
IL						
IN	*7.1	6.8	7,528	7,031	*1,057	1,036
IA	*144.9	153.1	*179,108	184,550	1,236	1,205
KS	*570.8	611.6	*682,413	729,880	1,196	1,193
KY	5.9	6.4	*6,095	6,501	1,024	1,012
LA	2.1	2.6	1,715	2,086	817	795
MI						
MN	92.8	98.0	119,764	123,283	1,291	1,258
MS						
MO	13.9	19.9	*14,830	20,834	*1,063	1,046
MT	1.9	2.3	2,225	2,740	1,174	1,179
NE	*543.5	602.2	*669,487	749,008	1,232	1,244
NV	.1	.2	98	159	1,126	1,044
N ENG 2/	3.0	3.1	*3,227	3,326	*1,063	1,080
NJ	1.8	2.0	2,052	2,309	1,134	1,132
NM	3.4	3.0	3,034	2,764	891	925
NY	5.8	7.3	6,105	7,742	1,061	1,064
NC	13.2	15.9	13,262	15,821	1,008	995
ND						
OH	14.0	13.2	15,965	14,696	1,143	1,113
OK	3.9	4.6	3,891	4,539	1,003	989
OR	*1.5	1.5	*1,807	1,925	1,238	1,310
PA	86.0	87.5	106,790	107,576	1,242	1,230
SC						
SD	21.4	23.5	24,185	29,577	1,129	1,259
TN						
TX	505.4	561.0	*558,064	623,969	1,104	1,112
UT						
VA	*2.3	1.9	2,082	1,688	*898	874
WA	67.0	81.2	82,076	100,442	1,224	1,237
WV	1.5	1.7	1,506	1,518	1,007	876
WI	*117.3	130.6	*142,562	160,374	1,215	1,228
WY	.5	.6	613	703	1,143	1,091
US 3/	*2,870.2	3,122.6	*3,411,649	3,725,363	1,189	1,193

\* Revised.

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,  
January 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	15.8	21.2	*6,305	7,729	400	365
CO						
DE-MD	.4	1.6	184	684	413	426
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.4	11.7	4,348	4,753	418	407
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.5	2.5	1,264	1,135	516	458
MI	7.5	6.2	1,866	1,330	248	215
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	69	85	375	390
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	6.6	6.6	1,973	1,525	297	231
NJ	3.0	3.4	1,316	1,382	446	411
NM						
NY	20.4	22.8	7,819	7,903	384	347
NC	.1	.1	50	40	375	357
ND						
OH	5.9	4.2	2,807	2,163	473	512
OK	.1	.1	56	57	433	432
OR						
PA	12.0	15.9	4,803	6,551	401	413
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	*4.5	2.5	1,151	1,275	254	519
UT						
VA						
WA	2.2	3.3	989	1,287	442	385
WV						
WI	15.5	16.9	6,323	6,969	407	412
WY						
US 3/	*123.9	143.8	*47,464	51,579	383	359

\* Revised.

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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,  
January 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	---- 1,000 Head ----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		---- Pounds ----	
AL	11.2	10.6	4,502	4,488	401	423
AZ	1.0	1.0	258	231	264	242
AR	23.8	20.2	9,435	8,159	396	405
CA	*169.4	177.0	*38,177	38,817	225	219
CO	4.8	4.3	1,180	1,086	247	250
DE-MD	24.8	23.7	5,950	5,666	240	239
FL	7.8	10.4	1,661	2,242	212	215
GA						
HI	3.3	3.4	609	670	185	196
ID						
IL	772.4	788.9	*201,850	206,384	*261	262
IN	*283.4	376.0	*70,418	93,980	248	250
IA	2,546.1	2,372.9	657,291	611,671	258	258
KS						
KY	268.5	259.6	68,385	66,780	255	257
LA	4.7	3.7	1,063	838	228	226
MI						
MN	579.5	610.5	*148,196	152,237	256	249
MS						
MO						
MT	2.8	2.3	693	543	246	240
NE	*471.1	531.1	*117,991	132,783	250	250
NV	.2	.1	48	27	242	210
N ENG 2/	3.2	2.7	759	669	239	244
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	42	38	216	213
NY	4.9	4.7	1,076	922	219	197
NC	606.1	762.2	153,229	192,990	253	253
ND	7.5	7.8	*1,722	2,000	*229	255
OH	120.2	116.6	30,880	30,016	257	257
OK	13.4	34.4	4,795	10,930	357	318
OR	11.6	14.7	2,784	3,635	239	248
PA	189.5	194.8	48,122	50,185	254	258
SC						
SD	528.3	506.3	135,688	131,577	257	260
TN						
TX	30.5	29.9	*10,594	10,074	*347	337
UT						
VA	398.9	380.7	*99,328	96,092	*249	252
WA						
WV	1.5	1.4	555	522	*366	371
WI	30.8	28.6	*12,148	11,311	394	396
WY	.6	.4	*158	102	253	263
US 3/	*8,090.7	8,291.2	*2,080,623	2,130,153	*257	257

\* Revised.

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,  
January 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA						
CO	126.0	136.8	17,213	17,325	137	127
DE-MD						
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.3	41	33	104	109
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	*27	19	*135	114
KY	.7	.7	85	90	117	125
LA	.2	.2	14	15	78	89
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.2	24	21	118	115
NE	.2	.1	*18	13	105	106
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.2	2.1	227	246	*103	118
NJ	12.0	10.7	1,085	962	90	90
NM	3.8	3.7	410	442	107	120
NY	3.1	2.2	354	227	114	102
NC	.2	.2	15	16	81	86
ND	.1	.1	13	15	*119	120
OH	.8	1.0	90	117	113	113
OK	.1	.1	10	13	108	109
OR	.4	.4	50	43	115	116
PA	5.4	4.7	541	450	101	97
SC						
SD	20.0	19.5	2,599	2,613	130	134
TN						
TX						
UT	3.6	2.7	403	299	113	110
VA	*1.9	2.0	*198	213	107	106
WA						
WV						
WI	*.6	.7	*74	78	*114	116
WY	.1	.1	*15	10	124	124
US 3/	*386.0	363.2	*49,033	45,627	127	126

\* Revised.

- 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	1995		1996		Jan 1/ 1995		Jan 1/ 1996		Jan 1/ 1996	
	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan	Jan	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan
	----- 1,000 Head -----				----- Percent of Total -----					
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	1,400	1,372	1,509	1,400	1,509	50.0	50.0	49.5	50.0	49.5
Heifers	800	771	894	800	894	28.6	28.1	29.4	28.6	29.4
Dairy Cows	277	248	272	277	272	9.9	9.0	8.9	9.9	8.9
Other Cows	273	303	319	273	319	9.7	11.0	10.5	9.7	10.5
Bulls & Stags	51	47	52	51	52	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total 1/	2,802	2,741	3,046	2,802	3,046	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,483	7,533	7,766	7,483	7,766	94.9	95.6	95.5	94.9	95.5
Sows	324	288	305	324	305	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.8
Stags & Boars	75	60	58	75	58	.9	.8	.7	.9	.7
Total 1/	7,882	7,881	8,129	7,882	8,129	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	21	22	21	21	21	5.7	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0
Lambs & Yrlings	352	336	331	352	331	94.3	93.8	94.0	94.3	94.0
Total 1/	373	358	352	373	352	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	707	715	716	707	716					
Steers 4/	770	784	779	770	779					
Heifers 4/	702	721	718	702	718					
All Cows 4/	537	528	536	537	536					
Bulls & Stags 4/	850	840	851	850	851					
Calves & Vealers	224	208	214	224	214					
Hogs	186	188	188	186	188					
Barrow Gilts 5/	181	183	184	181	184					
Sows 5/	294	294	293	294	293					
Stags & Boars 5/	220	226	216	220	216					
Sheep	64	63	63	64	63					
Mature Sheep 6/	59	57	59	59	59					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	64	63	63	64	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,  
January 1996

Standard :		Cattle						Calves
Federal :								
Regions	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total	
1/	2/						2/	
1,000 Head								
1	2.8	.4	.3	1.7	.1	.3	3/	
2	9.1	1.5	.5	6.2	.2	.7	32.7	
3	90.8	36.8	7.3	33.9	11.0	1.8	3/	
4	71.6	2.0	3.5	24.7	34.6	6.7	23.9	
5	354.7	143.1	57.9	98.0	45.7	10.1	3/	
6	561.8	302.3	159.2	13.1	74.4	12.8	3/	
7	1,374.2	743.8	516.2	30.2	74.9	9.1	54.6	
8	309.0	145.7	99.9	6.6	51.6	5.2		
9	4/						3/	
10	271.6	132.9	49.6	57.3	26.4	5.4	28.7	
US 2/	3,045.6	1,508.5	894.3	271.8	319.0	52.0	139.9	
		Hogs			Sheep			
Total	Barrows	Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &			
2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings		
1,000 Head								
1	6/			1.9	1.1	.9		
2	6/			12.6	3.1	9.5		
3	609.9	596.4	13.3	.2	5/			
4	1,330.5	1,250.1	79.0	1.3	5/			
5	6/			53.3	5.9	47.4		
6	2,257.4	2,118.4	117.3	21.7	5/			
7	6/			66.3	6.8	59.4		
8	3,730.1	3,600.9	94.6	34.6	5/			
9	6/			5/				
10	201.1	200.3	.7	.1	217.5	4.2	213.3	
US 2/	8,129.0	7,766.1	304.9	57.9	351.6	21.1	330.6	

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 State and United States,  
January 1996 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	39.6	38.2	1.3				
AR	2.2	.4	.2	.1	1.3	.1	
CA	87.4	25.8	5.3	43.9	9.3	3.0	21.1
CO	223.7	116.7	84.7	.6	21.4	.3	
DE-MD	3.1	2.3	.5	.2		.1	1.6
FL							
GA							
HI	1.4	.3	.2	.2	.6	.1	
ID							
IL							11.5
IN							
IA	151.3	67.7	49.8	24.3	6.0	3.5	
KS	606.5	366.3	238.2	.3	1.5	.2	
KY	4.9	.9	3.0	.5	.4	.1	
LA							
MI							6.1
MN	93.4	30.8	17.8	16.4	24.7	3.8	
MS							
MO	16.6	1.3	.7	2.1	11.7	.7	
MT	1.7	.8	.3	.2	.3	.1	
NE	599.8	308.5	227.4	3.5	55.7	4.7	
NV	.2	.1					
N ENG	2.8	.4	.3	1.7	.1	.3	6.6
NJ	2.0	.7	.1	.8	.1	.2	
NM	2.6	.4	.2	1.2	.7	.1	
NY	7.0	.8	.4	5.4		.4	22.8
NC	14.6	.2	.1	8.0	4.2	2.2	
ND							
OH	3.7	.4	.3	2.0	.4	.5	4.1
OK	1.2	.1	.1	.4	.5	.1	
OR	1.2	.7	.1	.1	.1	.1	
PA	86.9	34.4	6.7	33.4	10.7	1.7	15.8
SC							
SD	21.4	.1	.1	1.5	17.5	2.1	
TN							
TX	555.4	301.4	158.7	11.3	71.7	12.4	1.9
UT							
VA							
WA	81.1	39.3	28.5	6.7	6.1	.5	3.3
WV	.1						
WI	125.3	40.7	8.2	59.3	13.2	3.9	16.9
WY							
US 3/	3,045.6	1,508.5	894.3	271.8	319.0	52.0	139.9

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,  
January 1996 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.8	.2	7.3	1.3			
AZ							
AR	19.5	9.0	10.5				
CA	170.0	169.7	.2				
CO	3.7	3.6	.2		136.7	.1	136.6
DE-MD	23.6	23.3	.2	.1			
FL							
GA							
HI	3.4	3.4					
ID					.1		.1
IL	758.4	682.6	57.1	18.7			
IN	370.7	370.6	.2				
IA	2,369.6	2,294.7	40.3	34.6			
KS							
KY	258.5	249.6	8.9		.7	.5	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	606.0	606.0					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.8	1.8	.1		.1		.1
NE	529.3	529.3					
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.3	2.2			1.9	1.1	.9
NJ					10.4	2.4	8.0
NM					3.2	2.6	.7
NY	4.3	4.2	.1		2.2	.7	1.5
NC	742.7	736.0	6.7				
ND	7.5	7.4					
OH	102.8	93.4	9.4		.2		.2
OK	32.3	25.7	6.6				
OR	14.5	14.2	.2	.1	.2		.2
PA	194.3	193.0	1.3		4.6	.5	4.1
SC							
SD	504.8	458.0	46.7		19.4		19.4
TN							
TX	14.4	7.4	6.8	.2			
UT					2.4	2.2	.2
VA	379.4	368.1	11.3		1.9	.1	1.7
WA							
WV							
WI	22.1	.4	21.5	.1			
WY							
US 3/	8,129.0	7,766.1	304.9	57.9	351.6	21.1	330.6

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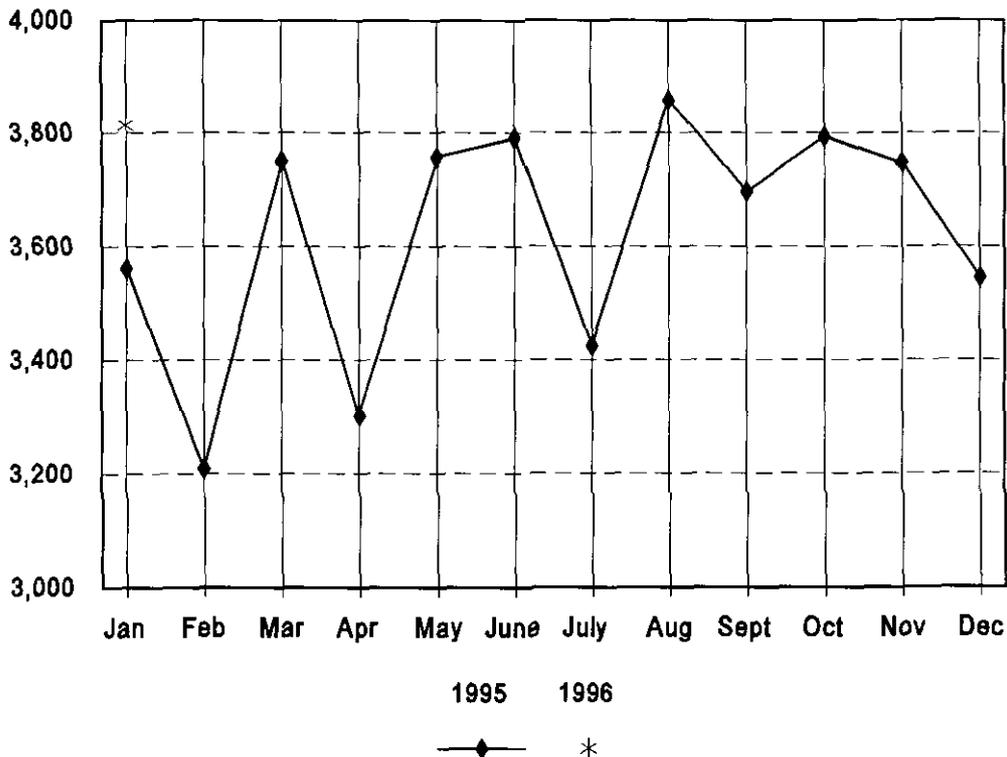
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan - Jan	
	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent				
Cattle	*97.6	*97.4	97.5	*97.6	97.5
Calves	*97.9	97.2	97.3	*97.9	97.3
Hogs	97.4	*97.7	98.0	97.4	98.0
Sheep	96.6	*96.4	96.8	96.6	96.8

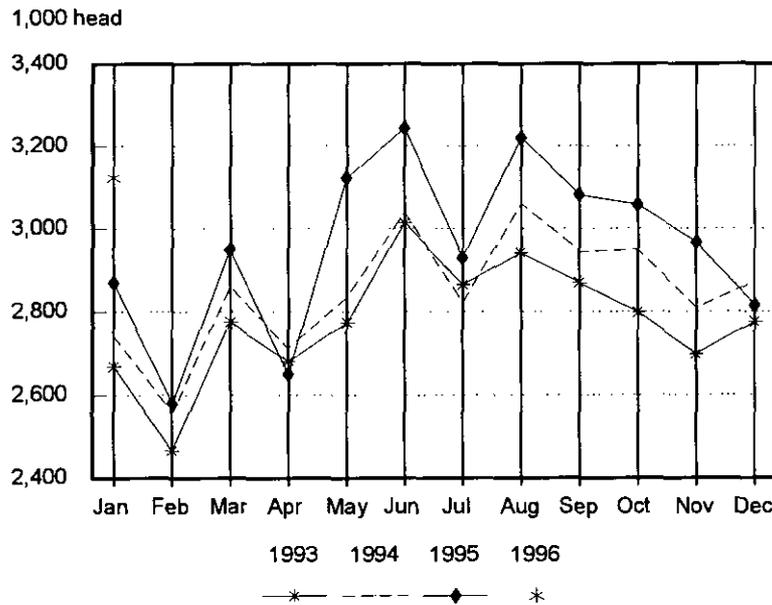
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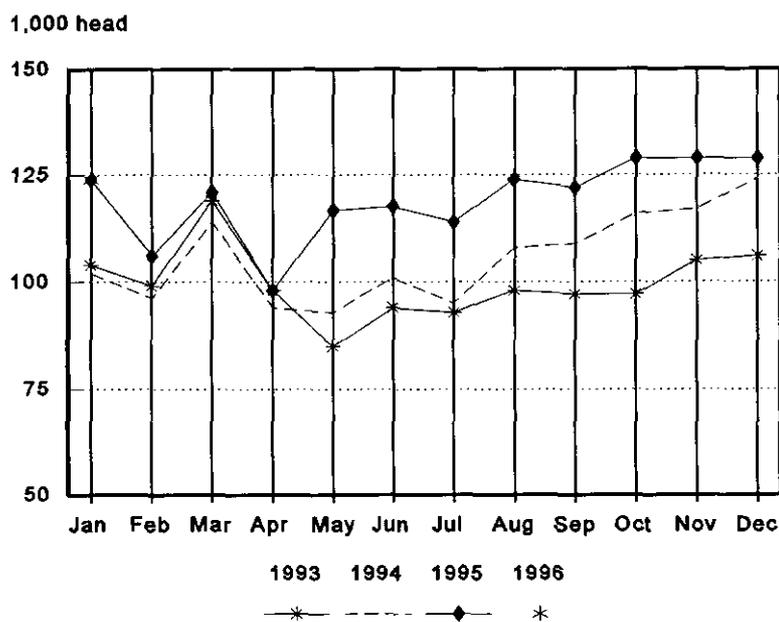
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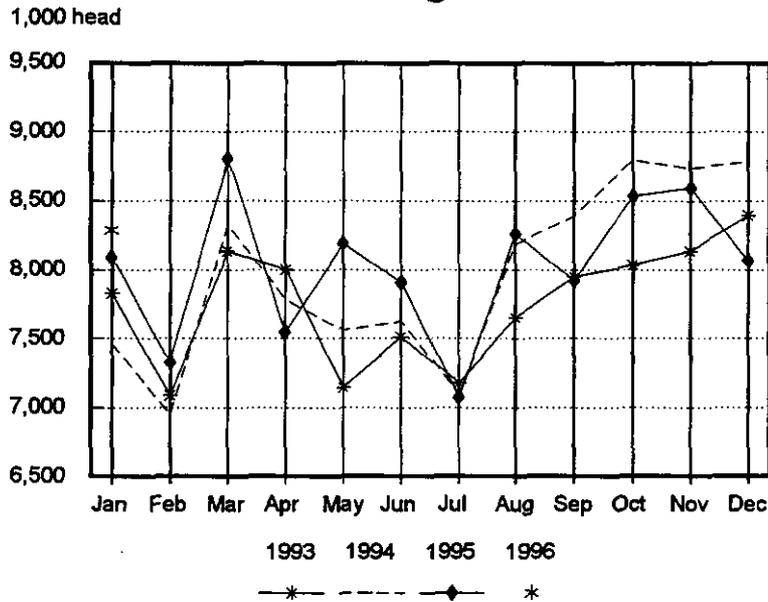
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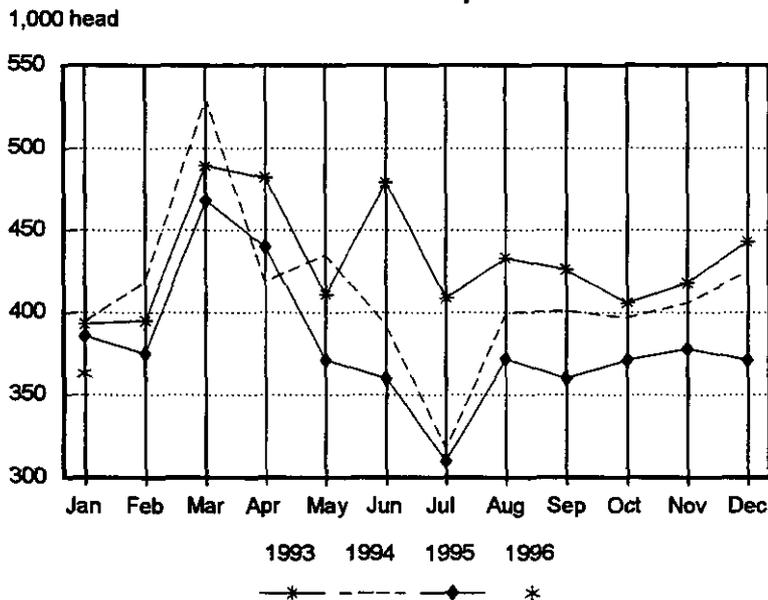
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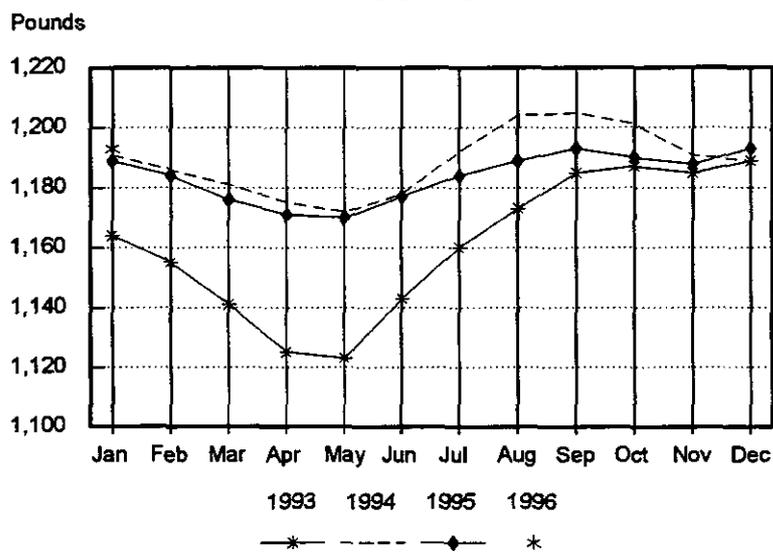
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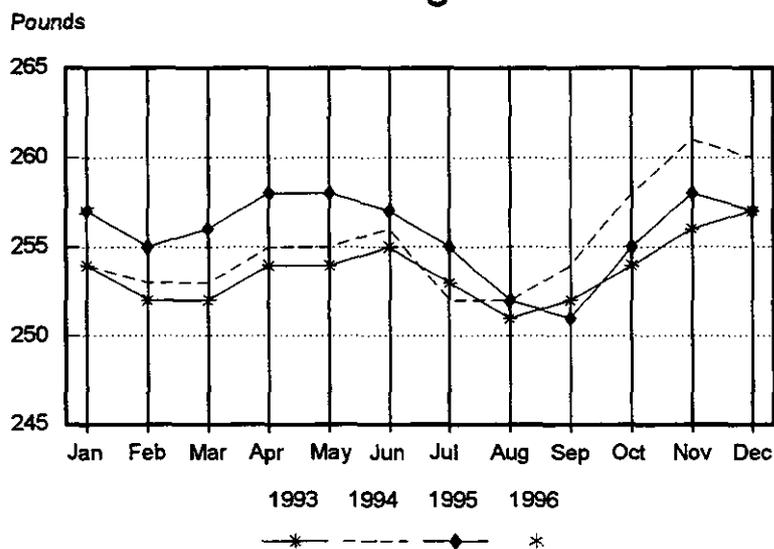
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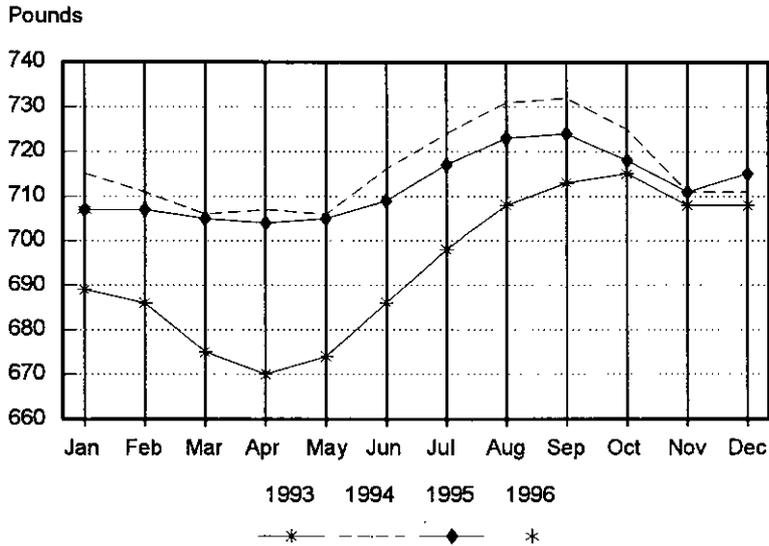
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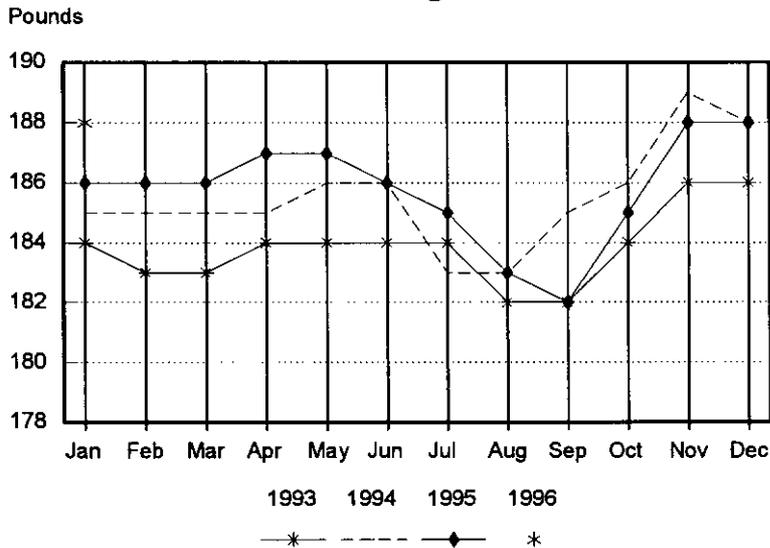
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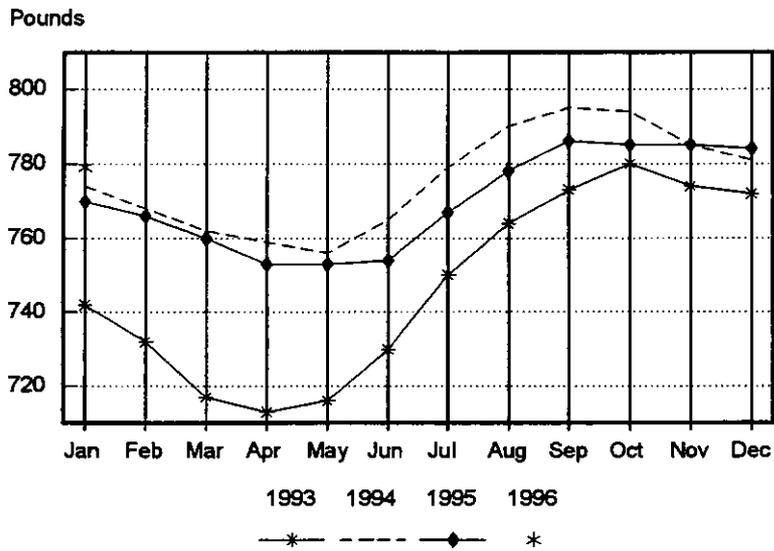
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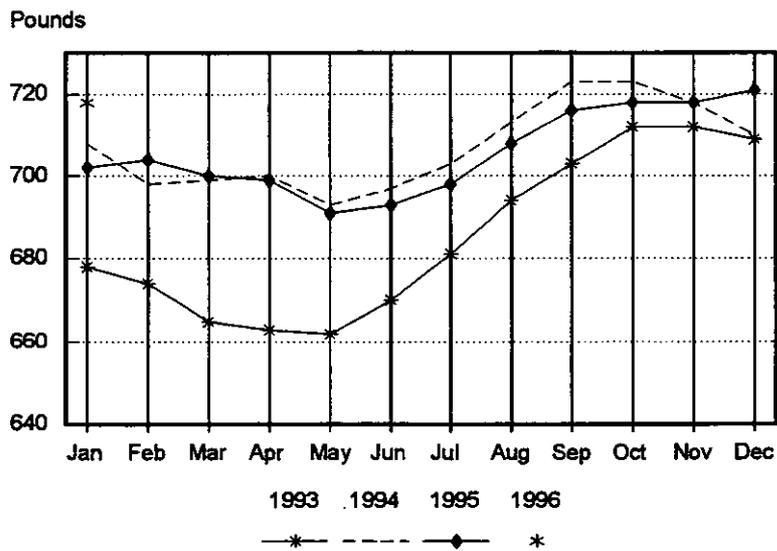
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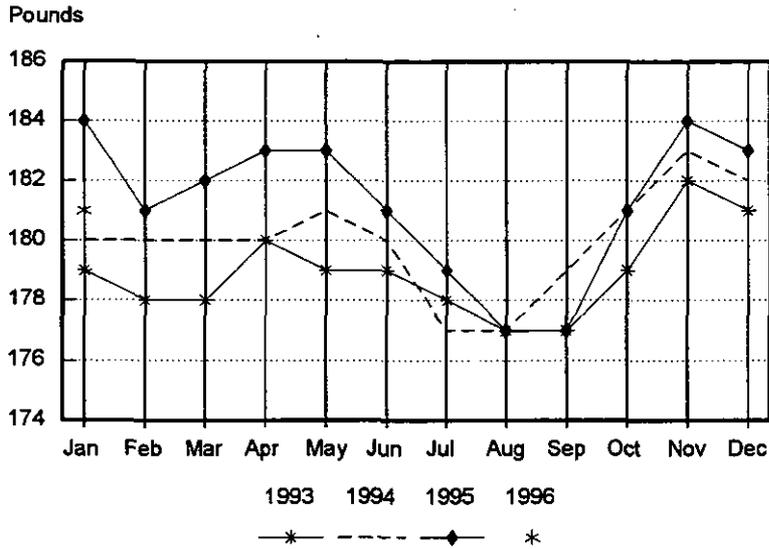
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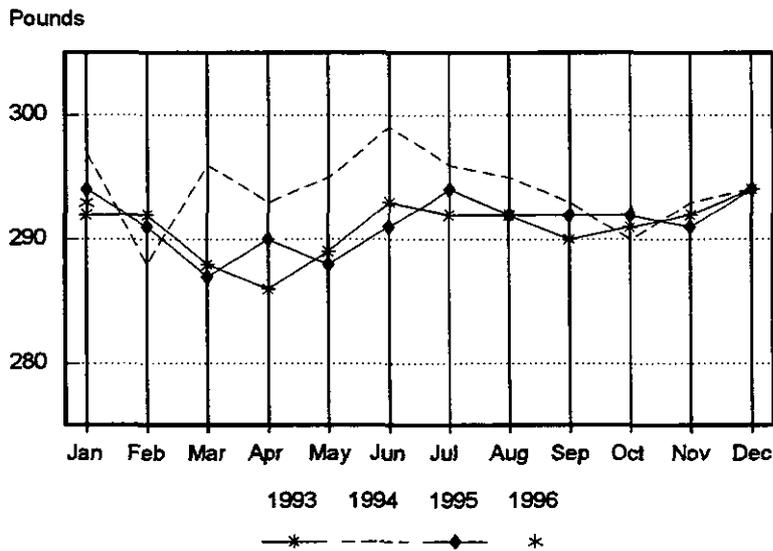
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## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected 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 2,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 21). 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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