

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Down

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.51 billion pounds during March. This production was down 7 percent below the previous year.

March 1996 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays. March 1995 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Head kill totaled 2.90 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from previous year at 1,175 pounds.

Veal production totaled 30.0 million pounds. This production was up 12 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 145,100, up 20 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 26 pounds to 360 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.42 billion pounds was down 13 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.70 million head, 13 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 254 pounds

Lamb and mutton production, at 27.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from March 1995. Slaughter totaled 414,200 head, down 12 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 3 pounds at 133 pounds.

January - March red meat production was 10.9 million pounds, up 3 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent, veal was up 16 percent, pork was down 2 percent and lamb and mutton was down 6 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Mar 96 % of			: Jan - Mar 2/				
	: Mar : : 1995	: Feb : : 1996	: Mar : : 1996	: Mar : : 1995	: Feb : : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % : of 95
	:--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	:2,067	2,048	2,034	98	99	5,888	6,301	107
Veal	: 27	30	30	112	101	78	91	116
Pork	:1,634	1,417	1,421	87	100	4,488	4,389	98
Lamb & Mutton	: 30	24	27	91	115	78	74	94
Total Red Meat	:3,758	3,519	3,513	93	100	10,532	10,855	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	: Mar 96 % of			: Jan - Mar 2/				
	: Mar : : 1995	: Feb : : 1996	: Mar : : 1996	: Mar : : 1995	: Feb : : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % : of 95
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 2,033	2,009	1,996	98	99	5,783	6,182	107
Veal	: 26	29	29	112	101	76	88	116
Pork	: 1,605	1,391	1,396	87	100	4,397	4,311	98
Lamb & Mutton	: 30	23	27	91	115	76	72	94
Total Red Meat	: 3,693	3,453	3,449	93	100	10,332	10,653	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	: Mar 96 % of :			Jan - Mar 2/			: 96 % : of 95	
		1995	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,900.5	2,855.4	2,833.7	98	99	8,232.5	8,752.0	106
Other	:Thou:	60.2	70.8	68.3	113	97	185.3	216.1	117
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,960.7	2,926.2	2,902.0	98	99	8,417.7	8,968.2	107
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,180	1,181	1,180	100	99	1,187	1,186	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,031	1,006	1,007	98	100	1,033	1,009	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,177	1,177	1,175	100	100	1,183	1,182	100
Calves No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	118.0	138.8	141.4	120	102	342.9	420.1	123
Other	:Thou:	2.4	3.7	3.7	151	100	7.6	11.3	149
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	120.4	142.5	145.1	120	102	350.5	431.4	123
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	386	352	359	93	101	383	356	92
Other	:Lbs :	412	415	405	98	98	411	413	101
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	386	355	360	93	101	384	358	93
Hogs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,628.0	7,506.2	7,548.3	87	101	23,667.1	23,183.5	98
Other	:Thou:	179.1	155.1	150.2	84	97	557.1	467.5	84
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,807.0	7,661.2	7,698.5	87	100	24,224.2	23,651.0	98
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	257	254	255	99	100	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	231	234	235	102	100	234	235	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	256	254	254	99	100	256	255	100
Sheep&Lambs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	455.7	353.2	402.8	88	114	1,191.5	1,107.7	93
Other	:Thou:	12.4	10.4	11.4	92	110	37.9	33.2	88
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	468.1	363.5	414.2	88	114	1,229.4	1,140.9	93
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	131	129	134	102	103	129	130	100
Other	:Lbs :	100	100	100	100	100	99	99	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	130	128	133	102	104	128	129	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			Mar 96 as % of	
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996	Mar 1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
AL	9,874	10,328	11,227	114	109
AZ	24,002	27,903	27,418	114	98
AR	6,908	6,944	5,781	84	83
CA	89,749	84,169	84,878	95	101
CO	170,130	167,004	163,096	96	98
DE-MD	6,700	6,550	7,004	105	107
FL	4,000	3,689	3,994	100	108
GA	43,144	34,500	34,674	80	101
HI	1,147	1,299	1,301	113	100
ID	41,719	40,192	39,724	95	99
IL	238,361	205,497	204,138	86	99
IN	62,964	72,214	65,277	104	90
IA	641,537	511,254	508,995	79	100
KS	430,303	428,624	415,658	97	97
KY	58,188	44,131	45,752	79	104
LA	2,548	2,342	2,247	88	96
MI	89,342	84,488	88,883	99	105
MN	186,978	172,297	166,989	89	97
MS	29,849	21,814	22,809	76	105
MO	55,453	58,977	59,806	108	101
MT	1,330	1,664	1,088	82	65
NE	483,004	498,882	499,571	103	100
NV	88	95	100	113	106
N ENG 2/	2,915	*2,562	2,517	86	98
NJ	2,965	2,804	3,142	106	112
NM	1,796	1,725	1,869	104	108
NY	9,029	8,512	8,883	98	104
NC	119,772	132,879	137,189	115	103
ND	8,789	10,759	9,566	109	89
OH	30,693	29,206	27,270	89	93
OK	4,808	13,733	14,389	299	105
OR	2,926	3,082	3,098	106	101
PA	100,557	93,007	89,728	89	96
SC	15,280	13,165	13,435	88	102
SD	120,654	106,989	102,407	85	96
TN	18,737	15,733	15,876	85	101
TX	376,867	358,768	381,430	101	106
UT	37,845	34,186	32,152	85	94
VA	84,718	60,270	65,899	78	109
WA	53,369	56,778	55,506	104	98
WV	1,208	1,534	1,393	115	91
WI	86,963	87,709	86,294	99	98
WY	400	418	323	81	77
US	3,757,611	*3,518,679	3,512,773	93	100

* 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,
March 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	11.3	17.9	13,848	18,329	1,220	1,024
AZ	34.7	40.4	40,164	44,320	1,158	1,096
AR	2.3	2.7	2,180	2,286	966	841
CA	81.6	77.8	98,422	94,900	1,207	1,220
CO	210.1	201.7	257,498	245,518	1,225	1,217
DE-MD	3.4	3.2	4,368	3,913	1,288	1,220
FL						
GA						
HI	1.2	1.4	1,187	1,459	1,015	1,026
ID						
IL	92.9	90.6	109,905	107,413	1,183	1,185
IN	6.0	5.2	6,177	5,333	1,036	1,026
IA	152.0	128.7	184,928	154,266	1,217	1,199
KS	581.5	555.0	675,838	648,481	1,162	1,168
KY	6.0	5.9	6,384	6,109	1,058	1,034
LA	3.0	2.6	2,490	2,019	827	774
MI						
MN	94.1	88.4	122,270	112,217	1,300	1,269
MS						
MO	12.7	17.4	13,905	20,226	1,092	1,160
MT	1.5	1.2	1,768	1,449	1,188	1,216
NE	542.2	560.2	658,286	682,796	1,214	1,219
NV	.1	.1	105	134	1,035	1,119
N ENG 2/	2.8	2.5	3,085	2,758	1,090	1,108
NJ	1.9	1.8	2,222	2,177	1,142	1,201
NM	3.4	3.0	3,088	2,881	912	956
NY	6.2	6.0	6,719	6,421	1,087	1,066
NC	13.3	14.8	13,541	14,829	1,019	1,001
ND						
OH	11.0	11.5	12,390	12,815	1,128	1,119
OK	3.7	3.9	3,651	3,771	986	959
OR	1.6	1.4	1,962	2,027	1,262	1,404
PA	89.9	79.2	112,474	96,940	1,252	1,223
SC						
SD	19.9	20.5	22,826	26,359	1,148	1,286
TN						
TX	550.7	554.7	597,169	607,401	1,084	1,095
UT						
VA	2.0	2.0	2,016	2,058	1,001	1,021
WA	73.1	75.8	88,908	91,129	1,216	1,202
WV	1.0	1.1	1,021	1,027	984	899
WI	118.0	118.2	146,229	144,102	1,239	1,219
WY	.4	.4	489	442	1,105	1,083
US 3/	2,960.7	2,902.0	3,483,683	3,410,697	1,177	1,175

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,
March 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	14.0	23.9	5,278	8,693	377	364
CO						
DE-MD	.5	1.3	230	557	447	429
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.5	10.7	4,406	4,349	422	408
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.5	2.2	698	1,002	472	447
MI	6.2	7.0	1,449	1,372	233	197
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	66	73	390	371
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.8	6.4	1,496	1,148	257	179
NJ	3.2	2.7	1,427	1,107	444	404
NM						
NY	21.6	23.6	8,382	8,737	388	370
NC	.1	.1	41	47	390	320
ND						
OH	6.4	4.2	3,280	2,115	513	502
OK	.1	.1	45	69	468	479
OR						
PA	13.1	15.8	5,300	6,413	403	406
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.1	4.4	1,073	1,871	348	422
UT						
VA						
WA	2.3	4.0	921	1,524	395	383
WV						
WI	16.3	15.5	6,498	6,393	399	411
WY						
US 3/	120.4	145.1	46,518	52,211	386	360

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 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	10.7	9.5	4,495	3,876	418	407
AZ	1.1	.9	274	225	251	243
AR	22.7	16.7	9,337	6,857	412	410
CA	176.2	165.7	41,390	36,046	235	217
CO	4.0	3.5	994	850	249	243
DE-MD	23.7	25.0	5,586	5,849	236	234
FL	10.0	11.1	1,792	2,452	179	220
GA						
HI	3.3	3.5	662	671	202	194
ID						
IL	883.6	711.5	229,771	185,023	260	260
IN	310.0	325.8	76,432	80,285	247	246
IA	2,813.5	2,243.4	725,602	567,062	258	253
KS						
KY	289.3	226.6	73,267	57,806	253	255
LA	4.9	4.1	1,099	923	224	227
MI						
MN	653.9	579.9	162,012	142,701	248	246
MS						
MO						
MT	2.2	1.7	535	416	247	244
NE	488.7	469.1	121,675	115,976	249	247
NV	.2	.1	32	24	192	203
N ENG 2/	2.7	2.1	595	459	221	218
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	44	38	*211	216
NY	5.0	3.9	1,092	713	220	183
NC	619.9	706.4	158,349	179,023	255	253
ND	5.5	6.4	1,412	1,524	258	238
OH	121.6	103.7	31,172	26,646	256	257
OK	14.5	66.1	5,203	17,356	358	263
OR	11.1	12.2	2,641	2,958	238	242
PA	199.2	185.9	49,254	44,972	247	242
SC						
SD	590.6	463.1	148,805	120,864	252	261
TN						
TX	31.4	30.0	11,059	9,883	352	330
UT						
VA	441.2	344.6	111,415	86,682	253	252
WA						
WV	1.1	1.1	426	381	371	353
WI	32.3	30.1	13,127	12,370	407	411
WY	.6	.3	146	84	248	248
US 3/	8,807.0	7,698.5	2,254,631	1,956,840	256	254

* 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,
March 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	156.1	157.1	21,353	22,460	137	143
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	8	5	128	77
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.3	44	32	104	106
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	20	21	122	126
KY	.9	.9	113	111	126	124
LA	.4	.5	51	46	119	100
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.1	16	11	109	118
NE	.1	.1	14	14	106	103
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.2	2.7	234	329	106	123
NJ	12.1	10.7	1,069	953	88	89
NM	4.0	4.0	436	489	110	123
NY	3.2	5.7	329	560	104	98
NC	.2	.2	18	20	100	94
ND	.1	.1	5	10	106	116
OH	.8	1.1	88	117	104	108
OK	.1	.1	11	17	127	127
OR	.4	.3	42	35	115	115
PA	6.7	6.9	672	698	100	102
SC						
SD	24.0	20.4	3,217	2,783	134	136
TN						
TX						
UT	3.4	3.1	362	337	108	108
VA	1.7	1.5	185	152	110	102
WA						
WV						
WI	.5	.5	60	63	116	116
WY	.1	.1	16	11	137	130
US 3/	468.1	414.2	60,760	54,993	130	133

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

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

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	: 1,000 Head			: Percent of Total						
	: Mar : :1995	: Feb : :1996	: Mar : :1996	: Jan - Mar 1/ : 1995	: Jan - Mar 1/ : 1996	: Mar : :1996	: Feb : :1996	: Mar : :1996	: Jan - Mar 1/ : 1995	: Jan - Mar 1/ : 1996
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,467	1,393	1,400	4,125	4,302	50.6	48.8	49.4	50.1	49.2
Heifers	: 847	856	858	2,389	2,608	29.2	30.0	30.3	29.0	29.8
Dairy Cows	: 262	263	243	782	782	9.0	9.2	8.6	9.5	8.9
Other Cows	: 265	291	280	775	902	9.1	10.2	9.9	9.4	10.3
Bulls & Stags	: 58	51	53	161	157	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.8
Total 1/	:2,900	2,855	2,834	8,232	8,752	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:8,220	7,157	7,193	22,508	22,115	95.3	95.3	95.3	95.1	95.4
Sows	: 320	292	297	924	894	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Stags & Boars	: 88	58	59	235	174	1.0	.8	.8	1.0	.8
Total 1/	:8,628	7,506	7,548	23,667	23,183	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 24	20	22	64	63	5.2	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.7
Lambs & Yrlings	: 432	333	381	1,127	1,044	94.8	94.2	94.6	94.6	94.3
Total 1/	: 456	353	403	1,192	1,108	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
Cattle 4/	: 704	707	708	706	710					
Steers 4/	: 760	770	767	766	772					
Heifers 4/	: 700	709	712	702	713					
All Cows 4/	: 537	533	532	538	533					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 870	841	847	858	847					
Calves & Vealers	: 227	212	212	225	213					
Hogs	: 186	186	185	186	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 182	181	181	181	182					
Sows 5/	: 288	289	290	291	291					
Stags & Boars5/	: 214	224	224	216	221					
Sheep	: 65	66	67	64	65					
Mature Sheep6/	: 57	57	60	58	59					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 65	67	67	65	66					

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,
March 1996

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves																	
Federal :																								
Regions	Total	:	:	:	Dairy	:	Other	:	Bulls &	:	Total													
1/	2/	:	Steers	:	Heifers	:	Cows	:	Cows	:	Stags	:	2/											
												1,000 Head												
1	: 2.3	:	.2	:	.2	:	1.6	:	.1	:	.2	:	3/											
2	: 7.5	:	1.1	:	.3	:	5.3	:	.1	:	.7	:	32.8											
3	: 83.2	:	36.1	:	7.0	:	29.1	:	9.2	:	1.9	:	3/											
4	: 79.4	:	2.7	:	3.3	:	27.7	:	38.2	:	7.4	:	22.8											
5	: 330.9	:	143.4	:	55.8	:	87.6	:	33.6	:	10.6	:	3/											
6	: 555.6	:	310.6	:	148.6	:	9.7	:	73.4	:	13.2	:	3/											
7	: 1,250.1	:	673.9	:	480.4	:	21.9	:	64.3	:	9.7	:	53.7											
8	: 274.8	:	114.9	:	108.4	:	7.1	:	39.9	:	4.5	:												
9	: 4/	:		:		:		:		:		:	3/											
10	: 250.0	:	116.9	:	53.9	:	52.9	:	21.4	:	4.9	:	32.1											
US 2/	: 2,833.7	:	1,399.8	:	857.7	:	242.8	:	280.2	:	53.2	:	141.4											
												Hogs	:	Sheep										
												Total	:	Barrows	:	Stags &	:	Total	:	Mature	:	Lambs &		
												2/	:	& Gilts	:	Sows	:	Boars	:	2/	:	Sheep	:	Yearlings
												1,000 Head												
1	: 6/	:		:		:		:	2.6	:	1.3	:	1.3											
2	: 6/	:		:		:		:	16.0	:	2.9	:	13.1											
3	: 566.1	:	550.6	:	14.6	:	1.0	:	5/	:		:												
4	: 1,218.7	:	1,148.3	:	69.0	:	1.3	:	5/	:		:												
5	: 6/	:		:		:		:	56.3	:	5.8	:	50.4											
6	: 2,099.0	:	1,963.6	:	113.7	:	21.7	:	5/	:		:												
7	: 6/	:		:		:		:	77.0	:	7.7	:	69.2											
8	: 3,477.8	:	3,344.1	:	99.1	:	34.7	:	5/	:		:												
9	: 6/	:		:		:		:	5/	:		:												
10	: 186.8	:	186.1	:	.7	:	.1	:	251.0	:	4.0	:	247.0											
US 2/	: 7,548.3	:	7,192.6	:	297.0	:	58.7	:	402.8	:	21.8	:	381.0											

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - March 1996 *

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	Total	:	:	Dairy	Other	Bulls &	Total	
1/	2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Cows	Stags	2/	
								1,000 Head
1	7.5	.8	.7	5.0	.3	.8	3/	
2	24.4	3.8	1.3	16.9	.4	2.0	96.1	
3	263.2	110.4	21.6	94.8	30.6	5.7	3/	
4	247.8	7.0	10.1	85.8	122.9	22.1	70.3	
5	1,027.5	426.8	170.4	278.8	120.2	31.2	3/	
6	1,641.7	895.4	456.4	33.5	218.7	37.7	3/	
7	3,898.7	2,088.9	1,492.6	79.8	209.1	28.3	160.8	
8	868.1	393.5	304.7	21.3	133.7	14.9		
9	4/						3/	
10	773.1	375.1	150.4	166.6	66.5	14.5	92.9	
US	8,752.0	4,301.8	2,608.3	782.4	902.4	157.2	420.1	
		Hogs			: Sheep			
Total	Barrows	:	:	Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &	
2/	& Gilts	Sows	:	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
								1,000 Head
1	6/				6.4	3.5	2.9	
2	6/				40.5	8.4	32.1	
3	1,708.4	1,664.6	42.3	1.5	5/			
4	3,726.4	3,505.8	216.6	4.0	5/			
5	6/				159.3	16.8	142.5	
6	6,480.5	6,076.4	339.8	64.3	5/			
7	6/				210.4	22.9	187.5	
8	10,689.5	10,292.1	293.3	104.1	5/			
9	6/				5/			
10	578.6	576.4	2.0	.2	691.1	11.7	679.4	
US	23,183.5	22,115.3	894.0	174.2	1,107.7	63.3	1,044.4	

- * Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.
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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 State and United States,
March 1996 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL	16.3			4.9	10.7	.6	
AZ	39.9	36.7	3.2				
AR	2.1	.4	.2	.1	1.2	.2	
CA	77.3	23.1	6.3	38.1	7.4	2.4	23.8
CO	200.9	95.9	86.8	.4	17.3	.5	
DE-MD	3.2	2.4	.6	.2		.1	1.3
FL							
GA							
HI	1.4	.3	.2	.2	.5	.1	
ID							
IL	87.1	50.4	30.0	3.4	2.5	.9	10.6
IN							
IA	127.4	60.7	41.2	15.7	6.5	3.3	
KS	550.3	341.8	206.3	.4	1.5	.2	
KY	4.6	1.0	3.0	.4	.2		
LA							
MI							6.9
MN	84.8	31.1	15.6	17.6	15.2	5.3	
MS							
MO	14.7	1.1	.8	1.8	9.8	1.2	
MT	.7	.2	.2		.1	.1	
NE	557.8	270.3	232.2	3.9	46.5	4.9	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.3	.2	.2	1.6	.1	.2	6.4
NJ	1.8	.6	.1	.8	.1	.2	
NM	2.7	.5	.3	1.1	.6	.2	
NY	5.8	.5	.2	4.5		.5	23.6
NC	13.3	.1	.1	7.4	3.4	2.3	
ND							
OH	3.5	.3	.4	1.6	.8	.5	4.0
OK	.9		.1	.3	.4	.1	
OR	1.2	.5	.1	.2	.1	.3	
PA	78.8	33.6	6.3	28.5	8.7	1.8	15.8
SC							
SD	18.4	.1	.1	1.8	14.5	1.9	
TN							
TX	549.6	309.7	148.1	8.2	71.0	12.7	3.9
UT							
VA							
WA	75.7	33.6	29.7	6.5	5.3	.6	4.0
WV	.1						
WI	114.0	40.6	7.6	49.9	12.4	3.5	15.5
WY							
US 3/	2,833.7	1,399.8	857.7	242.8	280.2	53.2	141.4

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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,
March 1996 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.8	.1	6.3	1.3			
AZ							
AR	16.2	7.1	9.1				
CA	158.6	158.5	.2				
CO	3.0	2.8	.1		157.0		157.0
DE-MD	24.9	24.7	.2	.1			
FL							
GA							
HI	3.5	3.4	.1				
ID					.1		.1
IL	683.1	607.2	56.8	19.1			
IN	321.5	321.2	.2				
IA	2,241.0	2,162.4	43.9	34.6			
KS							
KY	225.9	218.1	7.8		.9	.7	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	576.4	576.4					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.4	1.3	.1				
NE	467.9	467.8	.1				
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	1.8	1.7			2.6	1.3	1.3
NJ					10.3	2.2	8.1
NM					3.2	2.5	.7
NY	3.6	3.5			5.7	.7	5.0
NC	685.3	677.9	7.4				
ND	6.0	6.0					
OH	92.5	84.1	8.3		.1		
OK	62.8	58.1	4.7				
OR	12.0	11.8	.2		.2		.2
PA	185.5	183.6	1.2	.7	6.8	.6	6.2
SC							
SD	461.6	413.4	48.2		20.3		20.3
TN							
TX	13.0	6.3	6.6	.1			
UT					2.9	2.7	.3
VA	344.1	331.4	12.8		1.4	.1	1.3
WA							
WV							
WI	24.2	.3	23.8	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,548.3	7,192.6	297.0	58.7	402.8	21.8	381.0

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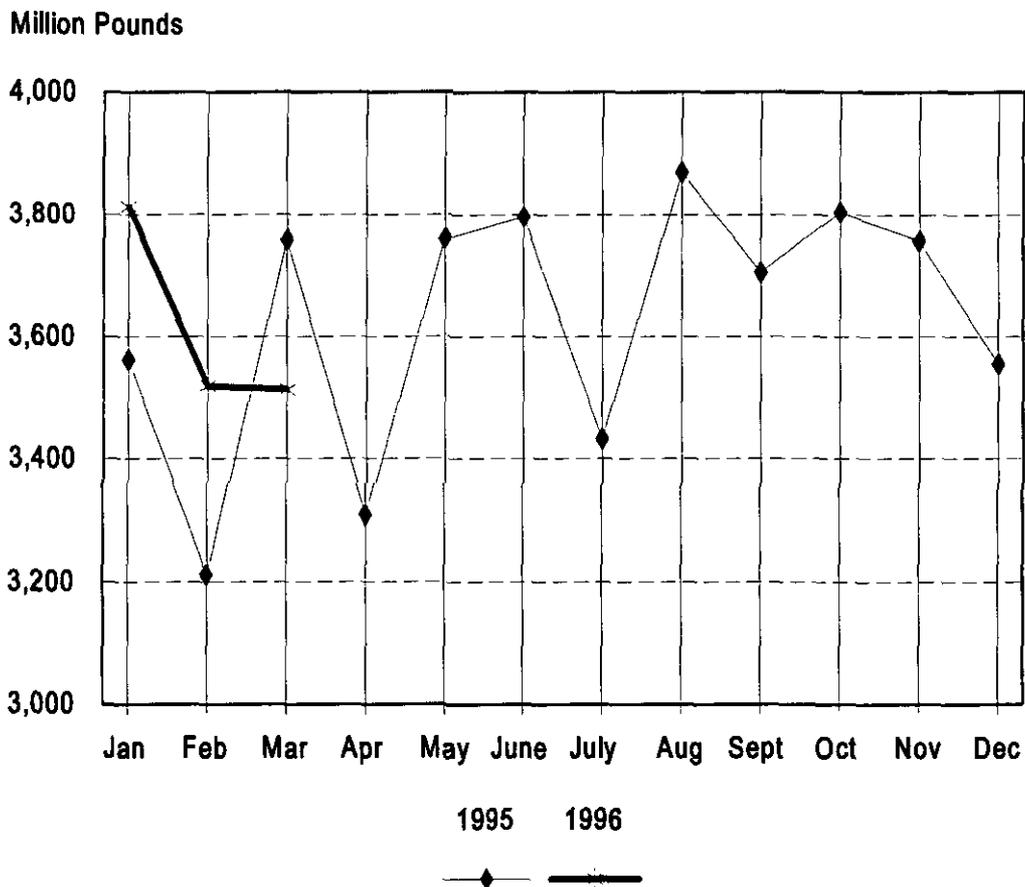
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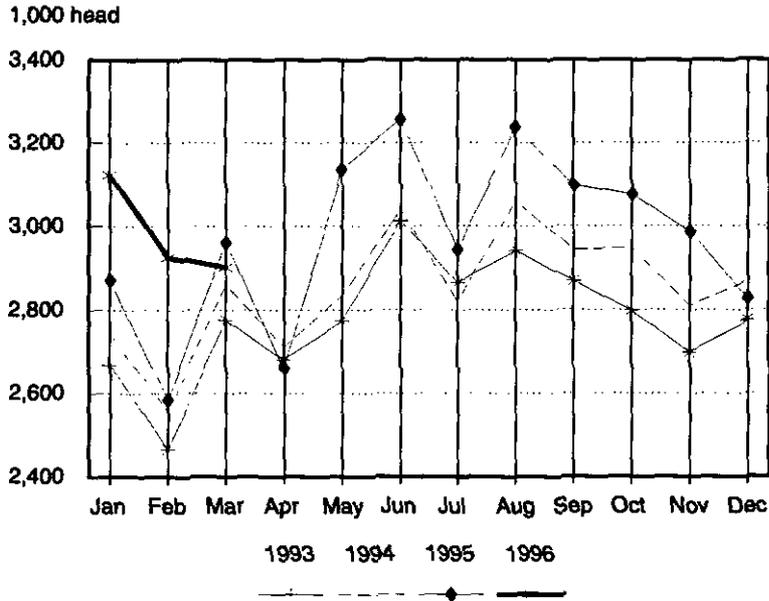
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	1995		1996		Jan - Mar	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Jan - Mar	1995	1996
	Percent					
Cattle	98.0	97.6	97.6	97.8	97.6	
Calves	98.0	97.4	97.5	97.8	97.4	
Hogs	98.0	98.0	98.0	97.7	98.0	
Sheep	97.3	97.2	97.3	96.9	97.1	

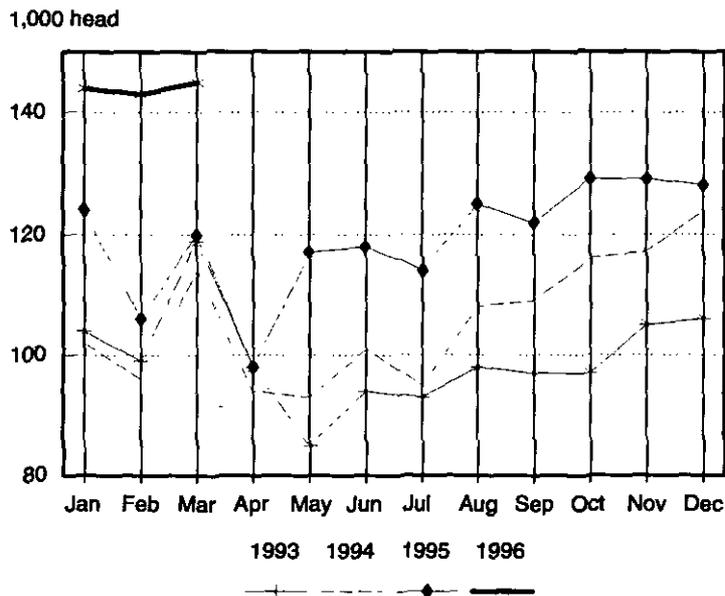
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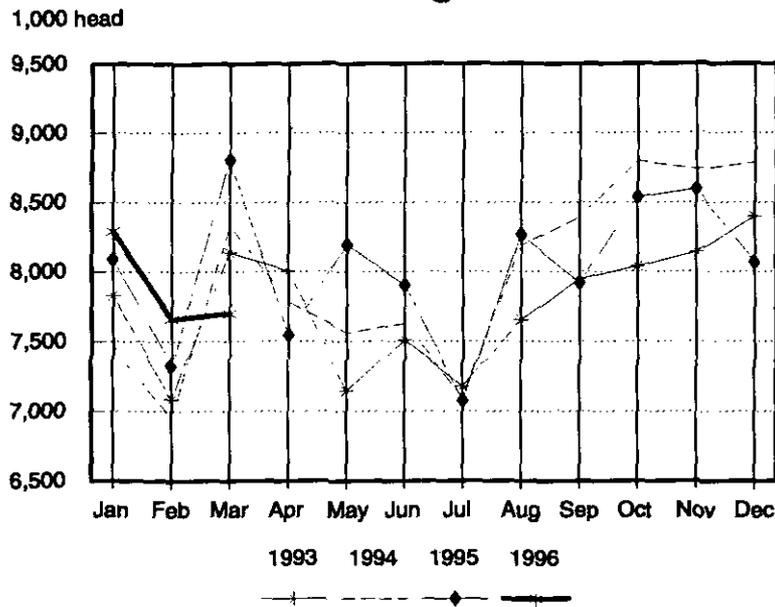
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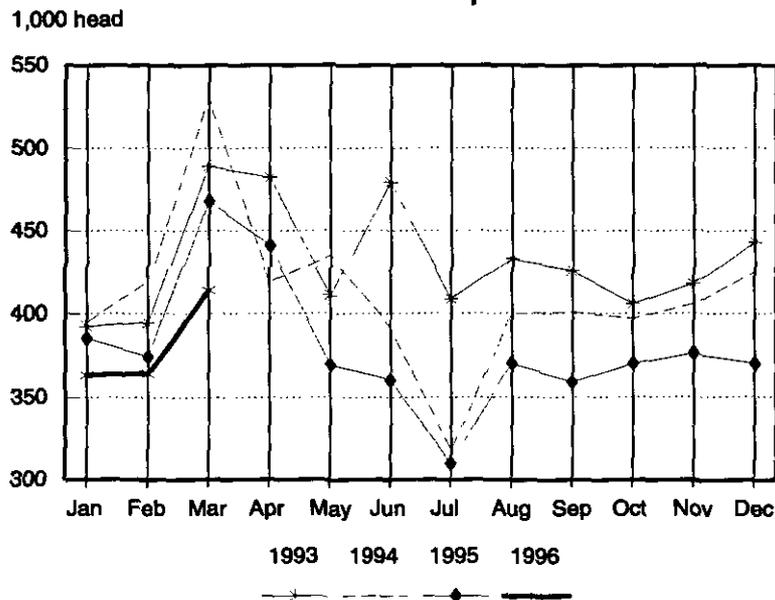
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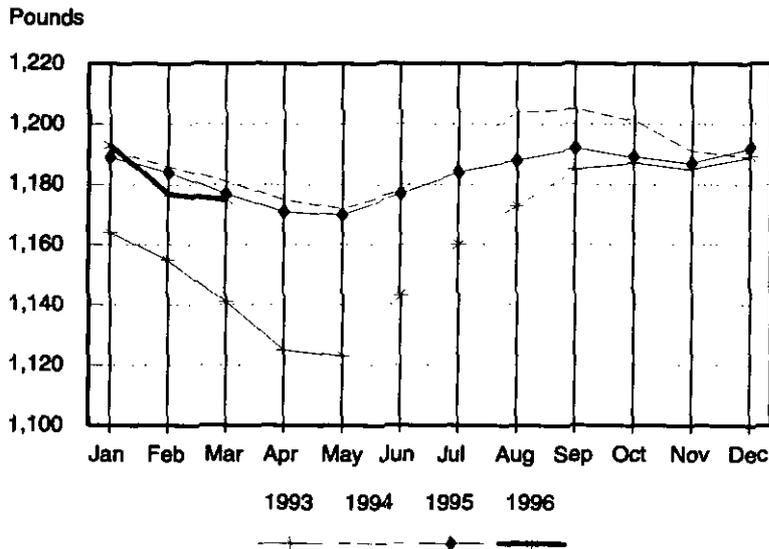
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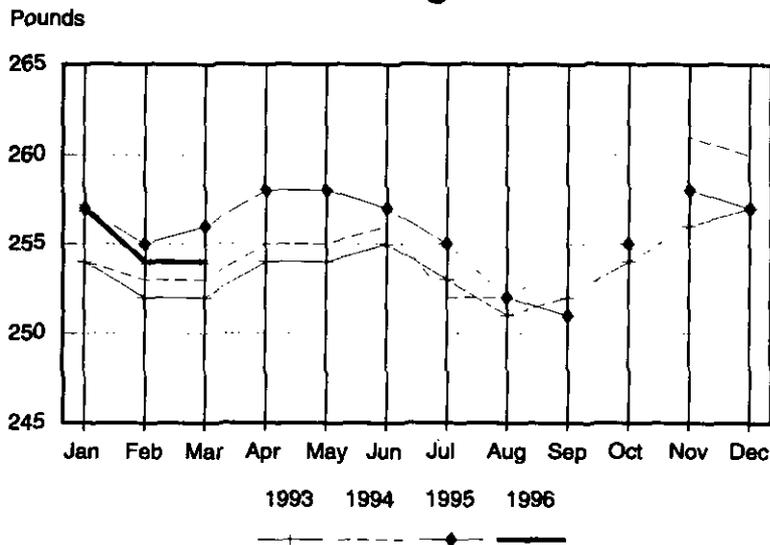
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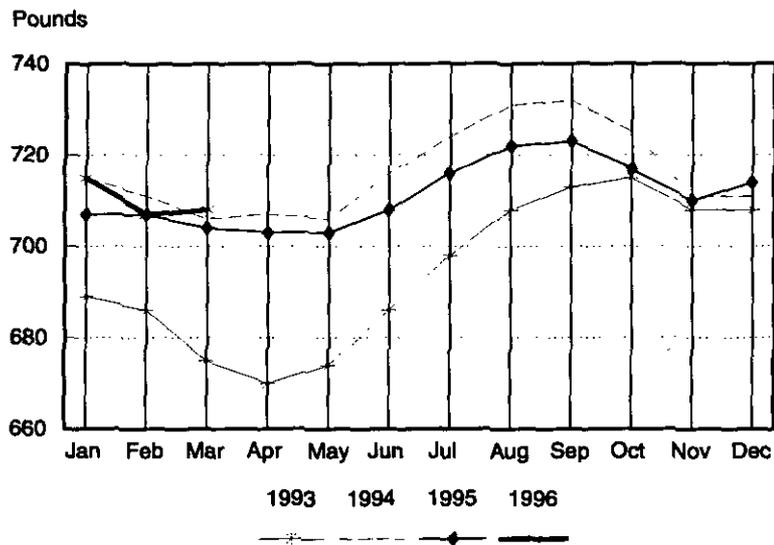
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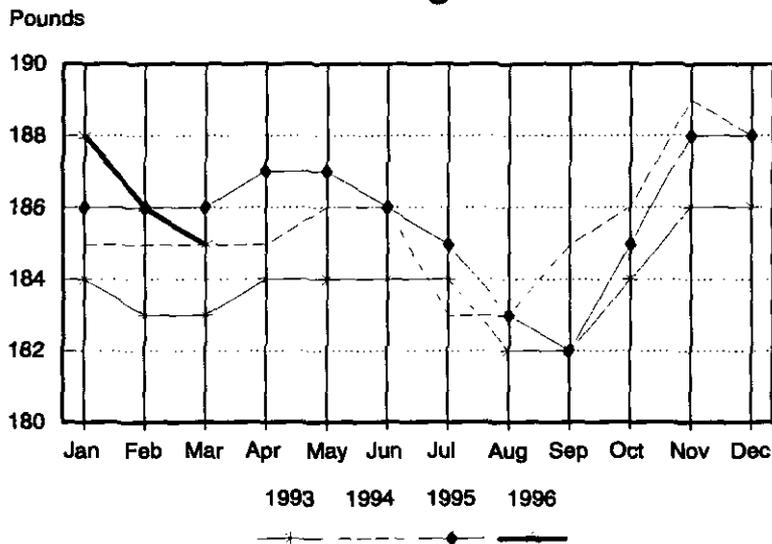
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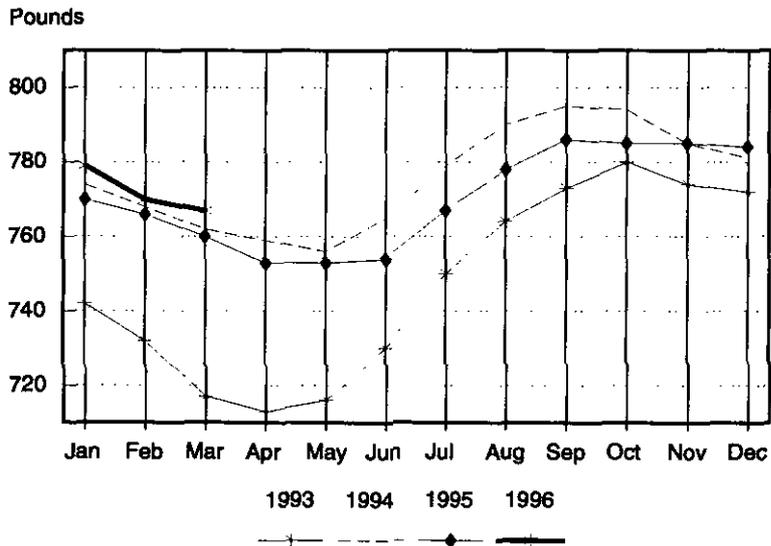
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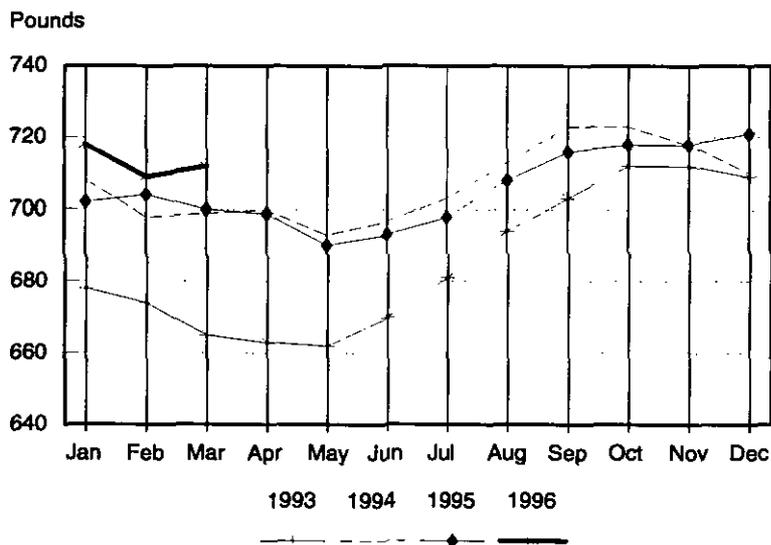
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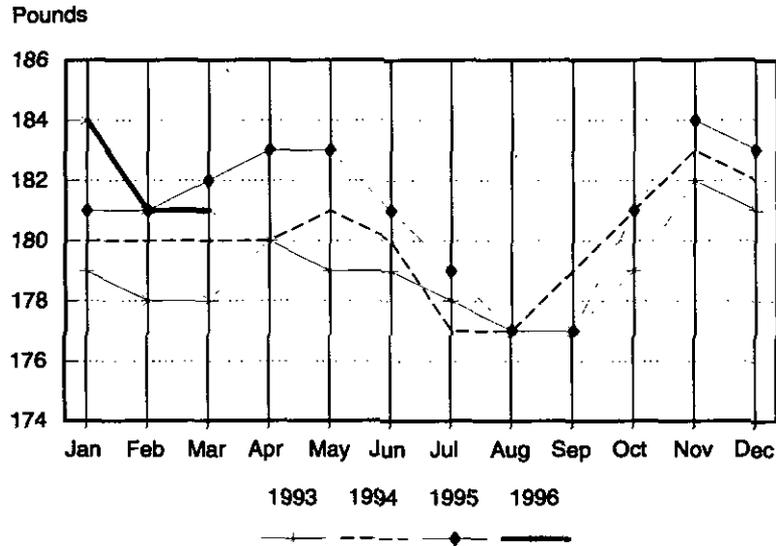
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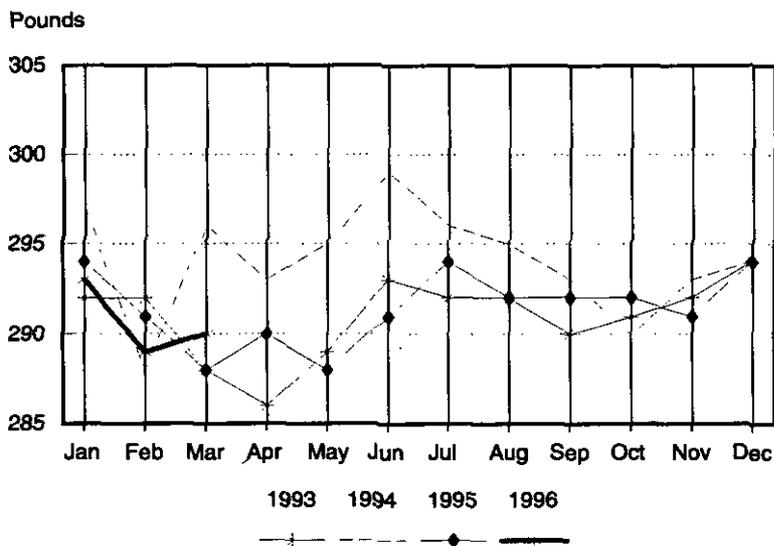
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 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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