

# Livestock Slaughter



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## **Red Meat and Beef Production Sets Record High for April; Lamb and Mutton Production Ties Record Low**

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled a record high 3.69 billion pounds during April. This production was 6 percent above the previous record high set in April 1986.

April 1996 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. April 1995 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays.

**Beef production** at 2.15 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from previous record high set in April 1986. Beef kill totaled 3.11 million head, up 17 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year at 1,160 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 28.0 million pounds. This production was up 28 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 131,400, up 34 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 17 pounds to 374 pounds.

**Pork production, at** 1.48 billion pounds was up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.03 million head, 6 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 255 pounds

**Lamb and mutton production, at** 25.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from April 1995 and tied the previous record low set in 1978 and 1979. Slaughter totaled 392,600 head, down 11 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 6 pounds at 131 pounds.

**January - April** red meat production was 14.5 million pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 9 percent, veal was up 19 percent, pork was virtually the same, but lamb and mutton was down 6 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Apr 96 % of			: Jan - Apr 2/				
	: Apr : : 1995	: Mar : : 1996	: Apr : : 1996	: Apr : : 1995	: Mar : : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % : of 95
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	:1,854	2,034	2,153	116	106	7,742	8,454	109
Veal	: 22	30	28	128	94	100	119	119
Pork	:1,404	1,421	1,484	106	104	5,892	5,873	100
Lamb & Mutton	: 27	27	25	93	93	106	99	94
Total Red Meat	:3,308	3,513	3,691	112	105	13,840	14,546	105

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	: Apr 96 % of			: Jan - Apr 2/				
	: Apr : : 1995	: Mar : : 1996	: Apr : : 1996	: Apr : : 1995	: Mar : : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % : of 95
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 1,821	1,996	2,114	116	106	7,604	8,296	109
Veal	: 22	29	28	127	94	98	115	118
Pork	: 1,377	1,396	1,460	106	105	5,773	5,771	100
Lamb & Mutton	: 27	27	25	93	92	103	97	94
Total Red Meat	: 3,246	3,449	3,626	112	105	13,579	14,280	105

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	1996			Apr 96 % of		Jan - Apr 2/		
		1995	Mar	Apr	Apr 1995	Mar 1996	1995	1996	% of 95
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,601.6	2,833.7	3,039.4	117	107	10,834.1	11,791.4	109
Other	:Thou:	59.4	68.3	72.1	121	106	244.7	288.3	118
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,661.0	2,902.0	3,111.5	117	107	11,078.8	12,079.7	109
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,175	1,180	1,164	99	98	1,183	1,180	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,018	1,007	987	97	98	1,029	1,003	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,171	1,175	1,160	99	99	1,180	1,176	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	96.1	141.4	128.0	133	91	439.0	548.1	125
Other	:Thou:	2.2	3.7	3.5	156	94	9.8	14.7	150
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	98.3	145.1	131.4	134	91	448.8	562.8	125
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	392	359	373	95	103	385	360	93
Other	:Lbs :	387	405	412	106	102	405	413	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	391	360	374	95	104	386	361	94
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,378.5	7,548.3	7,886.2	107	104	31,045.5	31,069.7	100
Other	:Thou:	167.9	150.2	148.1	88	99	725.1	615.6	85
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,546.4	7,698.5	8,034.2	106	104	31,770.6	31,685.2	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	258	255	255	98	100	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	231	235	229	99	98	233	234	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	258	254	255	99	100	257	255	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	420.4	402.8	374.3	89	93	1,611.9	1,482.0	92
Other	:Thou:	20.2	11.4	18.2	90	161	58.0	51.5	89
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	440.6	414.2	392.6	89	95	1,669.9	1,533.5	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	127	134	133	104	99	129	131	101
Other	:Lbs :	95	100	90	95	90	98	96	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	125	133	131	104	99	128	129	101

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			Apr 96 as % of	
	Apr 1995	Mar 1996	Apr 1996	Apr 1995	Mar 1996
AL	8,926	11,227	12,482	140	111
AZ	22,806	*27,419	28,672	126	105
AR	5,941	5,781	6,055	102	105
CA	79,241	84,878	86,606	109	102
CO	140,596	163,096	171,342	122	105
DE-MD	5,745	7,004	6,651	116	95
FL	3,256	3,994	4,183	128	105
GA	36,503	34,674	35,752	98	103
HI	1,141	1,301	1,245	109	96
ID	37,155	39,724	42,364	114	107
IL	207,855	204,138	215,046	103	105
IN	53,605	65,277	69,054	129	106
IA	552,670	508,995	523,144	95	103
KS	412,294	415,658	458,390	111	110
KY	50,663	45,752	47,512	94	104
LA	1,824	2,247	2,251	123	100
MI	77,332	88,883	84,886	110	96
MN	153,978	166,989	173,003	112	104
MS	23,236	22,809	23,549	101	103
MO	49,850	59,806	61,716	124	103
MT	1,305	1,088	1,297	99	119
NE	433,596	499,571	541,246	125	108
NV	82	100	112	136	112
N ENG 2/	2,602	2,517	2,655	102	105
NJ	2,774	3,142	2,951	106	94
NM	1,461	1,869	1,854	127	99
NY	7,282	8,883	8,353	115	94
NC	106,455	137,189	143,588	135	105
ND	7,947	9,566	10,486	132	110
OH	28,245	27,270	26,975	96	99
OK	4,118	14,389	19,364	470	135
OR	2,790	3,098	3,402	122	110
PA	86,242	89,728	97,582	113	109
SC	12,688	13,435	13,758	108	102
SD	101,396	102,407	104,621	103	102
TN	15,774	15,876	16,233	103	102
TX	341,185	381,430	385,745	113	101
UT	30,768	32,152	33,944	110	106
VA	70,661	65,899	67,864	96	103
WA	50,409	55,506	60,990	121	110
WV	1,110	1,393	1,560	141	112
WI	74,448	86,294	92,521	124	107
WY	330	323	358	108	111
US	3,308,285	3,512,773	3,691,361	112	105

\* 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,  
April 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	11.9	20.0	12,561	20,351	1,055	1,017
AZ	32.4	42.0	38,145	46,230	1,176	1,101
AR	2.2	2.8	2,201	2,397	992	843
CA	72.4	81.2	88,831	98,738	1,228	1,216
CO	177.3	219.6	210,052	260,828	1,185	1,188
DE-MD	2.8	3.0	3,407	3,605	1,237	1,221
FL						
GA						
HI	1.2	1.3	1,206	1,323	972	1,008
ID						
IL	84.4	98.6	100,220	115,621	1,187	1,173
IN	5.4	4.6	5,583	4,673	1,039	1,006
IA	129.6	111.1	157,758	132,930	1,217	1,196
KS	558.9	621.5	648,667	713,245	1,161	1,148
KY	4.8	5.9	5,046	6,086	1,043	1,037
LA	2.0	2.9	1,678	2,183	820	760
MI						
MN	79.1	96.6	102,021	121,135	1,290	1,255
MS						
MO	11.5	14.2	12,069	15,600	1,052	1,096
MT	1.4	1.5	1,666	1,793	1,215	1,220
NE	488.2	620.0	584,366	739,678	1,197	1,193
NV	.1	.1	95	155	1,026	1,081
N ENG 2/	2.3	2.6	2,551	2,805	1,092	1,098
NJ	1.6	1.9	1,925	2,261	1,196	1,163
NM	2.7	3.1	2,399	2,822	899	924
NY	4.9	6.4	5,380	7,130	1,106	1,117
NC	11.3	15.8	11,857	15,646	1,046	991
ND						
OH	11.3	12.3	12,513	13,601	1,105	1,108
OK	3.3	4.6	3,253	4,391	999	957
OR	1.5	1.4	1,886	1,945	1,294	1,418
PA	77.8	86.8	96,958	109,534	1,246	1,261
SC						
SD	17.4	21.2	19,698	27,372	1,135	1,291
TN						
TX	495.3	575.0	543,916	618,599	1,098	1,076
UT						
VA	1.4	2.2	1,281	2,171	927	980
WA	68.7	83.1	83,159	100,743	1,210	1,212
WV	.9	1.2	891	1,051	982	896
WI	100.6	126.9	123,316	153,495	1,226	1,210
WY	.4	.4	412	486	1,137	1,097
US 3/	2,661.0	3,111.5	3,116,455	3,608,762	1,171	1,160

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,  
April 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	23.2	4,639	8,633	332	372
CO						
DE-MD	.5	2.0	202	886	407	435
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.8	10.9	3,724	4,284	423	394
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.6	2.2	674	1,002	426	452
MI	5.0	5.4	1,313	1,257	260	234
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	58	73	383	378
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.8	5.3	1,273	1,174	335	220
NJ	2.6	2.9	1,109	1,174	433	411
NM						
NY	15.7	18.5	5,961	6,984	379	377
NC	.2	.2	60	63	398	343
ND						
OH	5.7	4.0	2,984	2,029	524	512
OK	.1	.1	27	69	380	461
OR						
PA	10.0	13.9	4,043	5,625	405	404
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.6	4.4	680	2,019	428	463
UT						
VA						
WA	2.0	3.5	1,088	1,332	539	377
WV						
WI	13.6	14.6	5,578	5,836	411	399
WY						
US 3/	98.3	131.4	38,476	49,101	391	374

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 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	9.7	10.2	4,000	4,155	414	408
AZ	1.1	1.4	258	338	236	241
AR	19.3	17.7	7,820	7,149	405	403
CA	151.8	170.6	36,083	36,995	238	217
CO	3.7	3.7	883	865	238	237
DE-MD	21.1	22.8	4,904	5,315	232	233
FL	5.6	12.4	1,316	2,644	234	213
GA						
HI	3.3	3.7	640	692	196	188
ID						
IL	748.8	744.2	198,996	193,678	266	260
IN	261.6	348.2	64,662	85,713	247	246
IA	2,428.0	2,387.5	629,141	606,522	259	254
KS						
KY	255.8	236.8	66,412	60,423	260	255
LA	3.6	3.8	755	806	211	213
MI						
MN	528.0	583.8	131,014	144,309	248	247
MS						
MO						
MT	2.4	1.9	586	457	249	245
NE	449.7	509.1	111,908	126,826	249	249
NV	.1	.1	28	21	209	214
N ENG 2/	2.5	2.2	543	467	220	216
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	51	39	211	215
NY	4.4	3.8	1,077	734	244	192
NC	549.2	735.3	142,145	186,427	259	254
ND	6.4	7.6	1,453	1,784	226	235
OH	108.3	101.2	28,133	25,892	260	256
OK	11.9	88.7	4,085	23,387	344	264
OR	10.4	14.3	2,576	3,452	249	242
PA	167.3	191.5	40,726	47,294	243	247
SC						
SD	491.6	473.0	125,130	123,687	255	261
TN						
TX	27.0	25.7	9,284	8,826	344	343
UT						
VA	374.0	354.2	94,350	89,143	252	252
WA						
WV	1.0	1.1	377	368	367	350
WI	30.6	33.1	12,005	13,876	393	419
WY	.4	.4	111	101	271	265
US 3/	7,546.4	8,034.2	1,945,282	2,046,555	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,  
April 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	149.1	140.5	20,241	20,497	136	146
DE-MD						
FL	.2	.3	20	26	124	94
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.3	39	36	97	105
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	26	27	108	121
KY	.8	1.0	95	119	117	124
LA	.3	.3	28	28	102	91
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.1	.1	15	13	125	111
NE	.1	.1	7	11	109	102
NV						
N ENG 2/	4.7	4.7	450	533	96	113
NJ	14.5	15.5	1,236	1,261	85	81
NM	3.9	4.0	435	476	112	119
NY	10.4	7.4	930	691	89	93
NC	.2	.3	21	25	85	93
ND	.1	.1	6	11	100	123
OH	2.7	1.9	240	181	90	93
OK	.1	.1	12	6	128	119
OR	.3	.4	38	46	115	115
PA	9.9	7.7	872	742	88	96
SC						
SD	18.8	16.8	2,471	2,315	132	138
TN						
TX						
UT	3.5	3.5	380	379	109	109
VA	1.9	2.3	203	243	107	108
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.8	91	90	116	113
WY	.1	.1	14	10	135	139
US 3/	440.6	392.6	55,274	51,403	125	131

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:  
United States

Item	:Jan - Apr 1/					:Jan - Apr 1/				
	: Apr	: Mar	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr	: Mar	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr
	:1995	:1996	:1996	: 1995	: 1996	:1995	:1996	:1996	: 1995	: 1996
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					:----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,370	1,400	1,552	5,495	5,854	52.7	49.4	51.1	50.7	49.6
Heifers	: 748	858	857	3,137	3,465	28.7	30.3	28.2	29.0	29.4
Dairy Cows	: 206	243	247	989	1,030	7.9	8.6	8.1	9.1	8.7
Other Cows	: 227	280	323	1,002	1,225	8.7	9.9	10.6	9.2	10.4
Bulls & Stags	: 51	53	60	212	217	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
Total 1/	:2,602	2,834	3,039	10,834	11,791	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:7,048	7,193	7,496	29,556	29,611	95.5	95.3	95.0	95.2	95.3
Sows	: 263	297	326	1,187	1,220	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.9
Stags & Boars	: 68	59	65	303	239	.9	.8	.8	1.0	.8
Total 1/	:7,378	7,548	7,886	31,046	31,070	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 20	22	24	84	88	4.7	5.4	6.5	5.2	5.9
Lambs & Yrlings	: 401	381	350	1,528	1,394	95.3	94.6	93.5	94.8	94.1
Total 1/	: 420	403	374	1,612	1,482	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 703	708	699	705	707					
Steers 4/	: 753	767	756	762	768					
Heifers 4/	: 699	712	700	701	710					
All Cows 4/	: 538	532	526	538	531					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 860	847	843	859	846					
Calves & Vealers	: 230	212	219	227	214					
Hogs	: 187	185	186	186	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 183	181	181	182	182					
Sows 5/	: 290	290	287	291	290					
Stags & Boars5/	: 216	224	219	216	221					
Sheep	: 63	67	66	64	66					
Mature Sheep6/	: 59	60	57	59	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 64	67	67	64	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,  
April 1996

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :		-----						
Regions	: Total	:	:	: Dairy	: Other	: Bulls &	: Total	
1/	: 2/	: Steers	: Heifers	: Cows	: Cows	: Stags	: 2/	
		-----						
		: 1,000 Head						
		:						
1	: 2.4	.3	.2	1.5	.1	.3	3/	
2	: 8.0	1.2	.5	5.4	.2	.8	26.7	
3	: 90.8	43.7	6.9	29.9	7.7	2.6	3/	
4	: 86.0	1.9	3.8	26.6	45.1	8.6	21.6	
5	: 359.6	158.2	59.3	93.1	36.1	12.9	3/	
6	: 572.7	294.2	162.1	9.0	94.1	13.4	3/	
7	: 1,355.3	778.0	471.3	22.0	74.1	9.9	50.3	
8	: 298.4	143.5	101.9	10.5	37.4	5.1		
9	: 4/						3/	
10	: 266.1	130.9	51.3	49.4	27.8	6.6	29.5	
		:						
US 2/	: 3,039.4	1,551.8	857.2	247.4	322.7	60.3	128.0	
		-----						
		: Hogs			: Sheep			
		-----						
	: Total	: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &	
	: 2/	: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	: 2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings	
		-----						
		: 1,000 Head						
		:						
1	: 6/				4.5	1.7	2.8	
2	: 6/				22.4	3.6	18.8	
3	: 579.6	564.7	14.1	.8	5/			
4	: 1,257.2	1,184.0	71.7	1.5	5/			
5	: 6/				60.9	7.0	53.9	
6	: 2,160.5	2,016.8	122.9	20.7	5/			
7	: 6/				68.4	8.0	60.4	
8	: 3,693.2	3,535.1	116.3	41.7	5/			
9	: 6/				5/			
10	: 195.7	194.9	.7	.1	218.2	3.9	214.3	
		:						
US 2/	: 7,886.2	7,495.5	325.8	64.8	374.3	24.2	350.1	

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

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

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	: Total	:	:	: Dairy	: Other	: Bulls &	: Total	
1/	: 2/	: Steers	: Heifers	: Cows	: Cows	: Stags	: 2/	
		1,000 Head						
1	: 9.9	1.1	.9	6.5	.3	1.1	3/	
2	: 32.4	5.0	1.7	22.3	.6	2.8	122.8	
3	: 354.0	154.1	28.5	124.7	38.3	8.3	3/	
4	: 333.9	8.9	13.9	112.3	168.0	30.8	91.8	
5	: 1,387.1	585.0	229.7	372.0	156.3	44.2	3/	
6	: 2,214.5	1,189.5	618.5	42.5	312.8	51.1	3/	
7	: 5,254.0	2,866.9	1,963.9	101.8	283.2	38.2	211.1	
8	: 1,166.5	537.0	406.5	31.8	171.2	20.0		
9	: 4/						3/	
10	: 1,039.2	506.0	201.7	216.0	94.3	21.1	122.4	
US	: 11,791.4	5,853.5	3,465.5	1,029.8	1,225.1	217.4	548.1	
		Hogs			:	Sheep		
		: Total	: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &
		: 2/	: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	: 2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings
		1,000 Head						
1	: 6/				10.9	5.2	5.7	
2	: 6/				62.9	12.0	50.9	
3	: 2,288.0	2,229.3	56.4	2.3	5/			
4	: 4,983.7	4,689.8	288.3	5.5	5/			
5	: 6/				220.2	23.8	196.3	
6	: 8,641.0	8,093.2	462.7	85.1	5/			
7	: 6/				278.7	30.9	247.9	
8	: 14,382.7	13,827.2	409.6	145.8	5/			
9	: 6/				5/			
10	: 774.3	771.3	2.7	.3	909.3	15.6	893.7	
US	: 31,069.7	29,610.8	1,219.8	239.0	1,482.0	87.5	1,394.5	

\* 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.
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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,  
April 1996 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL	18.1	.1		3.8	13.5	.7	
AZ	41.4	39.5	1.9				
AR	2.1	.6	.2		1.1	.2	.1
CA	80.7	22.6	7.8	36.2	10.5	3.6	23.1
CO	218.8	121.1	80.7	4.0	12.5	.5	
DE-MD	2.9	2.2	.5	.2		.1	2.0
FL							
GA							
HI	1.3	.3	.2	.2	.5	.1	
ID							
IL	95.0	55.4	31.7	4.0	3.0	1.0	10.8
IN							
IA	109.8	49.1	30.5	16.3	10.3	3.6	
KS	616.5	398.0	216.3	.3	1.7	.2	
KY	4.5	.7	3.3	.2	.2	.1	
LA							
MI							5.3
MN	92.9	35.6	15.9	20.2	14.8	6.5	
MS							
MO	11.2	1.2	.8	.8	7.7	.8	
MT	.8	.2	.2		.2	.2	
NE	617.9	329.7	223.8	4.6	54.4	5.4	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.4	.3	.2	1.5	.1	.3	5.3
NJ	1.9	.6	.2	.7	.1	.3	
NM	2.6	.4	.3	.9	.7	.1	
NY	6.1	.6	.3	4.7		.5	18.5
NC	14.2	.2	.1	7.7	3.7	2.6	
ND							
OH	5.5	.3	.3	2.7	1.4	.8	3.9
OK	1.0		.1	.3	.4	.1	
OR	1.1	.6	.1	.1	.1	.3	
PA	86.5	41.3	6.4	29.3	7.2	2.4	13.9
SC							
SD	19.1	.1	.1	1.5	15.2	2.2	
TN							
TX	566.7	293.1	161.4	7.6	91.7	12.9	3.7
UT							
VA							
WA	83.1	41.3	27.4	6.7	7.1	.6	3.5
WV	.1						
WI	123.3	44.9	9.3	51.5	13.4	4.2	14.6
WY							
US 3/	3,039.4	1,551.8	857.2	247.4	322.7	60.3	128.0

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 1996 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.4	.2	6.8	1.4			
AZ							
AR	17.1	8.1	9.0				
CA	164.1	163.9	.2				
CO	3.2	3.0	.2		140.5	.1	140.4
DE-MD	22.8	22.6	.2				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.7	3.6	.1				
ID					.1		.1
IL	714.6	634.5	62.1	18.0			
IN	343.5	343.2	.3				
IA	2,384.9	2,291.2	52.0	41.7			
KS							
KY	236.2	227.2	9.0		1.0	.8	.1
LA							
MI							
MN	580.6	580.6					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.5	1.4	.1				
NE	508.0	508.0	.1				
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	1.9	1.8			4.5	1.7	2.8
NJ					15.0	2.9	12.1
NM					3.4	2.7	.7
NY	3.5	3.4	.1		7.4	.7	6.7
NC	712.0	704.7	7.2				
ND	7.3	7.2	.1				
OH	91.1	82.7	8.4		.3	.2	.1
OK	85.5	80.2	5.3				
OR	14.1	13.8	.2		.3		.2
PA	191.1	188.9	1.5	.7	7.6	.6	7.0
SC							
SD	471.6	414.1	57.6		16.7		16.7
TN							
TX	12.6	6.9	5.7				
UT					3.2	3.0	.2
VA	353.9	341.9	12.0		2.1	.2	1.9
WA							
WV							
WI	27.8	.4	27.2	.2			
WY							
US 3/	7,886.2	7,495.5	325.8	64.8	374.3	24.2	350.1

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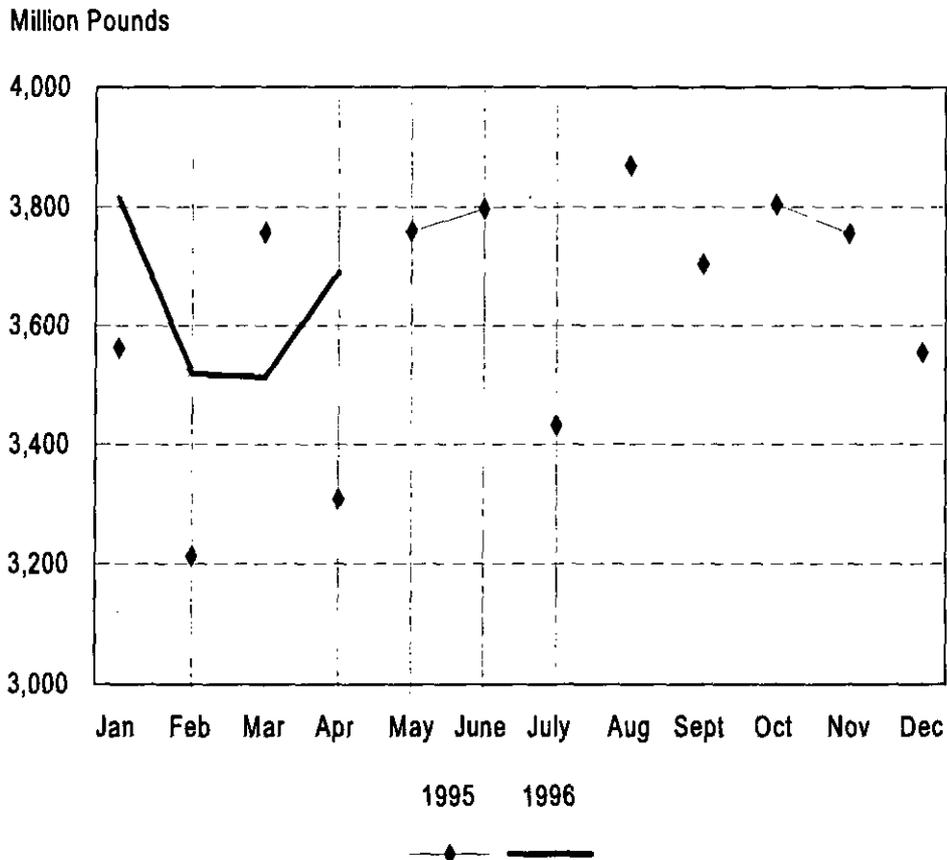
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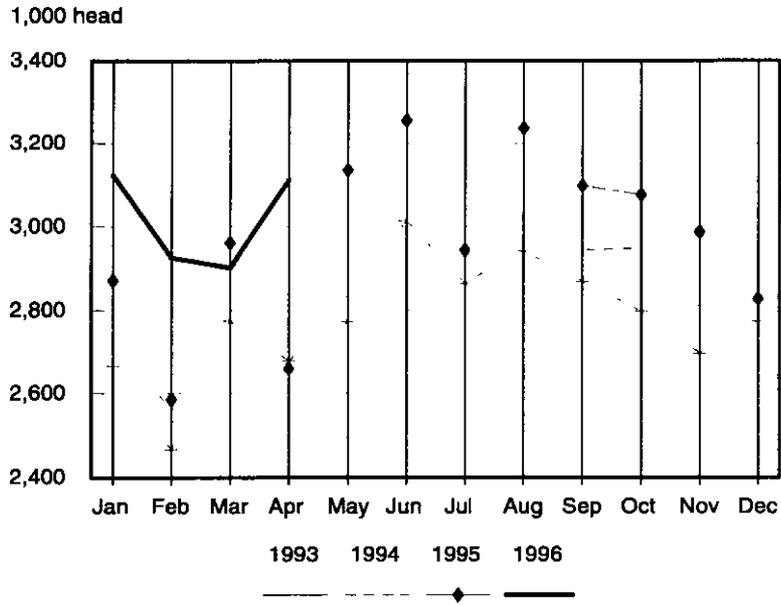
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	1995		1996		Jan - Apr	
	Apr	Mar	Apr	Apr	1995	1996
	Percent					
Cattle	97.8	97.6	97.7	97.8	97.8	97.6
Calves	97.7	97.5	97.4	97.8	97.8	97.4
Hogs	97.8	98.0	98.2	97.7	97.7	98.1
Sheep	95.4	97.3	95.4	96.5	96.5	96.6

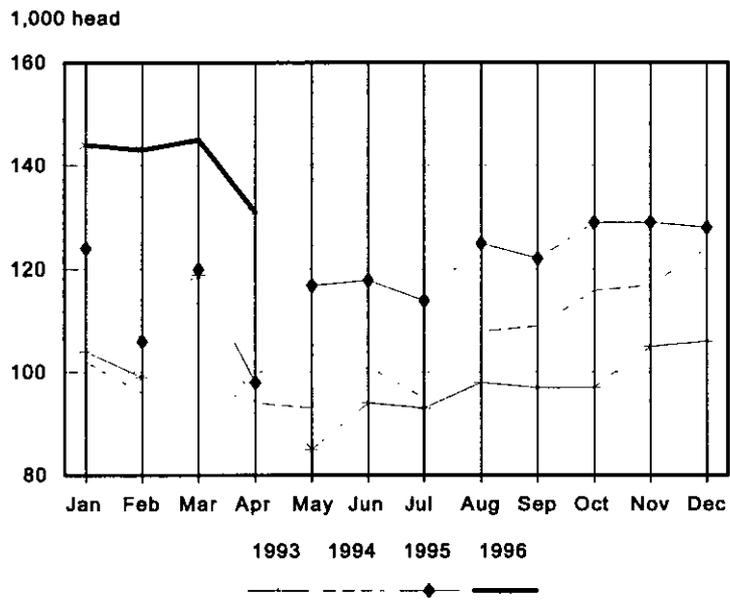
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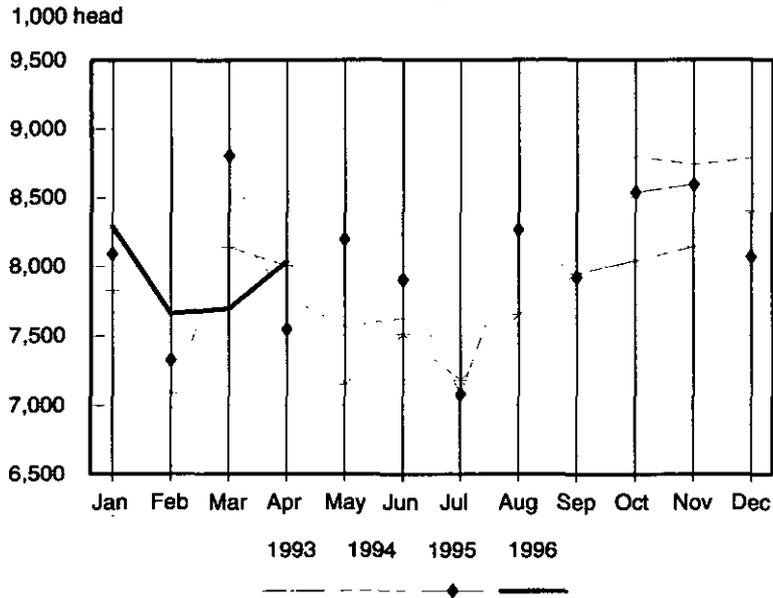
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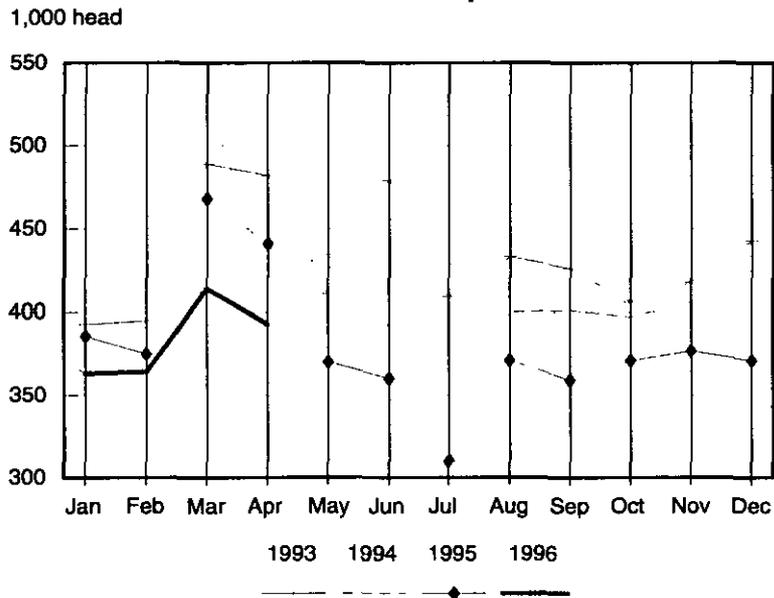
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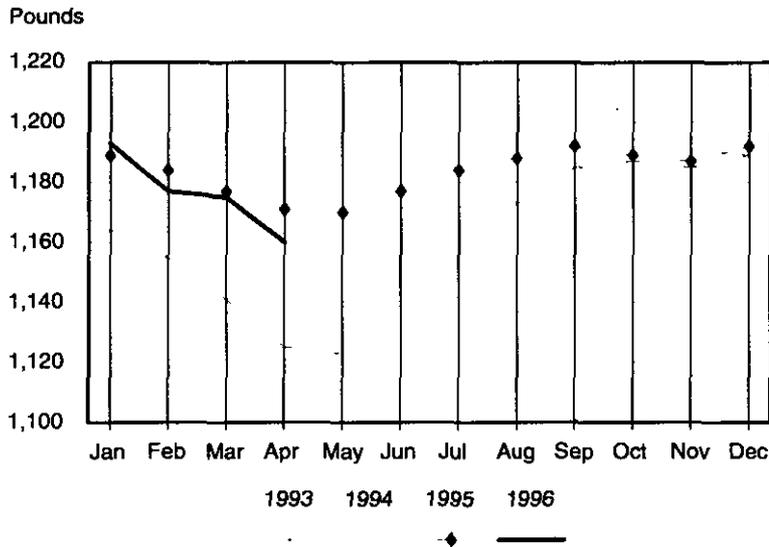
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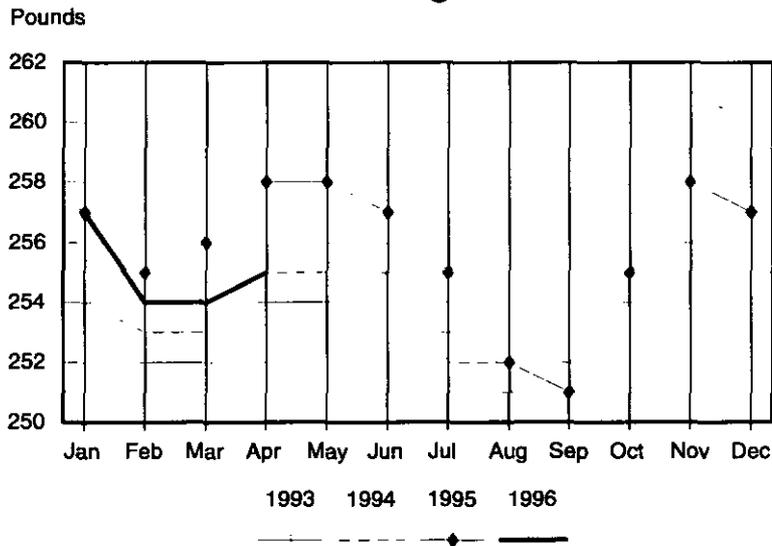
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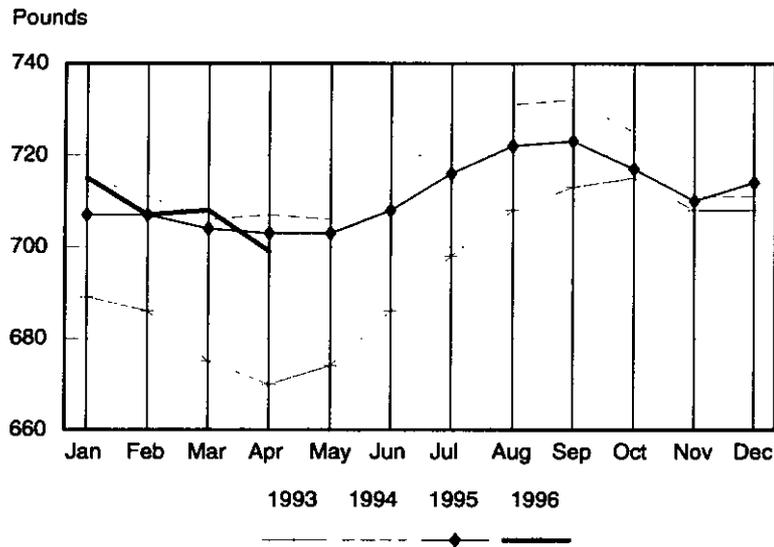
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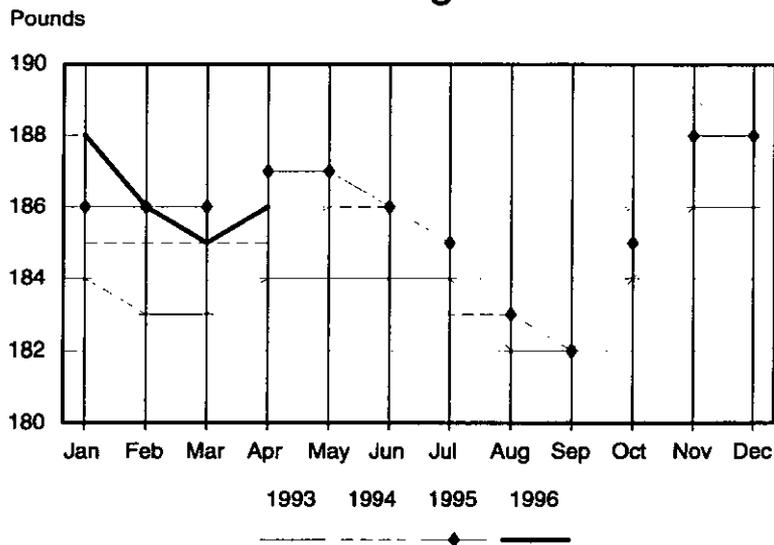
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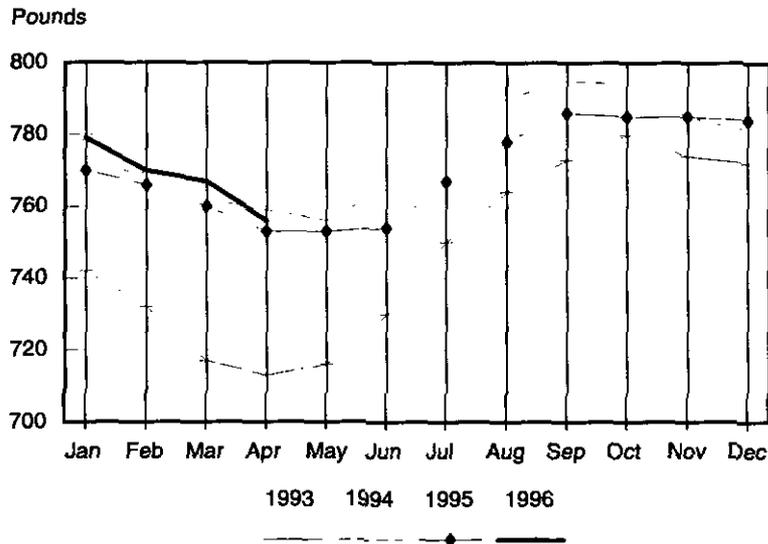
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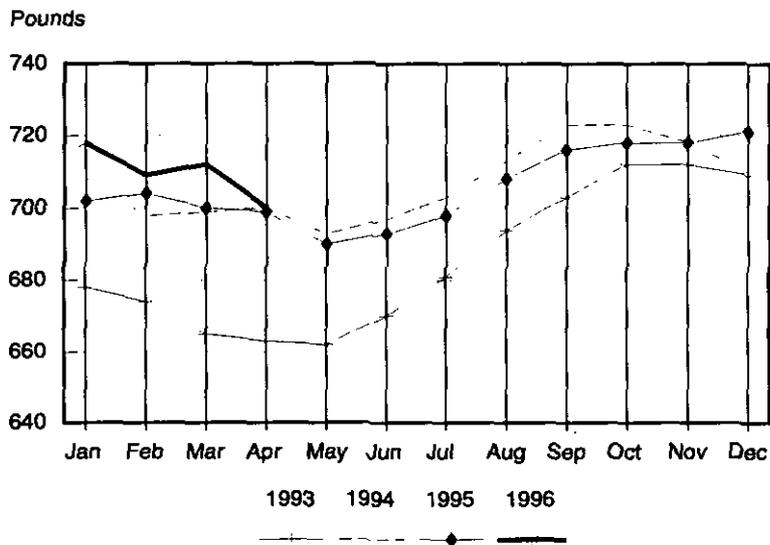
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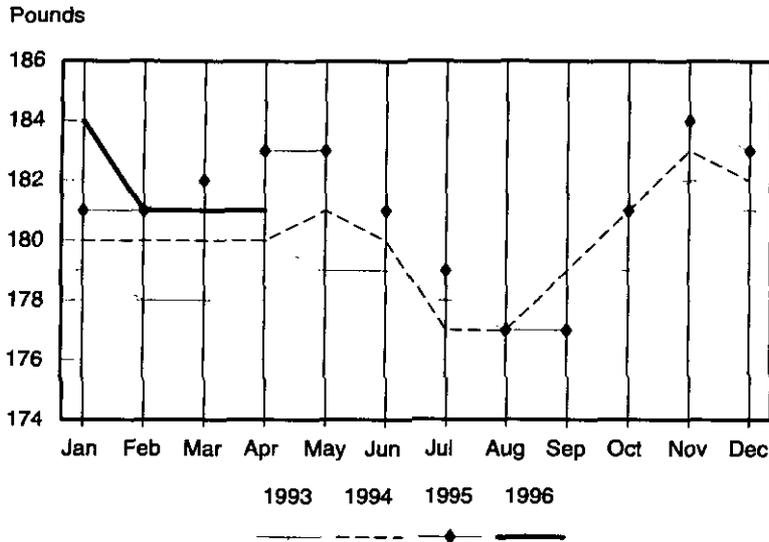
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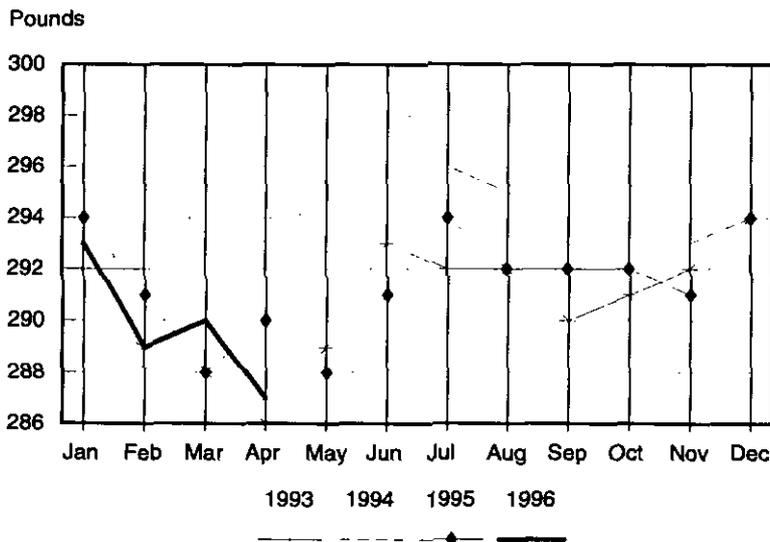
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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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