

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat and Beef Production Set Record Highs for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 3.77 billion pounds during May 1996. This production was up slightly from the previous record high set in May 1995.

May 1996 and 1995 each contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production at 2.30 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from the previous record high set in May 1995. Head kill totaled 3.33 million head, up 6 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,156 pounds.

Veal production totaled 30.0 million pounds. This production was up 14 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 137,200 head, 18 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 11 pounds to 374 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.41 billion pounds was down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.63 million head, 7 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 255 pounds

Lamb and mutton production, at 21.0 million pounds, was down 5 percent from the previous record low set in May 1987. Slaughter totaled 324,700 head, down 12 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 5 pounds at 132 pounds.

January - May red meat production was 18.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 8 percent, veal was up 18 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: May 96 % of			: Jan - May 2/			
	: May : : 1995	: Apr : : 1996	: May : : 1996	: May : : 1995	: Apr : : 1996	: 96 as % : of 95	
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 2,186	: 2,153	: 2,303	105	107	9,928 10,757	108
Veal	: 26	: 28	: 30	114	104	126 149	118
Pork	: 1,525	: 1,484	: 1,413	93	95	7,417 7,286	98
Lamb & Mutton	: 23	: 25	: 21	91	83	129 121	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,760	: 3,691	: 3,766	100	102	17,600 18,312	104

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: May 96 % of			: Jan - May 2/			
	: May : : 1995	: Apr : : 1996	: May : : 1996	: May : : 1995	: Apr : : 1996	: 96 as % : of 95	
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 2,153	: 2,114	: 2,263	105	107	9,757 10,560	108
Veal	: 25	: 28	: 29	113	104	123 144	117
Pork	: 1,495	: 1,460	: 1,389	93	95	7,269 7,160	99
Lamb & Mutton	: 23	: 25	: 21	91	84	126 118	94
Total Red Meat	: 3,696	: 3,626	: 3,702	100	102	17,275 17,981	104

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Species	Unit	1996			May 96 % of		Jan - May 2/		96 % of 95
		May	Apr	May	May	Apr	1995	1996	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,076.8	3,039.3	3,257.8	106	107	13,910.9	15,049.0	108
Other	:Thou:	59.4	72.1	71.5	120	99	304.1	359.8	118
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,136.1	3,111.4	3,329.3	106	107	14,214.9	15,408.8	108
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,173	1,164	1,160	99	100	1,181	1,176	100
Other	:Lbs :	1,012	987	986	97	100	1,026	1,000	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,170	1,160	1,156	99	100	1,178	1,172	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	114.0	128.0	133.5	117	104	553.0	681.5	123
Other	:Thou:	2.7	3.5	3.8	140	109	12.5	18.5	148
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	116.7	131.4	137.2	118	104	565.5	700.0	124
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	386	373	373	97	100	386	362	94
Other	:Lbs :	410	412	429	105	104	406	416	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	385	374	374	97	100	385	364	94
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,011.6	7,886.4	7,484.5	93	95	39,057.2	38,554.4	99
Other	:Thou:	182.5	148.1	148.3	81	100	907.6	763.9	84
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,194.1	8,034.4	7,632.8	93	95	39,964.7	39,318.2	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	258	255	255	99	100	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	227	229	227	100	99	232	232	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	258	255	255	99	100	257	255	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	355.1	374.3	312.8	88	84	1,967.0	1,794.8	91
Other	:Thou:	14.7	18.2	11.9	81	65	72.7	63.4	87
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	369.8	392.6	324.7	88	83	2,039.8	1,858.1	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	129	133	134	104	101	129	131	102
Other	:Lbs :	94	90	92	98	102	97	95	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	127	131	132	104	101	128	130	102

* 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	1,000 Pounds		May 96 as % of	
	May 1995	Apr 1996	May 1996	May 1995 : Apr 1996
AL	10,100	12,482	11,478	114 92
AZ	28,820	28,672	30,817	107 107
AR	6,100	6,055	6,457	106 107
CA	90,856	*86,542	88,625	98 102
CO	169,476	171,342	178,153	105 104
DE-MD	6,565	6,651	6,600	101 99
FL	3,718	4,183	4,284	115 102
GA	37,813	35,752	36,273	96 101
HI	1,277	1,245	1,274	100 102
ID	44,824	42,364	45,984	103 109
IL	231,093	215,046	214,519	93 100
IN	62,011	69,054	69,450	112 101
IA	604,173	523,144	467,220	77 89
KS	480,059	458,390	476,686	99 104
KY	53,793	47,512	44,376	82 93
LA	1,872	2,251	2,165	116 96
MI	88,825	84,886	82,577	93 97
MN	170,368	173,003	171,224	101 99
MS	24,954	23,549	22,003	88 93
MO	51,664	61,716	61,726	119 100
MT	1,493	1,297	1,391	93 107
NE	523,722	541,246	584,985	112 108
NV	149	112	145	97 129
N ENG 2/	2,729	2,655	2,736	100 103
NJ	3,196	2,951	3,049	95 103
NM	1,723	1,854	1,582	92 85
NY	7,659	*8,352	8,903	116 107
NC	116,150	143,588	143,550	124 100
ND	9,391	10,486	10,586	113 101
OH	30,292	26,975	27,724	92 103
OK	4,443	19,364	22,605	509 117
OR	3,019	3,402	3,059	101 90
PA	93,952	*97,619	103,771	110 106
SC	13,803	13,758	13,930	101 101
SD	109,024	104,621	98,814	91 94
TN	18,251	16,233	16,554	91 102
TX	398,117	385,745	429,396	108 111
UT	34,825	33,944	36,604	105 108
VA	73,228	67,864	67,455	92 99
WA	58,142	60,990	66,559	114 109
WV	1,192	1,560	1,410	118 90
WI	86,688	92,521	99,148	114 107
WY	384	358	439	114 123
US	3,759,933	*3,691,334	3,766,283	100 102

* 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,
May 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	14.0	18.5	14,519	18,342	1,035	991
AZ	40.8	44.4	48,266	49,293	1,184	1,111
AR	2.3	2.7	2,361	2,407	1,006	882
CA	79.3	86.9	98,321	105,397	1,240	1,212
CO	221.0	230.8	260,434	272,382	1,178	1,180
DE-MD	3.3	3.4	4,068	4,103	1,232	1,217
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.4	1,410	1,400	970	1,003
ID	62.1	62.8	73,923	75,495	1,191	1,202
IL	105.7	105.0	124,674	122,352	1,179	1,166
IN	5.4	4.6	5,560	4,627	1,036	1,014
IA	153.7	101.2	185,456	118,425	1,207	1,170
KS	651.4	648.6	761,943	746,015	1,170	1,150
KY	5.1	5.6	5,428	5,771	1,054	1,023
LA	2.0	3.1	1,449	2,307	718	740
MI	47.9	46.5	61,263	57,239	1,279	1,230
MN	84.5	96.2	108,335	118,262	1,282	1,229
MS						
MO	11.9	13.4	12,865	14,370	1,077	1,070
MT	1.6	1.6	1,913	2,079	1,224	1,261
NE	608.5	698.0	718,899	819,533	1,181	1,174
NV	.1	.2	151	172	1,057	1,064
N ENG 2/	2.5	2.8	2,664	3,142	1,085	1,116
NJ	1.8	2.0	2,166	2,344	1,177	1,145
NM	3.3	2.6	3,003	2,458	915	932
NY	5.5	7.1	5,889	7,925	1,078	1,124
NC	11.7	16.9	12,053	17,322	1,030	1,025
ND						
OH	9.8	12.7	11,146	13,825	1,137	1,085
OK	3.6	4.5	3,663	4,343	1,010	955
OR	1.4	1.4	1,878	1,800	1,326	1,328
PA	83.2	90.6	103,316	118,746	1,242	1,310
SC						
SD	19.9	22.0	22,718	26,481	1,143	1,202
TN						
TX	577.2	635.0	635,234	689,679	1,101	1,086
UT						
VA	1.4	1.9	1,260	1,874	931	966
WA	80.0	91.0	96,046	109,302	1,200	1,201
WV	.9	1.1	880	963	1,000	913
WI	117.7	136.3	144,443	164,076	1,228	1,204
WY	.4	.5	494	615	1,120	1,127
US 3/	3,136.1	3,329.3	3,668,530	3,848,664	1,170	1,156

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,
May 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	.1	.2	33	93	374	394
CA	21.0	24.8	6,218	9,006	296	363
CO						
DE-MD	.5	1.3	205	537	427	404
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.7	10.0	4,132	4,084	427	409
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.2	2.0	974	956	446	466
MI	6.0	6.8	1,586	1,754	263	258
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	53	67	327	401
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	4.9	5.1	1,435	1,064	290	208
NJ						
NM						
NY	16.3	18.7	6,454	7,211	396	385
NC						
ND						
OH	7.9	4.6	4,177	2,345	529	510
OK	.1	.1	47	64	440	439
OR						
PA	11.0	15.9	4,440	6,562	405	414
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.5	3.8	1,079	1,742	440	463
UT						
VA	.1	.1	37	33	350	328
WA						
WV						
WI	14.4	15.6	5,825	6,218	404	398
WY						
US 3/	116.7	137.2	44,938	51,293	385	374

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

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	10.5	9.7	4,355	4,036	416	418
AZ	1.2	1.2	292	296	244	240
AR	19.8	18.5	7,872	7,626	397	413
CA	177.2	164.4	42,674	36,367	241	221
CO	4.1	3.7	977	878	237	235
DE-MD	23.3	22.2	5,505	4,973	237	224
FL	8.6	12.3	1,611	2,657	187	216
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	793.7	714.6	209,918	187,380	264	262
IN						
IA	2,596.2	2,133.8	677,513	542,247	261	254
KS						
KY	271.4	222.2	69,038	56,335	254	254
LA	3.7	2.9	800	634	215	216
MI	283.0	267.0	68,669	62,730	243	235
MN	601.1	580.0	149,158	142,907	248	246
MS						
MO	246.8	280.5	60,632	70,583	246	252
MT	2.6	1.6	659	372	250	234
NE	496.6	470.4	124,759	117,278	251	249
NV	.3	.3	67	57	216	225
N ENG 2/	2.8	2.9	644	645	227	221
NJ						
NM	.2	.1	39	21	216	213
NY	5.3	3.8	1,279	1,027	243	268
NC	598.0	729.5	152,571	184,870	255	253
ND	6.6	6.6	1,476	1,559	225	236
OH	120.7	103.7	30,992	26,429	257	255
OK	12.8	104.7	4,259	26,983	333	258
OR	12.0	12.5	2,922	3,034	243	243
PA	191.4	193.5	47,046	48,078	246	248
SC						
SD	522.8	444.1	135,170	117,540	259	265
TN						
TX	26.8	25.2	8,891	8,517	332	338
UT						
VA	389.1	354.7	97,994	89,535	252	252
WA						
WV	1.2	1.0	442	345	362	341
WI	32.1	33.5	12,629	13,998	394	418
WY	.5	.3	123	87	271	253
US 3/	8,194.1	7,632.8	2,111,240	1,944,070	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,
May 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	.2	.1	20	17	100	114
AR	.1	.1	5	7	98	119
CA						
CO	130.1	119.2	17,736	17,318	136	145
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.2	.4	19	26	95	66
HI						
ID	.4	.3	34	34	92	103
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.1	20	11	104	122
KY	1.0	1.2	122	144	122	124
LA	.3	.3	29	23	91	90
MI	18.5	16.7	2,261	2,094	122	126
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.1	.1	17	16	119	117
NE	.1	.1	11	9	91	92
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.0	2.2	218	274	106	124
NJ	13.3	11.5	1,248	1,035	94	90
NM	3.3	4.1	374	479	114	116
NY	3.1	2.5	312	247	99	97
NC	.2	.2	19	14	78	80
ND	.1	.1	7	9	87	117
OH	1.2	1.2	118	117	102	99
OK						
OR	.5	.4	62	49	115	115
PA	6.3	4.9	569	478	90	98
SC						
SD	16.2	14.1	2,085	1,953	129	138
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	2.5	2.0	262	206	106	102
WA						
WV						
WI	.9	.5	98	50	113	111
WY	.1	.1	10	10	121	127
US 3/	369.8	324.7	47,150	42,875	127	132

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	:Jan - May 1/					:Jan - May 1/				
	: May : :1995	: Apr : :1996	: May : :1996	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: May : :1995	: Apr : :1996	: May : :1996	: 1995 :	: 1996 :
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					:----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,671	1,552	1,684	7,166	7,538	54.3	51.1	51.7	51.5	50.1
Heifers	: 870	857	915	4,007	4,380	28.3	28.2	28.1	28.8	29.1
Dairy Cows	: 220	247	242	1,208	1,271	7.1	8.1	7.4	8.7	8.4
Other Cows	: 257	323	352	1,259	1,578	8.3	10.6	10.8	9.0	10.5
Bulls & Stags	: 59	60	65	271	282	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:3,077	3,039	3,258	13,911	15,049	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:7,634	7,496	7,109	37,190	36,720	95.3	95.0	95.0	95.2	95.2
Sows	: 304	326	314	1,491	1,534	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.0
Stags & Boars	: 73	65	61	377	300	.9	.8	.8	1.0	.8
Total 1/	:8,012	7,886	7,485	39,057	38,554	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 28	24	26	111	114	7.7	6.5	8.5	5.7	6.4
Lambs & Yrlings	: 328	350	286	1,856	1,681	92.3	93.5	91.5	94.3	93.6
Total 1/	: 355	374	313	1,967	1,795	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 703	699	699	705	705					
Steers 4/	: 751	756	755	760	765					
Heifers 4/	: 690	700	695	699	707					
All Cows 4/	: 540	526	523	538	530					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 861	843	835	859	844					
Calves & Vealers	: 228	219	220	227	215					
Hogs	: 187	186	186	187	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 183	181	181	182	182					
Sows 5/	: 288	287	288	290	289					
Stags & Boars5/	: 218	219	226	217	222					
Sheep	: 64	66	66	64	66					
Mature Sheep6/	: 58	57	58	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 65	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,
May 1996

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :		-----						
Regions	Total	:	:	: Dairy	: Other	: Bulls &	Total	
1/	2/	: Steers	: Heifers	: Cows	: Cows	: Stags	2/	
:		-----						
:		1,000 Head						
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
1	: 2.6	.3	.2	1.7	.1	.4	3/	
2	: 4/						27.2	
3	: 103.5	48.1	8.4	32.8	9.8	4.4	3/	
4	: 4/						22.1	
5	: 467.8	180.4	63.1	117.6	84.7	22.0	46.4	
6	: 634.5	318.8	186.1	6.6	109.1	13.9	3/	
7	: 1,449.3	827.8	506.6	26.2	78.0	10.8	5.4	
8	: 314.6	161.4	100.2	8.0	39.5	5.5	.0	
9	: 131.8	67.5	9.0	36.3	14.4	4.6	3/	
10	: 153.7	79.8	41.3	12.4	16.9	3.4	32.3	
US 2/	: 3,257.8	1,684.0	914.9	241.5	352.4	64.9	133.5	
:		-----					-----	
:		Hogs			:	Sheep		
:		-----						
:	Total	: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &	
:	2/	: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings	
:		-----						
:		1,000 Head						
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
1	: 2.6	2.5	.1	.0	2.1	1.0	1.1	
2	: 6/				13.7	3.9	9.8	
3	: 6/				5/			
4	: 1,799.8	1,712.6	85.7	1.5	5/			
5	: 6/				49.4	7.3	42.1	
6	: 2,128.2	1,981.0	126.3	20.9	5/			
7	: 6/				62.4	10.0	52.3	
8	: 3,366.4	3,226.2	101.6	38.6	5/			
9	: 6/				5/			
10	: 187.5	186.8	.7	.0	185.1	4.2	180.9	
US 2/	: 7,484.5	7,109.1	314.4	61.1	312.8	26.5	286.3	

- 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, 6-7 and 9-10 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 4/ Regions 2-3 and 4-5 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 2-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	Total	:	:	:	Dairy	Other	Bulls &	Total
1/	2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Cows	Stags	2/	
: 1,000 Head								
1	12.5	1.4	1.1	8.2	.4	1.4	3/	
2	4/						150.0	
3	489.8	207.2	38.7	179.7	48.7	15.5	3/	
4	4/						113.9	
5	2,188.8	774.2	306.7	601.9	408.9	97.0	29.2	
6	2,849.0	1,508.3	804.7	49.1	422.0	64.9	3/	
7	6,703.3	3,694.7	2,470.5	128.0	361.2	48.9	30.1	
8	1,481.1	698.4	506.7	39.8	210.7	25.5	.0	
9	621.3	315.7	43.6	197.2	48.9	15.9	3/	
10	703.2	337.6	208.4	67.3	76.8	13.1	165.1	
US	15,049.0	7,537.5	4,380.4	1,271.3	1,577.5	282.3	681.5	
: Hogs : Sheep								
: Total		: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &	
: 2/		: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	: 2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings	
: 1,000 Head								
1	10.6	10.3	.2	.1	13.1	6.2	6.8	
2	6/				76.6	16.0	60.7	
3	6/				5/			
4	9,063.6	8,624.0	430.3	9.4	5/			
5	6/				269.6	31.2	238.5	
6	10,769.2	10,074.2	589.1	105.9	5/			
7	6/				341.1	40.9	300.2	
8	17,749.1	17,053.4	511.2	184.5	5/			
9	6/				5/			
10	961.8	958.1	3.4	.3	1,094.4	19.7	1,074.6	
US	38,554.4	36,720.1	1,534.2	300.2	1,794.8	114.0	1,680.8	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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6/ Regions 2-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL	16.7			2.0	14.4	.3	
AZ	43.8	41.5	2.3				
AR	2.1	.5	.2		1.1	.2	
CA	86.4	25.6	6.5	36.0	13.9	4.4	24.7
CO	230.1	133.1	82.2	2.4	12.0	.4	
DE-MD	3.4	2.6	.4	.2		.1	1.3
FL							
GA							
HI	1.4	.3	.2	.3	.5	.1	
ID	61.7	30.5	12.9	6.1	9.7	2.5	
IL	100.8	57.4	35.8	3.4	3.2	1.0	9.9
IN							
IA	99.4	40.2	24.5	21.6	9.2	3.9	
KS	643.6	403.0	238.5	.2	1.7	.2	
KY							
LA							
MI	44.5	26.5	2.5	10.9	4.2	.4	6.7
MN	92.6	35.2	16.3	20.5	14.4	6.2	
MS							
MO	10.7	1.2	.7	.6	7.6	.5	
MT	1.0	.3	.2		.3	.2	
NE	695.6	383.3	243.0	3.8	59.4	6.2	
NV	.2	.1					
N ENG	2.6	.3	.2	1.7	.1	.4	5.1
NJ	2.0	.7	.1	.7	.2	.3	
NM							
NY	6.8	.6	.3	4.9	.1	.8	18.7
NC	15.6	.2	.1	8.0	4.3	3.0	
ND							
OH	5.7	.4	.4	3.3	1.1	.6	4.5
OK							
OR	1.1	.6	.1	.1	.1	.2	
PA	90.4	44.0	7.4	26.7	9.1	3.1	15.8
SC							
SD	19.9	.1	.1	1.5	15.8	2.5	
TN							
TX	628.9	317.9	185.7	5.2	106.8	13.3	3.1
UT							
VA							.1
WA	90.9	48.7	28.2	6.2	7.2	.7	
WV	.1						
WI	133.0	58.6	4.4	53.5	11.9	4.6	15.6
WY							
US 3/	3,257.8	1,684.0	914.9	241.5	352.4	64.9	133.5

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.3	.2	6.7	1.4			
AZ							
AR	18.0	7.8	10.2				
CA	157.8	157.6	.2				
CO	3.2	3.1	.2		119.1	.1	119.0
DE-MD	22.2	22.1	.1				
FL							
GA							
HI							
ID					.1		.1
IL	683.8	603.0	62.3	18.5			
IN							
IA	2,131.0	2,053.0	39.4	38.6			
KS							
KY	221.7	213.9	7.8		1.1	1.0	.2
LA							
MI	265.3	257.9	5.1	2.2	16.4	2.3	14.2
MN	577.4	577.4					
MS							
MO	278.7	278.6	.1				
MT	1.3	1.2	.1				
NE	469.2	469.2					
NV	.3	.2					
N ENG	2.6	2.5	.1		2.1	1.0	1.1
NJ					11.2	3.1	8.0
NM							
NY	3.6	3.5	.1		2.5	.8	1.7
NC	703.0	696.6	6.4				
ND	6.4	6.4					
OH	93.1	84.1	9.0				
OK	102.6	97.3	5.2				
OR	12.3	12.1	.2		.3		.2
PA	193.2	191.0	2.1		4.8	.7	4.1
SC							
SD	443.0	387.6	55.4		14.0		14.0
TN							
TX	11.8	6.1	5.6				
UT							
VA	354.4	341.8	12.5		1.9	.1	1.8
WA							
WV							
WI	28.9	.4	28.4	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,484.5	7,109.1	314.4	61.1	312.8	26.5	286.3

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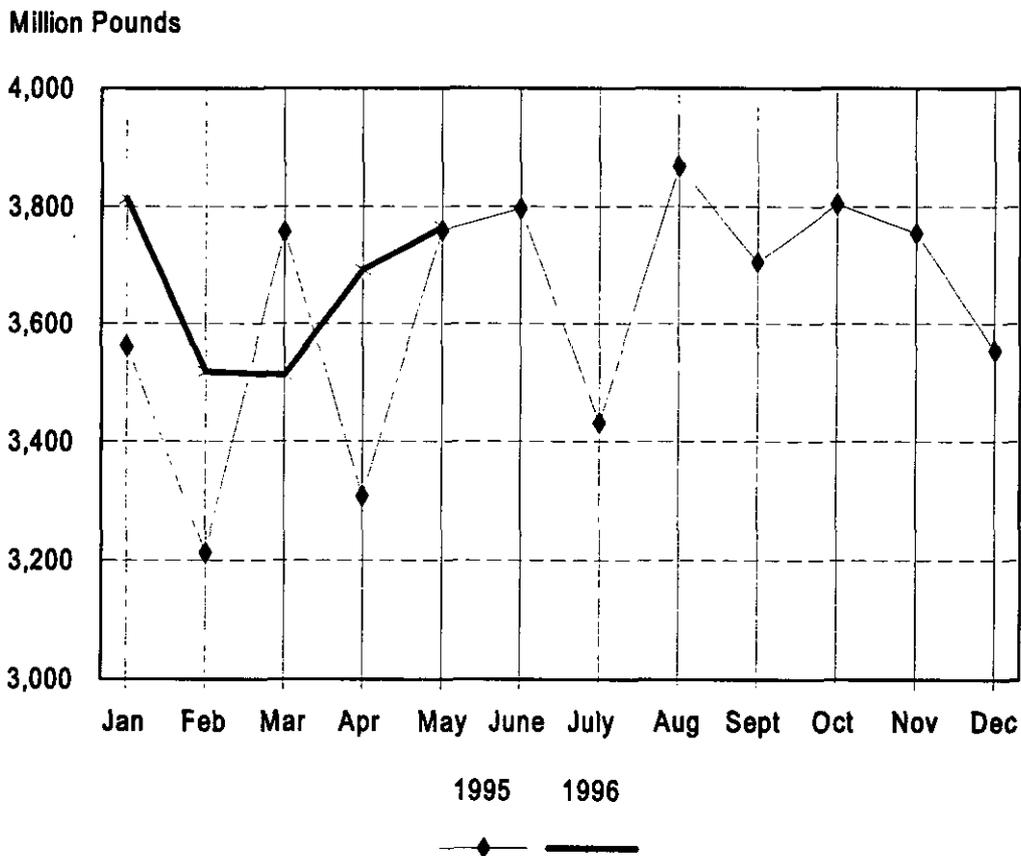
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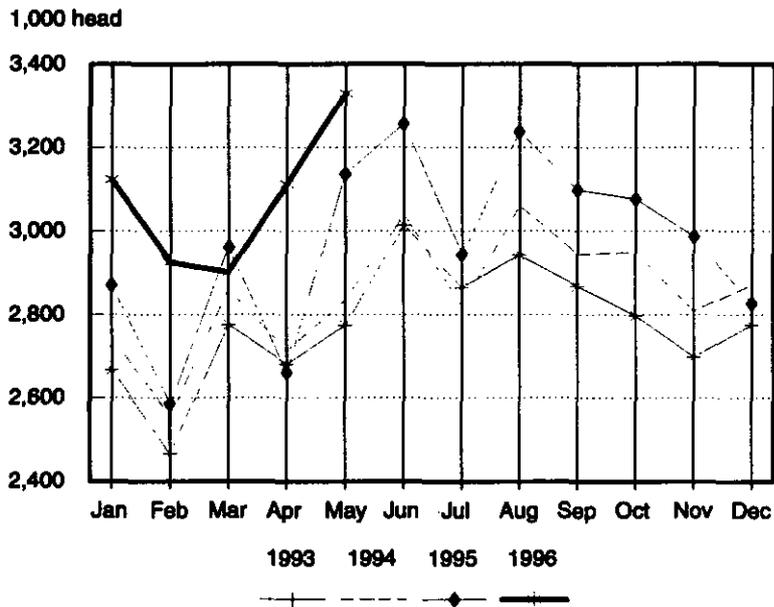
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	May		Jan - May	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
Cattle	98.1	97.7	97.9	97.7
Calves	97.7	97.4	97.3	97.4
Hogs	97.8	98.2	98.1	98.1
Sheep	96.0	95.4	96.3	96.6

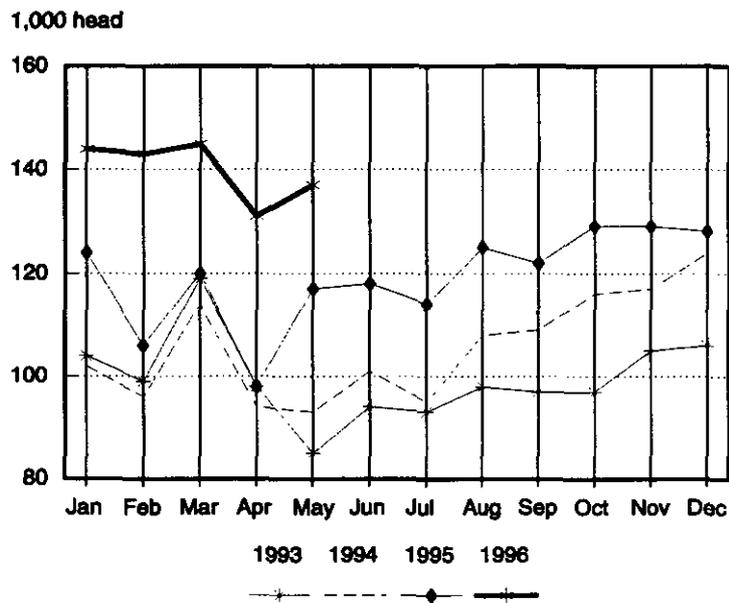
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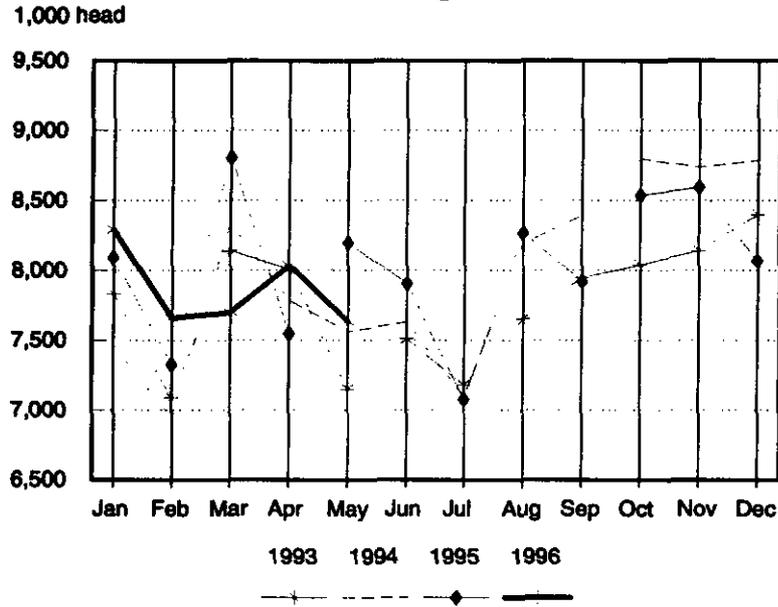
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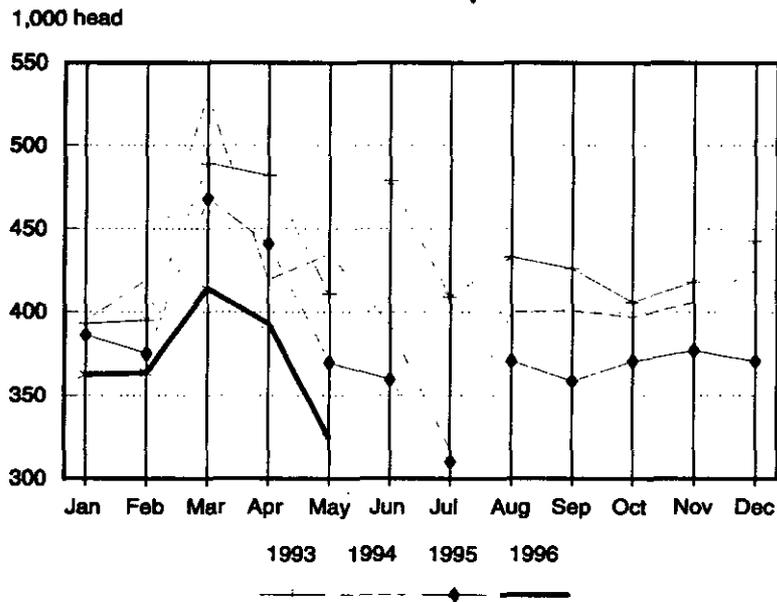
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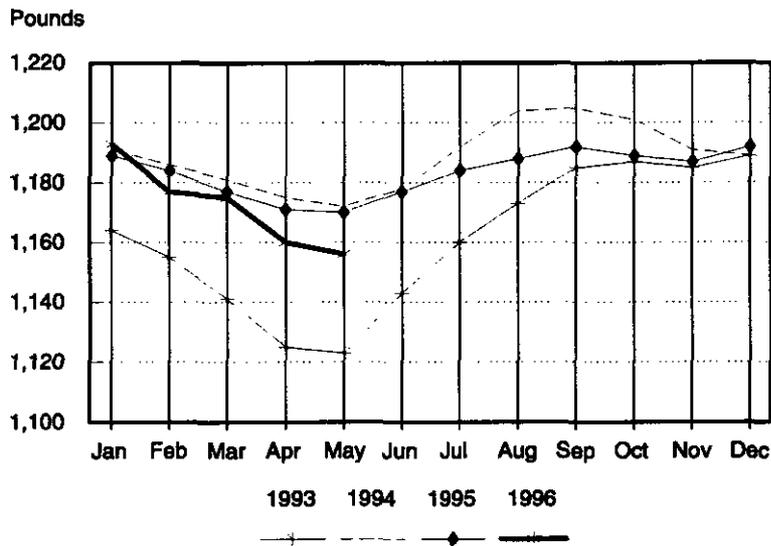
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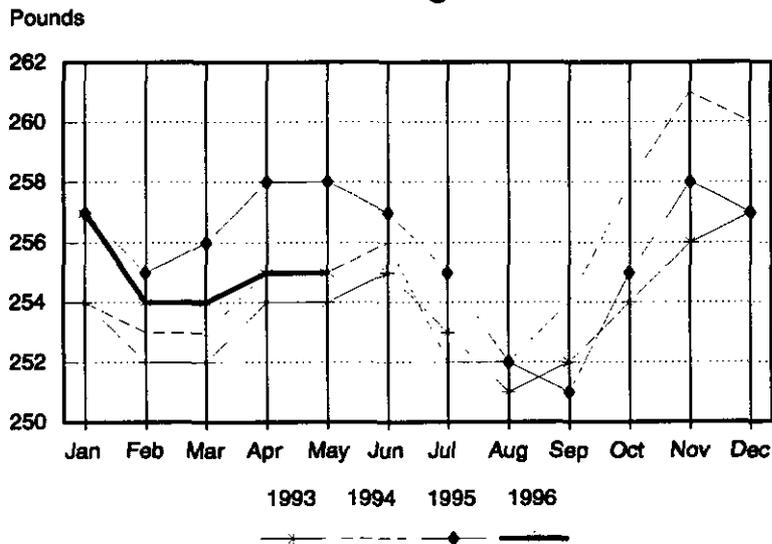
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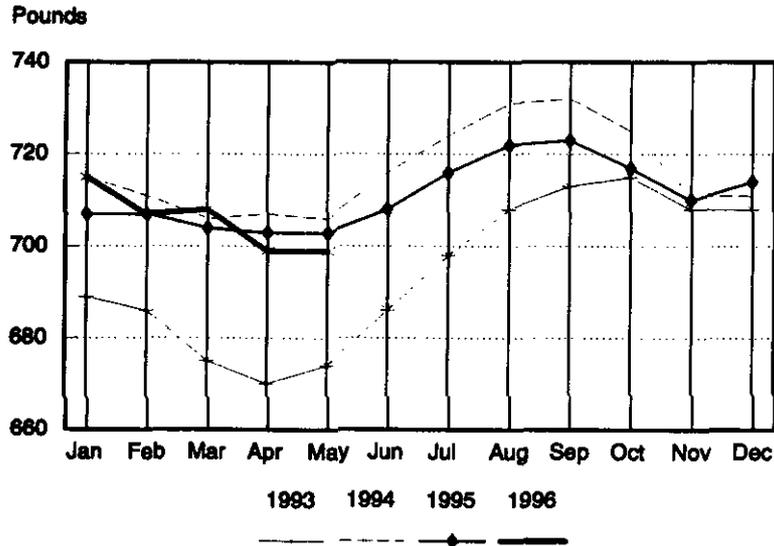
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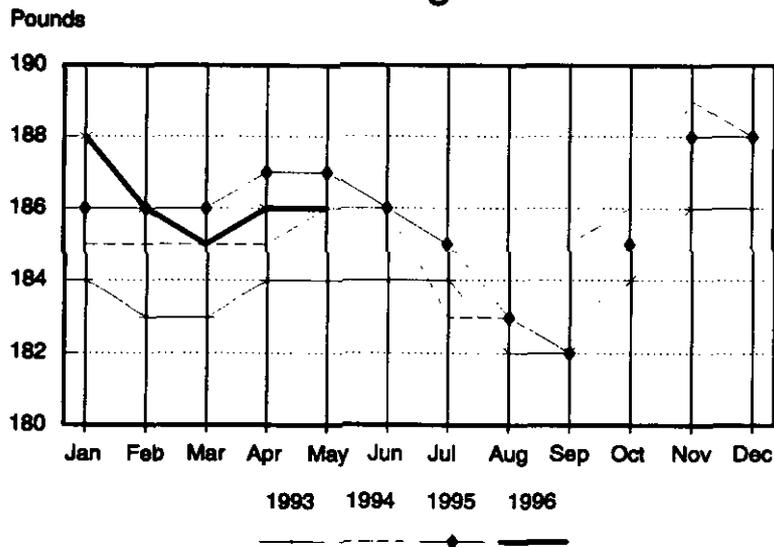
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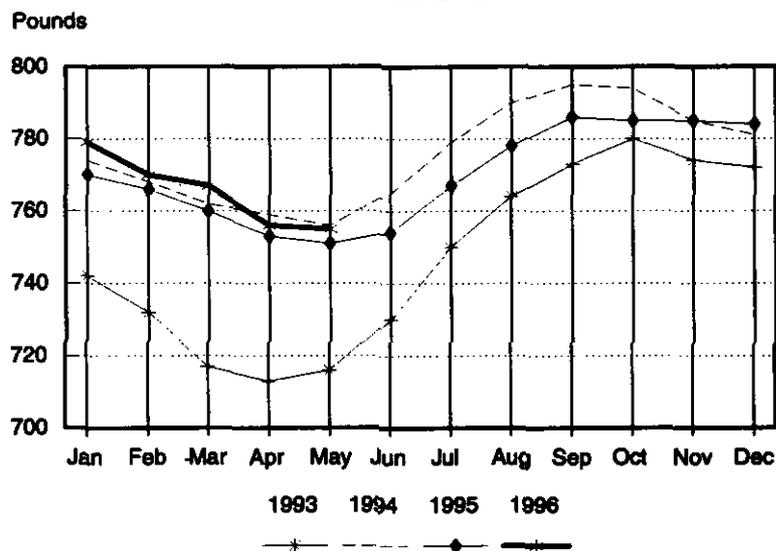
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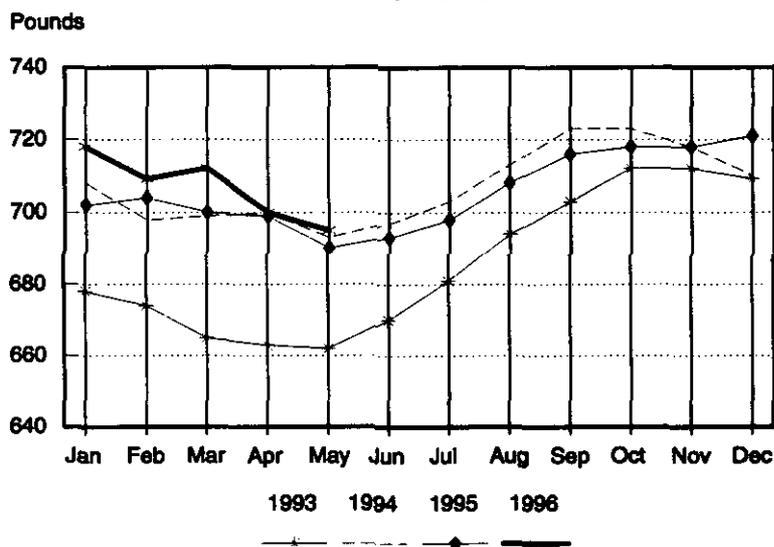
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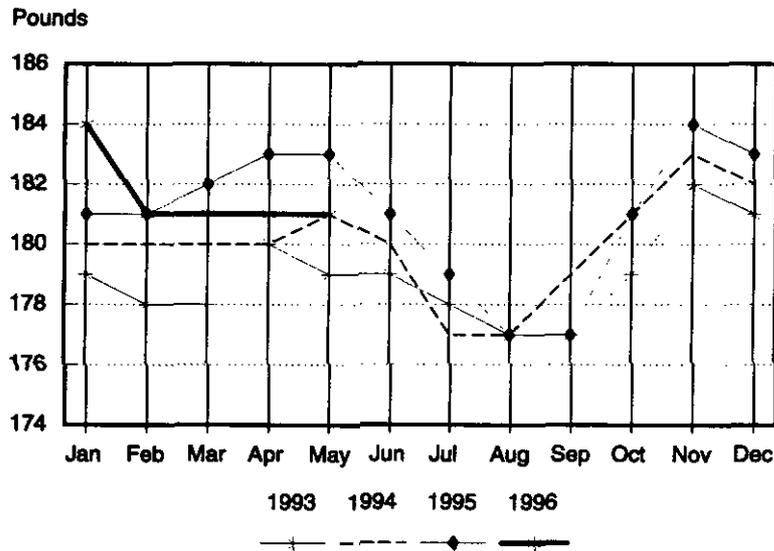
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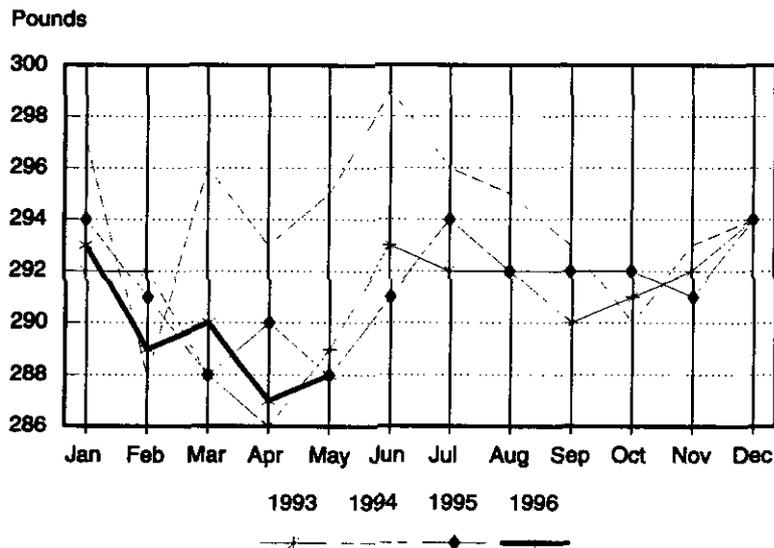
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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