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Red Meat Production Drops Lamb and Mutton Set Record Low for June

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.44 billion pounds during June. This production was down 9 percent from a year earlier.

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

Beef production at 2.19 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from the previous year. Head kill totaled 3.15 million head, down 3 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,162 pounds.

Veal production totaled 29.0 million pounds. This production was up 10 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 135,500 head, 15 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 18 pounds to 365 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.21 billion pounds was down 18 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 6.53 million head, 17 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from the previous record low set in June 1979. Slaughter during June 1996 totaled 282,100 head, down 22 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 3 pounds at 129 pounds.

January - June red meat production was 21.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent, veal was up 16 percent, pork was down 4 percent and lamb and mutton was down 9 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Jun 96 % of :			: Jan - Jun 2/ :				
	: Jun : : 1995 :	: May : : 1996 :	: Jun : : 1996 :	: Jun : : 1995 :	: May : : 1996 :	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: 96 as % : of 95 :
		:--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	:2,285	2,303	2,186	96	95	12,213	12,943	106
Veal	: 26	30	29	110	97	152	177	116
Pork	:1,464	1,413	1,206	82	85	8,881	8,492	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 22	21	18	80	84	152	139	91
Total Red Meat	:3,797	3,766	3,438	91	91	21,398	21,750	102

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	: Jun 96 % of :			: Jan - Jun 2/ :				
	: Jun : : 1995 :	: May : : 1996 :	: Jun : : 1996 :	: Jun : : 1995 :	: May : : 1996 :	: 1995 :	: 1996 :	: 96 as % : of 95 :
		: --- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 2,254	*2,264	2,148	95	95	12,011	12,708	106
Veal	: 25	29	28	109	96	149	172	116
Pork	: 1,437	1,389	1,184	82	85	8,706	8,344	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 22	21	17	80	84	148	135	91
Total Red Meat	: 3,737	3,702	3,377	90	91	21,012	21,358	102

* Revised.

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	: Jun 96 % of :			Jan - Jun 2/			: 96 % : of 95	
		1995	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,199.8	3,257.8	3,077.9	96	94	17,110.6	18,127.0	106
Other	:Thou:	56.4	71.5	67.9	120	95	360.5	427.7	119
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,256.2	3,329.3	3,145.9	97	94	17,471.1	18,554.7	106
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,179	1,160	1,166	99	101	1,181	1,174	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,019	986	993	97	101	1,025	999	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,177	1,156	1,162	99	101	1,178	1,170	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	114.5	133.5	130.8	114	98	667.5	812.3	122
Other	:Thou:	3.2	3.8	4.7	148	125	15.7	23.2	148
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	117.7	137.2	135.5	115	99	683.2	835.5	122
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	382	*372	363	95	97	385	362	94
Other	:Lbs :	417	429	429	103	100	409	419	103
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	383	*373	365	95	98	385	364	95
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,731.0	7,484.5	6,394.8	83	85	46,788.1	44,949.2	96
Other	:Thou:	172.2	148.3	136.8	79	92	1,079.7	900.7	83
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,903.1	7,632.8	6,531.6	83	86	47,867.8	45,849.9	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	258	255	256	99	100	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	221	227	224	101	99	230	231	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	257	255	255	99	100	257	255	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	347.4	312.8	271.0	78	87	2,314.5	2,065.8	89
Other	:Thou:	12.8	11.9	11.1	87	94	85.5	74.5	87
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	360.2	324.7	282.1	78	87	2,400.0	2,140.3	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	127	134	130	102	97	128	131	102
Other	:Lbs :	94	92	93	98	101	96	95	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	126	132	129	102	98	127	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	Million Pounds			Jun 96 as % of	
	Jun 1995	May 1996	Jun 1996	Jun 1995	May 1996
AL	9.8	11.5	11.0	112	96
AZ	28.7	30.8	30.6	106	99
AR	6.3	6.5	6.1	97	95
CA	92.6	*88.6	84.0	91	95
CO	183.3	178.2	174.2	95	98
DE-MD	6.1	6.6	5.4	89	82
FL	3.6	*4.2	3.4	96	81
GA	37.9	36.3	24.5	65	68
HI	1.3	1.3	1.2	90	91
ID	46.1	46.0	42.8	93	93
IL	224.7	214.5	192.2	86	90
IN	57.3	69.5	61.3	107	88
IA	584.6	467.2	393.2	67	84
KS	498.4	476.7	456.2	92	96
KY	52.8	44.4	34.8	66	79
LA	2.0	2.2	2.0	103	93
MI	90.7	82.6	75.3	83	91
MN	165.4	171.2	153.4	93	90
MS	24.2	22.0	19.3	80	88
MO	49.5	61.7	51.7	104	84
MT	1.5	1.4	1.3	90	96
NE	542.4	585.0	545.5	101	93
NV	.1	.1	.1	105	61
N ENG 2/	2.7	*2.7	2.8	102	101
NJ	2.8	3.0	3.1	111	102
NM	1.4	1.6	1.1	82	72
NY	8.6	8.9	8.6	100	96
NC	114.1	143.5	128.1	112	89
ND	9.8	10.6	10.0	102	95
OH	28.5	27.7	22.9	80	83
OK	4.6	22.6	22.8	494	101
OR	3.1	3.1	3.0	96	98
PA	94.6	103.8	91.8	97	88
SC	13.7	13.9	11.0	80	79
SD	108.0	98.8	83.3	77	84
TN	15.2	16.6	15.2	100	92
TX	406.2	429.4	410.9	101	96
UT	38.8	36.6	34.9	90	95
VA	76.7	67.5	57.6	75	85
WA	65.5	66.6	66.0	101	99
WV	1.1	1.4	1.8	165	124
WI	92.2	99.1	93.3	101	94
WY	.4	.4	.3	83	76
US	3,797.5	*3,766.3	3,438.1	91	91

* 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,
June 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	13.9	18.0	14,158	17,996	1,020	1,002
AZ	40.0	44.3	48,202	49,409	1,207	1,115
AR	2.4	2.8	2,428	2,564	997	903
CA	88.7	84.2	109,702	101,533	1,237	1,206
CO	240.5	229.2	280,802	268,709	1,168	1,173
DE-MD	3.1	2.9	3,851	3,457	1,233	1,212
FL						
GA						
HI	1.5	1.3	1,429	1,242	938	994
ID	63.4	59.7	75,186	70,819	1,186	1,186
IL	105.3	95.2	123,598	109,675	1,174	1,153
IN	5.3	4.0	5,623	4,079	1,058	1,011
IA	157.4	96.4	191,656	113,110	1,218	1,173
KS	671.4	612.4	786,554	717,932	1,172	1,172
KY	5.5	4.6	6,014	4,731	1,094	1,023
LA	1.7	2.2	1,371	1,691	819	774
MI	51.0	42.9	66,566	52,869	1,305	1,232
MN	87.4	88.5	109,483	108,130	1,252	1,222
MS						
MO	12.2	12.9	13,469	13,928	1,101	1,082
MT	1.7	1.6	2,072	2,007	1,246	1,251
NE	642.6	650.7	756,238	771,598	1,177	1,186
NV	.1	.1	90	124	1,095	1,169
N ENG 2/	2.2	2.4	2,368	2,636	1,089	1,096
NJ	1.6	1.8	1,892	2,103	1,164	1,179
NM	2.7	1.7	2,386	1,582	889	917
NY	5.4	6.4	6,187	6,738	1,147	1,047
NC	12.3	15.7	12,924	15,505	1,051	990
ND						
OH	9.5	12.3	10,837	13,249	1,135	1,077
OK	3.6	4.1	3,523	3,786	973	921
OR	1.5	1.5	1,971	1,972	1,316	1,358
PA	84.0	81.0	105,239	105,911	1,252	1,308
SC						
SD	20.0	19.8	23,021	24,491	1,150	1,237
TN						
TX	587.6	607.8	661,433	659,958	1,126	1,086
UT						
VA	1.1	1.7	1,078	1,706	943	996
WA	88.1	89.7	108,577	108,789	1,232	1,213
WV	.8	.9	733	998	944	1,139
WI	124.5	127.7	154,568	154,480	1,241	1,209
WY	.5	.5	564	505	1,167	1,096
US 3/	3,256.2	3,145.9	3,831,544	3,655,830	1,177	1,162

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,
June 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	.1	23	32	371	350
CA	20.8	23.7	6,043	8,658	290	365
CO						
DE-MD	.5	.5	218	213	442	444
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.1	9.3	3,586	3,825	396	411
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.7	2.8	1,226	1,284	462	452
MI	5.0	6.9	1,419	1,732	283	250
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	45	62	317	381
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.1	5.6	1,439	1,412	280	250
NJ						
NM						
NY	19.3	20.2	7,863	7,779	408	385
NC						
ND						
OH	6.3	4.0	3,265	2,037	516	513
OK	.1	.2	46	74	458	469
OR						
PA	11.6	13.9	4,707	5,498	407	394
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.8	3.8	1,046	1,555	368	405
UT						
VA	.1	.1	29	38	320	340
WA						
WV						
WI	14.3	13.9	5,876	5,474	410	393
WY						
US 3/	117.7	135.5	45,033	49,404	383	365

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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	10.3	9.1	4,211	3,791	410	418
AZ	1.0	.8	224	189	232	249
AR	19.8	16.9	7,974	7,108	403	421
CA	163.9	150.5	37,934	32,532	231	216
CO	4.2	3.6	995	828	239	231
DE-MD	22.0	18.8	5,197	4,457	237	237
FL	9.7	9.3	1,624	2,003	167	216
GA						
HI	3.5	3.4	684	652	197	191
ID						
IL	767.1	641.4	202,678	167,520	264	261
IN						
IA	2,485.6	1,760.4	647,448	450,477	260	256
KS						
KY	264.1	174.0	69,194	43,910	262	252
LA	3.6	3.0	791	615	220	208
MI						
MN	567.9	510.7	139,931	126,424	246	248
MS						
MO	234.6	237.6	57,444	59,166	245	249
MT	2.1	1.5	499	338	233	231
NE	459.3	417.8	114,284	104,319	249	250
NV	.2	.1	35	19	207	192
N ENG 2/	3.4	3.3	856	755	251	230
NJ						
NM	.1	.1	23	21	224	216
NY	5.7	4.0	1,281	1,055	225	266
NC	587.3	657.2	149,421	165,178	254	251
ND	6.6	4.6	1,485	1,077	224	236
OH	115.8	79.3	29,300	20,380	253	257
OK	13.1	105.2	4,597	28,350	351	270
OR	12.1	12.1	2,923	2,894	241	239
PA	191.8	168.2	45,852	40,771	239	242
SC						
SD	509.5	368.2	132,421	96,551	260	262
TN						
TX	24.8	23.7	8,201	7,652	331	323
UT						
VA	411.4	306.9	101,277	75,433	246	246
WA						
WV	1.1	1.0	377	331	339	334
WI	31.3	31.6	12,702	13,146	406	417
WY	.4	.2	98	50	247	251
US 3/	7,903.1	6,531.6	2,029,777	1,665,033	257	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,
June 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	.1	.1	5	8	89	91
AR						
CA						
CO	124.1	103.3	17,045	14,925	137	144
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.1	6	11	121	88
HI						
ID	.4	.3	37	36	89	103
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	19	18	107	121
KY	1.2	1.1	162	132	130	123
LA	.4	.3	37	22	86	81
MI	17.7	15.1	2,084	1,784	118	118
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.1	22	14	115	113
NE	.1	.1	9	11	114	101
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.4	2.1	245	250	100	120
NJ	13.3	10.0	1,151	939	87	94
NM	2.8	3.3	344	404	123	124
NY	2.5	1.6	261	151	104	93
NC	.2	.2	14	18	82	82
ND	.1	.1	8	11	101	120
OH	1.0	1.0	107	105	105	107
OK						
OR	.7	.6	79	63	114	113
PA	6.0	5.3	531	532	89	101
SC						
SD	17.9	10.0	2,222	1,342	124	134
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	2.0	1.9	216	188	109	98
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.7	86	75	114	107
WY	.1	.1	11	8	129	124
US 3/	360.2	282.1	45,479	36,366	126	129

- 1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.
3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	: Jan - Jun 1/			: Jan - Jun 1/		
	: Jun : :1995	: May : :1996	: Jun : :1996	: Jun : :1995	: May : :1996	: Jun : :1996
	----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Percent of Total -----		
Class 2/ Cattle						
Steers	:1,748	1,684	1,596	8,914	9,134	54.6 51.7 51.9 52.1 50.4
Heifers	: 907	915	886	4,914	5,267	28.4 28.1 28.8 28.7 29.1
All Cows	: 483	594	537	2,950	3,385	15.1 18.2 17.4 17.2 18.7
Dairy Cows	: 220	242	209	1,428	1,480	6.9 7.4 6.8 8.3 8.2
Other Cows	: 263	352	328	1,522	1,905	8.2 10.8 10.6 8.9 10.5
Bulls & Stags	: 62	65	59	333	341	1.9 2.0 1.9 1.9 1.9
Total 1/	:3,200	3,258	3,078	17,111	18,127	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0
Hogs						
Barrows & Gilts	:7,320	7,109	6,068	44,510	42,788	94.7 95.0 94.9 95.1 95.2
Sows	: 335	314	275	1,826	1,809	4.3 4.2 4.3 3.9 4.0
Stags & Boars	: 76	61	52	453	353	1.0 .8 .8 1.0 .8
Total 1/	:7,731	7,485	6,395	46,788	44,949	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0
Sheep						
Mature Sheep	: 25	26	23	136	137	7.3 8.5 8.6 5.9 6.7
Lambs & Yrlings	: 322	286	248	2,178	1,928	92.7 91.5 91.4 94.1 93.3
Total 1/	: 347	313	271	2,314	2,066	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/						
	----- Pounds -----					
Cattle 4/	: 708	699	701	705	705	
Steers 4/	: 754	755	759	759	764	
Heifers 4/	: 693	695	698	698	705	
All Cows 4/	: 545	523	524	539	529	
Bulls & Stags4/	: 868	835	846	861	844	
Calves & Vealers	: 225	*219	215	227	215	
Hogs	: 186	186	186	187	186	
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 181	181	180	182	181	
Sows 5/	: 291	288	294	290	290	
Stags & Boars5/	: 223	226	226	217	222	
Sheep	: 63	66	64	64	66	
Mature Sheep6/	: 58	58	57	58	58	
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 64	67	65	64	66	

* Revised.
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,
June 1996

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :	Total :	Steers :	Heifers :	Cows :			Bulls & :	Total :	
1/ :	2/ :	:	:	All :	Dairy :	Other :	Stags :	2/ :	
		1,000 Head							
1	2.2	.3	.2	1.4	1.4	.1	.3	3/	
2	4/							30.3	
3	92.4	46.0	7.8	35.1	27.5	7.6	3.4	3/	
4	4/							21.3	
5	431.7	166.5	58.7	186.7	105.6	81.1	19.9	42.5	
6	603.3	311.8	176.0	103.6	6.3	97.3	11.9	3/	
7	1,362.1	770.2	491.3	90.1	21.5	68.6	10.5	5.9	
8	308.0	159.7	100.2	43.2	4.2	39.0	5.0	.0	
9	128.8	66.5	8.5	49.1	32.2	16.9	4.7	3/	
10	149.4	75.4	43.7	27.2	10.2	17.0	3.1	30.8	
US 2/	3,077.9	1,596.3	886.4	536.4	208.8	327.6	58.8	130.8	
		Hogs			Sheep				
Total :		Barrows :	Sows :		Stags & :	Total :	Mature :	Lambs & :	
2/ :	:	& Gilts :			Boars :	2/ :	Sheep :	Yearlings :	
		1,000 Head							
1	3.0	2.9	.1	.0	2.0	1.0	1.0		
2	6/				11.6	3.4	8.2		
3	6/				5/				
4	1,515.8	1,438.1	76.1	1.5	5/				
5	6/				46.1	7.1	39.0		
6	1,890.9	1,760.9	112.3	17.8	5/				
7	6/				52.0	8.5	43.5		
8	2,815.1	2,696.2	85.7	33.1	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	170.1	169.5	.6	.0	159.3	3.4	155.9		
US 2/	6,394.8	6,067.6	274.7	52.5	271.0	23.4	247.6		

- 1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR, & WA.
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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 Region and United States,
January - June 1996 *

Standard:	Cattle							Calves	
	Federal :							Federal :	
	Regions	Total	Steers	Heifers	All	Dairy	Other	Bulls & Stags	Total
1/	2/							2/	
1,000 Head									
1	14.7	1.7	1.3	10.1	9.6	.5	1.7	3/	
2	4/							180.3	
3	582.2	253.2	46.5	263.5	207.2	56.3	18.9	3/	
4	4/							135.2	
5	2,620.5	940.7	365.4	1,197.5	707.5	490.0	116.8	275.3	
6	3,452.3	1,820.1	980.7	574.6	55.4	519.2	76.9	3/	
7	8,065.4	4,464.8	2,961.8	579.3	149.4	429.8	59.5	36.0	
8	1,789.1	858.1	606.9	293.7	44.0	249.7	30.5	.0	
9	750.2	382.2	52.1	295.2	229.4	65.8	20.7	3/	
10	852.6	413.0	252.1	171.3	77.6	93.7	16.2	185.5	
US	18,127.0	9,133.9	5,266.8	3,385.2	1,480.0	1,905.1	341.1	812.3	
Hogs									
Sheep									
Total	Barrows			Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &		
2/	& Gilts	Sows		Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings		
1,000 Head									
1	13.6	13.2	.3	.1	15.1	7.2	7.9		
2	6/				88.2	19.4	68.8		
3	6/				5/				
4	10,579.4	10,062.1	506.4	10.9	5/				
5	6/				315.7	38.3	277.4		
6	12,660.1	11,835.0	701.3	123.7	5/				
7	6/				393.2	49.4	343.7		
8	20,564.2	19,749.7	597.0	217.6	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	1,131.9	1,127.6	3.9	.4	1,253.6	23.1	1,230.5		
US	44,949.2	42,787.6	1,808.9	352.6	2,065.8	137.4	1,928.4		

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
AL	16.3			15.8	1.6	14.2	.4	
AZ	43.8	42.1	1.6	.1	.1			
AR	2.1	.4	.2	1.2		1.2	.2	
CA	83.7	24.0	6.6	48.4	32.0	16.4	4.6	23.6
CO	228.5	132.1	82.4	13.7	.2	13.5	.4	
DE-MD	2.8	2.2	.4	.2	.2		.1	.5
FL								
GA								
HI	1.3	.3	.3	.6	.1	.5	.1	
ID	58.6	25.4	16.7	14.4	4.9	9.5	2.2	
IL	91.8	50.4	34.3	6.1	3.5	2.6	1.1	9.2
IN								
IA	94.6	39.8	22.4	28.7	17.6	11.1	3.7	
KS	608.3	372.2	234.6	1.4	.2	1.2	.1	
KY								
LA								
MI	40.8	25.9	2.1	12.4	9.0	3.4	.4	6.9
MN	85.1	32.6	14.8	31.9	17.9	14.0	5.8	
MS								
MO	10.2	.9	.6	8.1	.5	7.6	.6	
MT	1.0	.3	.2	.2		.2	.2	
NE	648.9	357.2	233.8	51.8	3.1	48.7	6.1	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	2.2	.3	.2	1.5	1.4	.1	.3	5.6
NJ	1.8	.5	.1	.8	.7	.1	.3	
NM								
NY	6.2	.5	.3	4.7	4.6	.1	.7	20.2
NC	14.5	.2	.1	11.6	7.1	4.5	2.5	
ND								
OH	5.4	.3	.3	4.2	2.9	1.3	.5	3.9
OK								
OR	1.2	.6	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2	
PA	80.8	42.6	7.1	28.8	21.7	7.1	2.3	13.9
SC								
SD	17.9		.1	15.7	1.1	14.6	2.1	
TN								
TX	598.5	311.2	175.7	100.1	5.0	95.1	11.6	2.7
UT								
VA								.1
WA	89.6	49.5	26.7	12.7	5.3	7.4	.7	
WV	.1							
WI	123.7	55.3	4.0	60.6	50.0	10.6	3.8	13.9
WY								
US 3/	3,077.9	1,596.3	886.4	536.4	208.8	327.6	58.8	130.8

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.8	.2	6.1	1.4			
AZ							
AR	16.5	6.4	10.1				
CA	143.8	143.6	.2				
CO	3.2	3.0	.1		103.3	.1	103.2
DE-MD	18.8	18.7	.1				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.4	3.3	.1		.1		.1
ID					.1		.1
IL	612.7	542.5	54.3	15.8			
IN							
IA	1,757.9	1,690.0	34.8	33.1			
KS							
KY	173.5	166.3	7.2		1.0	1.0	.1
LA							
MI					14.9	2.2	12.6
MN	508.2	508.2					
MS							
MO	235.7	235.6	.1				
MT	1.2	1.1	.1		.1		.1
NE	416.7	416.7					
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	3.0	2.9	.1		2.0	1.0	1.0
NJ					10.0	2.9	7.1
NM							
NY	3.7	3.6	.1		1.6	.5	1.1
NC	635.3	628.4	6.9				
ND	4.4	4.4					
OH	69.0	60.7	8.3				
OK	103.7	99.1	4.6				
OR	12.0	11.8	.1		.4		.4
PA	167.9	166.1	1.8		5.2	.9	4.3
SC							
SD	367.1	322.3	44.8		9.9		9.9
TN							
TX	11.2	6.3	4.9				
UT							
VA	306.7	298.5	8.1		1.8	.1	1.7
WA							
WV							
WI	25.9	.5	25.3	.1			
WY							
US 3/	6,394.8	6,067.6	274.7	52.5	271.0	23.4	247.6

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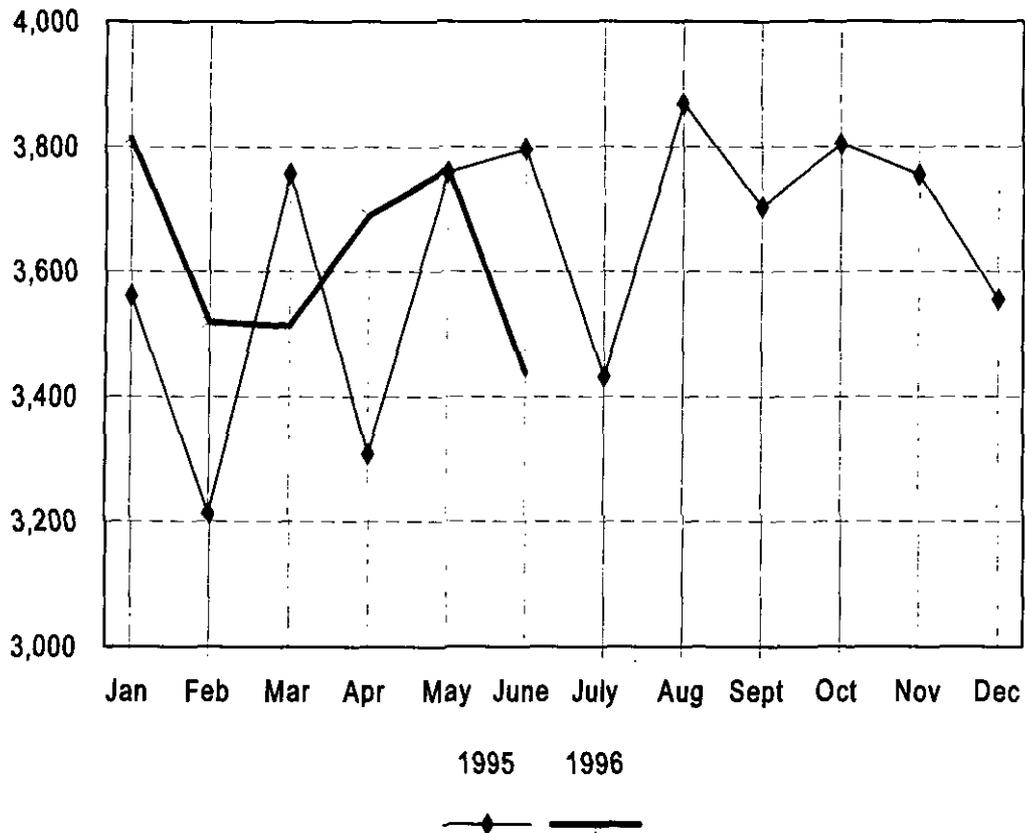
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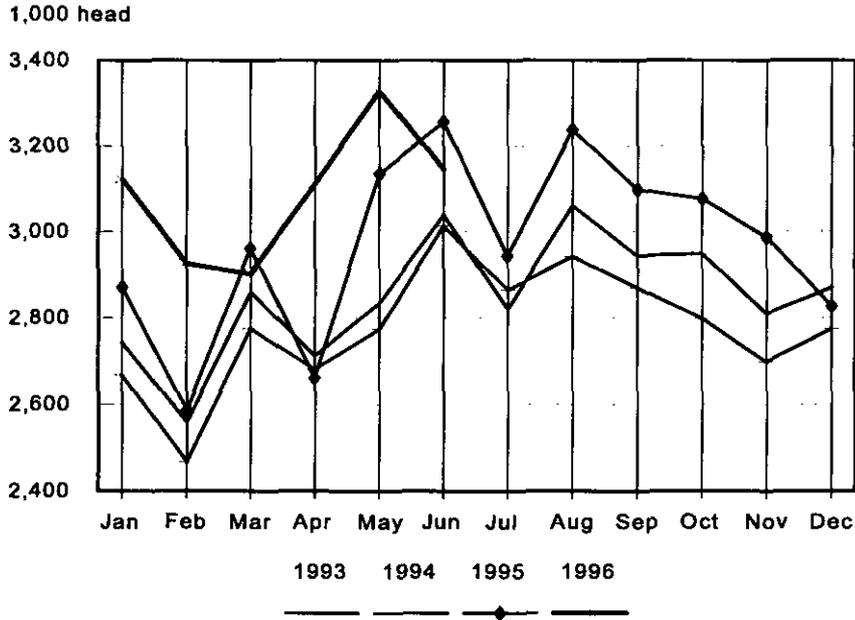
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	1995	1996	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent							
Cattle	98.3	97.9	97.8	97.9	97.9	97.7	97.7	97.2
Calves	97.3	97.3	96.5	97.7	97.7	97.2	97.2	97.2
Hogs	97.8	98.1	97.9	97.7	97.7	98.0	98.0	98.0
Sheep	96.5	96.3	96.1	96.4	96.4	96.5	96.5	96.5

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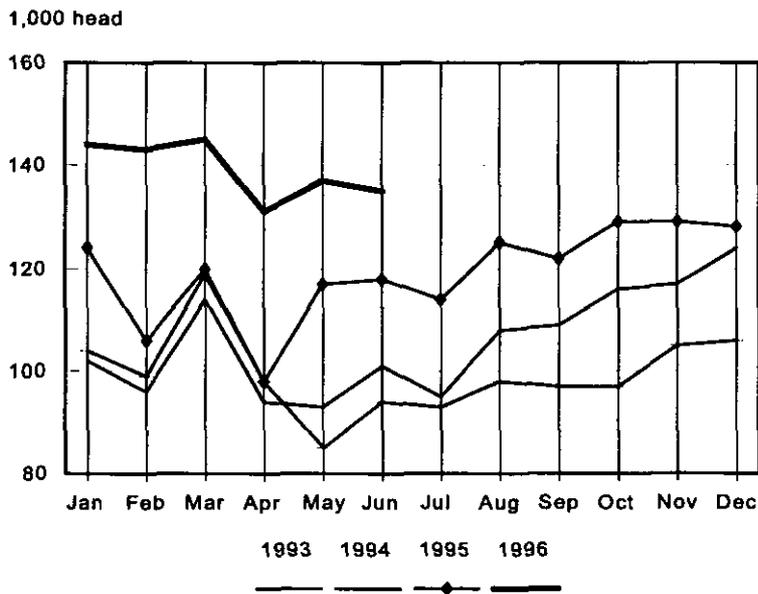
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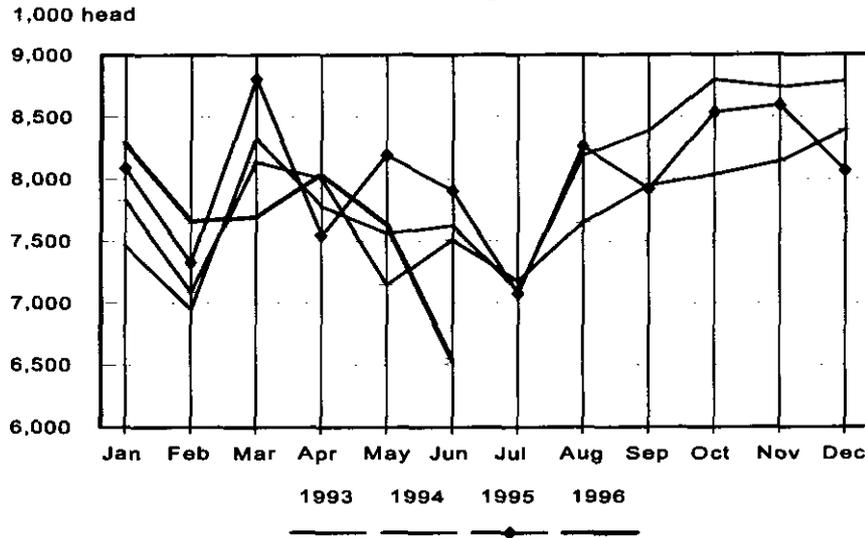
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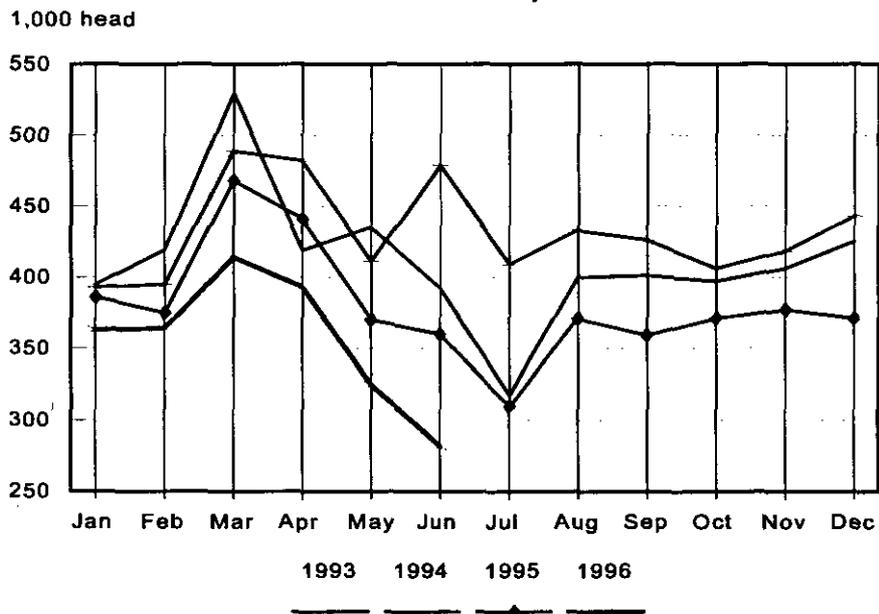
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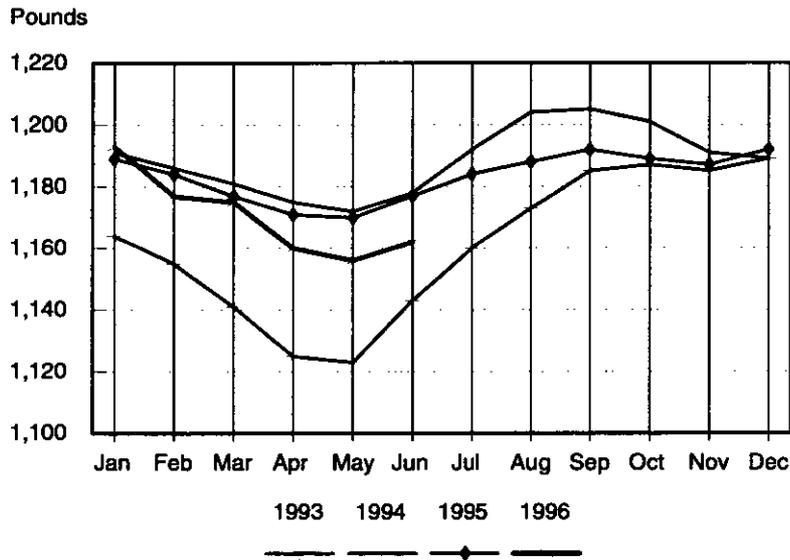
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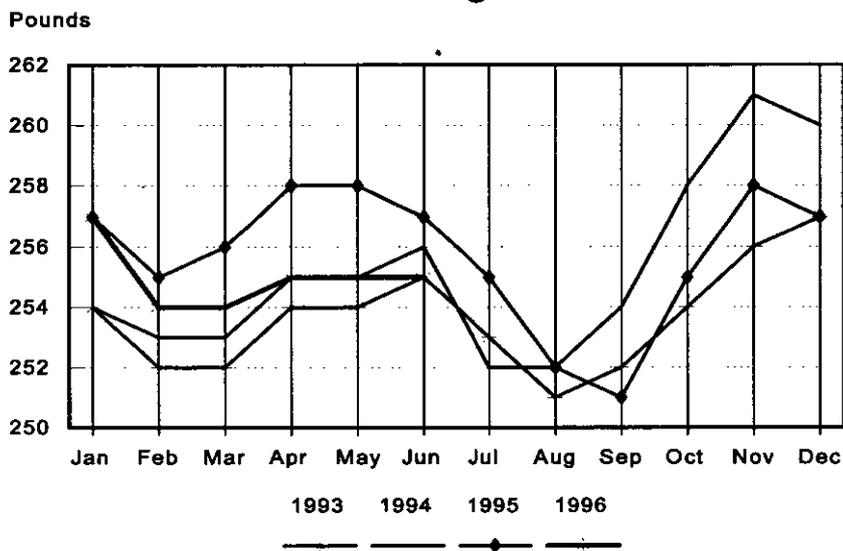
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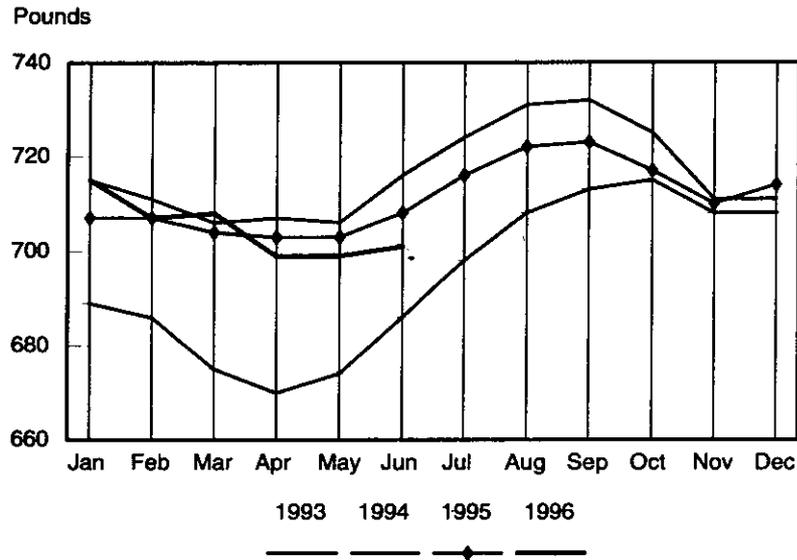
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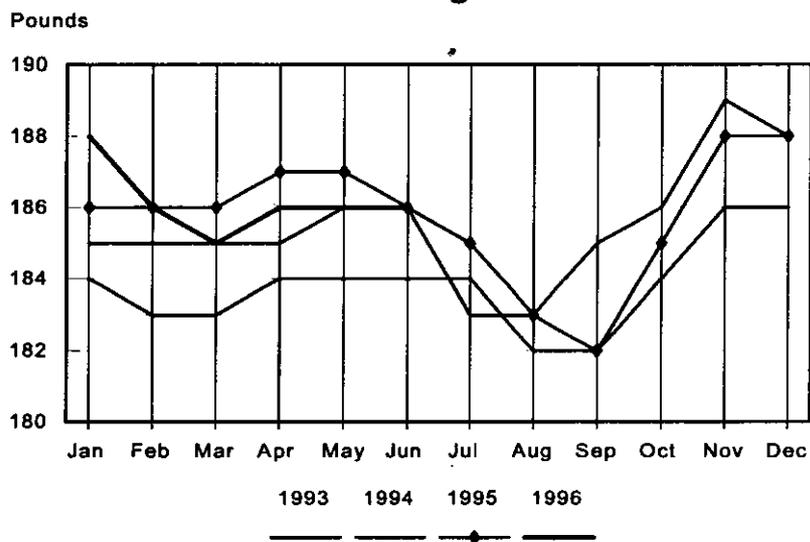
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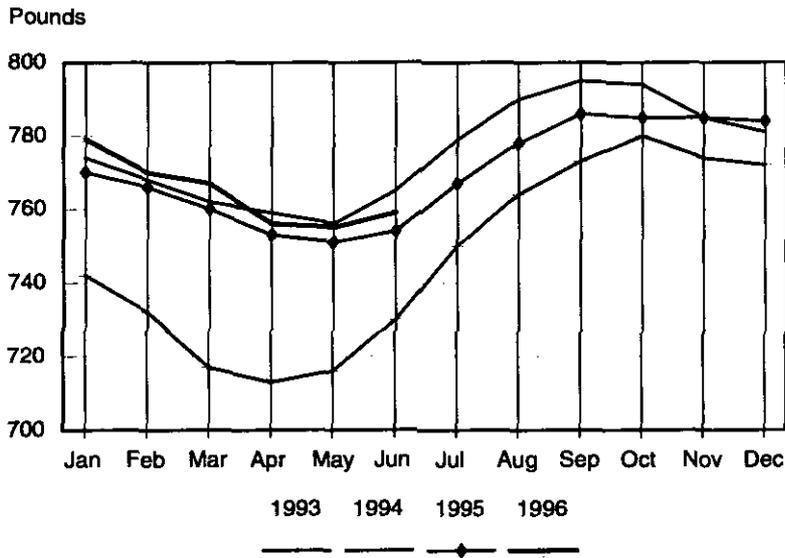
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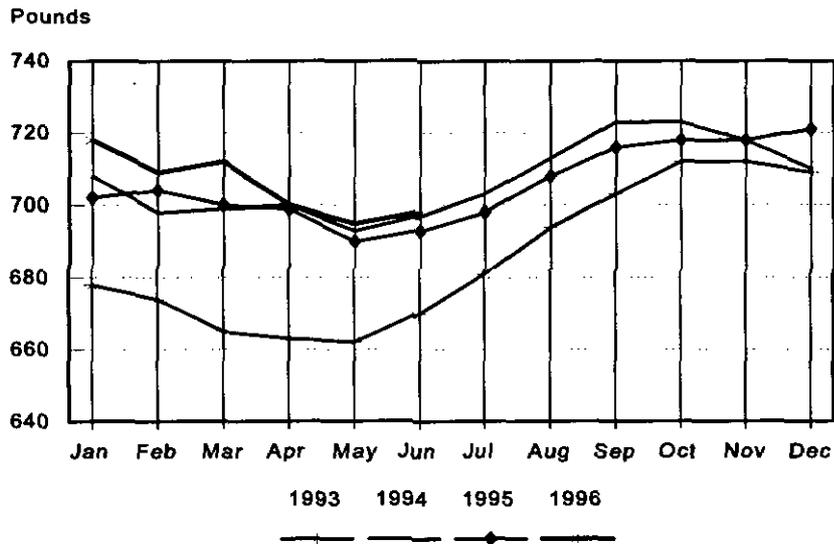
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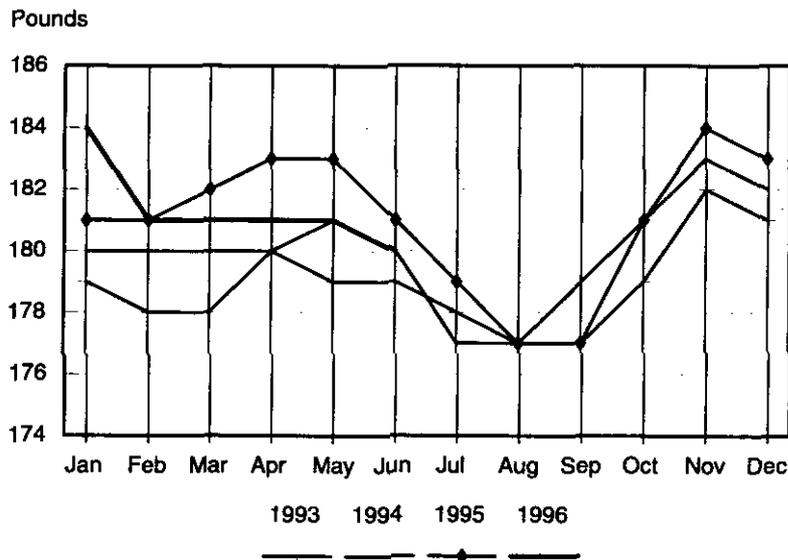
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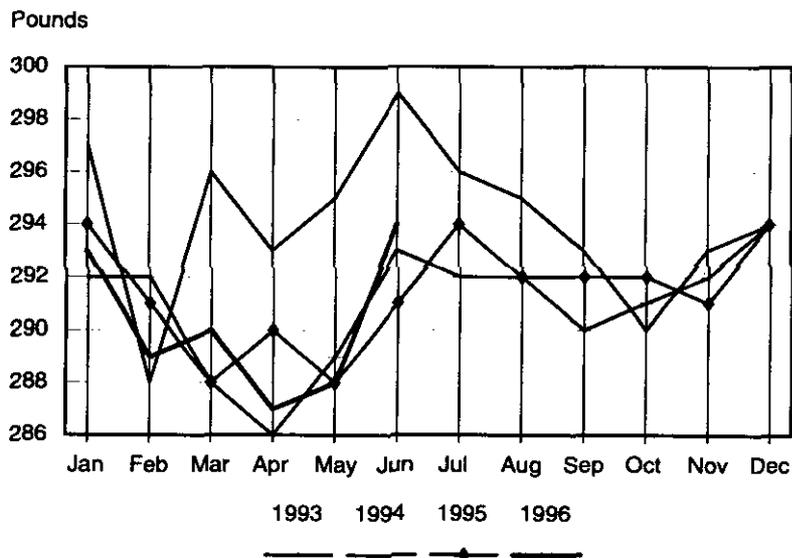
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,200 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 2,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 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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