

# Livestock Slaughter



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## Red Meat and Beef production Sets Record High for July

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.58 billion pounds during July. This production was 4 percent above the previous record high in July 1992.

July 1996 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 1995 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

**Beef production** at 2.19 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from the previous record high in July 1986. Head kill totaled 3.15 million head, up 7 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,164 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 32.0 million pounds. This production was up 34 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 160,400 head, 41 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 20 pounds to 351 pounds.

**Pork production**, at 1.34 billion pounds up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.34 million head, up 4 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 251 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 20.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Slaughter totaled 326,400 head, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight remained unchanged at 125 pounds.

**January - July** red meat production was 25.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent, veal was up 19 percent, pork was down 3 percent and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul 96 % of		Jan - Jul 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Jul 1995	Jun 1996	1995	1996	
		:--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,089	2,186	2,194	105	100	14,303	15,137	106
Veal	24	29	32	134	114	176	210	119
Pork	1,299	1,206	1,339	103	111	10,179	9,831	97
Lamb & Mutton	19	18	20	105	113	171	159	93
Total Red Meat	3,432	3,438	3,586	104	104	24,829	25,336	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	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul 96 % of		Jan - Jul 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Jul 1995	Jun 1996	1995	1996	
		: --- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,059	2,148	2,156	105	100	14,070	14,864	106
Veal	24	*27	31	133	114	172	203	118
Pork	1,274	1,184	1,316	103	111	9,979	9,660	97
Lamb & Mutton	19	17	20	105	113	166	155	93
Total Red Meat	3,375	3,377	3,523	104	104	24,388	24,881	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	Jul 1995	Jun 1996	Jul 1996	Jul 96 % of		Jan - Jul 2/		96 % of 95
					Jul 1995	Jun 1996	1995	1996	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,890.7*	3,078.0	3,079.8	107	100	20,001.3	21,206.8	106
Other	:Thou:	52.9	67.9	68.1	129	100	413.3	495.8	120
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,943.6	3,145.9	3,147.9	107	100	20,414.7	21,702.6	106
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,187	1,166	1,168	98	100	1,182	1,173	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,024	993	996	97	100	1,025	998	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,184	1,162	1,164	98	100	1,178	1,169	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	111.1	130.8	155.5	140	119	778.6	967.8	124
Other	:Thou:	3.0	4.7	5.0	166	105	18.6	28.1	151
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	114.1	135.5	160.4	141	118	797.2	995.9	125
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	369	*362	348	94	96	382	360	94
Other	:Lbs :	423	429	419	99	98	411	419	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	371	*363	351	95	97	383	362	94
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	6,917.7	6,394.8	7,186.6	104	112	53,705.8	52,135.8	97
Other	:Thou:	157.9	136.8	151.2	96	110	1,237.6	1,051.9	85
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,075.6	6,531.6	7,337.8	104	112	54,943.4	53,187.7	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	256	256	252	98	99	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	225	224	219	97	98	230	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	255	255	251	98	99	257	254	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	296.4	271.0	312.9	106	115	2,610.9	2,378.7	91
Other	:Thou:	13.5	11.1	13.5	100	121	99.0	88.0	89
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	309.9	282.1	326.4	105	116	2,709.9	2,466.6	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	126	130	126	100	97	128	130	102
Other	:Lbs :	96	93	95	99	102	96	95	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	125	129	125	100	97	127	129	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			Jul 96 as % of	
	Jul 1995	Jun 1996	Jul 1996	Jul 1995	Jun 1996
	----- Million Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
AL	9.4	11.0	11.3	120	103
AZ	28.6	30.6	29.8	104	97
AR	5.6	6.1	6.3	113	103
CA	83.9	84.0	88.2	105	105
CO	173.8	174.2	174.2	100	100
DE-MD	5.0	5.4	5.8	116	106
FL	3.1	3.4	3.7	121	108
GA	32.7	24.5	22.7	69	93
HI	1.2	1.2	1.5	129	130
ID	42.8	42.8	45.5	106	106
IL	198.0	192.2	204.9	103	107
IN	48.1	61.3	67.0	139	109
IA	518.7	*393.3	445.8	86	113
KS	468.2	456.2	456.8	98	100
KY	43.4	34.8	37.3	86	107
LA	1.8	2.0	2.3	123	112
MI	77.6	75.3	79.7	103	106
MN	150.5	153.4	171.4	114	112
MS	21.7	19.3	22.2	102	115
MO	45.6	51.7	58.0	127	112
MT	1.4	1.3	1.5	108	115
NE	489.8	545.5	538.8	110	99
NV	.1	.1	.1	112	125
N ENG 2/	2.5	2.8	2.9	120	106
NJ	2.8	3.1	4.0	145	129
NM	1.3	1.1	1.4	108	124
NY	7.9	8.6	10.1	128	118
NC	111.8	128.1	133.9	120	104
ND	3.0	10.0	9.9	327	99
OH	26.4	22.9	23.5	89	103
OK	3.7	22.8	29.5	796	129
OR	2.9	3.0	3.4	116	114
PA	85.5	91.8	96.7	113	105
SC	11.5	11.0	11.3	99	103
SD	94.5	83.3	93.1	99	112
TN	12.7	15.2	15.2	120	100
TX	377.8	*410.8	409.5	108	100
UT	33.2	34.9	36.4	110	104
VA	63.1	57.6	66.3	105	115
WA	59.9	*66.1	65.6	110	99
WV	1.0	1.8	1.3	138	76
WI	78.7	93.3	96.2	122	103
WY	.4	.3	.4	116	125
US	3,431.7	3,438.1	3,585.6	104	104

\* 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,  
July 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	18.8	14,229	18,989	1,024	1,012
AZ	40.1	43.8	48,036	48,260	1,198	1,101
AR	2.1	3.0	1,891	2,994	918	982
CA	79.5	85.4	97,390	104,028	1,226	1,218
CO	224.4	220.6	269,584	266,095	1,201	1,206
DE-MD	2.7	3.1	3,298	3,794	1,240	1,216
FL						
GA						
HI	1.4	1.8	1,283	1,754	947	977
ID	57.6	61.0	70,553	74,448	1,224	1,220
IL	97.7	95.0	112,922	108,572	1,156	1,143
IN	5.1	4.8	5,170	4,798	1,012	1,009
IA	137.2	99.3	168,598	113,529	1,229	1,143
KS	620.0	608.0	737,774	713,635	1,190	1,174
KY	4.9	4.6	5,324	4,714	1,083	1,027
LA	1.9	2.7	1,496	1,994	781	747
MI	46.0	45.8	56,470	56,352	1,227	1,230
MN	81.6	95.7	101,631	116,240	1,246	1,215
MS						
MO	12.4	13.6	13,823	15,198	1,116	1,118
MT	1.4	1.7	1,797	2,145	1,261	1,243
NE	569.7	634.8	675,674	747,208	1,186	1,177
NV	.1	.1	96	128	1,102	1,024
N ENG 2/	1.9	2.6	2,196	2,881	1,134	1,101
NJ	1.6	2.1	1,933	2,373	1,184	1,146
NM	2.5	2.1	2,326	1,980	922	930
NY	4.9	6.7	5,322	6,974	1,084	1,035
NC	9.7	17.0	10,089	17,825	*1,036	1,051
ND						
OH	9.9	13.9	11,160	15,272	1,129	1,096
OK	3.2	4.2	3,017	3,897	955	936
OR	1.6	1.5	1,970	1,951	1,251	1,320
PA	77.8	82.3	94,529	107,937	1,215	1,312
SC						
SD	18.9	20.9	22,166	25,996	1,173	1,243
TN						
TX	534.5	605.1	606,042	660,760	1,134	1,092
UT						
VA	1.0	2.0	904	1,836	888	929
WA	79.4	86.7	97,956	107,753	1,233	1,243
WV	.7	.9	815	859	1,097	918
WI	105.3	135.9	130,077	161,417	1,236	1,187
WY	.4	.5	454	593	1,152	1,141
US 3/	2,943.6	3,147.9	3,484,069	3,664,666	1,184	1,164

\* Revised.

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

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

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
July 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	35	59	389	377
CA	19.4	27.3	6,238	9,855	322	361
CO						
DE-MD	.3	.6	151	280	489	436
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.8	10.7	3,469	4,431	396	413
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.2	3.3	1,049	1,485	468	454
MI	4.6	7.7	1,157	1,537	250	199
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	61	61	406	330
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	6.7	8.0	1,507	1,619	224	202
NJ						
NM						
NY	19.2	26.5	7,709	10,068	402	380
NC						
ND						
OH	6.6	2.9	3,319	1,442	500	490
OK	.1	.1	30	54	405	387
OR						
PA	12.2	17.3	5,066	6,934	414	400
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.7	2.8	1,185	1,156	318	412
UT						
VA	.1	.1	29	38	320	325
WA						
WV						
WI	12.9	15.5	5,006	6,036	389	391
WY						
US 3/	114.1	160.4	42,302	56,233	371	351

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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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
July 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	8.7	8.9	3,691	3,614	423	407
AZ	.6	.7	148	161	255	231
AR	18.1	17.0	7,590	6,901	420	407
CA	154.6	163.8	34,698	35,688	224	218
CO	4.1	4.3	961	959	237	224
DE-MD	17.5	20.0	4,099	4,567	235	229
FL	7.6	9.7	1,430	2,060	187	212
GA						
HI	3.2	3.9	627	749	196	192
ID						
IL	663.4	720.1	175,023	185,216	264	257
IN	240.6	343.8	60,220	83,100	250	242
IA	2,255.2	2,052.8	579,558	517,492	257	252
KS						
KY	220.6	188.9	55,362	47,032	251	249
LA	3.0	3.0	699	589	230	199
MI						
MN	516.7	589.7	125,496	144,129	243	244
MS						
MO	213.4	270.4	52,372	68,056	245	252
MT	2.6	2.1	608	480	236	228
NE	420.8	456.9	103,700	112,803	246	247
NV	.2	.2	43	38	228	217
N ENG 2/	2.5	3.1	591	739	236	237
NJ						
NM	.1	.1	28	27	220	215
NY	5.0	4.8	1,028	1,246	204	258
NC	584.0	685.5	147,781	171,312	253	250
ND	6.4	5.4	1,408	1,273	221	237
OH	102.0	77.9	25,879	20,204	254	259
OK	10.1	142.1	3,764	37,257	372	262
OR	11.2	14.3	2,729	3,434	243	240
PA	172.2	188.9	41,359	45,378	240	240
SC						
SD	439.3	422.7	114,995	108,555	262	257
TN						
TX	25.4	25.1	8,487	7,473	334	298
UT						
VA	342.3	355.0	84,531	87,039	247	245
WA						
WV	1.0	1.0	377	372	367	374
WI	30.0	30.5	12,183	12,213	406	401
WY	.4	.3	105	78	240	249
US 3/	7,075.6	7,337.8	1,806,648	1,844,191	255	251

- 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,  
July 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	4	82	77
AR						
CA						
CO	109.3	120.4	15,381	16,550	141	137
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.1	14	11	115	87
HI						
ID	.5	.5	52	49	109	99
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.2	33	25	117	135
KY	.8	1.1	99	138	121	120
LA	.3	.3	23	24	84	86
MI	20.5	19.0	2,429	2,121	118	112
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.3	.3	36	39	118	114
NE	.1	.1	10	8	*96	89
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.2	1.9	245	179	113	97
NJ	11.8	11.1	1,117	1,006	95	90
NM	2.3	3.3	259	399	115	121
NY	2.4	1.7	248	148	104	88
NC	.1	.2	13	13	86	77
ND	.1	.1	11	9	109	126
OH	1.1	1.5	126	157	112	103
OK						
OR	.6	.6	74	66	115	115
PA	5.2	6.5	474	650	92	100
SC						
SD	16.5	12.9	2,048	1,664	124	129
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.6	1.9	174	204	*108	106
WA						
WV						
WI	1.2	1.0	129	108	111	109
WY	.2	.1	28	12	135	136
US 3/	309.9	326.4	38,753	40,734	125	125

\* Revised.

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

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

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:  
United States

Item	:Jan - Jul 1/ :					:Jan - Jul 1/ :				
	: Jul : :1995 :	: Jun : :1996 :	: Jul : :1996 :	: 1995 : : 1996 :	: 1996 : : 1995 :	: Jul : :1995 :	: Jun : :1996 :	: Jul : :1996 :	: 1995 : : 1996 :	: 1996 : : 1995 :
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,567	1,596	1,567	10,481	10,701	54.2	51.9	50.9	52.4	50.5
Heifers	: 854	886	877	5,769	6,144	29.6	28.8	28.5	28.8	29.0
All Cows	: 417	537	573	3,367	3,958	14.4	17.4	18.6	16.8	18.7
Dairy Cows	: 199	209	237	1,627	1,716	6.9	6.8	7.7	8.1	8.1
Other Cows	: 218	328	336	1,740	2,242	7.5	10.6	10.9	8.7	10.6
Bulls & Stags	: 52	59	63	385	404	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:2,891	3,078	3,080	20,001	21,207	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:6,536	6,068	6,832	51,045	49,620	94.5	94.9	95.1	95.0	95.2
Sows	: 312	275	298	2,138	2,107	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
Stags & Boars	: 70	52	56	523	409	1.0	.8	.8	1.0	.8
Total 1/	:6,918	6,395	7,187	53,706	52,136	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 21	23	24	158	162	7.1	8.6	7.7	6.0	6.8
Lambs & Yrlings	: 275	248	289	2,453	2,217	92.9	91.4	92.3	94.0	93.2
Total 1/	: 296	271	313	2,611	2,379	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 716	701	704	707	705					
Steers 4/	: 767	759	764	760	764					
Heifers 4/	: 698	698	700	698	705					
All Cows 4/	: 543	524	523	540	528					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 873	*848	851	863	845					
Calves & Vealers	: 216	*214	204	225	213					
Hogs	: 185	186	184	186	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 179	180	179	182	181					
Sows 5/	: 294	294	286	291	290					
Stags & Boars5/	: 227	226	226	219	223					
Sheep	: 63	64	63	64	65					
Mature Sheep6/	: 58	57	57	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 63	65	63	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,  
July 1996

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows						:	
Regions :		Total	Steers	Heifers	All	Dairy	Other	Bulls & Stags	Total
1/	2/	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2/
		1,000 Head							
1	:	2.4	.3	.2	1.7	1.6	.0	.3	3/
2	:	4/							42.0
3	:	95.1	42.1	7.4	42.3	32.1	10.1	3.3	3/
4	:	4/							24.6
5	:	454.9	172.1	58.0	202.9	113.4	89.5	21.8	45.0
6	:	602.7	306.8	174.5	107.4	10.0	97.4	14.0	3/
7	:	1,345.7	739.0	495.7	99.6	23.3	76.3	11.4	6.2
8	:	301.2	160.9	95.0	40.5	10.6	29.9	4.8	.0
9	:	130.1	69.4	5.7	50.8	34.6	16.2	4.2	3/
10	:	147.7	76.2	40.5	27.7	10.8	16.9	3.4	37.6
US 2/	:	3,079.8	1,566.8	876.9	572.8	236.5	336.3	63.3	155.5
		Hogs			Sheep				
:		Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
:		2/	:	:	:	2/	:	:	
		1,000 Head							
1	:	2.8	2.7	.1	.0	1.7	.6	1.1	
2	:	6/				12.8	4.2	8.6	
3	:	6/				5/			
4	:	1,633.4	1,552.7	79.2	1.4	5/			
5	:	6/				53.8	8.1	45.8	
6	:	2,126.0	1,988.4	119.1	18.5	5/			
7	:	6/				60.5	7.3	53.2	
8	:	3,237.6	3,102.3	98.9	36.4	5/			
9	:	6/				5/			
10	:	186.9	186.1	.8	.0	184.0	4.0	180.0	
US 2/	:	7,186.6	6,832.2	298.0	56.4	312.9	24.2	288.7	

- 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 - July 1996 \*

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:		Cows						Bulls & Stags	
Regions	Total	Steers	Heifers	All	Dairy	Other	Stags	Total	
1/	2/			All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/	
		1,000 Head							
1	17.2	2.0	1.5	11.7	11.2	.5	2.0	3/	
2	4/							222.3	
3	677.3	295.4	53.9	305.8	239.4	66.5	22.2	3/	
4	4/							159.8	
5	3,075.3	1,112.8	423.4	1,400.4	820.9	579.5	138.7	320.3	
6	4,055.0	2,127.0	1,155.2	682.0	65.4	616.6	90.9	3/	
7	9,411.0	5,203.9	3,457.5	678.9	172.8	506.1	70.8	42.2	
8	2,090.3	1,018.9	701.9	334.2	54.6	279.6	35.3	.0	
9	880.3	451.6	57.8	346.0	264.0	82.1	24.9	3/	
10	1,000.4	489.2	292.6	199.1	88.4	110.7	19.6	223.2	
US	21,206.8	10,700.7	6,143.7	3,958.1	1,716.5	2,241.6	404.4	967.8	
		Hogs			Sheep				
Total	Barrows			Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &		
2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	2/	Sheep	Yearlings		
		1,000 Head							
1	16.4	15.9	.4	.1	16.8	7.8	9.0		
2	6/				101.0	23.6	77.4		
3	6/				5/				
4	12,212.8	11,614.8	585.6	12.3	5/				
5	6/				369.5	46.3	323.2		
6	14,786.1	13,823.5	820.4	142.2	5/				
7	6/				453.7	56.8	396.9		
8	23,801.8	22,852.0	695.8	254.0	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	1,318.8	1,313.7	4.7	.4	1,437.6	27.1	1,410.6		
US	52,135.8	49,619.8	2,107.0	409.0	2,378.7	161.6	2,217.1		

\* 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 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,  
July 1996 1/

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	2/							2/
	1,000 Head							
AL	17.1			16.4	1.5	14.9	.6	
AZ	43.4	41.8	1.5					
AR	2.4	.5	.3	1.5	.1	1.4	.2	
CA	84.8	27.1	4.0	49.8	34.4	15.4	4.0	27.2
CO	219.9	132.5	77.0	9.9	5.9	4.0	.4	
DE-MD	3.1	2.4	.4	.2	.2		.1	.6
FL								
GA								
HI	1.8	.3	.3	1.0	.2	.8	.2	
ID	59.9	27.2	15.3	14.9	5.2	9.7	2.5	1.9
IL	91.2	50.6	32.4	7.0	4.0	3.0	1.3	10.6
IN								
IA	97.3	40.1	22.2	30.9	17.7	13.2	4.0	
KS	604.3	369.1	232.8	2.2	.2	2.0	.2	
KY								
LA								
MI	43.8	27.3	1.7	14.4	11.1	3.3	.4	7.7
MN	92.3	36.2	15.7	33.8	21.3	12.5	6.6	
MS								
MO	11.0	1.3	.5	8.5	.8	7.7	.8	
MT	1.0	.5	.2	.1		.1	.2	
NE	633.2	328.5	240.1	58.1	4.6	53.5	6.4	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	2.4	.3	.2	1.6	1.6		.3	8.0
NJ	2.1	.6	.1	1.1	.9	.2	.3	
NM								
NY	6.6	.6	.3	5.1	5.0	.1	.7	26.5
NC	15.8	.3	.1	12.4	8.1	4.3	3.1	
ND								
OH	5.7	.5	.3	4.3	3.6	.7	.6	2.8
OK								
OR	1.2	.6	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2	
PA	82.1	38.5	6.6	34.8	25.6	9.2	2.2	17.3
SC								
SD	19.0	.1	.1	16.8	1.3	15.5	2.1	
TN								
TX	597.2	306.0	174.1	103.5	8.3	95.2	13.7	1.9
UT								
VA								.1
WA	86.6	48.3	25.0	12.6	5.5	7.1	.7	
WV	.1							
WI	131.9	55.4	4.5	68.1	53.4	14.7	3.9	15.4
WY								
US 3/	3,079.8	1,566.8	876.9	572.8	236.5	336.3	63.3	155.5

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.7	.2	6.2	1.3			
AZ							
AR	16.6	7.4	9.2				
CA	157.2	156.9	.3				
CO	3.7	3.6	.1		120.3	.1	120.3
DE-MD	20.0	19.9	.1				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.9	3.8	.1				
ID					.3		.3
IL	686.7	609.3	61.1	16.2			
IN	337.0	336.6	.4				
IA	2,049.7	1,965.3	48.0	36.4			
KS							
KY	188.5	180.7	7.8		1.1	1.0	.1
LA							
MI					18.7	2.5	16.2
MN	587.3	587.2					
MS							
MO	268.4	268.4	.1				
MT	1.7	1.6	.1		.2		.2
NE	455.9	455.9					
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	2.8	2.7	.1		1.7	.6	1.1
NJ					11.1	3.4	7.7
NM							
NY	4.5	4.4	.1		1.7	.8	.9
NC	662.2	654.7	7.5				
ND	5.2	5.2					
OH	63.2	54.4	8.8				
OK	140.6	135.5	5.0				
OR	14.1	13.9	.1		.4	.1	.3
PA	188.5	187.0	1.5		6.4	.9	5.6
SC							
SD	421.5	377.1	44.4		12.8		12.7
TN							
TX	13.9	7.9	5.9				
UT							
VA	354.7	343.7	11.0		1.9	.1	1.7
WA							
WV							
WI	24.1	.5	23.4	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,186.6	6,832.2	298.0	56.4	312.9	24.2	288.7

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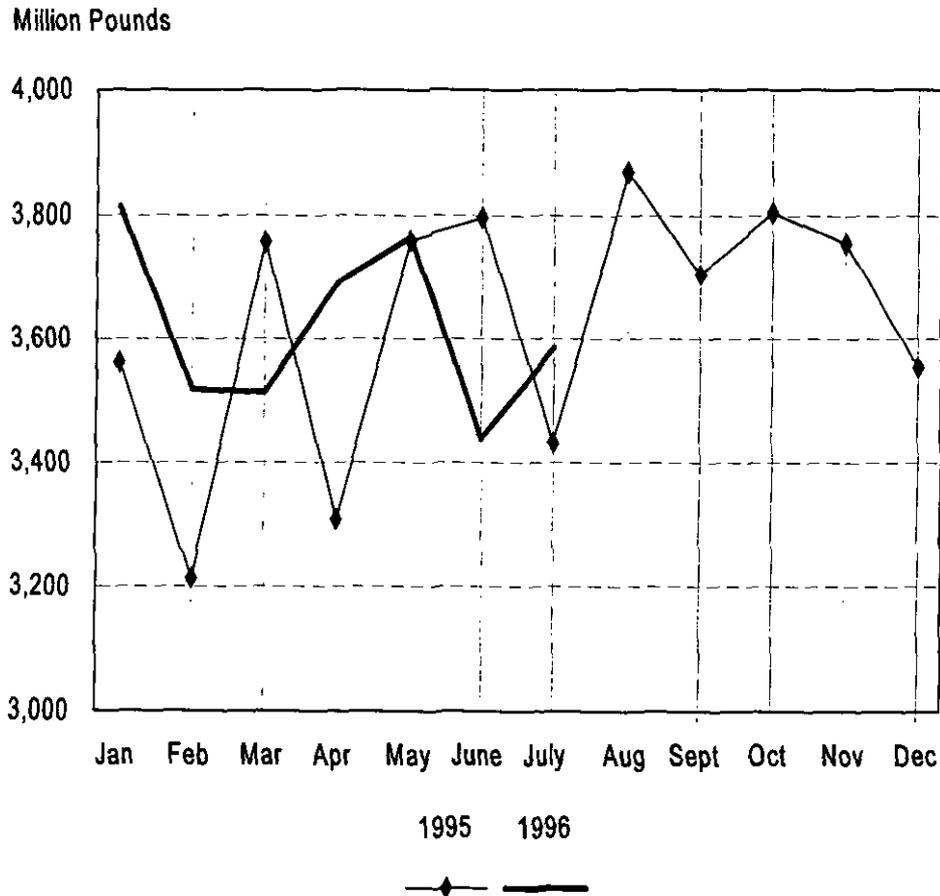
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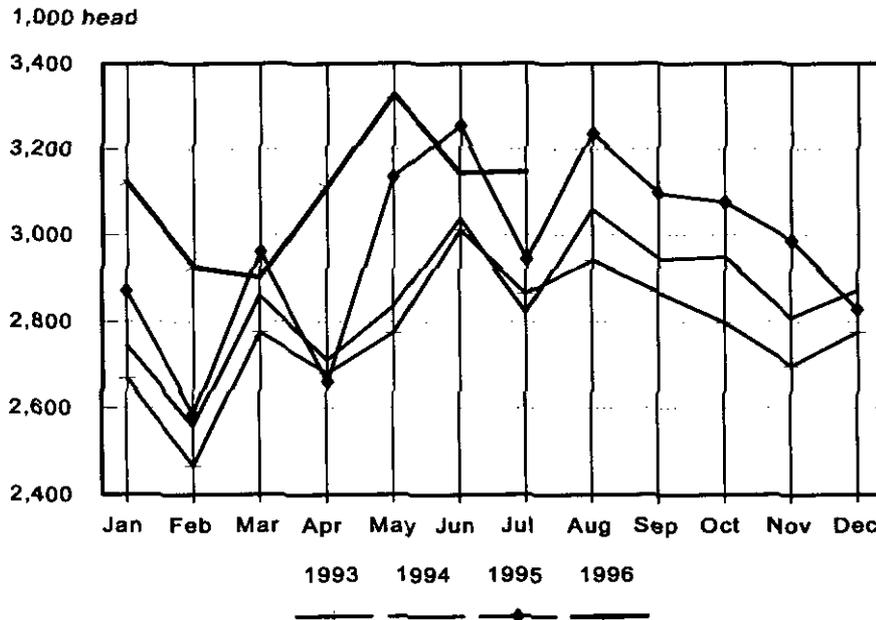
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Jul		Jun		Jul		Jan - Jul	
	1995	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	1996	
	Percent							
Cattle	98.2	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	98.0	97.7	
Calves	97.4	96.5	96.5	96.9	96.9	97.7	97.2	
Hogs	97.8	97.9	97.9	97.9	97.9	97.7	98.0	
Sheep	95.6	96.1	96.1	95.9	95.9	96.3	96.4	

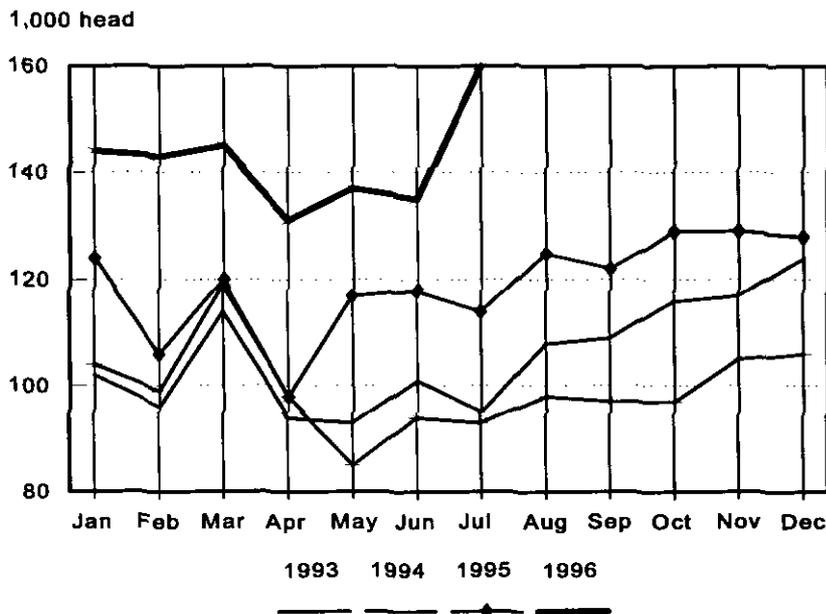
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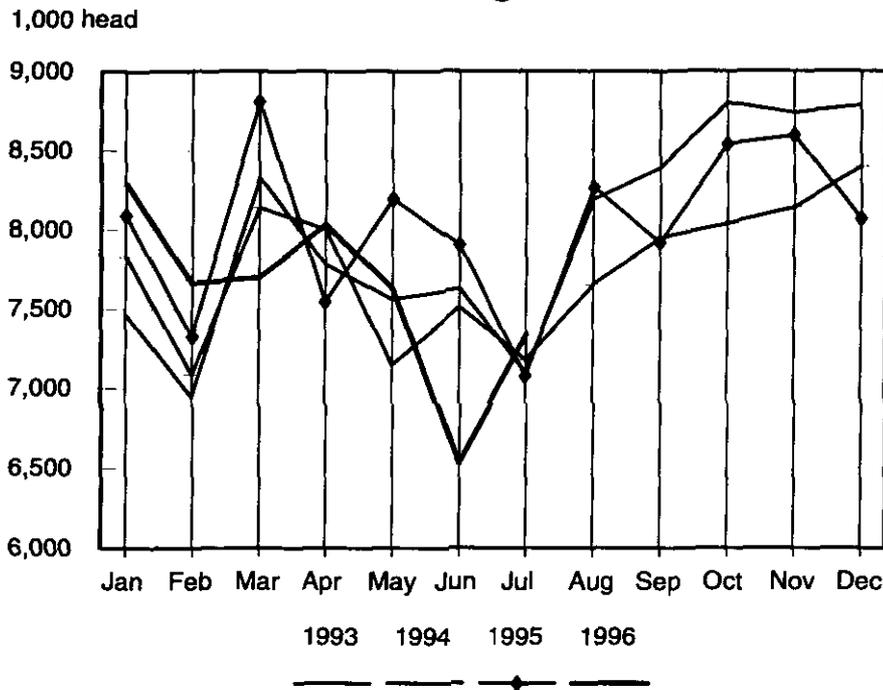
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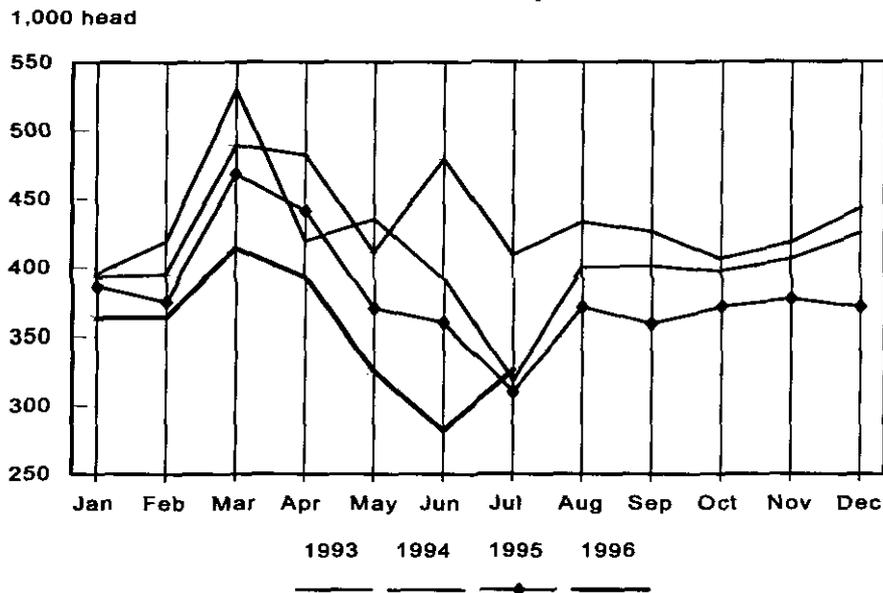
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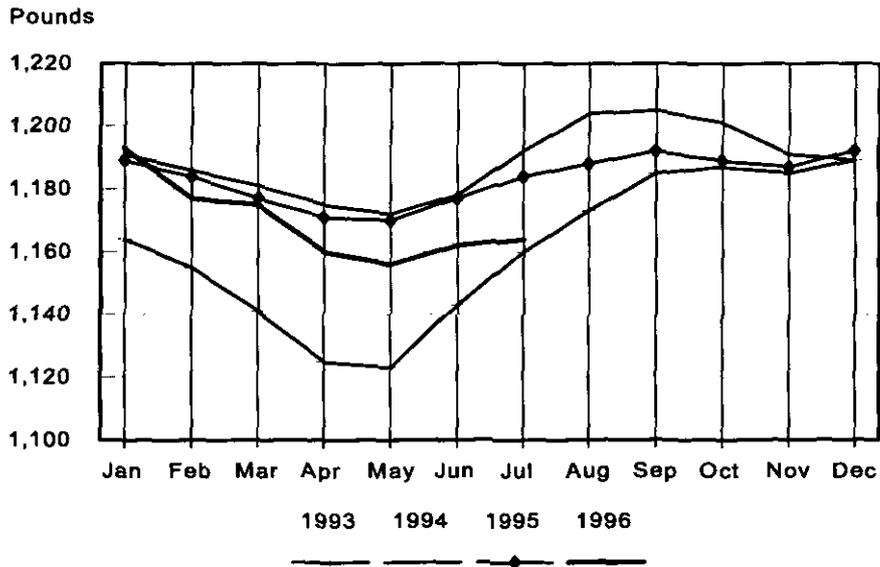
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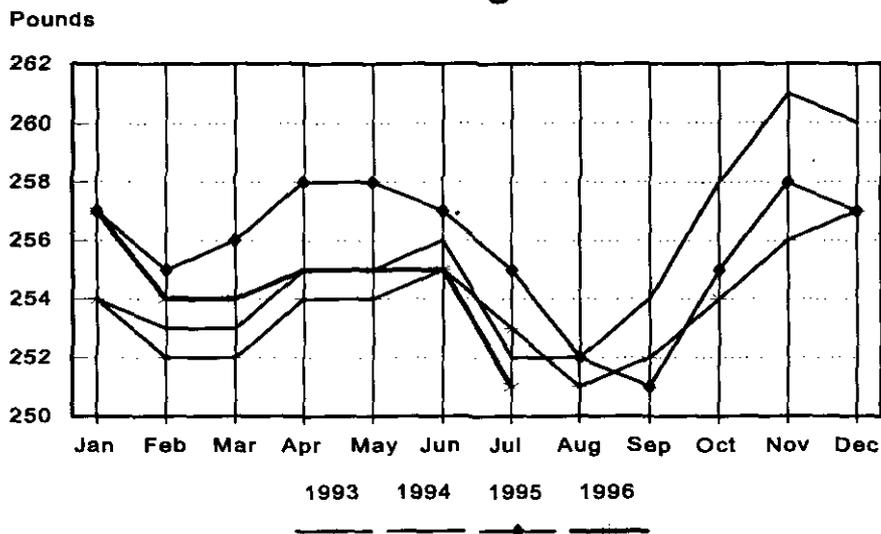
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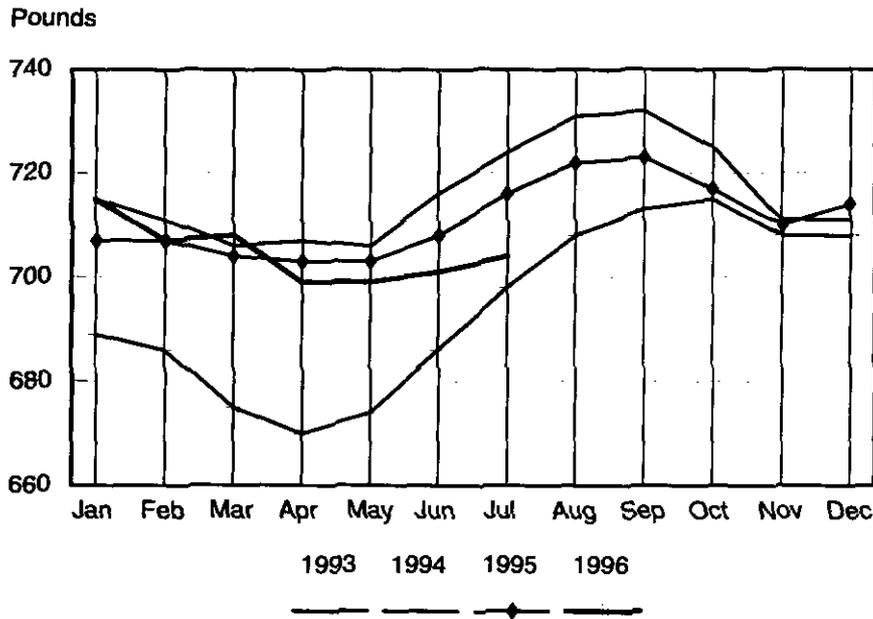
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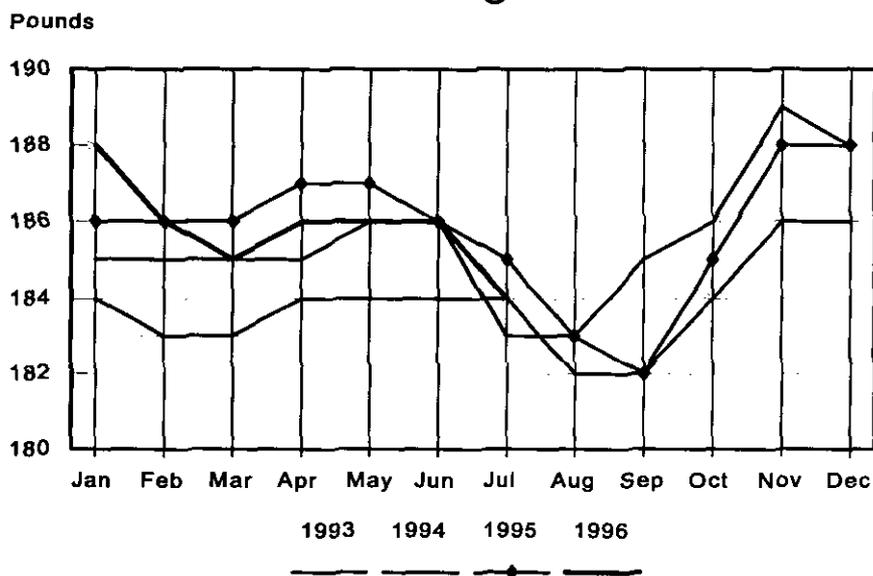
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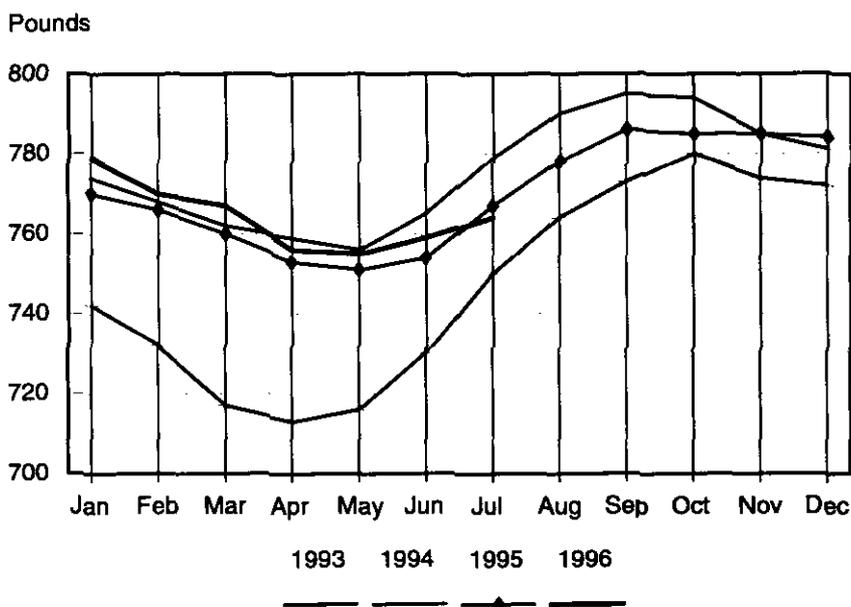
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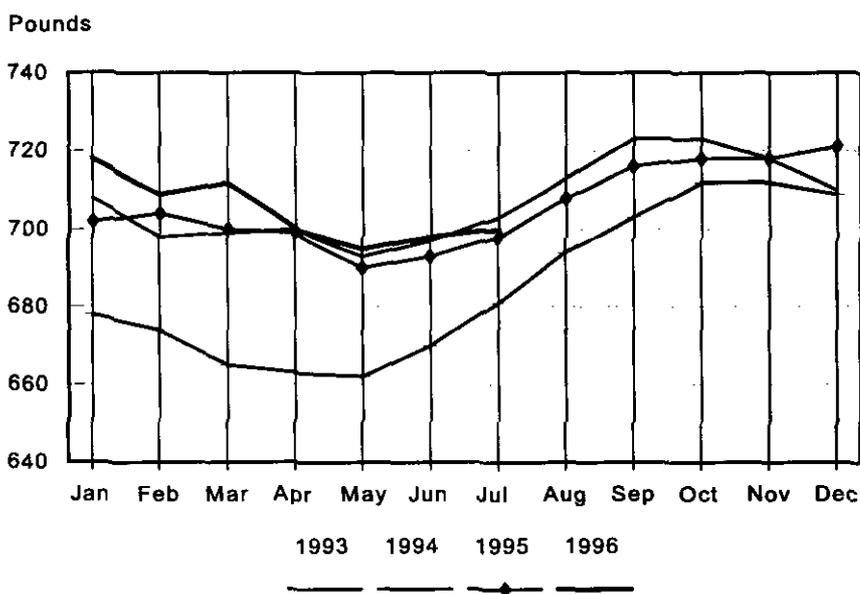
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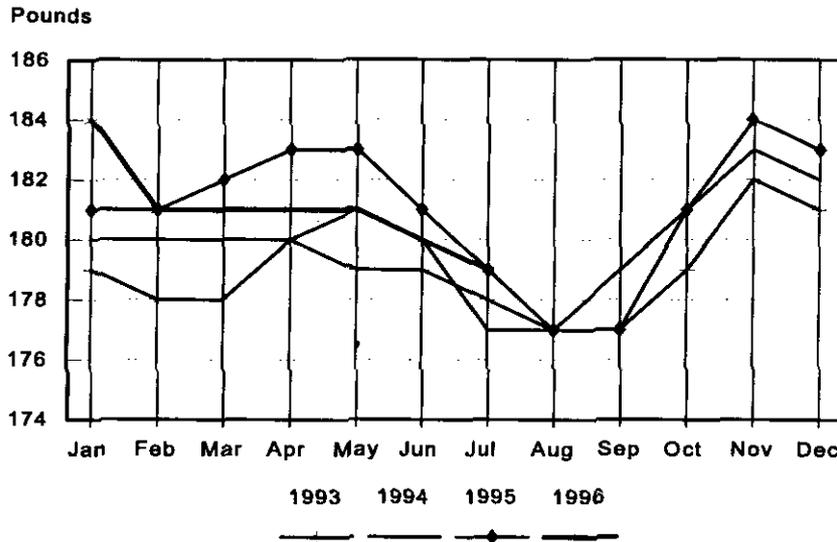
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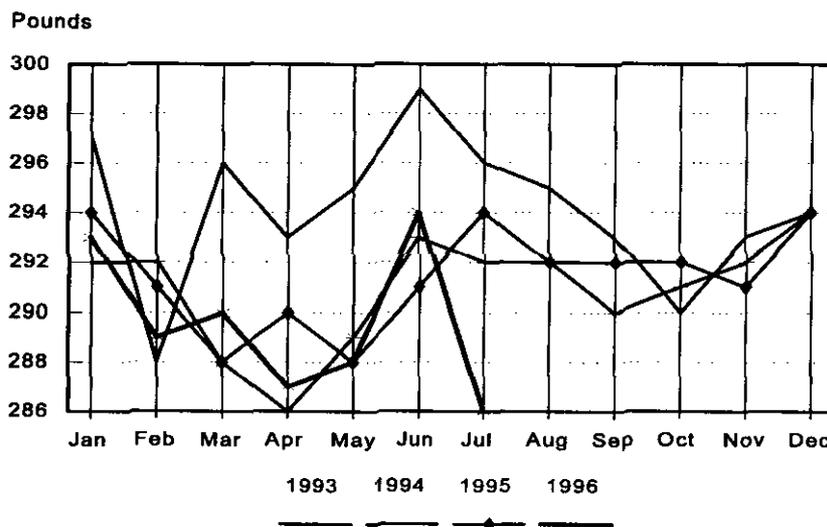
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## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## 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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