

Livestock Slaughter



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Lamb and Mutton Production Sets Record Low

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds during August. This production was down 4 percent from the previous year.

August 1996 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. August 1995 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production at 2.26 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from August 1995. Head kill totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,177 pounds.

Veal production totaled 32.0 million pounds. This production was up 25 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 157,800 head, 27 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 4 pounds to 354 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.39 billion pounds down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.67 million head, 7 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 251 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 13 percent from the previous record low set in August 1979 and 1980. Slaughter during August 1996 totaled 329,700 head, down 11 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 122 pounds.

January - August red meat production was 29.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent, veal was up 19 percent, pork was down 4 percent and lamb and mutton was down 8 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 96 % of		Jan - Aug 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Aug 1995	Jul 1996	1995	1996	
	--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,316	2,194	2,260	98	103	16,619	17,397	105
Veal	26	32	32	125	99	202	242	119
Pork	1,504	1,339	1,394	93	104	11,683	11,225	96
Lamb & Mutton	23	20	20	88	98	194	179	92
Total Red Meat	3,869	3,586	3,707	96	103	28,698	29,042	101

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	Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug 96 % of		Jan - Aug 2/		96 as % of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Aug 1995	Jul 1996	1995	1996	
	--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,281	2,156	2,223	97	103	16,351	17,087	104
Veal	25	31	31	124	99	197	234	119
Pork	1,475	1,316	1,368	93	104	11,454	11,027	96
Lamb & Mutton	22	20	19	88	98	188	174	92
Total Red Meat	3,803	3,523	3,641	96	103	28,191	28,522	101

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			Aug 96 % of		Jan - Aug 2/		96 % of 95
		Aug	Jul	Aug	Aug	Jul	1995	1996	
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,175.8	3,079.8	3,143.3	99	102	23,177.2	24,350.1	105
Other	:Thou:	61.0	68.1	66.5	109	98	474.4	562.3	119
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,236.9	3,147.9	3,209.8	99	102	23,651.5	24,912.4	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,191	1,168	1,180	99	101	1,183	1,174	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,025	996	1,009	98	101	1,025	1,000	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,188	1,164	1,177	99	101	1,180	1,170	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	121.4	155.5	153.2	126	99	899.9	1,121.0	125
Other	:Thou:	3.1	5.0	4.6	147	93	21.8	32.8	150
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	124.5	160.4	157.8	127	98	921.7	1,153.8	125
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	357	348	353	99	101	380	359	95
Other	:Lbs :	420	419	430	102	103	412	420	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	358	351	354	99	101	380	361	95
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,082.6	7,186.6	7,509.1	93	104	61,788.4	59,644.9	97
Other	:Thou:	182.1	*151.3	165.7	91	110	1,419.7	1,217.7	86
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,264.7*	7,337.9	7,674.8	93	105	63,208.1	60,862.6	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	253	252	251	99	100	257	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	227	219	225	99	103	229	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	252	251	251	99	100	256	254	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	354.7	312.9	315.2	89	101	2,965.6	2,693.9	91
Other	:Thou:	16.6	*13.4	14.5	87	108	115.6	102.3	89
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	371.3	*326.3	329.7	89	101	3,081.2	2,796.2	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	124	126	123	99	98	128	130	102
Other	:Lbs :	99	95	98	99	102	97	95	99
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	123	125	122	99	98	127	128	101

* 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			Aug 96 as % of	
	Aug 1995	Jul 1996	Aug 1996	Aug 1995	Jul 1996
	----- Million Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
AL	11.4	11.3	9.9	86	88
AZ	30.6	29.8	26.4	86	89
AR	6.8	6.3	6.7	99	107
CA	92.5	88.2	88.9	96	101
CO	190.0	174.2	181.3	95	104
DE-MD	6.0	5.8	6.2	103	107
FL	3.9	3.7	4.3	110	116
GA	38.1	22.7	24.0	63	105
HI	1.2	1.5	1.4	112	91
ID	47.3	45.5	49.6	105	109
IL	217.8	204.9	204.3	94	100
IN	55.4	67.0	65.4	118	98
IA	617.4	445.8	457.2	74	103
KS	511.0	456.8	471.3	92	103
KY	51.5	37.3	39.5	77	106
LA	2.1	2.3	2.3	109	102
MI	86.0	79.7	87.5	102	110
MN	172.1	171.4	172.3	100	101
MS	25.1	22.2	22.9	91	103
MO	52.5	58.0	59.6	114	103
MT	1.9	1.5	1.8	96	117
NE	552.3	538.8	564.3	102	105
NV	.1	.1	.1	94	100
N ENG 2/	2.9	2.9	2.8	99	96
NJ	3.1	4.0	3.8	123	95
NM	1.6	1.4	1.7	104	117
NY	8.4	10.1	10.0	119	99
NC	125.0	133.9	146.8	117	110
ND	7.5	9.9	9.7	130	98
OH	28.9	23.5	28.1	97	119
OK	4.4	29.5	31.9	733	108
OR	3.5	3.4	3.4	97	101
PA	101.2	96.7	99.9	99	103
SC	13.1	11.3	12.1	93	106
SD	103.0	93.1	97.2	94	104
TN	15.0	15.2	15.0	100	99
TX	412.3	409.5	426.0	103	104
UT	36.8	36.4	36.6	99	100
VA	70.8	66.3	71.1	100	107
WA	67.3	65.6	69.0	103	105
WV	1.3	1.3	1.3	97	96
WI	88.6	96.2	92.3	104	96
WY	.8	.4	.7	86	169
US	3,868.7	3,585.6	3,706.5	96	103

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,
August 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	16.6	15.6	17,123	15,719	1,029	1,010
AZ	43.7	39.9	51,125	43,016	1,171	1,078
AR	2.2	3.1	2,022	3,039	906	982
CA	88.7	86.6	108,443	102,965	1,223	1,189
CO	239.0	225.0	287,571	276,095	1,203	1,227
DE-MD	3.3	3.0	4,065	3,632	1,227	1,193
FL						
GA						
HI	1.4	1.6	1,289	1,557	951	992
ID	62.4	64.5	78,025	80,781	1,251	1,252
IL	105.1	92.9	121,958	106,561	1,161	1,148
IN	5.9	4.4	6,051	4,444	1,023	1,002
IA	158.4	99.8	186,975	115,436	1,180	1,157
KS	664.6	622.3	799,789	736,745	1,203	1,184
KY	5.5	4.6	5,858	4,737	1,058	1,031
LA	2.4	2.6	1,806	2,020	763	774
MI	50.1	45.8	61,356	57,519	1,225	1,255
MN	92.5	96.5	114,685	118,138	1,240	1,224
MS						
MO	17.3	13.2	20,146	14,374	1,164	1,086
MT	2.0	2.0	2,417	2,458	1,184	1,211
NE	620.3	656.9	747,815	786,662	1,206	1,198
NV	.1	.1	130	132	1,147	1,025
N ENG 2/	2.3	2.7	2,600	2,909	1,113	1,085
NJ	1.8	2.1	2,172	2,350	1,195	1,135
NM	3.0	2.3	2,713	2,248	904	990
NY	6.1	6.8	6,510	7,374	1,076	1,078
NC	13.1	17.9	13,464	19,287	1,029	1,075
ND						
OH	10.4	14.7	11,840	16,368	1,139	1,111
OK	3.1	3.9	3,201	3,698	1,042	957
OR	1.8	1.6	2,214	2,083	1,237	1,277
PA	95.6	85.9	116,518	113,372	1,219	1,320
SC						
SD	18.8	22.1	21,892	28,059	1,164	1,272
TN						
TX	577.8	618.5	655,028	686,529	1,134	1,110
UT						
VA	1.2	2.4	1,105	2,442	901	1,029
WA	87.4	89.7	109,891	113,984	1,257	1,270
WV	1.0	1.3	980	1,182	1,012	903
WI	119.7	132.9	146,150	156,398	1,221	1,177
WY	.8	.8	976	906	1,175	1,159
US 3/	3,236.9	3,209.8	3,846,142	3,777,830	1,188	1,177

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,
August 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	34	53	385	340
CA	18.7	24.7	6,092	8,768	326	355
CO						
DE-MD	.4	.4	173	177	412	413
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.6	10.1	4,009	4,211	419	418
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.5	3.3	1,142	1,520	452	460
MI	5.9	5.5	1,482	1,342	250	244
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	48	63	366	356
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	7.6	7.4	1,620	1,370	213	185
NJ						
NM						
NY	18.9	25.5	7,105	9,574	377	375
NC						
ND						
OH	3.4	3.7	1,643	1,801	486	488
OK	.1	.1	51	48	422	422
OR						
PA	13.5	17.6	5,628	7,433	418	423
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.3	4.0	1,083	1,282	324	318
UT						
VA	.1	.1	29	27	316	336
WA						
WV						
WI	15.0	15.6	6,160	6,155	410	394
WY						
US 3/	124.5	157.8	44,616	55,829	358	354

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,
August 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	10.4	9.6	4,483	3,859	432	401
AZ	.8	.7	197	174	248	242
AR	22.8	18.6	9,553	7,687	418	414
CA	175.1	172.3	39,130	36,935	223	214
CO	6.4	5.9	1,624	1,358	255	231
DE-MD	20.2	23.5	4,789	5,254	237	224
FL	9.3	10.6	2,082	2,425	224	228
GA						
HI	3.6	3.8	700	703	196	183
ID						
IL	741.1	727.9	192,843	186,772	260	257
IN	279.3	336.0	67,580	81,283	242	242
IA	2,742.5	2,131.8	693,344	532,432	253	250
KS						
KY	266.3	200.5	65,643	50,161	247	250
LA	3.5	2.9	792	590	226	206
MI						
MN	602.4	593.4	145,295	144,828	241	244
MS						
MO	234.3	285.0	56,336	69,684	240	244
MT	3.1	2.4	687	549	224	230
NE	530.9	473.2	129,241	116,517	243	246
NV	.2	.1	36	28	213	206
N ENG 2/	3.6	3.2	779	773	218	238
NJ						
NM	.6	.4	125	84	211	212
NY	6.5	5.3	1,293	1,161	198	220
NC	646.9	752.9	162,951	192,466	252	256
ND	6.9	5.1	1,520	1,196	221	235
OH	120.5	99.1	30,261	25,254	251	255
OK	13.1	160.0	4,758	41,109	362	257
OR	13.7	14.3	3,329	3,357	242	235
PA	186.4	189.8	44,852	45,643	241	240
SC						
SD	499.6	446.4	128,973	112,999	258	253
TN						
TX	25.1	25.2	8,909	8,064	355	320
UT						
VA	384.2	373.0	94,771	92,965	247	249
WA						
WV	1.3	1.3	459	416	347	323
WI	34.0	31.0	13,554	12,218	398	394
WY	1.2	.9	308	213	251	230
US 3/	8,264.7	7,674.8	2,084,511	1,924,270	252	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,
August 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	9	8	94	90
AR	.1	.1	5	6	99	99
CA						
CO	124.7	112.8	16,545	14,791	133	131
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.2	13	16	109	81
HI						
ID	.6	.6	68	55	109	97
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.4	.3	42	32	117	121
KY	1.1	1.1	138	136	122	120
LA	.3	.3	28	24	85	83
MI	25.1	21.3	2,927	2,465	117	116
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.6	.5	67	57	115	118
NE	.2	.1	19	12	114	87
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.7	1.8	287	177	108	96
NJ	12.6	10.7	1,174	935	94	87
NM	2.5	3.7	298	460	121	126
NY	3.6	1.9	380	190	105	99
NC	.2	.2	20	12	100	76
ND	.1	.1	13	10	95	127
OH	1.7	2.0	185	220	106	110
OK						
OR	.8	.6	93	71	115	115
PA	6.3	7.0	610	706	97	101
SC						
SD	18.2	14.1	2,292	1,765	126	125
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.6	1.9	176	197	112	106
WA						
WV						
WI	1.3	1.3	146	150	110	112
WY	.4	.3	54	42	136	123
US 3/	371.3	329.7	45,598	40,212	123	122

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 - Aug 1/					:Jan - Aug 1/				
	: Aug : :1995	: Jul : :1996	: Aug : :1996	: 1995	: 1996	: Aug : :1995	: Jul : :1996	: Aug : :1996	: 1995	: 1996
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,698	1,567	1,558	12,178	12,258	53.5	50.9	49.6	52.5	50.3
Heifers	: 919	877	930	6,687	7,073	28.9	28.5	29.6	28.9	29.0
All Cows	: 497	573	587	3,864	4,545	15.7	18.6	18.7	16.6	18.7
Dairy Cows	: 238	*241	254	1,865	1,975	7.5	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.1
Other Cows	: 259	*332	333	1,999	2,570	8.2	10.8	10.6	8.6	10.6
Bulls & Stags	: 62	63	69	447	473	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:3,176	3,080	3,143	23,177	24,350	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:7,657	6,832	7,169	58,702	56,788	94.7	95.1	95.5	95.0	95.2
Sows	: 346	298	284	2,483	2,391	4.3	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.0
Stags & Boars	: 80	56	57	603	466	1.0	.8	.8	1.0	.8
Total 1/	:8,083	7,187	7,509	61,788	59,645	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 25	24	23	182	185	7.0	7.7	7.4	6.1	6.9
Lambs & Yrlings	: 330	289	292	2,783	2,509	93.0	92.3	92.6	93.9	93.1
Total 1/	: 355	313	315	2,966	2,694	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 722	704	711	709	705					
Steers 4/	: 778	764	775	762	765					
Heifers 4/	: 708	700	710	699	705					
All Cows 4/	: 535	523	522	539	527					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 863	851	856	863	847					
Calves & Vealers	: 209	204	206	223	212					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 177	179	178	181	181					
Sows 5/	: 292	286	288	291	289					
Stags & Boars5/	: 227	226	220	220	223					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep6/	: 62	63	61	64	65					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 59	57	58	58	58					

- * 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,
August 1996

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :				Cows					
Regions :	Total :	Steers :	Heifers :				Bulls & :	Total :	
1/ :	2/ :	:	:	All :	Dairy :	Other :	Stags :	2/ :	
1,000 Head									
1	2.4	.3	.2	1.7	1.6	.0	.3	3/	
2	4/							39.8	
3	98.9	40.9	7.8	46.8	35.3	11.5	3.4	3/	
4	4/							24.9	
5	452.9	160.4	56.1	212.6	127.1	85.5	23.8	43.8	
6	618.9	312.8	187.1	103.4	11.1	92.2	15.6	3/	
7	1,381.9	742.6	529.8	97.2	23.0	74.1	12.4	7.6	
8	306.6	160.3	98.5	42.9	6.3	36.6	4.9	.0	
9	127.2	63.6	7.0	52.3	37.4	14.8	4.3	3/	
10	154.4	76.9	43.1	30.0	11.9	18.2	4.3	37.1	
US 2/	3,143.3	1,557.8	929.7	586.9	253.8	333.1	69.0	153.2	
		Hogs			Sheep				
:	Total :	Barrows :	Sows :	Stags & :	Total :	Mature :	Lambs & :		
:	2/ :	& Gilts :	:	Boars :	2/ :	Sheep :	Yearlings :		
1,000 Head									
1	2.7	2.6	.1	.0	1.7	.5	1.1		
2	6/				12.6	3.3	9.3		
3	6/				5/				
4	1,740.3	1,664.2	74.6	1.6	5/				
5	6/				57.8	7.8	50.0		
6	2,202.6	2,066.2	117.6	18.8	5/				
7	6/				60.0	8.2	51.8		
8	3,367.6	3,240.3	90.8	36.5	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	195.9	195.3	.6	.1	183.1	3.3	179.8		
US 2/	7,509.1	7,168.5	283.7	57.0	315.2	23.2	292.0		

- 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 - August 1996 *

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :				Cows					
Regions :	Total	Steers	Heifers				Bulls &	Total	
1/ :	2/ :	:	:	All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/ :	
1,000 Head									
1	19.6	2.2	1.7	13.4	12.8	.6	2.3	3/	
2	4/							262.0	
3	776.2	336.3	61.7	352.6	274.6	78.0	25.5	3/	
4	4/							184.8	
5	3,528.3	1,273.2	479.6	1,613.0	952.5	660.4	162.5	364.1	
6	4,673.9	2,439.8	1,342.3	785.3	76.5	708.8	106.5	3/	
7	10,793.0	5,946.4	3,987.2	776.1	195.8	580.3	83.2	49.8	
8	2,396.9	1,179.2	800.4	377.1	60.9	316.2	40.2	.0	
9	1,007.5	515.2	64.9	398.3	301.4	96.9	29.1	3/	
10	1,154.8	566.1	335.7	229.1	100.2	128.9	23.9	260.3	
US	24,350.1	12,258.4	7,073.4	4,545.0	1,974.8	2,570.1	473.4	1,121.0	
		Hogs			Sheep				
:	Total	Barrows	:	Stags &	Total	Mature	:	Lambs &	
:	2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	:	Yearlings	
1,000 Head									
1	19.1	18.5	.4	.1	18.5	8.3		10.1	
2	6/				113.6	26.9		86.7	
3	6/				5/				
4	13,953.1	13,279.0	660.2	13.9	5/				
5	6/				427.3	54.2		373.2	
6	16,988.6	15,889.7	938.0	161.0	5/				
7	6/				513.7	64.9		448.8	
8	27,169.5	26,092.3	786.7	290.5	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	1,514.7	1,508.9	5.3	.5	1,620.7	30.4		1,590.4	
US	59,644.9	56,788.3	2,390.6	466.0	2,693.9	184.8		2,509.1	

* 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,
August 1996 1/

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
AL	14.2			13.6	1.5	12.1	.5	
AZ	39.5	38.6	.8					
AR	2.4	.4	.3	1.4	.1	1.3	.3	
CA	86.0	24.5	6.0	51.5	37.3	14.2	4.1	24.6
CO	224.4	132.6	80.6	10.9	.9	10.0	.3	
DE-MD	3.0	2.3	.4	.2	.2		.1	.4
FL								
GA								
HI	1.6	.4	.2	.8	.1	.7	.1	
ID	63.4	29.5	13.6	17.0	5.8	11.2	3.3	3.1
IL	89.1	49.2	32.0	6.8	3.9	2.9	1.1	9.9
IN								
IA	97.9	42.3	24.1	28.0	17.1	10.9	3.5	
KS	618.5	364.2	252.3	1.9	.3	1.6	.2	
KY								
LA								
MI	43.8	25.3	1.5	16.6	12.5	4.1	.4	5.4
MN	92.7	37.2	14.3	33.7	20.4	13.3	7.4	
MS								
MO	10.6	1.1	.4	8.2	.8	7.4	.9	
MT	1.2	.8	.1	.2		.2	.2	
NE	654.9	335.0	252.9	59.2	4.8	54.4	7.9	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	2.4	.3	.2	1.6	1.6		.3	7.4
NJ	2.1	.6	.1	1.2	.9	.3	.2	
NM								
NY	6.7	.6	.3	5.2	5.1	.1	.6	25.5
NC	16.8	.2	.1	12.9	9.5	3.4	3.6	
ND								
OH	6.1	.4	.3	4.6	3.3	1.3	.8	3.6
OK								
OR	1.3	.8	.1	.2	.1	.1	.3	
PA	85.7	37.2	7.0	39.2	28.7	10.5	2.3	17.6
SC								
SD	20.3	.1	.1	17.9	1.6	16.3	2.2	
TN								
TX	613.1	312.2	186.6	99.3	9.3	90.0	15.1	3.2
UT								
VA								.1
WA	89.7	46.7	29.3	12.9	6.0	6.9	.8	
WV	.1	.1						
WI	128.8	46.5	4.5	73.4	59.6	13.8	4.4	15.6
WY								
US 3/	3,143.3	1,557.8	929.7	586.9	253.8	333.1	69.0	153.2

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2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.3	.1	6.7	1.5			
AZ							
AR	18.2	7.4	10.8				
CA	165.5	165.2	.2				
CO	4.8	4.7	.1		112.7	.1	112.6
DE-MD	23.5	23.3	.2				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.8	3.7	.1				
ID					.4		.4
IL	693.9	620.4	56.9	16.5			
IN	329.6	329.1	.4				
IA	2,128.6	2,051.0	41.1	36.5			
KS							
KY	200.1	192.2	7.9		1.1	.9	.2
LA							
MI					21.1	2.3	18.8
MN	590.2	590.2					
MS							
MO	282.8	282.7	.1				
MT	1.7	1.7	.1		.2		.2
NE	471.9	471.8					
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.7	2.6	.1		1.7	.5	1.1
NJ					10.7	2.6	8.1
NM							
NY	5.0	4.9	.1		1.9	.7	1.2
NC	724.2	716.9	7.3				
ND	4.9	4.9					
OH	81.5	72.3	9.2				
OK	158.2	152.4	5.8				
OR	14.0	13.9	.1		.4	.1	.3
PA	189.3	187.8	1.5		6.9	.7	6.2
SC							
SD	445.2	402.2	43.0		14.0		14.0
TN							
TX	14.8	7.9	6.9				
UT							
VA	372.7	361.7	11.0		1.8	.1	1.7
WA							
WV							
WI	23.4	.7	22.6	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,509.1	7,168.5	283.7	57.0	315.2	23.2	292.0

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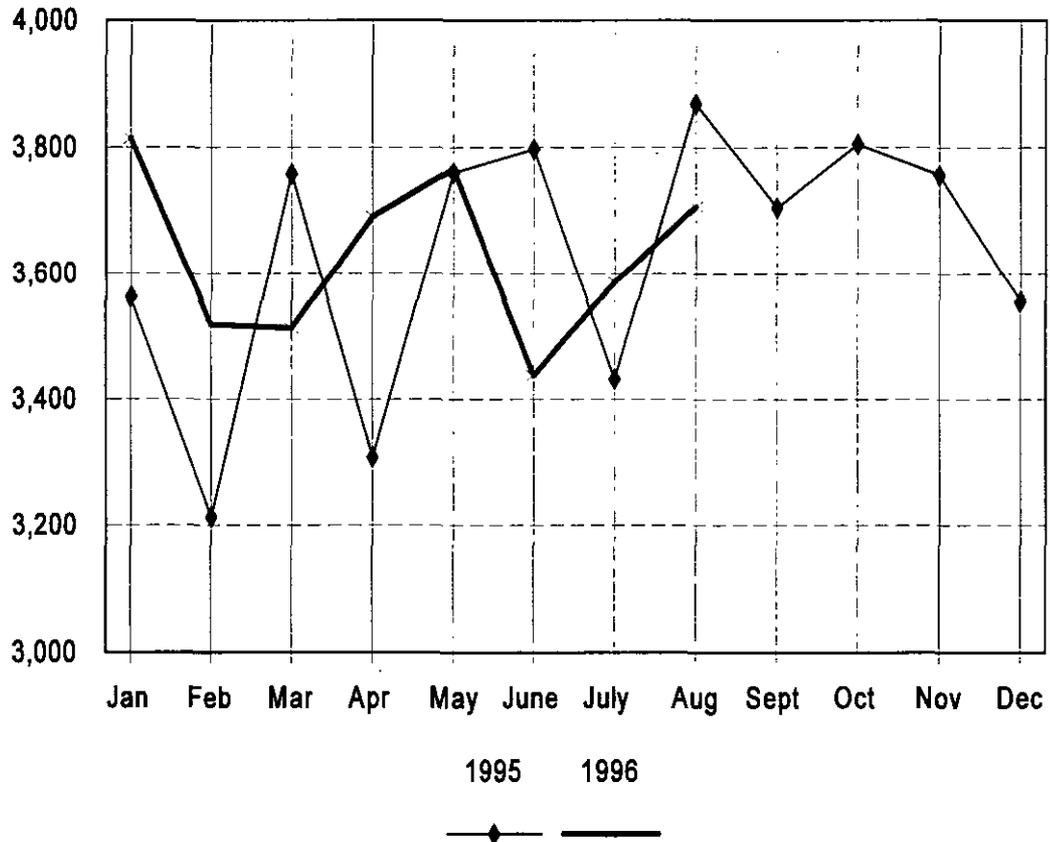
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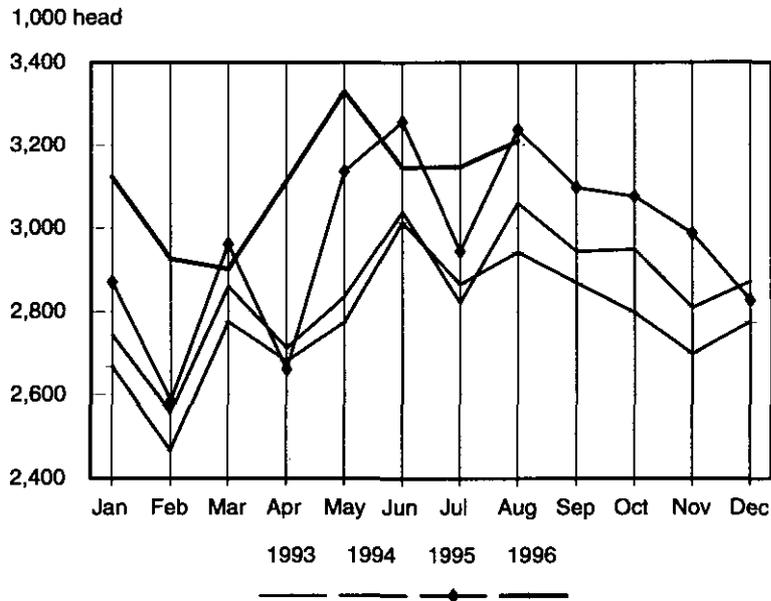
Species	Aug		Jan - Aug	
	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
Cattle	98.1	97.8	98.0	97.7
Calves	97.5	96.9	97.6	97.2
Hogs	97.8	97.9	97.8	98.0
Sheep	95.5	95.9	96.2	96.3

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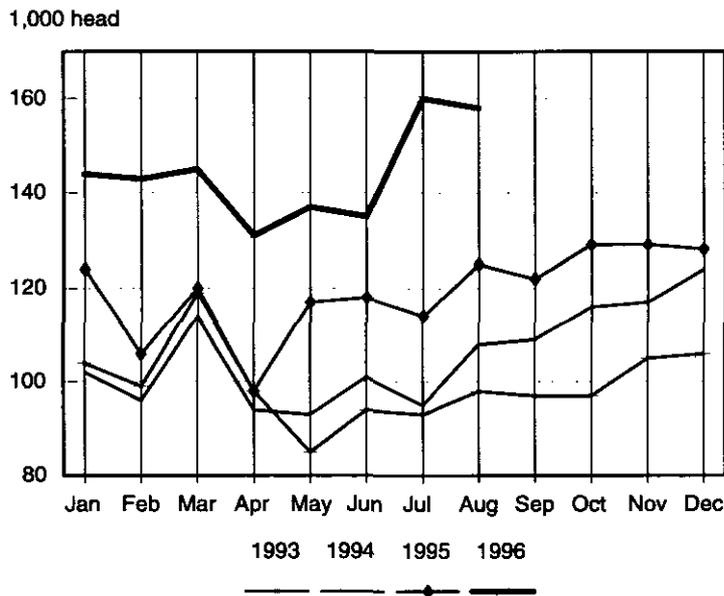
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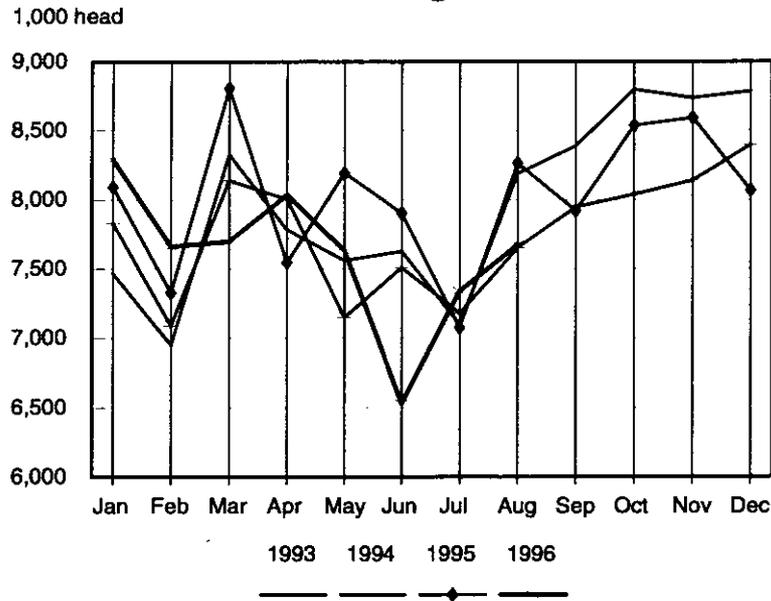
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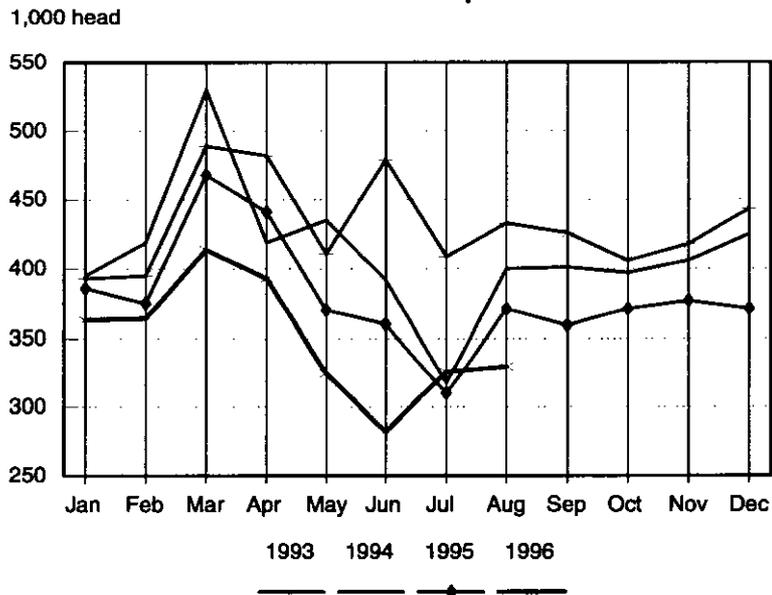
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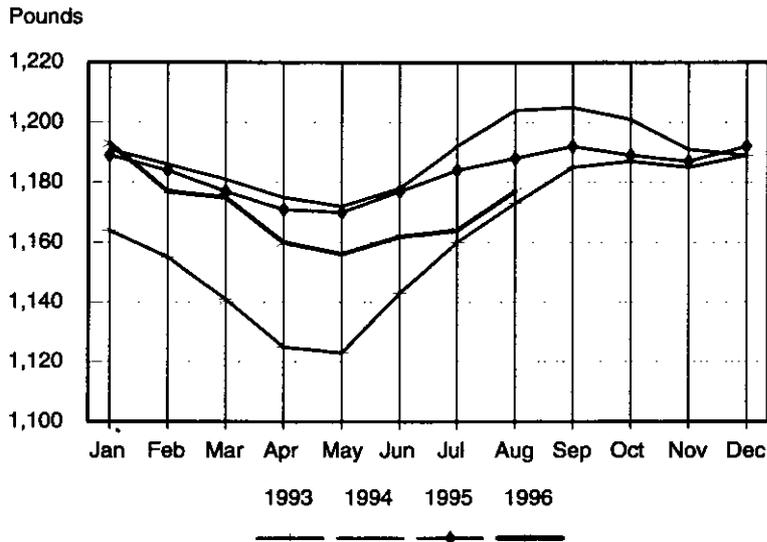
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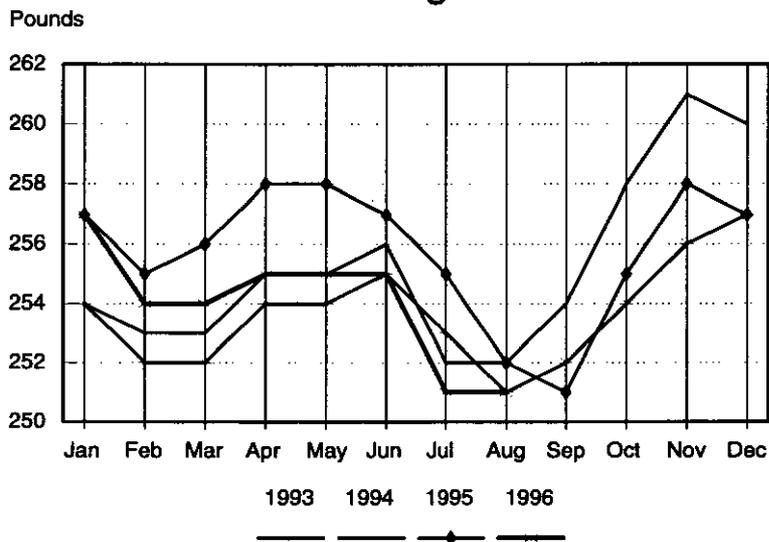
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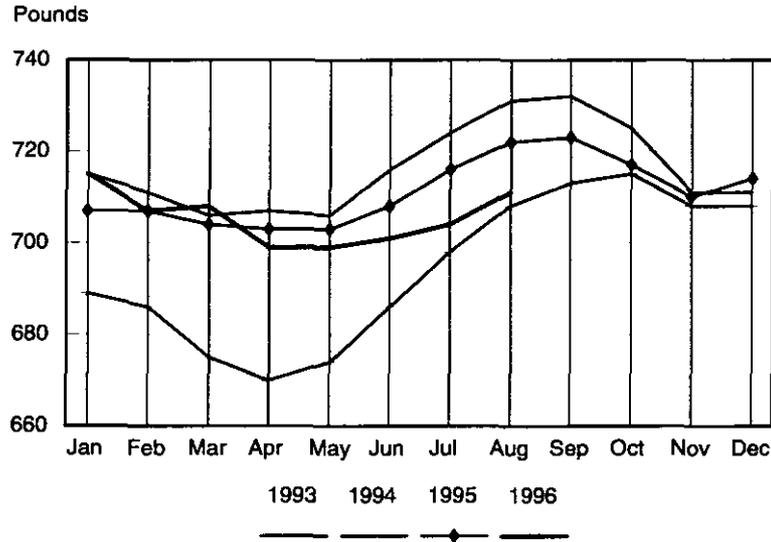
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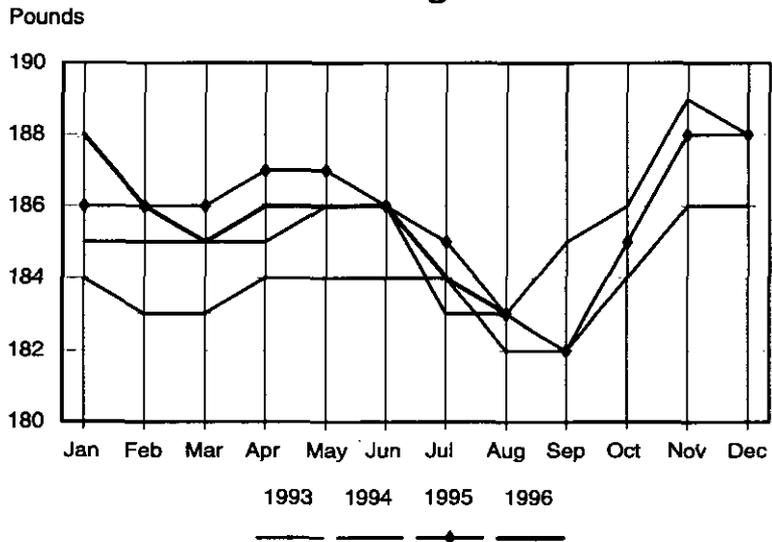
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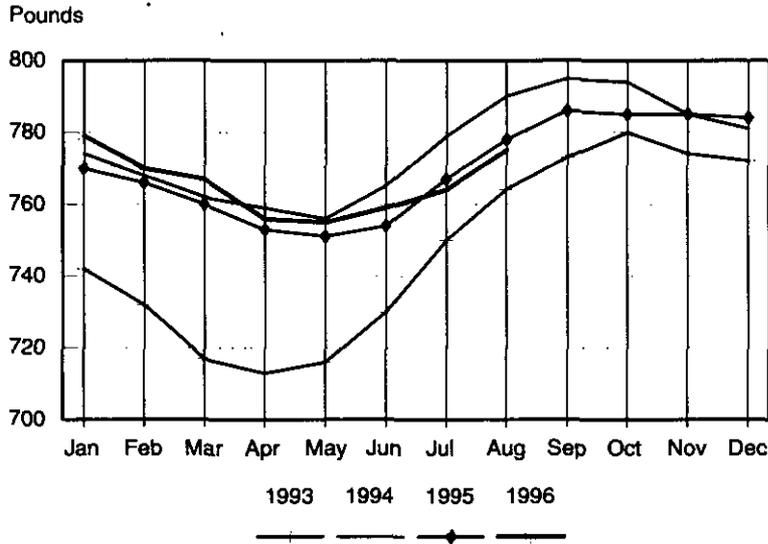
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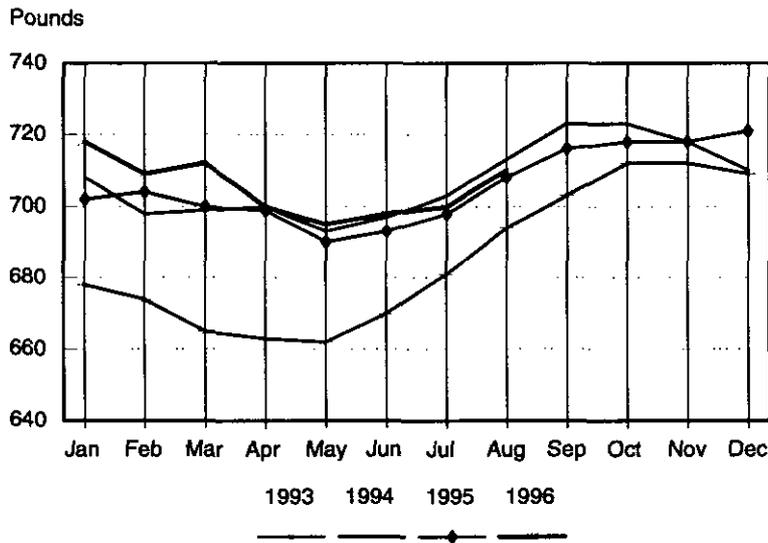
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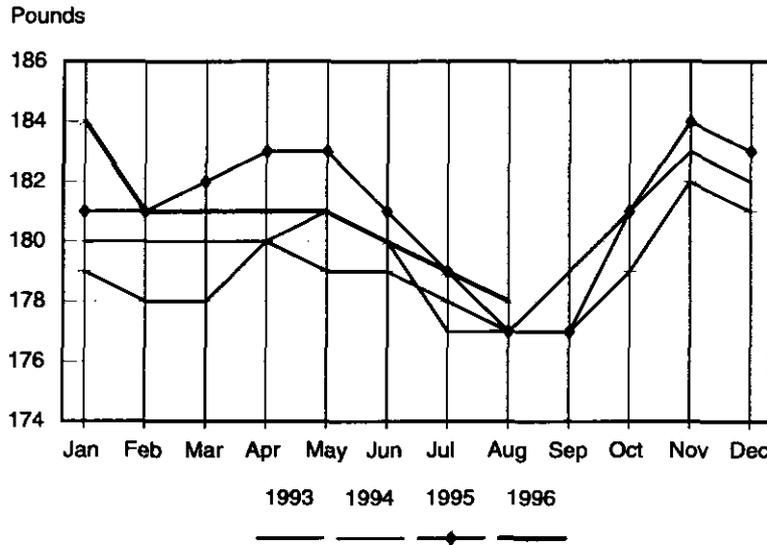
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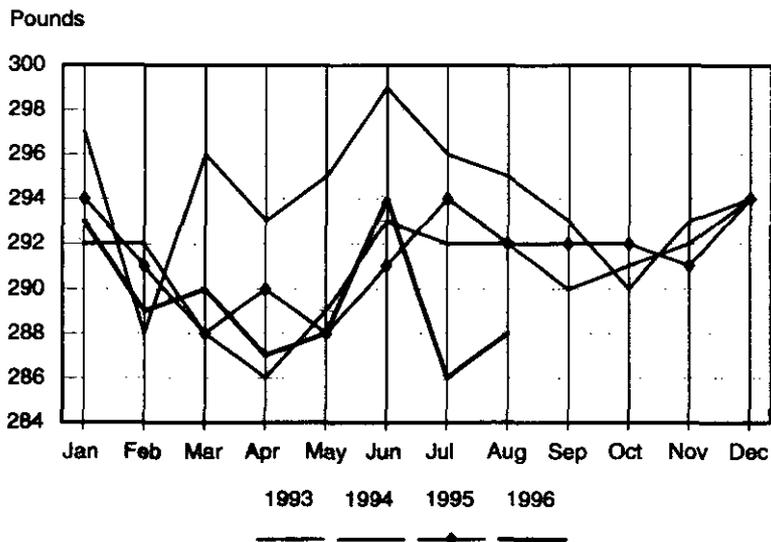
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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