

Livestock Slaughter



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Lamb and Mutton Production Sets Record Low

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.39 billion pounds during September. This production was down 8 percent from the previous year.

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

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was down 13 percent from September 1995. Head kill totaled 2.76 million head, down 11 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,179 pounds.

Veal production totaled 31.0 million pounds. This production was up 21 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 149,700 head, 22 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 9 pounds to 354 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.41 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.70 million head, 3 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was unchanged at 251 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from the previous record low set in September 1995. Slaughter during September 1996 totaled 327,100 head, down 9 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 122 pounds.

January - September red meat production was 32.4 billion pounds, up slightly from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent, veal was up 20 percent, pork was down 4 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 8 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Sep 96 % of			: Jan - Sep 2/				
	: Sep 1995	: Aug 1996	: Sep 1996	: Sep 1995	: Aug 1996	: Sep 1996	: 96 as % of 95	
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	: 2,220	*2,262	1,935	87	86	18,839	19,333	103
Veal	: 26	32	31	121	96	228	272	120
Pork	: 1,438	1,394	1,408	98	101	13,121	12,633	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 21	20	20	93	100	215	199	92
Total Red Meat	: 3,705	*3,709	3,393	92	92	32,403	32,437	100

* Revised.

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	: Sep 96 % of			: Jan - Sep 2/				
	: Sep 1995	: Aug 1996	: Sep 1996	: Sep 1995	: Aug 1996	: Sep 1996	: 96 as % of 95	
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	: 2,185	*2,225	1,897	87	85	18,536	18,986	102
Veal	: 25	31	30	120	96	222	263	119
Pork	: 1,411	1,368	1,382	98	101	12,865	12,410	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 21	19	19	93	100	209	193	92
Total Red Meat	: 3,641	*3,643	3,328	91	91	31,831	31,852	100

* 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	: Sep 96 % of :			Jan - Sep 2/			: 96 % : of 95	
		1995	1996	1996	Sep 1995	Aug 1996	1995		1996
Percent									
Cattle No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,034.6*	3,147.6	2,693.0	89	86	26,211.8	27,046.3	103
Other	:Thou:	63.3	66.5	68.2	108	103	537.7	630.5	117
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,098.0*	3,214.1	2,761.2	89	86	26,749.5	27,676.8	103
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,196	1,180	1,184	99	100	1,184	1,175	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,008	1,009	996	99	99	1,023	999	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,192	1,177	1,179	99	100	1,181	1,171	99
Calves No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	118.9	153.2	144.8	122	95	1,018.8	1,265.9	124
Other	:Thou:	3.4	4.6	4.8	143	105	25.2	37.6	149
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	122.3	157.8	149.7	122	95	1,044.0	1,303.5	125
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	360	353	351	97	100	378	358	95
Other	:Lbs :	423	430	420	99	98	414	420	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	363	354	354	98	100	378	360	95
Hogs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,751.5*	7,509.2	7,539.6	97	100	69,539.9	67,184.8	97
Other	:Thou:	168.9	165.7	160.4	95	97	1,588.6	1,378.1	87
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	7,920.4	7,674.8	7,700.0	97	100	71,128.5	68,562.9	96
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	252	251	251	100	100	256	254	99
Other	:Lbs :	226	225	227	100	101	229	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	251	251	251	100	100	255	254	99
Sheep&Lambs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	343.8	315.2	313.3	91	99	3,309.4	3,007.2	91
Other	:Thou:	15.5	14.5	13.9	89	96	131.1	116.2	89
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	359.3	329.7	327.1	91	99	3,440.5	3,123.4	91
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	120	123	124	103	100	127	129	102
Other	:Lbs :	93	98	96	103	98	96	95	99
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	119	122	122	103	100	126	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			Sep 96 as % of	
	Sep 1995	Aug 1996	Sep 1996	Sep 1995	Aug 1996
AL	11.4	*12.0	11.3	100	95
AZ	28.7	26.4	25.0	87	95
AR	6.5	6.7	5.9	92	88
CA	84.7	*88.8	82.9	98	93
CO	183.2	181.3	154.5	84	85
DE-MD	6.0	6.2	5.9	99	96
FL	3.5	4.3	4.0	114	92
GA	35.2	24.0	23.0	65	96
HI	1.2	1.4	1.3	103	92
ID	48.3	49.6	44.4	92	90
IL	208.7	204.3	199.5	96	98
IN	50.5	65.4	64.5	128	99
IA	581.2	457.2	463.9	80	101
KS	476.2	471.3	386.1	81	82
KY	50.5	39.5	39.3	78	99
LA	2.1	2.3	2.3	112	102
MI	89.8	87.5	84.2	94	96
MN	163.0	172.3	165.7	102	96
MS	26.5	22.9	23.2	88	101
MO	51.4	59.6	57.8	112	97
MT	1.4	1.8	1.4	101	80
NE	525.9	564.3	495.7	94	88
NV	.1	.1	.1	116	103
N ENG 2/	2.9	2.8	2.9	99	102
NJ	3.1	3.8	4.0	127	105
NM	1.7	1.7	1.6	96	96
NY	8.5	10.0	8.8	103	88
NC	128.3	146.8	142.0	111	97
ND	8.3	9.7	9.5	115	99
OH	27.3	28.1	27.4	100	97
OK	3.9	31.9	33.3	849	104
OR	3.2	3.4	3.6	113	104
PA	96.1	99.9	96.2	100	96
SC	13.2	12.1	11.7	89	97
SD	98.1	97.2	96.9	99	100
TN	14.0	15.0	16.9	121	113
TX	400.7	426.0	342.7	86	80
UT	36.7	36.6	33.4	91	91
VA	71.5	71.1	72.8	102	102
WA	62.7	69.0	58.0	93	84
WV	1.6	1.3	1.8	107	138
WI	86.2	92.3	86.9	101	94
WY	.6	.7	.6	100	83
US	3,704.6	*3,708.5	3,393.5	92	92

* 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,
September 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	16.5	19.0	17,007	19,150	1,030	1,008
AZ	42.2	38.0	47,936	40,691	1,136	1,071
AR	2.7	3.2	2,487	3,022	929	957
CA	82.3	80.8	101,411	97,505	1,232	1,206
CO	228.1	190.2	280,040	236,584	1,228	1,244
DE-MD	2.9	2.9	3,602	3,469	1,249	1,198
FL						
GA						
HI	1.3	1.5	1,334	1,417	999	974
ID	62.8	58.1	78,918	73,000	1,256	1,257
IL	97.6	81.5	114,502	94,637	1,173	1,161
IN	5.8	4.2	5,871	4,207	1,009	1,003
IA	150.2	81.8	179,773	96,594	1,197	1,180
KS	616.3	511.4	740,658	605,584	1,202	1,184
KY	5.4	4.6	5,611	4,651	1,044	1,013
LA	2.5	2.8	1,891	2,185	770	779
MI	49.1	42.5	60,108	52,891	1,224	1,244
MN	87.9	92.0	108,852	113,543	1,238	1,234
MS						
MO	16.9	13.3	19,250	13,913	1,140	1,047
MT	1.5	1.6	1,831	1,929	1,197	1,217
NE	591.7	560.4	723,103	672,228	1,222	1,200
NV	.1	.1	92	136	1,103	1,011
N ENG 2/	2.6	2.9	2,874	3,050	1,096	1,063
NJ	1.9	2.0	2,245	2,316	1,201	1,161
NM	3.0	2.2	2,797	2,145	934	963
NY	6.2	6.6	6,814	7,187	1,099	1,083
NC	14.5	17.2	14,888	17,884	1,027	1,037
ND						
OH	10.1	14.0	11,350	16,011	1,126	1,147
OK	3.5	3.8	3,269	3,652	942	970
OR	1.6	1.7	2,119	2,317	1,305	1,359
PA	91.1	84.5	110,458	108,469	1,212	1,284
SC						
SD	18.9	21.2	21,916	25,337	1,162	1,195
TN						
TX	567.8	492.4	640,913	549,527	1,129	1,116
UT						
VA	1.7	2.9	1,481	2,761	878	943
WA	81.2	76.3	101,595	95,773	1,251	1,255
WV	1.5	1.8	1,348	1,500	900	818
WI	117.6	125.9	142,786	146,917	1,214	1,166
WY	.7	.7	741	836	1,102	1,149
US 3/	3,098.0	2,761.2	3,692,698	3,256,476	1,192	1,179

- 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,
September 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	31	37	396	360
CA	15.7	21.1	5,314	6,877	338	325
CO						
DE-MD	.5	.9	225	365	458	429
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.3	10.3	3,813	4,174	412	405
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.5	3.2	1,146	1,471	453	455
MI	5.7	6.1	1,653	1,467	291	242
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	57	60	358	361
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.9	6.7	1,330	1,308	226	194
NJ						
NM						
NY	21.0	21.0	7,251	7,635	345	363
NC						
ND						
OH	4.5	3.9	2,204	1,968	488	511
OK	.1	.1	47	48	434	451
OR						
PA	13.6	17.1	5,773	7,315	423	427
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.7	4.6	945	1,422	356	309
UT						
VA	.1	.1	30	26	293	282
WA						
WV						
WI	14.3	15.0	5,847	6,049	410	403
WY						
US 3/	122.3	149.7	44,330	52,970	363	354

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	---- 1,000 Head ----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
AL	9.7	9.1	4,259	3,646	439	403
AZ	1.0	1.0	242	245	252	238
AR	20.0	15.9	8,370	6,565	418	412
CA	157.0	162.4	33,777	34,583	215	213
CO	4.9	4.2	1,233	1,025	254	241
DE-MD	22.0	22.7	5,121	5,047	233	223
FL	7.7	10.8	1,729	2,155	225	199
GA						
HI	3.3	3.3	663	654	201	196
ID						
IL	725.4	742.1	187,121	189,468	258	255
IN	253.3	329.2	61,695	80,304	244	244
IA	2,595.8	2,209.1	651,082	549,814	251	249
KS						
KY	260.5	198.6	64,313	49,896	247	251
LA	3.2	2.7	700	578	220	215
MI						
MN	570.9	572.2	137,781	140,751	241	246
MS						
MO	225.3	272.7	55,739	68,088	247	250
MT	2.4	2.2	550	501	227	233
NE	474.6	483.6	115,865	120,537	244	249
NV	.2	.2	43	30	277	197
N ENG 2/	3.8	3.2	828	757	216	233
NJ						
NM	.5	.6	102	120	211	211
NY	5.5	4.7	1,164	1,194	212	251
NC	658.1	724.9	166,293	182,944	253	252
ND	6.2	4.5	1,410	1,063	227	236
OH	111.5	96.8	28,445	24,516	255	253
OK	11.7	163.7	3,671	42,710	315	261
OR	12.3	14.6	2,964	3,487	241	239
PA	182.4	182.5	44,016	44,477	241	244
SC						
SD	473.6	451.2	119,546	115,002	252	255
TN						
TX	25.4	27.0	8,237	8,255	325	306
UT						
VA	379.5	384.0	94,003	94,617	248	246
WA						
WV	1.4	1.3	473	418	336	325
WI	29.0	28.7	11,855	11,307	409	394
WY	.7	.5	193	121	260	242
US 3/	7,920.4	7,700.0	1,987,694	1,932,382	251	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,
September 1995 and 1996 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	--- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ	.2	.2	17	16	99	101
AR	.1	.1	11	10	109	110
CA						
CO	130.1	114.7	16,262	14,768	125	129
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.3	11	30	100	89
HI						
ID	.5	.5	55	47	109	100
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.2	25	27	116	122
KY	.9	.9	111	110	120	121
LA	.2	.2	19	14	79	77
MI	21.6	19.0	2,577	2,173	119	115
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.5	.3	50	40	111	115
NE	.2	.1	16	11	90	98
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.1	2.1	334	202	109	96
NJ	11.9	9.8	1,065	905	90	92
NM	2.6	3.5	311	449	121	128
NY	3.4	1.8	362	186	106	104
NC	.2	.1	18	11	86	85
ND	.1	.1	9	11	115	112
OH	1.4	1.7	153	179	107	106
OK						
OR	.7	.5	84	63	117	116
PA	4.4	5.4	384	583	87	107
SC						
SD	17.5	15.5	2,211	2,005	126	130
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.8	1.7	194	192	110	110
WA						
WV						
WI	1.0	.9	108	101	111	107
WY	.2	.2	26	23	120	118
US 3/	359.3	327.1	42,769	40,059	119	122

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2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
September 1996

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows							
Regions :	Total :	Steers :	Heifers :	All :	Dairy :	Other :	Bulls & Stags :	Total :	
1/ :	2/ :	:	:	:	:	:	:	2/ :	
		1,000 Head							
1	2.5	.4	.2	1.5	1.5	.1	.3	3/	
2	4/							35.4	
3	97.0	38.0	8.5	46.9	35.4	11.5	3.5	3/	
4	4/							25.1	
5	425.6	140.7	54.6	207.1	119.8	87.2	23.2	44.3	
6	492.0	245.2	145.4	85.8	12.2	73.7	15.5	3/	
7	1,156.7	597.3	462.4	87.5	17.8	69.7	9.4	7.8	
8	265.5	130.8	87.2	42.8	5.6	37.2	4.6	.0	
9	119.3	57.3	8.3	49.6	36.2	13.4	4.0	3/	
10	134.5	59.6	40.9	30.4	11.2	19.2	3.6	32.2	
US 2/	2,693.0	1,269.4	807.7	551.7	239.7	312.0	64.2	144.8	
		Hogs				Sheep			
Total :		Barrows :		Stags & :		Total :		Mature :	
2/ :		& Gilts :		Boars :		2/ :		Sheep :	
		Sows		Yearlings					
		1,000 Head							
1	2.5	2.5	.1	.0	1.8	.5	1.4		
2	6/				11.5	3.3	8.2		
3	6/				5/				
4	1,721.4	1,638.0	82.1	1.3	5/				
5	6/				52.1	7.4	44.7		
6	2,189.5	2,072.9	100.3	16.4	5/				
7	6/				62.9	7.0	56.0		
8	3,443.1	3,331.1	76.6	35.4	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	183.0	182.4	.6	.0	184.9	3.7	181.2		
US 2/	7,539.6	7,226.8	259.6	53.2	313.3	21.8	291.5		

- 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 - September 1996 *

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows							
Regions :		Total	Steers	Heifers				Bulls &	Total
1/	2/	:	:	:	All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/
		1,000 Head							
1	:	22.2	2.6	1.9	14.9	14.3	.6	2.7	3/
2	:	4/							297.5
3	:	873.2	374.3	70.3	399.5	310.1	89.4	29.1	3/
4	:	4/							209.8
5	:	3,957.0	1,413.3	534.0	1,823.8	1,072.6	751.2	185.9	408.4
6	:	5,165.8	2,685.0	1,487.7	871.2	88.7	782.5	122.1	3/
7	:	11,949.7	6,543.8	4,449.7	863.6	213.6	650.0	92.6	57.5
8	:	2,662.3	1,310.0	887.6	420.0	66.5	353.4	44.8	.0
9	:	1,126.8	572.5	73.2	448.0	337.6	110.3	33.1	3/
10	:	1,289.3	625.8	376.6	259.5	111.4	148.1	27.5	292.5
US	:	27,046.3	13,527.3	7,880.9	5,100.5	2,214.9	2,885.6	537.7	1,265.9
		Hogs				Sheep			
Total		Barrows			Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &	
2/	:	& Gilts	Sows	:	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
		1,000 Head							
1	:	21.6	20.9	.5	.1	20.3	8.8	11.5	
2	:	6/				125.2	30.3	94.9	
3	:	6/				5/			
4	:	15,674.9	14,917.3	742.4	15.2	5/			
5	:	6/				479.6	61.6	418.0	
6	:	19,178.0	17,962.4	1,038.2	177.4	5/			
7	:	6/				576.7	71.9	504.8	
8	:	30,612.6	29,423.4	863.2	326.0	5/			
9	:	6/				5/			
10	:	1,697.8	1,691.4	5.9	.5	1,805.6	34.0	1,771.6	
US	:	67,184.8	64,015.5	2,650.2	519.1	3,007.2	206.5	2,800.7	

* 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.

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 State and United States,
September 1996 1/

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	2/							2/
	1,000 Head							
AL	17.4			16.8	1.9	14.9	.6	
AZ	37.4	35.8	1.6					
AR	2.4	.5	.3	1.6	.1	1.5	.2	
CA	80.2	21.2	6.4	48.7	36.0	12.7	3.9	21.1
CO	189.6	105.2	72.4	11.6	.4	11.2	.3	
DE-MD	2.9	2.2	.4	.2	.2		.1	.9
FL								
GA								
HI	1.5	.3	.2	.8	.1	.7	.1	
ID	56.9	25.3	12.2	16.8	5.5	11.3	2.6	3.4
IL	77.9	41.4	29.6	5.7	3.3	2.4	1.2	10.2
IN								
IA	80.1	35.9	20.7	21.5	12.9	8.6	2.1	
KS	507.6	286.9	218.5	2.0	.3	1.7	.1	
KY								
LA								
MI	40.5	22.3	1.4	16.5	12.0	4.5	.4	6.0
MN	88.1	32.5	15.4	33.5	19.0	14.5	6.7	
MS								
MO	10.5	1.2	.4	8.3	.9	7.4	.6	
MT	.9	.4	.2	.2		.2	.2	
NE	558.5	273.3	222.9	55.7	3.7	52.0	6.6	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	2.5	.4	.2	1.6	1.5	.1	.3	6.7
NJ	2.0	.6	.1	1.1	.9	.2	.2	
NM								
NY	6.4	.7	.3	4.9	4.8	.1	.6	21.0
NC	16.0	.1	.1	12.5	7.4	5.1	3.2	
ND								
OH	6.0	.3	.3	4.8	3.9	.9	.7	3.7
OK								
OR	1.4	.7	.2	.2	.1	.1	.3	
PA	84.3	34.3	7.6	39.8	29.2	10.6	2.6	17.1
SC								
SD	19.4	.1	.1	17.3	1.6	15.7	2.0	
TN								
TX	486.4	244.6	145.0	81.6	10.5	71.1	15.2	3.8
UT								
VA								.1
WA	76.2	33.6	28.5	13.4	5.6	7.8	.7	
WV	.1	.1						
WI	122.1	42.4	4.7	70.1	57.8	12.3	4.9	15.0
WY								
US 3/	2,693.0	1,269.4	807.7	551.7	239.7	312.0	64.2	144.8

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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,
September 1996 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.7	.1	6.4	1.2			
AZ							
AR	15.5	6.9	8.6		.1		.1
CA	155.7	155.5	.3				
CO	3.5	3.3	.1		114.6	.1	114.5
DE+MD	22.6	22.5	.1				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.3	3.3			.1		
ID					.3		.2
IL	710.8	648.6	48.2	14.0			
IN	324.1	323.7	.3				
IA	2,206.2	2,137.1	33.7	35.4			
KS							
KY	198.1	190.2	7.9		.9	.7	.2
LA							
MI					18.7	2.2	16.5
MN	568.9	568.9					
MS							
MO	270.5	270.4	.1				
MT	1.5	1.4	.1		.1		.1
NE	481.2	481.1	.1				
NV	.2	.1					
N ENG	-2.5	2.5	.1		1.8	.5	1.4
NJ					9.8	2.5	7.3
NM							
NY	4.3	4.2	.1		1.7	.8	.9
NC	702.6	696.3	6.2				
ND	4.2	4.1					
OH	80.5	73.1	7.4				
OK	161.2	155.8	5.3				
OR	14.3	14.2	.1		.4	.1	.3
PA	182.1	181.1	1.0		5.4	.9	4.5
SC							
SD	449.8	413.7	36.2		15.3		15.3
TN							
TX	13.6	7.9	5.6	.2			
UT							
VA	383.7	374.4	9.2		1.6	.1	1.5
WA							
WV							
WI	21.2	.5	20.6	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,539.6	7,226.8	259.6	50.2	313.3	21.8	291.5

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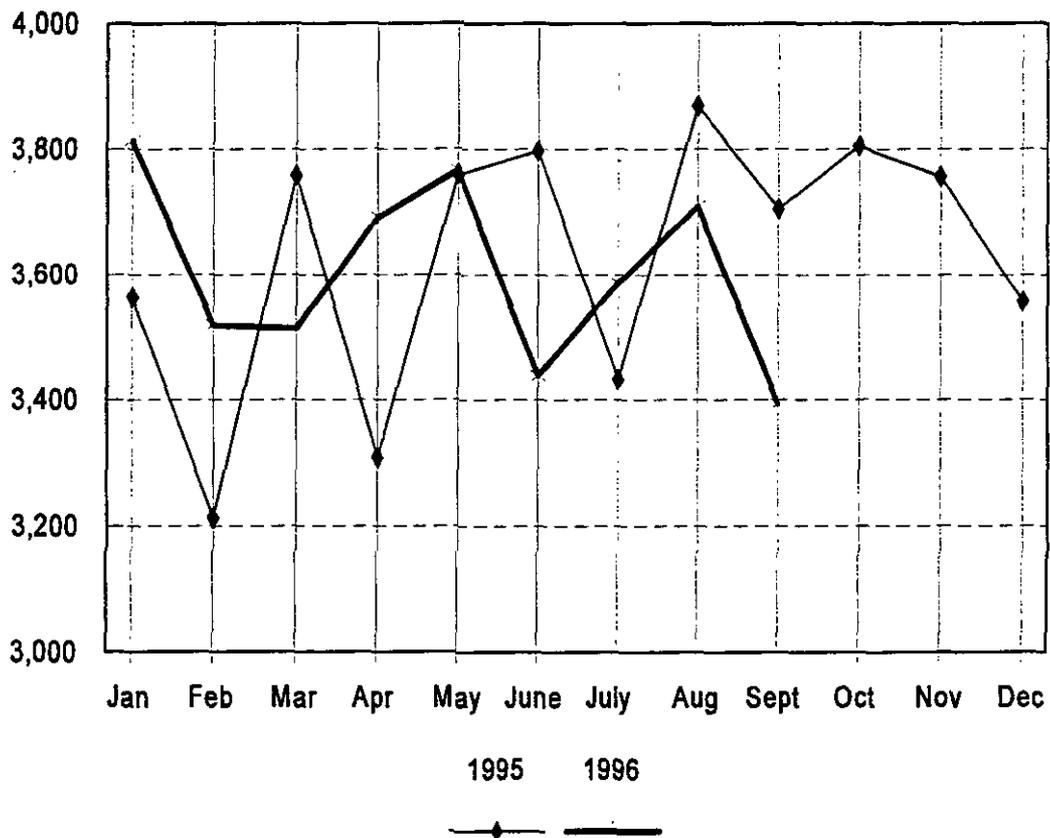
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

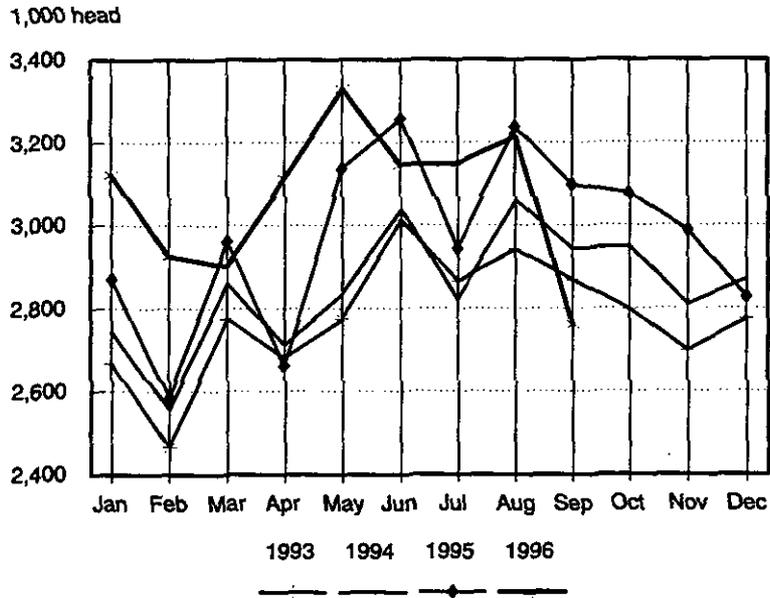
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	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent			
Cattle	98.0	97.9	97.5	97.7
Calves	97.2	97.1	96.8	97.1
Hogs	97.9	97.8	97.9	98.0
Sheep	95.7	95.6	95.8	96.3

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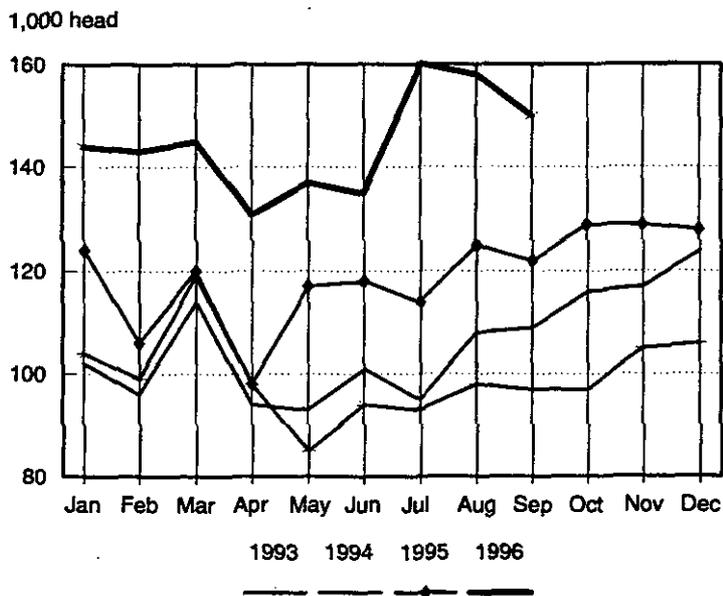
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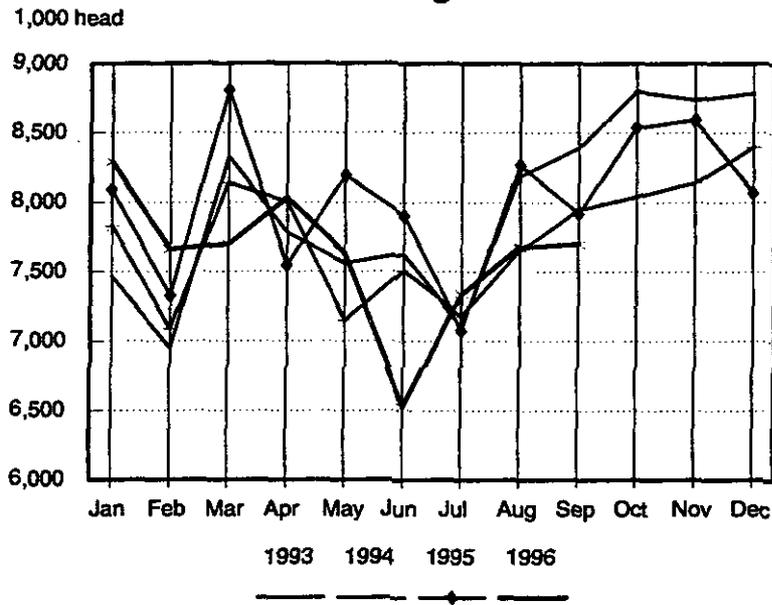
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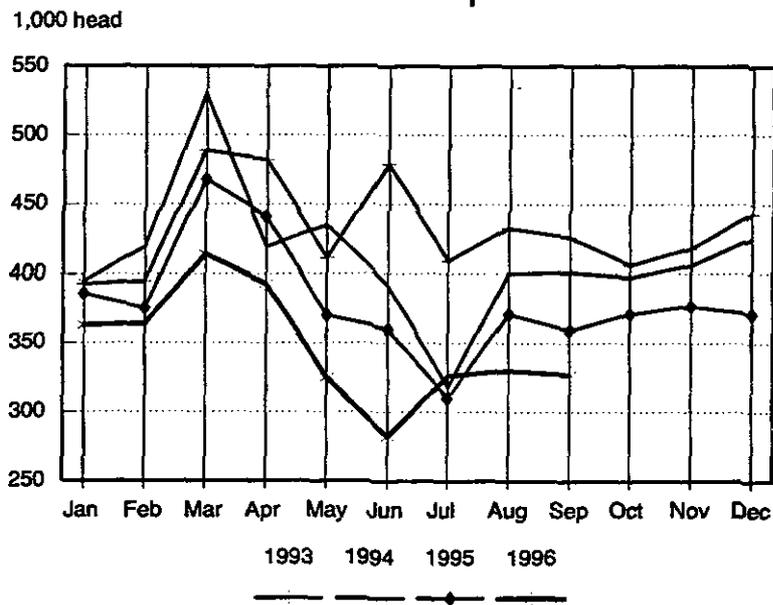
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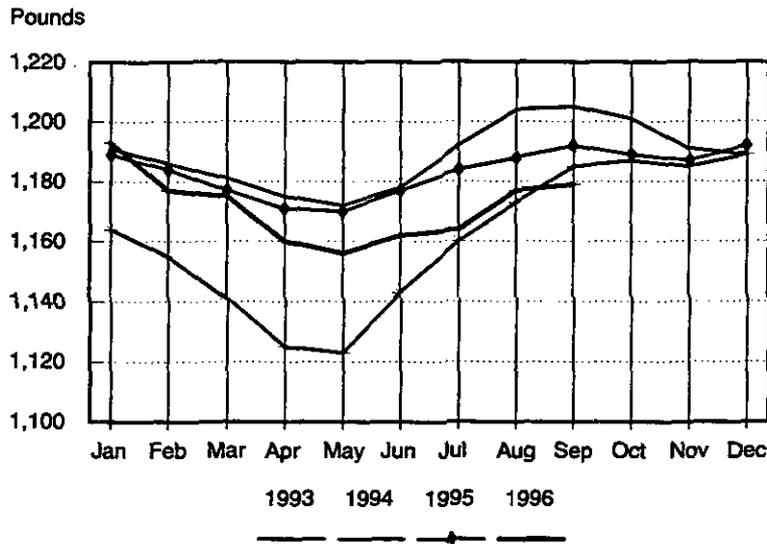
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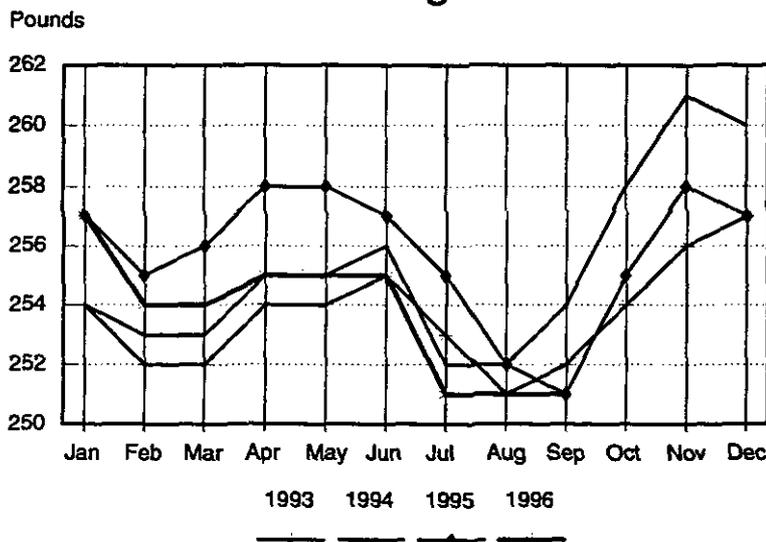
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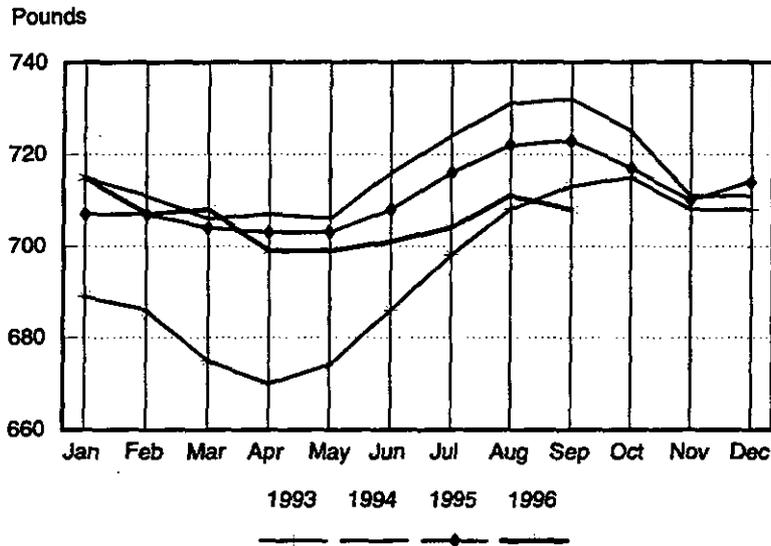
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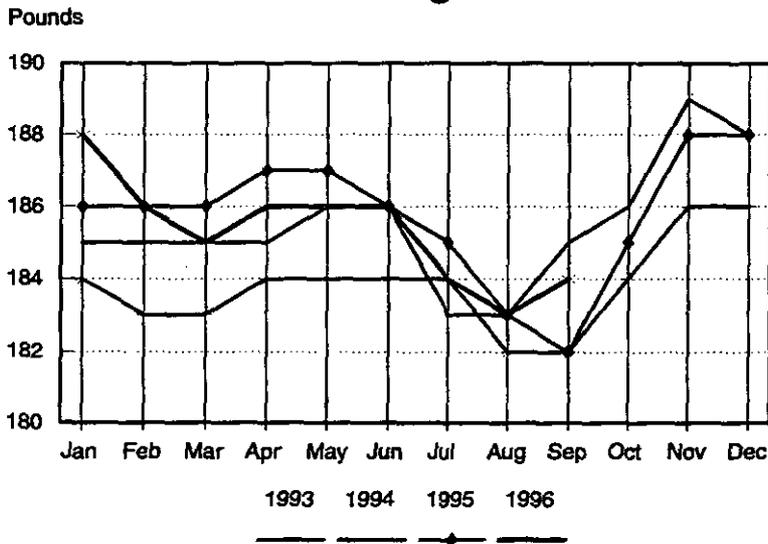
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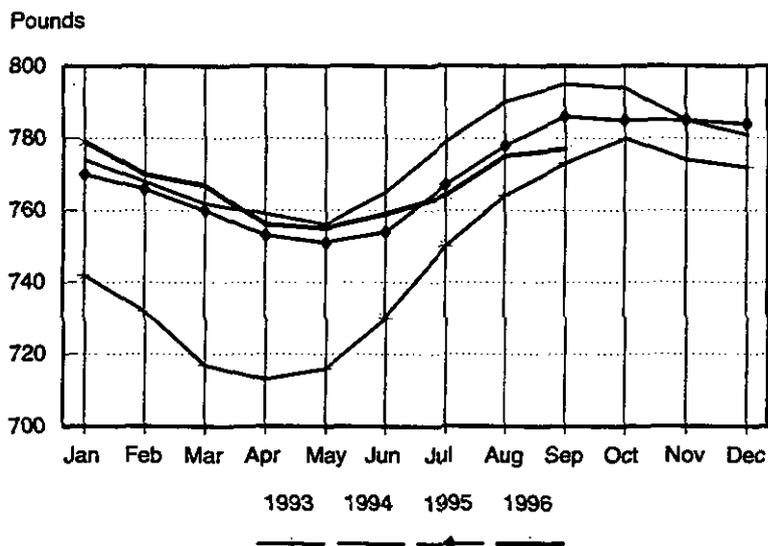
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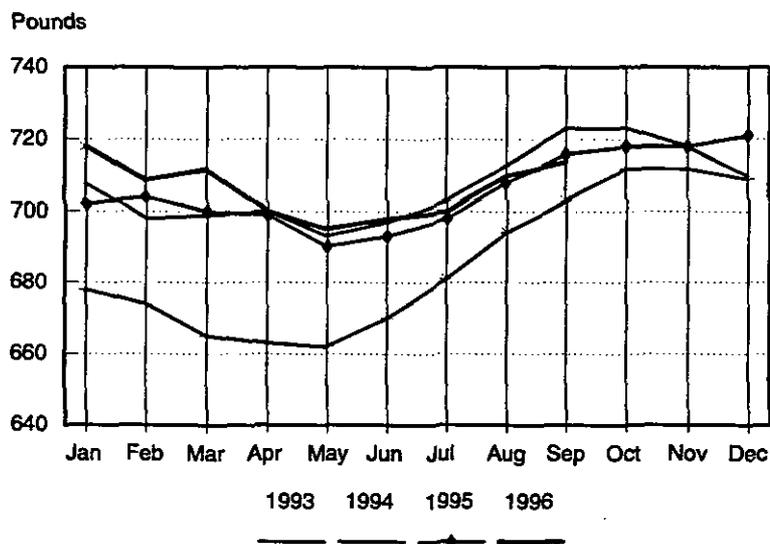
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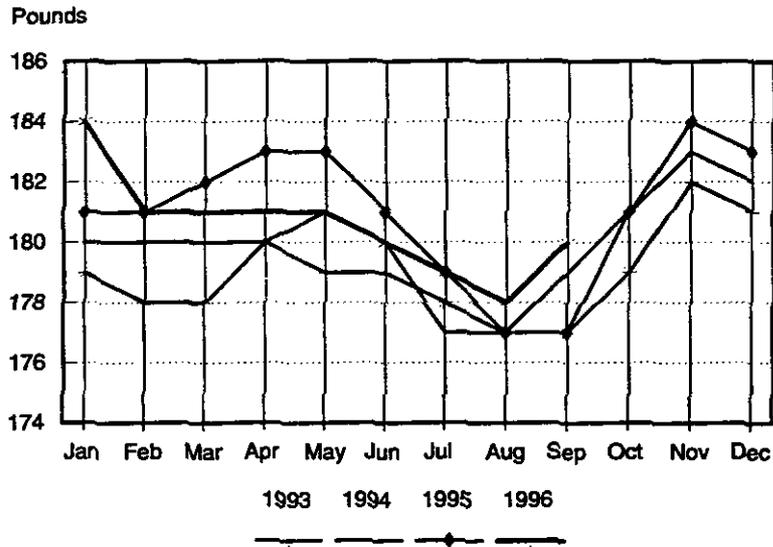
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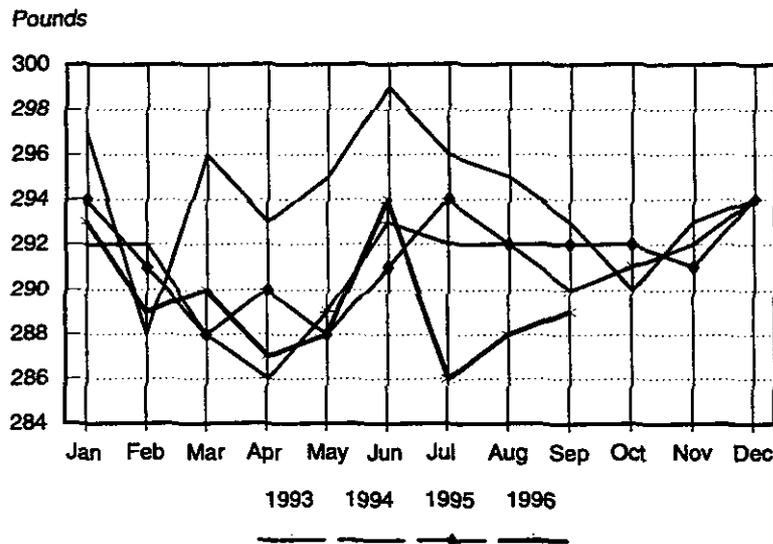
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 1,000 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 2,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmadge-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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