

Livestock Slaughter



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Commercial Red Meat Production Sets Record High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.83 billion pounds, a new record high for October. This production was up 1 percent from the previous high set in October 1995.

October 1996 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was virtually unchanged from October 1995. Head kill totaled 3.15 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,176 pounds.

Veal production totaled 34.0 million pounds. This production was up 26 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 165,000 head, 28 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was down 6 pounds to 355 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.59 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.59 million head, 1 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was up 4 percent from October 1995. Head kill totaled 377,300 head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 125 pounds.

January - October red meat production was 36.3 billion pounds, up slightly from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent, veal was up 20 percent, pork was down 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 96 % of		Jan - Oct 2/		% of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Oct 1995	Sep 1996	1995	1996	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,181	1,935	2,179	100	113	21,020	21,512	102
Veal	27	31	34	126	110	255	306	120
Pork	1,574	1,408	1,591	101	113	14,695	14,224	97
Lamb & Mutton	22	20	23	104	118	237	222	93
Total Red Meat	3,805	*3,394	3,827	101	113	36,207	36,264	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	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct 96 % of		Jan - Oct 2/		% of 95
	1995	1996	1996	Oct 1995	Sep 1996	1995	1996	
		--- Million Pounds ---		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,139	1,897	2,137	100	113	20,675	21,123	102
Veal	26	30	32	126	109	248	296	120
Pork	1,545	*1,383	1,563	101	113	14,410	13,973	97
Lamb & Mutton	22	19	23	104	119	231	216	94
Total Red Meat	3,731	*3,329	3,755	101	113	35,562	35,608	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	: Oct 96 % of :			Jan - Oct 2/			: 96 % : of 95	
		1995	1996	1996	1995	1996	1996		
Percent									
Cattle No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,999.0*	2,693.3	3,073.8	102	114	29,210.8	30,120.3	103
Other	:Thou:	77.2	68.2	77.2	100	113	614.9	707.7	115
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,076.2*	2,761.5	3,150.9	102	114	29,825.7	30,828.0	103
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,194	1,184	1,181	99	100	1,185	1,176	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,011	996	983	97	99	1,021	997	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,189	1,179	1,176	99	100	1,182	1,172	99
Calves No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	124.4	*145.7	159.1	128	109	1,143.2	1,425.9	125
Other	:Thou:	4.4	4.8	5.9	133	122	29.6	43.5	147
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	128.8	*150.5	165.0	128	110	1,172.8	1,469.4	125
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	360	351	353	98	101	375	357	95
Other	:Lbs :	420	420	437	104	104	415	423	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	361	354	355	99	100	376	359	96
Hogs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,357.6*	7,541.0	8,423.1	101	112	77,897.5	75,609.3	97
Other	:Thou:	179.5	160.4	167.4	93	104	1,768.1	1,545.5	87
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,537.2*	7,701.4	8,590.5	101	112	79,665.7	77,154.8	97
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	255	251	256	100	102	256	254	99
Other	:Lbs :	229	227	234	102	103	229	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	255	251	256	100	102	255	254	99
Sheep&Lambs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	356.2	*313.4	364.9	102	116	3,665.6	3,372.4	92
Other	:Thou:	14.5	13.9	12.3	85	89	145.6	128.5	88
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	370.7	*327.3	377.3	102	115	3,811.2	3,500.9	92
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	124	124	126	102	102	127	129	102
Other	:Lbs :	96	96	97	101	101	96	96	99
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	123	122	125	102	102	126	127	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			Oct 96 as % of	
	Oct 1995	Sep 1996	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	Sep 1996
	----- Million Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
AL	11.8	11.3	13.3	113	117
AZ	27.6	25.0	26.8	97	107
AR	7.2	5.9	6.8	94	115
CA	91.1	82.9	95.1	104	115
CO	175.4	154.5	166.9	95	108
DE-MD	6.4	5.9	7.0	109	118
FL	3.9	4.0	4.3	112	110
GA	41.5	23.0	27.2	66	118
HI	1.3	1.3	1.1	89	90
ID	45.4	44.4	52.5	116	118
IL	230.9	199.5	221.8	96	111
IN	67.1	*64.6	75.1	112	116
IA	583.0	463.9	524.2	90	113
KS	447.6	386.1	423.7	95	110
KY	54.3	39.3	44.4	82	113
LA	2.5	2.3	2.7	111	117
MI	94.9	84.2	97.7	103	116
MN	188.1	165.7	190.8	101	115
MS	26.1	23.2	28.0	107	121
MO	61.8	57.8	70.8	114	123
MT	1.7	1.4	1.6	99	115
NE	526.6	495.7	549.2	104	111
NV	.1	.1	.1	96	83
N ENG 2/	3.5	2.9	3.8	108	129
NJ	3.2	4.0	4.5	142	112
NM	2.0	1.6	1.9	98	119
NY	9.2	*9.0	10.4	113	116
NC	143.4	*142.1	172.6	120	121
ND	11.1	9.5	11.0	99	115
OH	31.8	27.4	29.4	93	107
OK	4.5	33.3	41.3	910	124
OR	3.5	3.6	4.1	115	113
PA	102.4	96.2	107.1	105	111
SC	14.4	11.7	15.4	106	131
SD	108.7	96.9	109.2	101	113
TN	17.5	*17.1	19.0	109	111
TX	385.0	342.7	382.5	99	112
UT	36.9	33.4	36.0	97	108
VA	79.0	72.8	78.5	99	108
WA	58.7	58.0	65.3	111	113
WV	2.6	1.8	2.4	90	134
WI	90.8	86.9	100.6	111	116
WY	.3	.6	.4	125	70
US	3,804.6	*3,394.1	3,826.5	101	113

* 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,
October 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	17.7	21.9	18,257	22,837	1,033	1,042
AZ	40.8	40.4	45,707	43,795	1,120	1,085
AR	3.2	3.4	2,724	2,953	847	863
CA	89.3	94.2	111,037	113,869	1,243	1,209
CO	223.1	209.9	269,004	258,157	1,206	1,230
DE-MD	3.1	3.6	3,793	4,224	1,211	1,171
FL						
GA						
HI	1.6	1.2	1,531	1,167	984	965
ID	59.5	71.1	74,390	87,323	1,250	1,228
IL	95.4	97.0	113,323	114,485	1,188	1,180
IN	7.4	5.4	7,513	5,388	1,022	999
IA	154.3	100.6	186,345	119,254	1,207	1,186
KS	581.7	565.3	700,977	669,080	1,205	1,184
KY	6.3	5.8	6,405	5,821	1,020	999
LA	2.5	2.8	1,997	2,206	809	778
MI	48.6	48.3	60,086	65,098	1,236	1,348
MN	96.6	110.4	121,729	135,039	1,260	1,224
MS						
MO	19.6	16.4	21,988	17,312	1,119	1,058
MT	1.9	2.0	2,266	2,362	1,202	1,193
NE	574.8	627.1	708,308	756,618	1,232	1,207
NV	.1	.1	125	128	1,101	1,086
N ENG 2/	3.3	4.1	3,522	4,353	1,071	1,071
NJ	1.9	2.3	2,176	2,646	1,171	1,152
NM	3.5	3.0	3,238	2,891	916	972
NY	7.0	8.9	7,412	9,268	1,060	1,041
NC	15.4	20.8	15,508	20,615	1,007	992
ND						
OH	13.2	14.8	14,872	16,832	1,131	1,140
OK	4.1	4.7	3,769	4,228	915	907
OR	1.7	2.0	2,242	2,662	1,317	1,355
PA	92.5	98.6	112,081	118,198	1,211	1,199
SC						
SD	21.6	25.7	24,681	31,458	1,140	1,225
TN						
TX	557.9	563.4	616,365	619,337	1,105	1,099
UT						
VA	1.9	3.5	1,838	3,273	964	930
WA	77.7	87.2	96,707	110,709	1,245	1,270
WV	3.1	3.6	2,637	2,865	861	786
WI	125.1	149.0	152,718	174,329	1,220	1,170
WY	.4	.5	471	604	1,254	1,270
US 3/	3,076.2	3,150.9	3,659,082	3,704,564	1,189	1,176

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,
October 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	34	49	368	371
CA	12.5	19.5	4,233	6,548	338	335
CO						
DE-MD	.5	1.0	218	438	435	439
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	11.1	11.5	4,630	4,658	417	406
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	3.3	4.1	1,477	1,898	444	468
MI	6.8	8.0	1,895	1,915	280	240
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	86	77	395	366
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.6	6.4	1,401	1,206	250	188
NJ						
NM						
NY	21.9	23.8	7,754	8,548	354	359
NC						
ND						
OH	4.6	4.5	2,242	2,316	492	513
OK	.2	.1	68	57	407	426
OR						
PA	15.2	21.4	6,280	9,144	412	427
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.5	5.5	773	1,676	311	303
UT						
VA	.1	.2	38	48	323	311
WA						
WV						
WI	15.3	17.7	5,987	6,978	392	394
WY						
US 3/	128.8	165.0	46,448	58,623	361	355

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,
October 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	9.9	10.1	4,265	4,110	431	409
AZ	1.1	1.1	261	259	234	229
AR	22.3	18.6	9,239	7,811	414	420
CA	163.6	181.7	35,868	39,777	219	219
CO	4.7	4.2	1,191	1,009	255	240
DE-MD	23.2	24.8	5,509	5,822	238	235
FL	9.7	11.5	2,147	2,482	221	216
GA						
HI	3.2	3.6	588	668	181	186
ID						
IL	836.7	788.8	217,740	203,217	260	258
IN	331.5	377.8	82,198	93,808	248	248
IA	2,526.8	2,433.9	645,813	622,323	256	256
KS						
KY	270.9	219.0	70,262	56,039	259	256
LA	4.2	3.7	895	775	213	208
MI						
MN	663.1	640.1	163,727	162,345	247	254
MS						
MO	273.9	327.6	68,071	82,696	249	252
MT	2.4	1.9	562	448	234	232
NE	543.0	514.9	135,146	129,774	249	252
NV	.1	.1	24	20	236	173
N ENG 2/	4.5	4.0	1,032	1,039	232	258
NJ						
NM	.7	.5	145	106	211	215
NY	5.9	5.0	1,257	1,111	214	220
NC	732.3	871.3	186,372	223,944	255	257
ND	6.9	5.5	1,609	1,309	234	239
OH	123.1	102.3	31,577	26,503	256	259
OK	12.5	197.3	4,721	53,042	378	269
OR	14.1	16.0	3,367	3,865	238	242
PA	205.2	207.1	50,289	51,198	245	247
SC						
SD	520.1	503.6	132,241	127,417	254	253
TN						
TX	31.5	28.9	10,588	9,541	336	330
UT						
VA	415.7	412.2	104,086	102,838	250	249
WA						
WV	1.5	1.3	511	459	347	342
WI	29.4	30.9	11,572	12,026	394	390
WY	.3	.3	83	70	259	233
US 3/	8,537.2	8,590.5	2,175,825	2,196,959	255	256

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,
October 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	11	10	106	110
AR	.1	.1	12	8	117	108
CA						
CO	120.7	138.9	15,542	18,183	129	131
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.1	12	10	108	81
HI	.0	.1	1	6	106	107
ID	.5	.5	51	45	108	99
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.1	29	16	110	118
KY	.8	.8	102	94	121	124
LA	.3	.3	21	21	77	74
MI	21.7	19.9	2,502	2,263	115	114
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.4	.4	49	49	113	118
NE	.2	.2	19	17	91	111
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.1	2.7	321	264	103	97
NJ	12.6	10.1	1,129	909	90	90
NM	2.8	3.3	337	449	119	136
NY	2.9	2.1	286	195	100	94
NC	.2	.1	20	12	82	86
ND	.1	.2	10	19	113	120
OH	1.3	.9	138	88	110	103
OK						
OR	.7	.6	79	69	117	114
PA	4.8	5.7	399	607	84	107
SC						
SD	18.2	17.5	2,333	2,306	128	132
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.7	1.9	183	197	108	106
WA						
WV						
WI	.9	.8	100	91	111	110
WY	.1	.1	7	7	119	125
US 3/	370.7	377.3	45,430	47,109	123	125

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	: Oct :		: Sep :		: Oct :		: Jan - Oct 1/ :		: Jan - Oct 1/ :	
	:1995	:1996	:1996	:1995	:1996	:1995	:1996	:1995	:1996	:1996
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/										
Cattle										
Steers	:1,428	1,269	1,356	15,152	14,884	47.6	47.1	44.1	51.9	49.4
Heifers	: 930	808	947	8,544	8,828	31.0	30.0	30.8	29.3	29.3
All Cows	: 580	552	700	4,947	5,801	19.4	20.5	22.8	16.9	19.2
Dairy Cows	: 248	240	288	2,348	2,503	8.3	8.9	9.4	8.0	8.3
Other Cows	: 332	312	412	2,599	3,298	11.1	11.6	13.4	8.9	10.9
Bulls & Stags	: 61	64	70	568	608	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.0
Total 1/	:2,999	2,693	3,074	29,211	30,120	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:7,993	7,227	8,091	74,078	72,106	95.6	95.8	96.1	95.1	95.4
Sows	: 298	*261	279	3,082	2,930	3.6	3.5	3.3	4.0	3.9
Stags & Boars	: 67	53	54	737	573	.8	.7	.6	.9	.8
Total 1/	:8,358*	7,541	8,423	77,898	75,609	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 23	22	24	228	230	6.5	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.8
Lambs & Yrlings	: 333	*292	341	3,437	3,142	93.5	93.0	93.4	93.8	93.2
Total 1/	: 356	313	365	3,666	3,372	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed										
Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 717	708	699	711	705					
Steers 4/	: 785	777	776	767	767					
Heifers 4/	: 718	714	712	703	707					
All Cows 4/	: 525	522	516	536	526					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 849	838	835	860	845					
Calves & Vealers	: 212	208	208	221	211					
Hogs	: 185	184	186	185	185					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 181	180	182	181	181					
Sows 5/	: 292	289	289	291	289					
Stags & Boars5/	: 225	225	218	221	222					
Sheep	: 61	61	63	63	64					
Mature Sheep6/	: 58	59	58	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 62	61	63	63	65					

* 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,
October 1996

		Cattle					Calves	
Standard:								
Federal	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls &	Total
1/	2/			All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/
		1,000 Head						
1	3.4	.7	.4	1.9	1.9	.1	.4	3/
2	4/							39.2
3	114.4	39.6	8.7	61.4	47.6	13.8	4.6	3/
4	4/							29.0
5	504.5	158.2	63.8	257.1	151.6	105.5	25.3	50.8
6	564.9	246.9	184.7	115.9	12.2	103.7	17.4	3/
7	1,297.6	645.7	531.6	110.4	16.4	94.0	9.8	9.3
8	295.5	128.3	106.0	56.8	5.1	51.7	4.4	.0
9	134.7	65.8	5.4	59.4	41.5	18.0	4.1	3/
10	158.8	71.1	46.4	37.3	11.7	25.6	4.0	30.7
US 2/	3,073.8	1,356.3	947.1	700.3	288.0	412.2	70.1	159.1
		Hogs			Sheep			
Total		Barrows			Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &
2/	& Gilts	Sows			Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings
		1,000 Head						
1	3.0	3.0	.0	.0	2.3	.7	1.5	
2	6/				12.1	3.7	8.4	
3	6/				5/			
4	1,982.9	1,889.1	92.2	1.5	5/			
5	6/				56.7	7.5	49.2	
6	2,422.1	2,295.7	110.0	16.3	5/			
7	6/				72.6	8.2	64.4	
8	3,809.1	3,697.3	75.7	36.1	5/			
9	6/				5/			
10	206.0	205.4	.6	.0	221.3	3.8	217.4	
US 2/	8,423.1	8,090.6	278.6	54.0	364.9	24.0	341.0	

- 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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- 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 - October 1996 *

		Cattle					Calves		
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows					:		
Regions :	Total :	Steers :	Heifers :	Cows :			Bulls & :	Total :	
1/ :	2/ :	:	:	All :	Dairy :	Other :	Stags :	2/ :	
		1,000 Head							
1	: 25.6	3.3	2.3	16.8	16.2	.7	3.1	3/	
2	: 4/							337.7	
3	: 987.6	414.0	78.9	461.0	357.7	103.3	33.7	3/	
4	: 4/							238.8	
5	: 4,461.6	1,571.6	597.9	2,081.0	1,224.2	856.8	211.2	459.3	
6	: 5,730.8	2,931.9	1,672.3	987.1	100.9	886.1	139.5	3/	
7	: 13,247.3	7,189.5	4,981.3	974.0	230.0	744.0	102.5	66.9	
8	: 2,957.9	1,438.3	993.6	476.7	71.6	405.1	49.2	.0	
9	: 1,261.5	638.3	78.6	507.4	379.1	128.3	37.2	3/	
10	: 1,448.1	696.8	423.0	296.8	123.1	173.6	31.5	323.2	
US	: 30,120.3	14,883.7	8,828.0	5,800.8	2,502.9	3,297.9	607.8	1,425.9	
		Hogs			Sheep				
:		:			:				
: Total		:Barrows :		: Stags & :		: Total		: Mature	
: 2/		:& Gilts :		: Boars :		: 2/		: Sheep	
		Sows		:				Lambs &	
								Yearlings	
		1,000 Head							
1	: 24.6	23.9	.6	.1	22.6	9.6	13.0		
2	: 6/				137.3	34.0	103.3		
3	: 6/				5/				
4	: 17,659.0	16,806.7	835.6	16.7	5/				
5	: 6/				536.3	69.0	467.2		
6	: 21,600.2	20,258.2	1,148.3	193.7	5/				
7	: 6/				649.3	80.1	569.2		
8	: 34,421.8	33,120.8	938.9	362.0	5/				
9	: 6/				5/				
10	: 1,903.7	1,896.8	6.4	.5	2,027.0	37.8	1,989.1		
US	: 75,609.3	72,106.3	2,929.8	573.1	3,372.4	230.5	3,141.9		

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
2/							2/	
	1,000 Head							
AL	20.2			19.3	2.0	17.3	.8	
AZ	39.8	38.1	1.7					
AR	2.6	.5	.2	1.7	.1	1.6	.2	
CA	93.6	27.3	3.6	58.7	41.3	17.4	4.0	19.4
CO	209.2	100.6	90.0	18.3	.4	17.9	.3	
DE-MD	3.6	2.7	.6	.2	.2		.1	1.0
FL								
GA								
HI	1.2	.3	.2	.7	.1	.6	.1	
ID	70.0	32.6	13.6	21.0	5.4	15.6	2.8	2.7
IL	92.8	53.0	31.3	7.2	4.1	3.1	1.3	11.3
IN								
IA	98.9	40.3	28.5	27.3	11.4	15.9	2.7	
KS	561.1	326.4	232.2	2.5	.4	2.1	.1	
KY								
LA								
MI	46.2	24.4	2.1	19.2	13.5	5.7	.5	7.9
MN	105.9	33.9	20.5	45.1	28.0	17.1	6.4	
MS								
MO	12.9	1.5	.6	9.8	.8	9.0	.9	
MT	1.1	.5	.2	.2		.2	.2	
NE	624.8	277.6	270.2	70.9	3.9	67.0	6.1	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	3.4	.7	.4	2.0	1.9	.1	.4	6.4
NJ	2.3	.7	.2	1.2	.9	.3	.3	
NM								
NY	8.5	1.2	.6	6.0	5.9	.1	.8	23.8
NC	19.2	.2	.2	15.3	9.5	5.8	3.5	
ND								
OH	7.7	.3	.4	6.2	5.5	.7	.8	4.4
OK								
OR	1.7	.8	.3	.2	.1	.1	.3	
PA	98.2	34.8	7.2	52.8	40.2	12.6	3.4	21.4
SC								
SD	23.7	.1	.1	21.7	1.4	20.3	1.8	
TN								
TX	558.2	246.1	184.2	111.0	10.4	100.6	17.0	4.8
UT								
VA								.2
WA	87.1	37.6	32.6	16.0	6.2	9.8	.9	
WV	.3	.1	.1					
WI	144.6	44.5	5.5	88.9	72.0	16.9	5.8	17.7
WY								
US 3/	3,073.8	1,356.3	947.1	700.2	288.0	412.2	70.1	159.1

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.6	.2	7.1	1.3			
AZ							
AR	18.0	7.3	10.7		.1		
CA	175.2	174.9	.3				
CO	3.6	3.4	.1		138.8	.1	138.8
DE-MD	24.8	24.4	.3	.1			
FL							
GA					.1		
HI	3.6	3.5	.1		.1		.1
ID					.3		.2
IL	754.2	690.6	49.3	14.2			
IN	372.0	371.5	.4	.1			
IA	2,430.7	2,357.0	37.7	36.0			
KS							
KY	218.3	209.6	8.7		.7	.6	.2
LA							
MI					19.6	2.2	17.4
MN	636.2	636.1					
MS							
MO	325.3	325.2	.1				
MT	1.4	1.3	.1		.2		.2
NE	512.8	512.8			.1		
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	3.0	3.0			2.3	.7	1.5
NJ					10.1	3.0	7.1
NM							
NY	4.5	4.4	.1		2.0	.8	1.2
NC	844.3	836.8	7.5	.1			
ND	4.9	4.8					
OH	91.1	81.8	9.3				
OK	194.7	188.7	6.0				
OR	15.8	15.6	.1		.4		.4
PA	206.7	205.6	1.0		5.6	.8	4.8
SC							
SD	502.1	471.2	30.9		17.3		17.3
TN							
TX	15.8	9.0	6.7	.1			
UT							
VA	411.9	402.2	9.7		1.8	.1	1.6
WA							
WV							
WI	23.4	.5	22.8	.1			
WY							
US 3/	8,423.1	8,090.6	278.6	54.0	364.9	24.0	341.0

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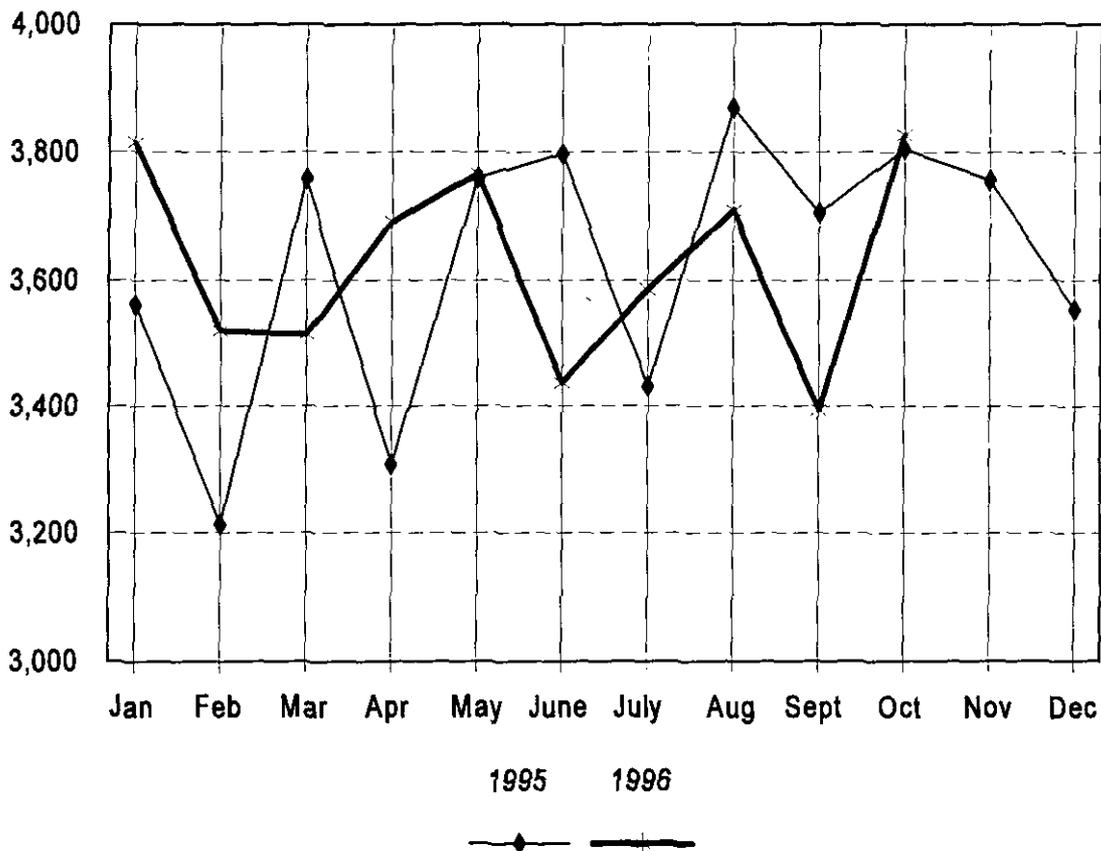
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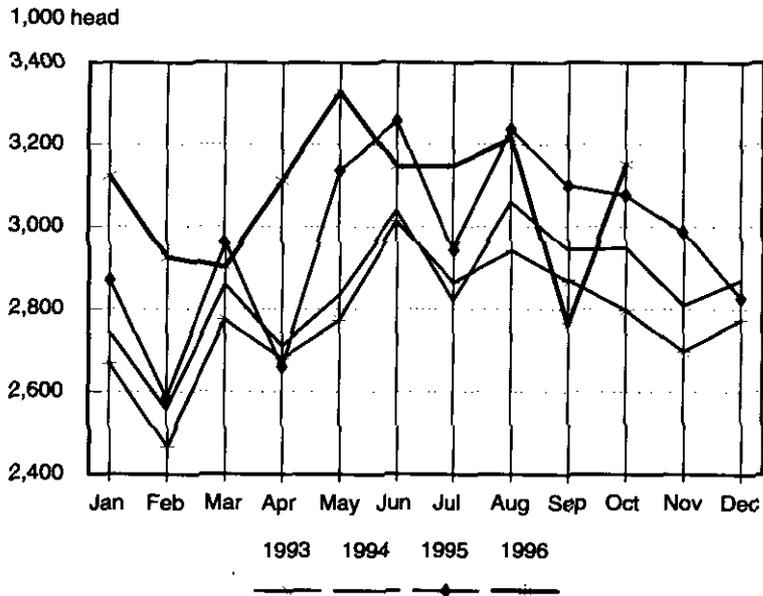
Species	Oct	Sep	Oct	Jan - Oct	
	1995	1996	1996	1995	1996
Percent					
Cattle	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.9	97.7
Calves	96.6	96.8	96.4	97.5	97.0
Hogs	97.9	97.9	98.1	97.8	98.0
Sheep	96.1	95.8	96.7	96.2	96.3

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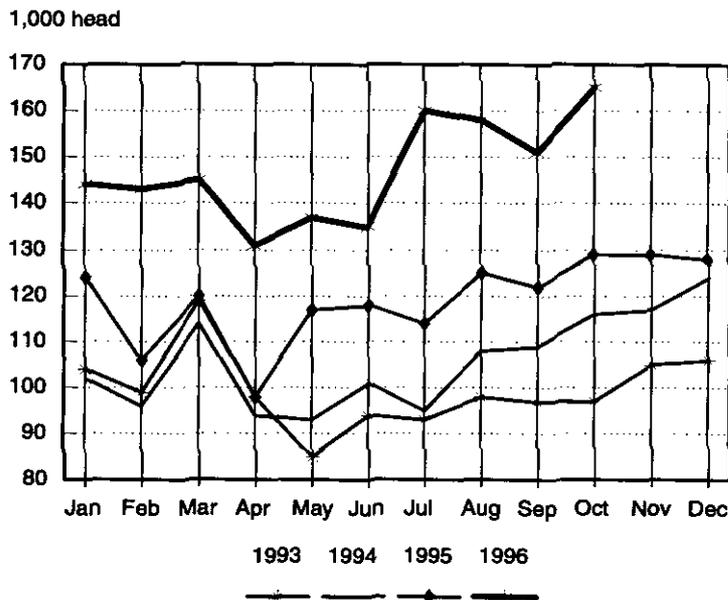
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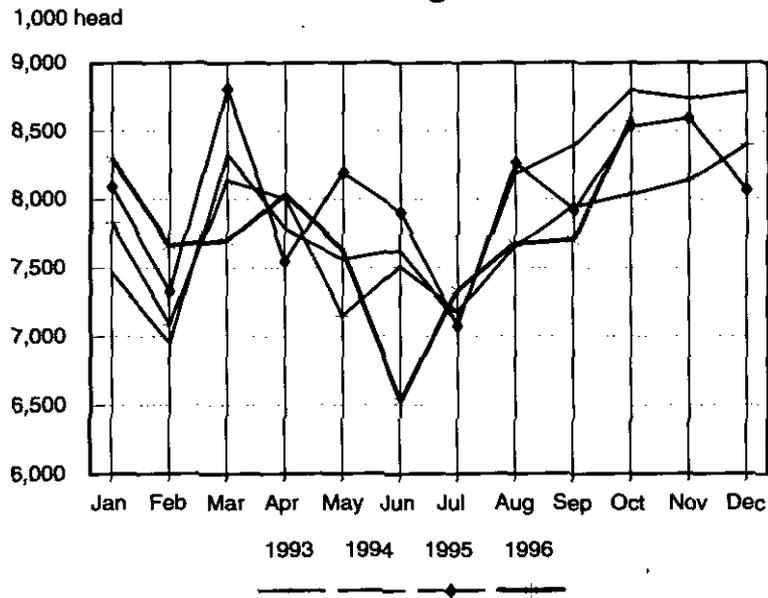
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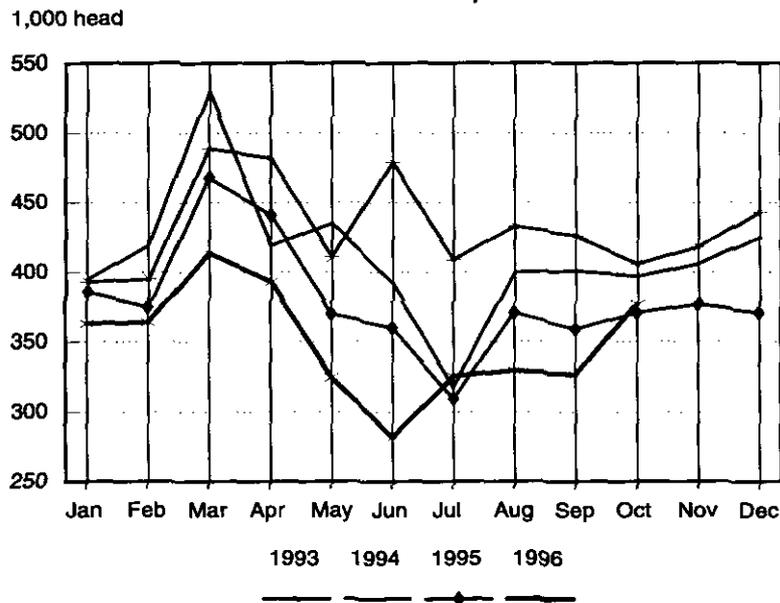
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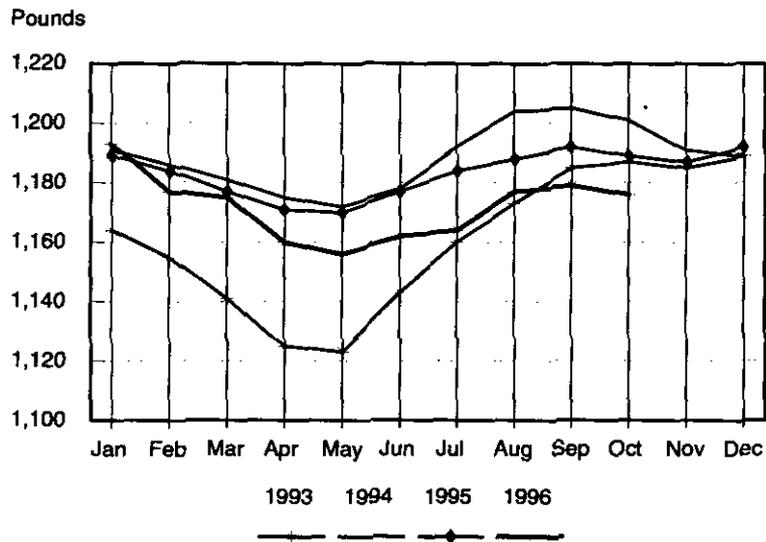
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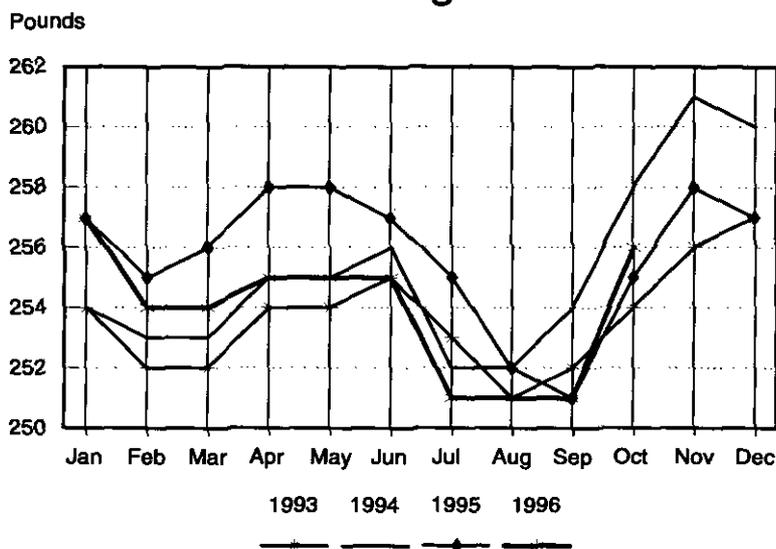
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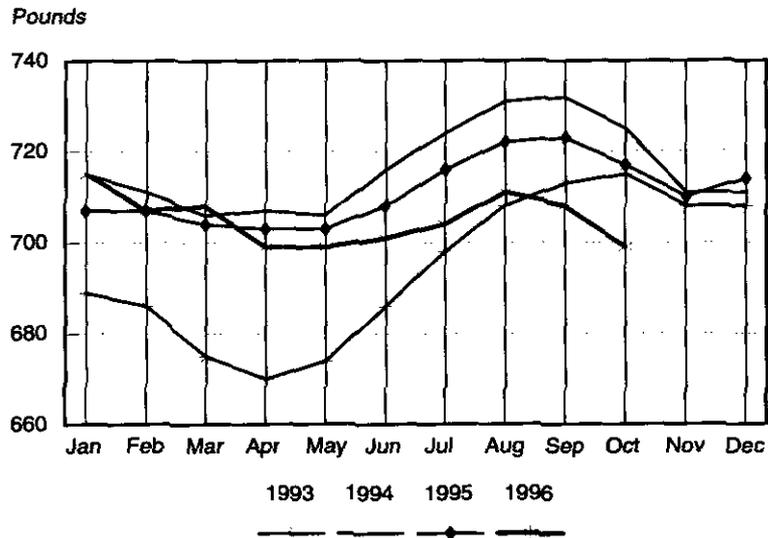
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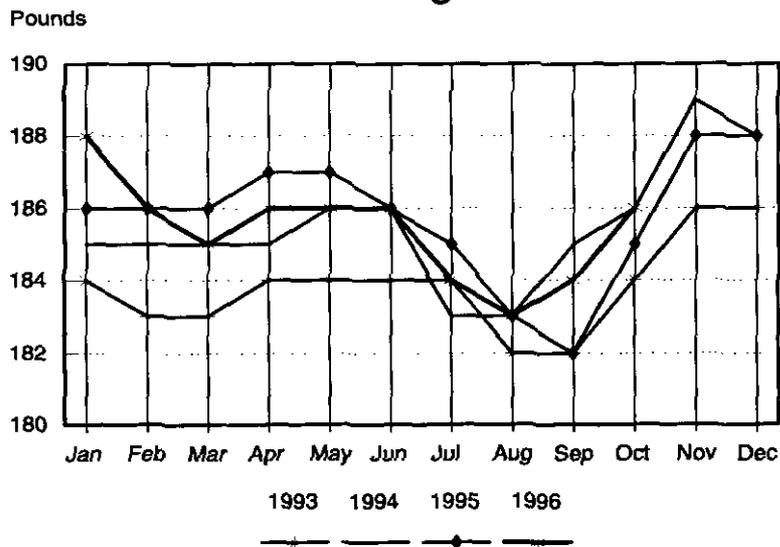
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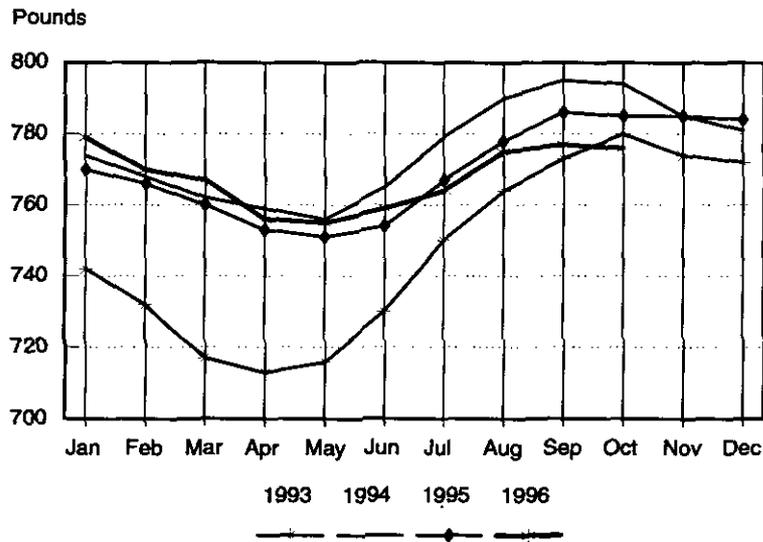
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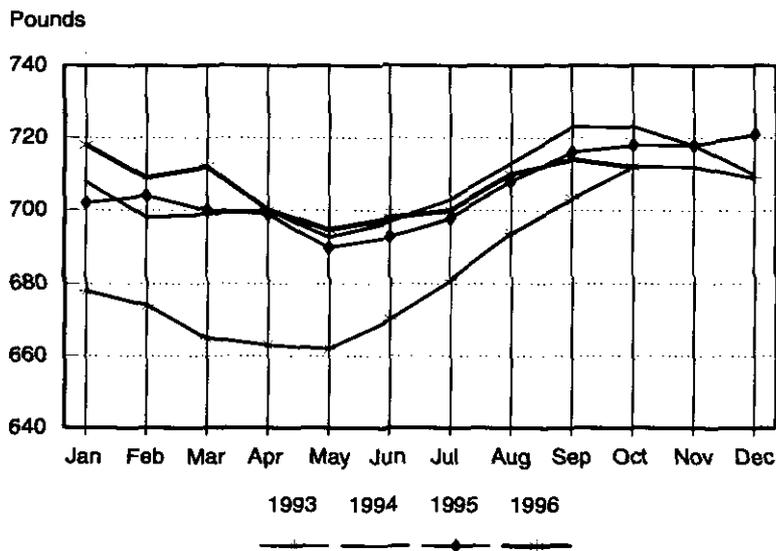
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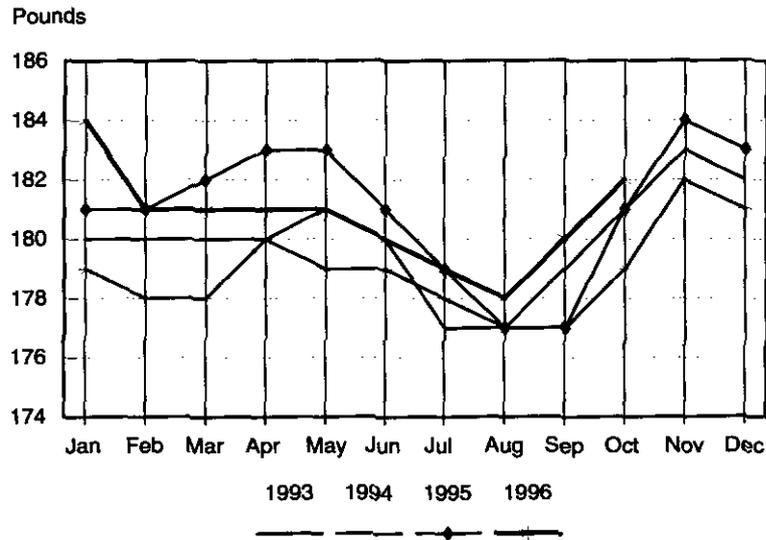
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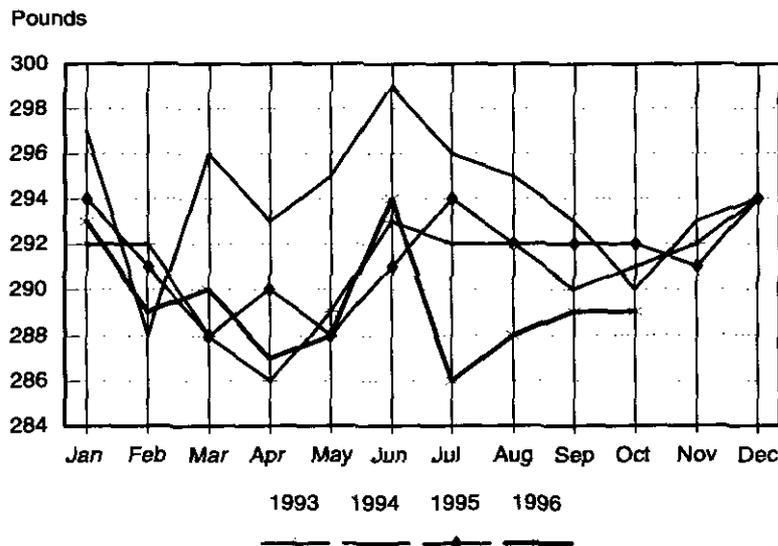
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 1,000 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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