

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Down Lamb and Mutton Production Sets Record Low For November

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

November 1996 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was down 7 percent from November 1995. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from the previous year, at 1,165 pounds.

Veal production totaled 30.0 million pounds, up 13 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 144,700 head, 12 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 358 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.43 billion pounds, was down 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.62 million head, 11 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was unchanged at 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 21.0 million pounds, down 9 percent from the previous low for November set in 1995. Sheep slaughter totaled 335,900 head, down 11 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 127 pounds.

January - November red meat production was 39.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent, veal was up 20 percent, pork was down 4 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Nov 96 % of			: Jan - Nov 2/				
	: Nov : 1995	: Oct : 1996	: Nov : 1996	: Nov : 1995	: Oct : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % of 95
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 2,098	: 2,179	: 1,955	93	90	23,119	23,467	102
Veal	: 27	: 34	: 30	113	88	281	336	120
Pork	: 1,608	: 1,591	: 1,429	89	90	16,303	15,653	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 23	: 23	: 21	91	90	261	243	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,756	: 3,827	: 3,435	91	90	39,963	39,699	99

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	: Nov 96 % of			: Jan - Nov 2/				
	: Nov : 1995	: Oct : 1996	: Nov : 1996	: Nov : 1995	: Oct : 1996	: 1995	: 1996	: 96 as % of 95
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 2,059	: 2,137	: 1,917	93	90	22,734	23,039	101
Veal	: 25	: 32	: 29	112	88	273	324	119
Pork	: 1,580	: 1,563	: 1,405	89	90	15,990	15,378	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 23	: 23	: 21	91	90	253	236	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,687	: 3,755	: 3,370	91	90	39,250	38,978	99

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	: Nov 96 % of :			Jan - Nov 2/			: 96 %	
		Nov 1995	Oct 1996	Nov 1996	Nov 1995	Oct 1996	1995 : 1996		

					Percent				
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,914.8	3,073.8	2,801.2	96	91	32,125.5	32,921.5	102
Other	:Thou:	71.9	77.2	70.9	99	92	686.8	778.6	113
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,986.6	3,150.9	2,872.1	96	91	32,812.3	33,700.1	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,192	1,181	1,170	98	99	1,186	1,175	99
Other	:Lbs :	997	983	990	99	101	1,019	997	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,187	1,176	1,165	98	99	1,183	1,171	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	124.7	*159.2	139.2	112	87	1,267.8	1,565.1	123
Other	:Thou:	4.4	5.9	5.6	128	94	34.0	49.1	144
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	129.0	*165.1	144.7	112	88	1,301.8	1,614.2	124
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	353	353	356	101	101	373	357	96
Other	:Lbs :	430	437	427	99	98	417	423	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	356	355	358	101	101	374	359	96
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,423.9*8,423.2	7,469.4	89	89	86,321.4	83,078.7	96	
Other	:Thou:	168.7	167.4	151.8	90	91	1,936.8	1,697.3	88
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,592.6*8,590.6	7,621.2	89	89	88,258.2	84,776.0	96	
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	259	256	259	100	101	256	255	99
Other	:Lbs :	233	234	224	96	96	229	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	258	256	258	100	101	256	254	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	364.3	364.9	324.1	89	89	4,029.9	3,696.4	92
Other	:Thou:	12.9	12.3	11.8	91	96	158.5	140.3	89
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	377.2	377.3	335.9	89	89	4,188.4	3,836.7	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	125	126	128	102	101	127	129	102
Other	:Lbs :	95	97	96	100	98	96	96	99
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	124	125	127	102	101	125	127	102

* Revised.

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States 1/

State	Nov 1995	Oct 1996	Nov 1996	Nov 96 as % of	
				Nov 1995	Oct 1996
	Million Pounds			Percent	
AL	12.5	13.3	11.3	90	85
AZ	25.7	26.8	27.1	105	101
AR	6.5	6.8	6.4	98	94
CA	89.9	95.1	86.0	96	90
CO	164.1	166.9	153.6	94	92
DE-MD	6.9	7.0	5.9	86	85
FL	4.1	4.3	4.3	106	99
GA	42.0	27.2	24.7	59	91
HI	1.3	1.1	1.2	93	108
ID	44.2	52.5	48.6	110	92
IL	233.7	221.8	160.0	68	72
IN	71.1	75.1	62.8	88	84
IA	591.1	524.2	474.1	80	90
KS	417.5	423.7	397.3	95	94
KY	56.7	44.4	41.8	74	94
LA	2.4	*2.8	2.5	103	91
MI	98.1	97.7	88.6	90	91
MN	189.7	190.8	170.2	90	89
MS	29.5	28.0	23.7	80	85
MO	60.7	70.8	60.2	99	85
MT	1.5	1.6	1.3	86	77
NE	519.2	549.2	487.7	94	89
NV	.1	.1	.1	95	105
N ENG 2/	3.4	3.8	3.5	103	93
NJ	3.1	4.5	4.0	129	90
NM	1.9	1.9	1.7	90	91
NY	8.8	10.4	9.7	111	94
NC	149.6	172.6	149.0	100	86
ND	12.2	11.0	10.7	88	98
OH	30.1	29.4	27.0	90	92
OK	4.4	41.3	40.0	903	97
OR	3.5	4.1	3.2	91	79
PA	100.6	107.1	95.0	95	89
SC	14.3	15.4	14.8	103	96
SD	117.3	109.2	99.4	85	91
TN	17.1	19.0	19.7	115	104
TX	362.6	382.5	361.9	100	95
UT	33.9	36.0	33.8	100	94
VA	79.7	78.5	69.2	87	88
WA	54.3	65.3	54.8	101	84
WV	2.4	2.4	2.1	84	87
WI	87.6	100.6	95.2	109	95
WY	.5	.4	.5	88	117
US	3,755.9	*3,826.6	3,434.7	91	90

* 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,
November 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	19.0	18.9	19,382	19,291	1,022	1,022
AZ	37.5	40.0	41,625	44,100	1,111	1,103
AR	2.9	2.7	2,606	2,340	892	861
CA	88.2	87.2	108,686	105,224	1,233	1,207
CO	212.0	199.2	257,454	238,214	1,215	1,196
DE-MD	3.3	3.4	4,017	4,018	1,213	1,176
FL						
GA						
HI	1.4	1.4	1,367	1,339	998	987
ID	59.1	66.3	73,257	80,081	1,239	1,207
IL	100.3	35.7	120,151	41,142	1,198	1,152
IN	6.1	4.1	6,306	4,108	1,032	1,001
IA	156.0	92.7	188,880	108,806	1,211	1,174
KS	543.5	535.8	652,140	629,821	1,200	1,176
KY	6.5	5.0	6,538	4,920	1,010	992
LA	2.6	2.0	1,987	1,699	753	830
MI	48.6	42.7	60,168	55,561	1,237	1,301
MN	99.4	99.5	123,728	119,556	1,244	1,202
MS						
MO	19.2	12.9	21,048	13,838	1,094	1,075
MT	1.7	1.5	2,018	1,805	1,182	1,179
NE	568.1	566.5	694,909	677,710	1,223	1,196
NV	.1	.1	136	137	1,086	1,050
N ENG 2/	3.6	3.8	3,730	4,016	1,051	1,059
NJ	1.9	2.1	2,248	2,400	1,179	1,127
NM	3.4	3.0	3,192	2,792	930	945
NY	6.7	7.9	6,971	8,124	1,046	1,031
NC	16.6	18.5	16,521	18,722	995	1,012
ND						
OH	11.4	14.8	12,761	16,736	1,123	1,132
OK	4.1	4.3	3,917	3,940	966	911
OR	1.8	1.6	2,476	2,097	1,341	1,345
PA	91.3	84.9	111,641	102,169	1,223	1,204
SC						
SD	23.4	25.4	28,618	30,419	1,224	1,196
TN						
TX	527.1	538.3	582,622	591,991	1,105	1,100
UT						
VA	2.2	3.4	2,149	3,217	956	957
WA	72.2	74.2	89,609	91,199	1,241	1,229
WV	2.6	3.1	2,256	2,423	853	777
WI	124.9	145.3	151,336	170,008	1,211	1,170
WY	.7	.7	735	702	1,103	1,044
US 3/	2,986.6	2,872.1	3,545,045	3,346,721	1,187	1,165

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,
November 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	.0	.1	6	25	325	404
AZ						
AR	.1	.1	29	39	391	386
CA	15.1	17.0	5,579	5,653	370	333
CO						
DE-MD	1.1	.5	438	204	412	385
FL						
GA	.1	.1	22	24	357	362
HI						
ID						
IL	9.8	9.1	3,944	3,690	403	406
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.8	4.0	1,299	1,784	462	451
MI	7.3	5.9	1,787	1,609	245	273
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	64	56	392	366
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.7	6.2	1,183	1,307	208	211
NJ						
NM						
NY	22.1	23.0	7,590	8,631	344	375
NC						
ND						
OH	4.3	3.9	2,336	1,952	539	502
OK	.2	.1	67	50	437	425
OR						
PA	12.8	17.9	5,209	7,689	408	429
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.2	4.4	844	1,448	382	326
UT						
VA	.1	.1	37	36	323	298
WA						
WV						
WI	15.2	14.1	6,172	5,762	405	409
WY						
US 3/	129.0	144.7	45,890	51,814	356	358

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	10.7	8.9	4,453	3,624	417	407
AZ	.9	.8	219	169	247	220
AR	20.1	17.6	8,231	7,687	409	437
CA	163.2	157.3	36,600	34,082	224	217
CO	4.3	3.3	1,098	793	253	241
DE-MD	24.1	19.4	5,880	4,676	244	241
FL	12.4	13.3	2,766	2,868	224	216
GA						
HI	3.7	3.4	767	668	209	197
ID						
IL	825.3	694.3	216,414	180,887	262	261
IN	353.8	314.9	88,673	79,670	251	253
IA	2,516.0	2,166.5	655,236	559,322	260	258
KS						
KY	281.4	205.3	72,352	53,112	257	259
LA	4.6	4.0	969	810	209	202
MI						
MN	663.8	569.7	166,371	144,629	251	254
MS						
MO	265.0	276.3	67,662	71,027	255	257
MT	2.1	1.5	524	374	244	245
NE	537.9	453.9	136,356	115,373	253	254
NV	.2	.1	31	27	206	198
N ENG 2/	4.3	3.3	988	841	229	255
NJ						
NM	.3	.1	56	33	213	225
NY	5.1	3.9	1,111	1,007	217	261
NC	753.9	748.8	194,428	192,423	258	257
ND	7.6	4.2	1,780	1,033	235	246
OH	117.8	89.9	30,699	23,601	261	262
OK	11.6	189.3	4,255	51,493	366	272
OR	13.2	13.1	3,213	3,182	244	243
PA	200.2	196.9	50,448	48,829	252	248
SC						
SD	543.3	453.1	140,954	115,133	259	254
TN						
TX	28.3	27.9	10,004	8,807	354	315
UT						
VA	413.4	358.6	104,907	90,473	254	252
WA						
WV	1.8	1.4	638	475	354	343
WI	24.7	24.4	9,888	9,463	400	388
WY	.6	.4	144	86	259	241
US 3/	8,592.6	7,621.2	2,220,590	1,966,250	258	258

- 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,
November 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	5	103	74
AR						
CA						
CO	125.5	129.3	15,901	16,939	127	131
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.2	.3	17	30	108	98
HI						
ID	.4	.4	46	40	113	110
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.2	35	17	122	114
KY	.7	.7	78	82	117	119
LA	.2	.2	21	19	85	76
MI	20.8	16.3	2,503	1,914	120	118
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.3	.3	30	30	114	117
NE	.1	.1	13	14	90	111
NV						
N ENG 2/	2.9	2.3	284	228	100	99
NJ	11.6	8.7	1,006	805	86	93
NM	2.6	3.0	322	371	122	123
NY	3.0	1.7	290	153	96	88
NC	.3	.2	22	14	79	75
ND	.1	.1	9	10	112	115
OH	.9	.8	103	88	115	107
OK						
OR	.5	.4	63	49	117	115
PA	3.9	4.5	320	487	83	108
SC						
SD	18.7	14.3	2,486	1,866	133	131
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.6	1.8	169	189	107	106
WA						
WV						
WI	.7	.6	75	65	110	111
WY	.1	.1	17	12	134	121
US 3/	377.2	335.9	46,704	42,494	124	127

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 - Nov 1/ :					:Jan - Nov 1/ :				
	: Nov : :1995 :	: Oct : :1996 :	: Nov : :1996 :	: Nov : :1995 :	: Nov : :1996 :	: Nov : :1995 :	: Oct : :1996 :	: Nov : :1996 :	: Nov : :1995 :	: Nov : :1996 :
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,364	1,356	1,267	16,515	16,151	46.8	44.1	45.2	51.4	49.1
Heifers	: 859	947	810	9,404	9,638	29.5	30.8	28.9	29.3	29.3
All Cows	: 634	700	666	5,581	6,467	21.8	22.8	23.8	17.3	19.6
Dairy Cows	: 264	288	266	2,612	2,769	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.1	8.4
Other Cows	: 370	412	400	2,969	3,698	12.7	13.4	14.3	9.2	11.2
Bulls & Stags	: 58	70	58	626	666	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.0
Total 1/	:2,915	3,074	2,801	32,126	32,922	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:8,050	8,091	7,177	82,129	79,283	95.6	96.1	96.1	95.1	95.4
Sows	: 306	279	245	3,388	3,175	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.8
Stags & Boars	: 67	54	48	804	621	.8	.6	.6	.9	.7
Total 1/	:8,424	8,423	7,469	86,321	83,079	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 24	24	19	252	249	6.5	6.6	5.8	6.2	6.7
Lambs & Yrlings	: 341	341	305	3,778	3,447	93.5	93.4	94.2	93.8	93.3
Total 1/	: 364	365	324	4,030	3,696	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 710	699	687	711	704					
Steers 4/	: 785	776	766	768	767					
Heifers 4/	: 718	712	698	704	706					
All Cows 4/	: 524	516	515	535	525					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 842	835	826	859	843					
Calves & Vealers	: 208	208	209	220	211					
Hogs	: 188	186	189	186	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 184	182	185	181	181					
Sows 5/	: 291	289	291	291	290					
Stags & Boars5/	: 221	218	220	221	222					
Sheep	: 62	63	63	63	64					
Mature Sheep6/	: 57	58	56	58	58					
Lamb & Yrlngs6/	: 63	63	64	63	65					

- 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,
November 1996

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows							
Regions :		Total	Steers	Heifers	Bulls &			Total	
1/	2/				All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/
		1,000 Head							
1	3.1	.6	.4	1.8	1.7	.1	.3	3/	
2	4/							37.3	
3	98.9	34.2	6.8	54.1	41.1	13.0	3.8	3/	
4	4/							26.2	
5	411.7	105.3	40.9	245.5	144.6	101.0	20.0	40.5	
6	538.7	240.0	176.3	108.4	9.9	98.5	14.0	3/	
7	1,197.9	622.2	459.7	106.9	16.4	90.6	9.2	7.9	
8	282.5	137.3	81.7	59.7	4.6	55.1	3.9	.0	
9	127.7	61.6	6.7	55.8	38.4	17.5	3.5	3/	
10	140.6	65.8	37.2	34.3	9.7	24.6	3.2	27.2	
US 2/	2,801.2	1,267.0	809.7	666.6	266.2	400.4	57.9	139.2	
		Hogs				Sheep			
Standard:		Total	Barrows		Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &	
1/	2/	2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
		1,000 Head							
1	2.4	2.3	.1	.0	2.0	.6	1.4		
2	6/				10.3	2.9	7.4		
3	6/				5/				
4	1,758.5	1,668.1	88.4	2.0	5/				
5	6/				48.9	6.0	42.9		
6	2,155.0	2,040.4	100.1	14.6	5/				
7	6/				66.1	5.5	60.6		
8	3,376.8	3,289.5	56.3	31.0	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	176.7	176.3	.4	.0	196.8	3.7	193.1		
US 2/	7,469.4	7,176.5	245.2	47.7	324.1	18.8	305.3		

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 - November 1996 *

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:		Cows						Bulls & Stags	
Regions	Total	Steers	Heifers	All	Dairy	Other	Stags	Total	
1/	2/							2/	
1,000 Head									
1	28.6	3.9	2.7	18.6	17.8	.8	3.4	3/	
2	4/							375.0	
3	1,086.5	448.2	85.7	515.1	398.8	116.3	37.5	3/	
4	4/							265.0	
5	4,873.4	1,676.9	638.8	2,326.5	1,368.8	957.7	231.2	499.8	
6	6,269.5	3,171.8	1,848.6	1,095.5	110.8	984.7	153.5	3/	
7	14,445.2	7,811.6	5,440.9	1,081.0	246.4	834.6	111.7	74.7	
8	3,240.4	1,575.6	1,075.3	536.4	76.2	460.2	53.0	.0	
9	1,389.2	700.0	85.4	563.2	417.4	145.8	40.7	3/	
10	1,588.7	762.7	460.3	331.1	132.8	198.3	34.7	350.5	
US	32,921.5	16,150.7	9,637.7	6,467.4	2,769.1	3,698.3	665.7	1,565.1	
		Hogs			Sheep				
Total		Barrows & Gilts		Sows	Stags & Boars		Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
2/							2/		
1,000 Head									
1	27.0	26.3	.6	.2	24.5	10.2	14.4		
2	6/				147.6	36.9	110.7		
3	6/				5/				
4	19,417.5	18,474.8	924.0	18.8	5/				
5	6/				585.2	75.1	510.1		
6	23,755.2	22,298.6	1,248.4	208.3	5/				
7	6/				715.4	85.6	629.8		
8	37,798.6	36,410.3	995.2	393.1	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	2,080.5	2,073.0	6.8	.6	2,223.7	41.5	2,182.2		
US	83,078.7	79,282.9	3,175.0	620.8	3,696.4	249.3	3,447.2		

* 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,
November 1996 1/

State	Cattle						Calves	
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
AL	17.2			16.3	1.8	14.5	.8	
AZ	39.5	37.3	2.2					
AR	2.1	.3	.2	1.5	.1	1.4	.2	
CA	86.7	23.9	4.3	55.1	38.2	16.9	3.4	16.9
CO	198.5	110.9	67.2	20.3	.4	19.9	.2	
DE-MD	3.4	2.5	.6	.2	.2		.1	.5
FL								
GA								
HI	1.4	.3	.2	.7	.2	.5	.1	
ID	65.2	31.1	12.7	19.0	4.2	14.8	2.4	3.2
IL	32.5	13.8	11.2	6.4	3.7	2.7	1.1	9.0
IN								
IA	91.2	33.9	24.6	29.9	12.5	17.4	2.8	
KS	531.5	317.2	212.0	2.1	.2	1.9	.1	
KY								
LA								
MI	40.6	22.3	1.4	16.6	11.3	5.3	.4	5.8
MN	96.1	27.0	19.1	46.0	27.0	19.0	4.0	
MS								
MO	10.9	.9	.4	9.1	.8	8.3	.6	
MT	.9	.4	.2	.2		.2	.1	
NE	564.3	270.2	222.7	65.8	2.8	63.0	5.6	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	3.1	.6	.4	1.8	1.7	.1	.3	6.2
NJ	2.1	.7	.1	1.0	.7	.3	.3	
NM								
NY	7.6	1.0	.5	5.5	5.4	.1	.6	23.0
NC	17.0	.2	.1	13.8	7.7	6.1	2.9	
ND								
OH	6.3	.3	.2	5.1	4.4	.7	.6	3.7
OK								
OR	1.3	.6	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	
PA	84.4	29.7	5.4	46.6	34.5	12.1	2.8	17.9
SC								
SD	23.7	.1	.1	22.2	1.2	21.0	1.5	
TN								
TX	532.5	239.2	175.9	103.8	8.4	95.4	13.6	3.8
UT								
VA								.1
WA	74.2	34.2	24.3	15.1	5.3	9.8	.6	
WV	.2	.1	.1					
WI	140.9	39.9	5.5	91.0	73.3	17.7	4.5	14.0
WY								
US 3/	2,801.2	1,267.0	809.7	666.6	266.2	400.4	57.9	139.2

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,
November 1996 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.5	.2	6.2	1.2			
AZ							
AR	17.0	5.8	11.2				
CA	151.0	150.8	.2				
CO	2.7	2.6	.1		129.3		129.2
DE-MD	19.4	19.0	.3	.1			
FL							
GA					.1		.1
HI	3.4	3.3					
ID					.2		.1
IL	663.7	607.6	43.6	12.5			
IN	311.4	311.0	.3	.1			
IA	2,164.0	2,103.7	29.3	31.0			
KS							
KY	204.5	196.9	7.6		.7	.5	.2
LA							
MI					16.0	1.8	14.2
MN	566.5	566.4					
MS							
MO	275.2	275.1	.1				
MT	1.2	1.1	.1		.1		.1
NE	451.8	451.7	.1				
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.4	2.3	.1		2.0	.6	1.4
NJ					8.7	2.4	6.3
NM							
NY	3.4	3.3			1.7	.6	1.1
NC	725.6	719.5	6.1	.1			
ND	3.4	3.4					
OH	78.3	69.4	8.9				
OK	187.4	182.0	5.4				
OR	12.8	12.7	.1		.3		.2
PA	196.2	194.5	1.0	.7	4.5	.6	3.9
SC							
SD	451.5	430.8	20.8		14.2		14.1
TN							
TX	15.4	8.2	7.3				
UT							
VA	358.1	350.8	7.3		1.7	.1	1.6
WA							
WV							
WI	18.6	.3	18.2				
WY							
US 3/	7,469.4	7,176.5	245.2	47.7	324.1	18.8	305.3

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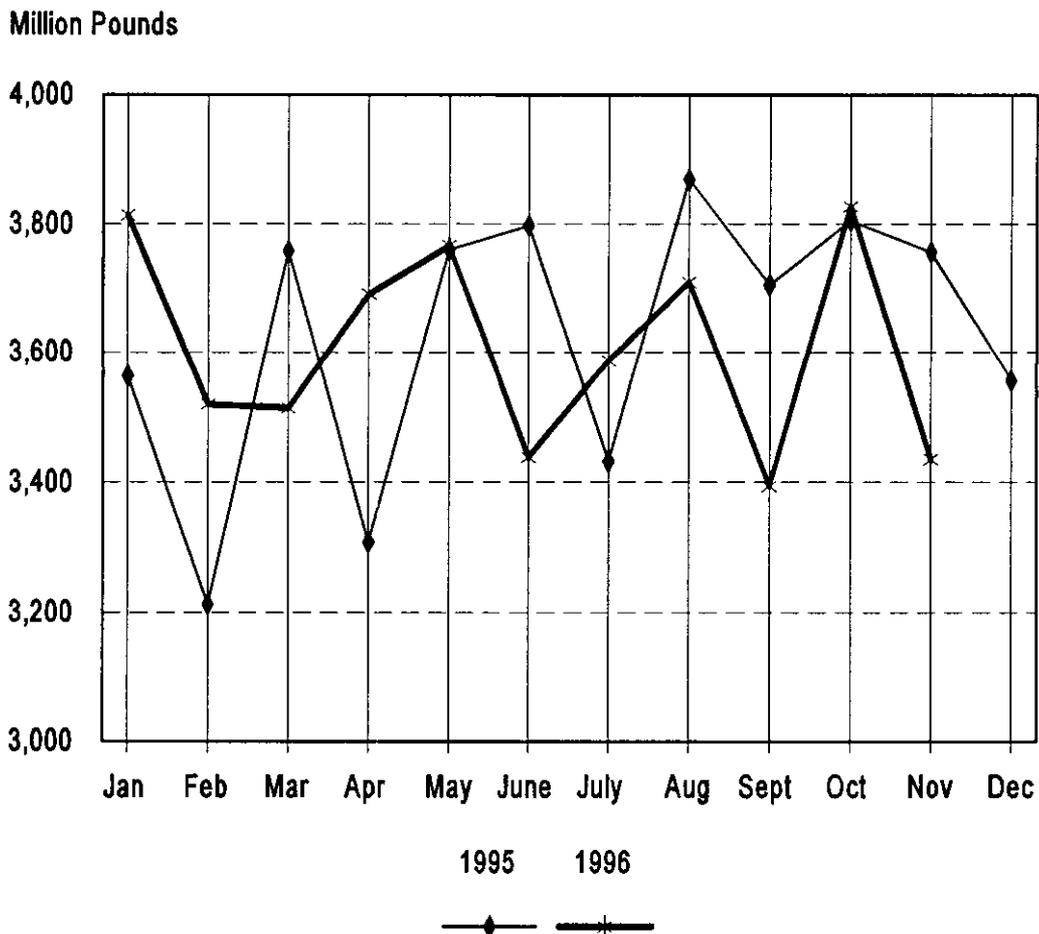
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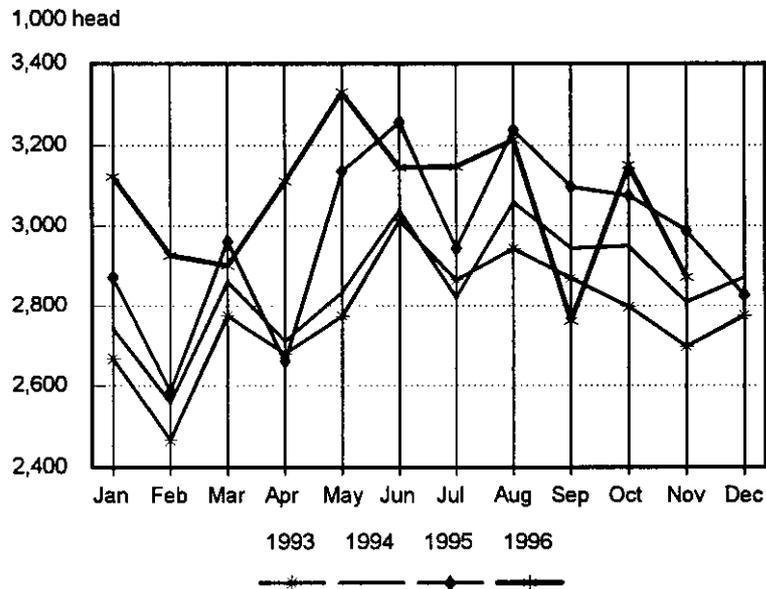
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Nov		Oct		Jan - Nov	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	Percent					
Cattle	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.5	97.9	97.7
Calves	96.6	96.4	96.4	96.1	97.4	97.0
Hogs	98.0	98.1	98.1	98.0	97.8	98.0
Sheep	96.6	96.7	96.7	96.5	96.2	96.3

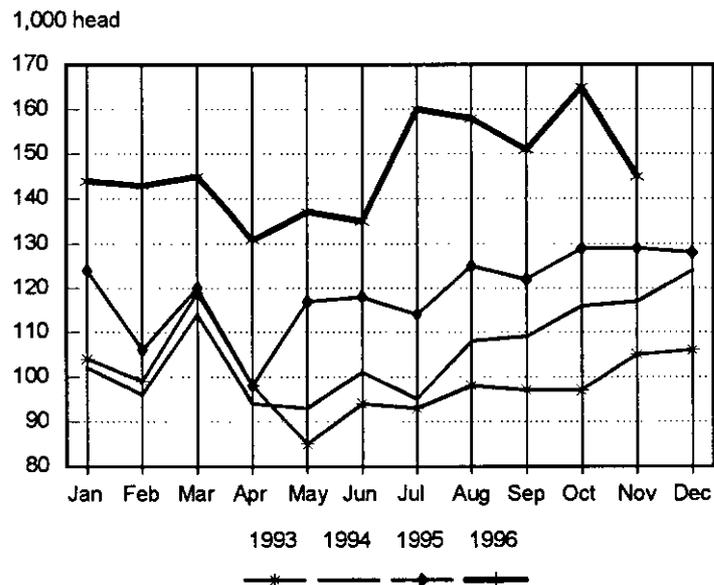
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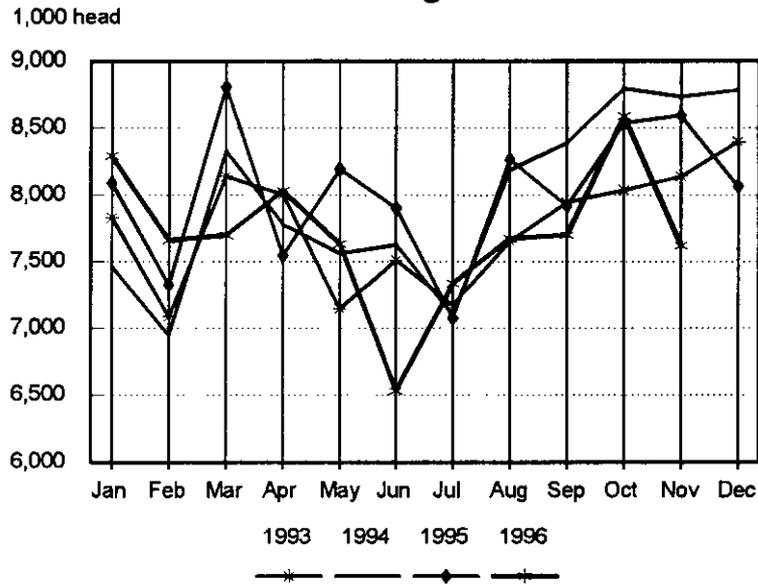
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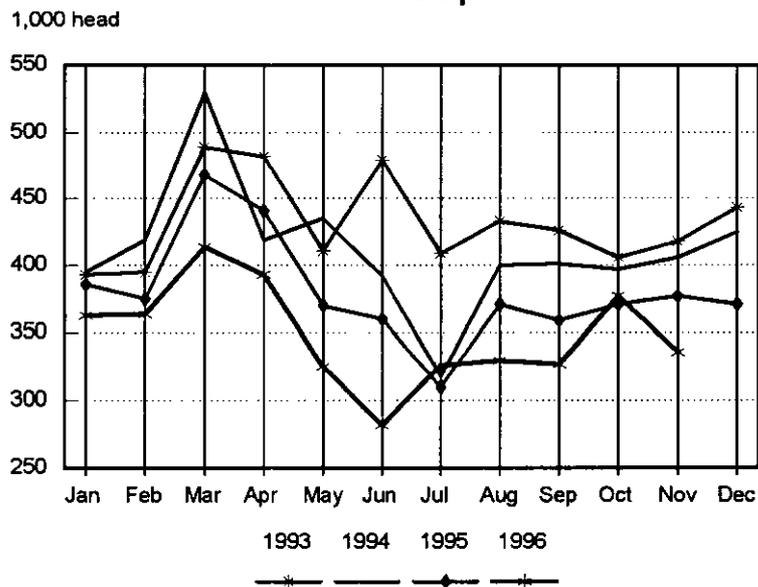
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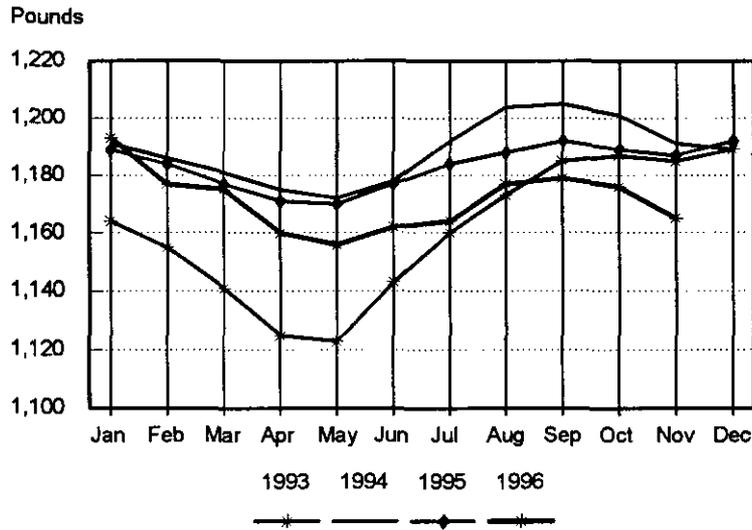
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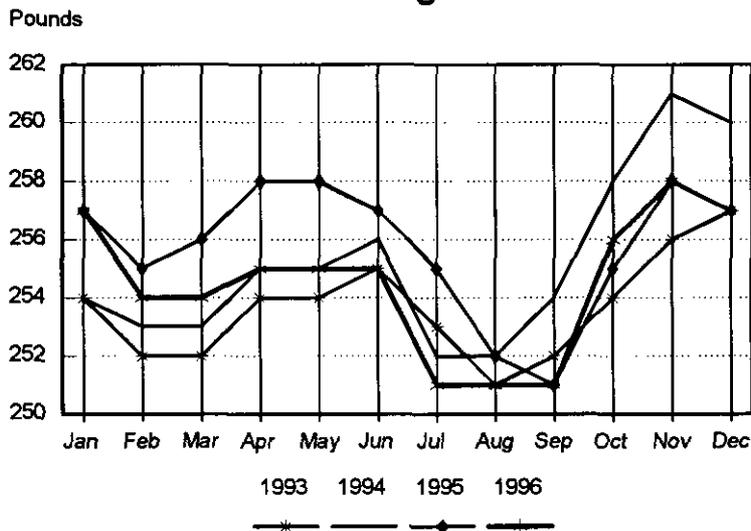
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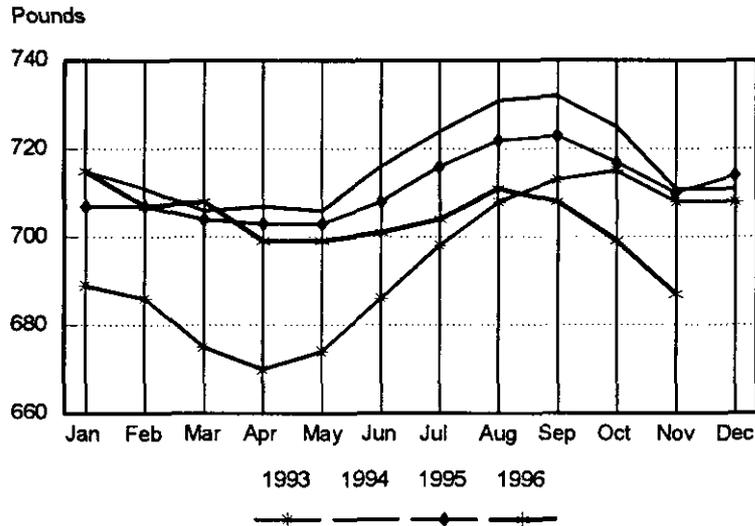
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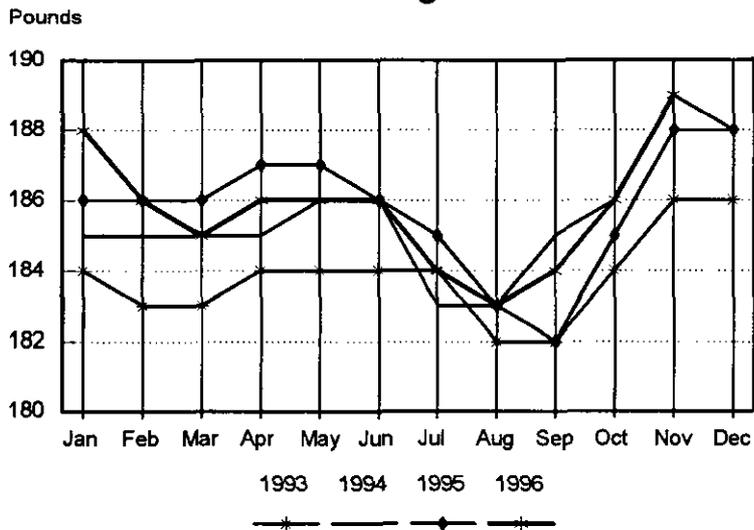
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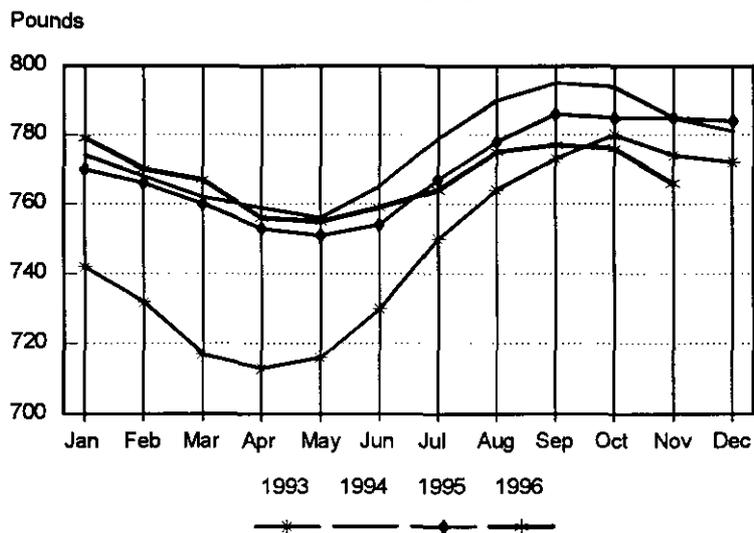
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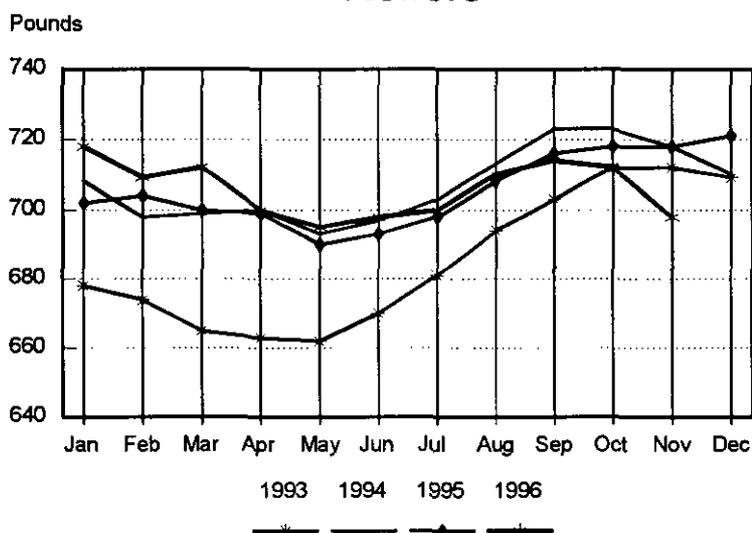
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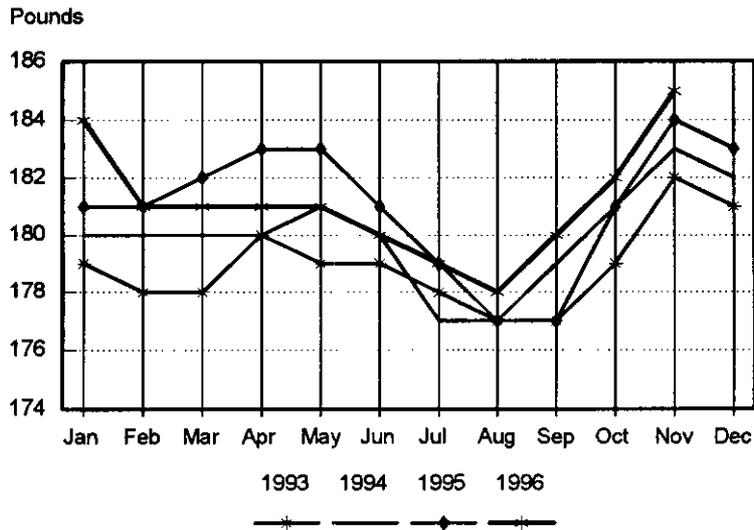
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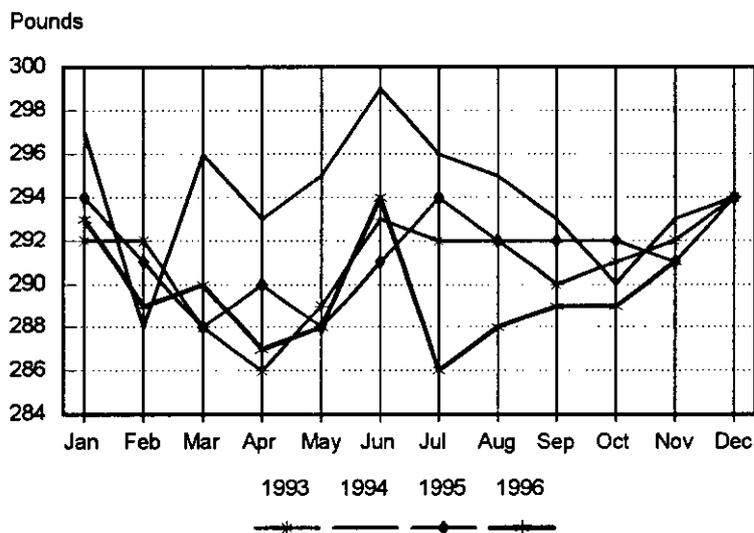
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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