

Livestock Slaughter



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Beef, Pork, and Red Meat Production Set Record Highs for April Veal and Lamb & Mutton Production Set Record Lows

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.82 billion pounds in April, up 3 percent from April's previous record high of 3.70 billion pounds produced in 1998.

April 1998 and 1999 both contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the previous year and just above the previous record high for April set in 1996. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 2 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,201 pounds.

Veal production, at 18.0 million pounds, was 11 percent below the previous record low for April set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 97 thousand head, down 12 percent from April 1998. The average live weight was 4 pounds above last year, at 303 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.63 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the previous record high for April set in 1998. Hog kill totaled 8.53 million head, 2 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 260 pounds.

Lamb & mutton production totaled 21.0 million pounds, down 18 percent from a year ago and down 5 percent from the previous record low for April set in 1997. Sheep slaughter totaled 310 thousand head, 19 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 15.2 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 6 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Apr 99 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 1998	Mar 1999	1998	1999	99 as % of 98
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,090	2,230	2,155	103	97	8,305	8,552	103
Veal	20	20	18	89	88	87	73	83
Pork	1,566	1,737	1,630	104	94	6,253	6,495	104
Lamb & Mutton	25	29	21	82	73	93	88	94
Total Red Meat	3,701	4,016	3,823	103	95	14,739	15,207	103

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	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Apr 99 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 1998	Mar 1999	1998	1999	99 as % of 98
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,059	2,196	2,123	103	97	8,175	8,420	103
Veal	19	20	17	90	88	85	71	83
Pork	1,545	1,707	1,604	104	94	6,165	6,382	104
Lamb & Mutton	25	28	20	82	72	91	85	94
Total Red Meat	3,647	3,951	3,765	103	95	14,516	14,958	103

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	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Apr 99 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
					Apr 1998	Mar 1999	1998	1999	99 % of 98
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,872.3	2,990.2	2,916.4	102	98	11,378.4	11,475.2	101
Other	Thou	54.8	58.7	55.2	101	94	228.2	228.7	100
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,927.1	*3,049.0	2,971.5	102	97	11,606.6	11,703.9	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,192	1,220	1,204	101	99	1,201	1,218	101
Other	Lbs	1,015	1,043	1,036	102	99	1,031	1,038	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,189	1,216	1,201	101	99	1,197	1,214	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	107.0	114.7	94.9	89	83	467.5	409.9	88
Other	Thou	2.4	2.2	1.9	77	84	10.2	8.6	85
Comm'l. ³	Thou	109.4	116.9	96.8	88	83	477.6	418.5	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	295	285	297	101	104	299	285	95
Other	Lbs	417	392	384	92	98	401	398	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	299	286	303	101	106	302	288	95
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,197.5	8,945.1	8,386.1	102	94	32,576.2	33,450.2	103
Other	Thou	130.2	172.1	148.3	114	86	527.0	655.4	124
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,327.7	9,117.2	8,534.4	102	94	33,103.1	34,105.6	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	257	259	260	101	100	258	259	101
Other	Lbs	229	239	236	103	99	231	239	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	257	259	260	101	100	257	259	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	366.9	410.7	295.0	80	72	1,344.5	1,256.9	93
Other	Thou	17.5	12.4	14.9	85	120	43.9	43.3	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	384.3	423.0	309.9	81	73	1,388.5	1,300.2	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	135	138	137	102	99	137	137	100
Other	Lbs	92	102	95	102	93	93	98	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	133	137	136	102	99	136	136	100

* 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	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Apr 99 as % of ²	
				Apr 1998	Mar 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	12.1	17.0	15.6	129	92
AZ	26.3	30.9	29.5	112	96
AR	6.1	6.3	5.4	87	85
CA	83.4	93.8	89.7	108	96
CO	155.1	181.5	168.4	109	93
DE-MD	6.2	6.8	6.3	101	93
FL	3.5	3.8	3.5	100	93
GA	25.1	25.0	24.0	96	96
HI	1.3	1.2	1.2	88	96
ID	44.9	45.9	44.0	98	96
IL	213.4	228.9	211.7	99	92
IN	98.3	110.0	104.2	106	95
IA	509.5	573.5	543.7	107	95
KS	477.5	513.6	511.4	107	100
KY	41.3	45.5	42.7	103	94
LA	1.7	1.7	1.6	94	92
MI	71.5	32.6	31.2	44	96
MN	153.9	184.8	172.3	112	93
MS	23.9	24.2	22.5	94	93
MO	64.9	74.1	69.3	107	94
MT	1.4	1.3	1.6	112	121
NE	545.7	586.2	555.0	102	95
NV	0.1	0.1		78	74
N ENG ³	1.9	1.8	1.7	91	95
NJ	4.3	4.9	4.3	100	88
NM	1.0	1.3	1.2	128	97
NY	5.3	4.4	4.3	82	98
NC	154.3	168.2	157.6	102	94
ND	9.8	2.2	1.9	19	85
OH	25.9	29.6	27.6	106	93
OK	67.8	77.9	75.6	111	97
OR	3.5	3.7	3.4	98	92
PA	91.7	101.2	96.6	105	95
SC	14.2	19.8	18.6	131	94
SD	85.2	93.9	85.8	101	91
TN	18.0	21.8	19.1	106	88
TX	395.4	418.3	407.6	103	97
UT	36.0	43.4	38.6	107	89
VA	62.1	65.8	62.2	100	95
WA	56.8	54.2	49.9	88	92
WV	0.5	0.7	0.5	105	75
WI	99.8	113.8	111.8	112	98
WY	0.3	0.4	0.3	101	78
US	3,701.1	4,016.0	3,823.5	103	95

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

³ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1998 and 1999¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	19.8	24.8	21,464	29,458	1,087	1,190
AZ	37.6	40.5	42,342	48,908	1,127	1,208
AR	1.8	1.8	1,798	1,586	980	864
CA	84.0	81.8	102,849	102,882	1,224	1,258
CO	191.3	210.8	231,041	253,168	1,208	1,201
DE-MD	2.9	2.8	3,719	3,470	1,279	1,232
FL	4.0	4.6	4,038	4,684	1,015	1,019
GA	32.0	32.3	36,333	36,809	1,136	1,140
HI	1.6	1.4	1,589	1,297	972	955
ID	61.2	59.4	75,186	72,248	1,228	1,216
IL	90.0	76.7	108,971	92,593	1,211	1,207
IN	3.4	3.3	3,544	3,391	1,045	1,043
IA	78.2	70.4	94,342	85,139	1,206	1,210
KS	646.1	675.4	744,688	793,825	1,153	1,175
KY	2.7	1.3	2,654	1,068	986	825
LA	2.2	2.4	1,738	1,857	793	786
MI	34.1	33.9	45,304	47,019	1,330	1,388
MN	50.1	52.4	66,362	71,675	1,324	1,367
MS	0.6	0.5	547	474	903	876
MO	5.2	7.6	5,946	8,904	1,138	1,172
MT	1.7	1.7	1,919	1,895	1,126	1,128
NE	597.6	597.9	735,418	741,767	1,231	1,241
NV	0.1	0.1	82	60	1,018	1,014
N ENG ²	2.1	1.9	2,314	2,119	1,083	1,110
NJ	2.0	1.8	2,092	2,016	1,064	1,114
NM	1.6	2.3	1,492	2,033	958	900
NY	6.7	5.4	7,373	5,978	1,095	1,111
NC	13.7	13.7	14,313	14,601	1,047	1,063
ND						
OH	11.1	11.2	12,499	11,551	1,123	1,031
OK	2.8	3.5	2,706	3,547	963	1,016
OR	1.2	1.1	1,540	1,524	1,291	1,352
PA	77.3	81.4	97,608	102,026	1,262	1,253
SC						
SD	20.2	24.4	26,907	33,726	1,329	1,384
TN	1.3	2.3	1,308	1,883	1,020	835
TX	554.3	562.0	626,447	640,172	1,130	1,139
UT	49.0	50.7	56,903	60,675	1,162	1,196
VA	1.3	1.6	1,275	1,540	959	964
WA	76.3	66.5	93,982	82,592	1,232	1,242
WV	0.7	0.8	615	740	890	945
WI	133.9	144.0	167,119	184,070	1,248	1,278
WY	0.4	0.4	476	475	1,137	1,157
US ³	2,927.1	2,971.5	3,479,043	3,569,550	1,189	1,201

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 Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1998 and 1999 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AZ						
AR	0.1	0.1	40	27	429	500
CA	13.7	11.2	1,549	1,654	113	148
CO						
DE-MD	0.4	0.1	195	25	441	325
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.4	10.5	4,274	4,425	410	422
IN	6.6	8.0	2,645	2,276	398	284
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.4	0.7	645	306	476	468
MI	4.9	3.8	1,454	1,103	299	290
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	56	32	431	400
MO	0.2	0.2	60	71	351	369
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	4.4	3.2	520	364	117	114
NJ	9.2	9.0	3,991	3,947	433	440
NM						
NY	15.9	13.0	1,382	1,174	87	91
NC						
ND						
OH	4.6	3.8	2,178	1,689	473	448
OK	0.1	0.1	53	36	434	442
OR						
PA	13.7	14.8	4,872	5,062	355	342
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	17	19	304	302
TX	2.0	1.1	1,050	556	515	513
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	24	23	266	356
WA						
WV						
WI	17.1	13.7	6,582	5,597	384	409
WY						
US ³	109.4	96.8	32,705	29,311	299	303

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,
April 1998 and 1999 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	8.5	7.4	3,335	3,051	392	415
AZ	1.1	0.7	226	129	210	196
AR						
CA	172.6	204.2	36,220	44,330	210	217
CO	3.5	1.6	732	423	209	258
DE-MD	21.5	23.0	5,217	5,379	243	234
FL	9.9	8.6	1,846	1,609	186	188
GA	26.2	18.7	7,118	5,236	272	280
HI	3.1	3.1	626	618	199	199
ID						
IL	737.9	773.8	193,931	205,241	263	265
IN	504.3	525.0	126,397	134,135	251	256
IA	2,372.0	2,544.9	613,999	665,180	259	261
KS	33.9	37.5	10,003	11,333	295	302
KY	209.9	217.8	53,597	56,642	255	260
LA	3.4	2.9	662	616	197	216
MI		9.9		3,696		375
MN	627.1	696.7	161,110	180,957	257	260
MS						
MO	321.3	337.5	82,141	86,685	256	257
MT	1.9	2.7	414	632	214	232
NE	523.2	534.7	133,820	138,627	256	259
NV						
N ENG ²	1.7	2.0	434	525	249	265
NJ	6.9	7.9	690	779	100	98
NM	0.2	0.2	39	37	209	212
NY	3.5	3.9	626	709	180	181
NC	814.9	822.6	197,528	201,236	242	245
ND	4.2	8.1	1,001	1,968	241	243
OH	95.5	107.6	24,607	27,837	258	259
OK	329.0	368.6	88,462	98,461	269	267
OR	16.1	14.9	4,156	3,973	258	267
PA	198.5	204.5	47,340	49,882	238	244
SC						
SD	364.8	355.1	95,518	92,588	262	261
TN	60.5	63.5	26,315	27,691	435	436
TX	24.4	29.6	7,630	9,954	312	336
UT	2.1	3.6	370	642	178	178
VA	336.6	330.7	82,067	81,831	244	247
WA						
WV	0.6	0.8	207	228	323	290
WI	33.9	44.9	14,293	18,114	422	403
WY	0.3	0.4	87	90	251	255
US ³	8,327.7	8,534.4	2,136,871	2,217,206	257	260

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,
April 1998 and 1999¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AZ	0.1	0.1	17	16	121	114
AR						
CA						
CO	124.9	106.9	18,951	16,097	152	151
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.5	0.4	55	43	111	117
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	32	32	122	119
IL						
IN	4.4	3.5	432	332	97	96
IA	51.3	40.6	7,382	6,231	144	154
KS	0.2	0.1	19	17	112	117
KY	0.6	0.6	109	92	176	145
LA	0.2	0.2	25	22	107	98
MI	18.6	16.5	2,302	2,061	124	125
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.1	0.2	18	20	131	130
NE	0.1	0.1	9	9	94	100
NV						
N ENG ²	3.9	2.4	361	218	94	90
NJ	9.4	10.0	799	834	85	84
NM	3.7	3.8	445	449	120	119
NY	8.6	3.6	750	313	87	88
NC	0.2	0.1	16	10	96	88
ND						
OH	1.4	1.3	144	119	101	89
OK	0.1	0.1	11	17	122	145
OR	0.5	0.4	60	58	130	131
PA	8.1	7.6	714	666	88	88
SC						
SD	15.3	0.9	2,079	108	136	127
TN	0.2	0.3	23	20	91	79
TX	48.3	41.2	6,185	5,345	128	130
UT	2.7	2.6	321	307	121	120
VA	1.9	1.0	185	102	99	99
WA	0.2	0.1	23	13	129	94
WV						
WI	0.8	1.0	97	124	122	128
WY						
US ³	384.3	309.9	51,249	42,018	133	136

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

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**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States**

Item	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Jan - Apr ¹		Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Jan - Apr ¹	
				1998	1999				1998	1999
				<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,395	1,437	1,452	5,487	5,554	48.6	48.0	49.8	48.2	48.4
Heifers	952	1,011	959	3,760	3,867	33.2	33.8	32.9	33.0	33.7
All Cows	475	489	452	1,946	1,859	16.6	16.3	15.4	17.1	16.2
Dairy Cows	223	231	209	948	874	7.8	7.7	7.1	8.3	7.6
Other Cows	252	258	243	998	985	8.8	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.6
Bulls & Stags	50	54	53	186	195	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7
Total ¹	2,872	2,990	2,916	11,378	11,475	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,872	8,604	8,074	31,331	32,182	96.0	96.2	96.3	96.2	96.2
Sows	282	302	275	1,075	1,124	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4
Stags & Boars	43	39	37	170	144	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	8,198	8,945	8,386	32,576	33,450	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	18	*17	17	66	60	4.9	4.1	5.8	4.9	4.8
Lambs & Yrlngs	349	*394	278	1,279	1,197	95.1	95.9	94.2	95.1	95.2
Total ¹	367	411	295	1,345	1,257	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight ³										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle										
Steers ⁴	720	738	732	722	738					
Heifers ⁴	773	792	784	778	793					
All Cows ⁴	715	734	723	719	732					
All Cows ⁴	561	571	567	558	568					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	875	893	893	870	881					
Calves & Vealers	182	175	183	184	174					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	189	192	192	190	192					
Sows ⁵	185	188	188	186	188					
Sows ⁵	295	295	296	294	294					
Stags & Boars ⁵	232	228	235	228	228					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	67	69	68	68	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	60	*60	60	60	60					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	67	69	69	68	69					

* 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,
April 1999¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	3.2
2	6.9	1.2	0.4	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.7	21.9
3	84.8	43.1	6.8	32.7	23.8	9.0	2.1	14.9
4	85.6	1.4	0.5	75.0	26.1	48.9	8.8	1.0
5	302.5	134.4	50.2	108.7	77.6	31.2	9.3	39.4
6	561.5	288.5	201.8	56.0	8.3	47.7	15.2	1.0
7	1,341.7	716.7	545.5	73.5	10.2	63.3	6.0	0.1
8	283.1	150.2	108.2	19.7	3.3	16.4	5.0	
9	122.8	59.4	7.7	52.2	42.4	9.8	3.4	11.7
10	125.7	57.3	38.0	27.8	11.4	16.3	2.6	1.6
US ²	2,916.4	1,452.4	959.4	451.3	208.5	242.8	53.3	94.9
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	1.6	1.5	0.1		2.2	0.5	1.7	
2	11.4	11.2	0.1		13.5	2.1	11.4	
3	557.5	555.4	2.1		11.1	1.5	9.5	
4	1,292.7	1,209.0	82.5	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.3	
5	2,094.9	1,976.9	109.5	8.5	36.9	4.6	32.3	
6	393.4	370.8	22.6		41.2	4.3	36.9	
7	3,440.1	3,377.1	36.0	27.0	40.9	0.6	40.3	
8	365.8	343.6	22.2		110.0	2.1	107.9	
9	200.6	200.4	0.2		37.6	0.6	37.0	
10	28.2	27.9	0.2		0.6	0.1	0.5	
US ²	8,386.1	8,073.9	275.4	36.9	295.0	17.1	277.9	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - April 1999 *¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	6.9	0.9	0.8	4.5	4.2	0.2	0.7	14.1
2	27.1	4.7	1.9	18.0	17.1	0.9	2.5	91.1
3	330.2	153.8	27.0	142.5	104.3	38.2	7.0	61.2
4	323.1	6.5	5.3	280.0	102.5	177.5	31.3	6.7
5	1,183.1	487.9	200.1	459.5	324.7	134.9	35.6	159.0
6	2,188.5	1,126.2	751.5	252.6	39.6	213.0	58.2	8.6
7	5,263.5	2,735.2	2,205.4	302.7	46.0	256.7	20.2	0.3
8	1,159.5	567.6	496.5	77.7	12.1	65.6	17.6	
9	485.6	239.5	33.5	201.4	171.2	30.2	11.2	61.0
10	507.7	232.0	145.0	119.9	52.2	67.7	10.9	7.9
US ²	11,475.2	5,554.2	3,867.1	1,858.8	874.0	984.8	195.2	409.9
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	5.9	5.6	0.2	0.1	7.0	1.6	5.4	
2	44.9	44.3	0.5	0.1	46.2	7.5	38.7	
3	2,248.8	2,239.3	9.4	0.1	37.7	3.6	34.1	
4	5,199.0	4,858.9	335.6	4.5	4.2	3.1	1.1	
5	8,356.8	7,895.3	426.9	34.6	151.0	16.2	134.8	
6	1,576.6	1,481.0	95.5	0.2	179.8	16.4	163.4	
7	13,601.4	13,342.6	154.5	104.3	189.7	1.1	188.6	
8	1,511.2	1,411.1	100.1		484.4	7.9	476.5	
9	789.9	789.2	0.6	0.1	154.7	2.0	152.7	
10	115.6	114.5	1.0	0.1	2.1	0.4	1.7	
US ²	33,450.2	32,181.8	1,124.2	144.1	1,256.9	59.9	1,197.0	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1999**

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total ¹	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	23.8			23.1	4.6	18.5	0.7	
AZ	40.3	32.8	2.2	5.2	5.2			
AR	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.8		0.8	0.1	
CA	81.1	26.3	5.3	46.2	36.9	9.3	3.3	11.0
CO	210.0	120.7	88.5	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.8	2.0	0.5	0.2	0.2			0.1
FL	4.6	0.6	0.2	3.4	0.8	2.6	0.4	
GA	30.7	0.2		26.6	4.0	22.6	3.9	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	
ID	58.3	26.6	13.0	17.3	5.9	11.4	1.5	
IL	73.6	40.4	33.2					10.4
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					8.0
IA	69.2	26.6	24.6	17.0	6.8	10.2	1.0	
KS	671.3	384.0	285.9	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.1	
KY	0.3	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	31.8	19.0	3.0	9.7	7.5	2.2	0.1	3.7
MN	49.9	16.5	3.0	25.8	12.3	13.5	4.6	
MS								
MO	5.1	1.0	0.8	2.8	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.1
MT	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	596.1	305.0	234.2	52.4	2.9	49.5	4.5	
NV	0.1							
N ENG ²	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.2	3.2
NJ	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	9.0
NM	2.0	0.5	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	
NY	5.1	0.6	0.3	3.7	3.7		0.5	12.9
NC	13.0	0.1	0.1	10.0	5.8	4.2	2.7	
ND								
OH	5.8	0.4	0.2	4.4	2.5	1.9	0.7	3.7
OK								
OR								
PA	81.2	41.0	6.3	32.0	23.4	8.6	2.0	14.8
SC								
SD	22.1	1.3	0.9	15.8	1.3	14.5	4.1	
TN	1.6	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	
TX	557.3	287.7	201.3	53.3	6.9	46.4	15.0	0.7
UT	50.0	27.8	18.5	3.0	1.3	1.7	0.6	
VA	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
WA	66.4	30.2	24.9	10.4	5.5	4.9	1.0	
WV								
WI	141.0	57.8	10.6	68.7	55.2	13.5	3.8	13.6
WY								
US ³	2,916.4	1,452.4	959.4	451.3	208.5	242.8	53.3	94.9

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² N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT

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,
April 1999**

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ¹	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ¹	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	6.2	0.1	4.9	1.2			
AZ							
AR							
CA	197.2	197.1	0.1				
CO	1.0	0.9	0.1		106.9		106.9
DE-MD	22.9	22.9					
FL	8.6	8.2	0.4				
GA	10.8	8.3	2.5				
HI	3.1	3.1					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	741.1	674.9	58.1	8.1			
IN	519.2	519.2			2.8	1.6	1.1
IA	2,542.3	2,485.9	29.5	27.0	40.2	0.5	39.7
KS	33.1	26.9	6.2				
KY	216.8	210.1	6.8		0.6	0.6	
LA	0.1	0.1					
MI	8.1	2.8	5.2	0.1	16.3	2.5	13.8
MN	693.1	693.0					
MS							
MO	333.4	333.2	0.2				
MT	1.0	1.0					
NE	531.2	531.1	0.1				
NV							
N ENG ²	1.6	1.5	0.1		2.2	0.5	1.7
NJ	7.9	7.8	0.1		10.0	1.3	8.6
NM					2.8	2.0	0.8
NY	3.5	3.5			3.6	0.8	2.8
NC	810.2	802.3	7.9		0.1		0.1
ND	7.9	7.8					
OH	96.6	86.7	10.0				
OK	365.3	359.0	6.3				
OR	14.7	14.5	0.2		0.3	0.1	0.2
PA	204.2	203.7	0.5		7.5	0.6	6.9
SC							
SD	353.0	331.0	22.1		0.8		0.8
TN	63.1	4.4	58.7		0.2	0.1	0.1
TX	13.4	6.6	6.8		38.3	2.3	36.1
UT					2.3	2.0	0.2
VA	330.3	328.8	1.5		1.0	0.3	0.7
WA					0.1		0.1
WV	0.1		0.1				
WI	36.9	0.4	36.2	0.3			
WY							
US ³	8,386.1	8,073.9	275.4	36.9	295.0	17.1	277.9

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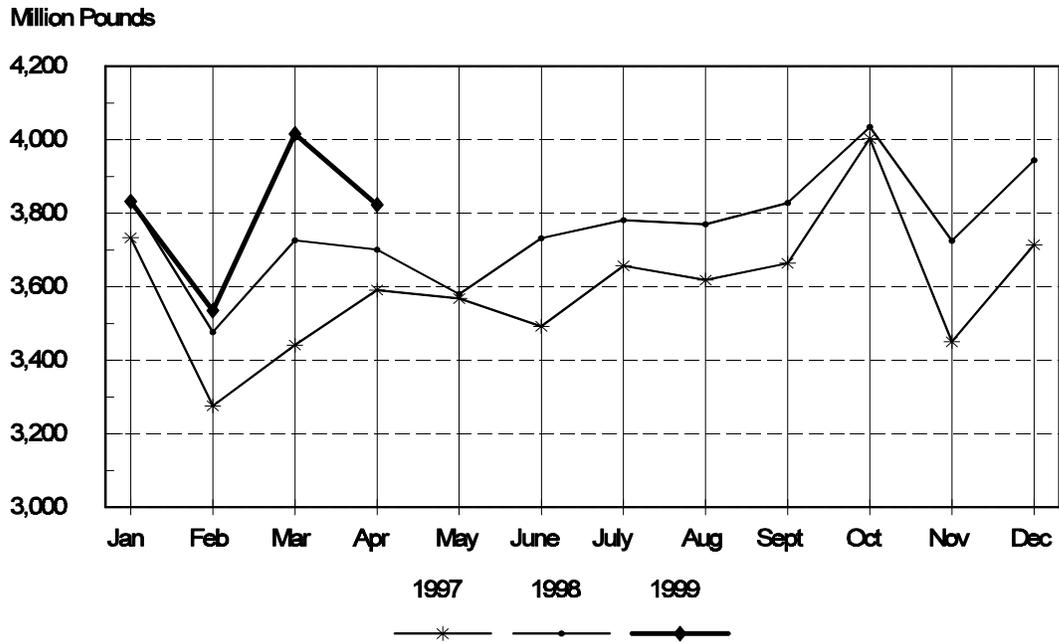
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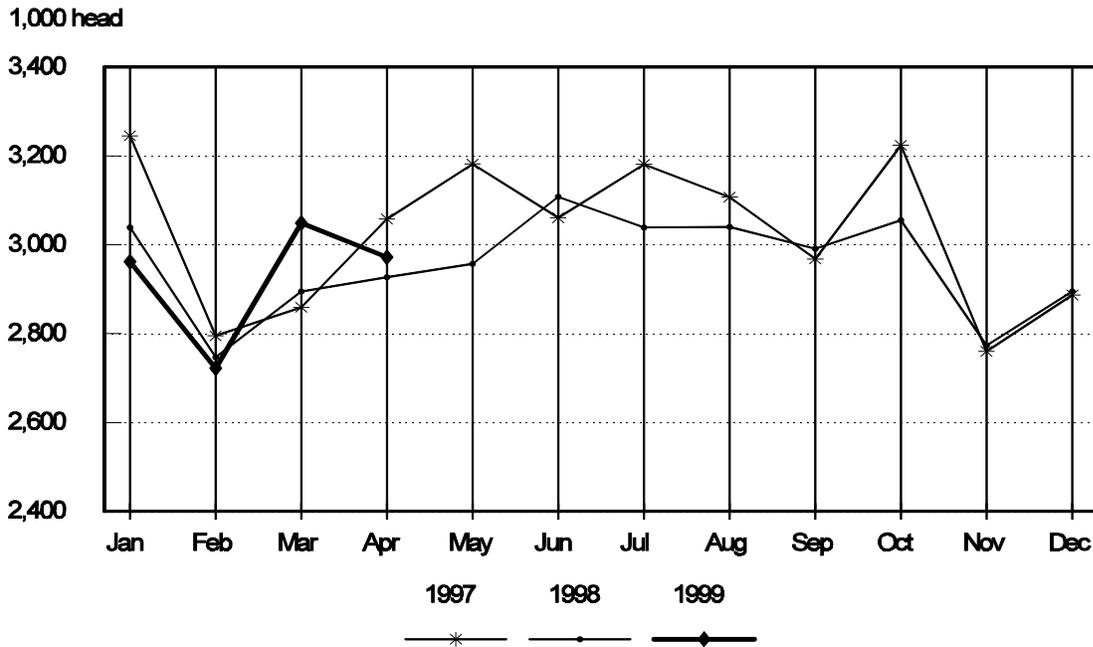
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Apr 1998	Mar 1999	Apr 1999	Jan - Apr	
				1998	1999
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.0	98.0
Calves	97.8	98.1	98.1	97.9	97.9
Hogs	98.4	98.1	98.3	98.4	98.1
Sheep	95.5	97.1	95.2	96.8	96.7

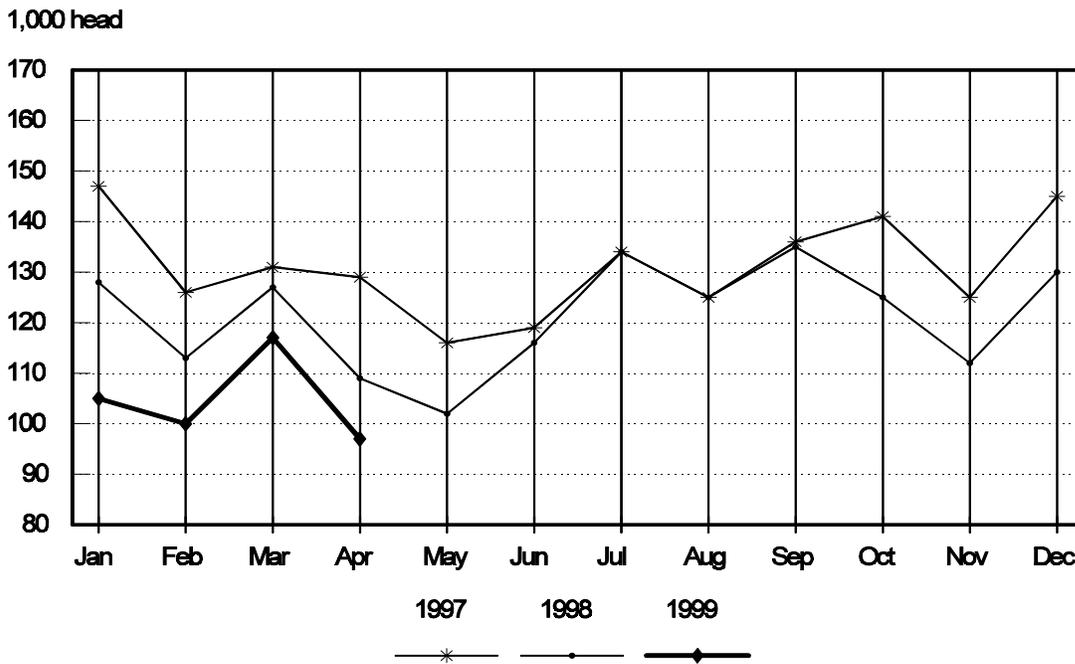
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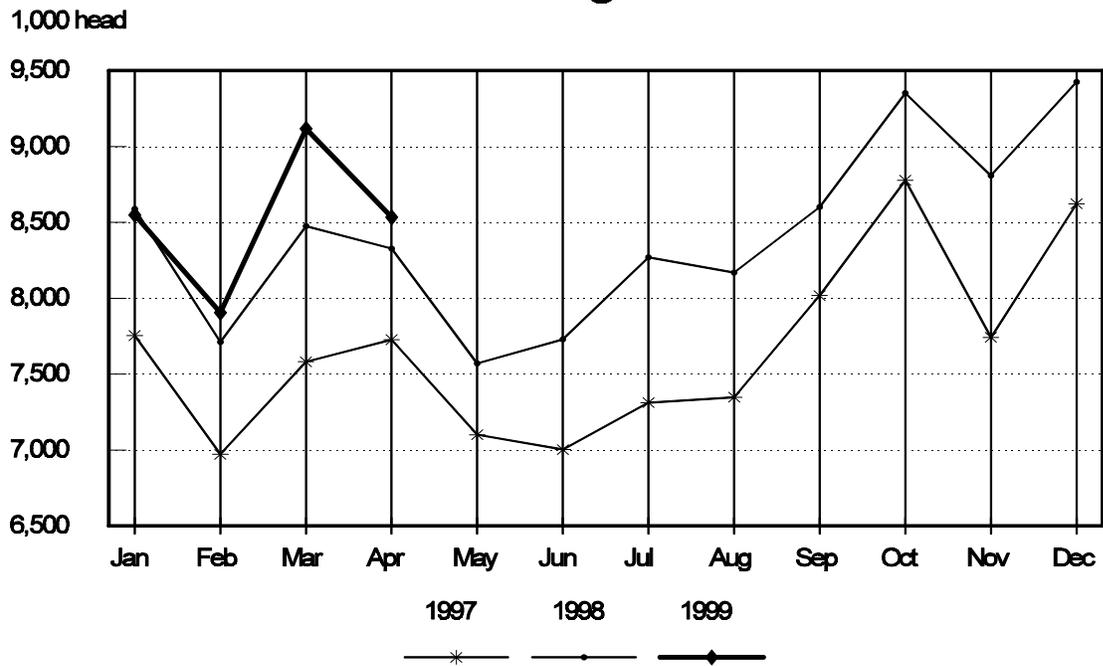
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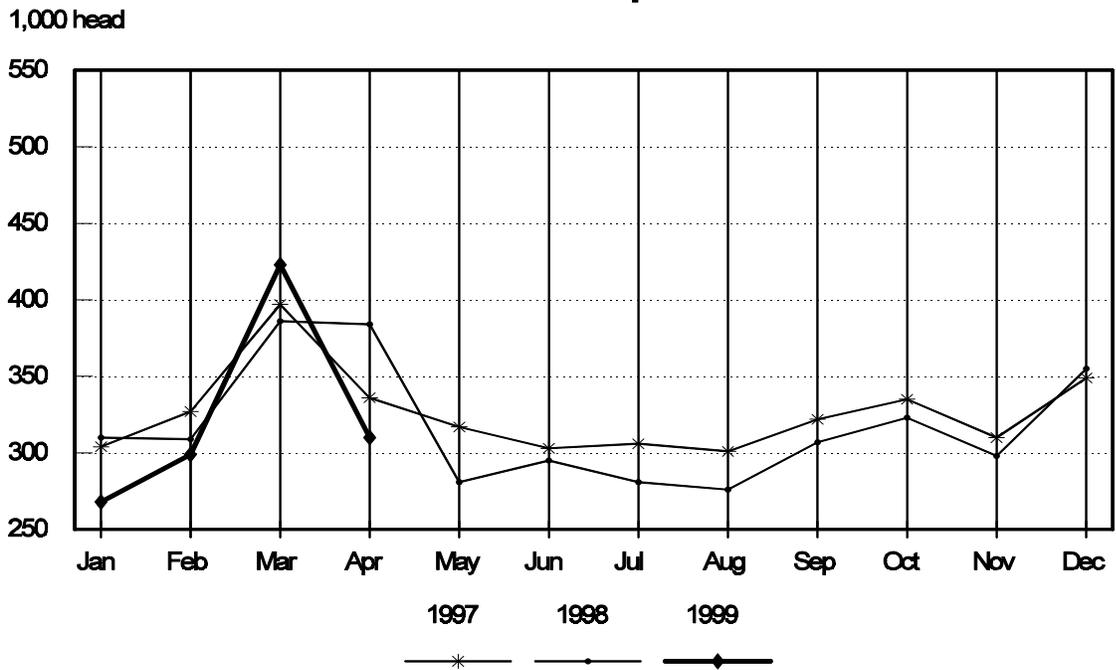
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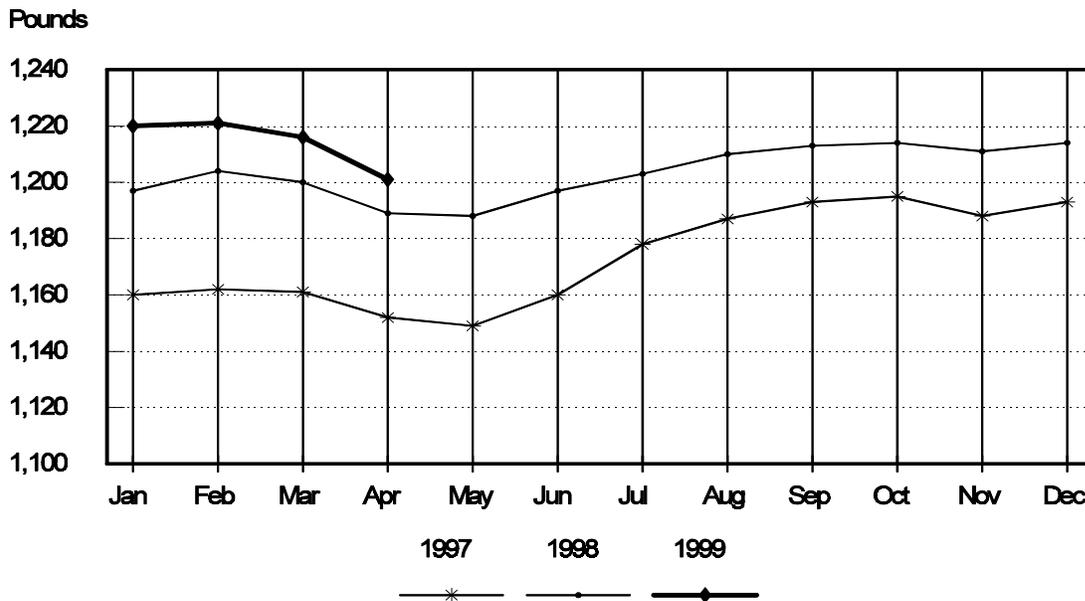
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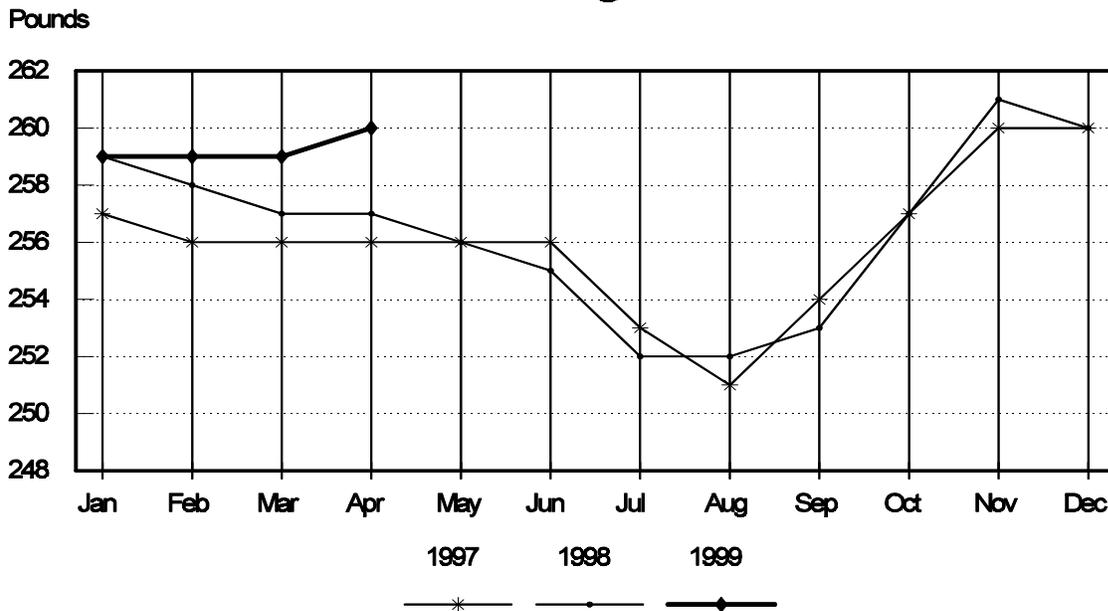
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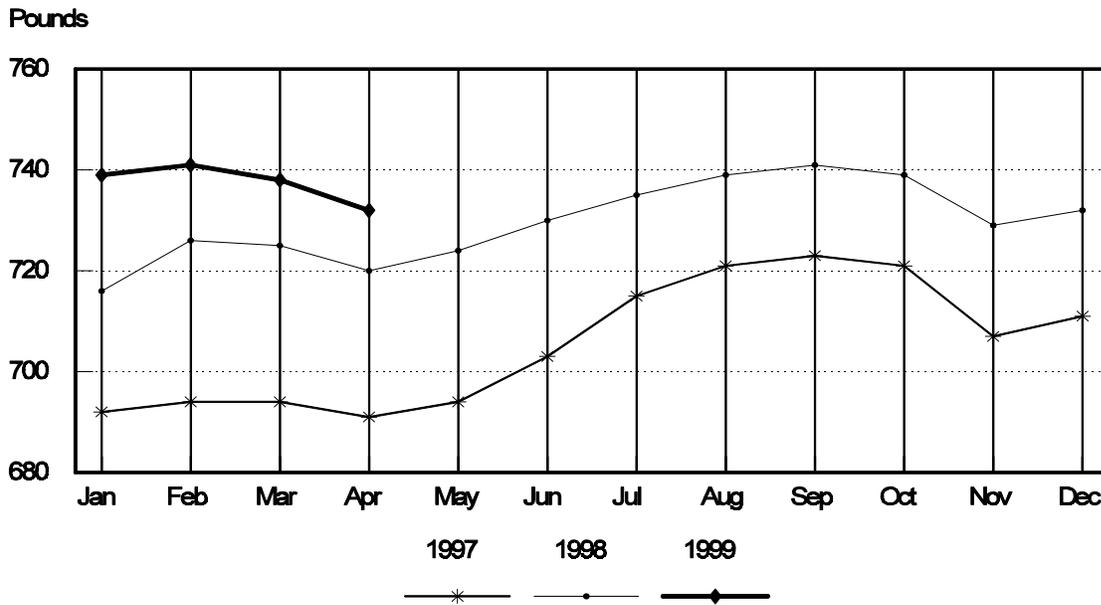
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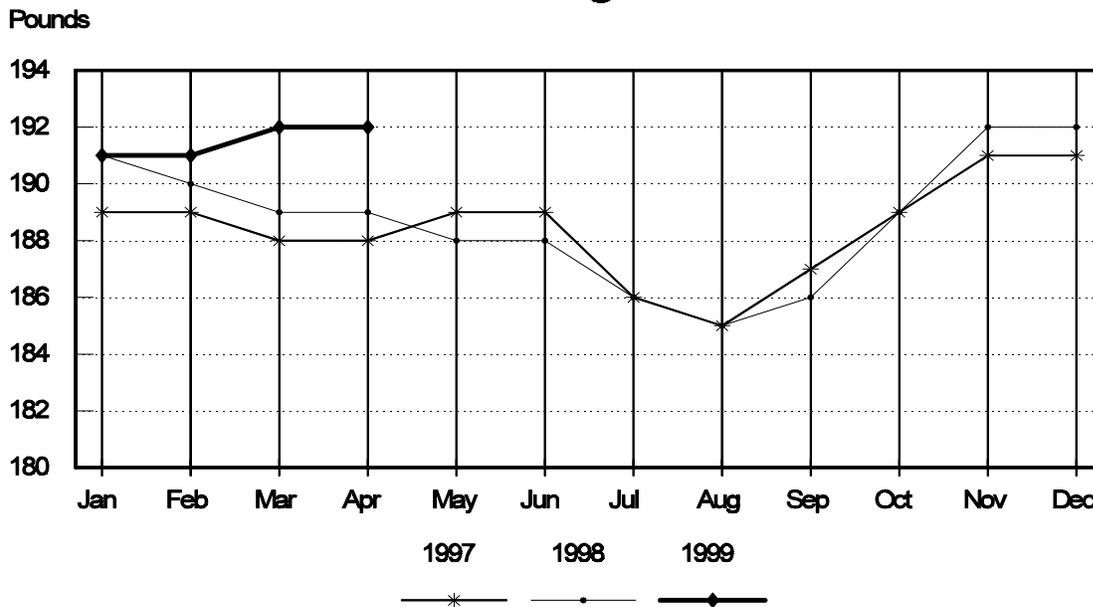
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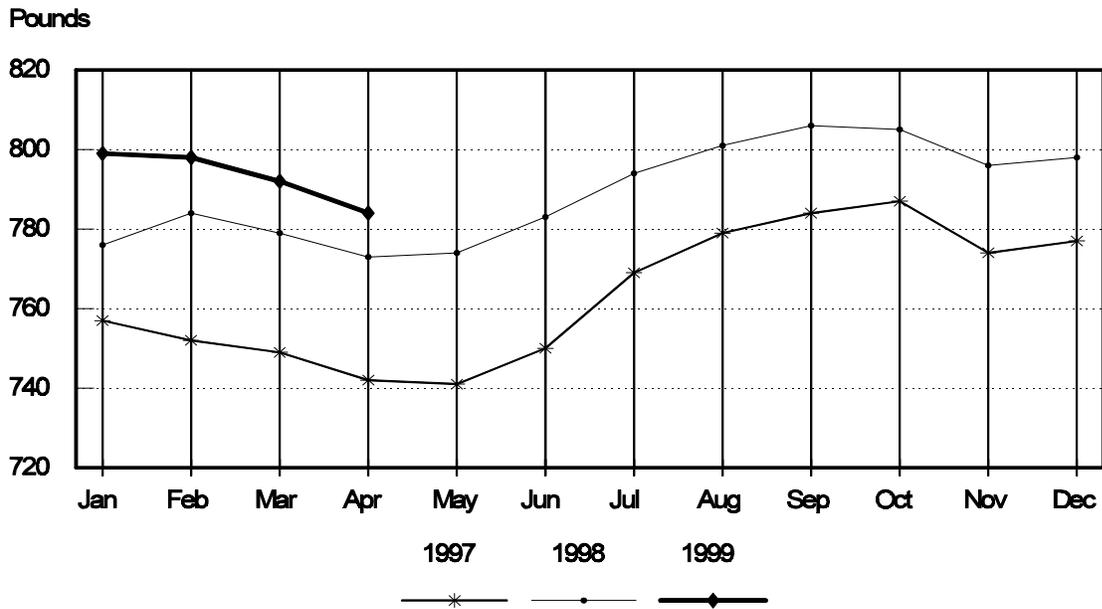
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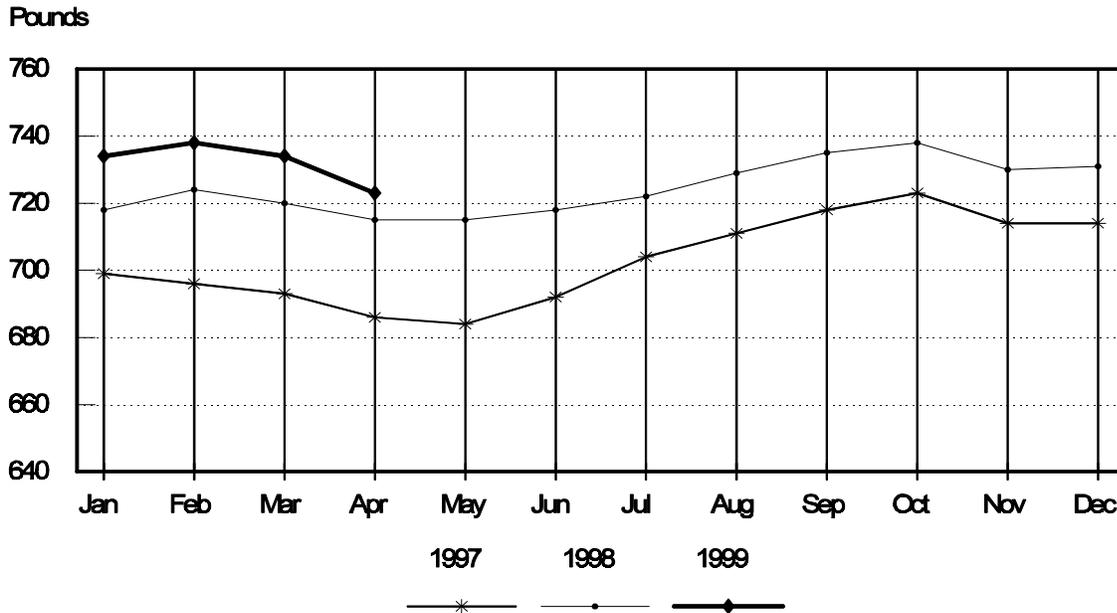
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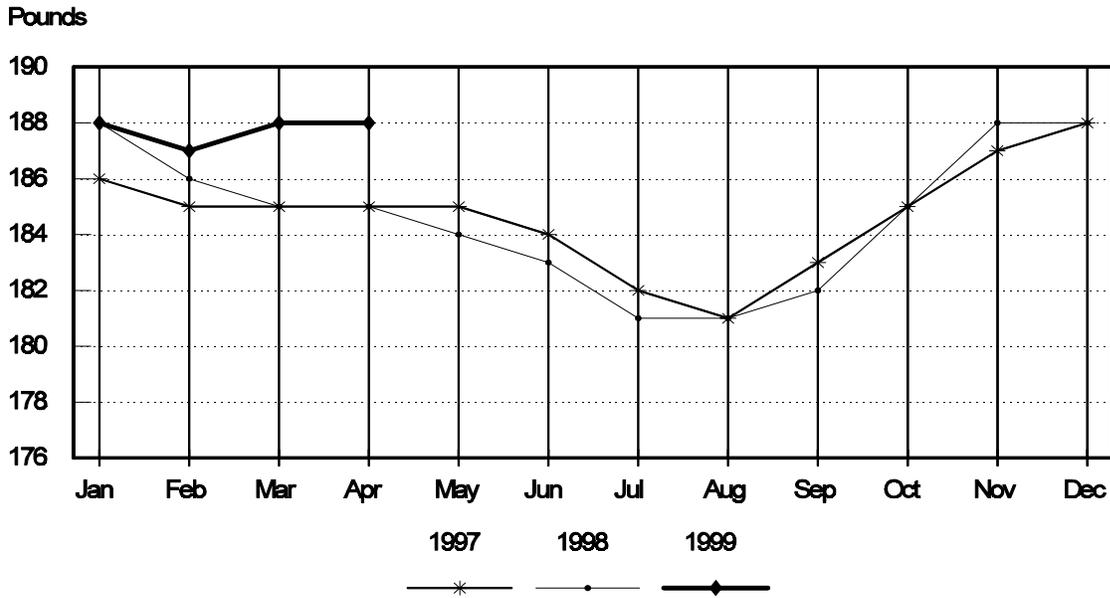
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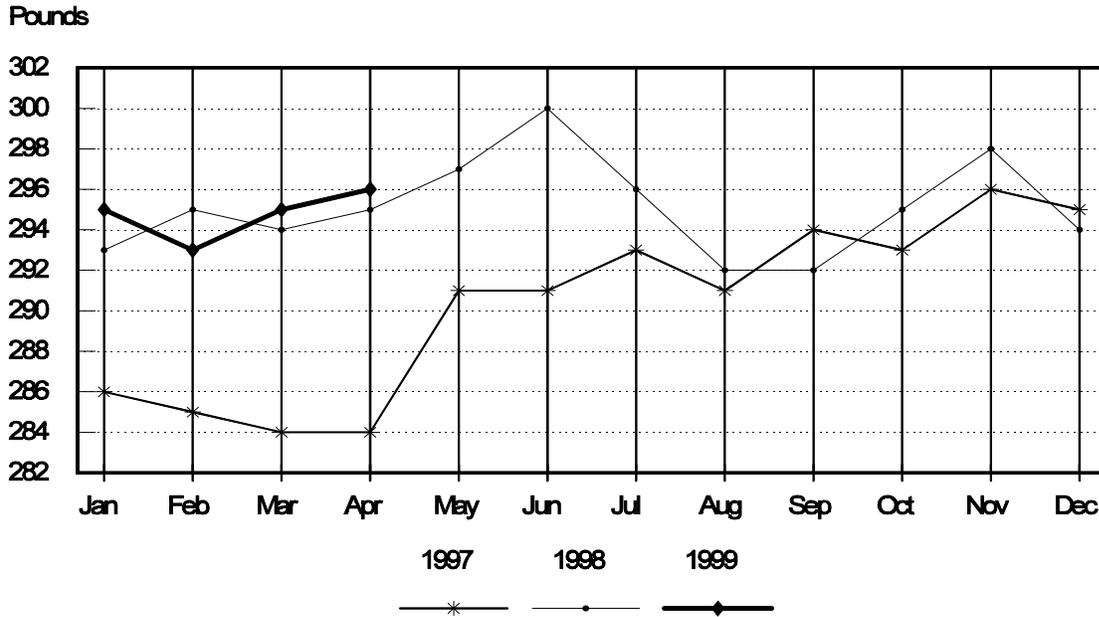
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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 2,400 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 1.75 head per 100 head for calves, .49 per 100 for cattle, .32 per 100 for hogs and .28 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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