



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Up Veal and Lamb & Mutton Set Record Lows

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 3.58 billion pounds produced in May 1998.

May 1998 and 1999 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,188 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 10 percent below the previous record low for May set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 89 thousand head, down 12 percent from May 1998. The average live weight was 9 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.42 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.44 million head, 2 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 7 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 270 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 18.8 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 16 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 6 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	May 99 % of		Jan - May ²		
				May 1998	Apr 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	2,123	2,155	2,151	101	100	10,428	10,704	103
Veal	19	18	17	90	95	106	89	84
Pork	1,419	1,630	1,418	100	87	7,672	7,913	103
Lamb & Mutton	19	21	18	93	86	113	105	94
Total Red Meat	3,580	3,823	3,604	101	94	18,319	18,811	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	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	May 99 % of		Jan - May ²		
				May 1998	Apr 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	2,094	2,123	2,122	101	100	10,268	10,542	103
Veal	18	17	16	89	93	103	87	84
Pork	1,398	1,604	1,396	100	87	7,564	7,778	103
Lamb & Mutton	19	20	17	93	87	110	103	93
Total Red Meat	3,529	3,765	3,552	101	94	18,045	18,510	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	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	May 99 % of		Jan - May ²		
					May 1998	Apr 1999	1998	1999	99 % of 98
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,905.6	2,916.4	2,947.2	101	101	14,284.0	14,422.4	101
Other	Thou	51.6	55.2	50.1	97	91	279.8	278.8	100
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,957.2	2,971.5	2,997.3	101	101	14,563.8	14,701.2	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,191	1,204	1,191	100	99	1,199	1,212	101
Other	Lbs	1,011	1,036	1,023	101	99	1,028	1,036	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,188	1,201	1,188	100	99	1,195	1,209	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	99.1	94.9	86.5	87	91	566.6	496.4	88
Other	Thou	2.5	1.9	2.8	109	149	12.7	11.4	90
Comm'l. ³	Thou	101.7	96.8	89.2	88	92	579.3	507.8	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	301	297	310	103	104	299	290	97
Other	Lbs	403	384	403	100	105	402	400	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	302	303	311	103	103	302	292	97
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,443.0	*8,386.2	7,302.6	98	87	40,019.2	40,752.8	102
Other	Thou	128.2	148.3	135.6	106	91	655.2	791.1	121
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,571.2	*8,534.5	7,438.3	98	87	40,674.3	41,543.9	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	256	260	260	102	100	258	260	101
Other	Lbs	225	236	224	100	95	230	236	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	256	260	259	101	100	257	259	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	270.2	295.0	259.6	96	88	1,614.7	1,516.5	94
Other	Thou	10.6	14.9	10.4	99	70	54.5	53.7	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	280.8	309.9	270.0	96	87	1,669.3	1,570.2	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	141	137	137	97	100	138	137	99
Other	Lbs	97	95	100	103	106	94	98	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	139	136	135	97	100	136	135	99

* 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	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	May 99 as % of ²	
				May 1998	Apr 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	11.3	15.6	14.0	124	90
AZ	28.4	29.5	28.7	101	97
AR	4.7	5.4	5.0	106	94
CA	80.3	89.7	85.4	106	95
CO	151.5	168.4	178.7	118	106
DE-MD	5.7	6.3	5.9	104	94
FL	3.0	3.5	3.1	106	90
GA	22.9	24.0	23.9	104	99
HI	1.3	1.2	1.1	89	97
ID	43.5	44.0	42.3	97	96
IL	197.9	211.7	197.6	100	93
IN	86.2	104.2	87.7	102	84
IA	457.5	543.7	460.4	101	85
KS	485.6	511.4	509.4	105	100
KY	35.4	42.7	34.5	98	81
LA	1.5	1.6	1.5	99	96
MI	66.7	31.2	28.7	43	92
MN	142.5	172.3	155.5	109	90
MS	21.0	22.5	23.4	111	104
MO	58.0	69.3	59.8	103	86
MT	1.5	1.6	1.7	115	106
NE	559.8	555.0	532.7	95	96
NV	0.1		0.1	100	
N ENG ³	1.7	1.7	1.7	97	96
NJ	4.1	4.3	4.2	101	97
NM	1.0	1.2	1.0	101	85
NY	5.0	4.3	3.8	76	88
NC	142.3	157.6	148.9	105	94
ND	10.0	1.9	2.0	20	105
OH	25.5	27.6	23.9	94	87
OK	64.0	75.6	67.5	105	89
OR	3.1	3.4	3.2	103	93
PA	87.7	96.6	92.9	106	96
SC	13.6	18.6	16.8	123	90
SD	76.0	85.8	71.3	94	83
TN	16.4	19.1	17.3	106	91
TX	411.6	407.6	419.1	102	103
UT	36.0	38.6	39.5	110	102
VA	57.6	62.2	54.9	95	88
WA	58.1	49.9	50.6	87	101
WV	0.4	0.5	0.6	142	117
WI	99.6	111.8	103.1	103	92
WY	0.3	0.3	0.3	105	100
US	3,580.1	3,823.5	3,603.9	101	94

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,
May 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	17.3	21.1	19,834	26,467	1,146	1,253
AZ	39.8	39.1	45,359	47,521	1,140	1,214
AR	1.4	1.6	1,305	1,404	957	870
CA	79.6	79.5	98,612	98,998	1,240	1,246
CO	192.6	234.7	227,316	274,119	1,180	1,168
DE-MD	2.7	2.7	3,399	3,376	1,256	1,230
FL	3.8	4.5	3,833	4,617	1,001	1,032
GA	28.8	32.1	32,203	36,581	1,119	1,140
HI	1.5	1.4	1,472	1,286	972	915
ID	60.2	58.3	72,772	70,137	1,210	1,203
IL	89.4	86.6	107,278	103,812	1,200	1,199
IN	2.8	2.9	2,921	2,974	1,047	1,038
IA	76.1	69.7	91,149	82,391	1,197	1,182
KS	654.9	682.8	758,185	794,313	1,158	1,163
KY	2.4	1.1	2,416	885	1,015	824
LA	1.9	1.8	1,473	1,380	793	754
MI	33.2	30.9	45,552	42,792	1,372	1,385
MN	46.1	50.1	60,381	66,784	1,309	1,333
MS	0.4	0.5	382	435	857	885
MO	5.3	6.8	6,245	8,141	1,172	1,197
MT	1.8	1.8	2,029	2,081	1,109	1,137
NE	626.2	595.1	762,699	725,819	1,218	1,220
NV	0.1	0.1	111	129	1,075	1,046
N ENG ²	2.0	1.9	2,182	2,061	1,084	1,092
NJ	1.8	1.8	1,847	1,991	1,021	1,105
NM	1.9	1.9	1,800	1,733	924	908
NY	6.7	4.7	7,404	5,294	1,111	1,119
NC	11.6	12.9	12,261	13,796	1,053	1,073
ND						
OH	12.4	9.9	14,050	10,184	1,137	1,026
OK	2.5	3.4	2,367	3,311	938	976
OR	1.1	1.1	1,366	1,418	1,252	1,318
PA	74.5	79.1	94,052	98,568	1,263	1,246
SC						
SD	19.2	23.1	25,505	31,396	1,326	1,359
TN	1.2	1.9	1,224	1,636	1,044	854
TX	572.7	582.2	653,785	661,479	1,142	1,136
UT	48.4	53.9	56,803	62,135	1,173	1,153
VA	1.2	1.6	1,147	1,559	978	1,003
WA	78.2	67.5	95,671	83,892	1,223	1,243
WV	0.6	0.8	564	770	964	945
WI	130.6	131.0	163,909	167,608	1,255	1,280
WY	0.4	0.4	468	477	1,131	1,166
US ³	2,957.2	2,997.3	3,512,385	3,559,868	1,188	1,188

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,
May 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	26	36	433	463
CA	12.3	9.7	1,412	1,440	115	149
CO						
DE-MD	0.3	0.1	140	17	427	296
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.9	9.1	4,180	3,744	421	413
IN	6.4	8.1	2,497	2,423	392	298
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.5	1.2	677	563	463	485
MI	3.9	3.6	1,271	1,065	327	299
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	29	30	414	375
MO	0.1	0.2	54	64	382	365
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.9	3.0	462	369	118	124
NJ	9.1	8.6	3,885	3,804	428	442
NM						
NY	14.7	10.6	1,306	1,027	89	97
NC						
ND						
OH	4.1	3.4	1,795	1,265	435	369
OK	0.2	0.1	68	38	439	443
OR						
PA	13.7	13.1	4,685	4,624	342	353
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.9	2.1	922	977	484	473
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	28	15	241	260
WA						
WV						
WI	16.4	13.2	6,373	5,431	390	410
WY						
US ³	101.7	89.2	30,698	27,765	302	311

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,
May 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	7.9	6.5	3,162	2,717	399	421
AZ	1.0	0.7	208	137	213	183
AR						
CA	169.8	190.3	36,177	41,595	213	219
CO	3.2	1.4	665	374	210	258
DE-MD	19.8	22.1	4,773	5,289	240	239
FL	7.8	6.7	1,427	1,249	184	186
GA	24.9	18.8	6,728	5,361	271	284
HI	3.1	2.9	629	572	203	197
ID						
IL	665.0	669.0	174,894	177,059	263	265
IN	445.2	441.0	111,114	112,557	250	255
IA	2,113.4	2,132.8	545,068	555,532	258	260
KS	31.0	37.6	8,986	11,323	290	301
KY	180.3	175.8	45,612	45,620	253	260
LA	2.6	2.8	563	563	214	204
MI		9.4		3,549		377
MN	586.4	625.7	149,227	161,905	254	259
MS						
MO	285.1	290.3	72,881	74,461	256	256
MT	1.8	2.7	378	627	208	235
NE	488.8	461.6	124,831	119,739	255	259
NV						
N ENG ²	1.7	1.9	443	507	263	264
NJ	7.4	7.5	720	728	97	97
NM	0.1	0.2	17	35	211	217
NY	3.4	3.6	612	658	179	181
NC	756.3	772.7	182,570	190,509	241	247
ND	4.1	9.3	992	2,257	240	243
OH	91.1	93.0	23,408	24,333	257	262
OK	313.0	327.8	83,511	87,402	267	267
OR	14.2	14.4	3,677	3,581	258	248
PA	187.3	193.9	44,263	47,114	236	243
SC						
SD	319.9	282.9	84,217	74,502	263	263
TN	55.5	57.6	23,946	25,136	431	437
TX	28.2	28.2	8,191	8,768	290	310
UT	2.1	3.6	344	655	164	184
VA	311.5	292.4	76,037	72,154	244	247
WA						
WV	0.6	0.8	175	242	303	301
WI	32.3	39.8	13,860	16,286	429	409
WY	0.3	0.3	72	80	245	253
US ³	7,571.2	7,438.3	1,936,147	1,930,047	256	259

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,
May 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	13	9	119	96
AR						
CA						
CO	100.8	81.6	15,973	11,982	159	147
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.3	0.3	30	39	112	123
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	33	30	122	118
IL						
IN	2.6	2.7	266	282	100	103
IA	34.6	36.7	4,898	5,427	141	148
KS	0.1	0.1	15	15	127	112
KY	0.7	0.8	128	122	180	160
LA	0.2	0.2	21	15	93	90
MI	13.3	15.1	1,677	1,923	126	127
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.2	26	27	131	130
NE	0.1	0.1	8	10	89	110
NV						
N ENG ²	1.3	1.4	131	144	104	103
NJ	6.8	8.6	652	769	96	90
NM	2.7	3.0	333	361	124	120
NY	1.9	1.9	211	207	113	108
NC	0.1	0.1	13	11	91	94
ND						
OH	0.7	0.5	76	50	113	106
OK		0.1	4	11	123	127
OR	0.4	0.5	48	68	128	133
PA	5.2	6.2	507	527	97	85
SC						
SD	10.8	1.1	1,505	136	139	119
TN	0.1	0.2	12	20	83	84
TX	38.0	50.3	4,932	6,542	130	130
UT	2.6	2.2	312	260	121	120
VA	1.4	0.9	140	92	101	99
WA	0.1	0.1	8	11	115	96
WV						
WI	0.5	0.6	58	88	119	152
WY	0.1	0.1	12	7	130	138
US ³	280.8	270.0	38,989	36,431	139	135

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

Item	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	Jan - May ¹		May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	Jan - May ¹	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,460	1,452	1,549	6,947	7,103	50.2	49.8	52.6	48.6	49.3
Heifers	945	959	906	4,705	4,773	32.5	32.9	30.8	32.9	33.1
All Cows	448	452	439	2,394	2,298	15.4	15.4	14.9	16.8	15.9
Dairy Cows	194	209	184	1,142	1,058	6.7	7.1	6.2	8.0	7.3
Other Cows	254	243	255	1,252	1,240	8.7	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.6
Bulls & Stags	52	53	52	238	247	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	2,906	2,916	2,947	14,284	14,422	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,146	8,074	7,025	38,477	39,207	96.0	96.3	96.2	96.1	96.2
Sows	261	275	247	1,336	1,371	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4
Stags & Boars	36	37	31	206	175	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	7,443	8,386	7,303	40,019	40,753	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	16	17	15	82	75	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.9
Lambs & Yrlngs	254	278	245	1,533	1,442	94.0	94.2	94.3	94.9	95.1
Total ¹	270	295	260	1,615	1,516	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	724	732	724	723	734					
Heifers ⁴	774	784	771	777	788					
All Cows ⁴	715	723	708	718	727					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	561	567	567	558	567					
	881	893	898	873	885					
Calves & Vealers	186	183	190	185	178					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	192	192	190	192					
Sows ⁵	184	188	188	186	188					
Stags & Boars ⁵	297	296	299	295	295					
	232	235	235	229	229					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	70	68	68	68	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	62	60	60	60	60					
	70	69	68	69	69					

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,
May 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	1.0		0.2	3.0
2	6.4	1.1	0.4	4.2	4.0	0.2	0.7	19.2
3	82.2	45.0	6.6	28.7	20.9	7.8	1.9	13.2
4	81.6	1.3	0.4	71.7	22.8	48.9	8.1	1.0
5	295.0	138.0	52.3	96.3	69.0	27.2	8.5	37.2
6	580.6	305.6	197.5	61.5	7.4	54.1	16.0	1.5
7	1,345.4	761.6	498.0	80.6	10.7	69.9	5.2	0.1
8	309.5	172.0	115.0	17.9	2.6	15.2	4.6	
9	119.5	59.3	6.5	49.6	35.2	14.4	4.1	9.9
10	125.5	65.1	29.5	27.9	10.2	17.7	3.0	1.5
US ²	2,947.2	1,549.2	906.4	439.3	183.9	255.4	52.3	86.5
	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			1.3	0.5	0.8	
2	10.8	10.7	0.1		10.5	1.8	8.7	
3	507.8	505.8	2.0		9.0	0.6	8.4	
4	1,188.1	1,110.3	76.7	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.4	
5	1,822.6	1,716.3	99.5	6.9	32.0	4.0	28.0	
6	352.0	332.3	19.6	0.1	49.5	4.3	45.1	
7	2,910.1	2,861.6	26.2	22.3	37.3	0.3	37.0	
8	295.4	272.9	22.4		84.7	1.8	82.9	
9	186.2	186.0	0.2		33.4	0.5	33.0	
10	28.1	27.9	0.2		0.6	0.1	0.5	
US ²	7,302.6	7,025.2	246.9	30.5	259.6	14.8	244.7	

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- AK, ID, OR, & WA.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - May 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	8.6	1.1	1.0	5.5	5.3	0.3	0.9	17.1
2	33.4	5.7	2.3	22.2	21.1	1.1	3.2	110.3
3	412.4	198.8	33.6	171.1	125.2	45.9	8.9	74.4
4	404.7	7.8	5.7	351.8	125.3	226.5	39.4	7.7
5	1,478.1	625.9	252.4	555.8	393.7	162.1	44.0	196.1
6	2,769.1	1,431.8	949.0	314.1	47.0	267.1	74.2	10.1
7	6,608.9	3,496.8	2,703.4	383.3	56.8	326.5	25.4	0.4
8	1,469.0	739.6	611.5	95.6	14.8	80.8	22.3	
9	605.1	298.8	40.0	251.0	206.4	44.5	15.3	70.9
10	633.2	297.1	174.5	147.8	62.4	85.4	13.8	9.4
US ²	14,422.4	7,103.3	4,773.5	2,298.1	1,057.9	1,240.2	247.5	496.4
	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	7.4	7.1	0.2	0.1	8.3	2.1	6.2	
2	55.8	55.0	0.6	0.2	56.7	9.3	47.4	
3	2,756.6	2,745.1	11.3	0.2	46.7	4.2	42.5	
4	6,387.1	5,969.2	412.3	5.5	5.5	4.0	1.5	
5	10,179.5	9,611.6	526.4	41.5	183.0	20.2	162.7	
6	1,928.6	1,813.2	115.1	0.3	229.3	20.7	208.6	
7	16,511.6	16,204.2	180.8	126.6	227.1	1.4	225.7	
8	1,806.5	1,684.0	122.5		569.1	9.7	559.4	
9	976.0	975.2	0.8	0.1	188.2	2.5	185.7	
10	143.8	142.3	1.3	0.2	2.7	0.6	2.1	
US ²	40,752.8	39,207.1	1,371.1	174.6	1,516.5	74.8	1,441.7	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	20.2			19.8	2.5	17.3	0.5	
AZ	38.9	32.6	1.4	5.0	5.0			
AR	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.7		0.7	0.1	
CA	79.0	26.3	5.0	43.7	30.1	13.6	3.9	9.6
CO	234.1	140.1	93.3	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.7	2.0	0.5	0.2	0.2			0.1
FL	4.5	0.5	0.1	3.5	0.9	2.6	0.3	
GA	31.0	0.1	0.1	27.3	3.6	23.7	3.5	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	
ID	57.2	29.2	8.8	17.3	5.1	12.2	1.9	
IL	84.1	46.6	37.5					9.0
IN	0.4	0.2	0.1					8.1
IA	68.5	25.6	21.6	20.2	8.1	12.1	1.1	
KS	679.0	399.5	277.9	1.6	0.1	1.5	0.1	
KY	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	28.9	18.4	2.7	7.6	6.2	1.4	0.1	3.5
MN	47.6	14.9	3.4	25.1	12.6	12.5	4.2	
MS								
MO	4.6	0.9	0.6	2.7	0.4	2.3	0.4	0.1
MT	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	593.3	335.6	197.9	56.2	2.2	54.0	3.6	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.0		0.2	3.0
NJ	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	8.6
NM	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.1		
NY	4.6	0.5	0.2	3.4	3.4		0.4	10.6
NC	12.3	0.1		9.3	4.8	4.5	2.9	
ND								
OH	5.7	0.4	0.2	4.4	2.3	2.1	0.7	3.3
OK								
OR								
PA	78.8	42.9	6.0	28.0	20.5	7.5	1.8	13.1
SC								
SD	21.3	2.4	0.9	14.3	1.1	13.2	3.8	
TN	1.5	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	
TX	577.0	305.0	197.0	59.1	6.1	53.0	15.9	1.0
UT	53.2	29.2	20.5	2.9	1.0	1.9	0.6	
VA	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3		0.1
WA	67.4	35.4	20.5	10.5	5.1	5.4	1.0	
WV								
WI	128.3	57.5	8.4	59.0	47.8	11.2	3.5	13.2
WY								
US ³	2,947.2	1,549.2	906.4	439.3	183.9	255.4	52.3	86.5

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	5.4	0.1	4.3	1.0			
AZ							
AR							
CA	182.8	182.7	0.1				
CO	0.9	0.8	0.1		81.5		81.5
DE-MD	22.1	22.1					
FL	6.7	6.4	0.4				
GA	10.7	8.0	2.7				
HI	2.9	2.9					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	637.7	578.4	52.8	6.5			
IN	436.1	436.1			2.2	1.4	0.9
IA	2,130.4	2,088.1	20.0	22.3	36.5	0.3	36.2
KS	33.9	27.8	6.0				
KY	175.0	169.5	5.5		0.8	0.7	
LA	0.1	0.1					
MI	7.7	2.8	4.8	0.1	14.9	2.5	12.4
MN	623.1	623.0					
MS							
MO	287.8	287.7	0.1				
MT	1.0	1.0					
NE	458.1	458.0					
NV							
N ENG ²	1.6	1.5			1.3	0.5	0.8
NJ	7.5	7.4	0.1		8.6	1.1	7.5
NM					2.4	1.8	0.6
NY	3.4	3.3			1.9	0.7	1.2
NC	759.4	749.6	9.8		0.1		0.1
ND	9.2	9.1					
OH	84.6	75.5	9.2				
OK	325.8	321.1	4.7				
OR	14.2	14.1	0.2		0.3	0.1	0.3
PA	193.6	193.1	0.4		6.2	0.3	5.9
SC							
SD	281.7	259.4	22.2		1.1		1.1
TN	57.3	4.5	52.8		0.2		0.2
TX	12.3	6.5	5.8	0.1	47.0	2.5	44.5
UT					2.0	1.7	0.2
VA	292.0	290.5	1.4		0.8	0.1	0.7
WA					0.1		0.1
WV	0.1		0.1				
WI	33.4	0.4	32.7	0.3			
WY							
US ³	7,302.6	7,025.2	246.9	30.5	259.6	14.8	244.7

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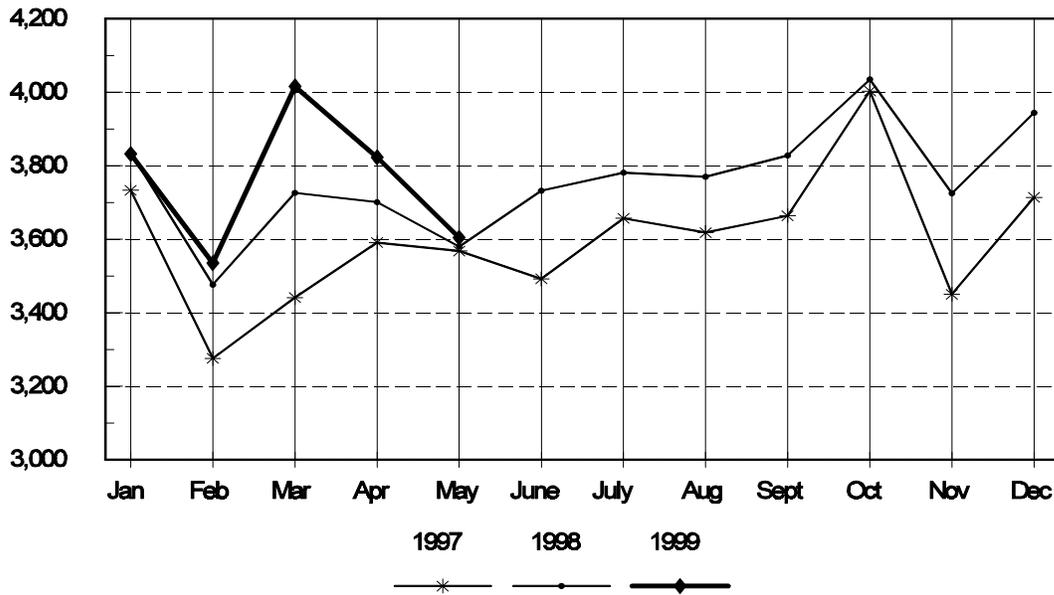
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

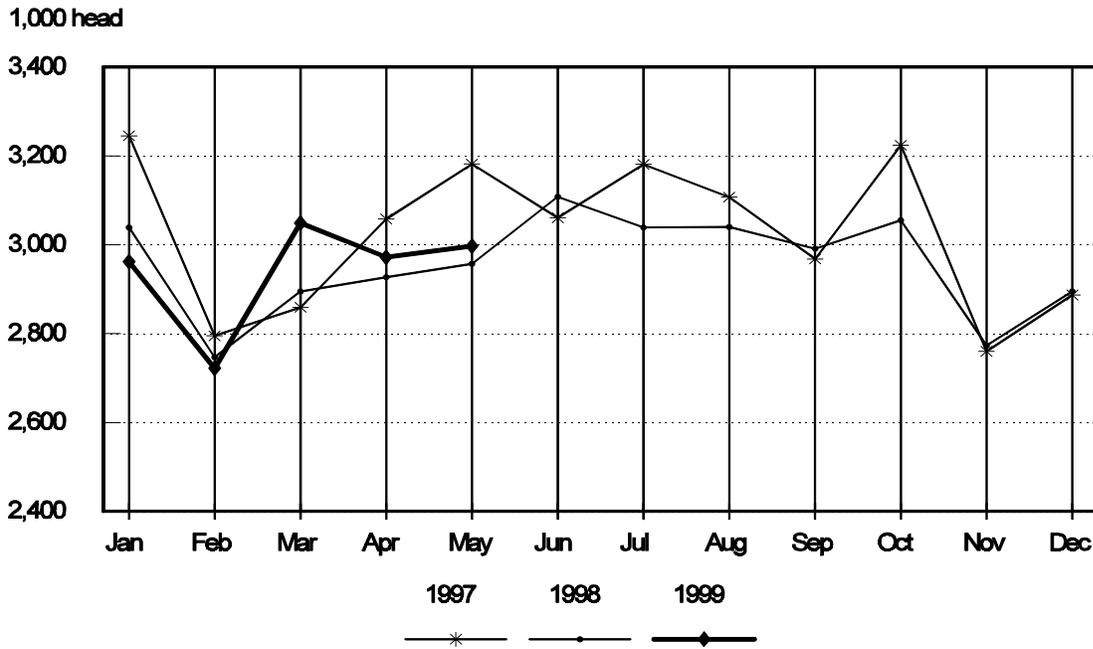
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				1998	1999
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.3	98.1	98.3	98.1	98.1
Calves	97.5	98.1	96.9	97.8	97.8
Hogs	98.3	98.3	98.2	98.4	98.1
Sheep	96.2	95.2	96.1	96.7	96.6

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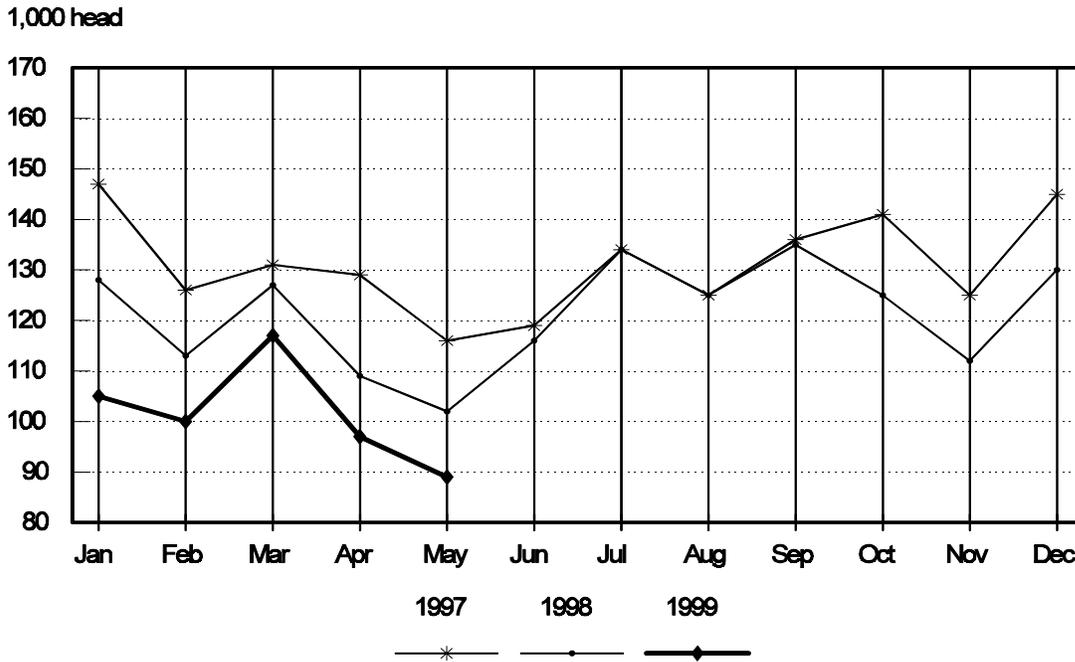
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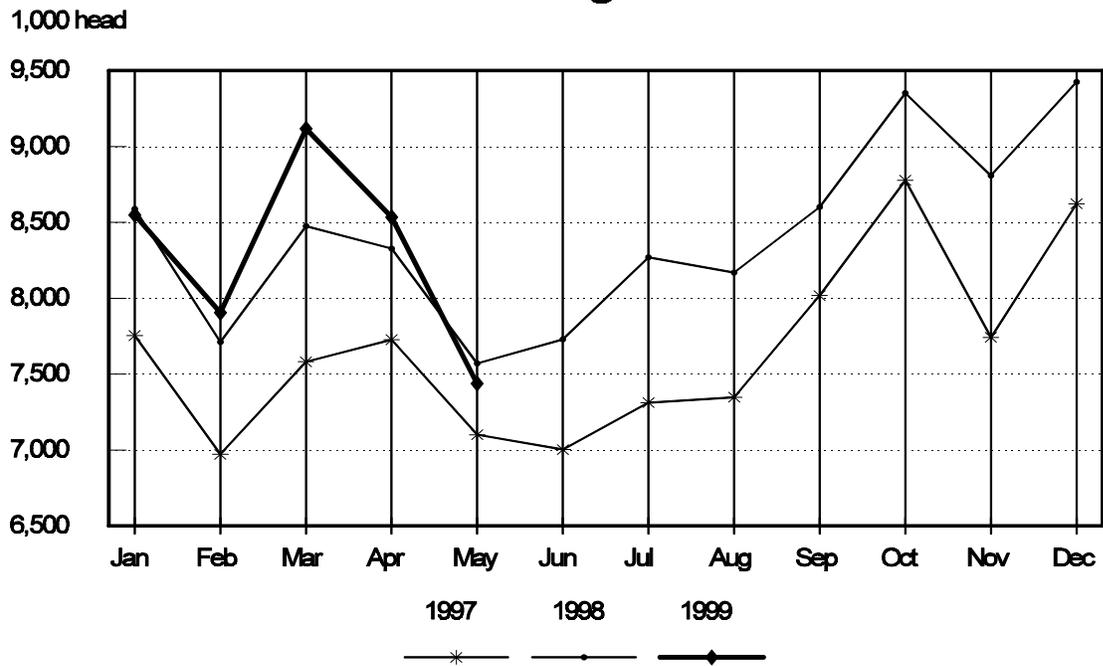
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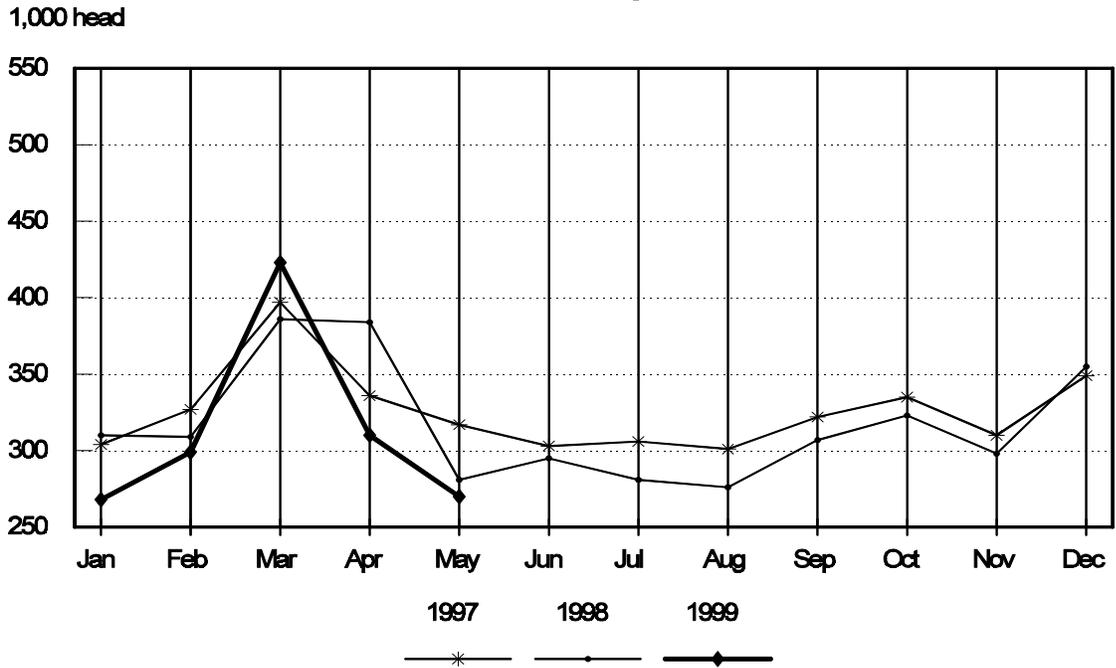
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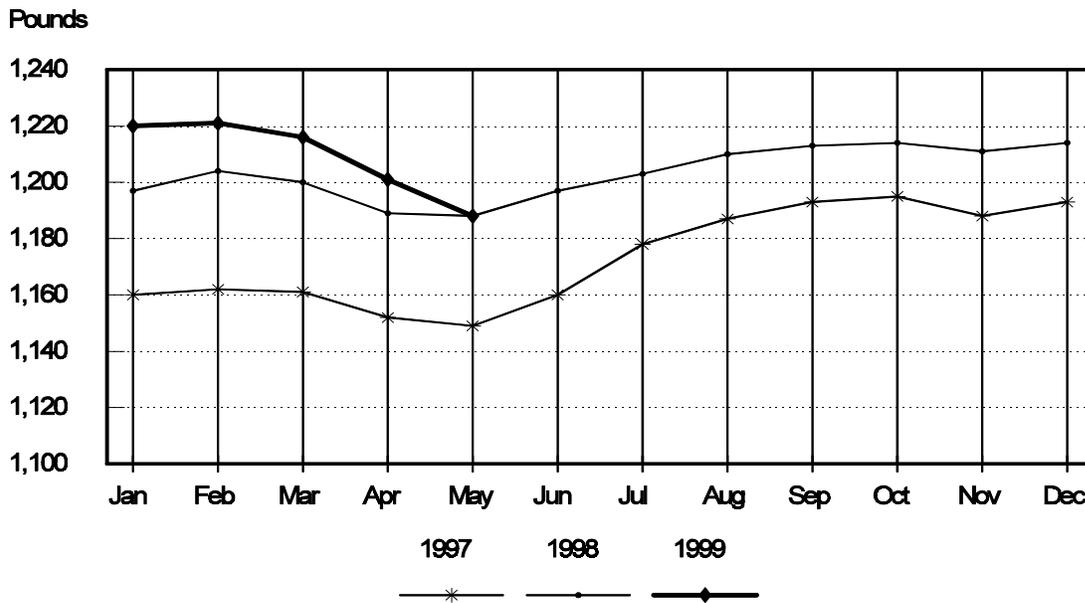
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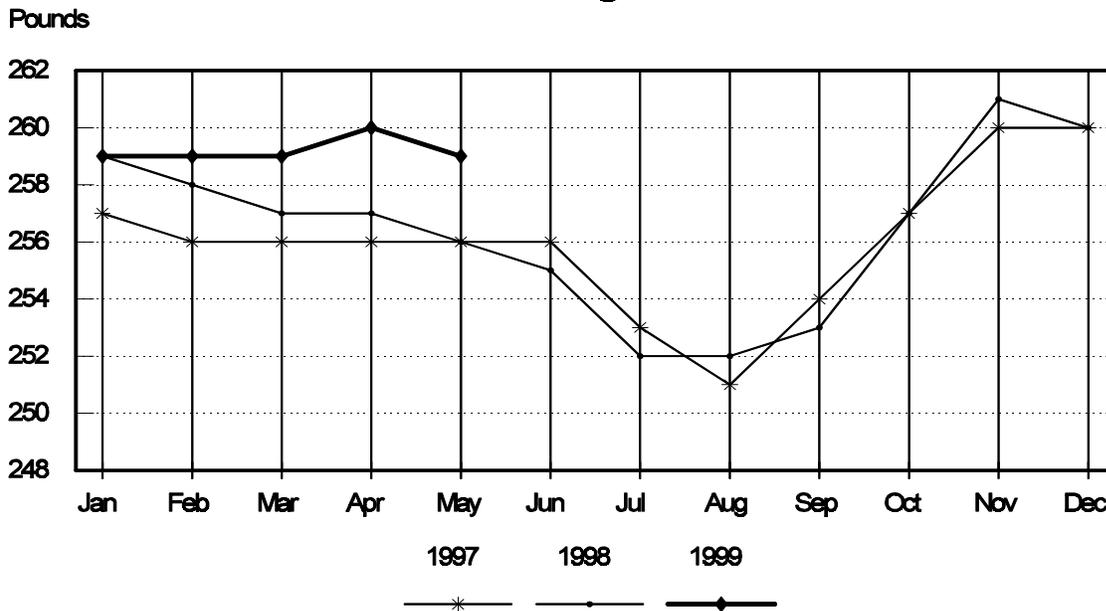
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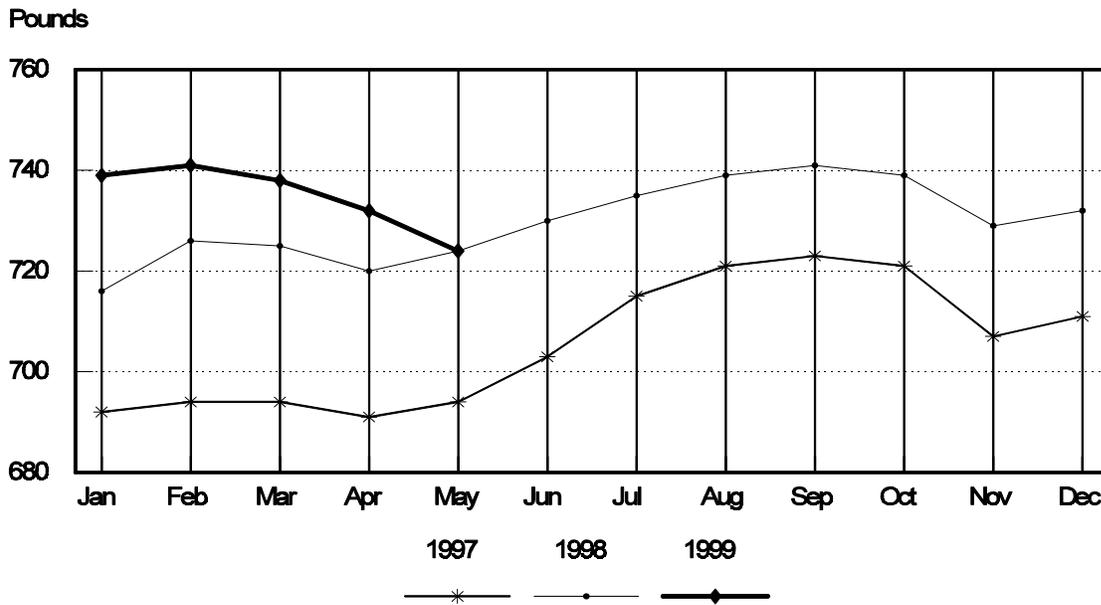
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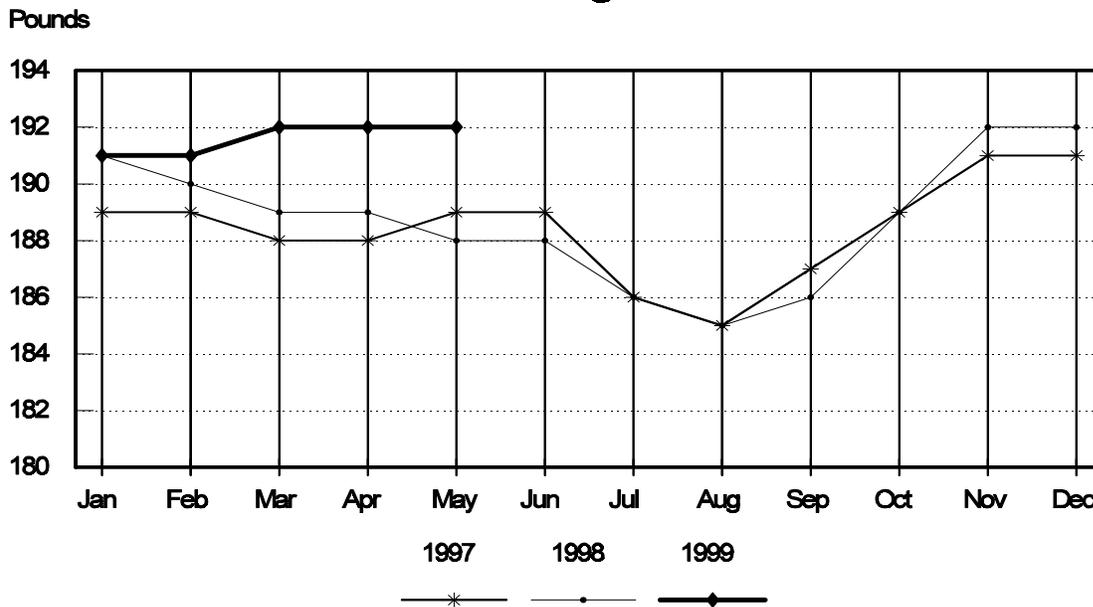
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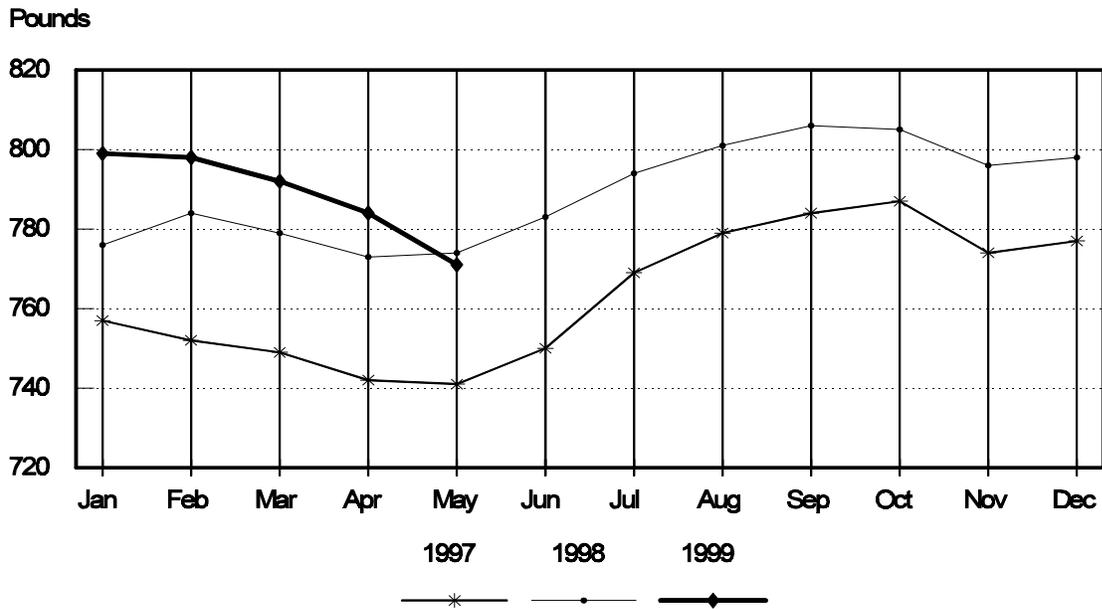
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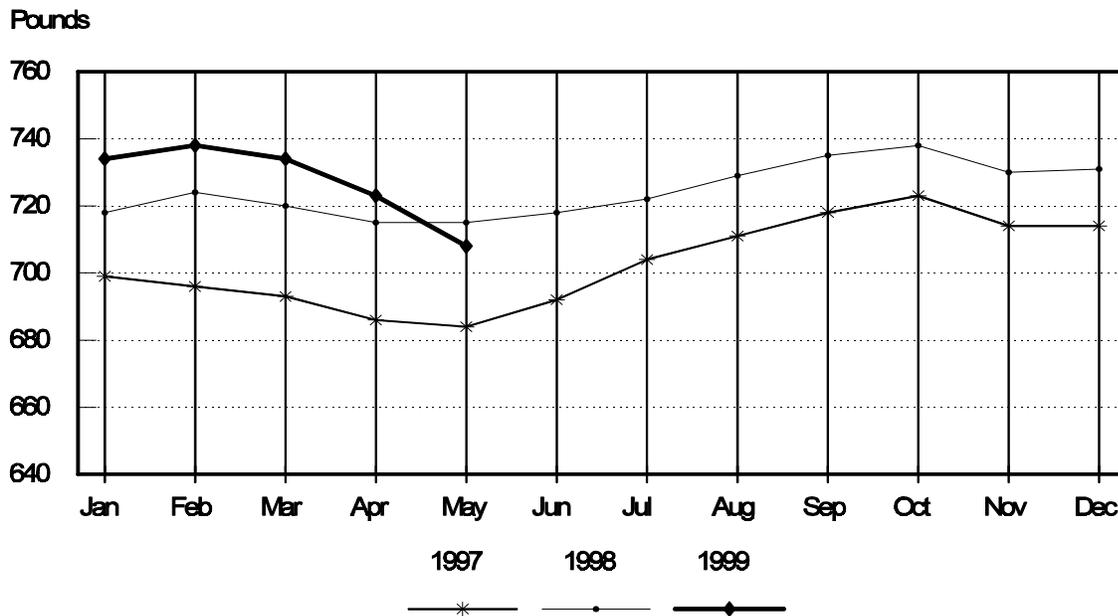
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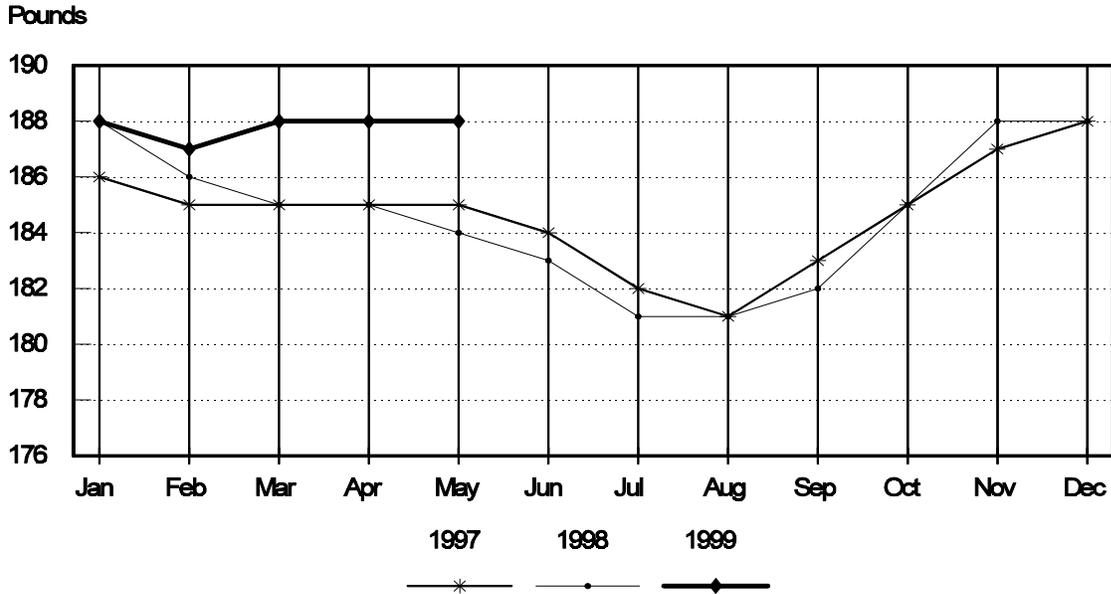
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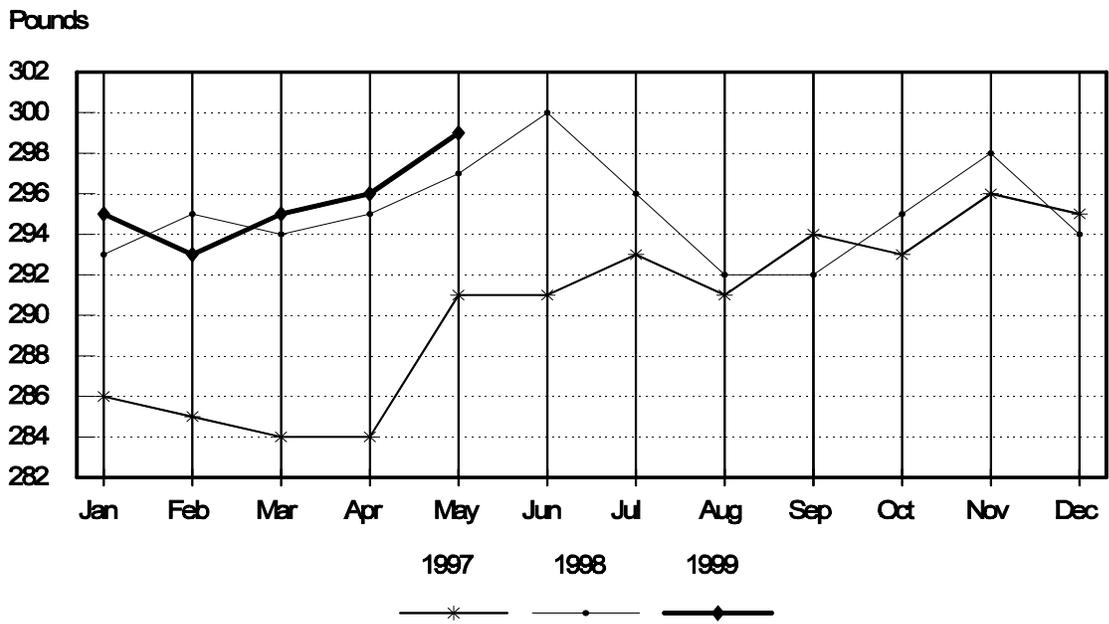
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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 Talmadge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 22). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one-half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for follow-up telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 15 percent and for hogs about 10 percent. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable.

Head kill for FI slaughter before condemnation is for the actual days of the survey month, while head kill after condemnation and live and dressed weight data are for full weeks only. Average live and dressed weight and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous week as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the kind of animal reported.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release, while NFI data are summarized monthly only. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants, and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Generally, no data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. These data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the reported data is made annually.

Types of Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

(1)

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

(2)

Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants: Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

(3)

Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants: Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

(4)

Custom-Exempt Plants: Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Is usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last ten years; running about 1.75 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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