



Livestock Slaughter

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

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in June, up 6 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in June 1998 and up 4 percent from the previous record high for June set in 1995.

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

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year and 2 percent higher than the previous record high for June set in 1995. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, up 3 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,195 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 6 percent below the previous record low for June set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 105 thousand head, down 11 percent from June 1998. The average live weight was 14 pounds above last year, at 297 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year and 8 percent higher than the previous record high for June set in 1995. Hog kill totaled 8.32 million head, 8 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was 11 percent below the previous year and 6 percent below the previous record low for June set in 1996. Sheep slaughter totaled 270 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 22.8 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 14 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jun 99 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 1998	May 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	2,248	2,151	2,321	103	108	12,676	13,025	103
Veal	20	17	19	94	112	126	108	86
Pork	1,444	1,418	1,583	110	112	9,116	9,496	104
Lamb & Mutton	20	18	17	89	96	132	123	93
Total Red Meat	3,732	3,604	3,940	106	109	22,051	22,751	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	Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jun 99 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 1998	May 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	2,215	2,122	2,290	103	108	12,483	12,832	103
Veal	19	16	18	93	113	122	105	86
Pork	1,422	1,396	1,560	110	112	8,986	9,338	104
Lamb & Mutton	19	17	17	88	96	129	120	93
Total Red Meat	3,676	3,552	3,885	106	109	21,721	22,395	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	Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jun 99 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
					Jun 1998	May 1999	1998	1999	99 % of 98
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,049.7	2,947.2	3,153.9	103	107	17,333.7	17,576.4	101
Other	Thou	58.5	50.1	53.5	92	107	338.3	332.3	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,108.1	2,997.3	3,207.4	103	107	17,672.0	17,908.7	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,201	1,191	1,197	100	101	1,200	1,209	101
Other	Lbs	992	1,023	1,035	104	101	1,021	1,035	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,197	1,188	1,195	100	101	1,196	1,206	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	114.6	86.5	102.3	89	118	681.2	598.7	88
Other	Thou	2.4	2.8	2.4	99	85	15.1	13.8	91
Comm'l. ³	Thou	117.0	89.2	104.7	89	117	696.3	612.5	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	280	310	295	105	95	296	291	98
Other	Lbs	405	403	410	101	102	402	401	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	283	311	297	105	95	299	293	98
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,595.8	*7,302.7	8,176.2	108	112	47,615.0	48,929.0	103
Other	Thou	133.6	135.6	142.8	107	105	788.8	933.8	118
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,729.5	7,438.3	8,318.9	108	112	48,403.8	49,862.8	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	255	260	260	102	100	257	260	101
Other	Lbs	226	224	227	101	101	229	235	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	255	259	259	102	100	257	259	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	282.6	259.6	258.6	92	100	1,897.3	1,775.1	94
Other	Thou	11.9	10.4	11.0	93	106	66.4	64.8	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	294.5	270.0	269.7	92	100	1,963.7	1,839.9	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	136	137	132	97	96	138	136	99
Other	Lbs	90	100	100	111	100	93	99	106
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	135	130	97	96	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	Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jun 99 as % of ²	
				Jun 1998	May 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	14.8	14.0	2.6	18	19
AZ	30.6	28.7	34.0	111	119
AR	4.9	5.0	5.4	109	107
CA	86.5	85.4	88.7	103	104
CO	172.0	178.7	194.7	113	109
DE-MD	6.5	5.9	5.6	86	94
FL	3.1	3.1	3.9	125	124
GA	23.3	23.9	26.4	113	111
HI	1.3	1.1	1.2	96	108
ID	49.9	42.3	51.0	102	120
IL	202.2	197.6	212.6	105	108
IN	86.7	87.7	99.1	114	113
IA	468.2	460.4	521.7	111	113
KS	501.3	509.4	550.1	110	108
KY	34.9	34.5	36.3	104	105
LA	1.6	1.5	1.4	91	96
MI	60.1	28.7	32.0	53	112
MN	144.5	155.5	170.0	118	109
MS	21.0	23.4	25.7	122	110
MO	60.8	59.8	65.3	107	109
MT	1.7	1.7	1.9	111	111
NE	583.0	532.7	602.3	103	113
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	122	54
N ENG ³	1.9	1.7	1.9	98	112
NJ	4.6	4.2	4.8	103	114
NM	1.1	1.0	1.1	103	105
NY	5.4	3.8	4.3	80	114
NC	146.8	148.9	162.2	111	109
ND	10.5	2.0	2.4	23	120
OH	26.4	23.9	28.6	108	119
OK	65.9	67.5	77.0	117	114
OR	3.5	3.2	3.9	111	123
PA	92.3	92.9	103.3	112	111
SC	13.9	16.8	18.6	134	111
SD	78.2	71.3	82.7	106	116
TN	15.7	17.3	18.2	117	105
TX	440.1	419.1	443.2	101	106
UT	39.3	39.5	45.6	116	115
VA	55.1	54.9	60.5	110	110
WA	63.8	50.6	32.9	52	65
WV	0.4	0.6	0.5	127	94
WI	107.6	103.1	116.2	108	113
WY	0.4	0.3	0.4	102	119
US	3,731.9	3,603.9	3,940.4	106	109

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,
June 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	20.6	0.9	27,220	684	1,319	779
AZ	42.7	46.4	49,027	55,677	1,147	1,201
AR	1.5	1.8	1,294	1,602	845	904
CA	86.2	86.0	107,509	106,774	1,248	1,241
CO	216.8	252.5	258,584	300,566	1,193	1,190
DE-MD	3.1	3.0	3,904	3,740	1,272	1,230
FL	3.8	5.3	3,788	5,840	1,010	1,096
GA	30.0	35.7	33,959	40,690	1,132	1,139
HI	1.5	1.4	1,495	1,398	976	986
ID	68.6	68.7	83,108	83,810	1,212	1,220
IL	89.1	79.4	106,970	93,646	1,200	1,180
IN	3.1	3.1	3,238	3,162	1,050	1,034
IA	73.5	81.7	88,186	96,626	1,200	1,183
KS	662.6	724.9	782,398	857,692	1,181	1,183
KY	2.0	1.0	1,961	805	991	788
LA	2.2	1.9	1,712	1,449	773	774
MI	34.1	34.4	46,915	47,239	1,374	1,373
MN	48.0	55.3	62,992	73,449	1,312	1,328
MS	0.5	0.5	417	401	884	868
MO	5.9	7.0	7,398	7,817	1,247	1,110
MT	2.1	2.0	2,313	2,261	1,119	1,142
NE	656.0	671.7	802,096	818,807	1,223	1,219
NV	0.1	0.1	59	72	1,079	1,050
N ENG ²	2.1	1.9	2,286	2,070	1,095	1,062
NJ	2.0	2.2	2,114	2,523	1,065	1,144
NM	2.0	2.0	1,857	1,928	942	948
NY	6.9	5.2	7,748	5,619	1,116	1,091
NC	12.5	15.3	13,047	16,505	1,042	1,077
ND						
OH	10.7	12.8	12,291	14,017	1,146	1,094
OK	2.7	3.2	2,553	3,046	936	953
OR	1.2	1.2	1,493	1,777	1,257	1,444
PA	78.7	88.6	99,453	109,982	1,263	1,241
SC						
SD	19.8	24.7	26,709	33,490	1,352	1,354
TN	1.4	2.1	1,424	1,811	1,053	868
TX	613.7	612.1	701,088	701,630	1,142	1,146
UT	52.2	62.5	62,040	71,809	1,188	1,150
VA	1.0	1.8	993	1,767	1,014	989
WA	85.6	44.2	104,533	55,231	1,221	1,250
WV	0.6	0.7	569	700	970	975
WI	137.5	147.9	174,067	189,185	1,266	1,279
WY	0.5	0.5	545	576	1,127	1,104
US ³	3,108.1	3,207.4	3,721,462	3,833,039	1,197	1,195

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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	29	26	457	469
CA	14.6	12.5	1,741	2,022	119	162
CO						
DE-MD	0.4	0.1	150	25	417	284
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.7	10.4	4,089	4,254	421	409
IN	6.4	10.1	2,499	2,690	388	267
IA						
KS						
KY	0.0	0.1	15	29	435	450
LA	1.3	1.1	591	516	454	490
MI	4.8	4.7	1,415	1,325	296	284
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	39	41	488	410
MO	0.2	0.2	60	59	353	320
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	4.3	3.6	502	510	117	144
NJ	11.1	9.4	4,507	4,078	407	435
NM						
NY	18.2	13.9	1,623	1,422	89	102
NC						
ND						
OH	5.4	3.0	2,187	1,124	403	381
OK	0.1	0.1	33	33	448	450
OR						
PA	15.2	15.5	4,625	5,169	305	334
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.4	1.9	1,187	933	504	498
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	20	18	253	253
WA						
WV						
WI	18.3	13.8	6,766	5,681	370	410
WY						
US ³	117.0	104.7	33,143	31,069	283	297

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,
June 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	8.2	7.8	3,391	3,323	413	426
AZ	0.8	0.5	154	99	200	180
AR						
CA	180.4	190.2	37,574	40,151	208	211
CO	3.7	1.5	782	388	209	258
DE-MD	23.1	18.3	5,475	4,398	237	240
FL	8.9	8.4	1,571	1,501	177	178
GA	23.5	20.6	6,493	5,837	277	283
HI	3.1	3.0	603	611	193	206
ID						
IL	689.0	773.5	180,900	205,692	263	266
IN	450.8	503.3	111,524	127,561	247	253
IA	2,196.8	2,403.8	564,723	627,759	257	261
KS	32.3	42.8	9,472	12,860	293	300
KY	180.5	185.5	45,445	47,969	252	259
LA	2.6	2.6	542	535	205	208
MI		10.9		3,988		365
MN	592.7	684.1	149,188	176,637	252	258
MS						
MO	301.0	323.6	76,017	81,728	253	253
MT	2.3	3.0	452	724	200	241
NE	484.9	521.1	122,943	135,214	254	260
NV						
N ENG ²	2.2	2.5	587	647	263	264
NJ	7.9	9.0	763	884	97	99
NM	0.1	0.1	23	32	215	218
NY	4.2	4.8	720	876	172	183
NC	782.4	837.7	188,153	206,373	240	246
ND	6.2	10.9	1,456	2,662	234	244
OH	98.7	109.6	25,300	28,270	256	258
OK	322.7	376.7	85,622	99,888	265	265
OR	16.2	18.0	4,202	4,456	259	248
PA	201.1	215.0	47,021	52,095	234	242
SC						
SD	323.3	336.1	86,503	87,747	268	261
TN	52.5	60.7	22,696	26,442	433	436
TX	25.9	27.7	7,761	9,573	300	345
UT	2.1	3.1	356	649	167	206
VA	302.0	322.2	72,656	79,568	241	247
WA						
WV	0.7	0.9	208	242	296	281
WI	37.9	43.1	16,449	17,832	434	414
WY	0.3	0.4	71	98	244	253
US ³	7,729.5	8,318.9	1,968,838	2,156,622	255	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,
June 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	5	7	80	82
AR						
CA						
CO	100.8	71.1	15,279	10,353	152	146
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.3	0.4	32	41	102	114
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	38	36	125	123
IL						
IN	2.9	3.0	282	286	98	97
IA	33.7	41.8	4,578	5,546	136	133
KS	0.1	0.2	14	18	115	121
KY	0.8	0.9	137	123	162	140
LA	0.3	0.2	21	20	75	92
MI	15.7	17.7	1,952	2,201	124	124
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.2	23	30	133	128
NE	0.1	0.1	8	12	92	113
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.8	159	188	104	104
NJ	7.6	9.2	686	824	90	90
NM	2.6	2.8	324	337	124	120
NY	2.3	2.0	274	227	120	111
NC	0.2	0.1	15	10	93	92
ND						
OH	0.7	0.8	74	88	109	105
OK		0.3	5	34	114	116
OR	0.6	0.9	78	102	130	119
PA	6.2	6.9	595	649	96	94
SC						
SD	11.2	1.5	1,449	179	129	116
TN	0.2	0.3	16	21	72	61
TX	37.6	42.1	4,777	5,580	127	133
UT	2.7	2.7	334	322	121	120
VA	1.6	1.0	157	97	101	97
WA	0.1	0.1	9	16	138	131
WV						
WI	0.8	0.9	86	95	108	108
WY	0.1	0.1	11	17	133	122
US ³	294.5	269.7	39,416	35,107	134	130

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	Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jan - Jun ¹		Jun 1998	May 1999	Jun 1999	Jan - Jun 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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,569	1,549	1,629	8,517	8,732	51.5	52.6	51.6	49.1	49.7
Heifers	948	906	1,029	5,653	5,802	31.1	30.8	32.6	32.6	33.0
All Cows	479	439	441	2,873	2,740	15.6	14.9	14.0	16.5	15.6
Dairy Cows	200	184	196	1,342	1,254	6.5	6.2	6.2	7.7	7.1
Other Cows	279	255	245	1,531	1,486	9.1	8.7	7.8	8.8	8.5
Bulls & Stags	54	52	55	292	303	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	3,050	2,947	3,154	17,334	17,576	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,263	7,025	7,861	45,739	47,068	95.6	96.2	96.1	96.1	96.2
Sows	288	247	278	1,624	1,649	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Stags & Boars	45	31	37	251	212	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	7,596	7,303	8,176	47,615	48,929	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	19	15	17	100	92	6.6	5.7	6.5	5.3	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	264	245	242	1,797	1,683	93.4	94.3	93.5	94.7	94.8
Total ¹	283	260	259	1,897	1,775	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	730	724	730	724	734					
Heifers ⁴	783	771	780	779	786					
All Cows ⁴	718	708	712	718	725					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	564	567	562	559	567					
	889	898	902	876	888					
Calves & Vealers	172	190	181	182	178					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	192	192	189	192					
Sows ⁵	183	188	188	185	188					
Stags & Boars ⁵	300	299	297	296	296					
	229	235	237	229	230					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	67	68	65	68	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	64	60	59	61	60					
	67	68	65	69	68					

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,
June 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	1.8	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.2	3.6
2	7.2	1.2	0.4	4.7	4.6	0.2	0.8	23.3
3	92.4	49.7	7.0	33.4	24.8	8.6	2.3	15.6
4	69.1	1.1	0.4	59.2	23.6	35.6	8.3	1.7
5	313.4	151.7	49.0	102.5	72.7	29.7	10.2	41.6
6	611.7	322.8	215.0	60.8	8.7	52.1	13.1	1.6
7	1,475.4	798.1	592.3	78.5	11.4	67.1	6.5	0.1
8	337.1	178.7	136.7	16.1	2.9	13.1	5.6	
9	133.2	70.4	5.7	52.9	35.9	17.0	4.2	12.9
10	112.7	54.6	21.9	32.2	10.6	21.6	4.0	2.0
US ²	3,153.9	1,628.7	1,028.6	441.6	196.3	245.3	55.1	102.3
	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	2.0	2.0	0.1		1.7	0.5	1.3	
2	13.4	13.2	0.1		11.2	2.0	9.2	
3	555.1	552.9	2.1		10.1	0.7	9.3	
4	1,289.2	1,205.3	82.7	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.4	
5	2,061.4	1,938.3	114.3	8.8	34.0	5.0	29.0	
6	405.0	381.8	22.9	0.2	42.0	4.1	38.0	
7	3,279.5	3,220.0	32.8	26.7	42.8	0.4	42.4	
8	349.9	327.4	22.5		75.1	2.2	72.9	
9	186.3	186.1	0.2		39.3	0.8	38.6	
10	34.4	34.1	0.3		1.0	0.2	0.7	
US ²	8,176.2	7,861.0	278.0	37.2	258.6	16.9	241.7	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - June 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	10.4	1.4	1.2	6.7	6.3	0.4	1.2	20.7
2	40.6	7.0	2.7	26.9	25.7	1.2	4.0	133.6
3	504.8	248.5	40.6	204.6	150.0	54.6	11.2	90.0
4	473.7	8.9	6.2	410.9	148.9	262.1	47.7	9.4
5	1,791.4	777.6	301.4	658.3	466.5	191.8	54.2	237.7
6	3,380.8	1,754.5	1,164.0	374.9	55.7	319.3	87.3	11.6
7	8,084.3	4,294.9	3,295.7	461.8	68.2	393.7	31.9	0.5
8	1,806.1	918.3	748.2	111.6	17.7	93.9	27.9	
9	738.3	369.2	45.7	303.9	242.4	61.5	19.5	83.7
10	745.9	351.7	196.3	180.0	73.0	107.0	17.8	11.4
US ²	17,576.4	8,732.0	5,802.1	2,739.7	1,254.2	1,485.5	302.6	598.7
	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	9.5	9.1	0.3	0.1	10.1	2.6	7.5	
2	69.1	68.3	0.7	0.2	67.8	11.3	56.6	
3	3,311.6	3,298.0	13.4	0.2	56.7	4.9	51.8	
4	7,676.3	7,174.5	495.0	6.8	7.0	5.1	1.9	
5	12,240.9	11,549.9	640.7	50.3	217.0	25.2	191.7	
6	2,333.6	2,195.0	138.0	0.6	271.3	24.8	246.6	
7	19,791.1	19,424.2	213.5	153.4	269.8	1.8	268.0	
8	2,156.4	2,011.4	145.0	0.1	644.1	11.9	632.3	
9	1,162.3	1,161.3	1.0	0.1	227.5	3.3	224.2	
10	178.1	176.4	1.5	0.2	3.7	0.8	2.9	
US ²	48,929.0	47,068.1	1,649.1	211.8	1,775.1	91.7	1,683.4	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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								
AZ	46.2	41.5	1.1	3.5	3.5			
AR	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.1	
CA	85.5	28.6	4.3	48.6	32.3	16.3	4.0	12.4
CO	251.8	144.3	106.8	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.0	2.3	0.4	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	5.3	0.4	0.1	4.5	1.5	3.0	0.3	
GA	34.6	0.1	0.1	30.5	3.9	26.6	3.9	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.2	
ID	67.5	36.2	8.1	20.5	5.5	15.0	2.8	
IL	76.6	42.2	34.4					10.4
IN	0.4	0.2	0.1					10.1
IA	79.8	33.5	24.3	20.8	8.3	12.5	1.2	
KS	721.2	390.2	329.5	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.1	
KY	0.3	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	32.4	24.8	1.4	6.1	3.9	2.2	0.1	4.6
MN	52.9	16.6	4.9	26.3	13.0	13.3	5.2	
MS								
MO	4.6	1.1	0.5	2.6	0.4	2.2	0.4	0.1
MT	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	669.8	373.3	238.0	53.8	2.5	51.3	4.8	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.8	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	3.6
NJ	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.3	9.4
NM	1.8	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.0	0.2		
NY	5.0	0.5	0.2	3.8	3.8		0.5	13.9
NC	14.5	0.1	0.1	11.4	6.3	5.1	3.0	
ND								
OH	6.0	0.3	0.2	4.8	2.6	2.2	0.6	2.8
OK								
OR								
PA	88.4	47.2	6.5	32.6	24.4	8.2	2.2	15.5
SC								
SD	22.6	3.6	2.1	12.1	1.2	10.9	4.8	
TN	1.7	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	
TX	607.8	322.1	214.6	58.1	7.2	50.9	13.0	1.3
UT	61.7	30.4	27.6	3.1	1.2	1.9	0.6	
VA	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
WA	44.1	17.8	13.7	11.6	5.0	6.6	1.1	
WV								
WI	145.0	67.5	8.1	65.3	53.2	12.1	4.2	13.8
WY								
US ³	3,153.9	1,628.7	1,028.6	441.6	196.3	245.3	55.1	102.3

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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	6.7	0.1	5.3	1.2			
AZ							
AR							
CA	183.0	182.9	0.2				
CO	1.0	0.9	0.1		71.1		71.1
DE-MD	18.3	18.3					
FL	8.4	8.0	0.4				
GA	11.5	8.3	3.2				
HI	3.0	2.9					
ID					0.2		0.1
IL	740.5	669.2	63.0	8.4			
IN	497.9	497.9			2.4	1.6	0.8
IA	2,401.4	2,348.5	26.2	26.7	41.5	0.4	41.1
KS	39.5	33.1	6.5				
KY	184.9	178.7	6.2		0.9	0.8	0.1
LA	0.1	0.1					
MI	9.3	3.8	5.4	0.1	17.4	2.9	14.5
MN	681.6	681.6					
MS							
MO	320.7	320.7	0.1				
MT	1.3	1.3			0.1		0.1
NE	517.9	517.8	0.1				
NV							
N ENG ²	2.0	2.0	0.1		1.7	0.5	1.3
NJ	8.9	8.8	0.1		9.2	1.3	7.9
NM					2.2	1.6	0.5
NY	4.5	4.4			2.0	0.7	1.3
NC	825.4	815.2	10.2				
ND	10.7	10.7	0.1				
OH	95.7	85.4	10.2				
OK	374.3	368.9	5.4				
OR	17.8	17.6	0.2		0.7	0.2	0.5
PA	214.7	214.2	0.5		6.8	0.6	6.2
SC							
SD	334.6	312.5	22.1		1.4		1.4
TN	60.5	4.7	55.8		0.3		0.3
TX	14.7	7.4	7.0	0.2	39.6	2.4	37.2
UT					2.4	2.1	0.3
VA	321.9	320.4	1.5		0.9	0.1	0.8
WA					0.1		0.1
WV	0.2		0.1				
WI	36.4	0.5	35.6	0.3			
WY							
US ³	8,176.2	7,861.0	278.0	37.2	258.6	16.9	241.7

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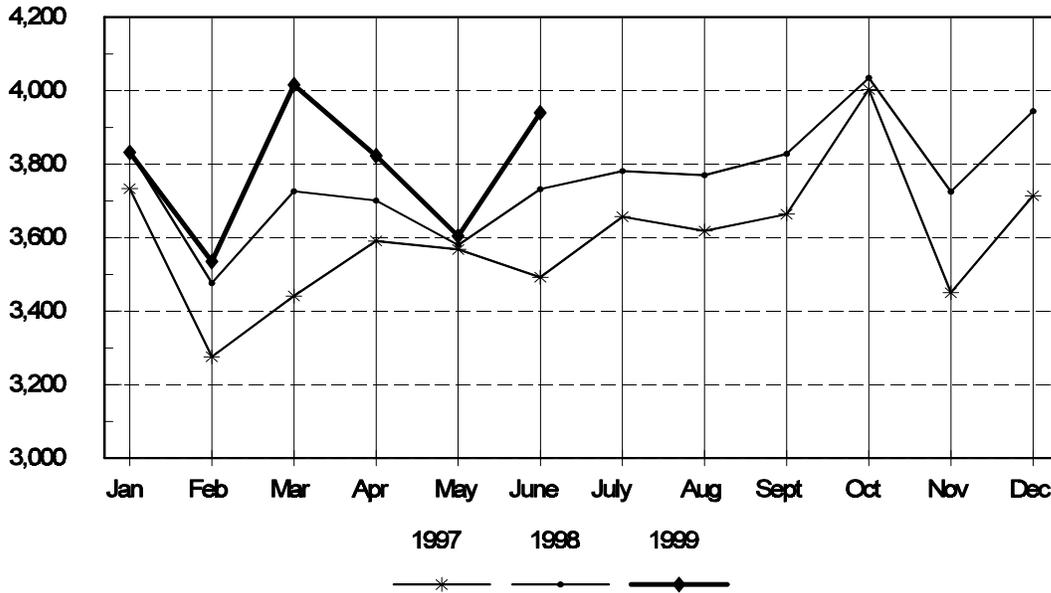
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

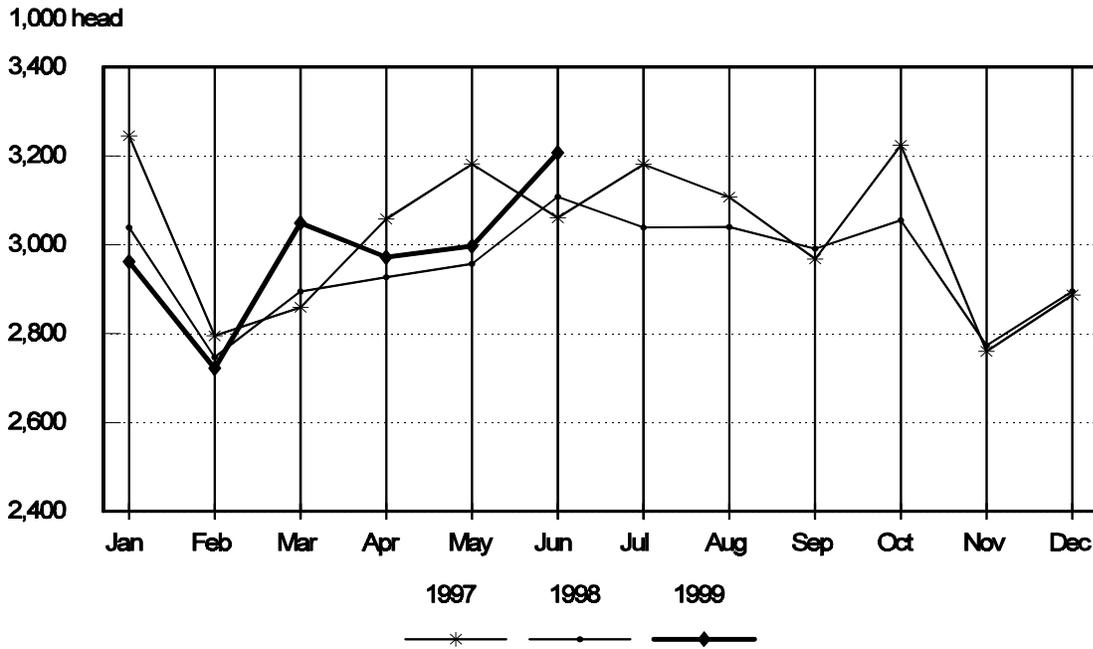
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				1998	1999
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.3	98.3	98.1	98.1
Calves	98.0	96.9	97.8	97.8	97.8
Hogs	98.3	98.2	98.3	98.4	98.1
Sheep	96.0	96.1	95.9	96.6	96.5

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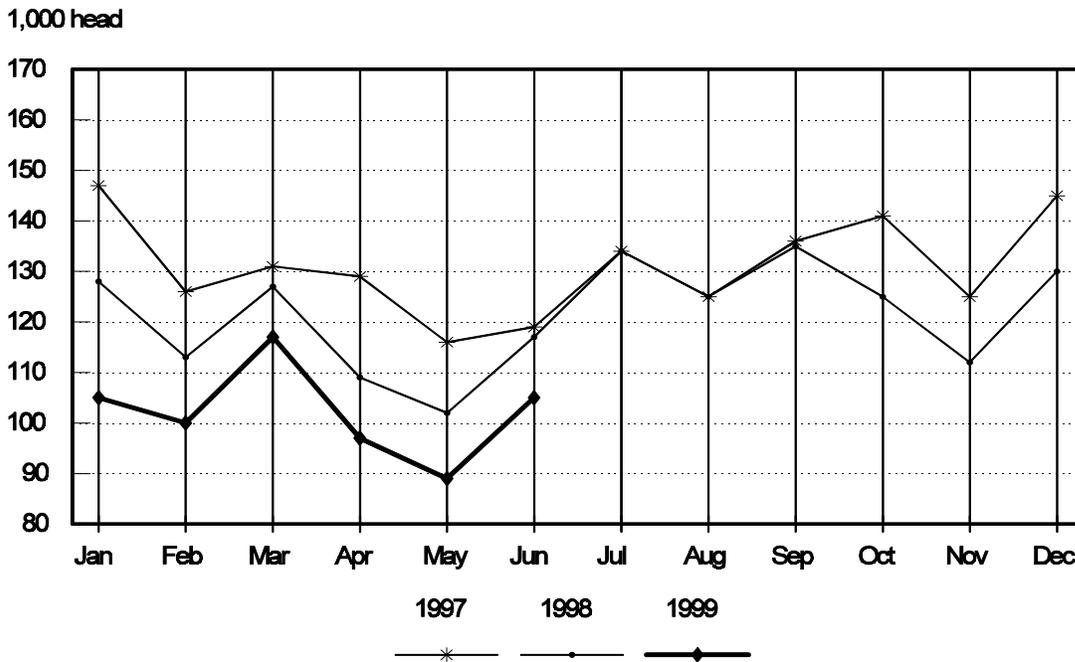
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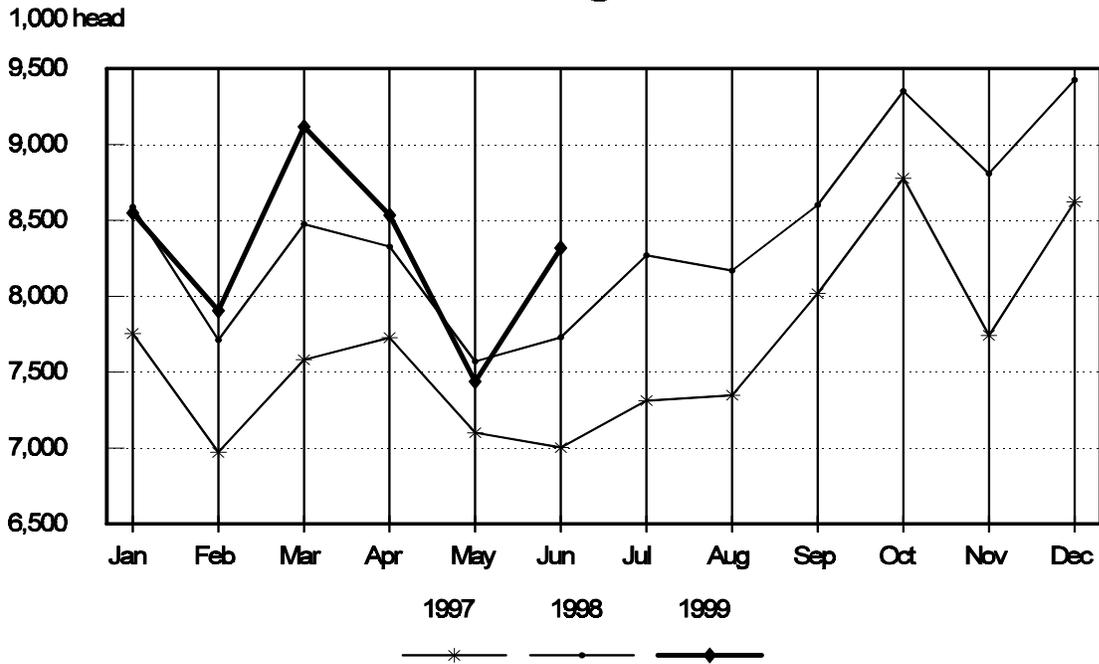
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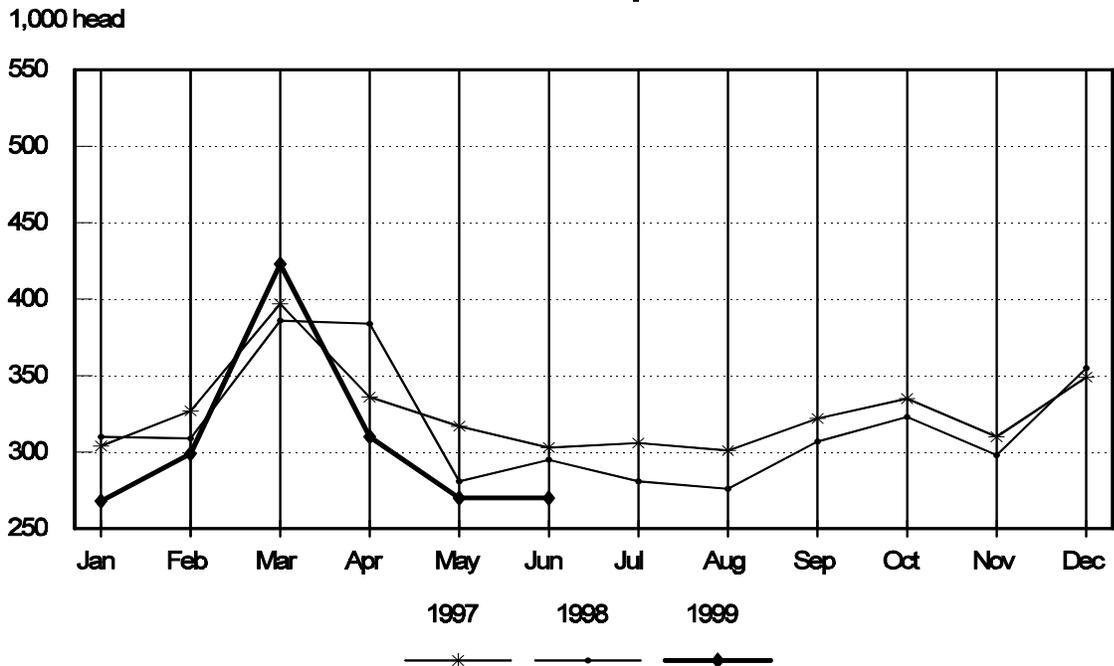
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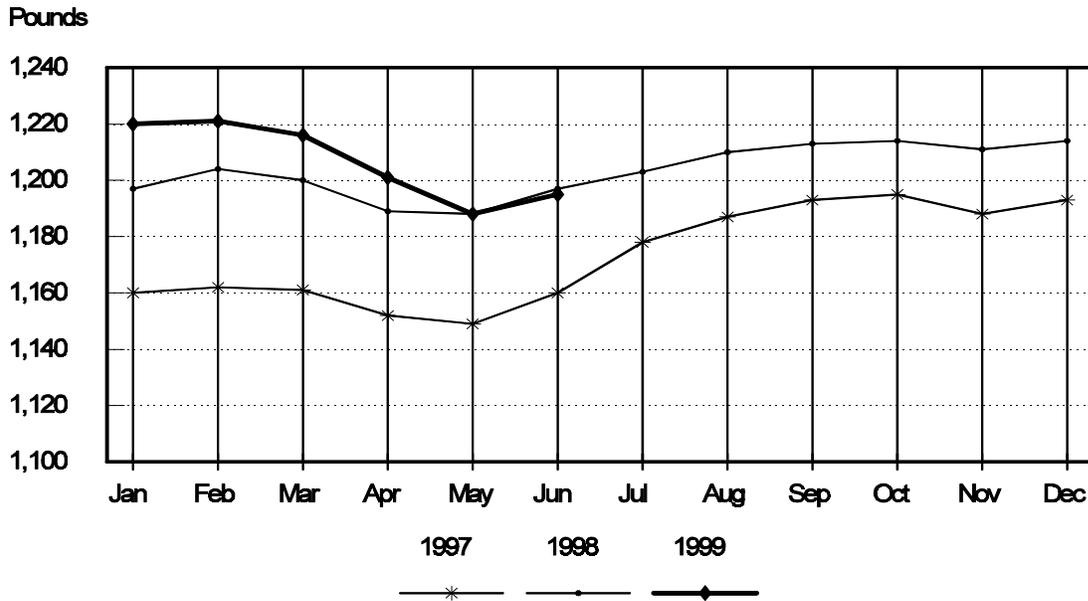
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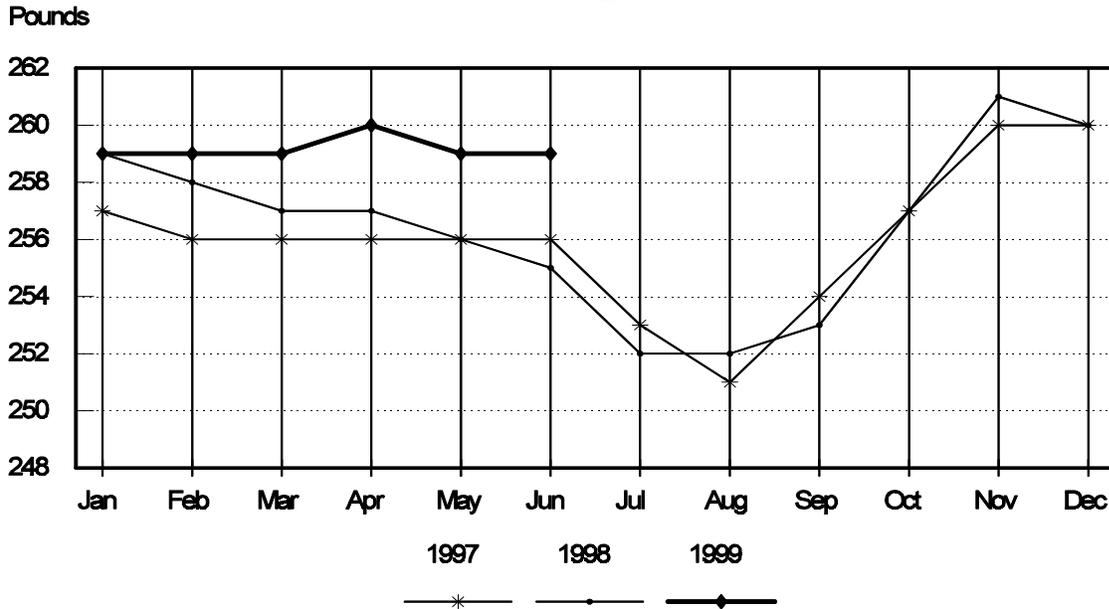
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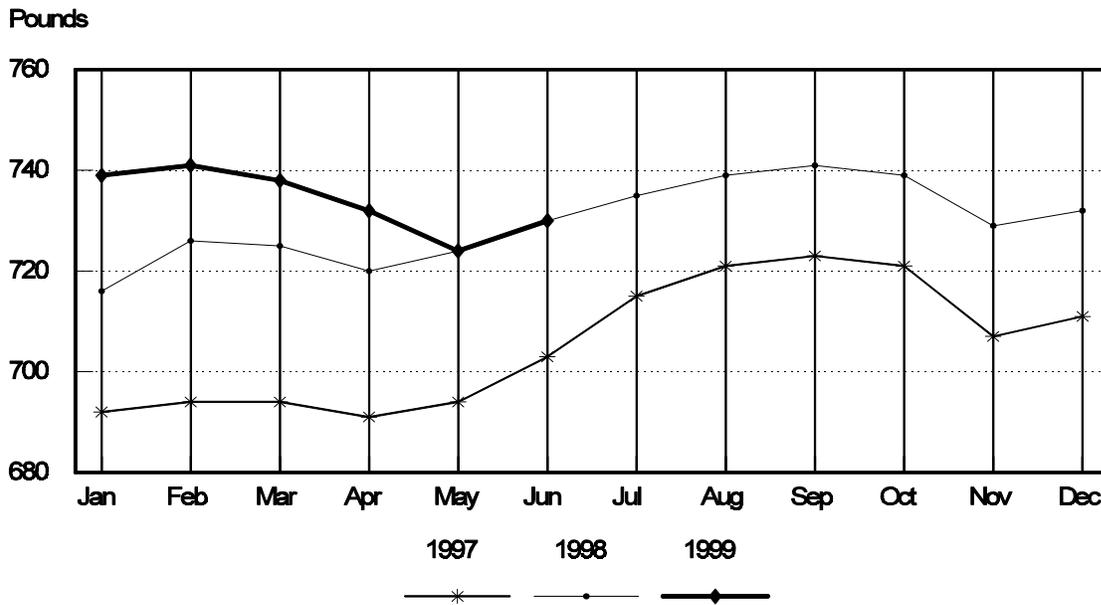
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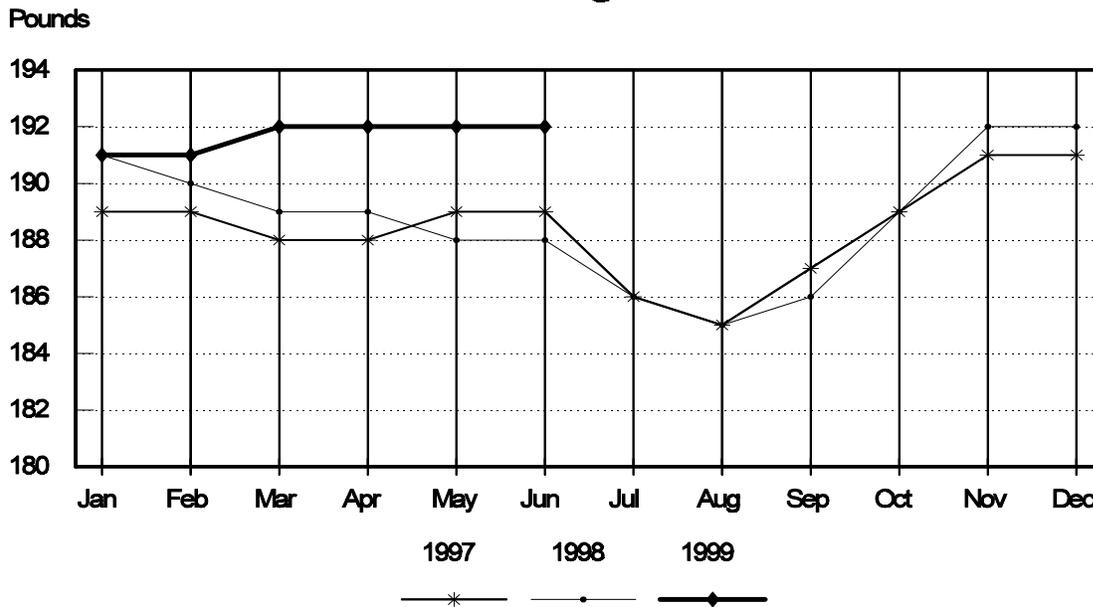
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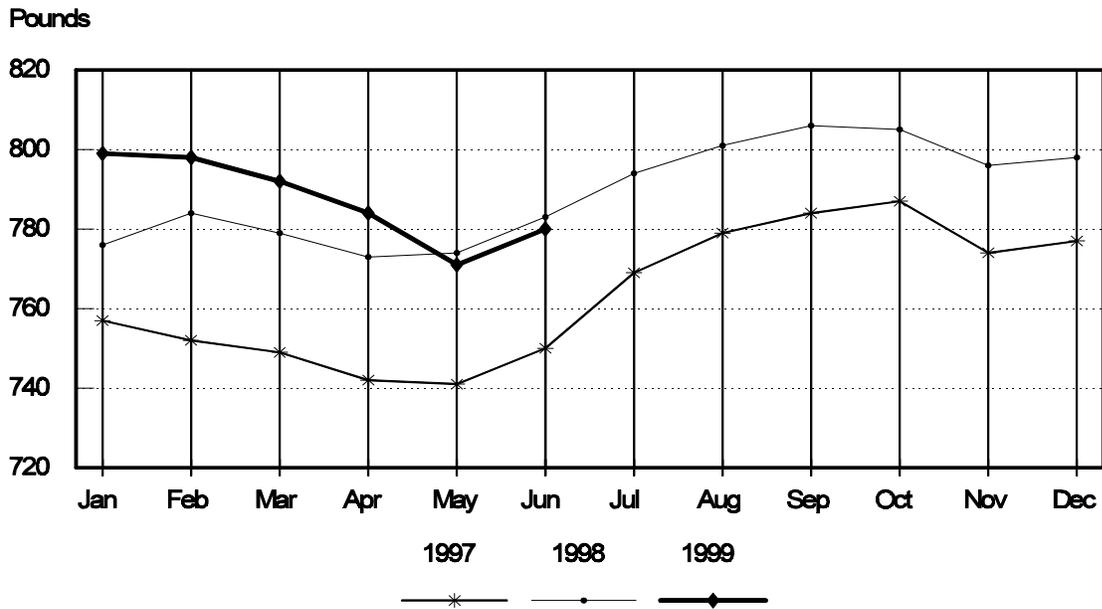
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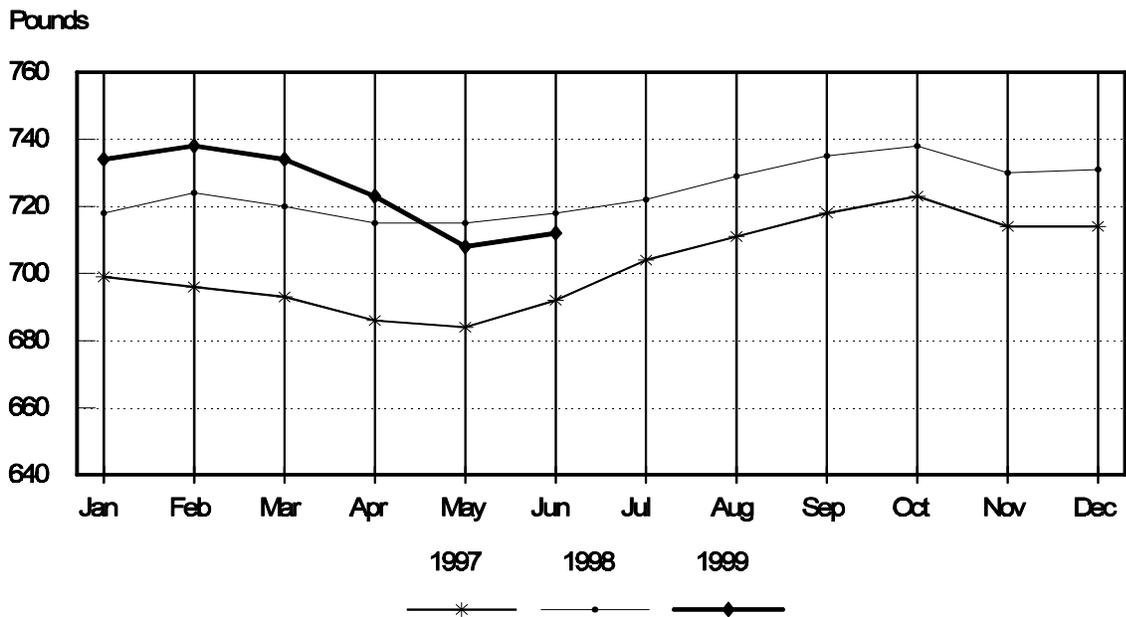
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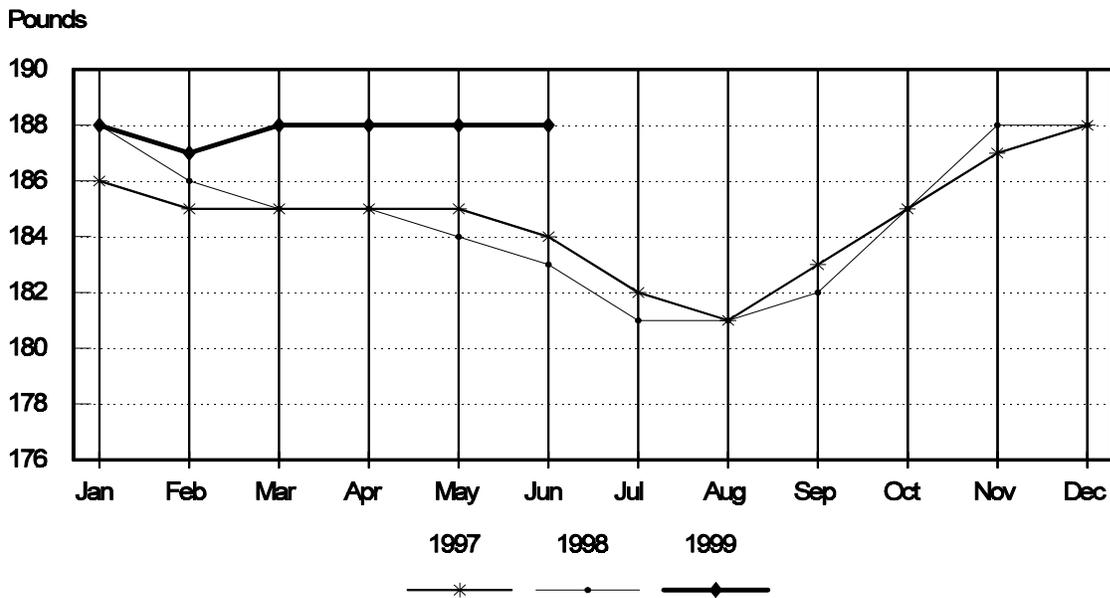
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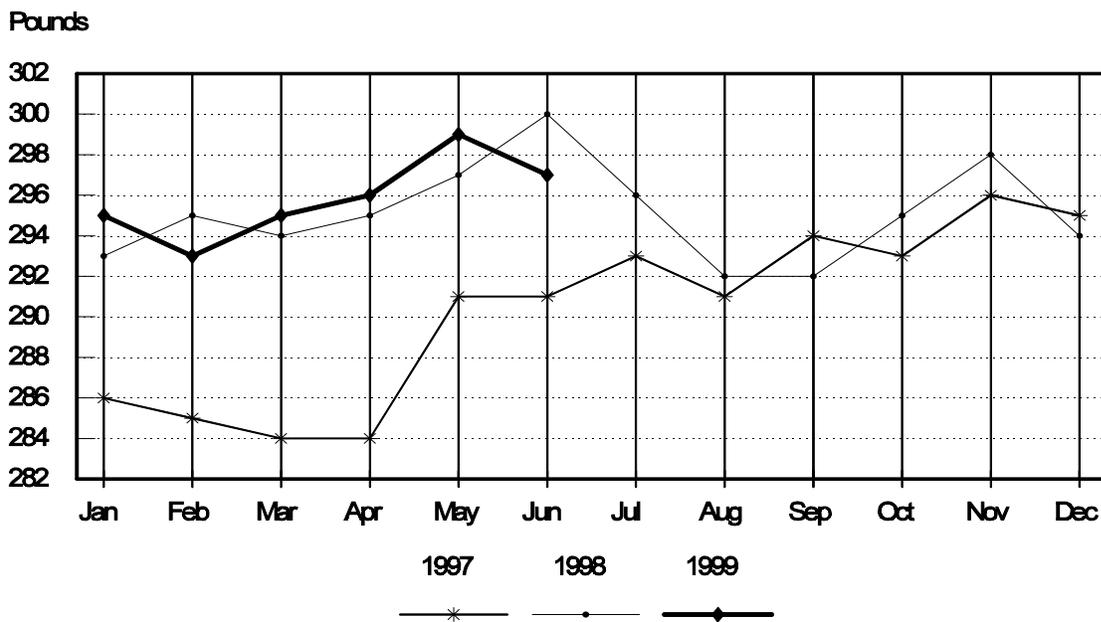
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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 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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