



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in January 2000, down 1 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in January 1999.

January 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays (including one holiday).

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,229 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 2 percent below January a year ago and equal to the previous record low for January set in 1998. Calf slaughter totaled 93 thousand head, down 12 percent from January 1999. The average live weight was 33 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.57 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.14 million head, 5 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 7 percent from January 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 282 thousand head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from January a year ago.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan 00 % of		Jan ²		
				Jan 1999	Dec 1999	1999	2000	00 as % of 99
	<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	2,170	*2,113	2,178	100	103	2,170	2,178	100
Veal	18	*20	17	98	84	18	17	98
Pork	*1,628	*1,705	1,570	96	92	1,628	1,570	96
Lamb & Mutton	18	24	19	107	81	18	19	107
Total Red Meat	*3,833	3,862	3,784	99	98	3,833	3,784	99

* Revised.

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan 00 % of		Jan ²		
				Jan 1999	Dec 1999	1999	2000	00 as % of 99
	<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	2,136	2,077	2,143	100	103	2,136	2,143	100
Veal	17	20	17	99	84	17	17	99
Pork	1,597	1,679	1,548	97	92	1,597	1,548	97
Lamb & Mutton	17	23	19	106	81	17	19	106
Total Red Meat	*3,767	3,798	3,727	99	98	3,767	3,727	99

* Revised.

¹ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan 00 % of		Jan ²		
					Jan 1999	Dec 1999	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,903.5	2,814.2	2,877.9	99	102	2,903.5	2,877.9	99
Other	Thou	*57.9	*60.6	58.9	102	97	57.9	58.9	102
Comm'l. ³	Thou	*2,961.3	*2,874.8	2,936.9	99	102	2,961.3	2,936.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,224	1,228	1,233	101	100	1,224	1,233	101
Other	Lbs	*1,037	*1,063	1,054	102	99	1,037	1,054	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,220	1,225	1,229	101	100	1,220	1,229	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	102.7	109.6	90.5	88	83	102.7	90.5	88
Other	Thou	*2.6	*2.6	2.1	81	82	2.6	2.1	81
Comm'l. ³	Thou	*105.4	*112.2	92.7	88	83	105.4	92.7	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	275	300	308	112	103	275	308	112
Other	Lbs	*402	*391	415	103	106	402	415	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	278	*302	311	112	103	278	311	112
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,372.8	8,719.2	8,010.3	96	92	8,372.8	8,010.3	96
Other	Thou	*180.9	*165.5	130.5	72	79	180.9	130.5	72
Comm'l. ³	Thou	*8,553.7	*8,884.7	8,140.8	95	92	8,553.7	8,140.8	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	259	262	262	101	100	259	262	101
Other	Lbs	241	*223	238	99	107	241	238	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	259	261	262	101	100	259	262	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	260.4	340.8	271.4	104	80	260.4	271.4	104
Other	Thou	*8.3	*15.1	10.4	124	68	8.3	10.4	124
Comm'l. ³	Thou	*268.7	*355.9	281.7	105	79	268.7	281.7	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	135	136	138	103	101	135	138	103
Other	Lbs	*101	*103	101	100	98	101	101	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	135	137	103	102	134	137	103

* 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	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan 00 as % of ²	
				Jan 1999	Dec 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	14.0	2.7	2.5	18	93
AK		0.1			
AZ	28.2	30.2	30.4	108	101
AR	6.7	5.8	6.1	92	105
CA	*89.0	91.7	88.3	99	96
CO	185.8	171.1	183.4	99	107
DE-MD	6.3	5.5	5.0	80	92
FL	3.3	4.9	4.2	130	87
GA	*22.4	28.3	27.4	122	97
HI	1.1	1.3	1.1	103	87
ID	45.7	50.1	52.0	114	104
IL	213.1	*222.2	204.9	96	92
IN	98.3	111.0	106.6	108	96
IA	527.9	534.8	510.8	97	96
KS	*498.1	*503.0	512.4	103	102
KY	*48.9	39.2	37.6	77	96
LA	1.6	1.6	1.5	92	92
MI	28.2	30.0	27.2	96	90
MN	*173.6	*182.6	169.7	98	93
MS	24.8	*25.6	23.1	93	90
MO	70.3	73.2	66.2	94	90
MT	*2.0	*1.9	1.7	84	87
NE	*581.1	*552.6	560.6	96	101
NV	0.1	0.1			
N ENG ³	1.7	2.2	1.6	94	74
NJ	4.2	5.5	4.1	98	75
NM	1.1	0.8	1.0	90	116
NY	4.1	5.0	4.2	102	83
NC	*156.6	170.8	152.2	97	89
ND	4.5	2.9	2.4	53	83
OH	27.0	31.0	26.4	98	85
OK	77.2	87.1	82.7	107	95
OR	3.1	3.5	3.6	116	103
PA	92.3	104.9	92.6	100	88
SC	17.6	19.8	17.2	98	87
SD	*86.5	*90.4	82.1	95	91
TN	20.2	21.0	19.8	98	95
TX	407.9	370.3	401.1	98	108
UT	39.4	37.6	37.9	96	101
VA	*65.7	*66.0	56.5	86	86
WA	49.2	56.3	62.5	127	111
WV	1.1	1.0	0.9	80	89
WI	102.3	116.1	112.3	110	97
WY	0.6	0.5	0.5	76	90
US	*3,832.9	*3,862.2	3,784.5	99	98

* Revised.

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,
January 1999 and 2000 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	19.9	0.8	25,115	626	1,260	833
AK						
AZ	39.2	40.8	45,383	50,667	1,157	1,243
AR	1.9	1.8	1,670	1,702	864	954
CA	*80.8	83.5	*104,415	104,908	*1,292	1,257
CO	230.8	221.8	283,202	278,398	1,227	1,255
DE-MD	3.0	2.9	3,558	3,493	1,205	1,205
FL	4.6	6.2	*4,544	7,016	983	1,136
GA	28.4	36.7	*32,024	41,636	1,129	1,136
HI	1.2	1.4	1,227	1,273	1,007	905
ID	61.7	71.6	76,828	86,723	1,245	1,212
IL	77.4	76.4	94,821	94,473	1,226	1,237
IN	3.6	4.1	3,777	4,251	1,056	1,048
IA	*70.1	52.2	*85,186	66,358	1,215	1,270
KS	*636.0	653.5	*771,551	794,026	1,213	1,215
KY	5.5	1.6	5,584	1,355	1,024	862
LA	2.0	2.0	1,482	1,612	756	826
MI	30.3	28.9	42,293	40,861	1,397	1,414
MN	*55.6	55.1	*73,111	76,961	*1,316	1,397
MS						
MO	*7.8	8.2	*9,452	8,877	*1,206	1,085
MT	*2.1	1.9	*2,321	2,153	1,115	1,128
NE	622.0	594.7	*782,854	760,429	*1,259	1,279
NV	0.1	0.1	93	63	1,135	965
N ENG ²	2.1	1.9	2,181	2,131	1,046	1,095
NJ	1.9	1.9	2,279	2,119	1,176	1,117
NM	2.0	1.7	1,904	1,688	939	978
NY	5.0	5.3	5,677	6,056	1,129	1,152
NC	*12.8	12.4	*13,192	13,092	*1,031	1,057
ND	4.5	1.0	5,927	1,069	1,310	1,099
OH	11.5	11.3	13,036	12,844	1,129	1,138
OK	3.3	3.4	3,133	3,120	961	927
OR	1.1	1.1	1,367	1,404	1,243	1,305
PA	78.8	77.9	101,273	98,236	1,286	1,261
SC						
SD	*22.5	25.7	*29,788	36,582	*1,326	1,426
TN	2.4	2.4	1,926	2,018	814	833
TX	559.0	547.8	644,543	630,416	1,153	1,151
UT	51.2	49.3	61,935	59,541	1,209	1,208
VA	*2.3	2.6	*2,116	2,535	*940	979
WA	65.4	82.9	81,950	102,717	1,252	1,239
WV	1.4	1.3	1,331	1,115	923	865
WI	*137.5	148.0	*174,772	191,120	1,271	1,291
WY	0.7	0.6	749	644	1,099	1,102
US ³	*2,961.3	2,936.9	*3,612,644	3,610,156	1,220	1,229

* Revised.

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
January 1999 and 2000 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR						
CA	*15.0	11.6	1,846	1,926	123	167
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.6	9.6	4,077	4,094	425	426
IN	*5.5	7.8	*1,964	2,429	*358	313
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	*1.4	0.9	*642	463	463	490
MI	4.1	3.1	1,028	987	250	317
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	40	30	400	429
MO	0.2	0.2	68	68	360	328
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.7	2.3	465	328	126	143
NJ	9.3	7.9	3,716	3,540	400	447
NM						
NY	13.1	11.0	1,101	987	84	90
NC	0.2	0.2	74	75	394	408
ND						
OH	2.3	3.0	1,005	1,247	433	409
OK	0.1	0.1	37	51	417	446
OR						
PA	14.9	13.0	4,789	4,449	320	341
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.3	2.9	1,470	1,265	446	432
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	19	14	290	263
WA						
WV						
WI	15.4	13.5	*5,614	5,729	366	425
WY						
US ³	*105.4	92.7	*29,326	28,848	*278	311

* Revised.

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 Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
January 1999 and 2000 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	7.3	8.0	3,748	3,384	516	421
AK						
AZ	0.7	0.5	146	117	211	231
AR						
CA	*208.0	192.7	*45,028	42,045	216	218
CO	2.2	1.5	575	409	259	266
DE-MD	24.3	15.9	5,562	3,908	229	246
FL	6.8	7.2	1,243	1,195	183	167
GA	25.2	22.0	*6,973	6,883	*277	312
HI	2.8	2.9	582	586	205	205
ID						
IL	781.6	737.5	205,941	192,391	263	261
IN	498.8	529.8	126,316	136,743	253	258
IA	*2,470.4	2,399.0	*644,535	630,821	261	263
KS	43.0	40.6	*12,775	12,176	297	300
KY	233.0	186.0	60,965	49,428	262	266
LA	*3.2	2.9	707	617	*221	214
MI	10.6	9.1	*3,716	3,526	352	387
MN	711.6	668.1	184,826	175,467	260	263
MS						
MO	*334.1	318.6	*87,228	81,648	261	256
MT	*3.6	2.0	*844	514	*237	256
NE	*551.1	496.3	*141,975	130,785	258	264
NV						
N ENG ²	1.8	1.7	458	426	252	247
NJ	6.4	8.5	626	851	98	100
NM	0.2	0.4	38	77	210	211
NY	4.0	3.2	730	697	181	215
NC	*827.6	781.2	*201,486	194,883	*243	249
ND	*9.8	10.9	*2,368	2,643	242	243
OH	101.2	99.8	26,711	26,036	264	261
OK	383.9	392.5	101,275	107,759	264	275
OR	14.6	17.3	3,787	4,500	260	260
PA	191.0	203.7	47,007	49,579	246	243
SC						
SD	*376.2	329.7	*97,256	85,523	258	259
TN	67.5	65.6	29,288	28,783	434	439
TX	29.2	33.2	9,315	10,831	319	326
UT	3.6	3.6	656	612	183	169
VA	*354.3	292.1	*86,056	73,853	243	253
WA	1.3	1.6	329	397	245	243
WV	1.3	1.0	506	331	381	320
WI	*34.1	37.1	*13,070	15,229	*384	410
WY	0.9	0.4	225	110	244	248
US ³	*8,553.7	8,140.8	*2,215,150	2,132,806	259	262

* Revised.

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,
January 1999 and 2000 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR						
CA						
CO	107.9	98.3	15,493	14,657	144	149
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.3	0.3	25	23	89	77
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	33	35	117	122
IL						
IN	1.8	2.6	177	252	97	98
IA	*40.1	37.9	*5,726	5,451	143	144
KS	0.1	0.1	12	15	111	113
KY	0.4	0.4	61	53	149	119
LA	*0.2	0.2	*17	14	*95	92
MI	15.3	17.0	1,943	2,140	127	126
MN	0.1	0.2	16	19	119	117
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.3	*31	33	127	128
NE	0.1	0.1	*11	9	*94	113
NV		0.1	3	6	107	101
N ENG ²	1.3	1.3	129	138	*101	105
NJ	7.7	7.4	708	722	92	98
NM	2.8	2.3	334	272	121	119
NY	1.4	1.3	157	159	109	123
NC	0.2	0.1	15	5	87	101
ND		0.1	*6	8	*127	131
OH	0.5	0.5	48	53	103	118
OK		0.3	4	39	113	119
OR	0.4	0.5	46	64	129	126
PA	5.1	4.4	528	412	103	94
SC		0.1	2	14	105	101
SD	0.1	1.5	*14	165	*111	113
TN	0.2	0.3	14	23	76	90
TX	37.0	42.7	4,719	5,714	128	134
UT	1.8	2.7	216	315	120	119
VA	*1.2	0.8	*116	80	99	95
WA						
WV						
WI	*0.6	1.0	*70	127	120	124
WY	0.1	0.1	12	12	133	128
US ³	*268.7	281.7	*35,941	38,645	134	137

* Revised.

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	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan ¹		Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan ¹	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>								
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,399	1,395	1,404	1,399	1,404	48.2	49.6	48.8	48.2	48.8
Heifers	972	882	960	972	960	33.5	31.3	33.4	33.5	33.4
All Cows	488	487	464	488	464	16.8	17.3	16.2	16.8	16.2
Dairy Cows	223	233	226	223	226	7.7	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.9
Other Cows	265	254	238	265	238	9.1	9.0	8.3	9.1	8.3
Bulls & Stags	45	50	50	45	50	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.7
Total ¹	2,903	2,814	2,878	2,903	2,878	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,057	8,423	7,754	8,057	7,754	96.2	96.6	96.8	96.2	96.8
Sows	283	267	231	283	231	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.4	2.9
Stags & Boars	33	30	25	33	25	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total ¹	8,373	8,719	8,010	8,373	8,010	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	17	13	13	13	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.8
Lambs & Yrlngs	247	323	258	247	258	95.1	94.9	95.2	95.1	95.2
Total ¹	260	341	271	260	271	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	739	742	748	739	748					
Heifers ⁴	799	804	805	799	805					
All Cows ⁴	734	736	741	734	741					
All Cows ⁴	564	563	575	564	575					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	864	879	902	864	902					
Total	168	184	188	168	188					
Calves & Vealers										
Calves & Vealers	168	184	188	168	188					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	191	193	194	191	194					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	190	191	188	191					
Sows ⁵	295	301	300	295	300					
Sows ⁵	224	233	227	224	227					
Stags & Boars ⁵										
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	67	68	68	67	68					
Mature Sheep ⁶	60	59	59	60	59					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	68	68	69	68	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,
January 2000¹**

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	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.2	2.3
2	7.0	1.4	0.5	4.6	3.7	0.8	0.6	18.9
3	81.1	35.4	6.3	37.7	27.2	10.5	1.6	13.2
4	66.8	1.4	0.4	56.3	22.6	33.6	8.8	2.9
5	303.1	119.0	50.6	124.4	89.7	34.7	9.0	36.8
6	546.8	275.2	194.7	63.2	12.0	51.1	13.7	2.7
7	1,298.7	695.4	532.4	66.2	4.3	61.9	4.7	0.1
8	293.5	148.2	119.0	22.5	4.3	18.2	3.9	
9	125.1	55.4	10.2	56.5	46.9	9.6	3.0	11.4
10	154.2	72.0	45.6	32.5	14.6	17.9	4.1	2.2
US ²	2,877.9	1,403.6	959.9	464.9	226.4	238.5	49.6	90.5
	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	1.4	1.3			1.2	0.3	0.9	
2	11.5	11.3	0.2	0.1	8.6	1.3	7.3	
3	510.3	507.9	2.4		7.2	0.4	6.9	
4	1,221.3	1,133.6	85.4	2.4	1.0	0.7	0.2	
5	2,027.5	1,957.8	68.3	1.5	36.5	4.1	32.5	
6	428.0	401.9	24.5	1.6	41.7	3.7	38.0	
7	3,244.2	3,192.0	33.2	19.1	38.6	0.1	38.6	
8	343.2	326.1	17.0		102.1	2.0	100.1	
9	189.6	189.4	0.1		33.7	0.4	33.4	
10	33.4	33.2	0.2		0.6	0.2	0.5	
US ²	8,010.3	7,754.5	231.2	24.7	271.4	13.1	258.2	

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 State and United States,
January 2000**

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								
AK								
AZ	40.6	33.5	0.7	6.4	6.4			
AR	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	
CA	83.0	21.5	9.3	49.3	40.4	8.9	2.9	11.4
CO	221.1	120.2	99.7	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.9	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.2			
FL	6.2	0.6	0.1	5.1	1.6	3.5	0.4	
GA	35.3	0.1		30.3	5.2	25.1	4.9	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	
ID	70.4	34.0	11.7	22.1	7.9	14.2	2.7	
IL	73.9	39.7	34.2					9.6
IN	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1			7.8
IA	50.8	27.3	23.2				0.3	
KS	649.7	371.0	277.1	1.5	0.1	1.4	0.1	
KY	0.5	0.3	0.2					
LA								
MI	26.9	18.1	2.0	6.7	6.7		0.1	3.0
MN	52.2	10.8	3.7	32.5	14.2	18.3	5.1	
MS								
MO	5.3	1.2	0.6	3.1	0.8	2.3	0.4	
MT	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	592.8	295.8	231.5	61.6	3.4	58.2	4.0	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.7	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	2.3
NJ	1.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	7.9
NM	1.1			1.0	1.0			
NY	5.1	0.6	0.3	3.8	3.1	0.7	0.4	11.0
NC	11.6	0.1		9.1	4.9	4.2	2.3	0.2
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
OH	5.3	0.3	0.2	4.5	3.4	1.1	0.4	3.0
OK								
OR								
PA	77.4	33.4	5.6	36.8	26.6	10.2	1.5	13.0
SC								
SD	23.1	1.2	0.7	17.9	1.9	16.0	3.3	
TN	1.6	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.1	
TX	543.5	274.7	194.4	60.8	10.6	50.2	13.6	2.5
UT	48.3	26.5	18.3	3.2	1.3	1.9	0.4	
VA	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
WA	82.9	37.4	33.8	10.4	6.7	3.7	1.3	
WV	0.1							
WI	144.2	49.8	10.4	80.7	65.3	15.4	3.4	13.5
WY								
US ³	2,877.9	1,403.6	959.9	464.9	226.4	238.5	49.6	90.5

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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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,
January 2000**

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		4.3	2.3			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	186.4	186.2	0.1				
CO	0.9	0.8	0.1		98.3		98.2
DE-MD	15.9	15.8					
FL	7.2	6.9	0.3				
GA	13.4	8.5	4.9				
HI	2.9	2.9					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	708.8	683.4	24.8	0.7			
IN	525.2	525.2			2.2	1.5	0.6
IA	2,397.1	2,352.6	25.5	19.1	37.8		37.8
KS	37.5	30.0	7.5				
KY	184.4	177.8	6.5		0.4	0.4	
LA							
MI	7.3	2.5	4.7	0.1	16.7	2.4	14.2
MN	665.6	665.5			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	315.5	315.4	0.1				
MT	1.0	1.0			0.1		0.1
NE	494.0	494.0					
NV					0.1		
N ENG ²	1.4	1.3			1.2	0.3	0.9
NJ	8.5	8.3	0.1	0.1	7.4	0.9	6.5
NM					1.6	1.2	0.4
NY	3.0	3.0			1.3	0.5	0.8
NC	771.1	764.4	6.7	0.1			
ND	10.5	10.5					
OH	89.6	80.7	8.9				
OK	390.5	383.8	6.7		0.3	0.1	0.2
OR	17.1	17.0	0.1		0.4	0.1	0.3
PA	203.2	202.6	0.5		4.3	0.2	4.1
SC							
SD	328.0	311.1	16.9		1.4		1.4
TN	64.9	3.5	61.3		0.3	0.1	0.1
TX	18.0	11.0	5.4	1.6	39.7	2.4	37.3
UT	2.7	2.7			2.3	1.9	0.4
VA	291.0	289.4	1.6		0.8		0.7
WA	1.6	1.6					
WV	0.3	0.1	0.2				
WI	30.9	0.4	29.9	0.7	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	8,010.3	7,754.5	231.2	24.7	271.4	13.1	258.2

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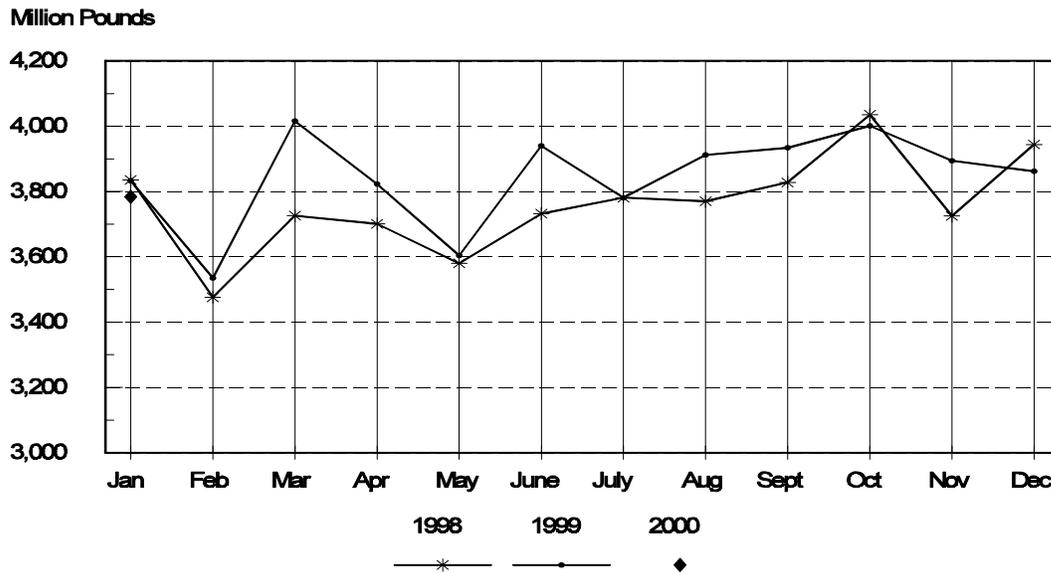
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

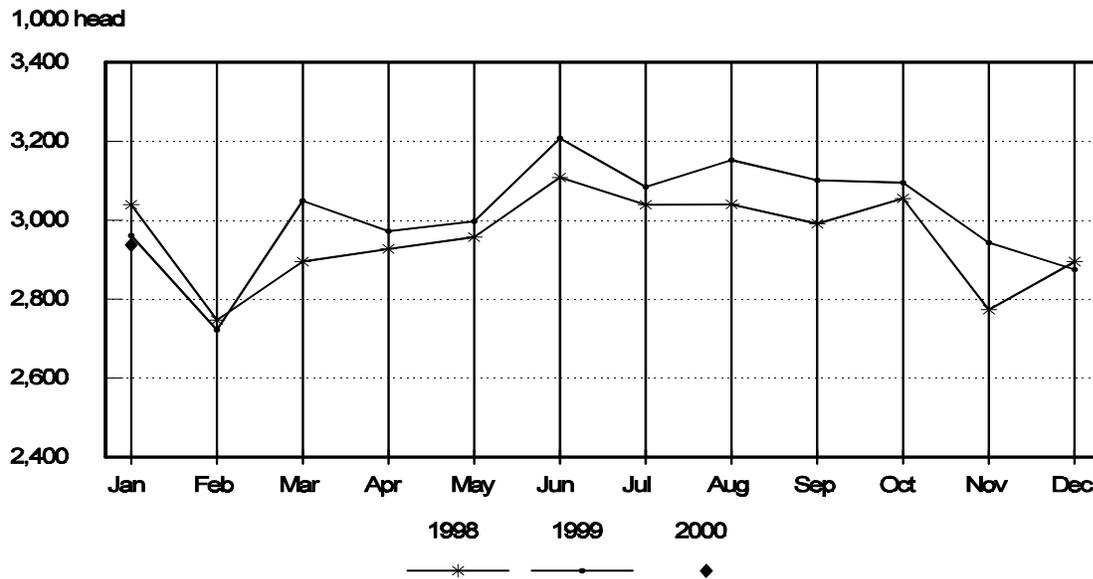
Species	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Jan - Jan	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	1999	2000
Cattle	98.0	*97.9	98.0	98.0	98.0
Calves	*97.5	*97.7	97.7	97.5	97.7
Hogs	97.9	98.1	98.4	97.9	98.4
Sheep	*96.9	*95.7	96.3	96.9	96.3

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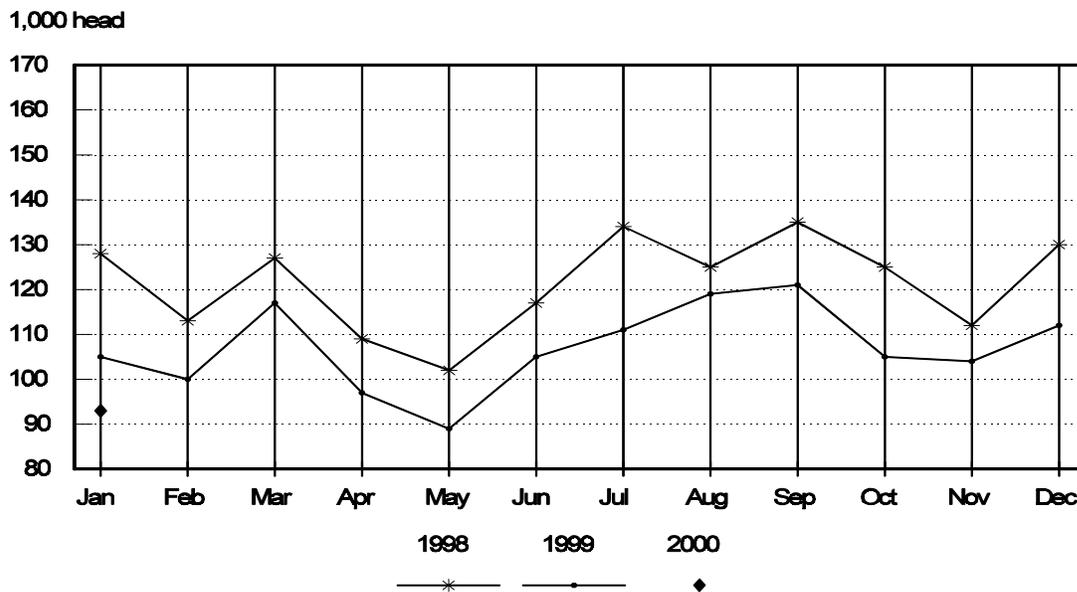
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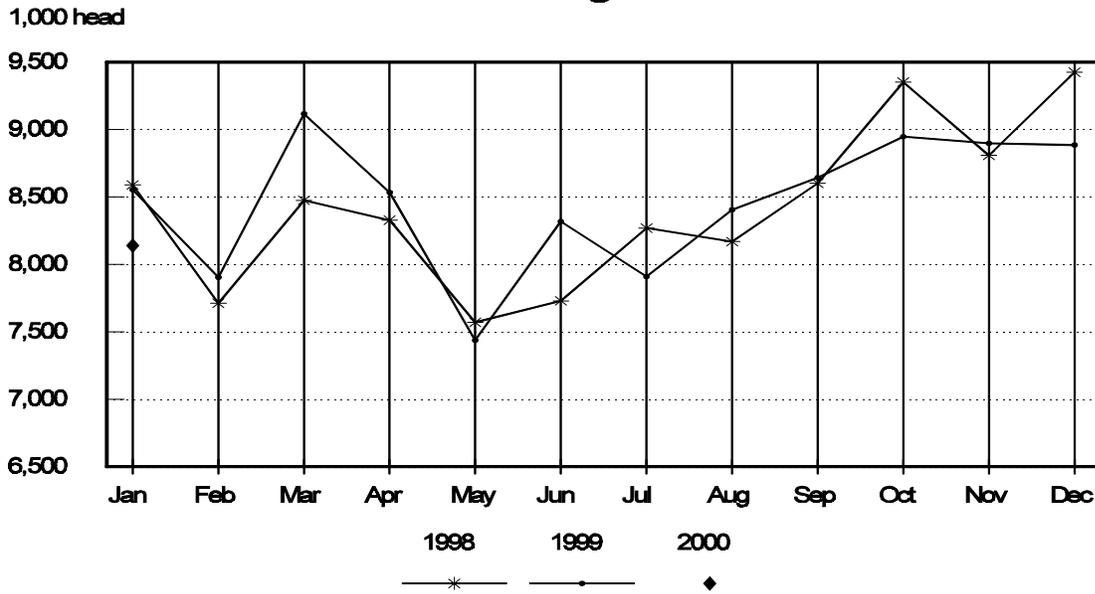
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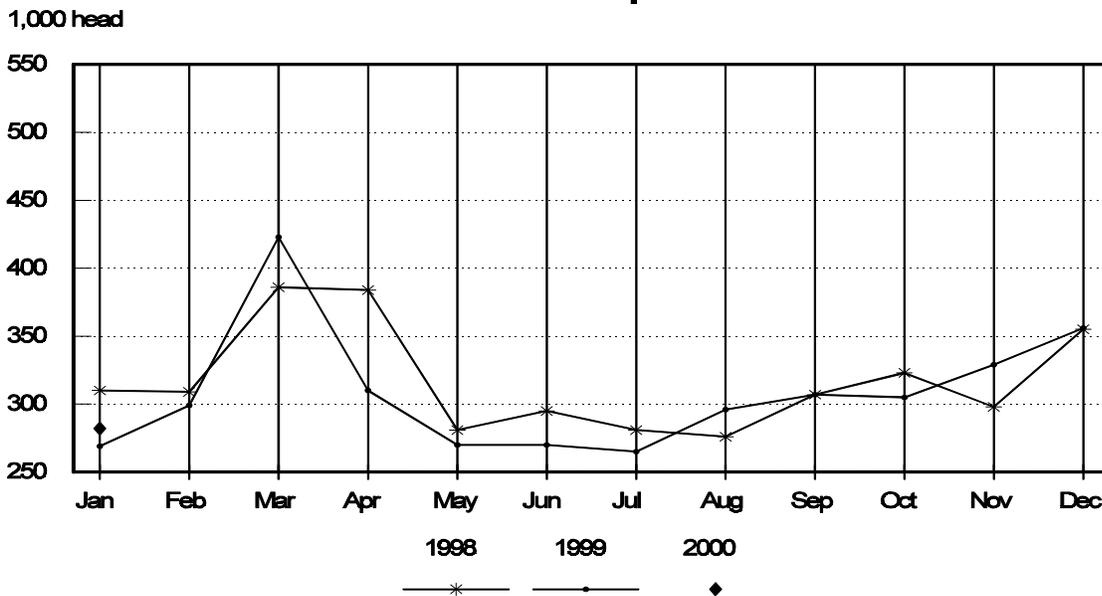
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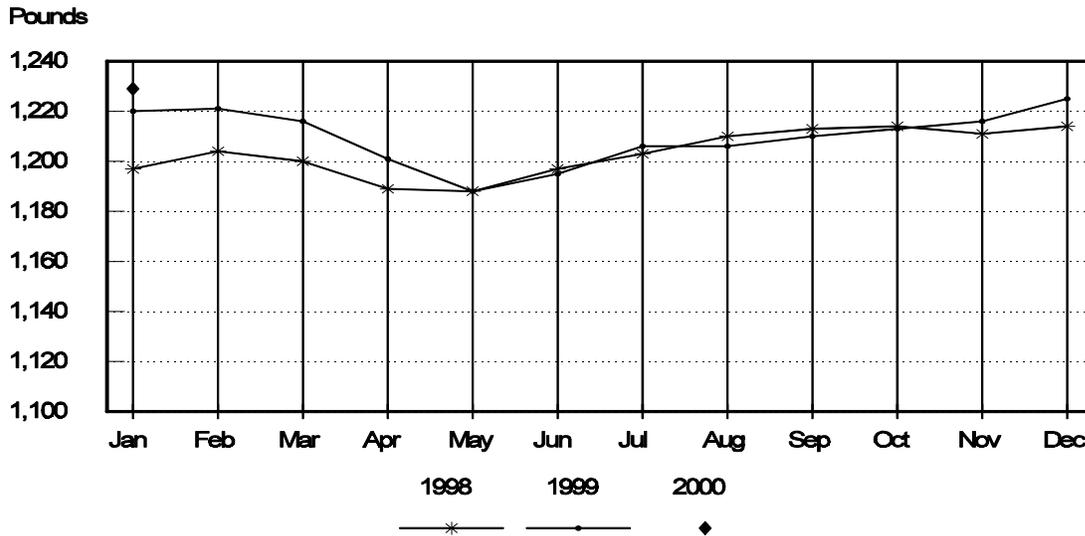
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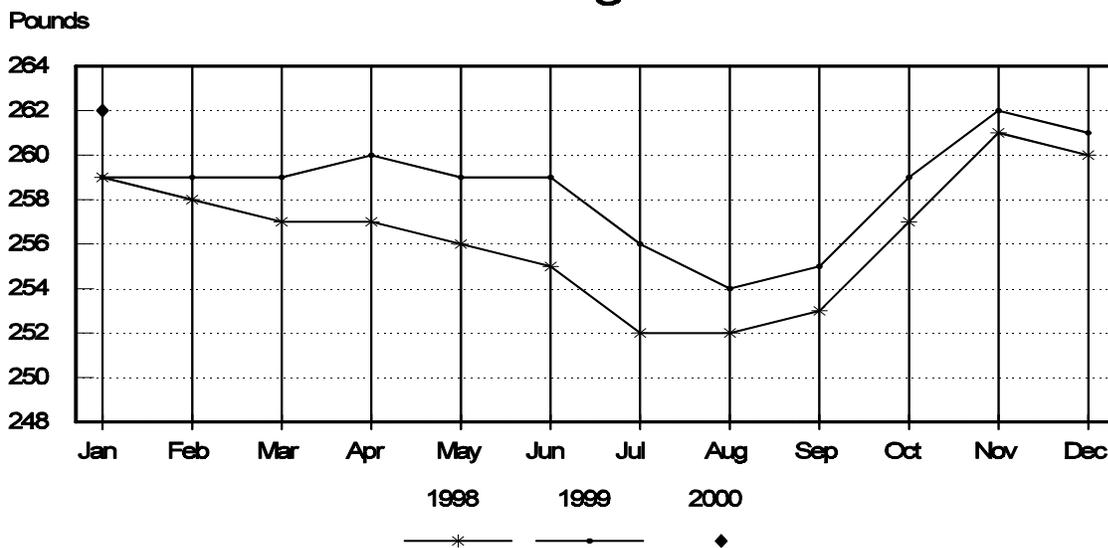
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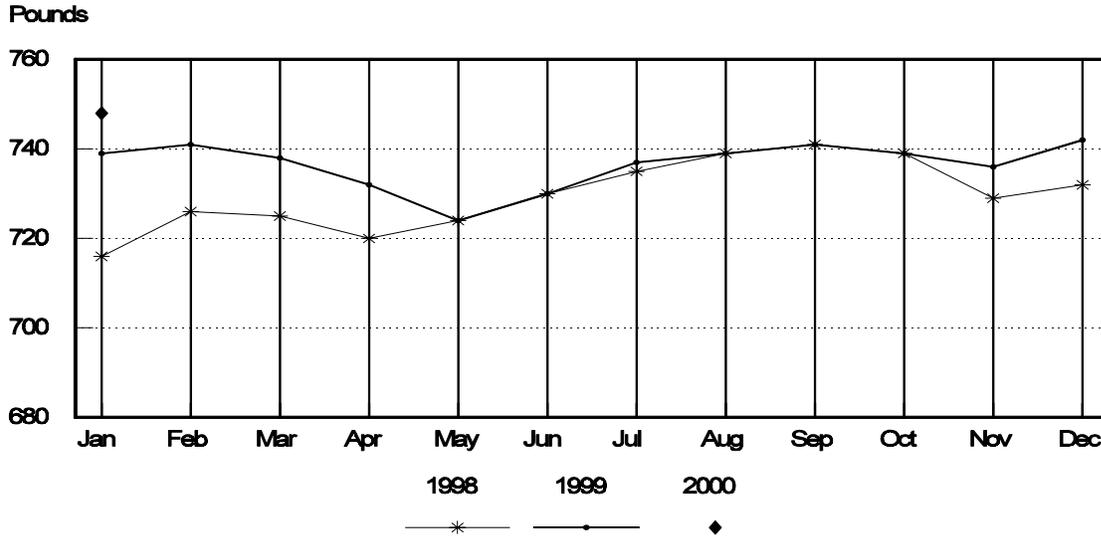
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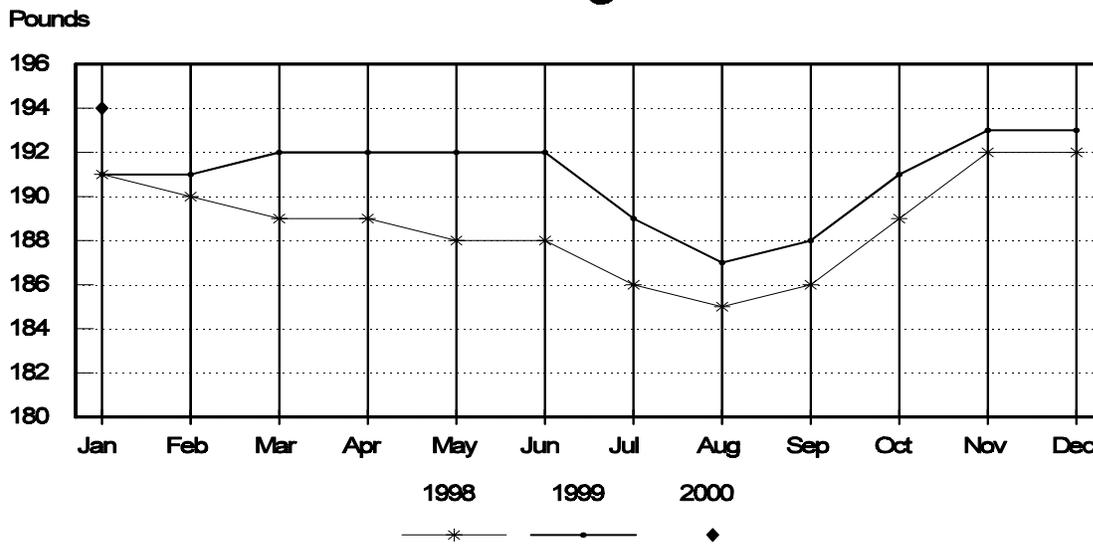
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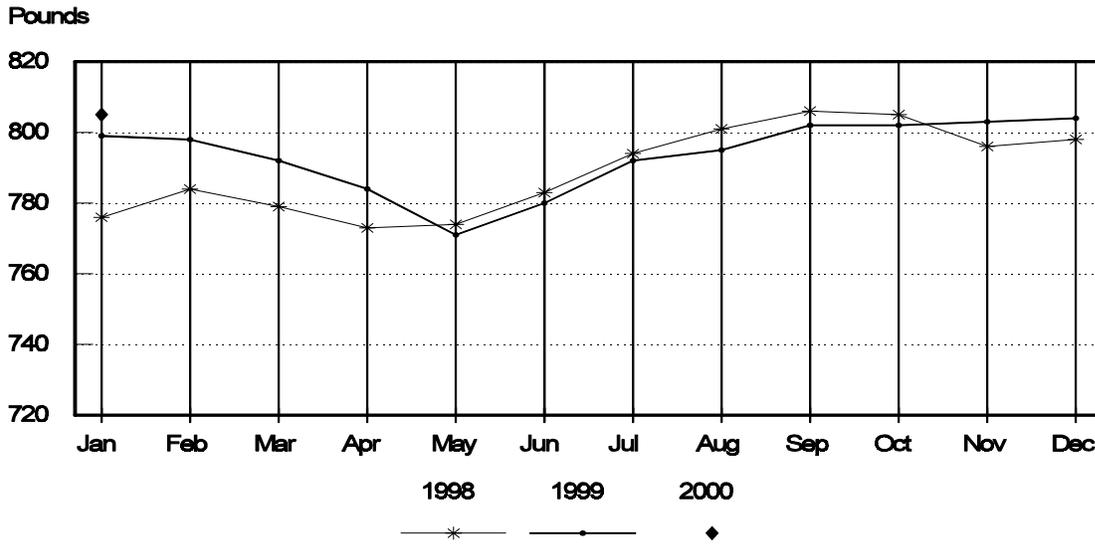
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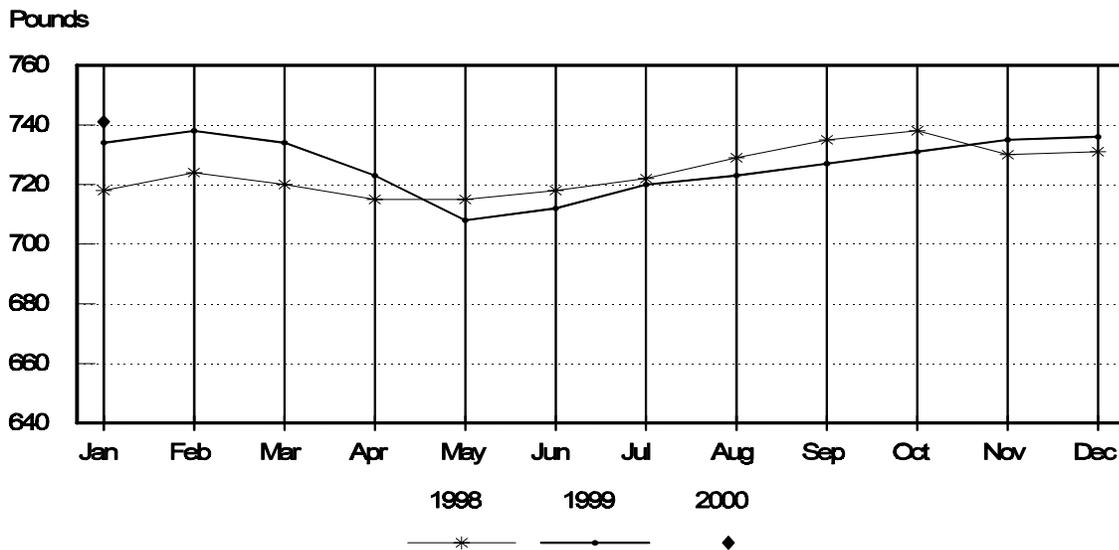
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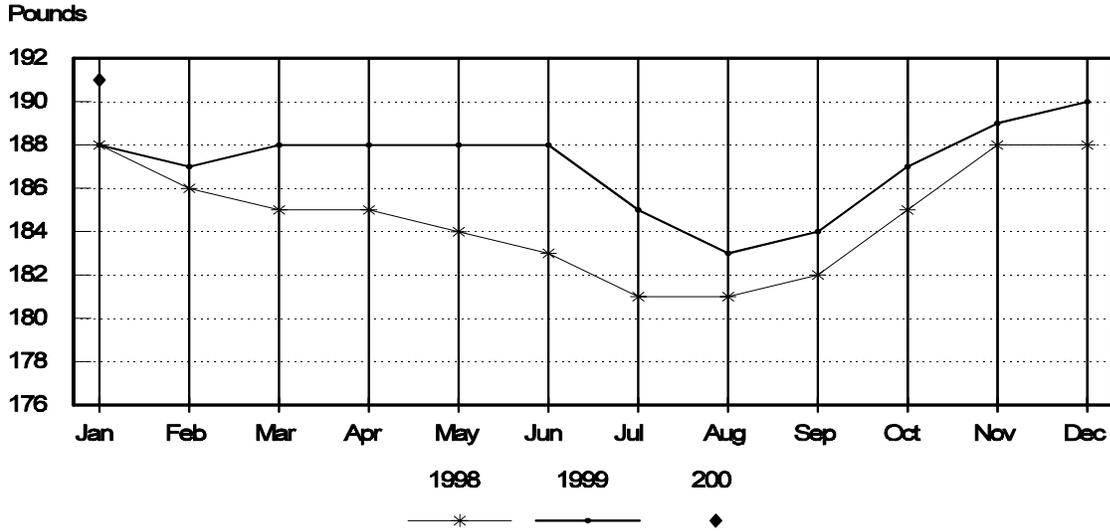
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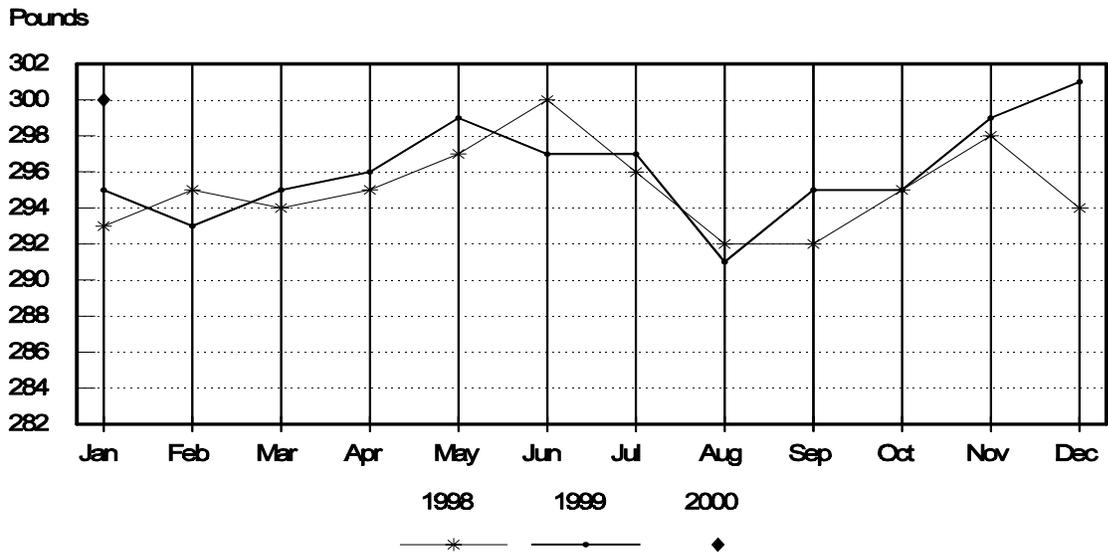
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,000 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 2,400 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 21). 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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