



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Sets Record High for March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the previous record high of 4.02 billion pounds produced in March 1999.

March 1999 and 2000 both contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, up 3 percent from 1999. The average live weight was down 1 pounds from the previous year, at 1,215 pounds.

Veal production totaled 20.0 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for March set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 103 thousand head, down 12 percent from March 1999. The average live weight was 33 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.81 million head, 3 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 24.0 million pounds, was down 17 percent from March 1999 and down 8 percent from the previous record low for March set in 1997 and 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 344 thousand head, 19 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.6 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent higher than last year, veal was 1 percent higher, pork was 1 percent lower, and lamb & mutton was down 6 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Mar 00 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 1999	Feb 2000	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	2,231	2,175	2,300	103	106	6,399	6,653	104
Veal	20	18	20	98	109	55	55	101
Pork	1,737	1,554	1,700	98	109	4,866	4,825	99
Lamb & Mutton	29	20	24	83	119	67	63	94
Total Red Meat	4,017	3,767	4,044	101	107	11,387	11,596	102

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	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Mar 00 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 1999	Feb 2000	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	2,196	2,143	2,268	103	106	6,297	6,554	104
Veal	20	17	18	93	106	53	52	99
Pork	1,707	1,535	1,681	98	110	4,777	4,764	100
Lamb & Mutton	28	20	23	83	119	65	62	94
Total Red Meat	3,951	3,714	3,991	101	107	11,193	11,432	102

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	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Mar 00 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
					Mar 1999	Feb 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,990.2	2,882.6	3,078.1	103	107	8,558.9	8,838.6	103
Other	Thou	60.2	54.5	52.9	88	97	175.3	166.3	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,050.4	2,937.1	3,131.0	103	107	8,734.2	9,004.9	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,220	1,228	1,217	100	99	1,222	1,226	100
Other	Lbs	1,043	1,067	1,075	103	101	1,043	1,065	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,216	1,225	1,215	100	99	1,219	1,223	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	114.7	92.0	97.1	85	106	315.0	279.6	89
Other	Thou	2.1	3.1	5.7	271	187	6.9	10.9	157
Comm'l. ³	Thou	116.8	95.1	102.8	88	108	321.9	290.5	90
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	285	315	314	110	100	281	312	111
Other	Lbs	409	443	437	107	99	402	434	108
Comm'l.	Lbs	287	318	320	112	101	284	317	112
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,945.1	7,954.8	8,695.2	97	109	25,064.0	24,660.4	98
Other	Thou	172.6	112.5	115.2	67	102	515.0	358.2	70
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,117.7	8,067.3	8,810.5	97	109	25,579.1	25,018.6	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	259	262	262	101	100	259	262	101
Other	Lbs	240	241	233	97	97	240	237	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	259	261	262	101	100	259	262	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	410.7	283.9	333.9	81	118	961.9	889.2	92
Other	Thou	13.2	9.0	10.3	78	114	30.2	29.6	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	423.9	293.0	344.2	81	117	992.1	918.9	93
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	138	139	141	102	101	137	139	102
Other	Lbs	103	100	101	98	101	101	101	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	137	138	140	102	101	135	138	102

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	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Mar 00 as % of ²	
				Mar 1999	Feb 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	17.0	3.1	3.7	22	117
AK					
AZ	30.9	30.6	33.8	110	111
AR	6.3	5.4	5.0	79	93
CA	93.9	83.6	94.8	101	113
CO	181.5	190.5	188.8	104	99
DE-MD	6.8	5.0	5.3	78	106
FL	3.8	4.4	4.7	125	108
GA	25.0	28.5	30.2	121	106
HI	1.2	1.1	1.2	99	112
ID	45.9	44.6	44.6	97	100
IL	228.9	207.1	232.6	102	112
IN	110.0	105.1	113.1	103	108
IA	573.6	497.8	549.7	96	110
KS	514.0	520.5	550.7	107	106
KY	45.5	36.0	39.0	86	109
LA	1.8	1.7	1.7	95	103
MI	32.6	29.1	31.7	97	109
MN	184.7	170.9	185.7	101	109
MS	24.2	23.3	24.9	103	107
MO	74.1	63.2	68.4	92	108
MT	1.8	1.4	1.4	79	99
NE	586.3	571.9	605.5	103	106
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	107	111
N ENG ³	1.8	1.6	1.6	88	98
NJ	4.9	4.5	5.0	102	113
NM	1.3	0.9	0.8	64	91
NY	4.4	4.3	4.7	105	110
NC	168.2	162.0	173.5	103	107
ND	2.2	2.6	2.5	115	99
OH	29.6	26.0	28.1	95	108
OK	77.9	78.3	87.8	113	112
OR	3.7	3.5	3.9	104	111
PA	101.2	93.0	102.5	101	110
SC	19.8	17.5	17.6	89	101
SD	93.4	78.2	84.9	91	109
TN	21.8	19.0	19.0	87	100
TX	418.3	390.1	414.3	99	106
UT	43.4	37.1	41.2	95	111
VA	66.0	60.3	64.2	97	106
WA	54.2	54.1	54.0	100	100
WV	0.7	0.6	0.6	87	96
WI	113.9	108.6	120.7	106	111
WY	0.4	0.4	0.4	95	100
US	4,017.1	3,767.3	4,043.9	101	107

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,
March 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	25.6	0.9	32,226	818	1,258	885
AK						
AZ	43.0	45.7	49,660	56,376	1,155	1,232
AR	2.2	1.6	1,879	1,582	860	996
CA	86.2	91.8	109,878	112,998	1,275	1,230
CO	217.3	230.6	268,002	284,435	1,233	1,234
DE-MD	3.3	3.2	4,031	3,976	1,211	1,233
FL	4.7	6.5	4,678	7,556	1,002	1,159
GA	33.2	41.1	37,401	47,129	1,125	1,145
HI	1.5	1.4	1,395	1,345	938	938
ID	62.2	60.6	77,304	74,105	1,243	1,224
IL	79.2	91.2	96,718	111,413	1,221	1,221
IN	3.9	3.4	4,108	3,532	1,049	1,050
IA	74.5	58.5	90,337	73,335	1,213	1,254
KS	670.8	725.5	799,620	855,907	1,192	1,180
KY	1.7	1.4	1,361	1,152	818	828
LA	2.5	1.9	1,846	1,755	746	919
MI	35.2	34.0	49,036	48,354	1,395	1,424
MN	55.5	60.9	76,237	85,791	1,373	1,410
MS						
MO	8.2	7.4	9,953	7,985	1,212	1,080
MT	1.9	1.8	2,143	2,025	1,131	1,149
NE	619.4	640.9	781,579	804,677	1,262	1,256
NV	0.1	0.1	81	88	1,045	995
N ENG ²	2.0	1.9	2,170	2,082	1,107	1,117
NJ	2.0	2.4	2,185	2,675	1,087	1,132
NM	2.4	1.3	2,163	1,313	887	993
NY	5.3	6.0	5,835	7,008	1,102	1,161
NC	13.9	15.4	14,663	16,446	1,058	1,065
ND	1.1	1.1	1,278	1,267	1,162	1,137
OH	11.4	12.4	12,917	14,279	1,135	1,149
OK	3.7	3.5	3,653	3,369	989	961
OR	1.3	1.3	1,716	1,703	1,332	1,348
PA	83.2	86.8	103,708	109,230	1,247	1,258
SC						
SD	24.4	25.4	34,156	36,383	1,402	1,430
TN	2.5	2.2	1,985	2,023	803	916
TX	572.2	563.6	657,576	647,897	1,149	1,150
UT	56.3	54.8	68,205	65,131	1,212	1,190
VA	2.1	2.5	2,037	2,342	982	947
WA	72.2	71.2	89,400	89,650	1,239	1,259
WV	0.9	0.7	802	736	882	1,006
WI	147.8	153.6	190,376	200,548	1,288	1,305
WY	0.5	0.5	556	561	1,165	1,174
US ³	3,050.4	3,131.0	3,709,209	3,802,845	1,216	1,215

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,
March 1999 and 2000 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999 <i>1,000 Head</i>	2000 <i>1,000 Head</i>	1999 <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	2000 <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	1999 <i>Pounds</i>	2000 <i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR						
CA	15.8	11.4	2,139	1,740	135	153
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	11.2	10.3	4,673	4,333	417	422
IN	9.7	8.7	2,473	3,044	255	351
IA						
KS						
KY	0.1	0.1	28	26	428	440
LA	1.0	1.1	457	446	464	419
MI	4.2	3.5	1,137	1,261	268	360
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	43	34	391	425
MO	0.2	0.3	80	83	348	327
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	4.1	3.0	493	377	120	127
NJ	10.7	9.9	4,632	4,367	434	441
NM						
NY	16.2	13.0	1,402	1,144	87	88
NC	0.2	0.2	94	86	398	419
ND						
OH	4.0	3.7	1,786	1,496	446	402
OK	0.1	0.1	37	23	412	446
OR						
PA	16.5	15.1	5,344	5,390	324	356
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.0	5.1	1,044	2,370	516	466
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	20	20	302	265
WA						
WV						
WI	15.9	14.3	6,610	5,905	415	412
WY						
US ³	116.8	102.8	33,482	32,938	287	320

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,
March 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	7.8	10.9	3,338	5,035	426	462
AK						
AZ	0.7	0.4	142	101	198	225
AR						
CA	202.9	201.9	43,395	44,156	214	219
CO	2.2	1.3	565	341	261	262
DE-MD	24.3	15.3	5,698	3,752	235	245
FL	9.8	8.4	1,855	1,457	190	174
GA	21.8	20.5	6,173	6,575	283	320
HI	3.0	3.0	612	622	203	205
ID						
IL	847.4	815.1	224,085	214,795	264	264
IN	554.4	562.8	141,105	145,173	254	258
IA	2,690.1	2,563.1	700,124	677,356	260	264
KS	37.1	41.3	10,820	12,396	292	300
KY	230.8	194.1	60,204	51,187	261	264
LA	4.2	3.7	899	776	213	211
MI	10.4	9.1	3,675	3,503	352	384
MN	754.7	724.8	195,573	190,161	259	262
MS						
MO	359.7	335.2	92,126	85,525	256	255
MT	3.1	1.3	700	316	228	250
NE	582.0	570.4	151,010	150,418	259	264
NV						
N ENG ²	1.9	1.5	496	395	261	261
NJ	8.1	8.6	791	829	98	96
NM	0.2	0.2	39	42	213	212
NY	3.7	3.0	672	684	180	225
NC	886.9	882.4	215,702	220,005	243	249
ND	8.9	11.3	2,218	2,645	248	234
OH	115.7	105.5	29,804	27,338	258	259
OK	378.6	420.5	101,421	114,270	268	272
OR	16.8	18.0	4,347	4,512	259	251
PA	225.8	219.9	55,099	53,668	244	244
SC						
SD	391.5	343.3	102,927	88,435	263	258
TN	72.6	62.5	31,634	27,381	436	438
TX	30.4	30.6	10,071	9,796	331	321
UT	3.9	4.7	708	771	183	164
VA	350.7	336.2	86,530	84,307	247	251
WA	1.5	1.7	357	410	245	241
WV	1.0	0.7	345	229	341	319
WI	40.6	43.9	16,424	18,763	405	428
WY	0.6	0.5	155	115	249	246
US ³	9,117.7	8,810.5	2,362,701	2,308,081	259	262

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,
March 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	151.8	120.3	22,411	18,074	148	150
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.5	0.4	59	37	120	105
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	40	35	126	120
IL						
IN	3.3	3.3	339	335	103	103
IA	60.2	48.8	8,982	7,214	149	148
KS	0.2	0.2	29	19	118	122
KY	0.6	0.7	79	88	123	133
LA	0.5	0.5	53	45	110	95
MI	21.4	19.8	2,771	2,534	130	128
MN	0.2	0.2	20	30	124	138
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.2	25	23	130	129
NE	0.2	0.1	20	9	117	116
NV						
N ENG ²	2.7	1.8	269	184	98	104
NJ	10.7	9.0	933	894	87	99
NM	3.6	3.0	426	348	119	117
NY	5.0	1.7	489	182	97	107
NC	0.3	0.1	24	8	95	107
ND						
OH	0.7	0.6	67	74	98	125
OK	0.1	0.8	15	96	117	119
OR	0.5	0.5	67	52	130	110
PA	7.7	4.5	803	425	105	95
SC	0.1	0.2	8	21	96	100
SD	0.4	1.7	51	203	140	117
TN	0.3	0.3	28	27	89	84
TX	60.3	47.3	7,849	6,570	130	139
UT	3.0	2.9	362	351	120	122
VA	1.2	0.9	117	83	98	93
WA						
WV						
WI	0.8	0.7	108	87	129	123
WY	0.1	0.1	12	8	133	133
US ³	423.9	344.2	57,919	48,120	137	140

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	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Jan - Mar ¹	
	<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	1,437	1,370	1,500	4,102	4,274	48.0	47.5	48.7	47.9	48.4
Heifers	1,011	1,027	1,059	2,908	3,046	33.8	35.6	34.4	34.0	34.5
All Cows	489	437	464	1,407	1,365	16.3	15.2	15.0	16.5	15.4
Dairy Cows	231	224	250	665	700	7.7	7.8	8.1	7.8	7.9
Other Cows	258	213	214	742	665	8.6	7.4	6.9	8.7	7.5
Bulls & Stags	54	49	55	142	153	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	2,990	2,883	3,078	8,559	8,839	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,604	7,698	8,405	24,108	23,857	96.2	96.8	96.7	96.2	96.7
Sows	302	232	264	849	727	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.9
Stags & Boars	39	25	27	107	76	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total ¹	8,945	7,955	8,695	25,064	24,660	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	17	13	15	43	41	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.6
Lambs & Yrlngs	394	271	319	919	848	95.9	95.6	95.4	95.5	95.4
Total ¹	411	284	334	962	889	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	738	747	741	739	746					
Heifers ⁴	792	800	788	796	798					
All Cows ⁴	734	738	731	735	737					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	571	582	587	568	581					
Calves & Vealers	893	901	910	877	904					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	175	193	193	172	191					
Sows ⁵	192	194	194	191	194					
Stags & Boars ⁵	188	191	191	188	191					
Sheep	295	298	299	294	299					
Mature Sheep ⁶	228	230	238	225	231					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	69	69	70	68	69					
	60	58	60	60	59					
	69	70	70	69	70					

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,
March 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	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.1		0.1	3.0
2	8.2	1.5	0.4	5.5	4.7	0.9	0.7	22.9
3	90.5	41.3	6.6	40.5	29.8	10.7	2.2	15.3
4	76.1	1.7	0.5	63.3	26.0	37.3	10.6	1.4
5	336.3	136.2	56.9	132.2	92.2	40.0	11.0	40.2
6	564.1	301.2	193.2	55.5	11.6	43.8	14.3	1.3
7	1,423.0	753.0	613.5	51.7	6.5	45.2	4.8	0.1
8	308.2	141.6	140.1	22.3	4.9	17.4	4.2	
9	138.3	64.6	7.8	63.4	57.2	6.2	2.6	11.3
10	131.7	58.8	39.8	28.7	16.3	12.4	4.4	1.6
US ²	3,078.1	1,500.0	1,059.0	464.2	250.4	213.8	54.9	97.1
	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	1.2	1.1	0.1		1.7	0.4	1.2	
2	11.4	11.3	0.1	0.1	10.7	1.6	9.0	
3	570.4	568.2	2.2		7.4	0.5	6.9	
4	1,347.2	1,256.9	88.0	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.4	
5	2,218.1	2,132.2	85.1	0.9	41.4	4.7	36.7	
6	452.2	427.9	23.3	1.0	48.5	3.9	44.6	
7	3,500.8	3,429.8	48.4	22.6	49.7		49.7	
8	358.2	342.0	16.2		124.6	2.3	122.3	
9	199.3	199.1	0.2		48.0	0.7	47.3	
10	36.4	36.1	0.2		0.5	0.1	0.4	
US ²	8,695.2	8,404.7	263.7	26.9	333.9	15.3	318.6	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - March 2000 * 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	5.2	0.8	0.6	3.4	3.3	0.1	0.4	7.8
2	22.6	4.2	1.3	15.3	12.7	2.5	1.8	61.5
3	252.8	110.6	18.5	118.2	86.2	32.0	5.5	42.5
4	212.6	4.5	1.2	178.2	71.9	106.3	28.6	6.2
5	940.2	376.2	158.0	376.7	265.8	110.9	29.3	115.3
6	1,641.8	843.2	588.6	168.6	34.1	134.4	41.4	6.1
7	4,055.8	2,125.7	1,737.3	178.4	15.5	162.9	14.4	0.4
8	902.9	431.6	393.4	65.6	12.8	52.8	12.3	
9	386.1	177.3	26.5	174.4	153.3	21.1	7.9	34.0
10	418.5	199.4	120.4	87.0	44.8	42.2	11.8	5.8
US ²	8,838.6	4,273.6	3,045.9	1,365.7	700.4	665.3	153.5	279.6
	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	3.8	3.7	0.1		3.9	1.0	2.9	
2	34.3	33.6	0.4	0.2	27.4	4.2	23.2	
3	1,613.8	1,606.9	6.8	0.1	21.3	1.1	20.2	
4	3,836.0	3,571.1	258.1	6.9	3.5	2.5	1.0	
5	6,277.7	6,051.4	222.8	3.5	114.6	12.4	102.2	
6	1,289.6	1,213.2	72.8	3.6	134.7	11.3	123.3	
7	9,902.0	9,718.8	121.3	61.9	125.1	0.2	124.9	
8	1,033.9	990.2	43.7		338.4	6.4	332.0	
9	566.7	566.2	0.5	0.1	118.7	1.6	117.1	
10	102.7	102.0	0.6	0.1	1.7	0.4	1.4	
US ²	24,660.4	23,856.9	727.1	76.4	889.2	41.1	848.1	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 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	45.5	37.6	0.9	7.1	7.1			
AR	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	
CA	91.2	26.7	6.7	55.5	50.0	5.5	2.4	11.2
CO	229.9	115.3	113.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.2	2.4	0.5	0.2	0.2			
FL	6.5	0.9	0.1	5.0	2.5	2.5	0.4	
GA	39.7	0.2		33.6	5.0	28.6	6.0	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.2	
ID	59.4	26.2	11.6	18.8	9.7	9.1	2.8	
IL	88.1	48.2	39.8					10.2
IN	0.4	0.2	0.1					8.7
IA	57.2	29.6	27.3	0.1		0.1	0.2	
KS	721.8	396.8	321.1	3.8	2.7	1.1	0.1	
KY	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	31.8	20.8	2.1	8.8	8.8		0.1	3.4
MN	58.9	10.7	3.9	38.5	15.3	23.2	5.9	
MS								
MO	5.3	1.1	0.6	3.1	0.8	2.3	0.5	
MT	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	638.7	325.4	264.5	44.8	3.1	41.7	3.9	
NV	0.1							
N ENG ²	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.1		0.1	3.0
NJ	2.4	1.0	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.3	9.9
NM	1.0			0.9	0.9			
NY	5.8	0.5	0.2	4.7	3.9	0.8	0.4	13.0
NC	14.6	0.1		11.6	6.3	5.3	2.9	0.2
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1					
OH	6.1	0.4	0.2	5.1	4.3	0.8	0.4	3.6
OK								
OR								
PA	86.4	38.7	6.0	39.6	29.3	10.3	2.1	15.1
SC								
SD	23.1	1.6	0.7	17.2	1.6	15.6	3.6	
TN	1.7	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	
TX	561.0	300.9	192.9	53.0	10.2	42.8	14.2	1.1
UT	54.1	24.2	25.3	4.1	2.6	1.5	0.5	
VA	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
WA	71.2	31.8	28.2	9.7	6.5	3.2	1.5	
WV								
WI	151.0	55.9	10.7	79.8	63.8	16.0	4.6	14.3
WY								
US ³	3,078.1	1,500.0	1,059.0	464.2	250.4	213.8	54.9	97.1

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 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	9.7		7.5	2.2			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	196.0	195.8	0.2				
CO	0.9	0.8	0.1		120.3		120.2
DE-MD	15.3	15.3					
FL	8.4	8.0	0.4				
GA	12.5	7.6	4.9				
HI	3.0	3.0					
ID					0.2		0.1
IL	795.4	760.7	33.9	0.7			
IN	558.7	558.7			2.9	2.0	0.9
IA	2,561.4	2,498.4	40.4	22.6	48.7		48.7
KS	38.2	30.4	7.8		0.1		
KY	193.5	187.1	6.4		0.7	0.6	
LA							
MI	7.3	3.7	3.5	0.1	19.6	2.6	17.0
MN	722.9	722.9			0.1	0.1	0.1
MS							
MO	332.5	332.3	0.1				
MT	0.4	0.3					
NE	568.8	568.7					
NV							
N ENG ²	1.2	1.1	0.1		1.7	0.4	1.2
NJ	8.6	8.5	0.1	0.1	9.0	1.2	7.8
NM					2.0	1.5	0.6
NY	2.8	2.8			1.7	0.5	1.2
NC	870.3	861.1	9.1		0.1		
ND	11.0	11.0					
OH	95.2	85.9	9.3				
OK	417.6	410.4	7.2		0.7		0.7
OR	17.7	17.6	0.1		0.3	0.1	0.3
PA	219.5	219.0	0.5		4.4	0.4	4.1
SC							
SD	341.9	325.9	16.1		1.6		1.6
TN	62.2	3.9	58.3		0.3	0.1	0.2
TX	19.0	11.8	6.1	1.0	45.7	2.4	43.3
UT	4.0	4.0			2.6	2.2	0.4
VA	335.5	334.0	1.5		0.8		0.8
WA	1.7	1.7					
WV	0.1		0.1				
WI	38.6	0.3	38.2	0.1	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	8,695.2	8,404.7	263.7	26.9	333.9	15.3	318.6

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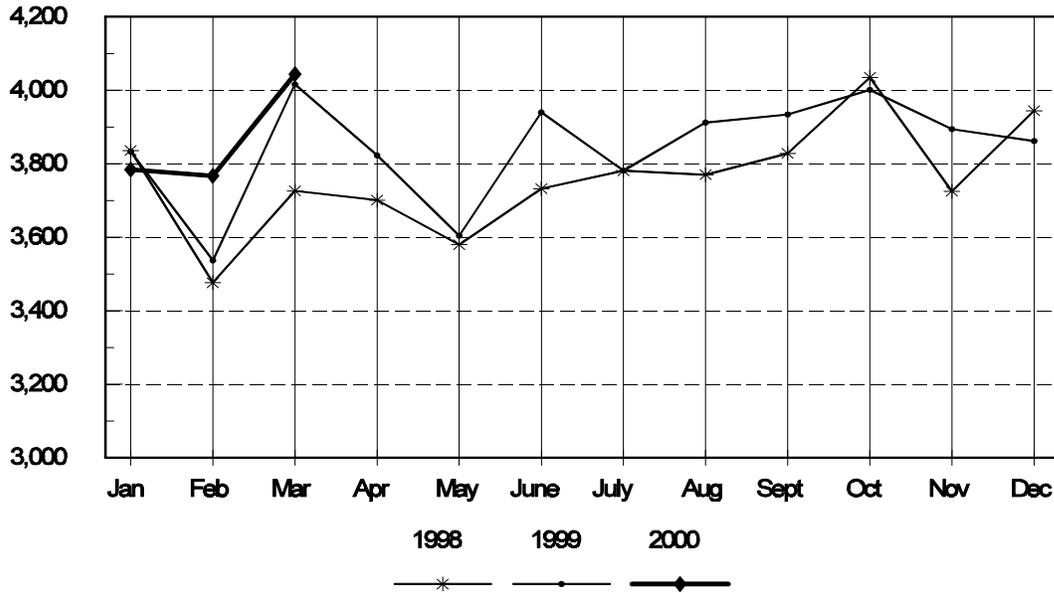
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

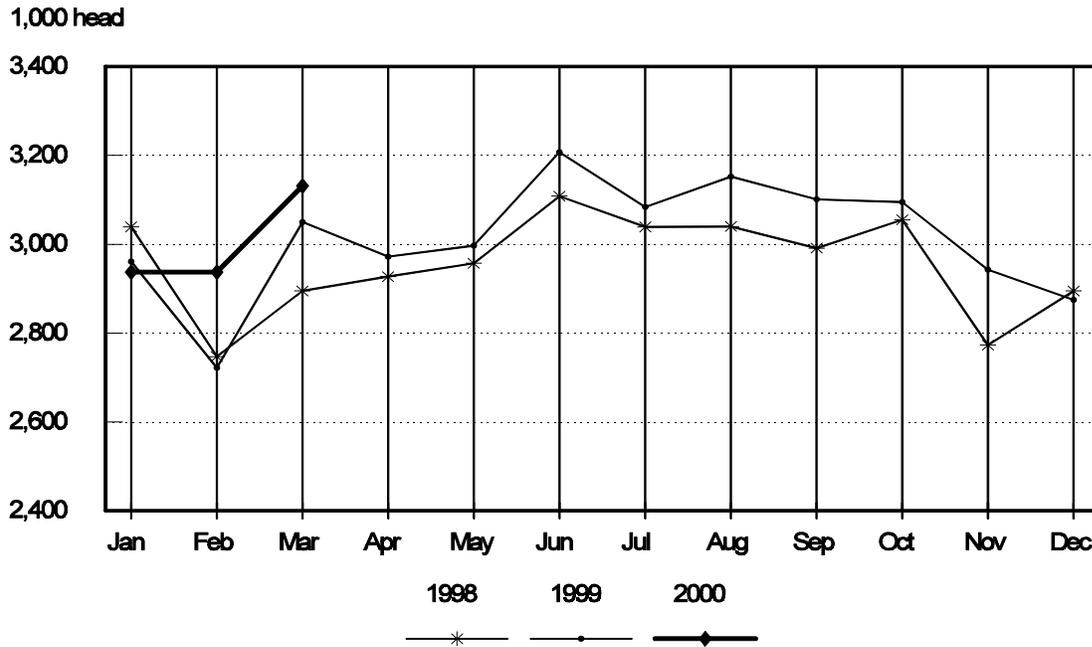
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				1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.0	98.1	98.3	98.0	98.2
Calves	98.2	96.8	94.4	97.8	96.3
Hogs	98.1	98.6	98.7	98.0	98.6
Sheep	96.9	96.9	97.0	97.0	96.8

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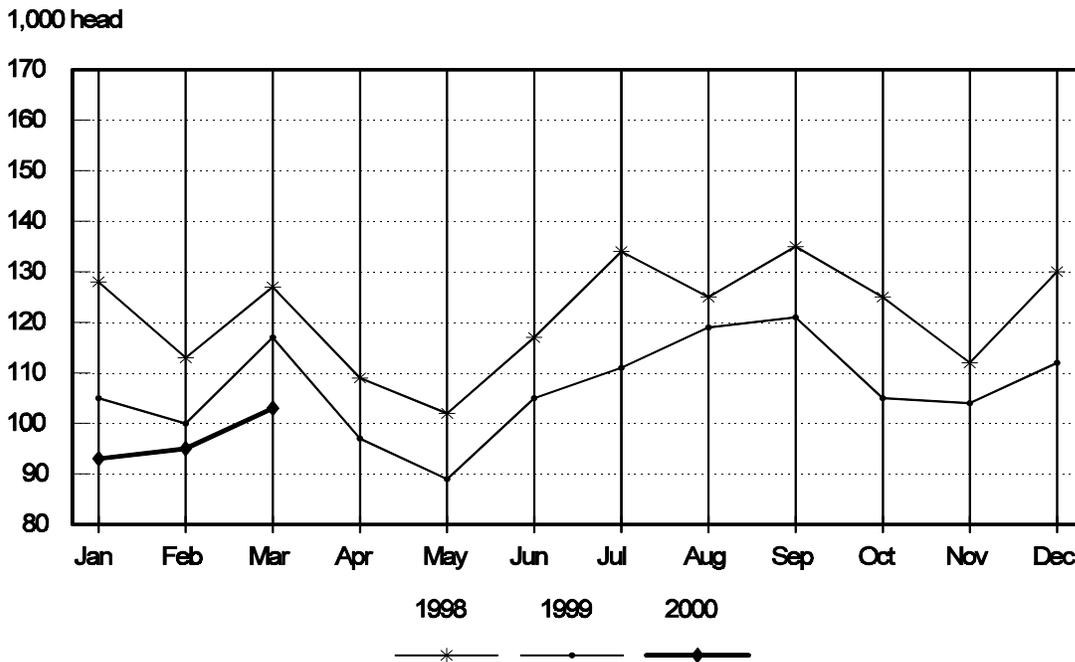
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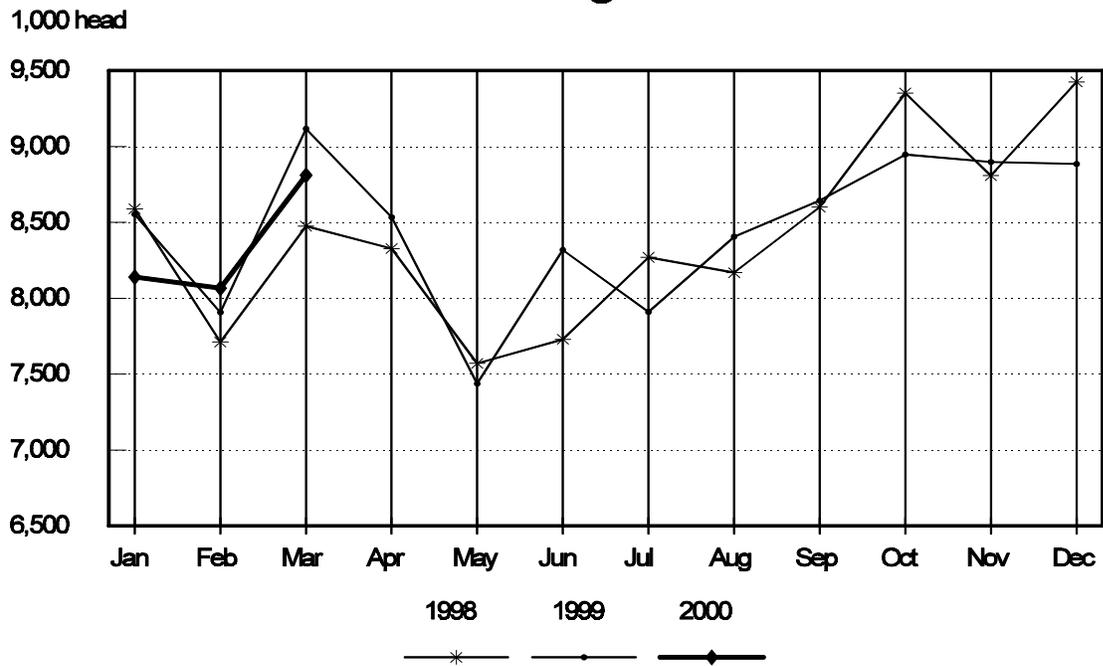
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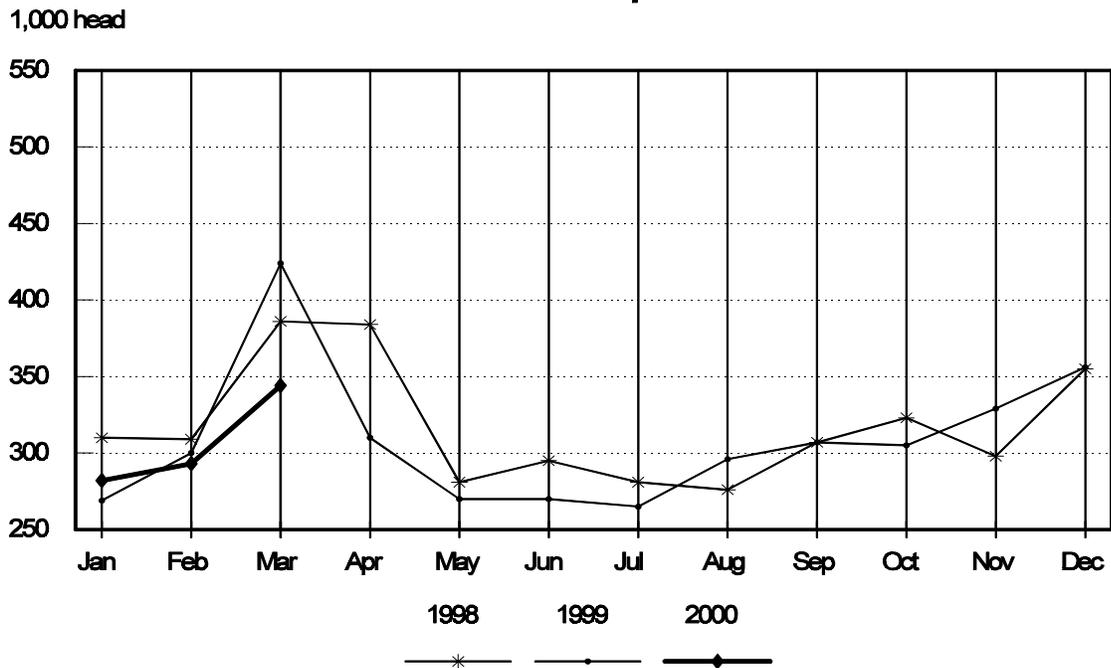
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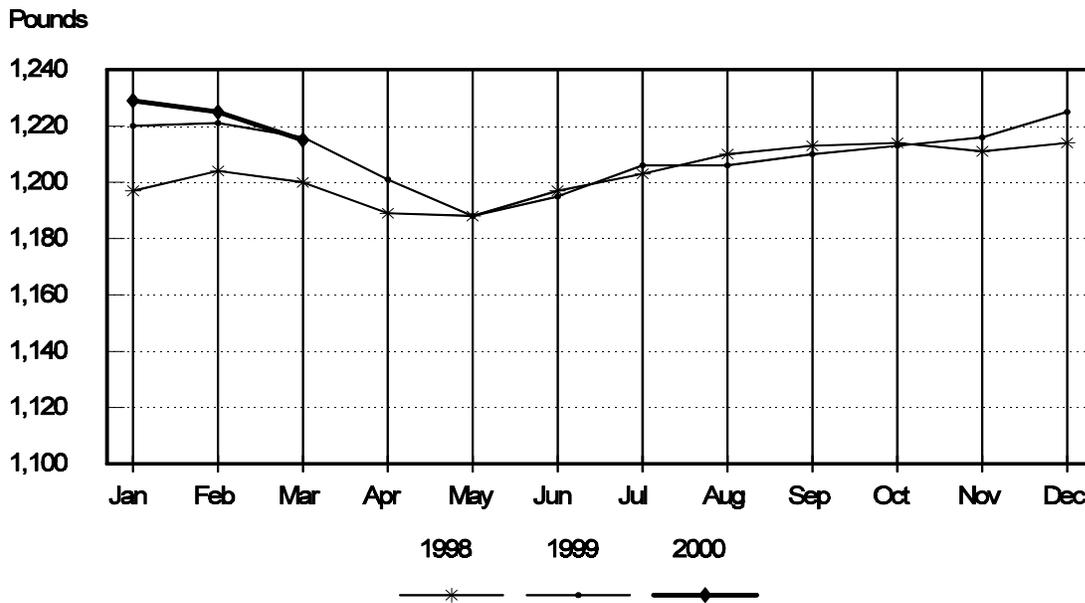
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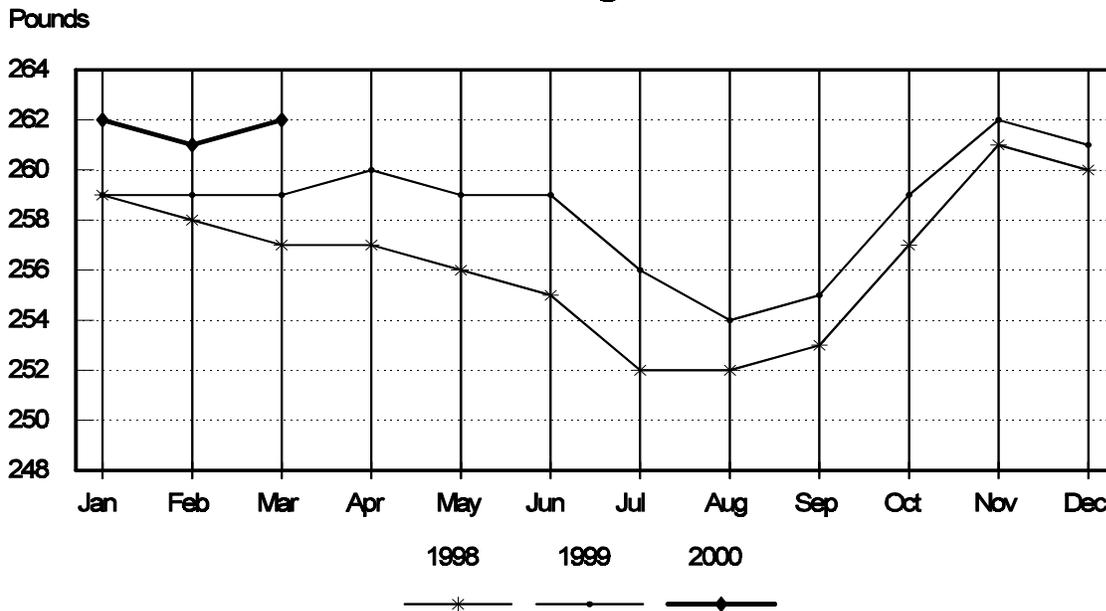
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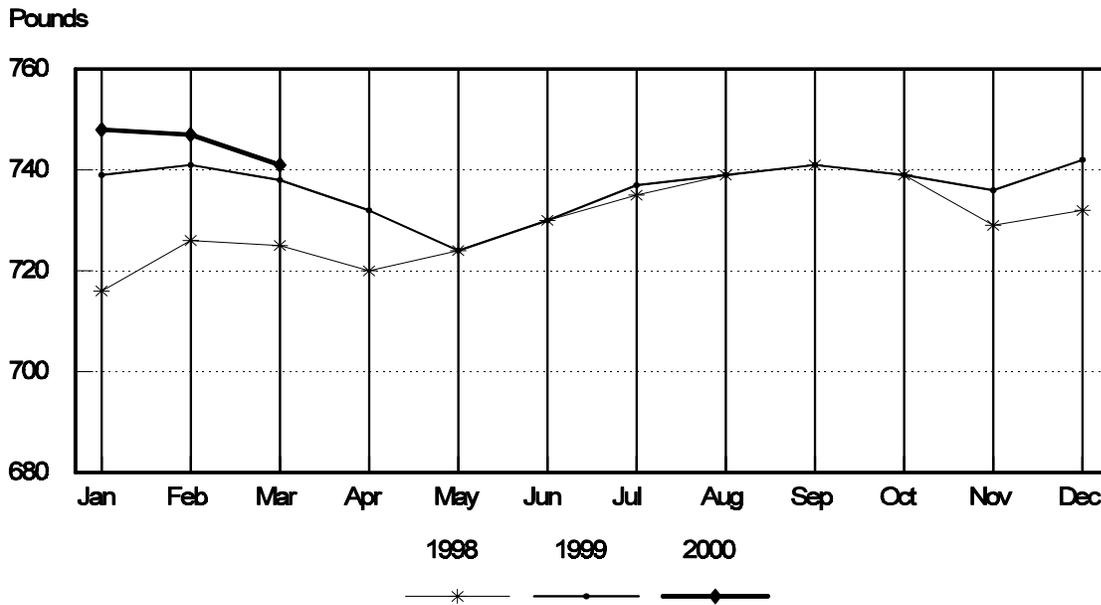
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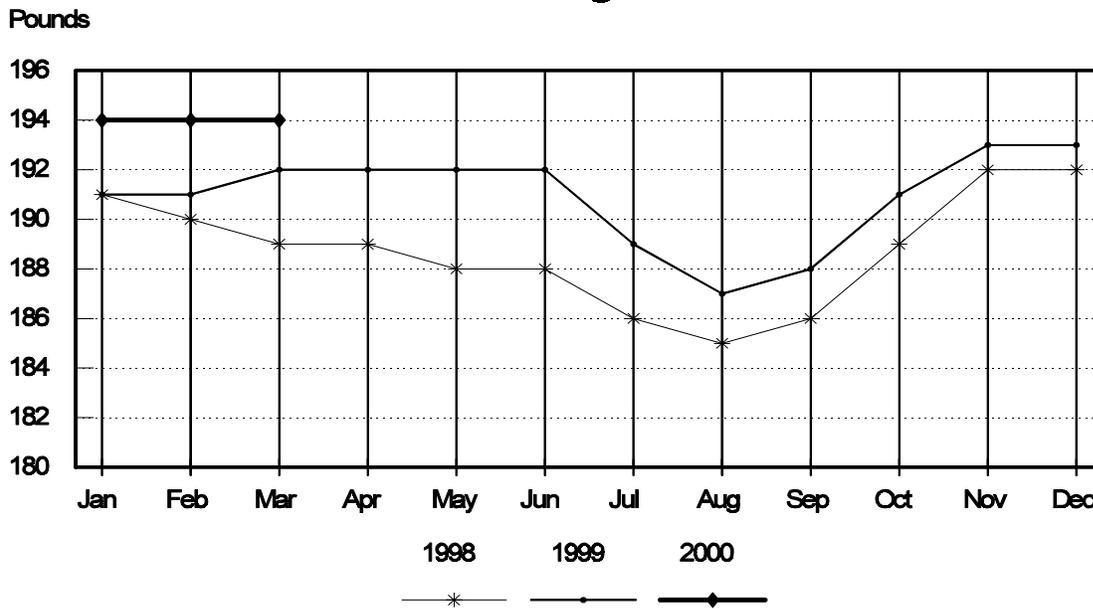
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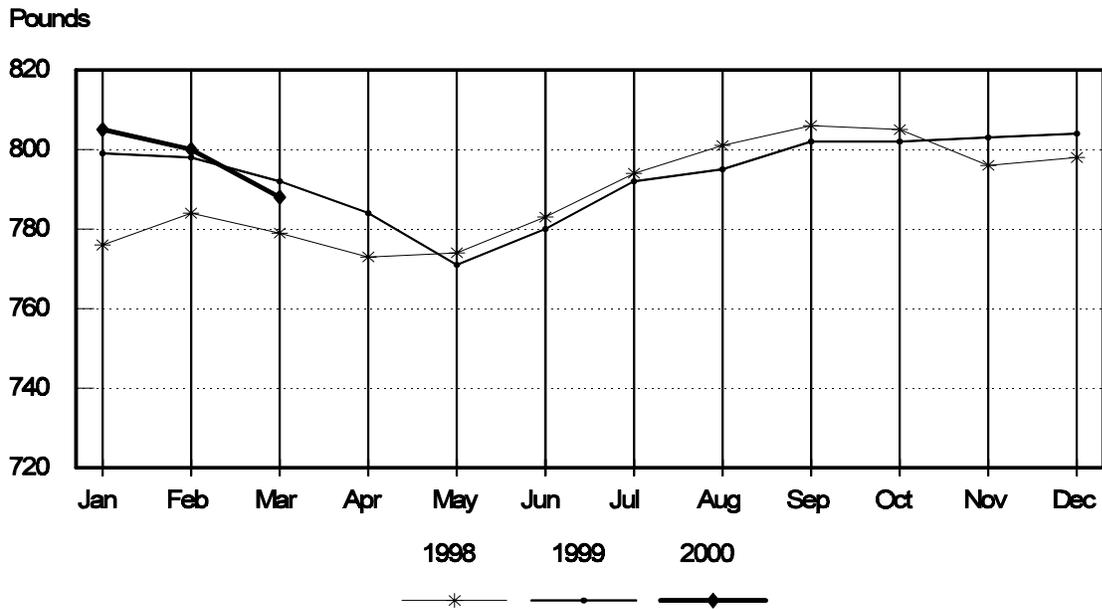
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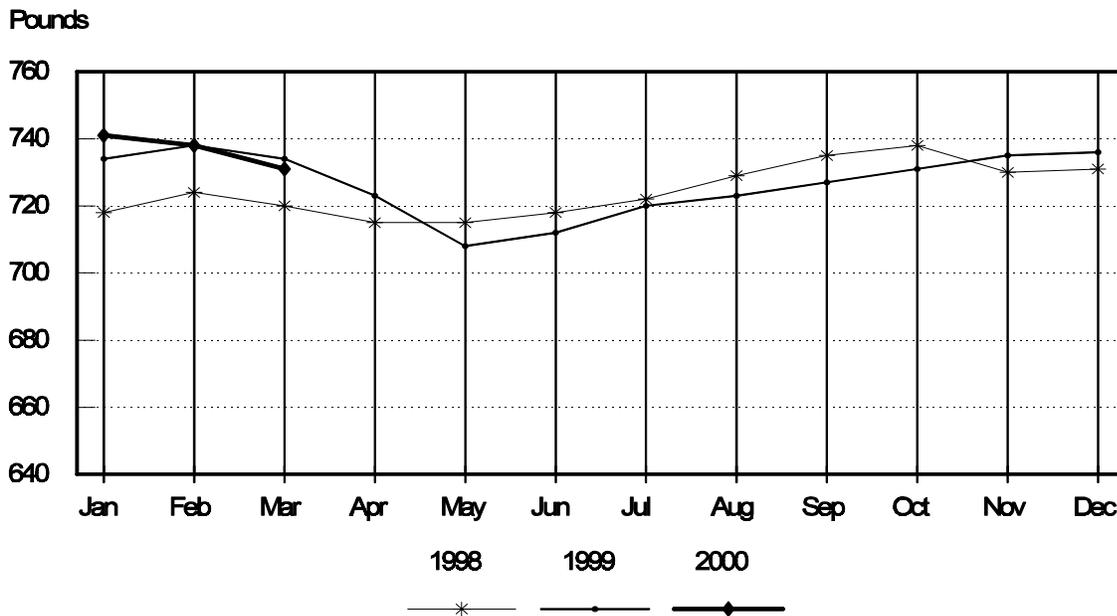
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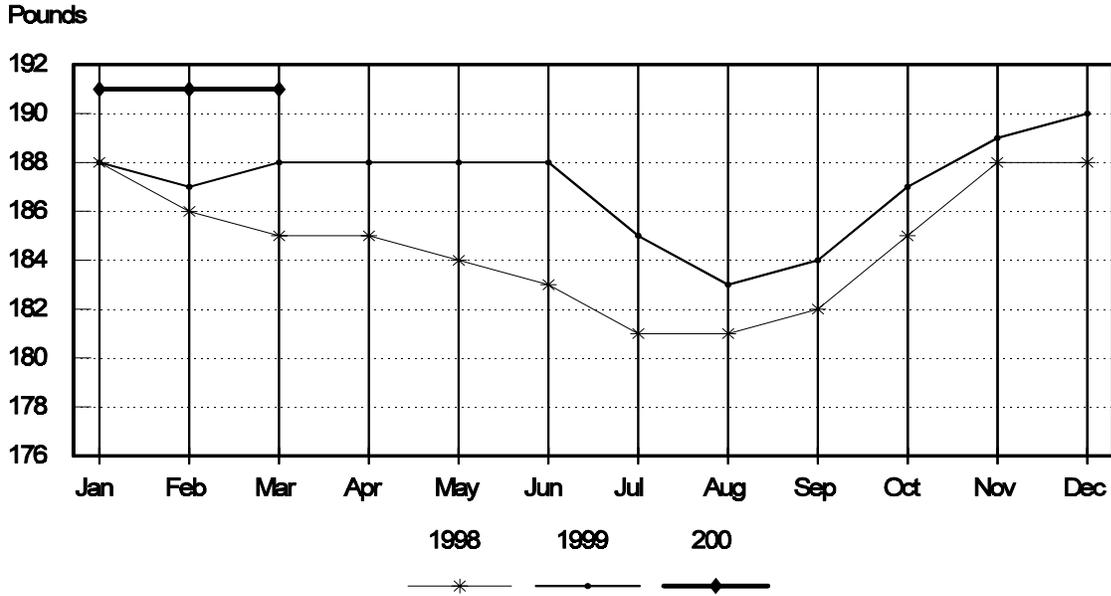
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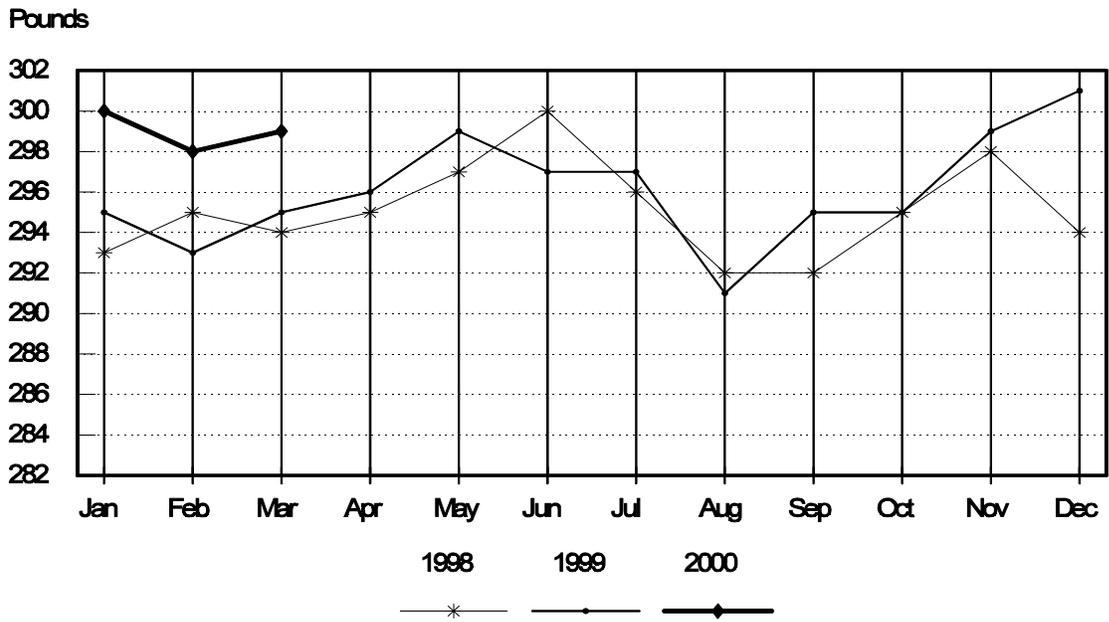
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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.

Slightly over 900 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 five years; running about 1.75 head per 100 head for calves, .5 per 100 for cattle, .35 per 100 for hogs and .25 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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