



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.46 billion pounds in April, down 9 percent from the 3.82 billion pounds produced in April 1999.

April 1999 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.
April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.03 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 6 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,202 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 6 percent below the previous record low for April set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81 thousand head, down 17 percent from April 1999. The average live weight was 40 pounds above last year, at 343 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.39 billion pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.21 million head, 15 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from April 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 345 thousand head, 12 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, unchanged from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 15.1 billion pounds, 1 percent lower than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 1 percent higher than last year, veal was 1 percent lower, pork was 4 percent lower, and lamb & mutton was down 1 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Apr 00 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 1999	Mar 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	2,155	2,300	2,026	94	88	8,554	8,679	101
Veal	18	20	17	94	84	73	72	99
Pork	1,629	1,700	1,394	86	82	6,495	6,219	96
Lamb & Mutton	21	24	23	112	98	88	86	99
Total Red Meat	3,822	4,044	3,460	91	86	15,209	15,056	99

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Apr 00 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 1999	Mar 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	2,123	2,268	1,997	94	88	8,420	8,551	102
Veal	17	18	15	88	83	71	68	96
Pork	1,604	1,681	1,377	86	82	6,382	6,141	96
Lamb & Mutton	20	23	23	113	97	85	84	99
Total Red Meat	3,765	3,991	3,412	91	85	14,958	14,844	99

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Apr 00 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
					Apr 1999	Mar 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Prct</i>		
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,916.4	3,078.1	2,735.0	94	89	11,475.2	11,573.6	101
Other	Thou	54.6	52.9	47.4	87	90	230.0	213.7	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,971.0	3,131.0	2,782.4	94	89	11,705.2	11,787.3	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,204	1,217	1,204	100	99	1,218	1,221	100
Other	Lbs	1,034	1,075	1,081	105	101	1,041	1,068	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,201	1,215	1,202	100	99	1,214	1,218	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	94.9	97.1	75.2	79	77	409.9	354.9	87
Other	Thou	1.9	5.7	5.3	275	93	8.9	16.2	183
Comm'l. ³	Thou	96.9	102.8	80.5	83	78	418.8	371.1	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	297	314	332	112	106	285	316	111
Other	Lbs	378	437	466	123	107	397	445	112
Comm'l.	Lbs	303	320	343	113	107	288	322	112
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,386.2	8,695.2	7,107.4	85	82	33,450.2	31,767.7	95
Other	Thou	144.1	115.2	102.6	71	89	659.1	460.9	70
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,530.2	8,810.5	7,210.0	85	82	34,109.3	32,228.6	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	260	262	263	101	100	259	262	101
Other	Lbs	235	233	234	99	100	239	237	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	260	262	262	101	100	259	262	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	295.0	*333.8	330.3	112	99	1,256.9	1,219.4	97
Other	Thou	14.4	10.3	14.7	102	144	44.6	44.4	100
Comm'l. ³	Thou	309.4	*344.1	345.0	112	100	1,301.5	1,263.8	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	137	141	139	102	99	137	139	102
Other	Lbs	94	101	97	104	96	98	99	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	136	140	136	101	98	135	138	102

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Apr 00 as % of ²	
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	Apr 1999 <i>Percent</i>	Mar 2000 <i>Percent</i>
AL	15.6	3.7	2.8	18	77
AK			0.1		
AZ	29.5	33.8	31.0	105	92
AR	5.4	5.0	4.5	84	90
CA	89.6	94.8	79.4	89	84
CO	168.4	188.8	158.4	94	84
DE-MD	6.3	5.3	4.3	69	81
FL	3.5	4.7	3.8	109	81
GA	24.0	30.2	25.5	106	85
HI	1.2	1.2	1.1	96	94
ID	44.0	44.6	41.2	94	92
IL	211.7	232.6	199.8	94	86
IN	104.2	113.1	91.9	88	81
IA	543.9	549.7	446.4	82	81
KS	511.3	550.7	495.8	97	90
KY	42.7	39.0	31.9	75	82
LA	1.6	1.7	1.3	82	74
MI	31.2	31.7	27.7	89	87
MN	172.4	185.7	150.3	87	81
MS	22.5	24.9	20.7	92	83
MO	69.3	68.4	57.1	82	83
MT	1.8	1.4	1.6	89	113
NE	554.9	605.5	527.6	95	87
NV		0.1	0.1		95
N ENG ³	1.7	1.6	1.4	83	89
NJ	4.3	5.0	4.1	96	83
NM	1.2	0.8	0.7	55	83
NY	4.3	4.7	3.9	91	84
NC	157.6	173.5	137.7	87	79
ND	1.9	2.5	2.0	104	78
OH	27.6	28.1	25.0	90	89
OK	75.6	87.8	76.3	101	87
OR	3.4	3.9	3.2	95	83
PA	96.6	102.5	89.9	93	88
SC	18.6	17.6	17.6	95	100
SD	85.4	84.9	67.5	79	80
TN	19.1	19.0	14.5	76	76
TX	407.6	414.3	371.4	91	90
UT	38.6	41.2	35.2	91	85
VA	62.0	64.2	53.9	87	84
WA	49.9	54.0	49.4	99	92
WV	0.5	0.6	0.5	103	88
WI	111.2	120.7	101.4	91	84
WY	0.3	0.4	0.3	93	77
US	3,822.4	4,043.9	3,460.0	91	86

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

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

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

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	24.8	0.6	29,458	526	1,190	830
AK						
AZ	40.5	41.9	48,908	51,739	1,208	1,234
AR	1.8	1.2	1,586	1,207	864	985
CA	81.6	75.3	102,774	93,206	1,259	1,237
CO	210.8	195.3	253,168	236,673	1,201	1,212
DE-MD	2.8	2.6	3,470	3,187	1,232	1,214
FL	4.6	5.4	4,684	6,195	1,019	1,150
GA	32.3	34.7	36,809	39,786	1,140	1,147
HI	1.4	1.4	1,297	1,298	955	957
ID	59.4	56.0	72,248	68,274	1,216	1,220
IL	76.7	78.5	92,593	95,068	1,207	1,212
IN	3.3	2.6	3,391	2,701	1,043	1,048
IA	70.6	48.7	85,380	60,750	1,210	1,248
KS	675.4	664.1	793,825	771,056	1,175	1,161
KY	1.3	1.1	1,068	908	825	835
LA	2.4	1.5	1,857	1,290	786	837
MI	33.9	29.6	47,019	42,026	1,388	1,420
MN	52.6	50.3	71,838	69,936	1,366	1,389
MS						
MO	7.6	6.0	8,904	6,555	1,172	1,087
MT	2.0	2.0	2,276	2,274	1,121	1,113
NE	598.0	576.9	741,716	717,874	1,240	1,244
NV	0.1	0.1	60	90	1,014	988
N ENG ²	1.9	1.5	2,120	1,711	1,110	1,113
NJ	1.8	1.8	2,016	2,004	1,114	1,126
NM	2.3	1.1	2,033	1,061	900	933
NY	5.4	4.9	5,978	5,684	1,111	1,157
NC	13.7	12.8	14,601	13,817	1,063	1,080
ND	0.9	0.8	1,002	872	1,145	1,144
OH	11.2	11.8	11,551	13,661	1,031	1,153
OK	3.5	3.0	3,547	3,006	1,016	986
OR	1.1	0.9	1,543	1,115	1,345	1,286
PA	81.4	78.6	102,026	98,930	1,253	1,259
SC						
SD	23.7	20.3	33,039	28,547	1,391	1,408
TN	2.3	1.6	1,883	1,463	835	894
TX	562.0	512.3	640,172	581,349	1,139	1,135
UT	50.7	48.1	60,675	55,198	1,196	1,148
VA	1.3	1.4	1,264	1,388	959	961
WA	66.5	65.6	82,592	82,158	1,242	1,252
WV	0.8	0.7	740	692	945	992
WI	143.7	127.2	183,720	164,990	1,278	1,297
WY	0.4	0.4	475	412	1,157	1,144
US ³	2,971.0	2,782.4	3,568,896	3,343,673	1,201	1,202

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,
April 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	11.3	7.7	1,676	1,236	149	160
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.5	8.2	4,425	3,461	422	421
IN	8.0	7.2	2,276	2,646	284	365
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.7	0.8	336	406	469	492
MI	3.8	3.6	1,103	1,360	290	381
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	32	21	400	420
MO	0.2	0.2	71	57	369	300
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.2	1.8	364	211	114	115
NJ	9.0	8.2	3,947	3,597	440	441
NM						
NY	13.0	8.0	1,174	702	91	87
NC	0.2	0.2	96	72	414	399
ND						
OH	3.8	3.4	1,689	1,374	448	399
OK						
OR						
PA	14.8	11.7	5,062	4,469	342	383
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.1	4.7	556	2,304	513	491
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	23	16	356	312
WA						
WV						
WI	13.7	12.1	5,596	4,992	409	414
WY						
US ³	96.9	80.5	29,330	27,653	303	343

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

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	7.4	8.5	3,051	3,910	415	462
AK						
AZ	0.7	0.6	129	135	196	234
AR						
CA	203.5	174.8	44,166	37,741	217	216
CO	1.7	1.1	447	296	258	260
DE-MD	23.0	12.2	5,379	2,988	234	245
FL	8.6	5.8	1,609	1,168	188	201
GA	18.7	17.0	5,236	5,320	280	314
HI	3.1	2.7	618	552	199	204
ID						
IL	773.8	694.1	205,241	185,130	265	267
IN	525.0	456.4	134,135	117,919	256	258
IA	2,544.9	2,069.7	665,180	547,780	261	265
KS	37.3	34.7	11,282	10,517	302	303
KY	217.8	158.4	56,642	41,787	260	264
LA	2.8	2.8	576	555	204	197
MI	9.9	8.1	3,696	2,844	375	351
MN	696.9	582.6	180,977	152,497	260	262
MS						
MO	337.4	279.2	86,651	71,515	257	256
MT	2.6	1.2	588	292	225	245
NE	534.3	448.3	138,504	117,804	259	263
NV						
N ENG ²	2.0	1.4	525	346	265	256
NJ	7.9	7.4	779	703	98	95
NM	0.2	0.1	37	31	212	213
NY	3.9	2.5	709	585	181	230
NC	822.6	699.0	201,236	174,913	245	250
ND	8.2	9.4	1,988	2,183	243	231
OH	107.6	89.6	27,837	23,384	259	261
OK	368.6	368.7	98,461	99,305	267	269
OR	14.9	16.0	3,973	3,984	267	250
PA	204.5	179.1	49,882	43,583	244	243
SC						
SD	354.7	274.9	92,472	70,714	261	257
TN	63.5	47.6	27,691	21,005	436	442
TX	29.6	26.8	9,954	8,558	336	319
UT	3.6	3.8	642	626	178	166
VA	330.7	280.7	81,847	71,020	248	253
WA	1.5	1.4	385	349	250	241
WV	0.8	0.7	228	224	290	306
WI	42.4	40.8	17,458	17,665	412	433
WY	0.4	0.4	90	88	255	245
US ³	8,530.2	7,210.0	2,216,052	1,892,543	260	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,
April 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	0.1	0.1	16	7	114	103
AR						
CA						
CO	106.9	123.7	16,097	18,658	151	151
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.4	0.5	43	36	117	79
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	32	30	119	119
IL						
IN	3.5	4.3	332	415	96	96
IA	40.4	48.0	6,205	7,157	154	149
KS	0.1	0.1	17	14	117	122
KY	0.6	0.7	92	92	145	125
LA	0.2	0.2	19	19	94	106
MI	16.5	17.1	2,061	2,147	125	125
MN	0.1	0.2	14	18	114	120
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.3	24	39	130	130
NE	0.1	0.1	10	8	120	118
NV						
N ENG ²	2.4	4.2	218	431	90	102
NJ	10.0	10.5	834	917	84	87
NM	3.8	2.7	449	317	119	117
NY	3.6	7.7	313	689	88	89
NC	0.1	0.1	10	7	88	93
ND						
OH	1.3	1.8	119	218	89	119
OK	0.1	0.3	17	41	145	129
OR	0.4	0.6	58	63	131	107
PA	7.6	8.0	666	681	88	85
SC	0.1	0.1	15	12	114	102
SD	0.9	1.0	115	113	126	116
TN	0.3	0.3	20	27	79	86
TX	41.2	46.3	5,345	6,209	130	134
UT	2.6	2.6	307	309	120	120
VA	1.0	1.1	100	107	98	94
WA						
WV						
WI	0.7	1.0	89	110	127	115
WY		0.1	5	13	119	135
US ³	309.4	345.0	41,958	47,035	136	136

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	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Jan - Apr ¹		Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Jan - Apr ¹	
				1999	2000				1999	2000
	<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	1,452	1,500	1,386	5,554	5,659	49.8	48.7	50.7	48.4	48.9
Heifers	959	1,059	907	3,867	3,952	32.9	34.4	33.1	33.7	34.2
All Cows	452	464	395	1,859	1,761	15.4	15.0	14.5	16.2	15.2
Dairy Cows	209	250	193	874	893	7.1	8.1	7.1	7.6	7.7
Other Cows	243	214	202	985	868	8.3	6.9	7.4	8.6	7.5
Bulls & Stags	53	55	47	195	201	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	2,916	3,078	2,735	11,475	11,574	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,074	8,405	6,863	32,182	30,720	96.3	96.7	96.6	96.2	96.7
Sows	275	264	222	1,124	949	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0
Stags & Boars	37	27	22	144	98	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total ¹	8,386	8,695	7,107	33,450	31,768	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	17	15	13	60	54	5.8	4.6	3.9	4.8	4.4
Lambs & Yrlngs	278	319	317	1,197	1,165	94.2	95.4	96.1	95.2	95.6
Total ¹	295	334	330	1,257	1,219	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	732	741	734	738	743					
Steers ⁴	784	788	779	793	794					
Heifers ⁴	723	731	721	732	733					
All Cows ⁴	567	587	588	568	582					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	893	910	905	881	904					
Calves & Vealers	183	193	204	174	194					
Hogs	192	194	195	191	194					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	191	191	188	191					
Sows ⁵	296	299	301	294	300					
Stags & Boars ⁵	235	238	232	228	232					
Sheep	68	70	69	68	69					
Mature Sheep ⁶	60	*61	61	60	60					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	69	70	70	69	70					

* Revised.

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

² Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
April 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	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9		0.2	1.8
2	6.5	1.2	0.3	4.4	3.7	0.7	0.6	16.2
3	81.7	42.5	6.2	31.0	22.8	8.2	2.1	11.7
4	63.3	1.2	0.4	53.0	19.0	33.9	8.7	1.1
5	281.9	119.9	43.7	109.7	75.8	33.9	8.6	34.3
6	512.1	271.1	178.3	51.4	10.3	41.0	11.4	1.1
7	1,287.4	702.3	523.7	55.7	3.6	52.1	5.7	0.1
8	261.6	124.3	117.8	16.3	3.4	12.9	3.1	
9	118.0	60.1	7.1	48.1	40.6	7.5	2.7	7.5
10	121.2	63.0	28.9	25.0	12.9	12.1	4.2	1.8
US ²	2,735.0	1,385.6	906.5	395.5	193.0	202.5	47.3	75.2
	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	1.0	1.0			3.9	0.4		3.5
2	9.7	9.4	0.2		18.2	1.6		16.6
3	471.1	469.1	2.0		11.2	0.7		10.5
4	1,082.4	1,013.6	66.5	2.3	1.5	1.0		0.5
5	1,835.6	1,748.4	86.4	0.8	39.8	3.4		36.4
6	394.4	371.6	22.2	0.6	45.8	3.2		42.6
7	2,823.3	2,771.7	33.4	18.2	48.9	0.1		48.9
8	287.2	276.5	10.7		126.9	1.9		125.0
9	171.5	171.4	0.1		33.3	0.7		32.6
10	31.1	30.8	0.3		0.7	0.1		0.6
US ²	7,107.4	6,863.4	221.9	22.1	330.3	13.0		317.2

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - April 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	6.6	0.9	0.7	4.3	4.2	0.2	0.6	9.6
2	29.1	5.3	1.6	19.7	16.4	3.3	2.4	77.7
3	334.5	153.1	24.7	149.2	109.0	40.2	7.6	54.3
4	275.9	5.7	1.6	231.2	90.9	140.2	37.4	7.3
5	1,222.1	496.2	201.7	486.3	341.6	144.8	37.9	149.6
6	2,153.9	1,114.3	766.9	219.9	44.4	175.5	52.8	7.2
7	5,343.1	2,828.0	2,261.1	234.1	19.1	215.0	20.1	0.5
8	1,164.5	555.9	511.3	81.9	16.2	65.7	15.4	
9	504.2	237.4	33.6	222.6	193.9	28.6	10.6	41.5
10	539.7	262.4	149.3	112.0	57.7	54.3	15.9	9.6
US ²	11,573.6	5,659.2	3,952.4	1,761.2	893.4	867.8	200.8	354.9
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	4.9	4.6	0.2		7.8	1.4	6.4	
2	43.9	43.0	0.7	0.3	45.6	5.8	39.8	
3	2,084.9	2,075.9	8.8	0.1	32.5	1.8	30.7	
4	4,918.3	4,584.6	324.5	9.2	4.9	3.4	1.5	
5	8,113.3	7,799.8	309.2	4.3	154.4	15.8	138.6	
6	1,684.0	1,584.8	94.9	4.2	180.5	14.5	165.9	
7	12,725.3	12,490.5	154.7	80.1	174.0	0.2	173.8	
8	1,321.2	1,266.7	54.4		465.3	8.3	457.0	
9	738.2	737.5	0.6	0.1	152.0	2.3	149.7	
10	133.8	132.8	0.9	0.1	2.4	0.5	2.0	
US ²	31,767.7	30,720.3	949.0	98.4	1,219.4	54.1	1,165.3	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	41.8	35.1	0.5	6.2	6.2			
AR	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4		
CA	74.8	24.6	6.4	41.1	34.3	6.8	2.6	7.5
CO	194.7	103.4	90.5	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.6	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.2			
FL	5.4	0.5	0.1	4.5	1.0	3.5	0.2	
GA	33.4	0.1		28.4	3.1	25.3	4.9	
HI	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	
ID	54.9	26.6	8.9	16.6	7.8	8.8	2.9	
IL	76.1	44.3	31.8					8.2
IN	0.3	0.2	0.1					7.2
IA	47.7	25.8	21.6	0.2		0.2	0.1	
KS	660.7	367.9	291.1	1.7	0.6	1.1	0.1	
KY	0.4	0.3	0.1					
LA								
MI	27.5	18.9	1.9	6.7	6.7		0.1	3.5
MN	48.3	8.6	4.6	30.4	11.7	18.7	4.6	
MS								
MO	4.2	0.9	0.4	2.6	0.6	2.0	0.3	
MT	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	574.8	307.8	210.6	51.3	2.4	48.9	5.2	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9		0.2	1.8
NJ	1.8	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	8.2
NM	0.8			0.7	0.7			
NY	4.7	0.4	0.2	3.7	3.1	0.6	0.4	8.0
NC	12.0	0.1		9.4	4.9	4.5	2.6	0.2
ND	0.3	0.1	0.1					
OH	5.1	0.4	0.1	4.3	3.6	0.7	0.4	3.3
OK								
OR								
PA	78.3	40.4	5.6	30.3	22.4	7.9	2.0	11.7
SC								
SD	18.4	1.9	1.3	12.7	1.3	11.4	2.6	
TN	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.1	
TX	509.6	270.7	178.1	49.5	9.2	40.3	11.3	0.8
UT	47.5	18.7	25.8	2.8	1.4	1.4	0.4	
VA	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
WA	65.6	36.0	20.0	8.4	5.1	3.3	1.2	
WV								
WI	124.5	47.6	5.2	68.2	53.7	14.5	3.5	12.0
WY								
US ³	2,735.0	1,385.6	906.5	395.5	193.0	202.5	47.3	75.2

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 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	7.6		5.3	2.2			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	168.5	168.4	0.1				
CO	0.8	0.7	0.1		123.6		123.6
DE-MD	12.2	12.2					
FL	5.8	5.4	0.4				
GA	9.6	6.2	3.4				
HI	2.7	2.7					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	680.6	642.0	38.0	0.6			
IN	453.0	453.0			3.5	1.3	2.2
IA	2,067.7	2,023.3	26.2	18.2	47.9		47.9
KS	32.1	25.1	7.0				
KY	158.0	153.0	4.9		0.7	0.6	0.1
LA							
MI	6.4	2.2	4.1		16.9	2.0	14.9
MN	581.1	581.1			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	276.7	276.6	0.1				
MT	0.3	0.3			0.1		0.1
NE	446.8	446.7	0.1				
NV							
N ENG ²	1.0	1.0			3.9	0.4	3.5
NJ	7.4	7.1	0.2		10.5	1.2	9.3
NM					1.7	1.4	0.3
NY	2.3	2.2			7.7	0.4	7.3
NC	688.2	680.6	7.6	0.1			
ND	9.2	9.2					
OH	77.9	69.8	8.1				
OK	366.2	359.6	6.7		0.3		0.3
OR	15.8	15.6	0.2		0.5	0.1	0.4
PA	178.8	178.4	0.3		8.0	0.5	7.4
SC							
SD	273.9	263.3	10.6		0.9		0.9
TN	47.3	3.6	43.7		0.3		0.3
TX	14.0	8.4	5.1	0.6	43.8	1.8	42.0
UT	3.1	3.1			2.3	1.9	0.4
VA	280.0	278.4	1.5		1.0	0.1	1.0
WA	1.4	1.4					
WV	0.2		0.1				
WI	36.5	0.2	36.2	0.2	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	7,107.4	6,863.4	221.9	22.1	330.3	13.0	317.2

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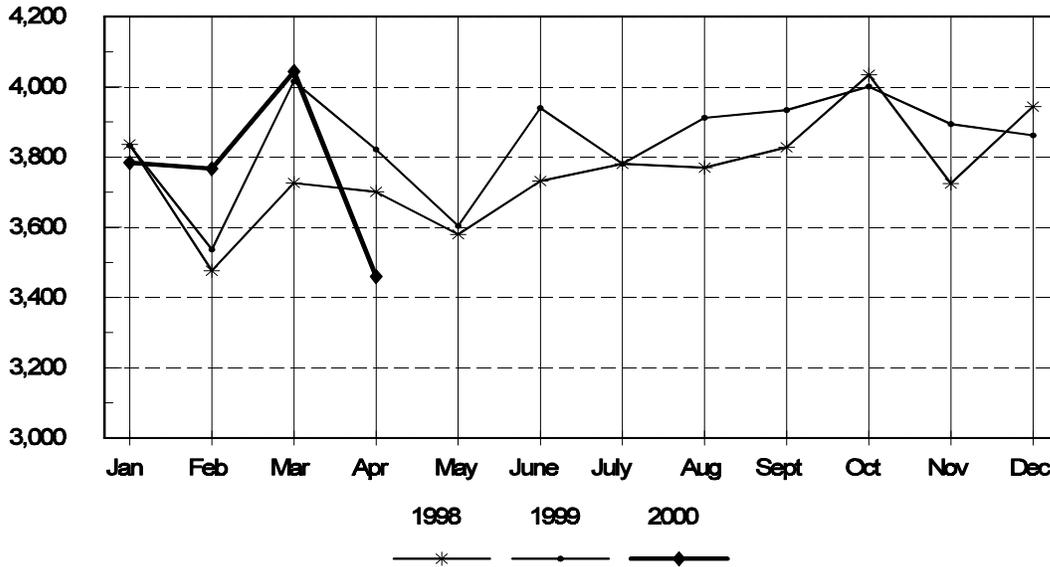
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

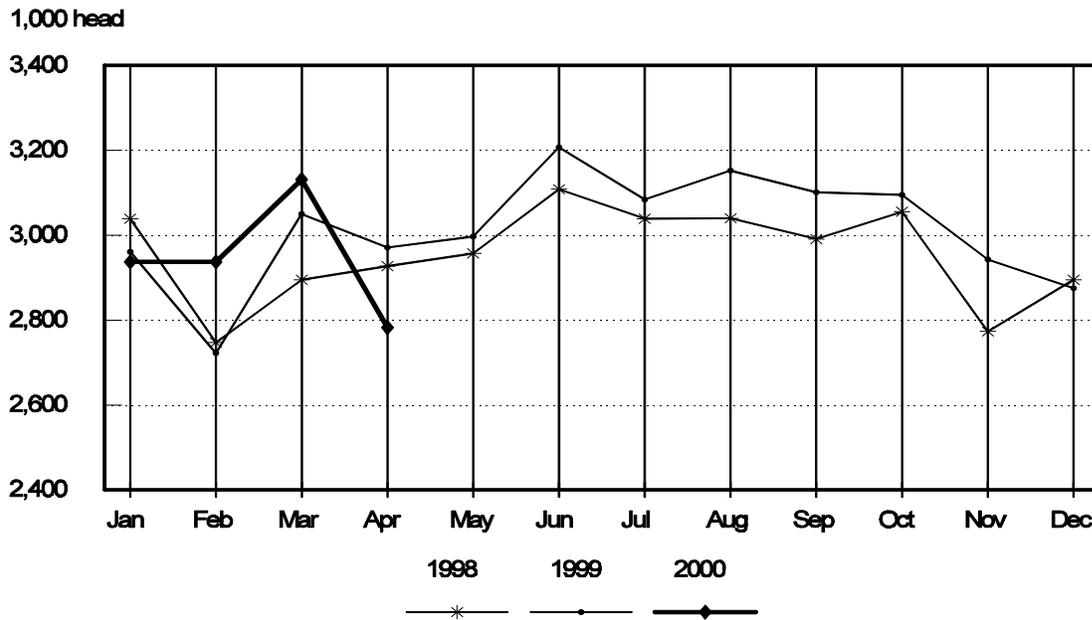
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				1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.2	98.3	98.3	98.0	98.2
Calves	98.0	94.4	93.4	97.9	95.6
Hogs	98.3	98.7	98.6	98.1	98.6
Sheep	95.4	97.0	95.7	96.6	96.5

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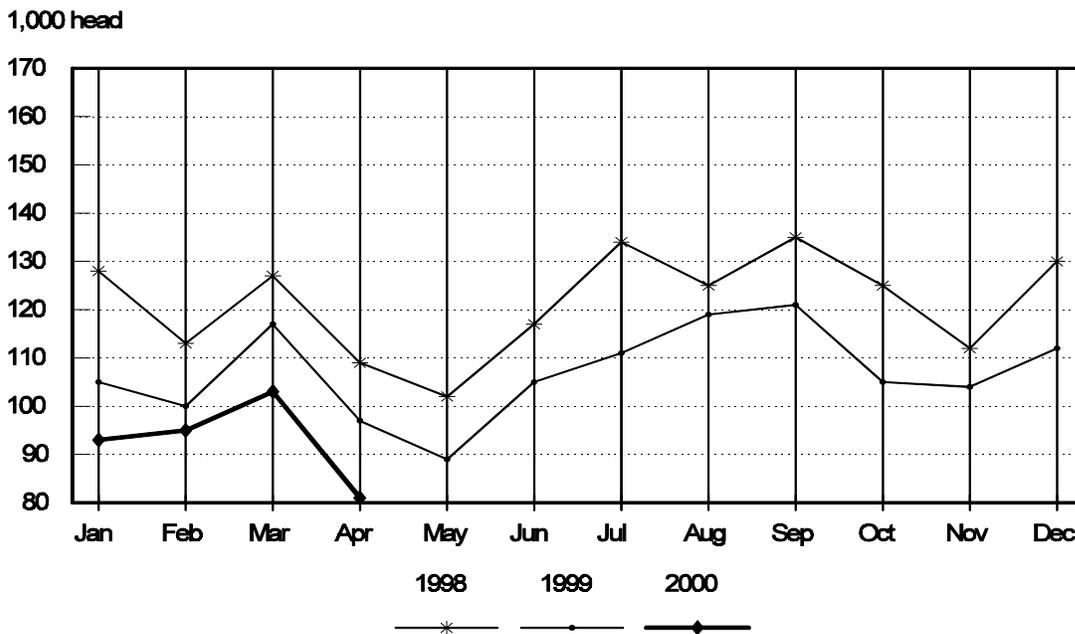
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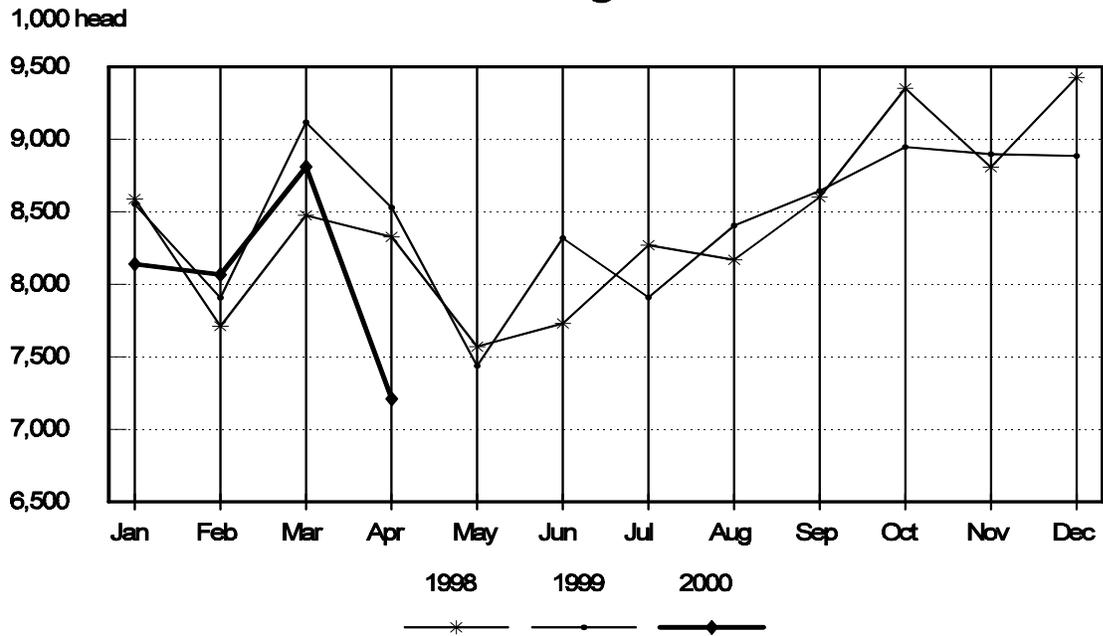
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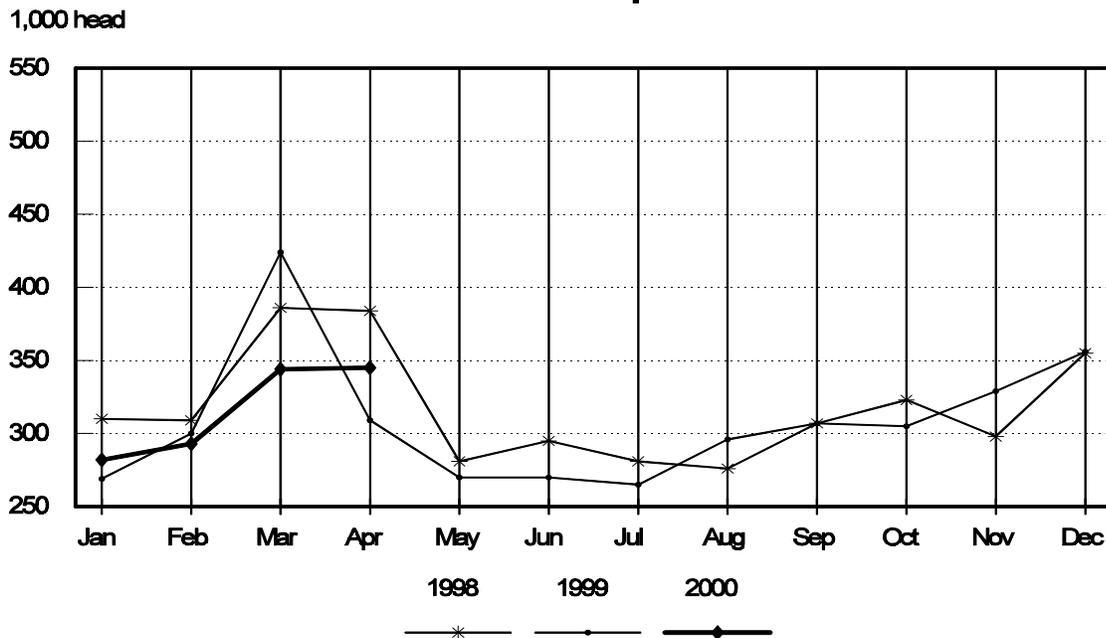
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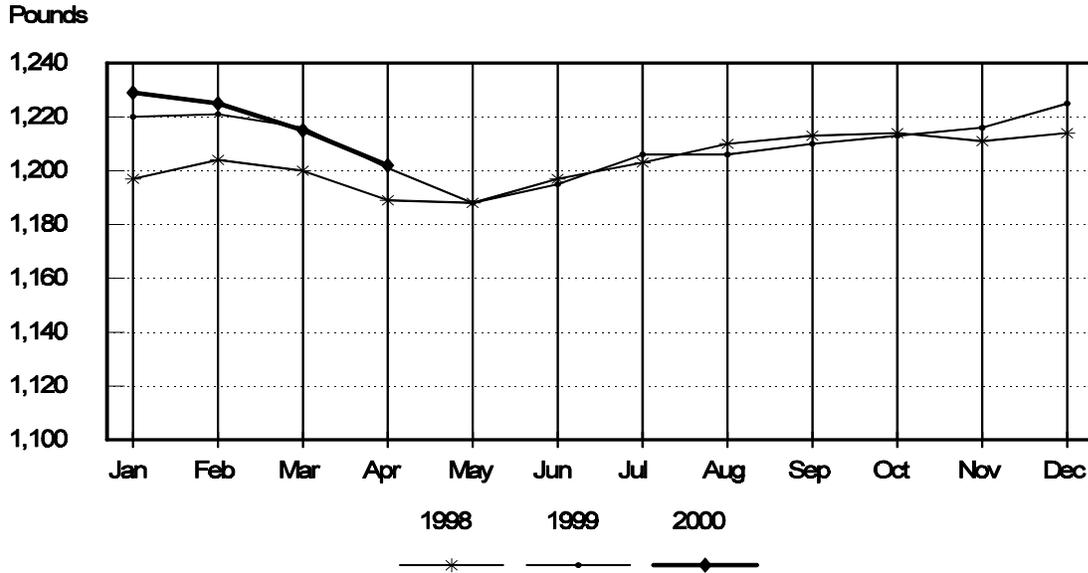
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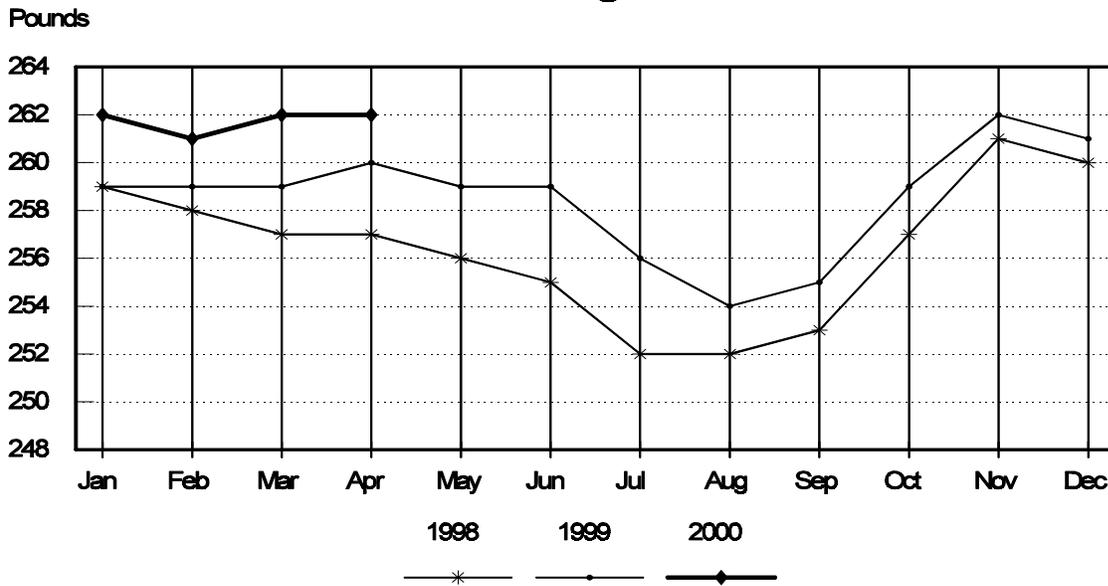
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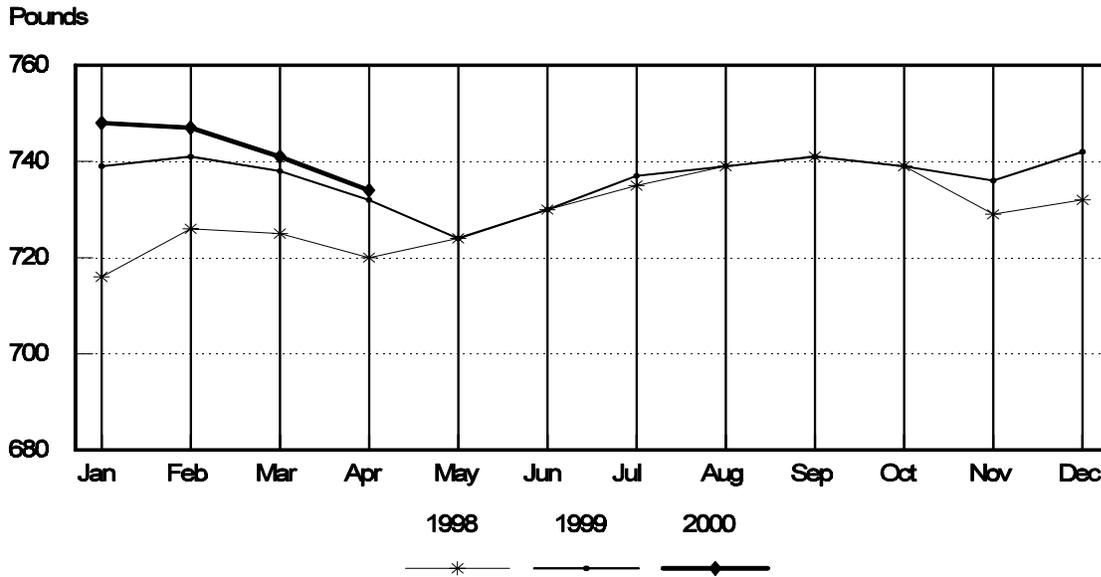
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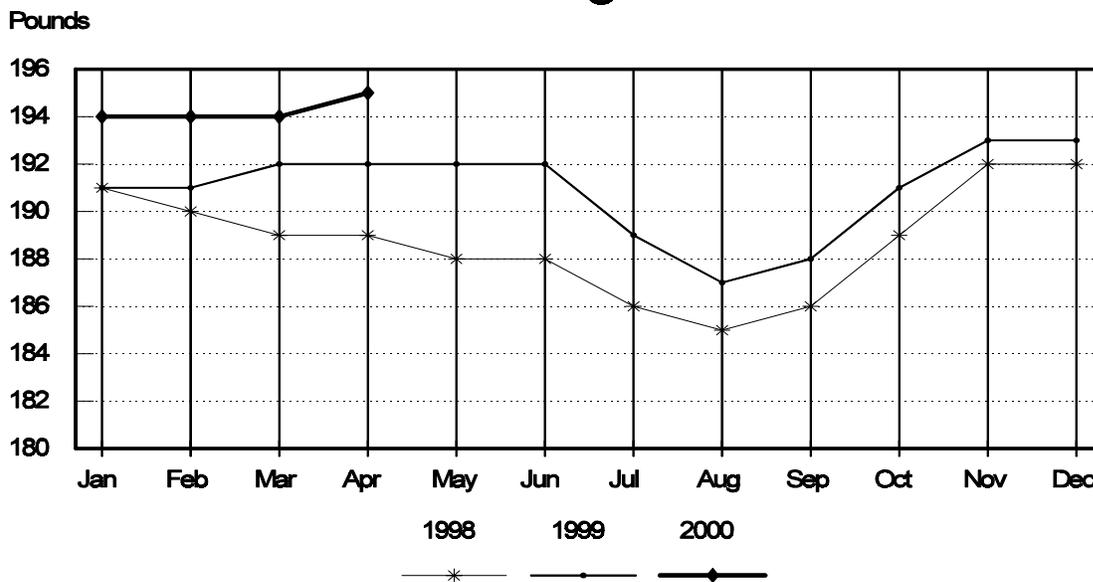
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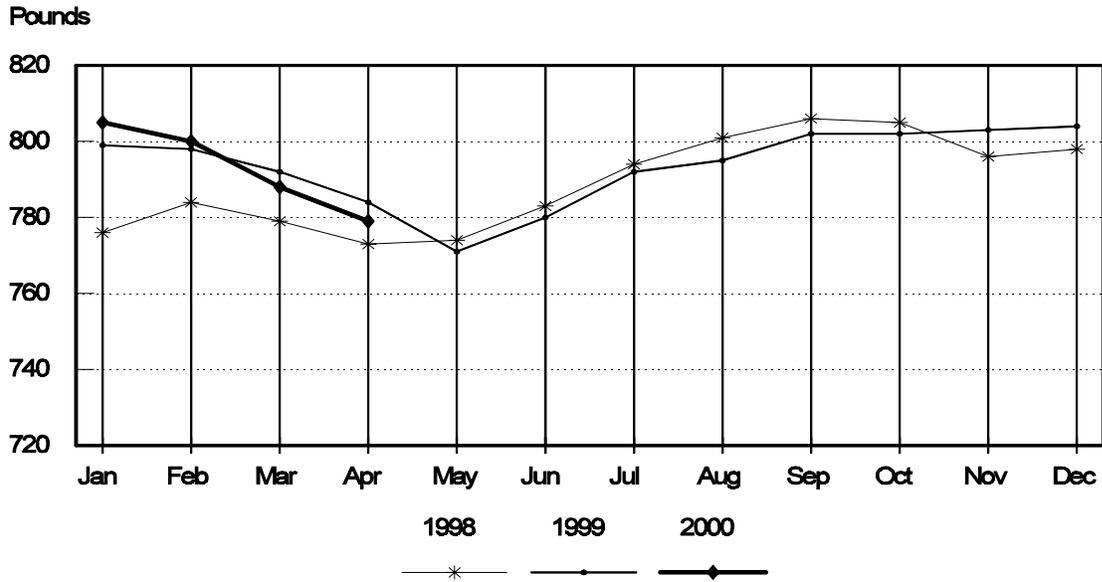
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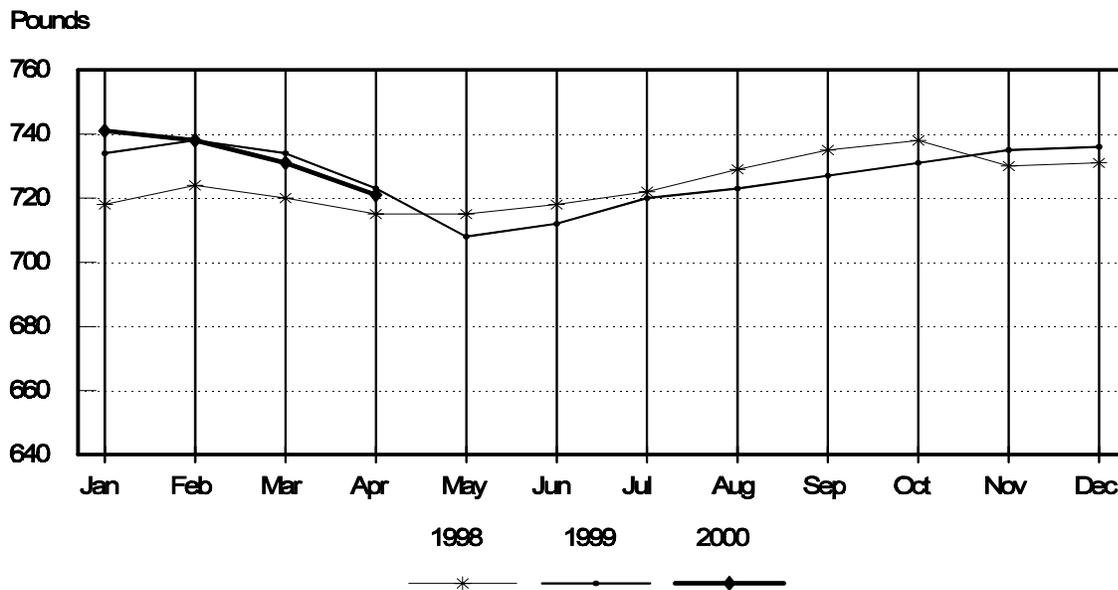
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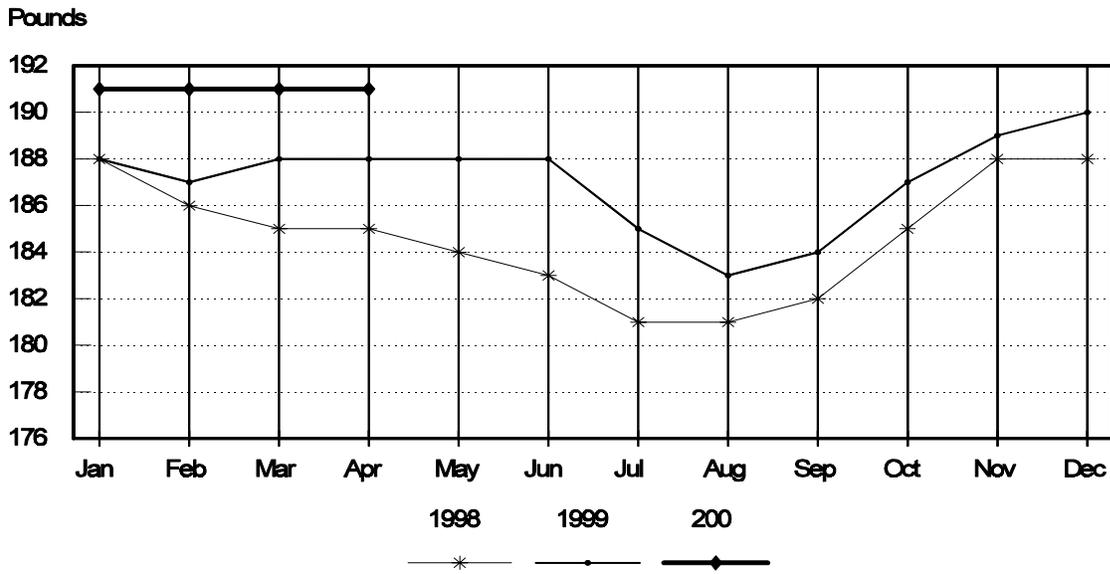
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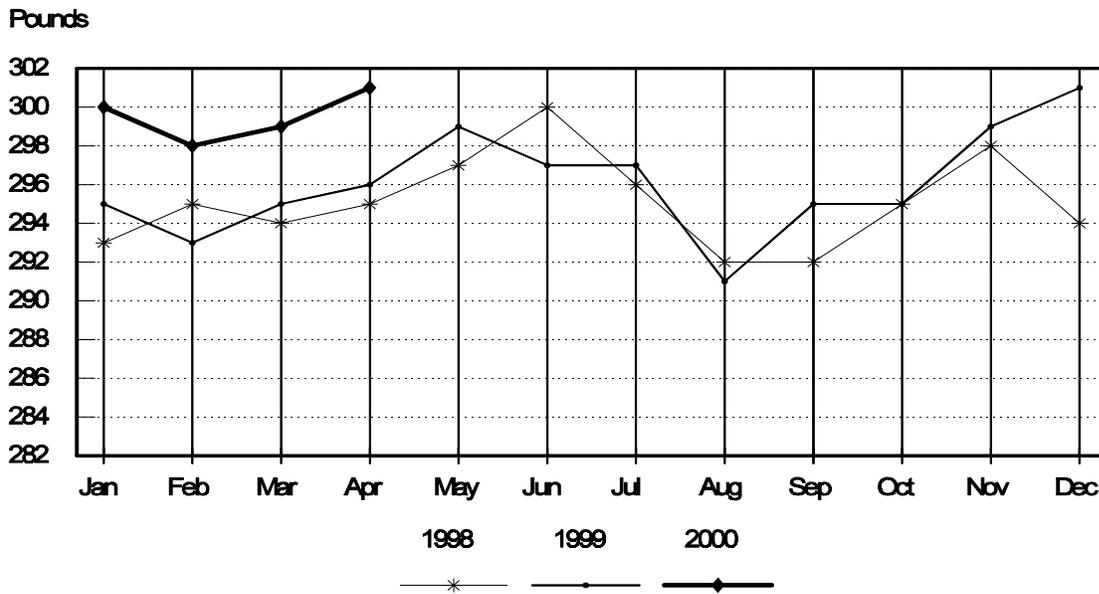
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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