



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down Veal and Lamb & Mutton Set Record Lows for July

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.64 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in July 1999.

July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,220 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for July set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 99 thousand head, down 11 percent from July 1999. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 305 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.41 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.36 million head, 7 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16 million pounds, was down 9 percent from the previous record low for July set last year. Sheep slaughter totaled 243 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 2 pounds from July a year ago.

January - July red meat production was 26.5 billion pounds, just below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jul 1999	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Jul 00 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 1999	Jun 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	2,256	2,369	2,202	98	93	15,281	15,551	102
Veal	19	19	18	98	98	127	127	101
Pork	1,489	1,536	1,408	95	92	10,985	10,703	97
Lamb & Mutton	17	17	16	91	91	140	137	98
Total Red Meat	3,781	*3,941	3,643	96	92	26,533	26,518	100

* 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	Jul 1999	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Jul 00 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 1999	Jun 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	2,229	2,341	2,175	98	93	15,061	15,340	102
Veal	18	17	16	91	94	123	119	97
Pork	1,469	*1,516	1,387	94	92	10,807	10,562	98
Lamb & Mutton	17	17	15	90	91	136	132	97
Total Red Meat	3,732	*3,891	3,594	96	92	26,127	26,154	100

* 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	Jul 1999	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Jul 00 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
					Jul 1999	Jun 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,036.8	3,191.4	2,918.0	96	91	20,613.2	20,811.2	101
Other	Thou	46.1	45.4	44.1	96	97	378.6	351.0	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,082.9	*3,236.7	2,962.1	96	92	20,991.7	21,162.1	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,208	1,207	1,222	101	101	1,209	1,216	101
Other	Lbs	1,039	1,076	1,078	104	100	1,037	1,071	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,206	1,205	1,220	101	101	1,206	1,213	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	108.8	91.2	91.7	84	101	707.5	624.1	88
Other	Thou	2.1	4.1	7.1	337	173	16.3	33.1	203
Comm'l. ³	Thou	110.9	95.3	98.8	89	104	723.8	657.2	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	277	319	295	107	93	289	316	110
Other	Lbs	413	439	439	106	100	399	432	108
Comm'l.	Lbs	279	322	305	110	95	291	322	111
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,778.2	*7,823.0	7,234.9	93	92	56,707.2	54,642.2	96
Other	Thou	129.4	128.5	121.4	94	95	1,067.7	839.8	79
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,907.6	*7,951.5	7,356.3	93	93	57,775.0	55,482.0	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	257	262	259	101	99	259	262	101
Other	Lbs	221	224	231	105	103	233	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	256	262	259	101	99	259	262	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	253.3	247.2	228.8	90	93	2,028.4	1,942.8	96
Other	Thou	12.0	13.2	14.4	121	109	78.5	83.9	107
Comm'l. ³	Thou	265.2	260.3	243.2	92	93	2,106.8	2,026.7	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	133	135	132	99	98	136	137	101
Other	Lbs	95	102	96	102	94	98	100	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	132	133	130	99	98	134	136	101

* 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	Jul 1999	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Jul 00 as % of ²	
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	Jul 1999 <i>Percent</i>	Jun 2000 <i>Percent</i>
AL	2.4	3.5	3.3	140	95
AK					
AZ	32.4	35.8	33.6	104	94
AR	5.8	4.1	3.9	67	93
CA	85.4	90.8	83.1	97	91
CO	184.1	189.6	182.0	99	96
DE-MD	4.7	2.9	2.6	56	90
FL	3.7	4.6	4.0	107	87
GA	24.4	28.8	24.0	98	83
HI	1.3	1.3	1.2	97	93
ID	51.5	52.4	49.4	96	94
IL	213.6	*224.1	208.9	98	93
IN	94.4	99.9	93.5	99	94
IA	487.2	485.8	436.3	90	90
KS	541.4	553.8	522.2	96	94
KY	34.3	34.9	31.3	91	90
LA	1.3	1.3	1.2	89	91
MI	29.5	31.1	23.8	81	77
MN	157.5	168.7	150.2	95	89
MS	22.3	22.8	20.9	94	91
MO	60.6	62.1	58.6	97	94
MT	1.8	1.9	1.8	104	99
NE	572.6	625.2	584.6	102	94
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	94	112
N ENG ³	1.8	1.6	1.4	79	88
NJ	4.3	4.6	4.3	100	93
NM	1.1	0.7	0.7	61	95
NY	4.5	4.1	3.7	83	91
NC	152.8	153.4	145.8	95	95
ND	2.3	2.2	2.0	89	92
OH	26.2	25.3	23.7	90	94
OK	71.8	82.4	74.5	104	91
OR	3.5	3.7	3.6	101	97
PA	96.4	99.5	90.2	94	91
SC	18.2	18.6	16.3	90	88
SD	74.0	83.5	75.5	102	90
TN	17.6	15.8	15.4	88	98
TX	436.1	429.1	404.0	93	94
UT	41.7	45.9	41.5	100	91
VA	57.0	56.8	51.8	91	91
WA	51.8	66.6	62.7	121	94
WV	0.5	0.4	0.4	74	94
WI	106.6	120.6	104.8	98	87
WY	0.4	0.3	0.4	91	105
US	3,780.7	*3,940.6	3,643.3	96	92

* 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,
July 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	0.8	0.5	648	434	787	801
AK						
AZ	44.3	45.5	53,343	55,738	1,204	1,225
AR	1.6	1.2	1,373	1,186	872	1,029
CA	81.1	81.3	99,764	100,183	1,231	1,233
CO	230.4	225.4	280,365	278,622	1,217	1,236
DE-MD	2.6	2.6	3,245	3,232	1,225	1,232
FL	5.1	5.9	5,619	6,623	1,105	1,130
GA	33.6	33.5	38,149	38,216	1,136	1,141
HI	1.5	1.6	1,428	1,473	940	940
ID	68.1	66.6	84,653	80,828	1,243	1,214
IL	90.3	84.5	106,833	101,291	1,184	1,199
IN	3.0	2.9	3,157	3,043	1,050	1,047
IA	70.7	54.2	82,692	66,483	1,170	1,227
KS	699.7	673.1	842,745	815,113	1,205	1,211
KY	0.9	0.8	777	712	848	858
LA	1.7	1.5	1,305	1,235	768	806
MI	32.0	24.9	43,297	34,361	1,354	1,379
MN	51.2	48.8	67,842	66,682	1,325	1,366
MS						
MO	6.6	5.1	7,200	6,235	1,093	1,213
MT	2.0	2.2	2,101	2,454	1,064	1,128
NE	636.0	638.0	778,017	793,868	1,223	1,244
NV	0.1	0.1	96	95	1,051	968
N ENG ²	1.8	1.5	1,954	1,634	1,079	1,118
NJ	2.1	2.1	2,389	2,313	1,119	1,128
NM	2.0	1.1	1,932	1,112	966	975
NY	5.3	4.5	5,789	4,888	1,092	1,089
NC	14.7	12.6	15,865	13,586	1,081	1,077
ND	0.8	0.8	921	912	1,177	1,189
OH	11.3	9.8	11,789	11,648	1,046	1,191
OK	2.7	2.6	2,558	2,687	946	1,016
OR	1.2	1.2	1,576	1,496	1,354	1,300
PA	84.5	77.2	104,404	98,426	1,235	1,274
SC						
SD	23.1	20.3	31,793	28,387	1,377	1,398
TN	1.9	1.4	1,647	1,157	878	813
TX	594.4	544.8	689,827	633,185	1,161	1,162
UT	55.6	53.9	65,386	65,132	1,176	1,208
VA	1.3	1.0	1,198	945	926	967
WA	66.4	80.5	85,292	101,264	1,284	1,258
WV	0.7	0.5	688	491	939	1,052
WI	136.6	133.7	173,552	172,413	1,271	1,289
WY	0.5	0.4	531	488	1,144	1,169
US ³	3,082.9	2,962.1	3,717,527	3,613,481	1,206	1,220

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	16.2	10.3	2,164	1,688	134	164
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.9	8.5	3,687	3,524	416	415
IN	9.9	11.3	2,750	3,538	277	312
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.1	0.9	533	438	485	494
MI	3.3	4.0	844	1,330	253	330
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.1	51	30	304	274
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.8	2.9	554	360	148	124
NJ	8.5	8.3	3,638	3,626	427	434
NM						
NY	16.9	13.6	1,739	1,093	103	81
NC	0.2	0.1	83	59	399	406
ND						
OH	3.8	0.1	1,482	16	389	269
OK						
OR						
PA	16.3	16.0	5,113	5,689	313	355
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.9	7.3	901	3,021	479	414
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	14.1	12.3	5,769	5,027	409	410
WY						
US ³	110.9	98.8	30,891	30,179	279	305

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	7.2	9.8	3,013	4,742	417	484
AK						
AZ	0.3	0.3	66	75	202	225
AR						
CA	191.1	173.3	40,708	37,055	213	214
CO	1.5	1.4	384	359	258	258
DE-MD	15.1	2.9	3,656	709	242	245
FL	8.6	6.5	1,458	1,141	169	175
GA	17.2	13.7	4,952	4,361	288	318
HI	3.1	2.7	650	570	213	208
ID						
IL	756.8	737.9	196,549	192,041	260	260
IN	484.2	470.1	121,164	118,674	250	252
IA	2,297.7	2,038.0	592,819	531,486	258	261
KS	42.4	31.8	12,135	9,737	286	307
KY	175.9	158.9	45,387	41,069	258	258
LA	2.3	1.9	471	404	207	216
MI	10.7	9.5	3,989	3,379	371	356
MN	643.6	603.4	163,770	154,831	254	257
MS						
MO	302.9	292.0	75,676	73,855	250	253
MT	2.6	1.6	666	432	254	265
NE	491.3	472.5	125,836	122,164	256	259
NV						
N ENG ²	2.6	1.8	648	450	252	244
NJ	8.4	8.0	817	778	97	97
NM	0.1	0.1	30	22	213	217
NY	4.5	3.6	702	857	154	241
NC	794.3	744.4	193,679	185,639	244	249
ND	10.9	9.4	2,602	2,200	239	234
OH	102.2	94.1	26,316	24,255	258	258
OK	355.3	370.9	92,902	97,577	262	263
OR	16.9	16.5	4,004	4,163	236	253
PA	204.3	178.5	48,589	43,430	238	243
SC						
SD	298.7	315.7	78,082	81,587	261	258
TN	58.7	52.0	25,588	22,544	436	434
TX	27.6	28.8	9,288	9,524	336	331
UT	3.1	3.6	601	626	191	176
VA	305.5	272.0	75,099	68,364	246	251
WA	1.7	1.6	428	421	245	262
WV	0.9	0.7	258	192	294	275
WI	40.6	37.3	16,689	15,855	411	426
WY	0.4	0.4	99	86	246	247
US ³	7,907.6	7,356.3	2,025,988	1,904,912	256	259

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

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

³ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 1999 and 2000¹**

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	88.5	83.6	13,309	11,750	150	140
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.4	0.5	30	41	83	77
HI						
ID	0.3	0.4	42	43	126	120
IL						
IN	3.2	3.4	314	336	98	98
IA	33.4	33.8	4,355	4,592	130	136
KS	0.2	0.1	24	16	114	114
KY	0.9	1.0	122	151	139	158
LA	0.2	0.2	17	17	77	84
MI	18.3	16.6	2,237	2,141	122	129
MN	0.2	0.2	27	29	121	126
MS						
MO						
MT	0.3	0.4	39	47	128	125
NE	0.1	0.1	13	6	106	114
NV	0.1	0.2	10	19	122	104
N ENG ²	1.7	1.7	168	169	98	101
NJ	8.7	8.8	799	853	92	97
NM	2.7	2.3	324	260	119	112
NY	1.7	1.3	200	140	115	105
NC	0.1	0.1	7	9	104	104
ND						
OH	0.8	1.0	83	120	110	115
OK						
OR	0.7	0.7	88	87	124	129
PA	6.1	4.6	575	390	94	84
SC		0.1	5	13	96	93
SD	1.1	1.3	121	134	112	102
TN	0.3	0.3	23	27	71	91
TX	36.0	30.9	4,591	3,805	128	123
UT	2.7	2.4	321	338	120	138
VA	0.9	0.8	90	74	100	92
WA						
WV						
WI	1.1	1.3	120	142	106	108
WY	0.1	0.1	18	16	136	136
US ³	265.2	243.2	34,937	31,577	132	130

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

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

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

Item	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul ¹		Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul ¹	
	1999	2000	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	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	1,598	1,652	1,577	10,330	10,511	52.6	51.8	54.0	50.1	50.5
Heifers	961	1,026	903	6,763	6,872	31.6	32.1	31.0	32.8	33.0
All Cows	427	457	390	3,166	3,069	14.0	14.4	13.3	15.3	14.8
Dairy Cows	199	206	188	1,453	1,496	6.5	6.5	6.4	7.0	7.2
Other Cows	228	251	202	1,713	1,573	7.5	7.9	6.9	8.3	7.6
Bulls & Stags	52	55	48	355	359	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	3,037	3,191	2,918	20,613	20,811	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,465	7,529	6,965	54,534	52,754	96.0	96.2	96.3	96.2	96.5
Sows	277	*262	241	1,926	1,700	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1
Stags & Boars	35	32	28	247	188	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Total ¹	7,778	*7,823	7,235	56,707	54,642	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	15	15	13	107	98	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	238	232	216	1,922	1,845	94.1	93.9	94.4	94.7	94.9
Total ¹	253	247	229	2,028	1,943	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	737	737	749	734	741					
Steers ⁴	792	787	799	787	791					
Heifers ⁴	720	718	728	724	727					
All Cows ⁴	557	579	580	566	581					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	887	914	899	888	905					
Calves & Vealers	170	197	183	177	195					
Hogs	189	195	193	191	194					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	185	191	189	187	191					
Sows ⁵	297	303	302	296	300					
Stags & Boars ⁵	228	217	215	230	225					
Sheep	66	67	66	67	68					
Mature Sheep ⁶	59	63	64	60	61					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	66	67	66	68	69					

* 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,
July 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	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.9
2	6.4	1.2	0.3	4.2	3.5	0.6	0.7	21.9
3	80.4	42.2	5.1	31.4	23.1	8.3	1.7	16.1
4	63.6	0.9	0.3	53.9	20.1	33.8	8.6	1.5
5	287.4	127.3	43.4	108.6	75.9	32.8	8.1	36.0
6	543.7	289.0	193.2	52.5	8.9	43.6	9.0	1.9
7	1,362.7	792.3	512.9	50.5	3.4	47.0	7.1	
8	297.6	170.6	108.4	14.4	2.5	11.8	4.2	
9	127.8	65.2	7.9	51.2	39.3	11.9	3.5	10.1
10	146.9	88.1	31.7	22.5	10.4	12.1	4.5	1.4
US ²	2,918.0	1,577.1	903.3	390.0	187.9	202.1	47.5	91.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	1.5	1.5			1.5	0.4		1.2
2	11.3	11.1	0.2	0.1	10.0	1.5		8.5
3	452.7	450.7	2.0		7.4	0.3		7.1
4	1,125.8	1,052.7	70.9	2.3	1.8	1.2		0.5
5	1,895.5	1,808.5	86.1	0.9	30.8	4.0		26.8
6	395.2	374.7	19.8	0.8	28.6	2.6		26.1
7	2,825.6	2,760.8	40.6	24.2	34.0			33.9
8	328.4	306.9	21.5		86.9	2.0		84.9
9	169.3	169.2	0.1	0.1	26.9	0.6		26.3
10	29.5	29.4	0.1		0.8	0.1		0.7
US ²	7,234.9	6,965.2	241.2	28.5	228.8	12.8		216.0

¹ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- AK, ID, OR, & WA.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - July 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	11.3	1.5	1.3	7.3	7.0	0.3	1.1	16.6
2	49.8	9.1	2.7	33.3	27.7	5.6	4.7	139.4
3	597.0	291.3	43.6	248.0	181.6	66.4	14.0	99.3
4	485.1	8.6	2.5	409.3	152.2	257.1	64.7	11.2
5	2,162.0	908.3	339.5	848.3	592.0	256.3	65.9	262.8
6	3,897.3	2,000.2	1,402.8	408.2	72.1	336.1	86.2	11.4
7	9,616.9	5,258.0	3,907.2	409.9	28.5	381.4	41.9	0.7
8	2,092.2	1,070.5	860.4	132.1	24.7	107.4	29.2	
9	902.8	438.7	57.6	385.2	318.9	66.4	21.3	71.7
10	996.7	524.4	254.3	188.0	91.5	96.5	29.9	11.0
US ²	20,811.2	10,510.6	6,871.9	3,069.6	1,496.2	1,573.4	359.0	624.1
	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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	9.7	9.3	0.3	0.1	13.0	2.9	10.1	
2	81.0	79.3	1.1	0.6	76.9	11.0	65.9	
3	3,540.0	3,524.9	14.9	0.2	56.5	2.9	53.6	
4	8,457.9	7,892.6	547.9	17.4	10.7	7.6	3.1	
5	14,069.2	13,477.0	585.2	7.0	256.5	29.4	227.1	
6	2,889.2	2,723.7	158.6	6.9	278.5	22.9	255.5	
7	21,753.1	21,316.7	281.4	155.0	280.4	0.5	279.8	
8	2,328.4	2,220.1	108.3		726.4	14.6	711.9	
9	1,285.2	1,284.0	1.0	0.2	239.1	5.4	233.7	
10	228.6	226.9	1.5	0.2	4.9	1.0	3.9	
US ²	54,642.2	52,754.5	1,700.2	187.5	1,942.8	98.2	1,844.7	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	45.3	39.5	0.7	5.0	5.0			
AR	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	
CA	80.8	25.3	7.0	45.2	34.1	11.1	3.3	10.1
CO	224.8	140.1	84.2	0.3	0.3		0.1	
DE-MD	2.6	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3			
FL	5.9	0.3		5.0	1.7	3.3	0.5	
GA	32.6	0.1		28.1	3.1	25.0	4.4	
HI	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.2	
ID	65.4	35.4	10.7	16.0	6.1	9.9	3.4	
IL	81.9	49.2	32.6					8.5
IN	0.3	0.2	0.1					11.3
IA	52.6	30.3	21.7				0.5	
KS	670.4	395.8	273.3	1.2	0.2	1.0	0.1	
KY	0.4	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	23.0	15.6	2.0	5.3	5.3		0.1	3.9
MN	46.3	8.5	4.4	28.7	11.3	17.4	4.7	
MS								
MO	3.9	0.8	0.3	2.3	0.6	1.7	0.4	
MT	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	635.9	365.4	217.5	46.9	2.6	44.3	6.1	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.9
NJ	2.0	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	8.3
NM	0.9			0.8	0.8			
NY	4.4	0.4	0.2	3.4	2.8	0.6	0.4	13.6
NC	12.1			9.6	4.7	4.9	2.5	0.1
ND	0.3	0.1	0.1					
OH	5.0	0.3	0.2	4.1	2.8	1.3	0.4	
OK								
OR								
PA	77.1	40.1	4.7	30.6	22.6	8.0	1.7	16.0
SC								
SD	18.4	1.4	1.9	11.5	1.4	10.1	3.6	
TN	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.1	
TX	541.2	288.8	193.0	50.5	7.6	42.9	8.9	1.6
UT	53.4	28.6	22.0	2.4	0.8	1.6	0.4	
VA	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	
WA	80.4	52.1	20.9	6.4	4.2	2.2	1.0	
WV								
WI	130.9	53.4	4.1	70.4	56.4	14.0	2.9	12.2
WY								
US ³	2,918.0	1,577.1	903.3	390.0	187.9	202.1	47.5	91.7

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	8.9	0.4	6.3	2.2			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	166.3	166.2		0.1			
CO	1.0	0.9	0.1		83.6		83.5
DE-MD	2.9	2.9					
FL	6.5	6.3	0.2				
GA	7.5	4.7	2.8				
HI	2.7	2.7					
ID					0.2		0.2
IL	707.2	663.4	43.1	0.6			
IN	464.4	464.4			2.6	1.7	0.9
IA	2,036.0	1,978.1	33.7	24.2	33.6		33.6
KS	28.6	21.8	6.8				
KY	158.5	153.8	4.6		0.9	0.9	
LA							
MI	7.8	3.6	4.1	0.1	16.3	2.3	14.1
MN	601.5	601.4			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	290.0	289.9	0.1				
MT	0.5	0.5			0.1		0.1
NE	471.1	471.1					
NV					0.2	0.1	0.1
N ENG ²	1.5	1.5			1.5	0.4	1.2
NJ	8.0	7.8	0.1	0.1	8.7	1.1	7.7
NM					1.3	1.1	0.2
NY	3.3	3.3			1.3	0.5	0.8
NC	733.0	726.8	6.2		0.1		
ND	9.3	9.3					
OH	83.9	75.3	8.6				
OK	369.2	363.7	5.5				
OR	16.3	16.1	0.1		0.5	0.1	0.4
PA	178.1	177.7	0.4		4.6	0.3	4.3
SC							
SD	314.7	293.2	21.4		1.1		1.1
TN	51.9	2.2	49.7		0.2	0.1	0.1
TX	15.4	9.5	5.0	0.8	27.3	1.4	25.8
UT	2.9	2.9			2.1	1.9	0.2
VA	271.6	270.1	1.5		0.7		0.7
WA	1.5	1.5					
WV	0.1		0.1				
WI	30.7	0.2	30.3	0.2	0.2		0.1
WY							
US ³	7,234.9	6,965.2	241.2	28.5	228.8	12.8	216.0

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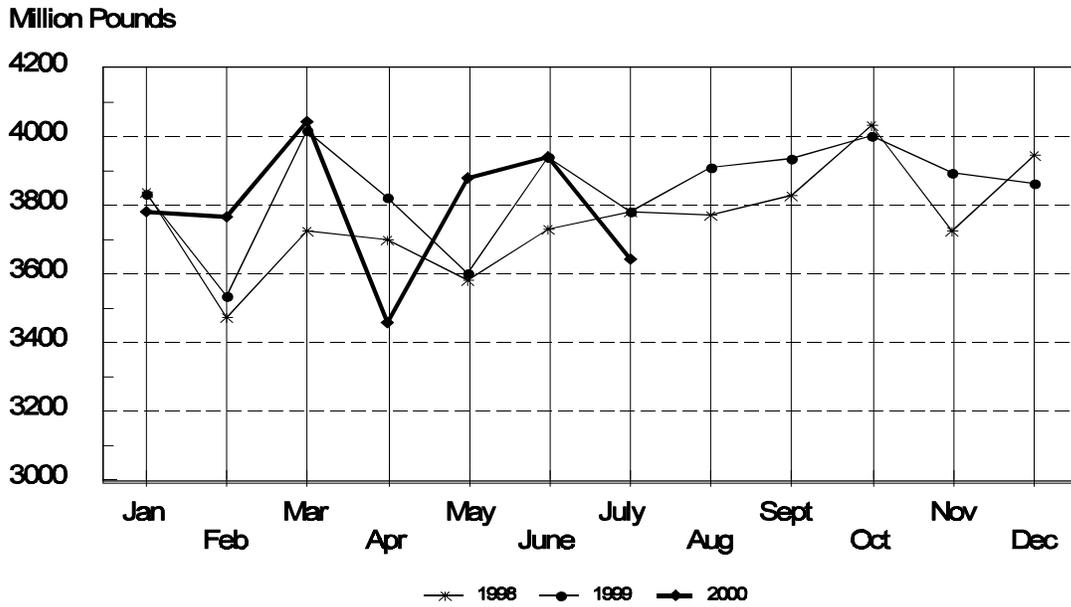
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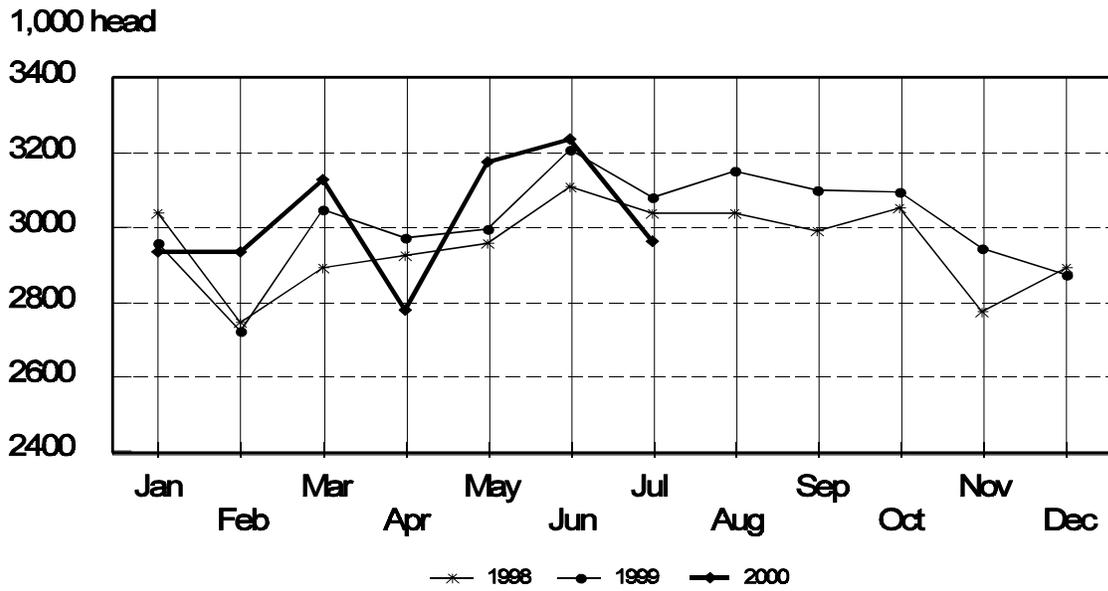
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Jul 1999	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Jan - Jul	
				1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.6	98.5	98.2	98.3
Calves	98.1	95.7	92.8	97.8	95.0
Hogs	98.4	98.4	98.3	98.2	98.5
Sheep	95.5	94.9	94.1	96.3	95.9

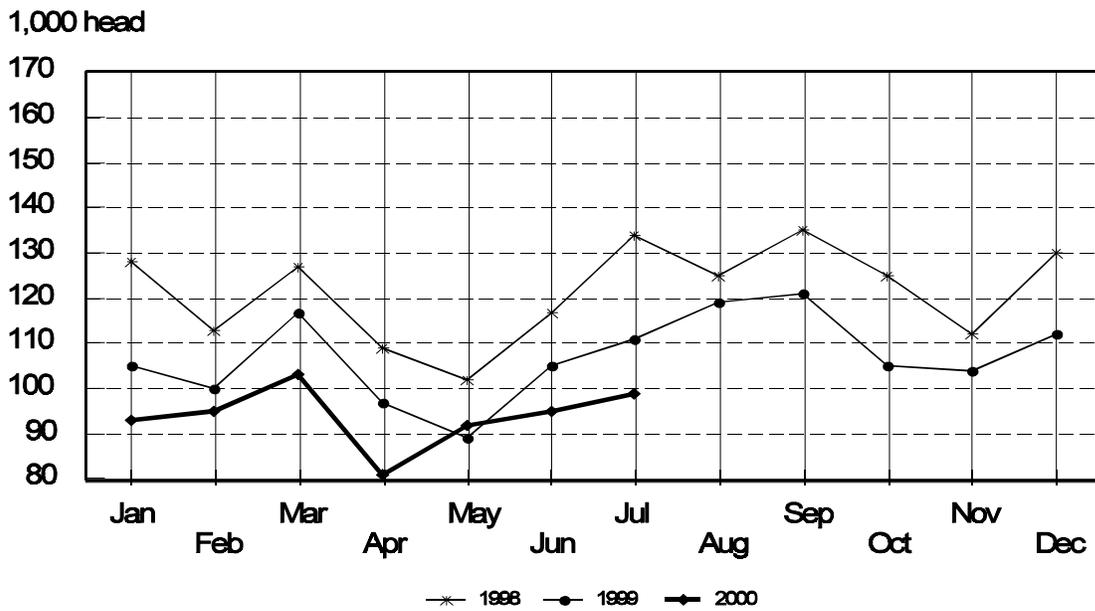
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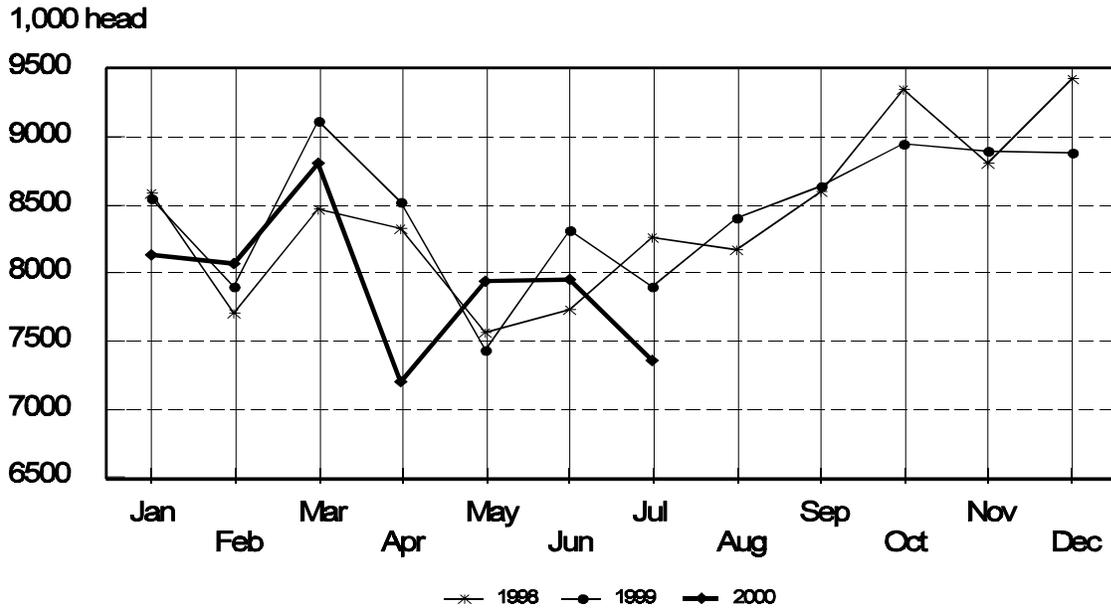
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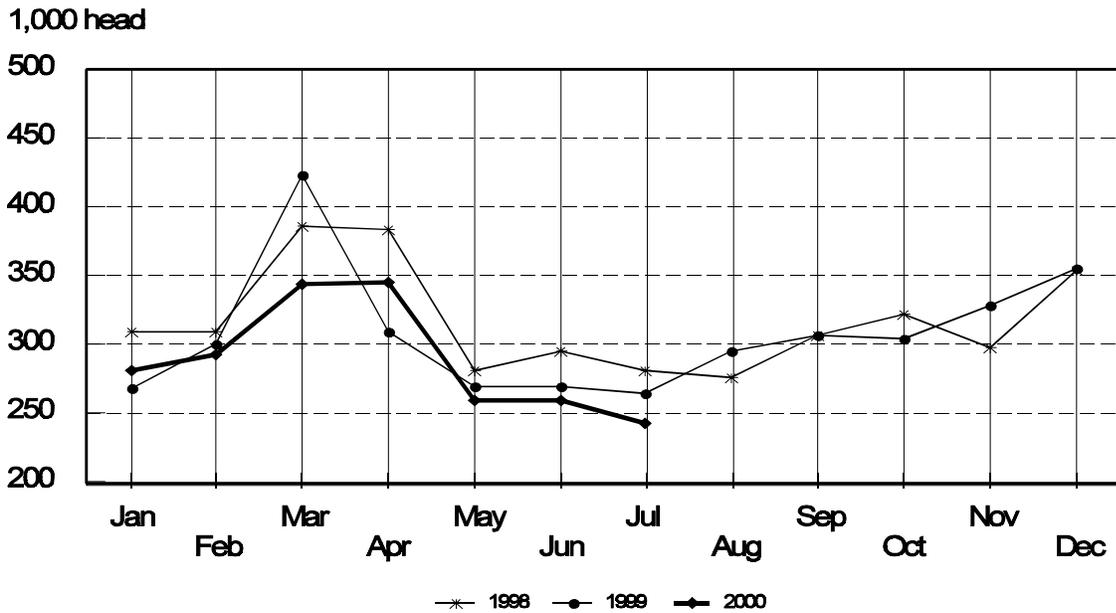
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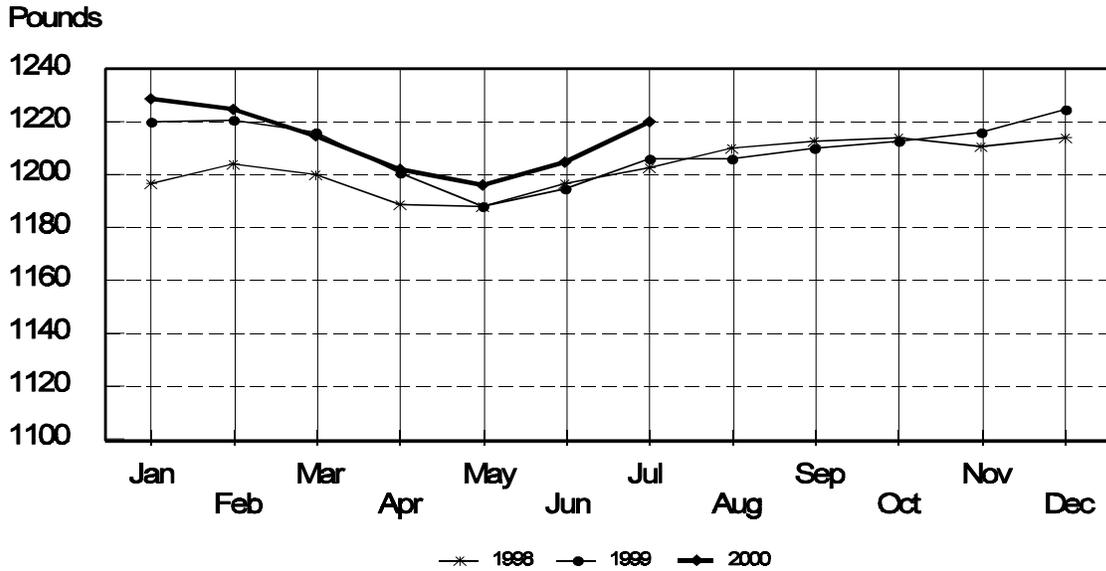
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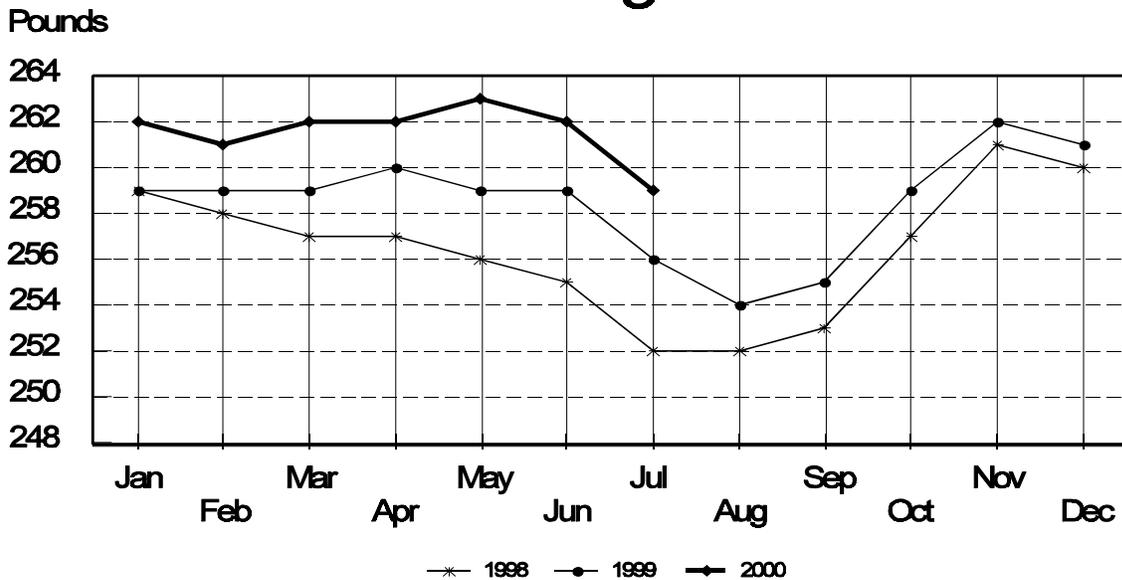
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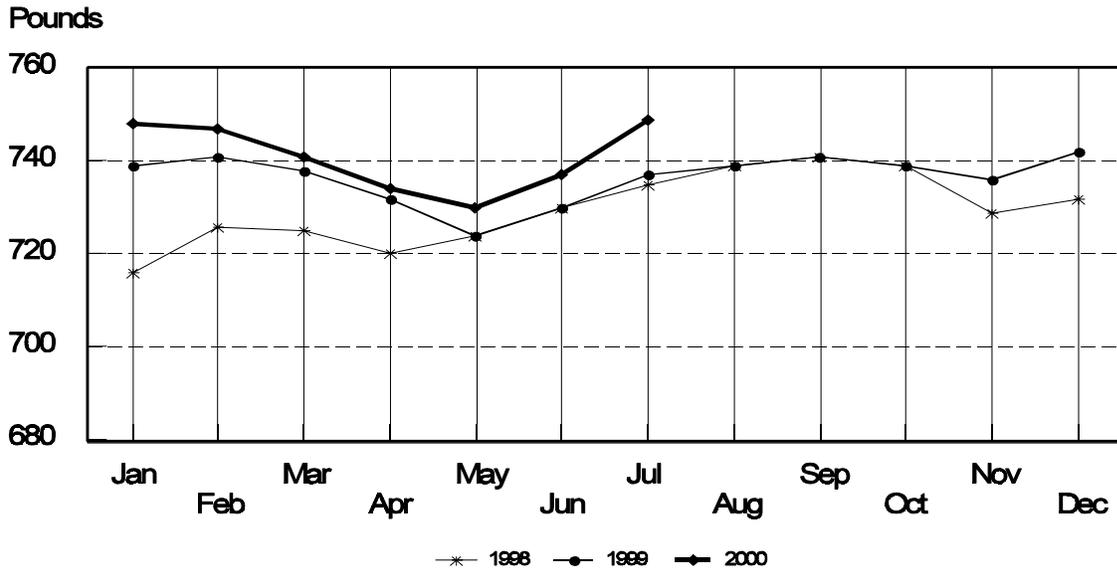
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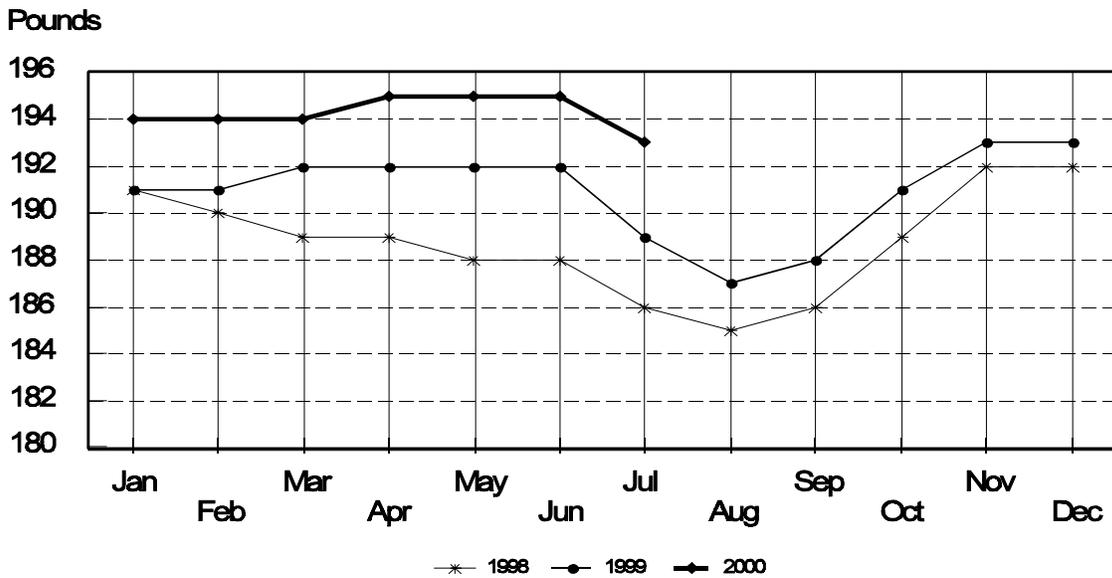
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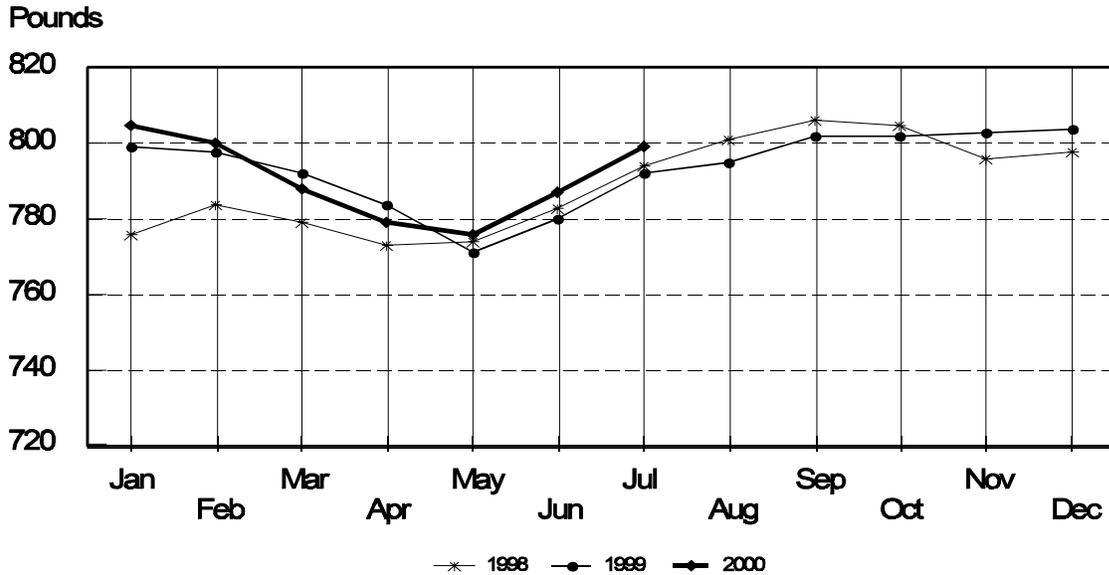
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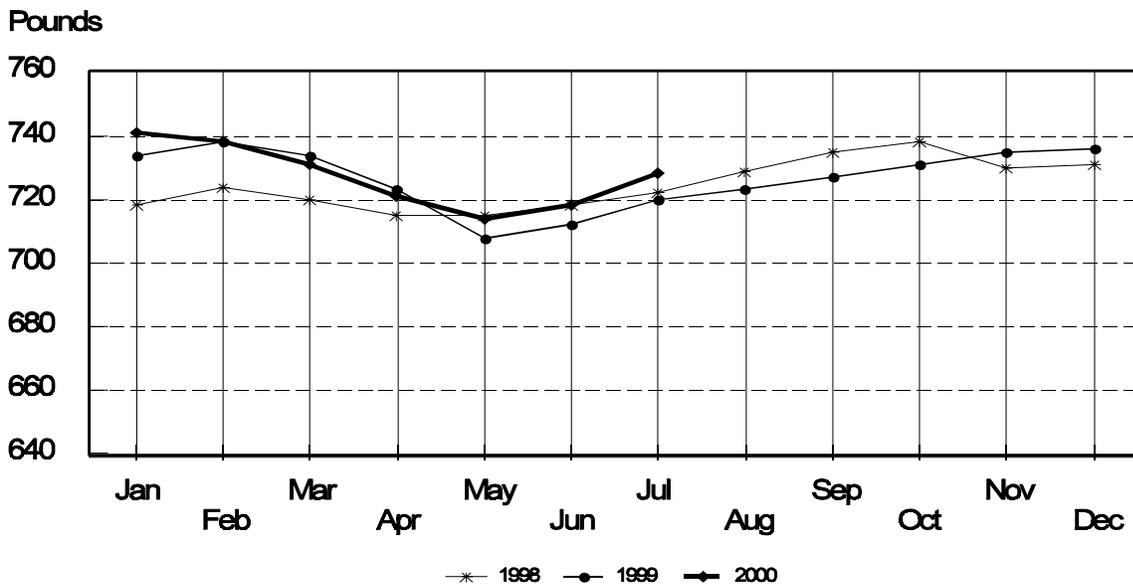
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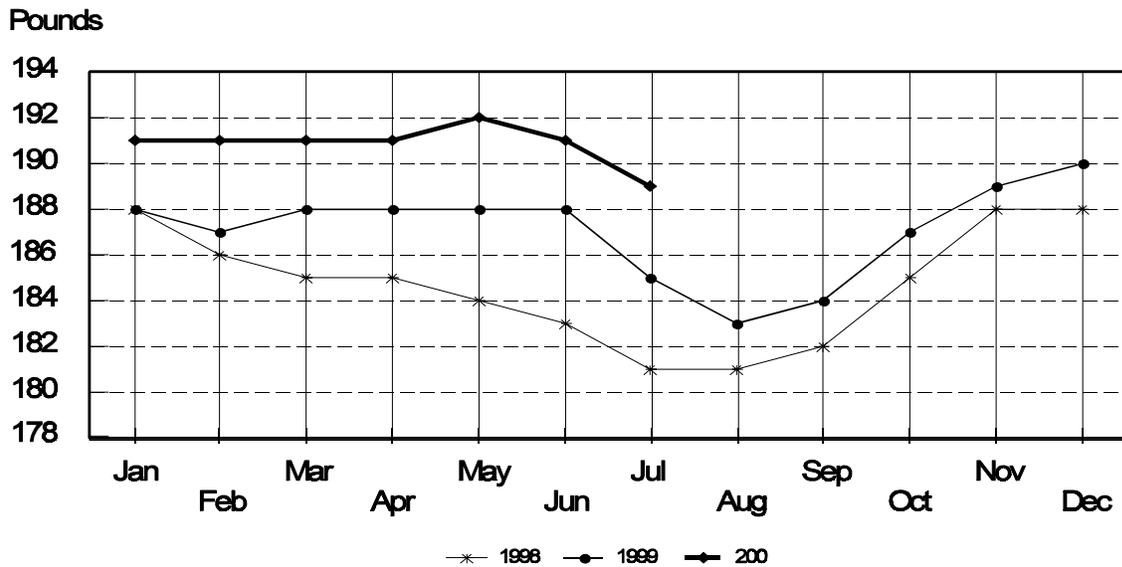
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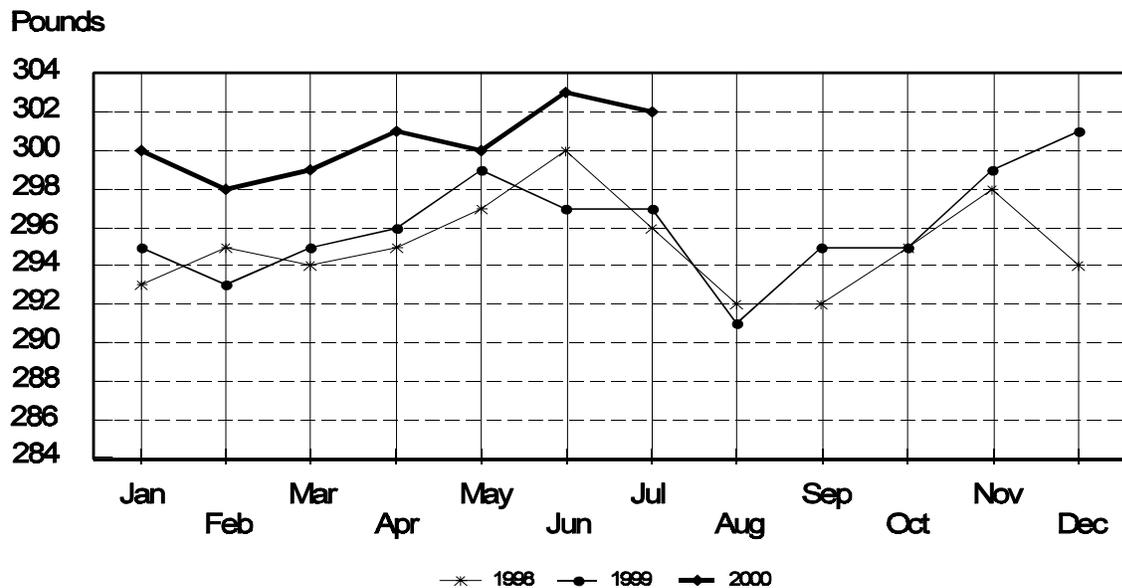
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

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

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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