



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down in September Beef Production Equals Record High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in September 1999.

September 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, equaled the previous record high for September set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.03 million head, down 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17 million pounds, 18 percent below the previous record low for September set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93 thousand head, down 22 percent from September 1999. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, 6 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 1999 and down 9 percent from the previous record low for September set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January - September red meat production was 34.5 billion pounds, just above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Sep 00 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 1999	Aug 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	2,275	2,437	2,275	100	93	19,863	20,264	102
Veal	20	17	17	82	95	166	161	97
Pork	1,618	1,641	1,552	96	95	14,168	13,896	98
Lamb & Mutton	19	18	17	90	97	178	172	97
Total Red Meat	3,932	4,114	3,861	98	94	34,376	34,493	100

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	Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Sep 00 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 1999	Aug 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	2,243	2,407	2,244	100	93	19,581	19,991	102
Veal	19	17	16	82	95	161	152	94
Pork	1,594	1,618	1,531	96	95	13,941	13,711	98
Lamb & Mutton	19	17	17	90	97	173	167	96
Total Red Meat	3,876	4,059	3,808	98	94	33,856	34,022	100

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	Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Sep 00 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
					Sep 1999	Aug 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,044.9	*3,210.5	2,984.1	98	93	26,757.3	27,005.8	101
Other	Thou	54.1	49.2	50.4	93	102	483.6	450.5	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,099.0	*3,259.7	3,034.5	98	93	27,241.0	27,456.4	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,213	1,228	1,233	102	100	1,210	1,219	101
Other	Lbs	1,045	1,092	1,092	105	100	1,040	1,076	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,210	1,226	1,231	102	100	1,207	1,217	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	117.0	97.7	91.3	78	93	939.6	813.2	87
Other	Thou	2.8	2.1	2.0	72	97	22.1	37.2	168
Comm'l. ³	Thou	119.8	99.8	93.3	78	94	961.7	850.4	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	275	286	288	105	101	285	310	109
Other	Lbs	449	416	432	96	104	409	431	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	280	289	293	105	102	288	315	110
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,501.0	*8,480.5	7,991.8	94	94	73,464.1	71,114.8	97
Other	Thou	140.5	141.9	126.1	90	89	1,356.4	1,107.8	82
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,641.4	*8,622.4	8,117.9	94	94	74,820.5	72,222.6	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	256	258	259	101	100	258	261	101
Other	Lbs	235	229	229	97	100	233	231	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	255	258	259	101	100	258	261	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	294.1	269.1	256.7	87	95	2,605.4	2,468.6	95
Other	Thou	13.5	14.2	12.4	92	87	105.4	110.5	105
Comm'l. ³	Thou	307.6	283.3	269.1	87	95	2,710.8	2,579.1	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	128	129	132	103	102	134	136	101
Other	Lbs	97	104	100	103	96	98	100	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	127	128	130	103	102	133	134	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	Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Sep 00 as % of ²	
				Sep 1999	Aug 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.6	4.2	3.8	146	92
AK	0.1	0.1			
AZ	29.9	35.1	30.6	102	87
AR	6.2	4.5	4.6	75	103
CA	88.0	95.1	88.8	101	93
CO	176.7	189.8	185.5	105	98
DE-MD	5.7	2.9	2.8	50	96
FL	4.1	5.1	4.5	111	89
GA	25.7	27.1	24.6	96	91
HI	1.2	1.3	1.1	94	89
ID	51.7	52.5	48.1	93	92
IL	226.7	238.0	228.6	101	96
IN	103.2	105.3	105.6	102	100
IA	541.6	510.9	483.0	89	95
KS	538.3	584.5	538.1	100	92
KY	37.3	38.3	36.9	99	96
LA	1.6	1.4	1.4	87	102
MI	28.3	32.0	29.2	103	91
MN	173.3	170.0	161.7	93	95
MS	26.5	25.6	23.6	89	92
MO	67.1	71.0	65.1	97	92
MT	1.6	2.1	1.8	109	86
NE	589.5	652.2	609.2	103	93
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	84	78
N ENG ³	2.1	1.8	1.9	92	102
NJ	4.8	4.8	4.6	97	96
NM	1.3	0.9	0.9	68	99
NY	4.6	4.5	4.3	92	94
NC	153.9	170.8	162.2	105	95
ND	2.7	2.3	2.0	76	89
OH	29.7	27.3	26.5	89	97
OK	74.1	77.9	69.4	94	89
OR	3.9	4.1	3.6	91	87
PA	97.2	105.4	98.3	101	93
SC	18.0	18.8	17.2	96	92
SD	82.0	85.2	76.3	93	90
TN	20.6	19.2	17.9	87	93
TX	431.4	447.8	430.9	100	96
UT	43.4	46.3	43.4	100	94
VA	56.9	62.8	60.5	106	96
WA	67.9	64.0	55.3	81	86
WV	0.9	0.6	0.7	76	107
WI	109.5	119.6	105.9	97	89
WY	0.5	0.7	0.5	98	69
US	3,932.5	*4,114.0	3,861.0	98	94

* 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,
September 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	0.7	0.4	550	317	798	882
AK						
AZ	41.1	41.8	48,917	51,319	1,190	1,228
AR	1.7	1.3	1,445	1,389	867	1,035
CA	82.8	86.7	103,506	108,167	1,250	1,247
CO	218.2	224.6	268,109	282,393	1,229	1,257
DE-MD	3.0	2.8	3,630	3,437	1,211	1,226
FL	5.6	6.3	6,288	6,995	1,117	1,112
GA	34.9	34.2	39,343	38,955	1,126	1,139
HI	1.5	1.3	1,351	1,262	885	945
ID	68.0	63.6	85,201	78,662	1,253	1,237
IL	91.0	88.7	108,550	107,783	1,193	1,215
IN	3.6	3.1	3,752	3,281	1,048	1,067
IA	75.5	52.6	88,811	65,405	1,176	1,243
KS	691.1	684.0	834,241	835,411	1,207	1,221
KY	1.4	0.9	1,161	822	856	871
LA	1.8	1.8	1,512	1,593	822	868
MI	30.9	31.8	40,317	43,963	1,305	1,383
MN	53.8	52.0	71,710	71,109	1,332	1,368
MS						
MO	7.2	6.7	7,816	8,438	1,090	1,262
MT	1.9	2.1	2,022	2,354	1,074	1,110
NE	643.0	644.4	792,418	812,986	1,232	1,262
NV	0.1	0.1	84	84	1,044	1,044
N ENG ²	2.1	2.0	2,226	2,189	1,057	1,092
NJ	2.2	2.0	2,533	2,326	1,146	1,142
NM	2.2	1.4	2,170	1,381	990	966
NY	5.9	5.4	6,318	5,727	1,069	1,069
NC	15.8	12.3	16,974	13,322	1,074	1,083
ND	0.8	0.7	939	823	1,136	1,162
OH	13.3	12.3	14,270	14,634	1,071	1,186
OK	3.1	2.9	3,096	2,842	1,002	990
OR	1.3	1.2	1,742	1,596	1,296	1,291
PA	79.8	79.6	98,478	102,281	1,234	1,285
SC						
SD	23.7	21.4	33,565	29,944	1,416	1,398
TN	2.7	2.0	2,280	1,472	855	737
TX	584.4	580.4	677,795	679,135	1,160	1,170
UT	55.9	55.6	67,969	67,530	1,216	1,214
VA	1.9	1.3	1,778	1,258	922	959
WA	85.5	70.1	111,019	89,067	1,298	1,271
WV	1.4	0.9	1,230	884	861	940
WI	144.2	138.9	181,649	177,843	1,260	1,280
WY	0.6	0.5	669	653	1,161	1,193
US ³	3,099.0	3,034.5	3,750,968	3,734,301	1,210	1,231

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,
September 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	0.1	0.1	30	22	464	408
CA	16.0	10.0	2,170	1,517	136	152
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	10.9	8.9	4,536	3,822	418	428
IN	12.8	9.4	3,253	2,846	255	302
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.8	1.1	869	560	491	494
MI	4.2	3.6	1,239	1,291	293	355
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	69	54	332	330
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.6	2.8	499	292	138	105
NJ	9.4	8.9	4,092	3,925	435	440
NM						
NY	14.4	14.1	1,373	1,138	96	81
NC	0.2	0.2	100	75	400	397
ND						
OH	3.7	0.1	1,457	16	394	205
OK	0.1	0.1	45	25	457	450
OR						
PA	17.5	16.5	5,410	5,762	310	348
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.5	2.8	1,519	818	434	289
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	31	18	336	282
WA						
WV						
WI	13.0	10.9	5,345	4,536	410	418
WY						
US ³	119.8	93.3	33,585	27,390	280	293

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,
September 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	8.2	11.2	3,534	5,707	432	511
AK						
AZ	0.6	0.4	106	87	179	228
AR						
CA	199.0	182.8	41,475	39,883	208	218
CO	2.2	1.7	552	433	256	256
DE-MD	20.5	2.9	4,693	746	229	255
FL	9.0	8.7	1,461	1,688	162	194
GA	19.9	15.4	5,707	4,846	287	316
HI	3.0	2.8	605	582	205	208
ID						
IL	830.9	816.3	210,003	212,232	253	260
IN	532.8	533.9	132,604	135,213	249	253
IA	2,581.7	2,279.7	663,045	594,885	257	261
KS	42.2	37.0	12,384	11,196	293	303
KY	192.2	185.7	49,230	48,464	256	261
LA	2.4	2.0	498	428	205	218
MI	10.4	9.3	3,787	3,212	364	346
MN	713.3	651.3	182,999	167,776	257	258
MS						
MO	333.7	324.9	83,975	81,364	252	250
MT	2.1	1.7	526	455	254	267
NE	547.1	536.6	140,058	137,826	256	257
NV						
N ENG ²	3.0	2.8	762	698	258	249
NJ	8.7	9.0	860	837	99	93
NM	0.5	0.5	114	100	214	213
NY	5.2	3.8	826	955	159	249
NC	798.1	831.7	194,708	207,622	244	250
ND	13.6	10.1	3,230	2,350	238	232
OH	113.3	101.5	29,229	26,085	258	257
OK	376.4	346.9	96,459	90,838	256	262
OR	17.6	16.0	4,452	4,065	253	254
PA	225.6	207.5	54,551	52,011	242	251
SC						
SD	331.6	324.5	87,565	82,355	264	254
TN	67.7	60.3	29,813	25,895	441	429
TX	32.5	31.0	11,361	9,567	349	308
UT	4.7	5.2	791	1,331	170	258
VA	305.0	317.9	74,775	79,781	245	251
WA	1.9	2.0	481	524	248	266
WV	1.1	0.9	335	240	300	253
WI	39.6	33.9	16,055	14,145	405	418
WY	0.7	0.6	166	154	247	262
US ³	8,641.4	8,117.9	2,207,612	2,101,892	255	259

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

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

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

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 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	103.5	93.6	13,955	13,123	135	140
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.4	0.4	40	38	97	86
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	56	53	126	122
IL						
IN	3.2	3.0	323	294	102	99
IA	42.1	40.8	5,687	5,467	135	134
KS	0.2	0.2	27	24	122	113
KY	1.0	1.0	127	163	133	169
LA	0.2	0.2	20	18	83	85
MI	19.4	17.7	2,407	2,225	124	126
MN	0.2	0.2	27	31	118	128
MS						
MO						
MT	0.4	0.5	51	61	130	127
NE	0.1	0.1	18	7	120	111
NV	0.2	0.1	27	18	125	127
N ENG ²	2.4	2.3	247	231	102	101
NJ	8.9	8.5	856	867	96	102
NM	2.8	2.3	333	263	118	115
NY	1.9	1.5	223	154	116	101
NC	0.1	0.1	5	7	91	109
ND						
OH	1.1	1.3	121	136	106	102
OK						
OR	0.7	0.8	93	107	127	135
PA	6.1	4.7	570	383	94	82
SC	0.2	0.2	24	18	100	105
SD	0.9	1.1	102	111	116	98
TN	0.3	0.3	25	25	82	96
TX	42.9	32.4	5,513	4,228	128	131
UT	3.0	2.7	356	378	119	141
VA	1.3	1.3	132	133	100	102
WA						
WV						
WI	1.1	1.2	123	131	112	114
WY	0.2	0.2	25	24	120	136
US ³	307.6	269.1	39,084	35,056	127	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	Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Jan - Sep ¹		Sep 1999	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Jan - Sep 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>
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,514	1,656	1,492	13,418	13,658	49.7	51.6	50.0	50.1	50.6
Heifers	1,009	1,045	1,004	8,776	8,921	33.1	32.6	33.7	32.8	33.0
All Cows	465	452	436	4,093	3,959	15.3	14.1	14.6	15.3	14.6
Dairy Cows	218	221	213	1,889	1,931	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1
Other Cows	247	231	223	2,204	2,028	8.1	7.2	7.5	8.2	7.5
Bulls & Stags	56	58	51	470	468	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total¹	3,045	3,210	2,984	26,757	27,006	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,178	8,173	7,718	70,630	68,646	96.2	96.4	96.6	96.1	96.5
Sows	289	280	251	2,518	2,231	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.1
Stags & Boars	34	27	23	317	238	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total¹	8,501	8,480	7,992	73,464	71,115	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	17	15	14	139	127	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	277	254	243	2,466	2,341	94.3	94.2	94.7	94.7	94.8
Total¹	294	269	257	2,605	2,469	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight³										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle										
Steers ⁴	741	754	756	735	744					
Heifers ⁴	802	807	812	790	795					
All Cows ⁴	727	736	743	724	730					
All Cows ⁴	551	574	575	562	580					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	873	888	882	886	900					
Calves & Vealers	169	177	178	175	191					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	192	192	190	194					
Sows ⁵	184	188	189	187	190					
Sows ⁵	295	300	303	295	301					
Stags & Boars ⁵	240	228	235	232	226					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	64	64	65	67	68					
Mature Sheep ⁶	60	66	66	60	62					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	64	64	65	67	68					

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
September 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	1.7	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.9		0.2	2.8
2	7.1	1.4	0.3	4.7	4.0	0.7	0.8	23.0
3	83.0	40.8	6.8	33.8	24.8	8.9	1.7	16.7
4	65.1	0.7	0.3	55.0	19.7	35.3	9.0	2.5
5	306.0	126.7	49.1	121.0	86.6	34.3	9.2	32.7
6	580.6	297.3	202.1	70.5	10.4	60.2	10.7	2.7
7	1,378.8	740.2	577.6	53.4	4.3	49.1	7.6	0.1
8	299.0	149.3	128.3	16.9	3.3	13.6	4.5	
9	129.3	59.5	9.0	57.6	48.8	8.8	3.3	9.8
10	133.5	75.7	30.7	22.7	10.5	12.2	4.4	1.1
US ²	2,984.1	1,491.9	1,004.4	436.6	213.3	223.2	51.4	91.3
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	2.1	2.1			2.0	0.4		1.6
2	12.4	12.2	0.2		10.0	1.8		8.1
3	527.4	525.4	2.0		7.5	0.4		7.1
4	1,265.4	1,181.0	82.1	2.3	1.6	1.1		0.5
5	2,086.3	2,001.7	82.5	2.0	33.5	4.2		29.3
6	381.0	357.9	22.7	0.4	31.7	2.8		28.9
7	3,168.5	3,101.5	48.6	18.3	41.2	0.1		41.2
8	338.5	326.0	12.5		96.8	1.9		95.0
9	179.7	179.7	0.1		31.2	0.8		30.4
10	30.6	30.4	0.1		1.0	0.2		0.9
US ²	7,991.8	7,717.8	250.8	23.2	256.7	13.6		243.0

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - September 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	14.7	2.2	1.7	9.3	9.0	0.3	1.5	22.9
2	64.6	11.8	3.4	43.1	36.0	7.1	6.3	187.3
3	770.2	377.1	57.1	318.4	234.0	84.4	17.5	133.3
4	622.6	10.2	3.0	525.0	193.4	331.7	84.4	15.5
5	2,796.1	1,177.3	436.8	1,097.4	768.7	328.6	84.7	330.7
6	5,077.7	2,612.8	1,811.6	544.2	93.3	450.9	109.0	16.8
7	12,500.4	6,825.3	5,098.3	518.7	37.4	481.4	58.1	0.9
8	2,704.6	1,388.9	1,111.3	165.8	31.6	134.3	38.6	
9	1,173.6	568.2	76.9	500.6	413.8	86.8	27.9	92.5
10	1,281.3	684.3	321.4	235.7	113.6	122.1	39.8	13.2
US ²	27,005.8	13,658.2	8,921.4	3,958.3	1,930.7	2,027.5	467.9	813.2
	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>	
1	14.0	13.5	0.4	0.1	17.0	3.8	13.2	
2	106.6	104.5	1.4	0.7	97.4	14.6	82.8	
3	4,622.6	4,603.1	19.2	0.3	72.7	3.9	68.8	
4	11,065.6	10,324.5	718.8	22.3	14.4	10.0	4.4	
5	18,340.6	17,569.0	760.6	11.0	327.7	38.6	289.1	
6	3,701.2	3,486.5	206.7	8.0	343.1	28.8	314.3	
7	28,267.7	27,696.3	376.5	194.9	366.6	0.7	365.9	
8	3,040.2	2,896.1	144.0	0.1	917.9	18.4	899.5	
9	1,662.9	1,661.4	1.1	0.4	304.6	7.1	297.5	
10	293.4	291.3	1.8	0.3	7.2	1.3	5.8	
US ²	71,114.8	68,646.1	2,230.7	238.0	2,468.6	127.3	2,341.3	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 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	41.6	34.3	1.1	6.2	6.2			
AR	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	
CA	86.3	24.9	7.6	50.6	42.4	8.2	3.1	9.8
CO	223.9	118.8	104.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.8	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.3			
FL	6.3	0.2		5.5	0.9	4.6	0.5	
GA	33.4	0.1		28.7	3.7	25.0	4.7	
HI	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.1	
ID	62.5	33.2	8.9	16.9	6.6	10.3	3.5	
IL	85.8	47.3	38.6					8.9
IN	0.3	0.2	0.1					9.4
IA	51.0	27.2	23.7				0.1	
KS	681.3	368.9	310.7	1.6	0.3	1.3	0.1	
KY	0.4	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	29.9	19.2	1.6	9.1	9.1		0.1	3.6
MN	49.1	9.5	4.2	30.4	12.0	18.4	5.0	
MS								
MO	4.5	0.8	0.3	3.0	0.7	2.3	0.4	
MT	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	642.0	343.3	242.8	48.8	3.2	45.6	7.0	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.7	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.9		0.2	2.8
NJ	2.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	8.9
NM	1.0			0.9	0.9			
NY	5.1	0.5	0.2	3.8	3.2	0.6	0.5	14.1
NC	11.8	0.1		9.2	4.4	4.8	2.5	0.2
ND	0.3	0.1	0.1					
OH	5.1	0.4	0.1	4.2	2.2	2.0	0.4	
OK								
OR								
PA	79.4	38.6	6.3	33.0	24.3	8.7	1.6	16.5
SC								
SD	19.2	1.4	1.2	12.8	1.7	11.1	3.9	
TN	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	
TX	577.7	297.0	202.0	68.2	8.9	59.3	10.6	2.5
UT	54.9	28.5	22.1	3.8	1.4	2.4	0.4	
VA	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
WA	70.0	41.8	21.6	5.7	3.8	1.9	0.9	
WV	0.1							
WI	135.7	50.2	4.5	77.2	63.3	13.9	3.7	10.8
WY								
US ³	2,984.1	1,491.9	1,004.4	436.5	213.3	223.2	51.4	91.3

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 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	10.5		8.2	2.3			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	176.7	176.6					
CO	1.0	1.0	0.1		93.5		93.5
DE-MD	2.9	2.9					
FL	8.7	8.3	0.4				
GA	8.7	5.3	3.4				
HI	2.8	2.8					
ID					0.3		0.3
IL	785.9	740.4	43.9	1.7			
IN	529.2	529.2			2.4	1.6	0.9
IA	2,277.1	2,217.7	41.1	18.3	40.7		40.7
KS	33.8	26.3	7.4				
KY	185.2	179.9	5.3		0.9	0.9	
LA							
MI	7.7	3.5	4.1	0.1	17.4	2.4	15.1
MN	649.2	649.2			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	322.3	322.3	0.1				
MT	0.4	0.4			0.1		0.1
NE	535.2	535.2					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG ²	2.1	2.1			2.0	0.4	1.6
NJ	9.0	8.8	0.1		8.5	1.3	7.2
NM					1.3	1.0	0.3
NY	3.4	3.4			1.5	0.5	1.0
NC	818.8	812.4	6.4		0.1		
ND	9.9	9.9					
OH	87.7	79.1	8.6				
OK	345.0	339.6	5.4				
OR	15.8	15.7	0.1		0.6	0.1	0.5
PA	207.2	206.8	0.4		4.6	0.3	4.3
SC							
SD	323.0	310.6	12.4		1.0		1.0
TN	60.2	3.2	57.0		0.2		0.2
TX	23.0	16.7	6.0	0.4	30.4	1.8	28.5
UT	4.1	4.1			2.2	1.8	0.4
VA	317.3	315.7	1.6		0.8		0.8
WA	1.7	1.7					
WV	0.1						
WI	26.5	0.3	25.9	0.2	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	7,991.8	7,717.8	250.8	23.2	256.7	13.6	243.0

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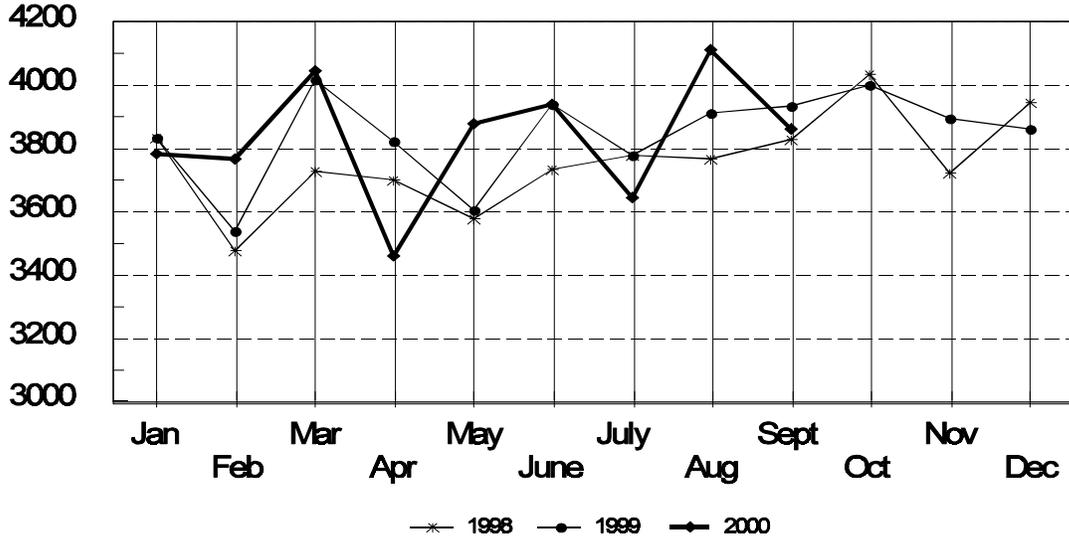
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

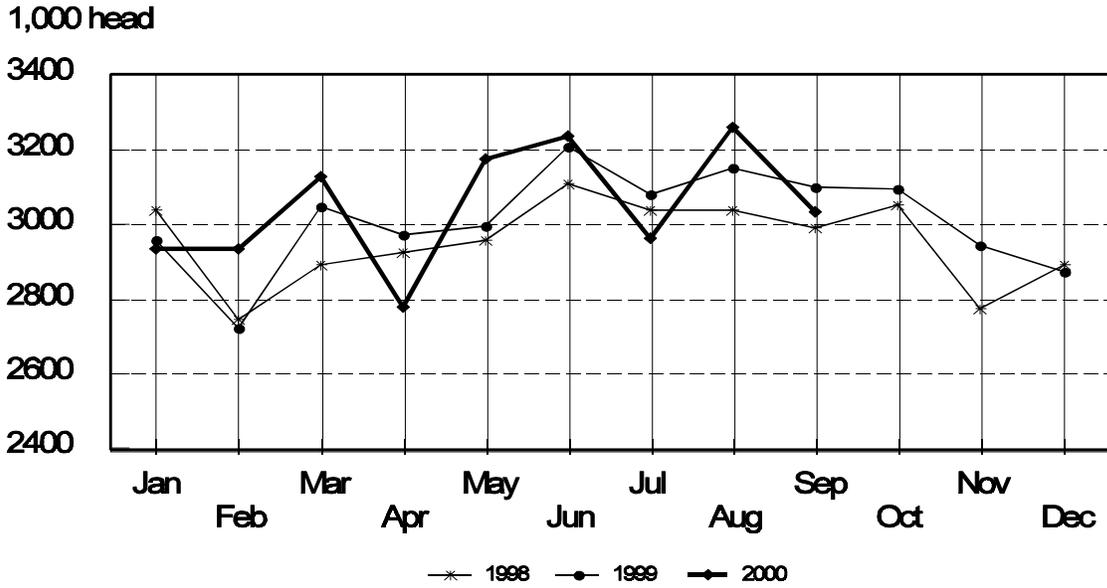
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				1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.3	98.5	98.3	98.2	98.4
Calves	97.6	97.9	97.8	97.7	95.6
Hogs	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.2	98.5
Sheep	95.6	95.0	95.4	96.1	95.7

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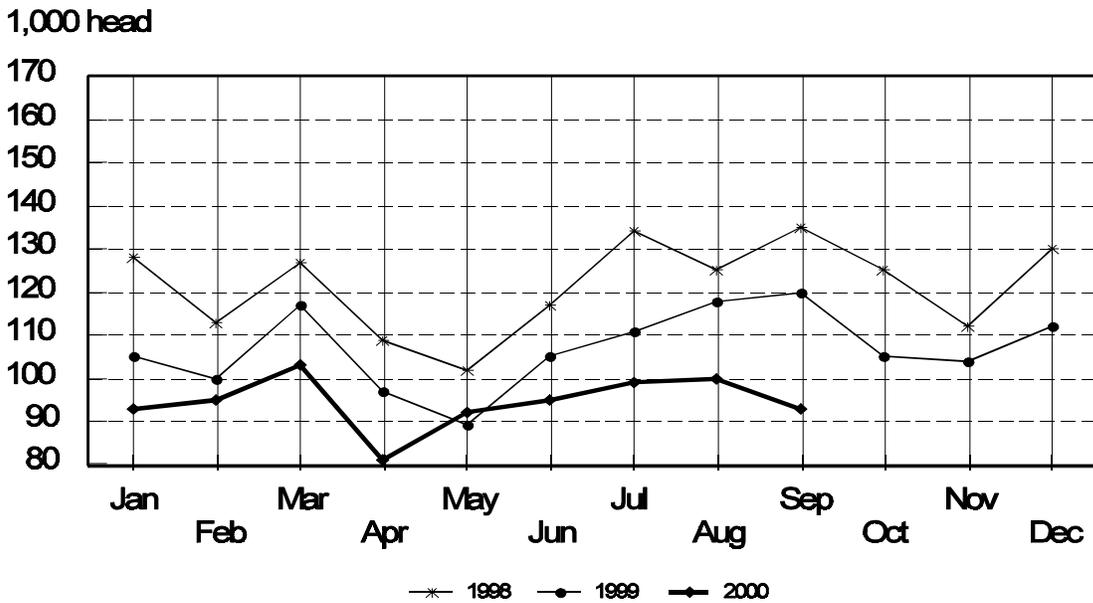
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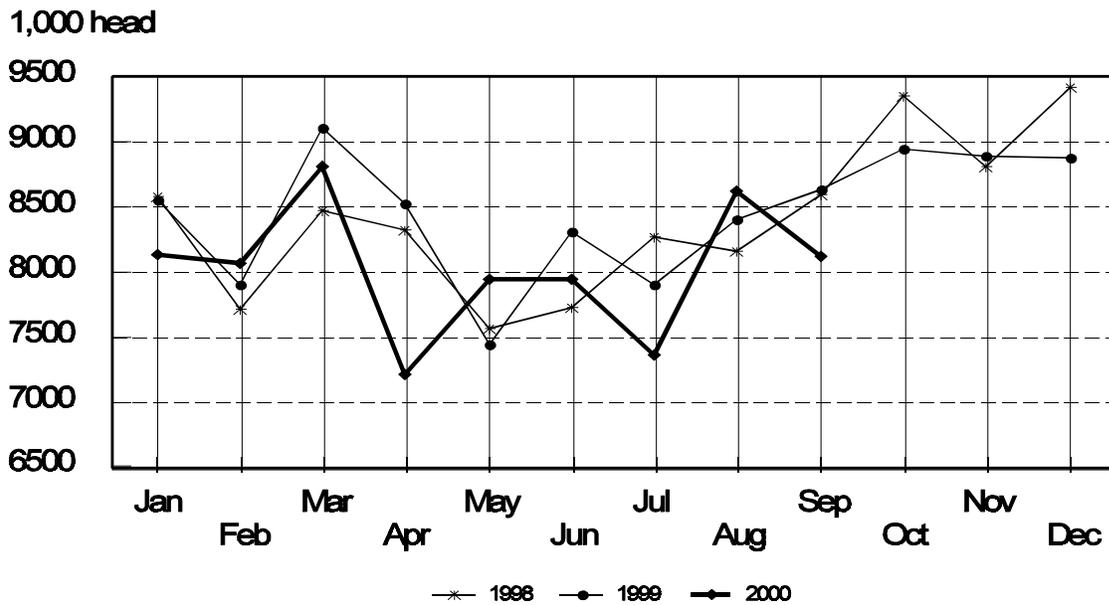
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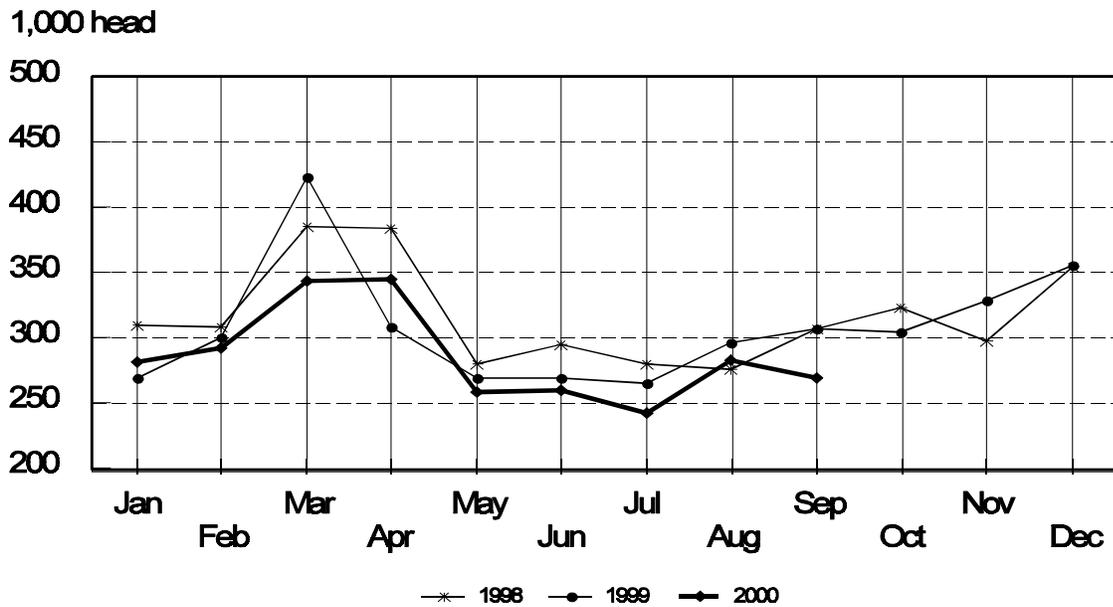
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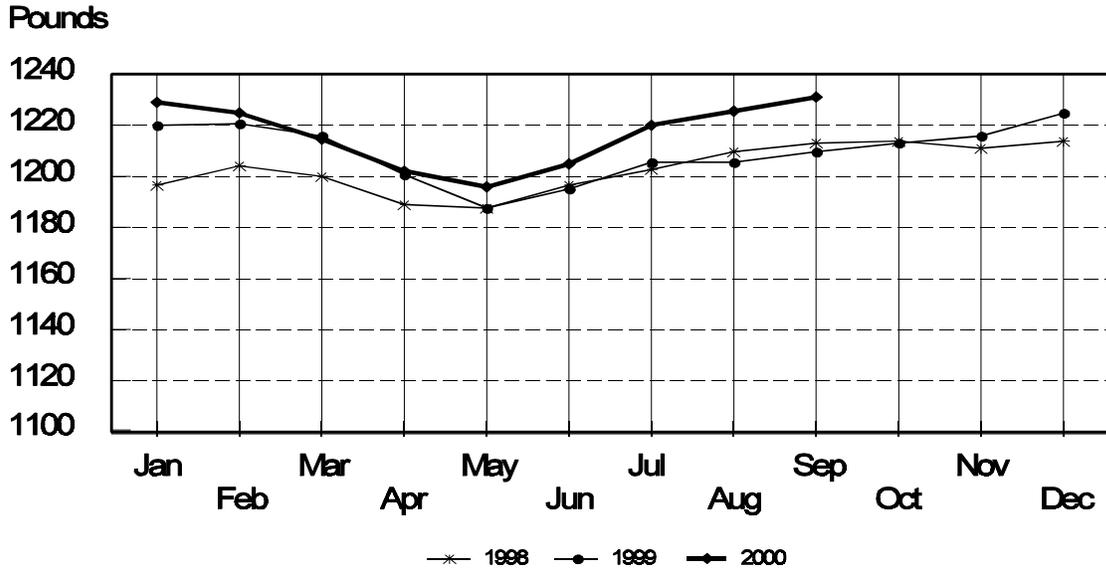
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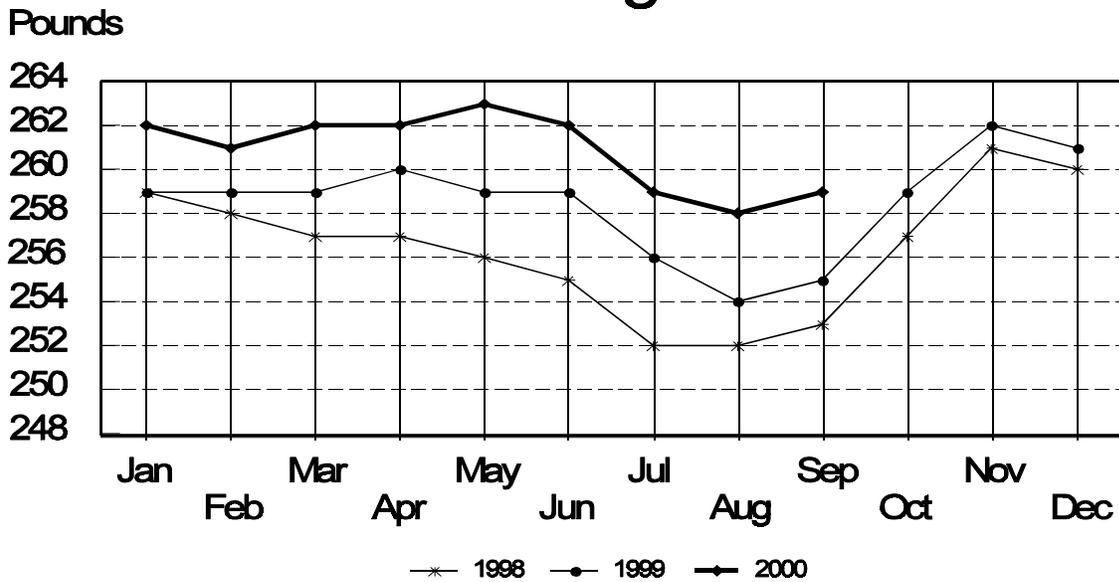
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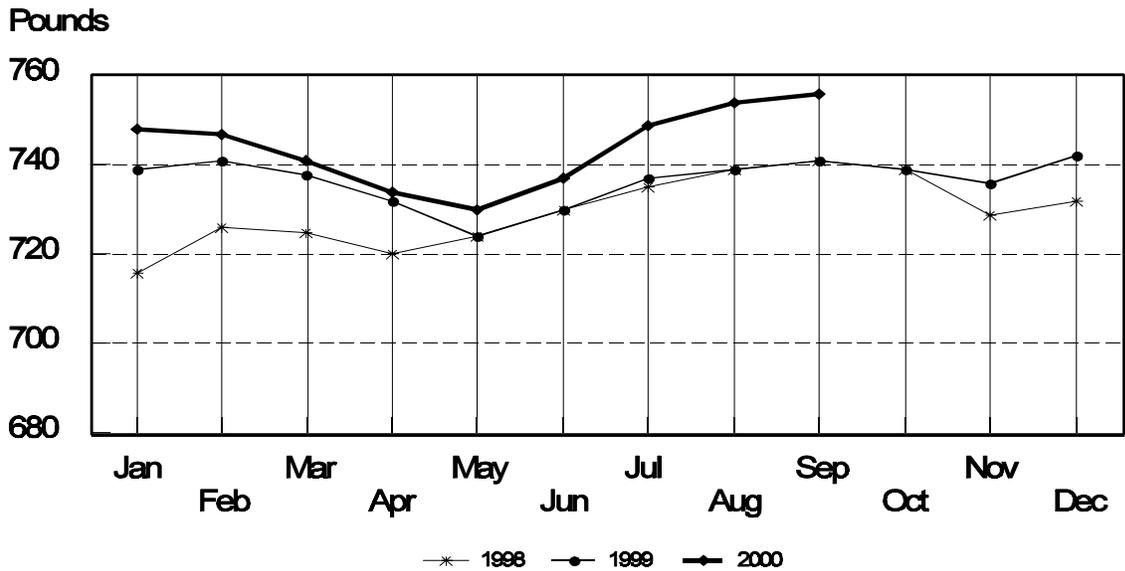
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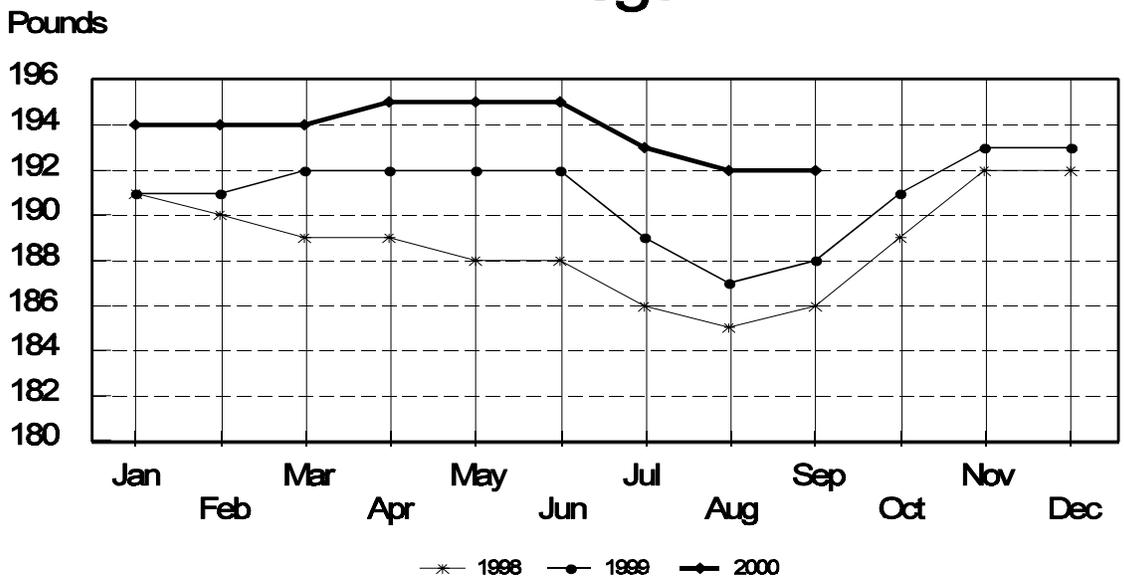
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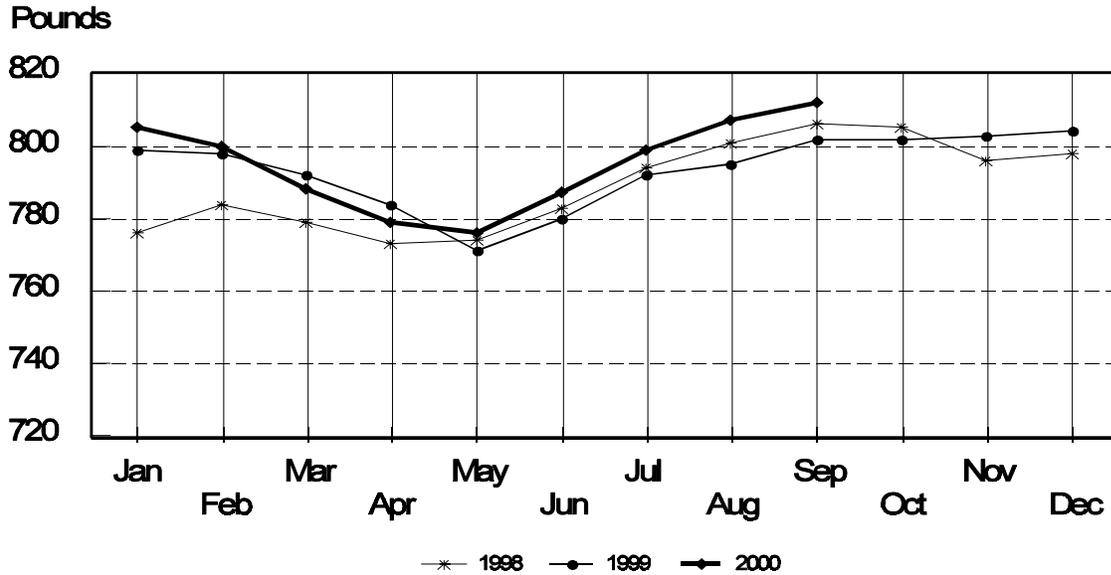
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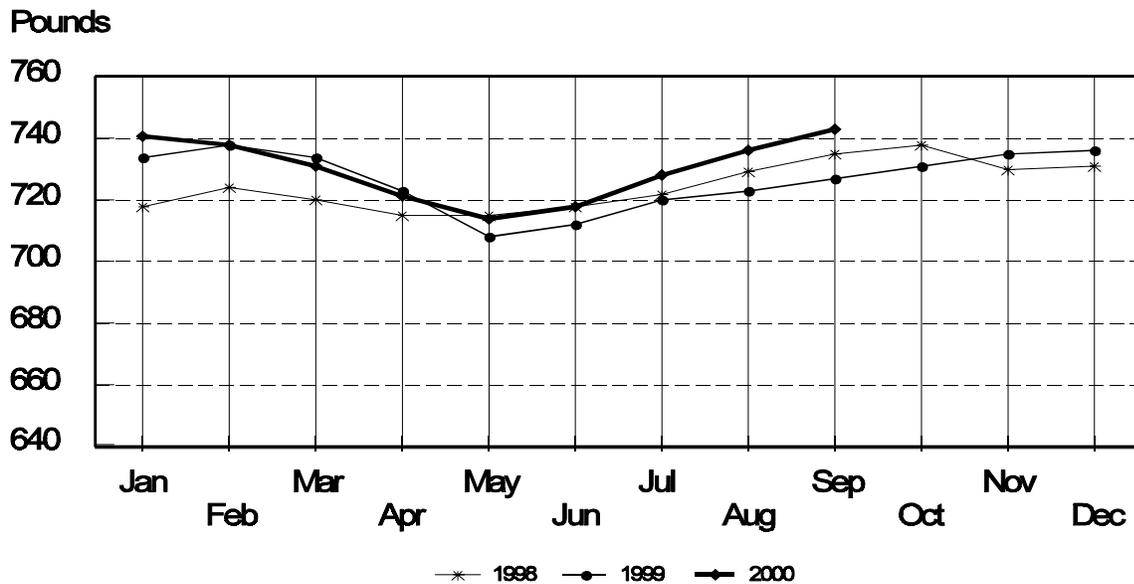
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Steers

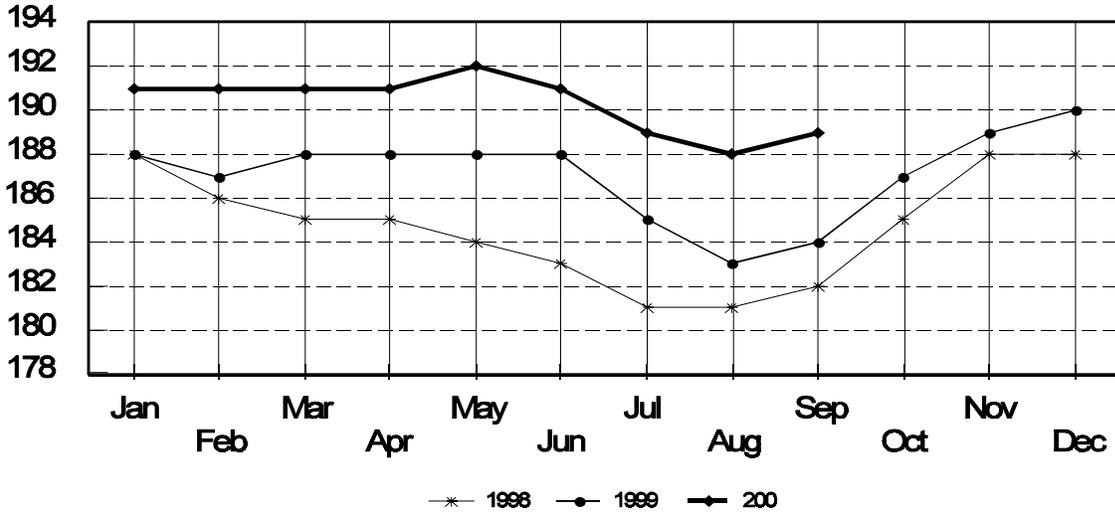


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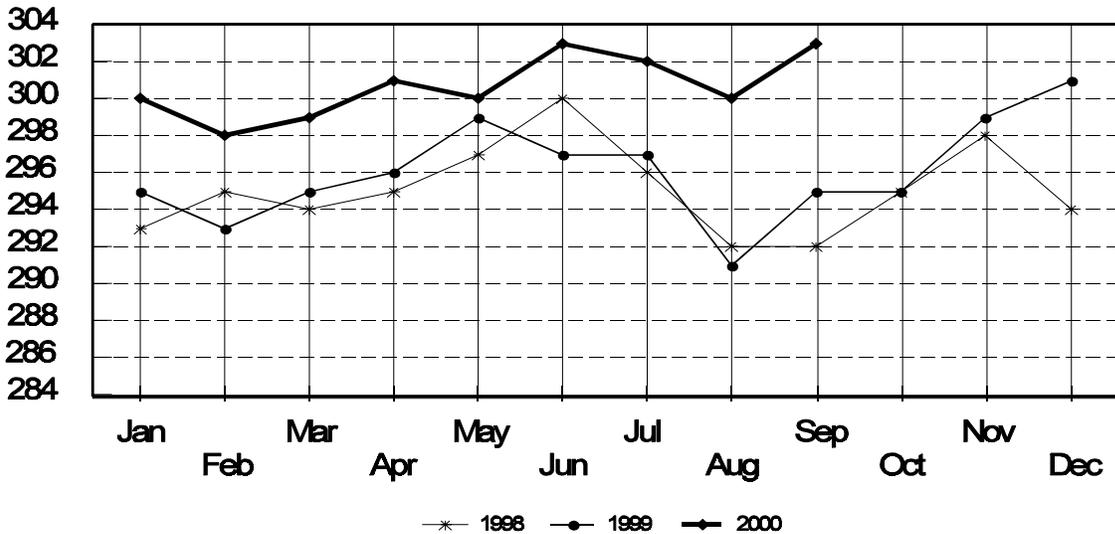
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts

Pounds



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight SOWS

Pounds



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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