



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat, Beef Production Set Record Highs for October Veal and Lamb & Mutton Set Record Lows

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in October, up 2 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in October 1999 and up slightly less than 2 percent from the previous record high for October set in 1998.

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

Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and 2 percent higher than the previous record high for October set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 2 percent below the previous record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 97 thousand head, down 7 percent from October 1999. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 1 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was down 6 percent from the previous record low for October set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 279 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 38.6 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than 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 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Oct 00 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 1999	Sep 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	2,265	2,275	2,345	104	103	22,128	22,609	102
Veal	19	17	18	98	110	185	180	97
Pork	1,698	1,552	1,715	101	111	15,866	15,611	98
Lamb & Mutton	20	17	18	94	106	198	190	96
Total Red Meat	4,001	3,861	4,097	102	106	38,376	38,590	101

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	Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Oct 00 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 1999	Sep 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	2,244	2,310	104	103	21,810	22,301	102
Veal	18	16	18	99	111	179	170	95
Pork	1,675	1,531	1,692	101	111	15,616	15,404	99
Lamb & Mutton	19	17	18	93	106	192	184	96
Total Red Meat	3,941	3,808	4,038	102	106	37,797	38,059	101

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	Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Oct 00 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
					Oct 1999	Sep 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,033.2	2,984.1	3,082.1	102	103	29,790.6	30,087.9	101
Other	Thou	61.0	50.4	59.4	97	118	544.6	509.9	94
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,094.2	3,034.5	3,141.5	102	104	30,335.2	30,597.8	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,217	1,233	1,234	101	100	1,210	1,221	101
Other	Lbs	1,045	1,092	1,070	102	98	1,041	1,075	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,214	1,231	1,231	101	100	1,207	1,218	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	101.8	91.3	95.0	93	104	1,041.4	908.2	87
Other	Thou	2.8	2.0	2.1	75	102	24.9	39.3	158
Comm'l. ³	Thou	104.6	93.3	97.1	93	104	1,066.3	947.5	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	295	288	309	105	107	286	310	108
Other	Lbs	395	432	400	101	92	408	429	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	298	293	311	105	106	289	315	109
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,805.8	7,991.8	8,745.7	99	109	82,270.0	79,860.5	97
Other	Thou	137.4	126.1	135.3	98	107	1,493.8	1,243.1	83
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,943.2	8,117.9	8,881.0	99	109	83,763.7	81,103.6	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	259	259	263	101	101	258	262	101
Other	Lbs	231	229	233	101	102	233	232	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	259	259	262	101	101	258	261	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	293.2	256.7	266.1	91	104	2,898.6	2,734.7	94
Other	Thou	11.7	12.4	12.6	108	102	117.1	123.1	105
Comm'l. ³	Thou	304.9	269.1	278.7	91	104	3,015.7	2,857.9	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	132	132	135	103	103	134	136	102
Other	Lbs	97	100	105	108	105	98	101	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	130	130	134	103	103	132	134	101

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	Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Oct 00 as % of ²	
				Oct 1999	Sep 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.9	3.8	4.4	149	113
AK	0.1		0.1	138	
AZ	29.4	30.6	30.4	103	99
AR	6.2	4.6	5.5	88	117
CA	89.1	88.8	97.1	109	109
CO	165.0	185.5	185.3	112	100
DE-MD	5.5	2.8	3.5	63	123
FL	4.6	4.5	5.1	111	113
GA	27.7	24.6	29.4	106	120
HI	1.2	1.1	1.2	97	102
ID	52.5	48.1	53.3	101	111
IL	231.1	228.6	253.4	110	111
IN	106.7	105.6	118.4	111	112
IA	558.8	483.0	528.2	95	109
KS	539.9	538.1	552.8	102	103
KY	40.3	36.9	38.7	96	105
LA	1.7	1.4	1.7	99	118
MI	27.5	29.2	31.5	114	108
MN	186.3	161.7	181.9	98	113
MS	27.0	23.6	25.1	93	106
MO	69.7	65.1	70.5	101	108
MT	1.8	1.8	2.1	114	116
NE	596.1	609.2	640.2	107	105
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	121	112
N ENG ³	2.2	1.9	2.1	98	114
NJ	4.4	4.6	5.0	114	108
NM	1.2	0.9	1.0	83	113
NY	4.7	4.3	4.5	97	106
NC	173.9	162.2	173.0	99	107
ND	2.7	2.0	2.5	91	121
OH	29.1	26.5	27.6	95	104
OK	81.4	69.4	80.9	99	117
OR	3.6	3.6	4.0	111	112
PA	110.6	98.3	108.3	98	110
SC	19.0	17.2	20.3	107	118
SD	84.9	76.3	91.8	108	120
TN	19.1	17.9	18.0	94	101
TX	411.1	430.9	409.3	100	95
UT	41.5	43.4	44.2	107	102
VA	65.5	60.5	69.8	107	115
WA	64.6	55.3	57.8	89	104
WV	1.4	0.7	1.4	99	202
WI	108.3	105.9	115.9	107	109
WY	0.3	0.5	0.2	86	47
US	4,000.7	*3,861.1	4,097.2	102	106

* 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,
October 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	0.8	626	634	792	801
AK						
AZ	39.8	41.6	48,544	51,226	1,220	1,233
AR	1.9	1.6	1,675	1,604	894	995
CA	86.2	93.5	107,849	116,245	1,251	1,243
CO	202.8	224.7	248,519	281,147	1,225	1,251
DE-MD	3.2	3.2	3,809	3,939	1,208	1,220
FL	6.2	6.8	6,901	7,382	1,108	1,092
GA	37.8	41.0	42,428	46,702	1,124	1,138
HI	1.5	1.3	1,336	1,262	893	958
ID	70.3	72.3	87,000	87,844	1,238	1,216
IL	89.0	95.4	107,632	117,037	1,209	1,227
IN	4.0	4.1	4,185	4,330	1,046	1,055
IA	78.0	61.3	92,523	76,807	1,186	1,254
KS	695.1	704.4	839,610	861,399	1,208	1,223
KY	1.8	1.5	1,471	1,278	813	846
LA	2.1	2.2	1,725	1,911	822	867
MI	30.2	34.4	40,872	48,112	1,352	1,397
MN	57.0	59.0	77,685	81,504	1,362	1,380
MS						
MO	8.2	7.9	8,827	9,759	1,081	1,241
MT	2.2	2.5	2,341	2,776	1,060	1,111
NE	641.5	669.9	800,585	848,651	1,248	1,267
NV	0.1	0.1	74	86	1,019	1,044
N ENG ²	2.5	2.4	2,530	2,558	1,003	1,080
NJ	2.1	2.1	2,415	2,247	1,125	1,062
NM	2.1	1.6	1,926	1,537	932	946
NY	6.3	6.0	6,800	6,383	1,076	1,059
NC	16.6	13.6	17,901	14,222	1,079	1,048
ND	1.1	1.0	1,193	1,149	1,112	1,148
OH	12.7	11.6	13,902	13,606	1,097	1,174
OK	3.3	3.5	3,340	3,589	1,023	1,015
OR	1.3	1.4	1,693	1,806	1,316	1,278
PA	95.9	87.9	119,052	113,745	1,242	1,294
SC						
SD	22.3	25.4	30,923	35,226	1,384	1,386
TN	2.7	2.6	2,160	2,174	800	845
TX	567.7	554.7	651,904	642,075	1,148	1,158
UT	53.4	56.8	65,116	68,968	1,219	1,213
VA	2.3	1.4	2,312	1,384	999	973
WA	81.5	73.7	106,115	93,484	1,303	1,268
WV	2.5	2.2	2,012	2,012	812	904
WI	144.5	149.6	182,954	193,978	1,266	1,296
WY	0.3	0.3	375	315	1,215	1,225
US ³	3,094.2	3,141.5	3,754,963	3,867,280	1,214	1,231

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	13.0	10.1	1,898	1,562	146	155
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.4	10.3	3,978	4,422	423	431
IN	9.9	9.2	2,838	2,947	286	319
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.4	1.0	676	480	479	489
MI	3.1	3.4	917	1,188	293	346
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	35	26	425	433
MO	0.3	0.2	86	52	340	328
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.0	2.5	400	251	132	102
NJ	8.6	10.3	3,751	4,486	435	438
NM						
NY	10.9	12.2	1,018	993	94	81
NC	0.3	0.2	107	86	404	400
ND						
OH	3.5	0.1	1,417	26	399	254
OK						
OR						
PA	16.1	17.5	5,333	6,463	332	368
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.0	3.0	1,656	940	415	314
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	18	18	273	274
WA						
WV						
WI	13.1	13.2	5,400	5,579	413	422
WY						
US ³	104.6	97.1	31,114	30,241	298	311

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,
October 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	9.0	12.0	3,935	6,159	436	513
AK						
AZ	0.4	0.7	81	165	186	239
AR						
CA	192.8	204.8	41,275	45,528	214	222
CO	1.7	1.6	447	406	263	258
DE-MD	18.1	4.8	4,014	1,191	222	250
FL	10.2	11.5	1,783	2,216	175	193
GA	21.1	17.8	6,265	5,726	297	322
HI	2.9	3.0	608	618	209	208
ID						
IL	850.5	903.2	217,622	239,370	256	265
IN	543.0	590.2	137,658	152,013	254	258
IA	2,621.5	2,453.8	684,628	648,957	261	264
KS	42.8	35.2	12,883	11,057	301	314
KY	203.3	192.5	52,865	50,685	260	263
LA	2.9	2.7	601	582	210	218
MI	10.1	9.1	3,906	3,272	386	360
MN	754.2	722.7	196,552	188,189	261	260
MS						
MO	341.5	344.3	86,916	87,568	255	254
MT	2.0	1.8	515	491	256	269
NE	551.4	587.6	143,280	153,378	260	261
NV						
N ENG ²	2.9	3.0	770	766	268	253
NJ	7.4	8.9	743	852	100	95
NM	0.7	0.6	150	134	217	214
NY	4.4	3.6	753	898	170	246
NC	895.1	886.8	221,313	221,651	247	250
ND	12.8	11.7	3,051	2,738	239	233
OH	110.9	109.2	28,818	28,460	260	261
OK	402.8	392.3	106,588	105,795	265	270
OR	16.2	17.9	4,024	4,594	248	257
PA	230.1	221.6	56,054	56,642	244	256
SC						
SD	353.3	390.5	93,247	99,974	264	256
TN	62.7	59.8	27,593	25,694	440	430
TX	33.9	37.3	10,422	11,697	307	314
UT	4.3	5.2	758	1,274	178	245
VA	342.6	363.9	85,948	92,075	251	253
WA	1.7	1.7	430	464	248	268
WV	1.1	0.9	337	263	296	282
WI	33.9	35.8	14,017	15,203	413	425
WY	0.3	0.3	77	74	262	280
US ³	8,943.2	8,881.0	2,316,042	2,328,946	259	262

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

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

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

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	5	11	87	123
AR						
CA						
CO	108.9	91.8	15,302	13,388	141	146
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.3	0.4	25	34	84	81
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	45	50	126	121
IL						
IN	2.8	3.1	275	307	97	98
IA	44.8	43.8	6,096	6,145	136	140
KS	0.2	0.2	21	19	118	106
KY	0.8	0.9	108	148	130	171
LA	0.2	0.2	20	15	92	78
MI	18.2	19.1	2,211	2,398	121	126
MN	0.2	0.4	21	46	110	118
MS						
MO						
MT	0.4	0.5	48	61	130	125
NE	0.1	0.1	15	8	102	114
NV	0.1	0.2	8	26	110	119
N ENG ²	2.2	2.5	225	259	104	103
NJ	8.6	8.6	799	855	93	99
NM	2.5	2.5	296	283	119	112
NY	1.7	1.7	182	169	110	100
NC	0.1	0.1	9	6	104	96
ND	0.1	0.1	11	9	123	132
OH	0.8	0.8	103	84	125	102
OK	0.5	0.1	56	13	113	141
OR	0.7	0.9	83	123	125	135
PA	5.4	5.0	510	410	94	82
SC	0.2	0.2	16	16	98	99
SD	1.2	1.1	142	110	116	99
TN	0.3	0.5	19	36	73	78
TX	44.5	36.9	5,777	4,924	130	134
UT	2.6	2.6	311	355	120	135
VA	1.2	1.4	120	151	100	105
WA						
WV						
WI	0.9	1.0	111	116	118	112
WY						
US ³	304.9	278.7	39,769	37,306	130	134

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

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

Item	Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Jan - Oct ¹		Oct 1999	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Jan - Oct 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>
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,446	1,492	1,452	14,865	15,110	47.7	50.0	47.1	49.9	50.2
Heifers	1,030	1,004	1,080	9,806	10,001	34.0	33.7	35.0	32.9	33.2
All Cows	501	436	498	4,594	4,455	16.5	14.6	16.1	15.4	14.8
Dairy Cows	222	213	236	2,111	2,166	7.3	7.1	7.6	7.1	7.2
Other Cows	279	223	262	2,483	2,289	9.2	7.5	8.5	8.3	7.6
Bulls & Stags	56	51	53	526	521	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total ¹	3,033	2,984	3,082	29,791	30,088	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,506	7,718	8,449	79,136	77,095	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.2	96.5
Sows	272	251	271	2,789	2,501	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.1
Stags & Boars	28	23	27	345	264	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total ¹	8,806	7,992	8,746	82,270	79,860	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	15	14	14	154	141	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	279	243	252	2,745	2,594	95.0	94.7	94.8	94.7	94.8
Total ¹	293	257	266	2,899	2,735	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	739	756	753	736	745					
Steers ⁴	802	812	813	791	797					
Heifers ⁴	731	743	748	725	732					
All Cows ⁴	549	575	574	561	579					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	858	882	866	883	896					
Calves & Vealers	181	178	190	175	191					
Hogs	191	192	194	191	194					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	187	189	191	187	190					
Sows ⁵	295	303	304	295	301					
Stags & Boars ⁵	235	235	227	232	227					
Sheep	65	65	67	66	68					
Mature Sheep ⁶	58	66	65	59	63					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	66	65	67	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,
October 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	1.9	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.4
2	7.9	1.7	0.5	4.8	4.0	0.8	1.0	22.5
3	91.6	42.5	8.4	38.4	28.1	10.3	2.3	17.7
4	75.4	1.2	0.4	63.5	21.3	42.2	10.4	2.6
5	332.0	140.0	51.9	129.4	93.4	36.0	10.7	36.0
6	553.7	266.8	202.8	74.3	10.2	64.2	9.7	2.9
7	1,433.8	731.5	626.0	69.2	8.7	60.5	7.1	0.1
8	303.9	135.9	142.5	21.2	3.2	18.0	4.3	
9	135.7	59.5	8.8	64.4	54.3	10.1	3.0	9.8
10	146.1	72.6	37.9	31.2	11.6	19.7	4.4	1.1
US ²	3,082.1	1,452.1	1,079.5	497.5	235.7	261.8	52.9	95.0
	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	2.1	2.0	0.1		2.1	0.5	1.7	
2	12.2	12.0	0.1	0.1	10.2	1.7	8.5	
3	589.3	585.5	3.7		8.1	0.5	7.6	
4	1,345.7	1,261.1	82.9	1.7	1.6	1.0	0.6	
5	2,313.0	2,224.1	86.4	2.4	36.6	4.3	32.3	
6	430.4	403.1	26.6	0.7	35.9	2.7	33.2	
7	3,411.2	3,333.8	55.8	21.6	44.2	0.1	44.1	
8	405.6	391.0	14.6		95.0	1.9	93.1	
9	202.0	202.0	0.1		31.1	0.8	30.3	
10	34.4	34.1	0.2		1.2	0.3	0.9	
US ²	8,745.7	8,448.6	270.6	26.5	266.1	13.7	252.4	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - October 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	16.6	2.6	1.9	10.3	9.9	0.4	1.7	25.4
2	72.5	13.5	3.9	47.8	39.9	7.9	7.3	209.8
3	861.8	419.6	65.5	356.9	262.1	94.7	19.8	150.9
4	698.1	11.3	3.4	588.6	214.7	373.9	94.7	18.1
5	3,128.1	1,317.3	488.7	1,226.8	862.2	364.6	95.4	366.7
6	5,631.4	2,879.7	2,014.5	618.5	103.5	515.0	118.7	19.7
7	13,934.2	7,556.8	5,724.3	587.9	46.1	541.9	65.2	0.9
8	3,008.5	1,524.8	1,253.8	187.0	34.8	152.2	42.8	0.1
9	1,309.3	627.7	85.7	565.0	468.1	96.9	30.9	102.3
10	1,427.4	756.9	359.3	266.9	125.2	141.7	44.2	14.3
US ²	30,087.9	15,110.3	10,000.9	4,455.8	2,166.5	2,289.4	520.8	908.2
	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	16.1	15.5	0.4	0.1	19.2	4.3	14.9	
2	118.8	116.5	1.5	0.8	107.7	16.3	91.4	
3	5,211.9	5,188.6	23.0	0.3	80.8	4.4	76.4	
4	12,411.2	11,585.5	801.7	24.0	16.1	11.0	5.0	
5	20,653.6	19,793.0	847.1	13.5	364.3	42.9	321.4	
6	4,131.6	3,889.6	233.3	8.6	379.0	31.5	347.5	
7	31,678.9	31,030.1	432.4	216.5	410.8	0.8	410.0	
8	3,445.8	3,287.1	158.6	0.1	1,012.9	20.3	992.6	
9	1,864.9	1,863.3	1.2	0.4	335.7	7.9	327.8	
10	327.7	325.4	2.0	0.3	8.4	1.7	6.7	
US ²	79,860.5	77,094.7	2,501.3	264.5	2,734.7	141.0	2,593.7	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	41.3	32.4	1.0	7.8	7.8			
AR	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	
CA	93.0	26.8	7.5	55.9	46.4	9.5	2.9	9.8
CO	224.0	107.7	115.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.2	2.4	0.5	0.3	0.3			
FL	6.8	0.2	0.1	6.0	0.9	5.1	0.6	
GA	40.1	0.1		34.5	3.2	31.3	5.5	
HI	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	
ID	71.1	33.3	10.5	23.8	7.6	16.2	3.4	
IL	92.0	51.1	40.9					10.2
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					9.2
IA	59.2	29.9	24.5	4.7	4.7		0.1	
KS	701.2	377.5	321.9	1.7	0.3	1.4	0.1	
KY	0.6	0.4	0.2					
LA								
MI	32.5	20.6	1.1	10.7	10.7		0.1	3.4
MN	55.7	9.7	4.5	35.6	14.2	21.4	5.9	
MS								
MO	5.7	1.2	0.6	3.5	0.7	2.8	0.5	
MT	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	667.8	322.9	279.0	59.4	3.1	56.3	6.5	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.9	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.4
NJ	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	10.3
NM	1.0	0.1		0.9	0.9			
NY	5.8	0.8	0.3	4.0	3.3	0.7	0.7	12.2
NC	12.8	0.1		9.8	5.0	4.8	2.9	0.2
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1			0.1		
OH	5.5	0.3	0.2	4.6	3.0	1.6	0.4	
OK								
OR								
PA	87.6	40.0	7.8	37.7	27.6	10.1	2.1	17.5
SC								
SD	22.8	1.0	1.4	16.7	1.8	14.9	3.7	
TN	2.0	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.1	
TX	550.6	266.5	202.6	71.9	8.8	63.1	9.6	2.7
UT	55.8	26.4	25.1	3.8	1.0	2.8	0.4	
VA	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
WA	73.6	38.4	27.2	7.1	3.8	3.3	0.9	
WV	0.1	0.1						
WI	145.8	58.0	5.2	78.4	65.5	12.9	4.2	13.2
WY								
US ³	3,082.1	1,452.1	1,079.5	497.5	235.7	261.8	52.9	95.0

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

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	10.8		9.1	1.7			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	198.8	198.7					
CO	1.0	0.9	0.1		91.7		91.7
DE-MD	4.7	4.7					
FL	11.5	11.0	0.4				
GA	9.5	5.7	3.8				
HI	3.0	3.0					
ID					0.3		0.2
IL	872.9	827.1	44.0	1.8			
IN	585.4	585.4			2.6	1.7	0.9
IA	2,451.4	2,382.4	47.4	21.6	43.6		43.6
KS	31.9	23.6	8.3		0.1		
KY	191.8	185.6	6.2		0.8	0.8	
LA							
MI	7.5	3.2	4.2	0.1	18.8	2.5	16.4
MN	720.1	720.0			0.2		0.2
MS							
MO	341.7	341.5	0.2				
MT	0.4	0.4			0.1		0.1
NE	586.2	586.2					
NV					0.2		0.2
N ENG ²	2.1	2.0	0.1		2.1	0.5	1.7
NJ	8.9	8.8	0.1	0.1	8.6	1.3	7.3
NM					1.1	0.8	0.2
NY	3.3	3.2			1.6	0.5	1.2
NC	872.9	866.9	6.0				
ND	11.3	11.3					
OH	98.1	88.2	9.7	0.3			
OK	390.1	384.0	6.1		0.1		
OR	17.7	17.5	0.1		0.7	0.2	0.6
PA	221.2	219.2	2.0		5.0	0.4	4.5
SC							
SD	388.8	374.3	14.4		0.9		0.9
TN	59.6	3.6	56.0		0.5	0.1	0.4
TX	25.1	17.1	7.3	0.6	34.8	1.8	32.9
UT	4.1	4.1			2.2	1.9	0.4
VA	363.3	361.5	1.7		0.9		0.8
WA	1.5	1.5					
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	29.0	0.2	28.7	0.2	0.1		
WY							
US ³	8,745.7	8,448.6	270.6	26.5	266.1	13.7	252.4

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

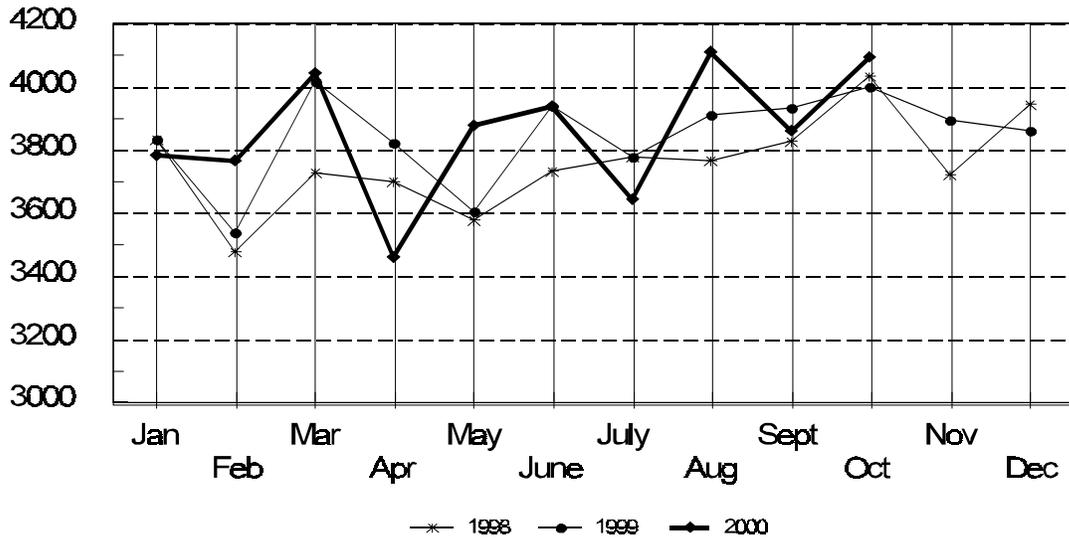
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

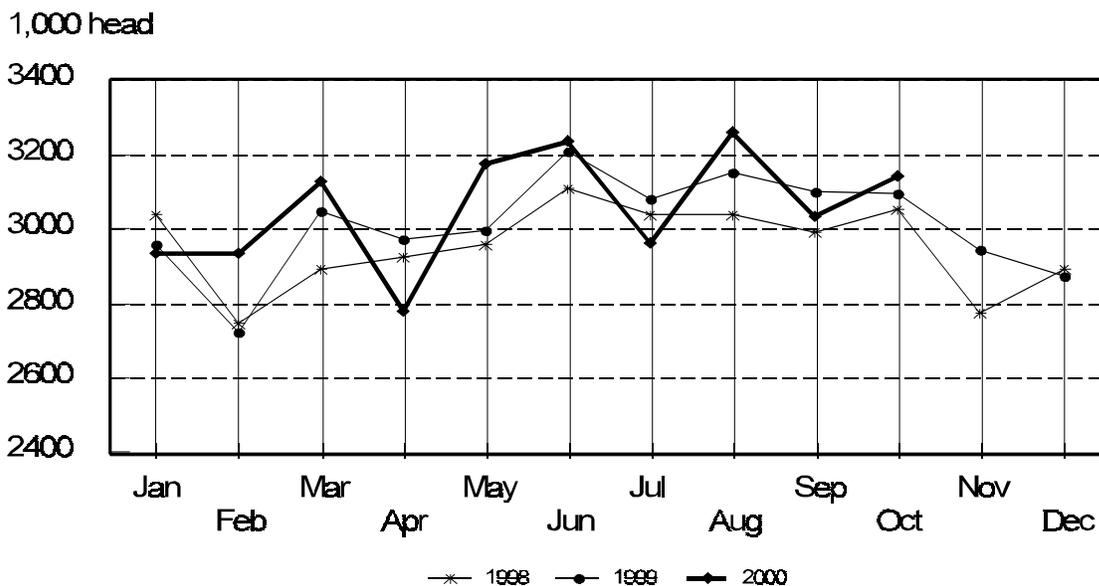
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				1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.0	98.3	98.1	98.2	98.3
Calves	97.4	97.8	97.9	97.7	95.9
Hogs	98.5	98.4	98.5	98.2	98.5
Sheep	96.2	95.4	95.5	96.1	95.7

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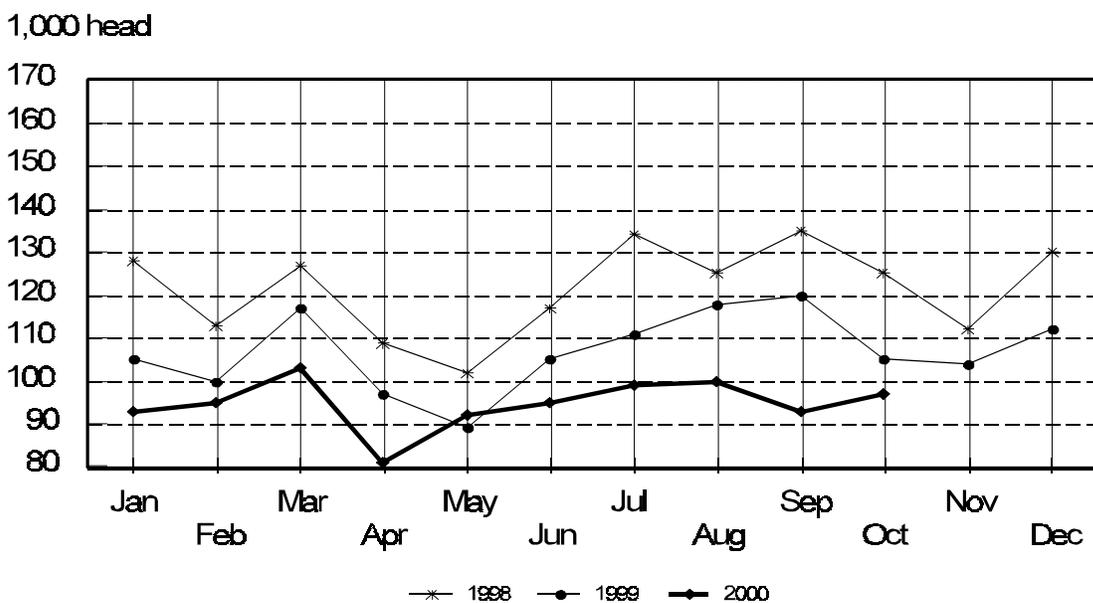
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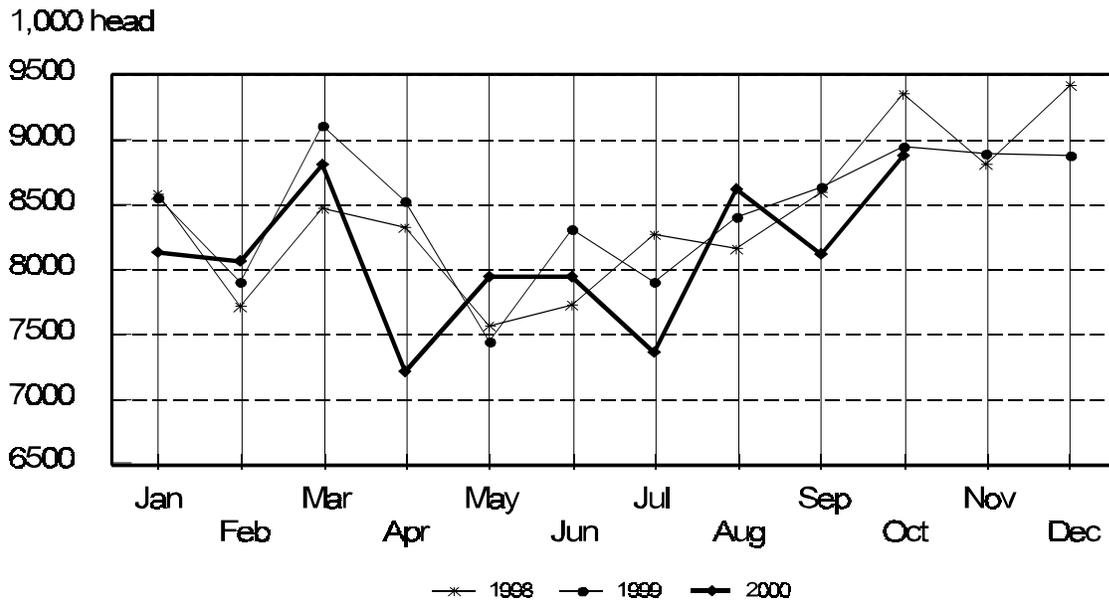
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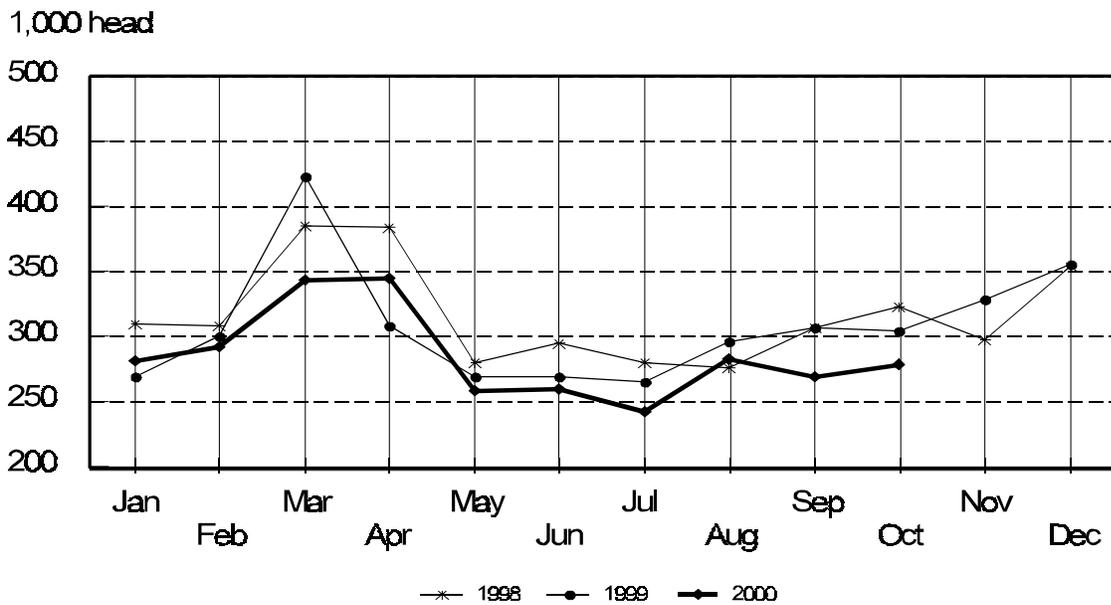
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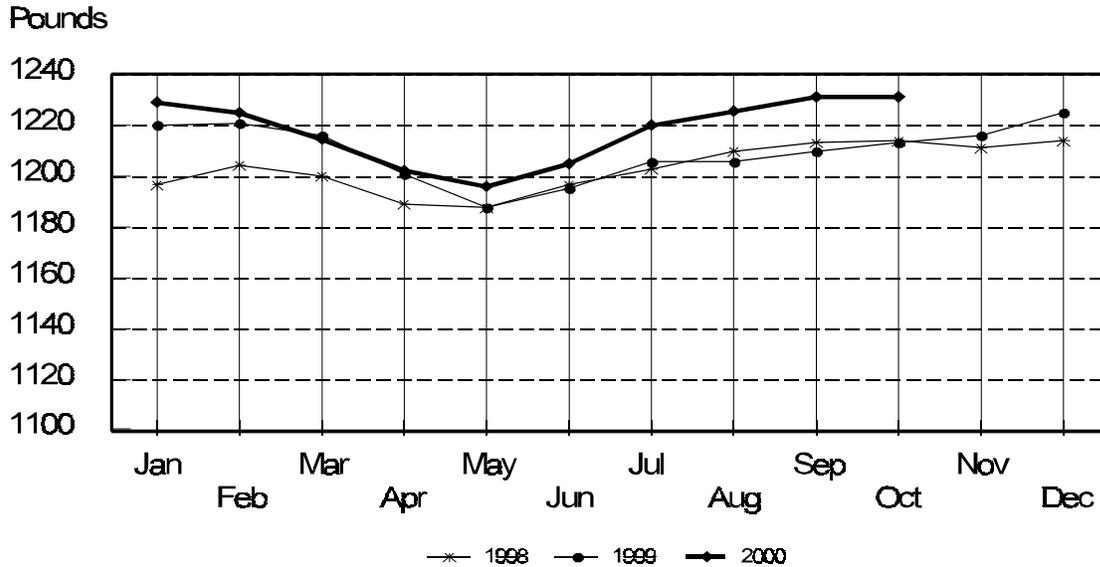
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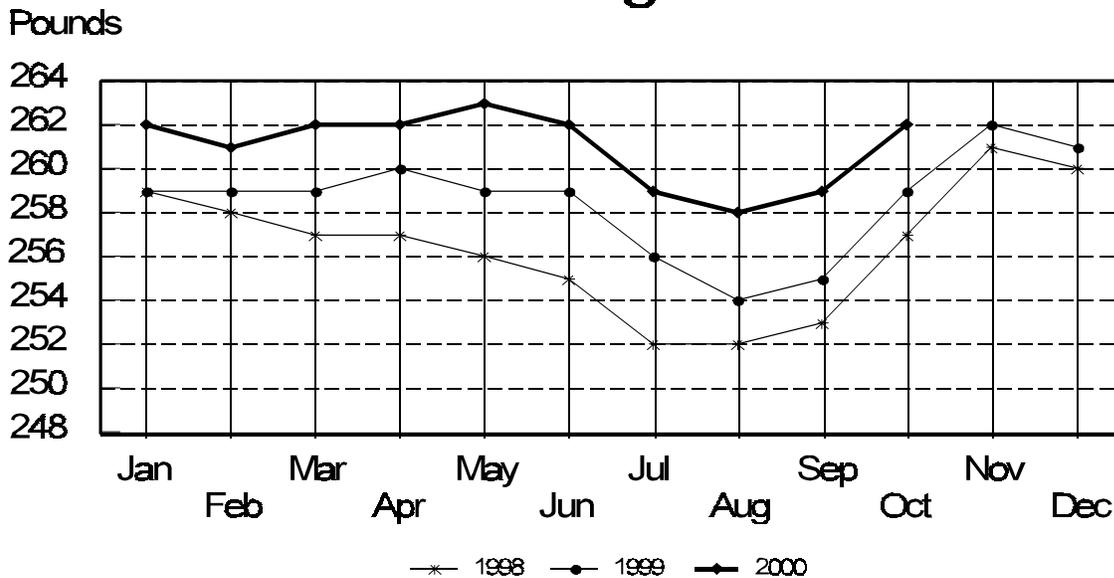
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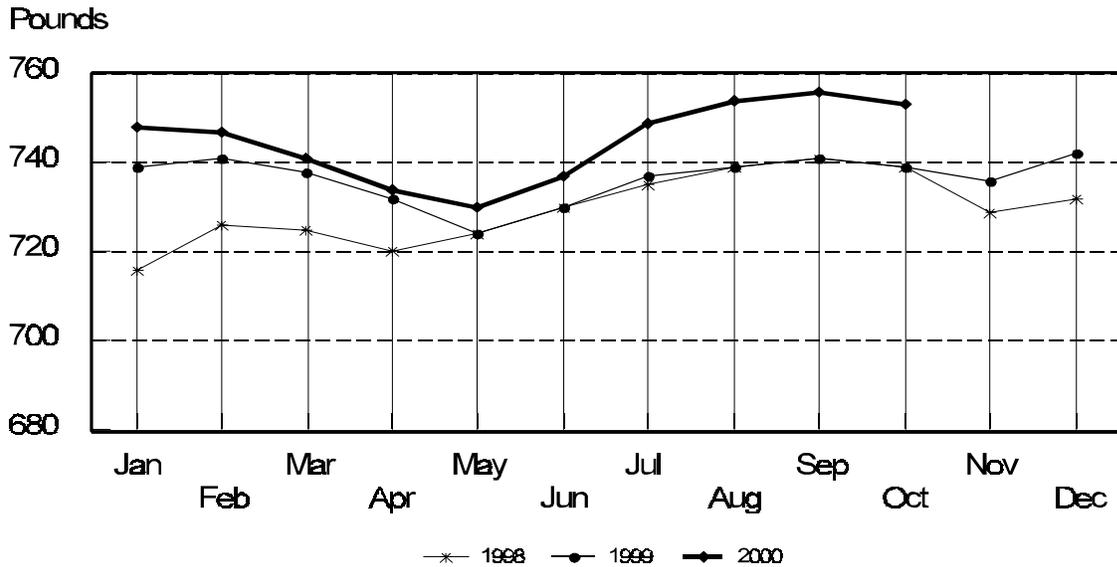
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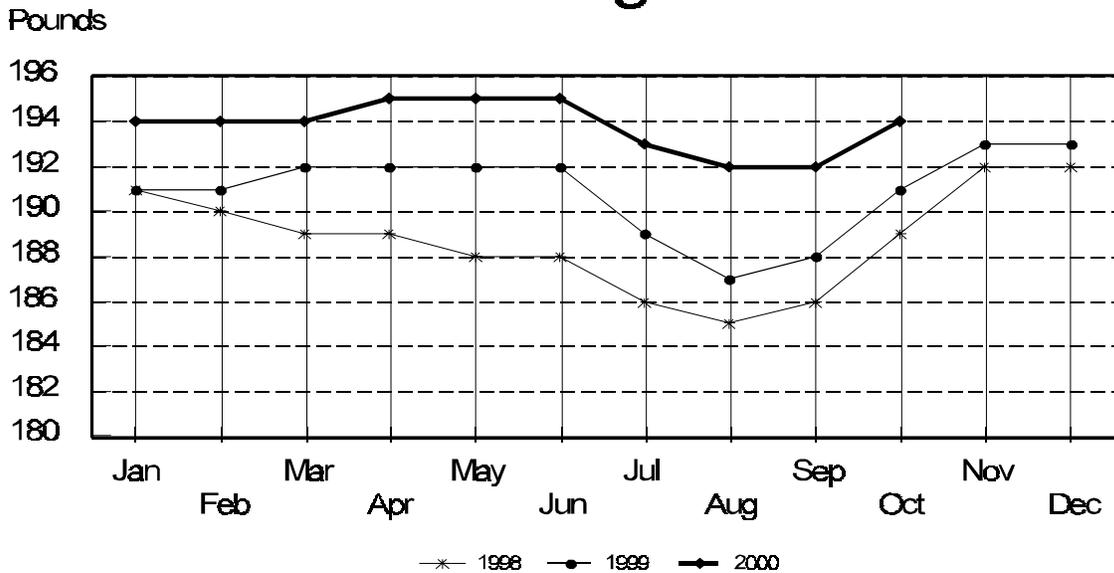
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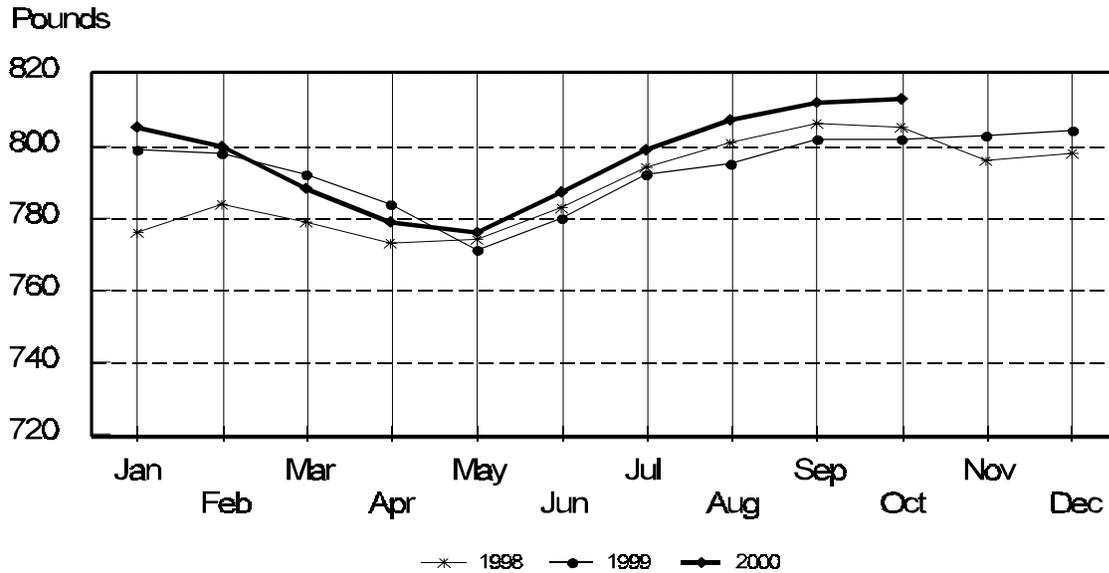
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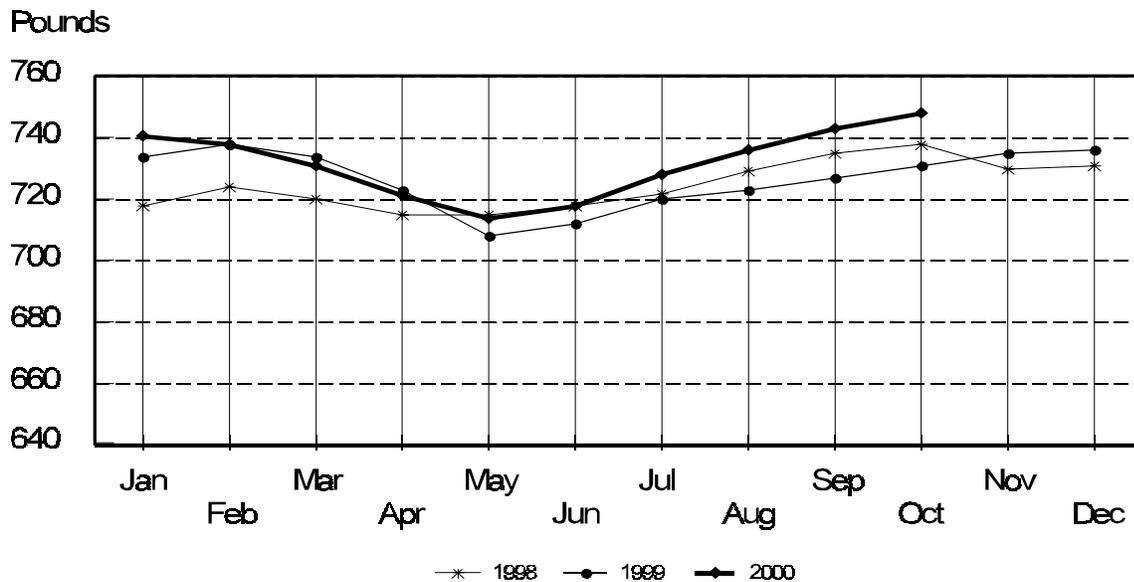
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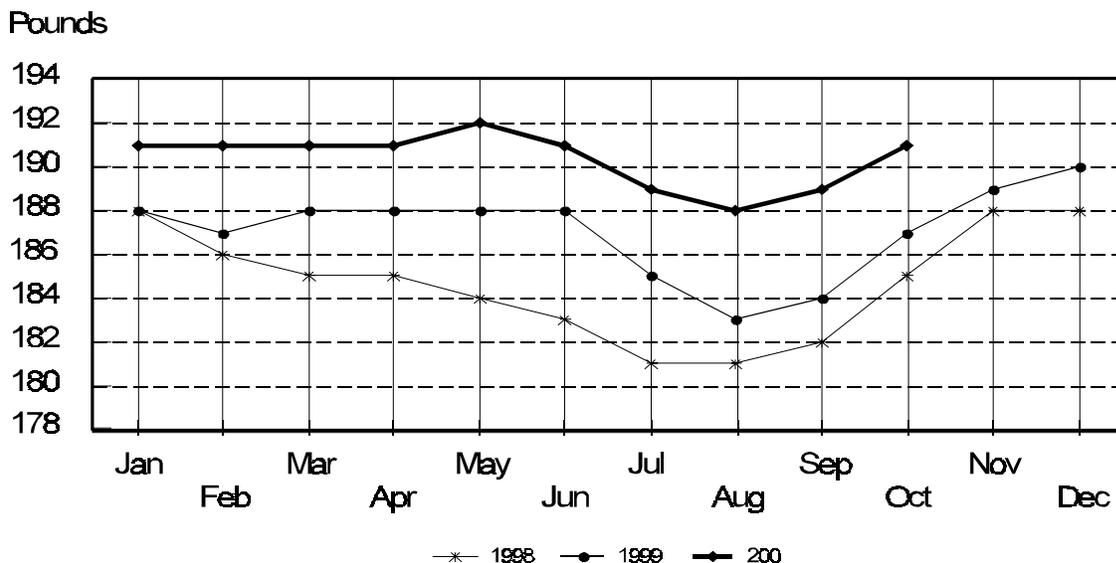
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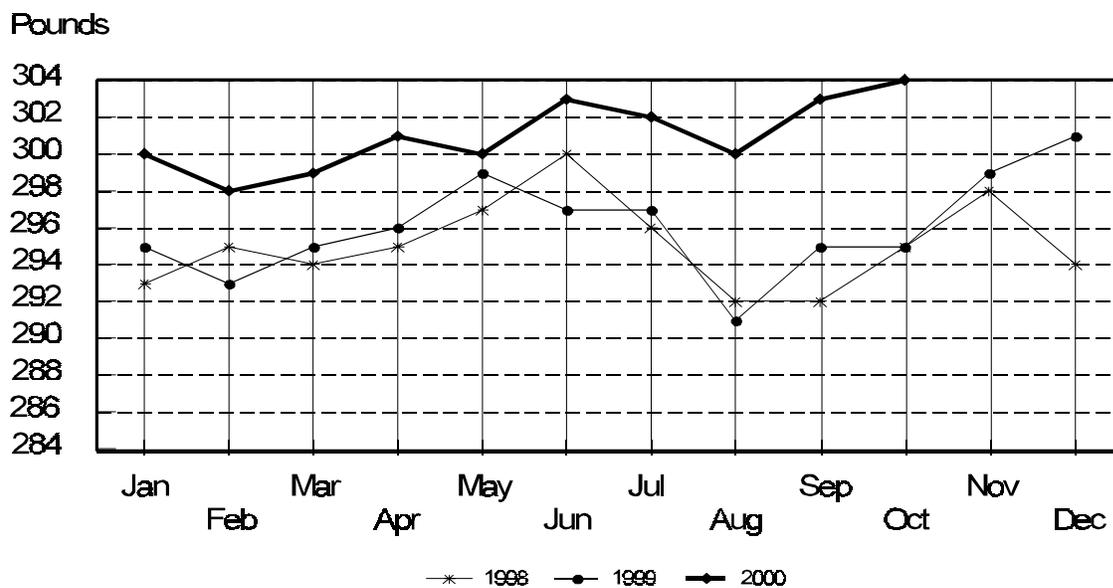
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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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