



# Livestock Slaughter

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## **Red Meat, Beef, and Pork Production Set Record Highs for November Veal Production Sets Record Low**

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the previous record high for November of 3.89 billion pounds produced in 1999.

November 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday).

**Beef production**, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous record high for November set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.93 million head, down slightly from 1999. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,230 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 18 million pounds, 3 percent below the previous record low for November set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92 thousand head, down 11 percent from November 1999. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous record high set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, 2 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 20 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 296 thousand head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

**January - November** red meat production was 42.5 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 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1</sup>**

Class	Nov 1999	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Nov 00 % of		Jan - Nov <sup>2</sup>		
				Nov 1999	Oct 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	2,144	2,345	2,169	101	92	24,272	24,778	102
Veal	19	18	18	97	99	204	198	97
Pork	1,707	1,715	1,712	100	100	17,573	17,323	99
Lamb & Mutton	22	18	20	94	109	219	211	96
Total Red Meat	3,892	4,097	3,920	101	96	42,268	42,509	101

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1</sup>**

Class	Nov 1999	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Nov 00 % of		Jan - Nov <sup>2</sup>		
				Nov 1999	Oct 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	2,111	2,310	2,138	101	93	23,921	24,440	102
Veal	18	18	18	99	99	197	187	95
Pork	1,683	1,692	1,691	100	100	17,299	17,095	99
Lamb & Mutton	21	18	20	94	111	213	204	96
Total Red Meat	3,832	4,038	3,867	101	96	41,630	41,926	101

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States <sup>1</sup>**

Species	Unit	Nov 1999	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Nov 00 % of		Jan - Nov <sup>2</sup>		
					Nov 1999	Oct 2000	1999	2000	00 % of 99
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,881.5	*3,082.0	2,878.6	100	93	32,672.1	32,966.4	101
Other	Thou	58.4	59.4	52.3	90	88	603.0	562.2	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	2,939.9	*3,141.4	2,930.9	100	93	33,275.1	33,528.7	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,220	1,234	1,234	101	100	1,211	1,222	101
Other	Lbs	1,039	1,070	1,065	103	100	1,040	1,074	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,216	1,231	1,230	101	100	1,208	1,219	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	100.4	95.0	90.6	90	95	1,141.8	998.8	87
Other	Thou	3.0	2.1	1.8	60	88	27.9	41.1	147
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	103.4	97.1	92.4	89	95	1,169.7	1,039.9	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	296	309	321	109	104	287	311	108
Other	Lbs	439	400	432	98	108	411	429	104
Comm'l.	Lbs	299	311	321	107	103	290	315	109
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,749.5	8,745.7	8,632.6	99	99	91,019.4	88,493.0	97
Other	Thou	146.2	135.3	123.9	85	92	1,640.0	1,367.0	83
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	8,895.7	8,881.0	8,756.5	98	99	92,659.4	89,860.0	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	262	263	266	101	101	259	262	101
Other	Lbs	232	233	231	99	99	233	232	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	262	262	265	101	101	258	261	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	317.0	266.1	285.8	90	107	3,215.6	3,020.5	94
Other	Thou	12.8	12.6	10.5	83	83	129.8	133.6	103
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	329.7	278.7	296.4	90	106	3,345.4	3,154.2	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	134	135	139	104	103	134	136	102
Other	Lbs	97	105	100	103	96	98	101	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	132	134	138	104	103	132	135	102

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes slaughter on farms.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

**Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Nov 1999	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Nov 00 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Nov 1999	Oct 2000
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.9	4.4	4.0	139	91
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	87	68
AZ	29.1	30.4	33.0	113	109
AR	5.9	5.5	4.4	75	81
CA	88.9	97.1	92.8	104	96
CO	170.9	185.3	163.9	96	88
DE-MD	5.5	3.5	3.2	58	92
FL	4.9	5.1	5.4	110	105
GA	29.4	29.4	28.2	96	96
HI	1.2	1.2	1.1	91	93
ID	54.3	53.3	52.2	96	98
IL	231.9	253.4	240.3	104	95
IN	107.4	118.4	119.0	111	101
IA	547.8	528.2	535.4	98	101
KS	483.9	552.8	504.6	104	91
KY	40.3	38.7	41.7	104	108
LA	1.6	1.7	1.4	87	84
MI	28.5	31.5	32.3	114	103
MN	181.3	181.9	178.0	98	98
MS	27.6	25.1	24.8	90	99
MO	70.6	70.5	72.2	102	102
MT	1.7	2.1	1.9	107	89
NE	564.6	640.2	587.9	104	92
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	144	121
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.3	2.1	2.1	93	100
NJ	4.5	5.0	5.4	118	108
NM	0.9	1.0	0.9	94	92
NY	4.5	4.5	4.1	90	90
NC	180.2	173.0	174.0	97	101
ND	2.4	2.5	2.4	99	96
OH	29.7	27.6	26.4	89	96
OK	85.1	80.9	85.2	100	105
OR	4.0	4.0	4.3	108	108
PA	106.4	108.3	105.7	99	98
SC	19.7	20.3	19.3	98	95
SD	84.3	91.8	92.2	109	100
TN	20.2	18.0	18.7	93	104
TX	377.5	409.3	371.3	98	91
UT	40.9	44.2	43.6	107	99
VA	70.2	69.8	64.7	92	93
WA	63.9	57.8	52.8	83	91
WV	1.2	1.4	1.0	83	76
WI	113.0	115.9	117.2	104	101
WY	0.6	0.2	0.5	81	193
US	3,891.8	4,097.2	3,919.5	101	96

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,  
November 1999 and 2000 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.5	604	434	807	800
AK						
AZ	39.8	45.2	48,874	56,324	1,229	1,245
AR	1.7	1.2	1,507	1,387	871	1,131
CA	86.1	92.5	108,535	113,820	1,261	1,231
CO	207.4	198.8	256,660	246,749	1,237	1,241
DE-MD	3.1	3.1	3,755	3,746	1,198	1,208
FL	6.5	6.7	6,917	7,475	1,068	1,117
GA	38.8	39.0	43,630	44,679	1,123	1,145
HI	1.5	1.2	1,333	1,152	904	956
ID	74.1	71.9	91,467	86,522	1,234	1,203
IL	90.6	83.3	110,989	103,010	1,225	1,236
IN	3.5	3.2	3,659	3,379	1,045	1,059
IA	72.7	68.8	87,447	85,718	1,202	1,246
KS	619.0	641.2	751,644	784,341	1,214	1,223
KY	1.7	1.3	1,404	1,079	813	818
LA	2.0	1.7	1,639	1,509	828	863
MI	30.9	34.4	42,124	48,900	1,365	1,423
MN	55.5	58.9	75,430	80,728	1,360	1,370
MS						
MO	6.5	6.2	7,070	7,904	1,094	1,284
MT	2.0	2.1	2,083	2,396	1,066	1,120
NE	602.0	609.5	754,057	772,051	1,253	1,267
NV	0.1	0.1	75	122	1,024	1,006
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.5	2.4	2,565	2,582	1,031	1,072
NJ	2.0	2.2	2,290	2,550	1,121	1,153
NM	1.7	1.6	1,601	1,544	950	968
NY	6.0	5.3	6,409	5,595	1,074	1,065
NC	15.5	15.2	16,340	16,261	1,057	1,072
ND	0.7	1.0	792	1,071	1,118	1,054
OH	14.3	11.5	15,647	13,512	1,091	1,175
OK	2.9	2.8	2,770	2,674	939	961
OR	1.4	1.6	1,855	2,094	1,343	1,313
PA	87.4	85.2	108,555	110,555	1,242	1,298
SC						
SD	24.4	28.5	33,557	38,994	1,378	1,367
TN	2.7	2.3	2,171	1,791	806	786
TX	524.1	508.0	598,034	583,425	1,141	1,149
UT	53.5	55.9	64,214	67,820	1,200	1,213
VA	2.6	1.7	2,608	1,735	1,005	1,031
WA	83.5	67.9	105,267	85,932	1,261	1,265
WV	2.0	1.6	1,690	1,398	842	875
WI	152.9	151.6	194,199	198,122	1,270	1,307
WY	0.7	0.6	787	654	1,142	1,134
US <sup>3</sup>	2,939.9	2,930.9	3,576,181	3,606,147	1,216	1,230

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
November 1999 and 2000 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR						
CA	11.2	8.3	1,823	1,341	163	161
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.1	9.2	3,821	4,017	419	436
IN	9.5	9.9	2,862	3,188	301	323
IA						
KS						
KY	0.1	0.1	34	24	430	440
LA	1.2	0.8	579	398	480	473
MI	3.6	3.5	1,042	1,394	290	402
MN						
MS	0.1	0.1	61	32	436	439
MO	0.2	0.1	62	40	290	325
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	3.3	2.4	435	229	133	97
NJ	9.1	10.8	4,011	4,823	443	445
NM						
NY	12.4	11.5	1,210	932	98	81
NC	0.3	0.2	112	70	408	400
ND						
OH	3.4	0.1	1,354	20	399	215
OK						
OR						
PA	15.1	15.9	4,883	6,085	323	383
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.2	3.0	1,761	995	419	326
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	20	18	275	279
WA						
WV						
WI	13.0	12.6	5,402	5,343	415	425
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	103.4	92.4	30,912	29,687	299	321

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
November 1999 and 2000 <sup>1</sup>**

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	9.1	11.3	3,873	5,742	428	509
AK						
AZ	0.5	0.5	65	113	139	237
AR						
CA	188.4	185.8	40,725	41,380	216	223
CO	1.6	1.4	412	349	257	258
DE-MD	17.5	3.8	4,261	982	243	258
FL	12.3	13.4	2,097	2,440	171	182
GA	23.8	17.5	7,786	5,729	327	328
HI	2.9	2.9	590	588	205	204
ID						
IL	829.2	872.0	215,503	232,349	260	266
IN	540.0	587.2	139,093	152,969	258	260
IA	2,550.5	2,443.4	672,379	651,366	264	267
KS	41.6	34.7	12,379	10,834	298	312
KY	202.0	205.8	52,961	54,852	262	267
LA	3.5	3.0	670	617	192	206
MI	9.8	9.7	3,897	3,705	397	383
MN	731.6	698.5	192,266	183,931	263	263
MS						
MO	346.6	348.4	89,624	91,056	259	261
MT	2.5	2.0	629	552	256	270
NE	548.0	589.2	143,291	155,623	262	264
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	3.1	2.7	838	720	267	267
NJ	9.3	9.3	896	933	96	100
NM	0.2	0.2	39	50	224	218
NY	3.6	3.2	596	813	166	251
NC	920.9	882.6	230,719	222,764	251	252
ND	12.7	11.1	2,915	2,646	229	239
OH	108.4	101.8	28,689	27,005	265	265
OK	412.5	407.6	111,755	112,450	271	276
OR	18.0	19.1	4,530	4,883	252	256
PA	240.5	216.9	59,136	55,605	246	256
SC						
SD	342.2	375.1	91,472	98,613	267	263
TN	66.0	63.2	29,198	27,112	442	429
TX	40.1	35.1	12,440	11,350	310	324
UT	5.0	5.4	817	1,420	164	261
VA	364.7	332.8	92,110	85,218	253	256
WA	1.8	1.5	434	398	248	270
WV	1.4	1.1	434	319	307	297
WI	31.2	33.0	13,239	14,477	424	439
WY	0.5	0.4	133	100	258	245
US <sup>3</sup>	8,895.7	8,756.5	2,328,982	2,321,831	262	265

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>3</sup> 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,  
November 1999 and 2000 <sup>1</sup>**

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	2	6	118	88
AR						
CA						
CO	126.8	110.2	17,966	16,503	142	150
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.3	0.4	31	38	97	100
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	39	40	124	121
IL						
IN	3.2	3.3	330	321	102	98
IA	45.0	44.1	6,259	6,415	139	145
KS	0.3	0.2	31	28	115	136
KY	0.7	0.8	85	150	131	179
LA	0.2	0.2	12	13	78	79
MI	18.8	17.5	2,258	2,227	120	127
MN	0.2	0.2	20	20	109	106
MS						
MO						
MT	0.3	0.4	44	47	128	122
NE						
NV	0.1	0.1	9	10	114	109
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.6	2.6	262	268	102	103
NJ	8.2	10.0	785	977	96	98
NM	2.6	2.3	308	253	118	111
NY	1.9	1.7	200	172	107	99
NC	0.1	0.1	9	8	105	103
ND						
OH	0.8	0.5	99	58	119	106
OK	0.3	0.1	30	13	112	130
OR	0.7	0.8	88	104	124	136
PA	4.9	4.2	468	346	95	83
SC	0.2	0.2	21	17	93	95
SD	1.4	1.5	155	141	107	96
TN	0.4	0.5	29	40	83	76
TX	47.2	40.3	6,216	5,483	132	136
UT	2.8	2.5	333	350	120	142
VA	1.2	1.4	120	140	101	100
WA						
WV						
WI	0.8	0.6	96	77	114	120
WY	0.1	0.1	13	16	116	127
US <sup>3</sup>	329.7	296.4	43,583	40,780	132	138

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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

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

Item	Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov <sup>1</sup>		Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov <sup>1</sup>	
	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 <sup>2</sup>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,348	1,452	1,368	16,213	16,478	46.8	47.1	47.5	49.6	50.0
Heifers	960	*1,079	955	10,766	10,956	33.3	35.0	33.2	33.0	33.2
All Cows	522	498	507	5,115	4,962	18.1	16.1	17.6	15.7	15.0
Dairy Cows	229	236	247	2,340	2,413	7.9	7.6	8.6	7.2	7.3
Other Cows	293	262	260	2,775	2,549	10.2	8.5	9.0	8.5	7.7
Bulls & Stags	51	53	49	577	570	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,882	3,082	2,879	32,672	32,966	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,440	8,449	8,338	87,577	85,432	96.5	96.6	96.6	96.2	96.5
Sows	279	271	268	3,069	2,769	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.1
Stags & Boars	30	27	27	374	292	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	8,749	8,746	8,633	91,019	88,493	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	16	14	13	170	154	5.1	5.2	4.6	5.3	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	301	252	273	3,045	2,866	94.9	94.8	95.4	94.7	94.9
Total <sup>1</sup>	317	266	286	3,216	3,021	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight <sup>3</sup>										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle	736	753	747	736	745					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	803	813	807	792	797					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	735	748	742	726	733					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	552	574	578	560	579					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	864	866	867	881	894					
Calves & Vealers	181	190	199	176	192					
Hogs	193	194	197	191	194					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	189	191	193	187	190					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	299	304	306	295	302					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	233	227	229	232	227					
Sheep	66	67	69	66	68					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	58	65	66	59	63					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	67	67	69	67	68					

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>2</sup> Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

<sup>3</sup> Based on packer reports.

<sup>4</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>5</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>6</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,  
November 2000<sup>1</sup>**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.4
2	7.2	1.6	0.5	4.2	3.5	0.7	1.0	22.3
3	88.3	41.1	8.7	36.7	27.0	9.7	1.9	16.0
4	73.5	1.0	0.3	62.4	21.5	40.9	9.8	2.9
5	323.9	128.4	49.7	135.7	97.3	38.5	10.1	35.0
6	508.0	244.7	189.5	64.6	13.1	51.5	9.2	2.9
7	1,317.0	685.6	547.8	78.0	15.2	62.8	5.5	0.1
8	280.3	130.9	120.7	24.3	3.4	20.9	4.3	
9	138.4	62.3	7.9	65.1	53.0	12.2	3.0	8.2
10	140.1	71.6	29.9	34.8	12.0	22.7	4.0	0.9
US <sup>2</sup>	2,878.6	1,367.6	955.2	506.7	247.0	259.8	48.9	90.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	1.8	1.8			2.2	0.5	1.7	
2	12.2	11.9	0.2	0.1	11.7	1.5	10.2	
3	551.7	549.2	2.5	0.1	7.0	0.4	6.7	
4	1,356.1	1,266.5	87.6	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.7	
5	2,250.7	2,161.6	86.6	2.5	34.6	4.4	30.2	
6	444.3	417.8	25.4	1.0	39.8	2.8	37.0	
7	3,407.4	3,340.1	46.2	21.2	44.6	0.1	44.5	
8	389.3	370.0	19.0	0.3	113.5	1.6	111.9	
9	183.3	183.2	0.1		29.7	0.7	29.0	
10	35.8	35.5	0.2		0.9	0.1	0.8	
US <sup>2</sup>	8,632.6	8,337.6	267.8	27.1	285.8	13.1	272.7	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,  
January - November 2000 \* <sup>1</sup>**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	18.4	3.1	2.2	11.2	10.8	0.5	1.9	27.7
2	79.7	15.1	4.4	52.0	43.5	8.6	8.3	232.1
3	950.1	460.7	74.1	393.6	289.1	104.5	21.7	166.9
4	771.5	12.3	3.7	650.9	236.2	414.8	104.5	21.0
5	3,452.1	1,445.7	538.4	1,362.5	959.4	403.1	105.4	401.7
6	6,139.4	3,124.4	2,204.0	683.1	116.7	566.5	127.9	22.6
7	15,251.2	8,242.4	6,272.0	666.0	61.3	604.7	70.8	1.0
8	3,288.7	1,655.7	1,374.6	211.3	38.3	173.1	47.1	0.1
9	1,447.7	690.1	93.7	630.2	521.0	109.1	33.8	110.5
10	1,567.5	828.5	389.2	301.7	137.2	164.5	48.2	15.2
US <sup>2</sup>	32,966.4	16,478.0	10,956.2	4,962.6	2,413.4	2,549.1	569.7	998.8
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	17.9	17.3	0.5	0.1	21.4	4.8	16.6	
2	130.9	128.3	1.8	0.9	119.3	17.8	101.6	
3	5,763.6	5,737.8	25.4	0.4	87.8	4.8	83.0	
4	13,767.3	12,852.1	889.3	25.9	17.8	12.1	5.7	
5	22,904.3	21,954.7	933.7	16.0	398.9	47.3	351.6	
6	4,575.9	4,307.5	258.8	9.6	418.8	34.3	384.5	
7	35,086.4	34,370.1	478.5	237.7	455.4	0.8	454.6	
8	3,835.1	3,657.1	177.6	0.3	1,126.4	21.9	1,104.5	
9	2,048.2	2,046.5	1.3	0.4	365.4	8.6	356.8	
10	363.5	361.0	2.2	0.3	9.3	1.7	7.6	
US <sup>2</sup>	88,493.0	85,432.4	2,769.1	291.6	3,020.5	154.1	2,866.4	

\* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,  
November 2000**

State	Cattle						Calves	
	Total <sup>1</sup>	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	45.1	35.0	1.2	8.8	8.8			
AR	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.5		0.5	0.1	
CA	92.0	27.0	6.5	55.6	44.0	11.6	2.9	8.2
CO	198.2	105.6	92.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.1	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.3			
FL	6.7	0.2		5.9	0.7	5.2	0.5	
GA	38.1	0.1		33.0	3.6	29.4	5.1	
HI	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	
ID	70.8	34.4	7.0	26.5	7.7	18.8	3.0	
IL	80.5	43.9	36.6					9.2
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					9.9
IA	66.9	30.3	25.1	11.3	11.3		0.3	
KS	638.0	349.7	286.1	2.0	0.5	1.5	0.1	
KY	0.4	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	32.6	19.6	2.9	10.1	10.1		0.1	3.4
MN	56.3	8.2	5.3	37.6	15.1	22.5	5.2	
MS								
MO	4.8	0.6	0.4	3.4	0.7	2.7	0.4	
MT	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	607.4	305.0	236.3	61.4	2.8	58.6	4.8	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.4
NJ	2.2	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	10.8
NM	1.1			1.0	1.0			
NY	5.0	0.7	0.3	3.4	2.9	0.5	0.6	11.5
NC	14.4	0.2		11.3	6.0	5.3	2.9	0.2
ND	0.3	0.1	0.1			0.1		
OH	5.7	0.3	0.2	4.9	3.6	1.3	0.4	
OK								
OR								
PA	84.7	38.7	8.0	36.2	26.6	9.6	1.8	15.9
SC								
SD	26.3	1.3	1.1	20.1	2.1	18.0	3.8	
TN	1.7	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.2	1.0	0.1	
TX	505.3	244.4	189.4	62.4	11.7	50.7	9.1	2.7
UT	54.8	23.5	27.3	3.6	1.0	2.6	0.3	
VA	0.4	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1
WA	67.8	36.3	22.7	8.0	4.1	3.9	0.9	
WV	0.1		0.1					
WI	148.3	56.2	4.6	83.2	68.5	14.7	4.3	12.5
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,878.6	1,367.6	955.2	506.8	247.0	259.8	48.9	90.6

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT

<sup>3</sup> 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,  
November 2000**

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>1</sup>	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	10.2		8.2	1.9			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	180.0	180.0	0.1				
CO	0.8	0.8	0.1		110.1		110.1
DE-MD	3.8	3.8					
FL	13.4	13.0	0.4				
GA	9.6	5.3	4.3				
HI	2.9	2.9					
ID					0.2		0.2
IL	841.5	796.9	42.7	1.9			
IN	584.0	584.0			2.8	1.9	0.9
IA	2,441.1	2,381.2	38.7	21.2	44.0		44.0
KS	31.5	24.3	7.3				
KY	204.8	198.8	6.1		0.8	0.8	
LA							
MI	8.0	2.7	5.2	0.1	17.2	2.5	14.7
MN	697.0	696.9			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	347.0	346.8	0.1				
MT	0.4	0.4			0.1		0.1
NE	587.8	587.8					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.8	1.8			2.2	0.5	1.7
NJ	9.3	9.0	0.2	0.1	10.0	1.0	9.0
NM					0.9	0.7	0.2
NY	2.9	2.8			1.7	0.5	1.2
NC	868.8	861.2	7.6		0.1		
ND	10.3	10.3					
OH	91.7	81.0	10.5	0.2			
OK	405.4	399.0	6.4		0.1		
OR	18.9	18.7	0.1		0.6		0.6
PA	216.3	215.8	0.4	0.1	4.1	0.3	3.8
SC							
SD	373.4	354.3	18.9	0.2	1.3		1.2
TN	63.0	3.6	59.4		0.5	0.1	0.4
TX	26.5	17.1	8.3	1.0	38.8	2.1	36.7
UT	4.3	4.3			2.0	1.6	0.4
VA	331.6	329.6	2.0		0.8		0.8
WA	1.3	1.3					
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	28.6	0.1	28.1	0.4	0.1		0.1
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	8,632.6	8,337.6	267.8	27.1	285.8	13.1	272.7

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT

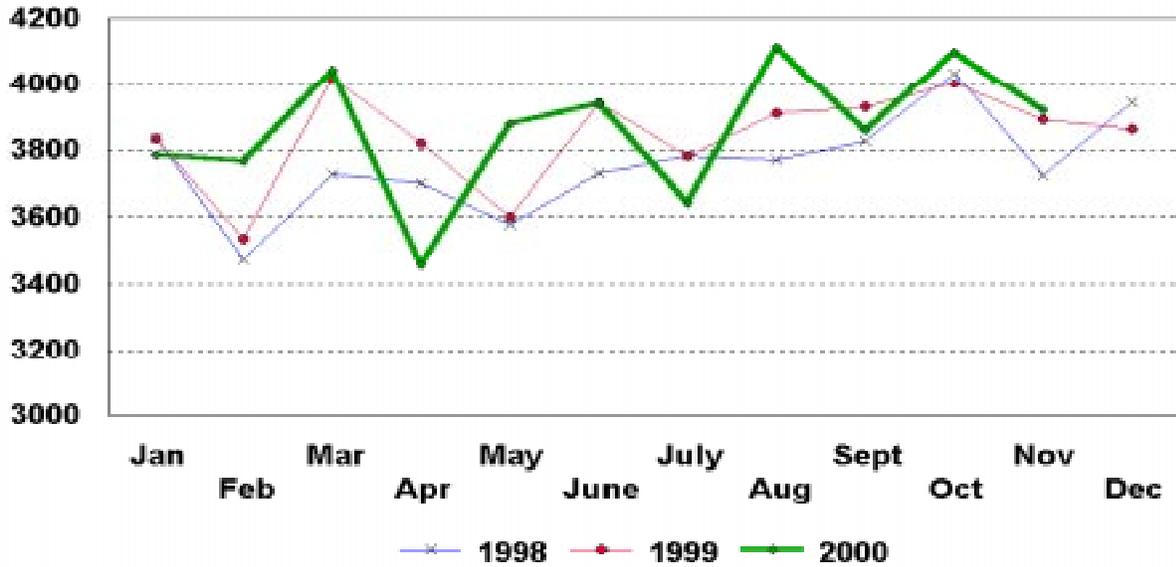
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

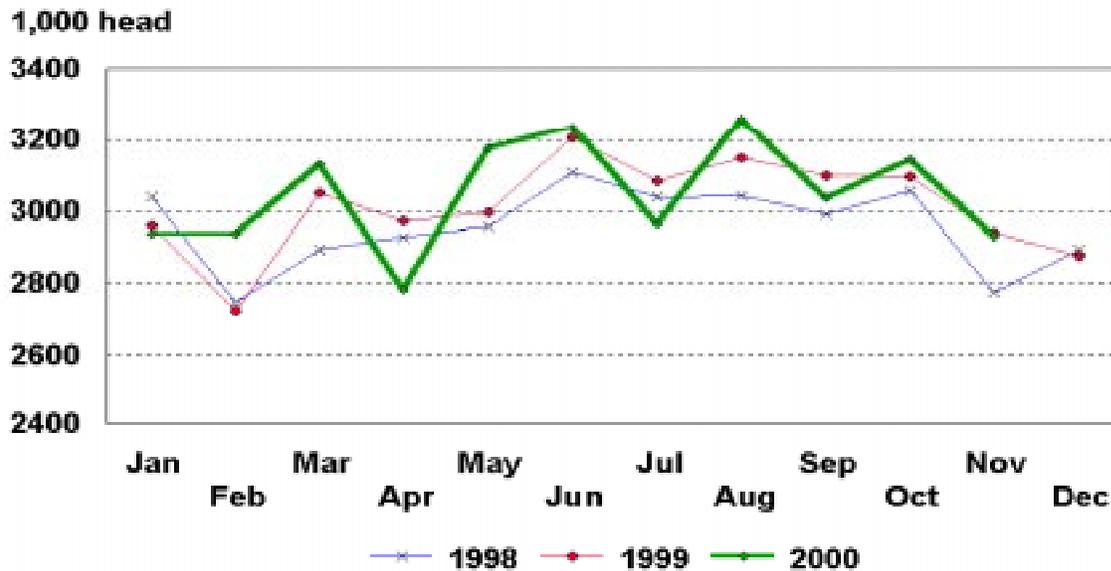
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	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.0	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.3
Calves	97.1	97.9	98.0	97.6	96.0
Hogs	98.4	98.5	98.6	98.2	98.5
Sheep	96.1	95.5	96.5	96.1	95.8

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

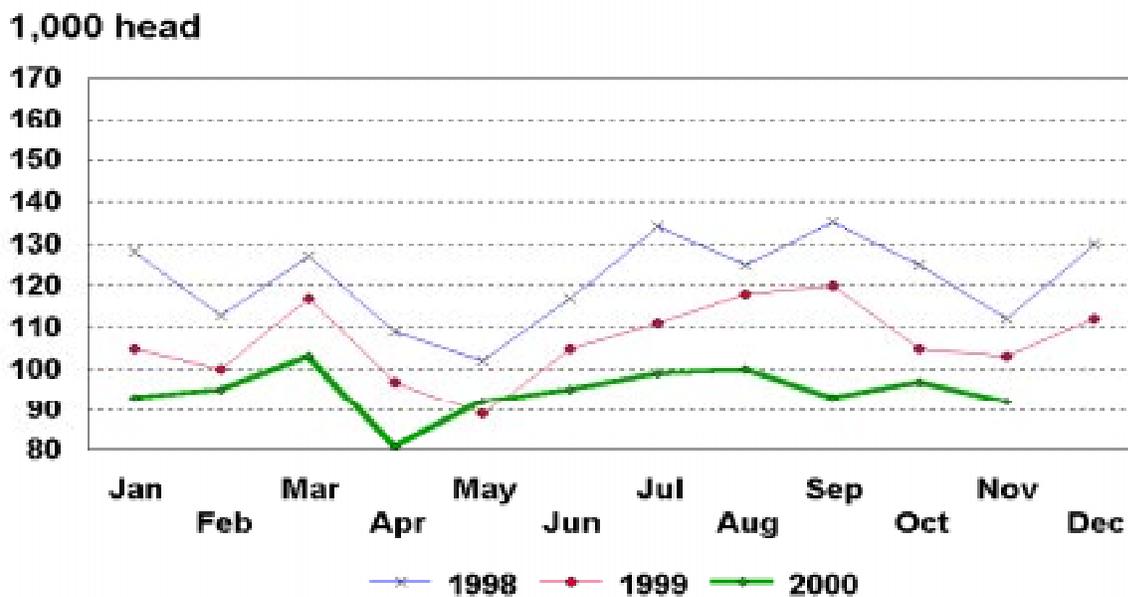
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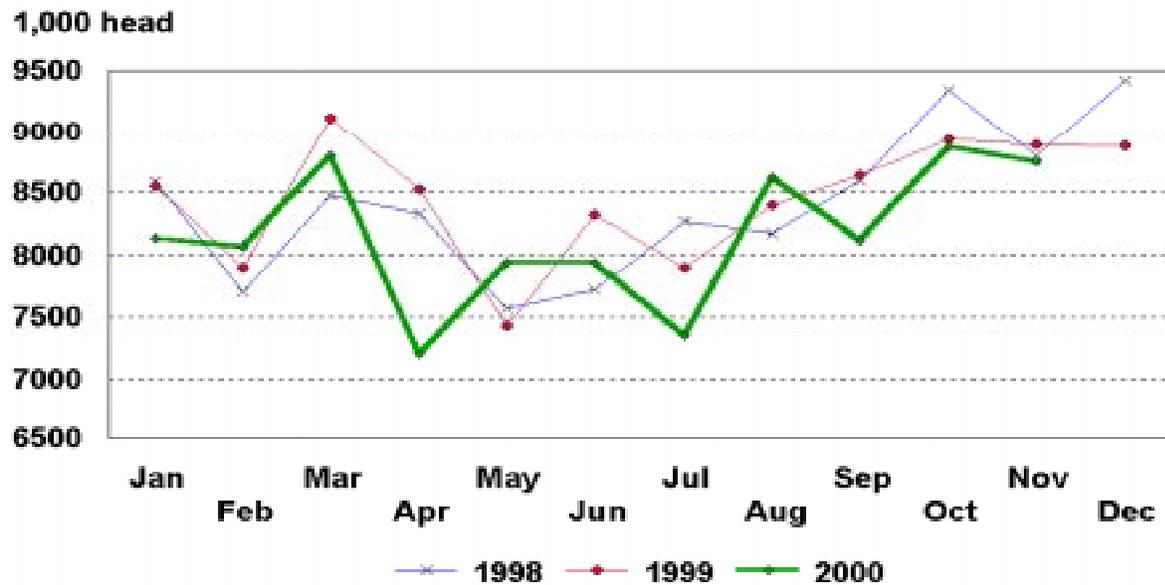
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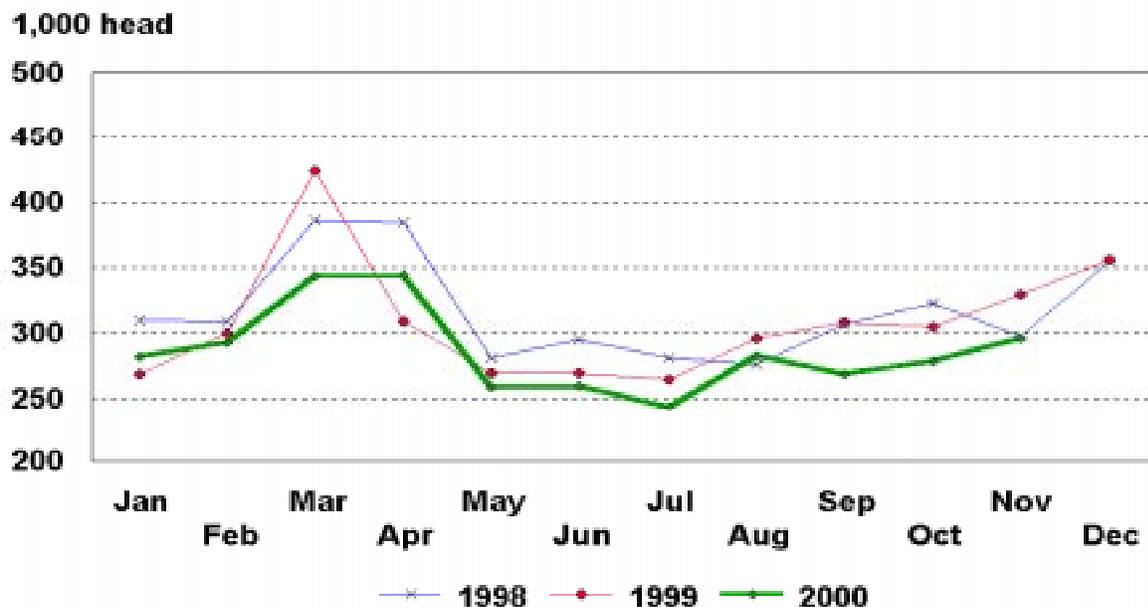
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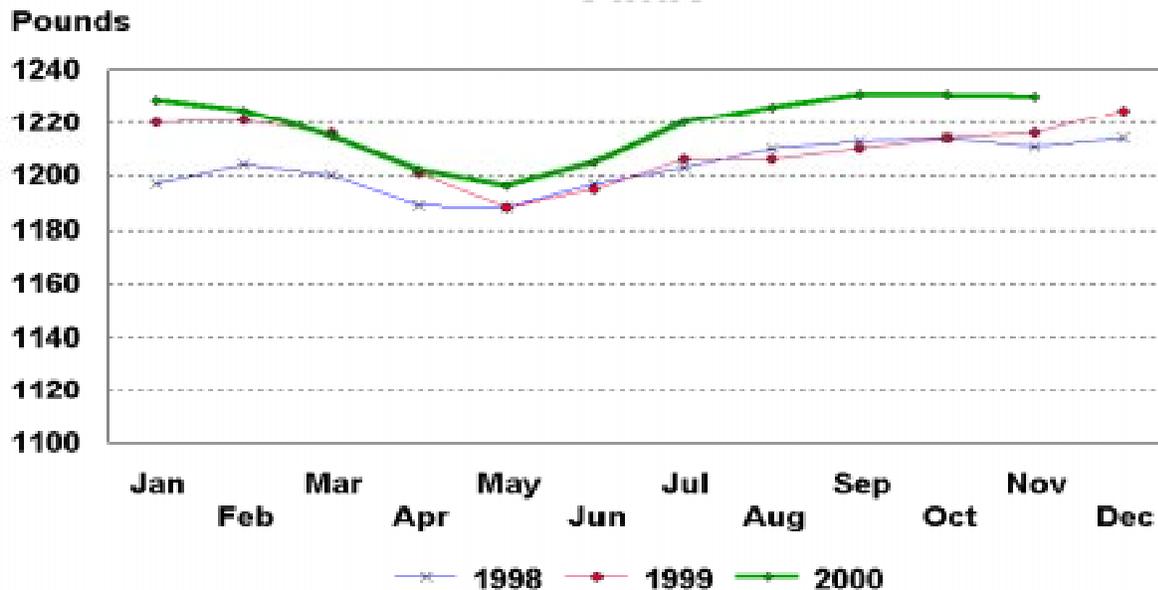
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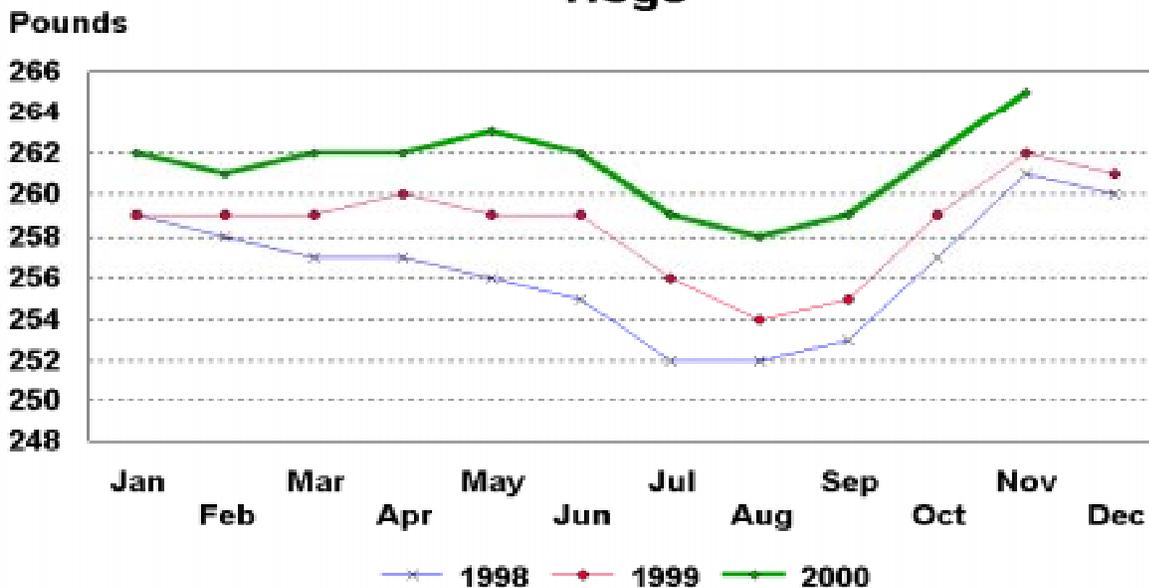
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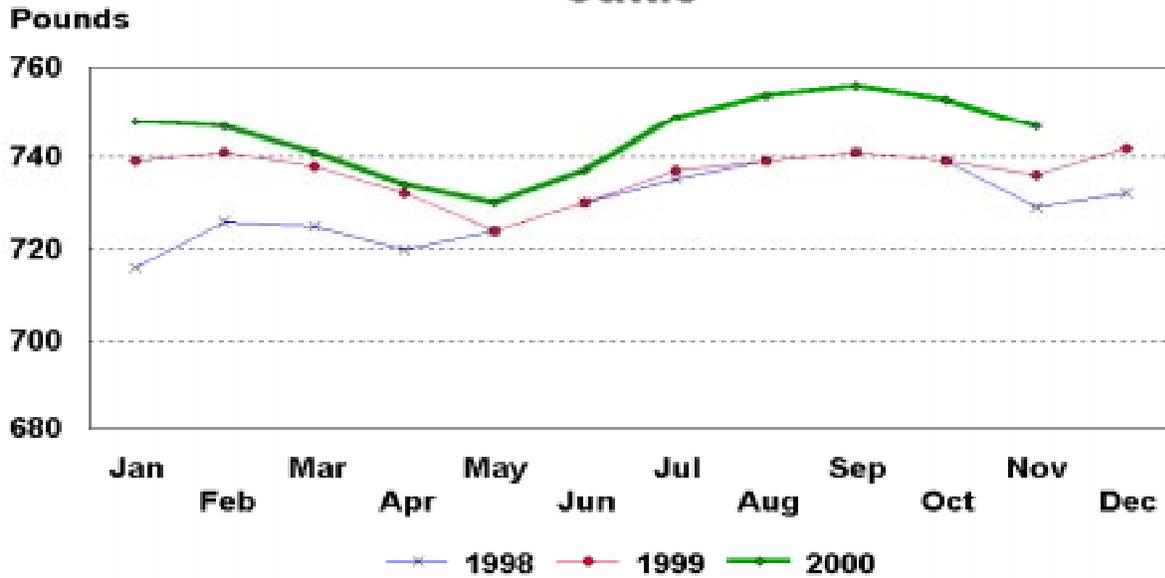
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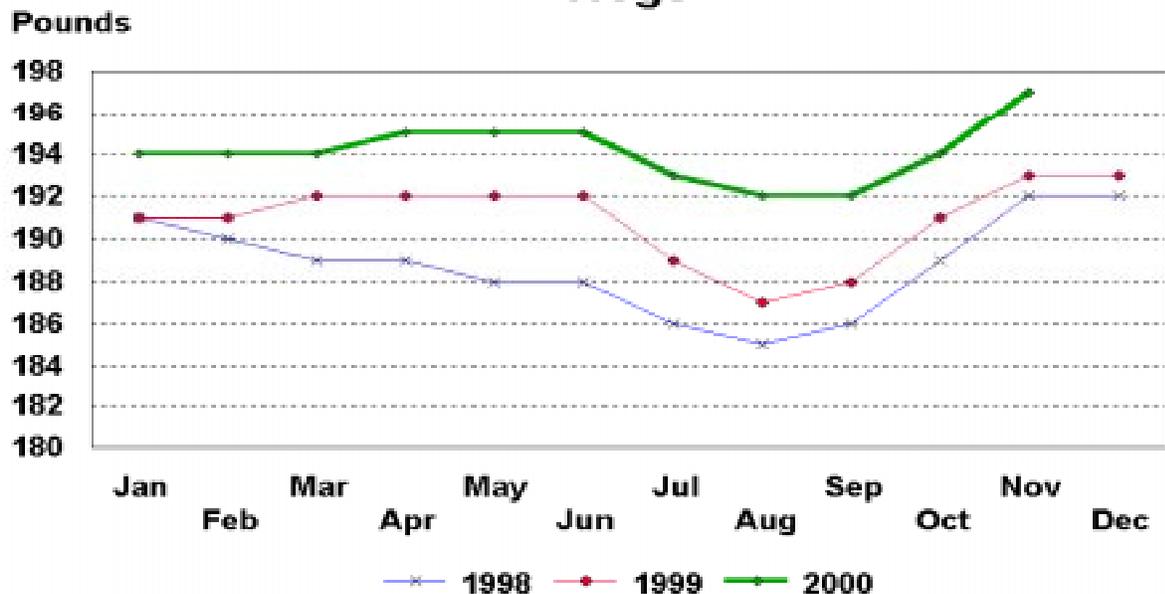
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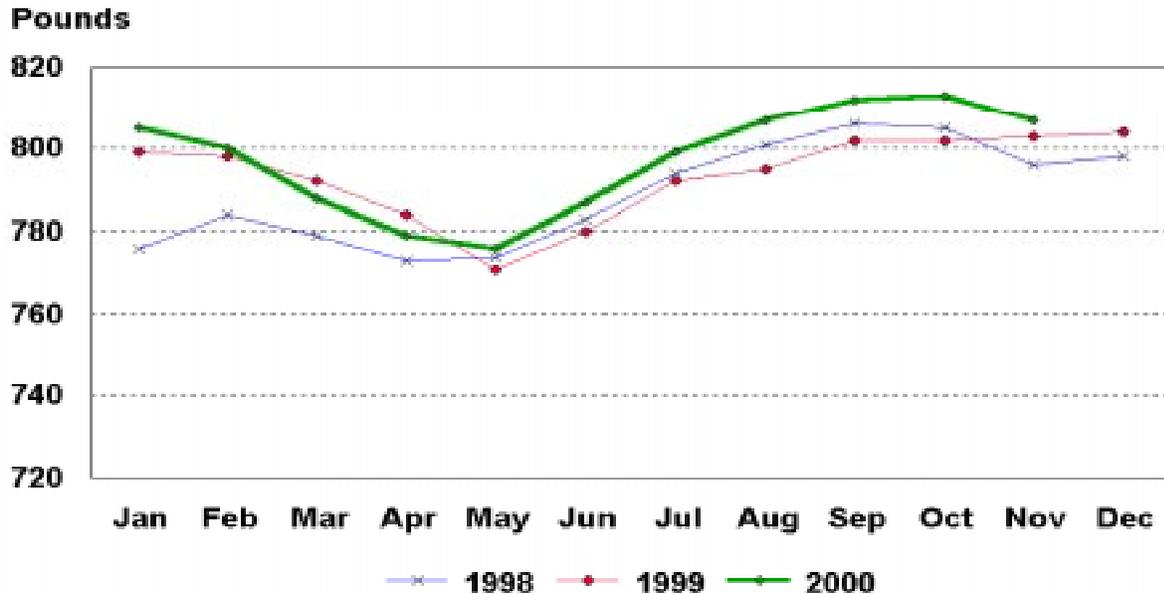
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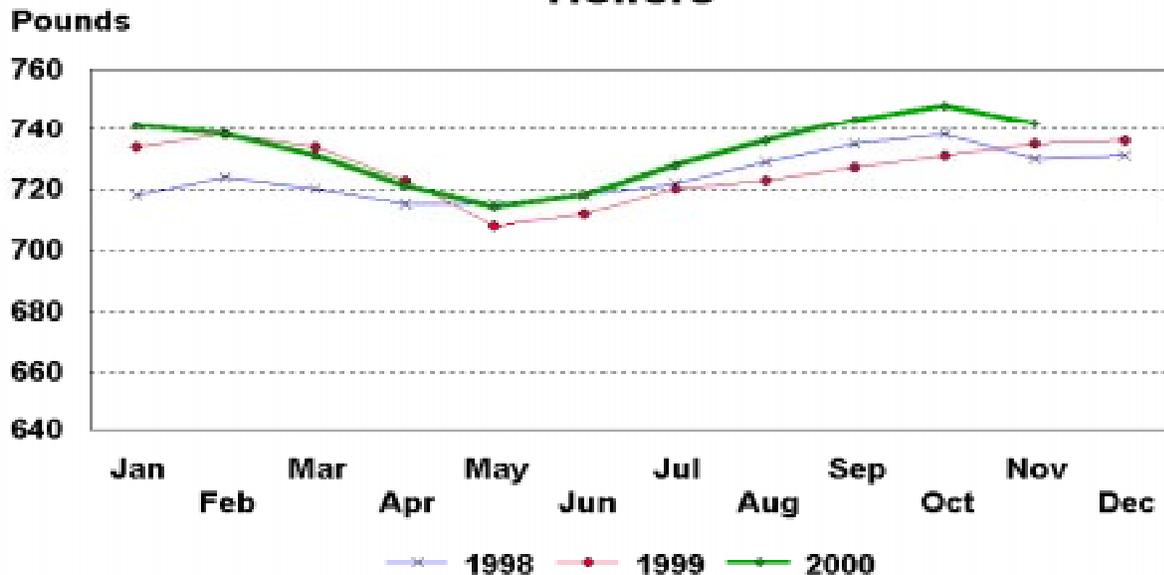
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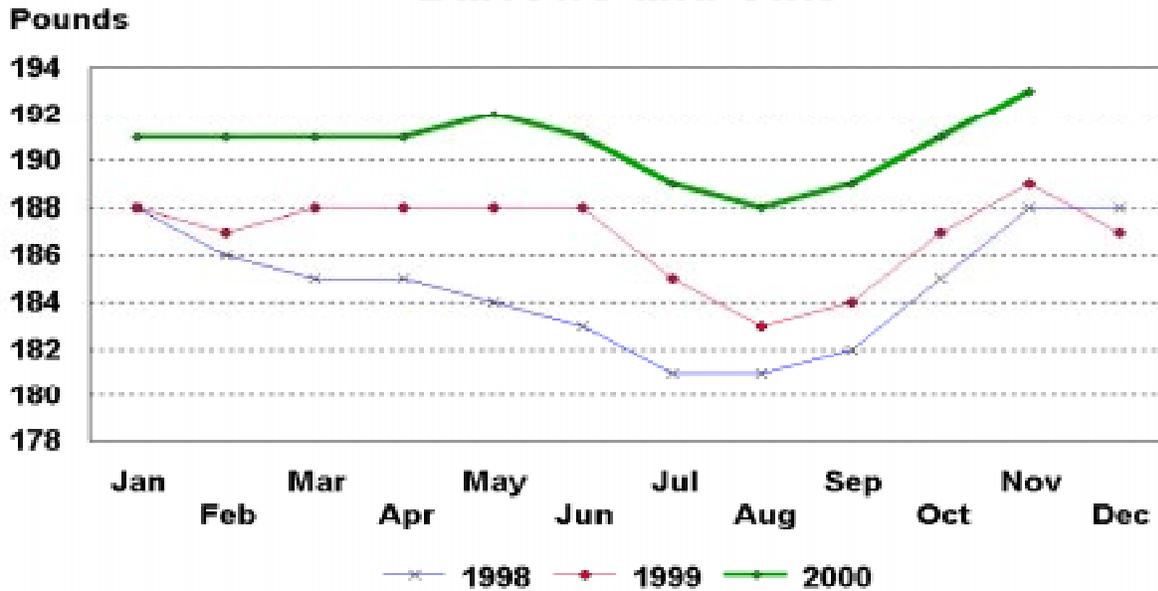
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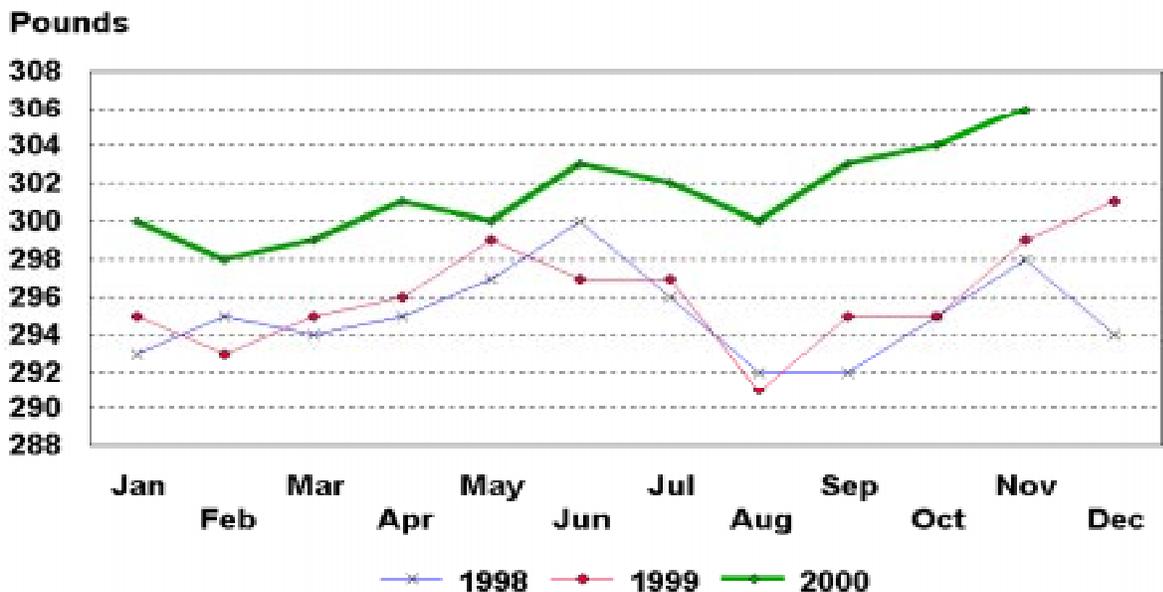
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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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