



Livestock Slaughter

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Veal and Lamb Production Set Record Lows

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.51 billion pounds in April, up 1 percent from the 3.46 billion pounds produced in April 2000.

April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.
April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down 2 percent from April 2000. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,186 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15 million pounds, 9 percent below April a year ago which was the previous record low of 17 million pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down 8 percent from April 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.83 million head, 8 percent above April 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 14 percent from April 2000 and 1 million pounds below the previous low from 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 290,000 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 14.6 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 6 percent lower, veal production was 7 percent lower, pork production was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 8 percent lower.

Special Note

Revisions were made to cattle slaughter weight estimates for February and March. These revisions for February and March can be found at the NASS website in the April Slaughter report and the On-line Database.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Apr 01 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 2000	Mar 2001	2000	2001	01 as % of 00
	<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	2,027	*2,096	1,939	96	93	8,679	8,120	94
Veal	17	16	15	91	93	72	65	91
Pork	1,398	1,626	1,532	110	94	6,232	6,337	102
Lamb & Mutton	23	23	20	86	87	87	80	92
Total Red Meat	3,465	*3,761	3,507	101	93	15,069	14,602	97

* Revised.

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Apr 01 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 2000	Mar 2001	2000	2001	01 as % of 00
	<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	1,997	*2,065	1,910	96	93	8,551	8,000	94
Veal	15	16	15	97	92	68	63	93
Pork	1,378	1,606	1,514	110	94	6,148	6,258	102
Lamb & Mutton	23	23	19	86	86	84	78	92
Total Red Meat	3,413	*3,710	3,458	101	93	14,851	14,399	97

* Revised.

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Apr 01 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
					Apr 2000	Mar 2001	2000	2001	01 % of 00
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,735.0	2,866.9	2,666.7	98	93	11,573.6	11,013.2	95
Other	Thou	48.5	51.3	47.6	98	93	214.2	200.9	94
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,783.4	2,918.2	2,714.3	98	93	11,787.8	11,214.1	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,204	*1,201	1,187	99	99	1,221	1,209	99
Other	Lbs	1,082	1,070	1,069	99	100	1,069	1,072	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,202	*1,199	1,186	99	99	1,218	1,207	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	75.2	82.4	72.4	96	88	354.9	321.4	91
Other	Thou	5.3	1.8	1.8	34	102	16.2	7.1	43
Comm'l. ³	Thou	80.5	84.2	74.3	92	88	371.1	328.4	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	332	322	336	101	104	316	326	103
Other	Lbs	465	401	412	89	103	442	411	93
Comm'l.	Lbs	343	323	340	99	105	322	328	102
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,107.6	8,207.2	7,721.9	109	94	31,767.9	31,940.9	101
Other	Thou	119.8	119.4	109.9	92	92	498.2	464.3	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,227.4	8,326.7	7,831.9	108	94	32,266.1	32,405.2	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	263	264	265	101	100	263	265	101
Other	Lbs	231	234	234	102	100	234	233	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	263	264	265	101	100	262	264	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	330.3	316.1	275.4	83	87	1,219.4	1,085.9	89
Other	Thou	15.0	10.4	15.1	100	145	48.6	44.9	92
Comm'l. ³	Thou	345.3	326.5	290.4	84	89	1,268.0	1,130.7	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	139	144	143	103	99	139	144	103
Other	Lbs	101	109	103	101	94	103	107	105
Comm'l.	Lbs	136	143	140	102	98	138	142	103

* 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 States¹

State	Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Apr 01 as % of ²	
				Apr 2000	Mar 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.8	4.1	3.4	121	84
AK	0.1				
AZ	31.0	33.7	30.9	100	92
AR	4.5	5.1	4.4	98	86
CA	79.6	93.4	87.9	110	94
CO	158.4	168.1	154.7	98	92
DE-MD	4.3	2.8	2.5	58	90
FL	3.8	5.1	5.0	133	99
GA	25.5	29.1	28.7	112	99
HI	1.1	1.2	1.1	95	92
ID	41.2	50.2	46.2	112	92
IL	202.0	217.8	201.4	100	92
IN	91.9	111.6	108.0	117	97
IA	446.4	500.2	472.3	106	94
KS	495.8	*444.2	417.6	84	94
KY	31.9	35.3	32.0	100	91
LA	1.3	1.5	1.3	100	87
MI	27.7	33.6	31.5	114	94
MN	150.4	186.5	165.7	110	89
MS	20.7	23.3	23.5	113	101
MO	57.4	69.8	63.9	111	92
MT	1.7	1.4	1.6	90	109
NE	527.6	*550.7	512.6	97	93
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	91	92
N ENG ³	1.4	1.5	1.5	102	100
NJ	4.1	4.8	4.9	118	102
NM	0.7	0.7	0.6	95	86
NY	3.9	3.0	3.1	78	102
NC	137.9	167.5	157.7	114	94
ND	2.0	2.7	2.6	126	95
OH	25.0	26.4	23.4	94	89
OK	76.3	80.6	78.6	103	97
OR	3.2	3.7	3.6	112	99
PA	89.9	96.5	91.6	102	95
SC	17.6	19.8	18.4	105	93
SD	67.2	91.0	83.3	124	92
TN	15.9	18.5	17.4	110	94
TX	371.8	*404.7	367.6	99	91
UT	35.2	41.4	39.8	113	96
VA	53.8	64.2	59.8	111	93
WA	49.4	51.7	50.5	102	98
WV	0.5	0.6	0.5	103	94
WI	101.3	113.1	105.1	104	93
WY	0.3	0.3	0.3	92	96
US	3,464.9	*3,761.5	3,506.6	101	93

* 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,
April 2000 and 2001 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<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	0.6	0.6	526	531	830	866
AK						
AZ	41.9	41.6	51,739	52,561	1,234	1,264
AR	1.2	1.1	1,207	1,095	985	960
CA	75.3	81.9	93,226	103,812	1,238	1,268
CO	195.3	192.3	236,673	232,825	1,212	1,211
DE-MD	2.6	2.8	3,187	3,387	1,214	1,224
FL	5.4	7.0	6,195	8,409	1,150	1,198
GA	34.7	40.4	39,786	46,275	1,147	1,145
HI	1.4	1.2	1,298	1,158	957	987
ID	56.0	62.7	68,274	75,804	1,220	1,208
IL	78.5	66.3	95,068	80,255	1,212	1,211
IN	2.6	2.9	2,701	3,005	1,048	1,034
IA	48.8	64.4	60,870	76,316	1,248	1,185
KS	664.1	570.6	771,056	646,917	1,161	1,134
KY	1.1	1.1	908	982	835	877
LA	1.6	1.4	1,382	1,129	880	817
MI	29.6	35.0	42,026	48,869	1,420	1,396
MN	50.4	52.5	70,129	72,332	1,391	1,377
MS						
MO	6.6	7.4	7,220	8,895	1,102	1,198
MT	2.1	1.9	2,305	2,159	1,107	1,131
NE	576.9	559.5	717,874	669,900	1,244	1,197
NV	0.1	0.1	90	75	988	1,098
N ENG ²	1.5	1.6	1,714	1,750	1,111	1,116
NJ	1.8	2.0	2,004	2,302	1,126	1,153
NM	1.1	1.0	1,061	994	933	957
NY	4.9	3.5	5,684	3,809	1,157	1,100
NC	12.8	13.4	13,817	14,097	1,080	1,053
ND	0.8	0.8	928	977	1,142	1,154
OH	11.8	10.3	13,661	11,508	1,153	1,118
OK	3.0	3.1	3,006	3,160	986	1,025
OR	0.9	1.4	1,115	1,712	1,286	1,266
PA	78.6	76.7	98,997	96,430	1,259	1,257
SC						
SD	19.8	25.2	28,003	35,449	1,411	1,407
TN	1.6	1.2	1,463	1,035	894	900
TX	513.1	510.5	582,015	574,706	1,134	1,126
UT	48.2	52.2	55,277	62,089	1,147	1,190
VA	1.4	1.4	1,348	1,421	950	995
WA	65.6	67.1	82,158	82,028	1,252	1,223
WV	0.7	0.8	692	737	992	954
WI	127.1	134.9	164,790	173,297	1,297	1,285
WY	0.4	0.4	412	418	1,144	1,118
US ³	2,783.4	2,714.3	3,344,879	3,218,254	1,202	1,186

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 Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2000 and 2001 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<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	7.7	7.6	1,239	1,191	160	157
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.2	9.1	3,461	3,953	421	436
IN	7.2	5.9	2,646	2,165	365	367
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.8	0.7	406	332	486	506
MI	3.6	2.9	1,360	1,153	381	401
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	69	54	339	362
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	1.8	1.8	211	198	115	109
NJ	8.2	9.6	3,597	4,354	441	452
NM						
NY	8.0	9.1	702	764	87	84
NC	0.2	0.2	72	61	399	393
ND						
OH	3.4	0.1	1,374	14	399	220
OK		0.1	14	37	414	435
OR						
PA	11.7	12.6	4,469	4,981	383	396
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.7	1.3	2,304	771	491	571
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	12.0	11.4	4,985	4,755	414	419
WY						
US ³	80.5	74.3	27,658	25,245	343	340

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 Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2000 and 2001 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<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	8.5	9.4	3,910	4,801	462	513
AK						
AZ	0.6	0.5	135	119	234	241
AR						
CA	175.0	186.2	37,961	41,470	217	223
CO	1.1	1.0	296	240	260	237
DE-MD	12.2	1.0	2,988	270	245	264
FL	5.8	7.5	1,168	1,488	201	199
GA	17.0	15.9	5,320	5,029	314	316
HI	2.7	2.8	552	572	204	205
ID						
IL	709.9	738.5	188,099	199,880	265	271
IN	456.4	539.0	117,919	139,416	258	259
IA	2,069.6	2,164.9	547,755	573,477	265	265
KS	34.7	28.9	10,517	9,111	303	315
KY	158.4	157.3	41,787	41,979	264	267
LA	2.8	2.6	555	543	197	211
MI	8.1	8.0	2,844	2,952	351	370
MN	582.6	659.5	152,504	172,426	262	261
MS						
MO	279.1	303.9	71,504	79,088	256	260
MT	1.8	1.5	437	371	248	245
NE	448.3	531.8	117,804	139,488	263	262
NV						
N ENG ²	1.3	1.5	343	426	256	278
NJ	7.4	7.8	703	863	95	110
NM	0.1	0.1	31	20	213	212
NY	2.5	2.5	585	543	230	221
NC	699.9	788.8	175,297	200,171	250	254
ND	9.5	12.7	2,204	2,987	231	235
OH	89.6	92.7	23,384	24,114	261	260
OK	368.7	361.7	99,305	102,571	269	284
OR	16.0	16.1	3,987	4,171	250	259
PA	179.1	198.4	43,600	47,387	243	239
SC						
SD	274.8	335.1	70,680	87,563	257	261
TN	47.6	52.2	22,676	25,216	477	483
TX	26.8	32.5	8,558	9,083	319	279
UT	4.0	5.6	672	1,219	168	219
VA	280.4	308.5	70,952	78,530	253	255
WA	1.4	1.8	349	438	241	244
WV	0.7	0.5	224	139	306	254
WI	40.9	38.9	17,691	17,390	433	447
WY	0.4	0.3	88	68	245	259
US ³	7,227.4	7,831.9	1,897,915	2,072,103	263	265

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

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

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

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2000 and 2001 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<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	7	13	103	118
AR						
CA						
CO	123.7	96.2	18,658	15,164	151	158
DE-MD	2.2	2.0	267	246	122	122
FL						
GA	0.5	0.5	39	55	87	119
HI						
ID	0.3	0.2	30	27	119	117
IL						
IN	4.3	4.7	415	454	96	96
IA	48.1	37.1	7,171	5,688	149	153
KS	0.1	0.1	14	15	122	126
KY	0.7	0.6	92	99	125	154
LA	0.2	0.2	19	16	106	97
MI	17.1	16.1	2,147	2,015	125	125
MN	0.2	0.2	20	18	120	117
MS						
MO	1.0	0.5	90	42	86	88
MT	0.4	0.4	58	48	130	127
NE						
NV		0.1	6	14	117	144
N ENG ²	4.2	3.9	429	371	102	96
NJ	10.5	11.5	917	1,033	87	90
NM	2.7	3.2	317	357	117	111
NY	7.7	7.3	689	668	89	91
NC	0.1	0.1	7	8	93	105
ND						
OH	1.8	1.8	218	184	119	102
OK	0.3	0.1	41	15	129	135
OR	0.6	0.8	63	84	107	107
PA	8.0	7.9	683	784	85	99
SC						
SD	1.0	0.9	113	104	116	116
TN	0.3	0.4	27	31	86	69
TX	46.3	38.0	6,209	5,285	134	139
UT	2.6	2.4	312	290	120	121
VA	1.1	1.1	103	104	94	97
WA						
WV						
WI	1.0	0.9	126	126	126	143
WY	0.1	0.1	13	8	135	113
US ³	345.3	290.4	47,124	40,602	136	140

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

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

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

Item	Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Jan - Apr ¹		Apr 2000	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	Jan - Apr ¹	
				2000	2001				2000	2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,386	1,392	1,318	4,274	5,294	50.7	48.5	49.4	48.9	48.1
Heifers	907	936	869	3,046	3,620	33.1	32.7	32.6	34.2	32.9
All Cows	395	486	432	1,365	1,903	14.5	16.9	16.2	15.2	17.3
Dairy Cows	193	242	203	700	934	7.1	8.4	7.6	7.7	8.5
Other Cows	202	244	229	665	969	7.4	8.5	8.6	7.5	8.8
Bulls & Stags	47	53	48	153	196	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total ¹	2,735	2,867	2,667	8,839	11,013	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	6,864	7,911	7,448	23,857	30,822	96.6	96.4	96.5	96.7	96.5
Sows	222	266	245	727	1,006	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1
Stags & Boars	22	31	29	76	113	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total ¹	7,108	8,207	7,722	24,660	31,941	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	13	12	41	46	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.3
Lambs & Yrlngs	317	303	263	848	1,040	96.1	96.0	95.6	95.6	95.7
Total ¹	330	316	275	889	1,086	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	734	*724	720	746	730					
Steers ⁴	779	*771	765	798	780					
Heifers ⁴	721	*715	708	737	721					
All Cows ⁴	588	589	588	581	590					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	905	888	886	904	885					
Calves & Vealers	204	199	207	191	201					
Hogs	195	196	197	194	197					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	191	193	193	191	193					
Sows ⁵	307	315	314	307	314					
Stags & Boars ⁵	232	221	217	231	220					
Sheep	69	72	71	69	72					
Mature Sheep ⁶	61	61	61	59	61					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	70	72	72	70	72					

* Revised.

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
April 2001 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	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.9		0.1	1.8
2	5.3	1.1	0.3	3.1	2.5	0.6	0.7	18.7
3	79.5	40.8	6.5	30.0	22.0	8.0	2.2	12.7
4	71.8	1.0	0.3	60.3	19.4	40.9	10.2	1.1
5	284.7	120.1	37.8	118.9	83.5	35.4	7.9	29.1
6	509.2	271.8	174.7	52.9	9.9	43.0	9.8	1.1
7	1,192.7	633.8	485.7	67.3	6.7	60.5	5.9	
8	268.1	120.1	121.8	21.3	3.8	17.5	5.0	
9	124.0	58.9	9.7	51.8	42.7	9.1	3.6	7.4
10	129.9	70.5	31.9	24.5	11.0	13.5	3.0	0.6
US ²	2,666.7	1,318.3	868.8	431.1	202.5	228.6	48.4	72.4
	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	1.3	1.2			3.6	0.5	3.2	
2	10.0	9.6	0.4		18.8	1.5	17.3	
3	507.2	505.5	1.7		10.5	1.0	9.5	
4	1,190.6	1,114.8	74.5	1.3	1.6	0.9	0.7	
5	2,033.6	1,930.9	100.2	2.5	36.7	3.8	32.9	
6	392.7	372.1	20.3	0.3	37.0	2.1	34.8	
7	3,021.5	2,961.0	36.1	24.3	37.5		37.5	
8	352.0	340.5	11.4		99.4	1.7	97.7	
9	182.8	182.7	0.1		29.4	0.6	28.8	
10	30.2	30.0	0.2		0.9	0.1	0.8	
US ²	7,721.9	7,448.4	244.9	28.6	275.4	12.2	263.1	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - April 2001 * ¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	6.3	0.7	0.6	4.3	4.2	0.2	0.6	8.3
2	22.2	4.9	1.6	13.2	10.9	2.2	2.6	82.2
3	326.7	153.8	28.2	137.0	101.2	35.8	7.7	54.3
4	296.0	4.6	1.2	250.2	86.2	164.0	39.9	6.1
5	1,206.2	471.9	162.9	537.6	376.6	161.0	33.9	129.3
6	2,099.1	1,121.9	710.8	224.6	50.0	174.5	41.8	6.5
7	4,883.0	2,524.5	2,025.2	309.5	36.9	272.6	23.8	0.2
8	1,122.8	491.3	519.5	91.4	17.0	74.4	20.5	
9	515.1	236.1	40.2	227.5	199.6	28.0	11.2	31.6
10	536.0	284.5	129.9	107.3	51.3	56.0	14.4	2.9
US ²	11,013.2	5,294.3	3,620.0	1,902.6	933.9	968.7	196.4	321.4
	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	5.4	5.2	0.2	0.1	7.7	1.5	6.2	
2	41.8	39.9	1.7	0.2	48.0	6.2	41.8	
3	2,076.7	2,069.2	7.4	0.1	28.5	2.2	26.3	
4	4,913.7	4,592.8	313.8	7.2	5.0	2.9	2.1	
5	8,533.3	8,137.9	383.4	12.1	141.0	14.6	126.4	
6	1,595.7	1,500.4	92.5	2.9	157.6	9.3	148.3	
7	12,464.4	12,220.4	153.8	90.3	145.1	0.2	144.9	
8	1,440.3	1,388.5	51.8	0.1	433.8	7.3	426.5	
9	746.5	746.0	0.4	0.1	116.3	1.8	114.5	
10	123.1	122.2	0.8	0.1	3.0	0.2	2.8	
US ²	31,940.9	30,822.4	1,005.6	112.9	1,085.9	46.3	1,039.5	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2001**

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	41.4	32.6	1.0	7.8	7.8			
AR	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	
CA	81.4	26.0	8.5	43.3	34.8	8.5	3.5	7.4
CO	191.7	95.9	95.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.8	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.2			
FL	7.0	0.4	0.1	6.0	0.7	5.3	0.6	
GA	39.2	0.1		33.3	3.3	30.0	5.8	
HI	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	
ID	61.6	31.6	10.2	17.7	6.9	10.8	2.1	
IL	63.7	35.6	28.1					9.1
IN	0.4	0.2	0.1					5.9
IA	63.2	28.9	22.0	11.5	4.6	6.9	0.7	
KS	567.3	317.7	248.0	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.1	
KY	0.4	0.2	0.1					
LA								
MI	33.0	23.4	2.0	7.5	7.5		0.1	2.8
MN	50.3	8.7	3.7	33.3	13.3	20.0	4.6	
MS								
MO	4.8	0.9	0.4	3.1	0.4	2.7	0.4	
MT	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	557.4	286.4	215.2	51.0	1.3	49.7	4.8	
NV	0.1							
N ENG ²	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.9		0.1	1.8
NJ	2.0	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	9.6
NM								
NY	3.3	0.4	0.2	2.3	1.8	0.5	0.4	9.1
NC	12.7	0.1		10.2	4.8	5.4	2.5	0.1
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
OH	5.3	0.4	0.1	4.4	3.6	0.8	0.3	
OK	0.6	0.1		0.4	0.2	0.2		
OR	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3		0.1	
PA	76.4	38.7	5.9	29.7	21.7	8.0	2.1	12.6
SC								
SD	24.0	1.2	1.3	17.2	2.0	15.2	4.3	
TN	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	
TX	507.0	271.5	174.6	51.2	8.9	42.3	9.7	1.1
UT	51.6	22.7	24.9	3.5	1.4	2.1	0.5	
VA	0.3	0.1		0.1	0.1			
WA	67.0	38.3	21.5	6.5	3.8	2.7	0.8	
WV								
WI	132.0	51.8	3.8	73.5	59.0	14.5	2.9	11.3
WY								
US ³	2,666.7	1,318.3	868.8	431.1	202.5	228.6	48.4	72.4

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2001**

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ¹	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ¹	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	8.5		7.2	1.3			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	179.7	179.7					
CO	0.7	0.6			96.2		96.2
DE-MD	1.0	1.0			2.0	0.1	1.9
FL	7.5	7.1	0.4				
GA	8.3	5.3	3.0				
HI	2.8	2.8					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	713.7	659.5	52.5	1.7			
IN	535.1	535.1			3.8	1.6	2.3
IA	2,163.2	2,109.6	29.3	24.3	37.0		37.0
KS	26.5	19.9	6.6				
KY	156.9	150.9	6.0		0.6	0.6	0.1
LA							
MI	6.4	2.5	3.8	0.1	15.8	2.2	13.7
MN	657.3	657.3			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	301.3	301.2	0.1		0.5		0.4
MT	0.2	0.2			0.1		0.1
NE	530.4	530.4					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG ²	1.3	1.2			3.6	0.5	3.2
NJ	7.8	7.4	0.4		11.5	1.1	10.4
NM							
NY	2.2	2.2			7.3	0.4	6.9
NC	777.1	771.6	5.5		0.1		
ND	12.6	12.5					
OH	86.1	76.2	9.3	0.6			
OK	358.8	354.1	4.7				
OR	15.9	15.8	0.1		0.6		0.6
PA	198.0	197.7	0.3		7.8	0.8	7.0
SC							
SD	334.1	322.8	11.3		0.8		0.8
TN	52.1	0.9	51.2		0.4	0.1	0.4
TX	21.3	16.4	4.6	0.3	35.6	1.2	34.4
UT	4.4	4.4			2.0	1.7	0.4
VA	308.2	306.8	1.4		0.7	0.1	0.6
WA	1.7	1.7			0.2	0.1	0.1
WV							
WI	35.0	0.2	34.6	0.2			
WY							
US ³	7,721.9	7,448.4	244.9	28.6	275.4	12.2	263.1

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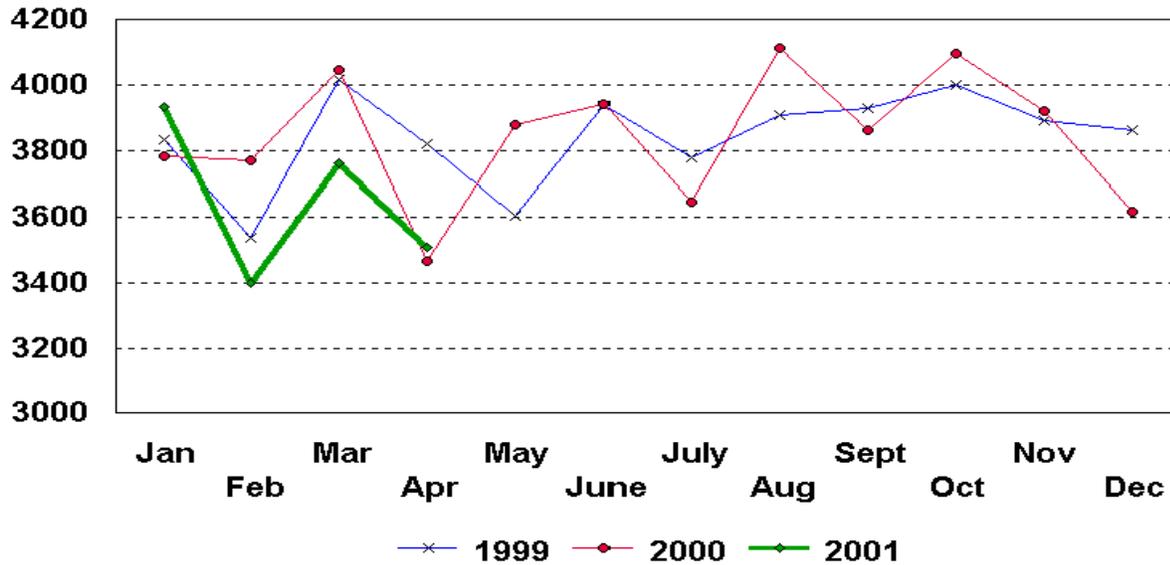
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

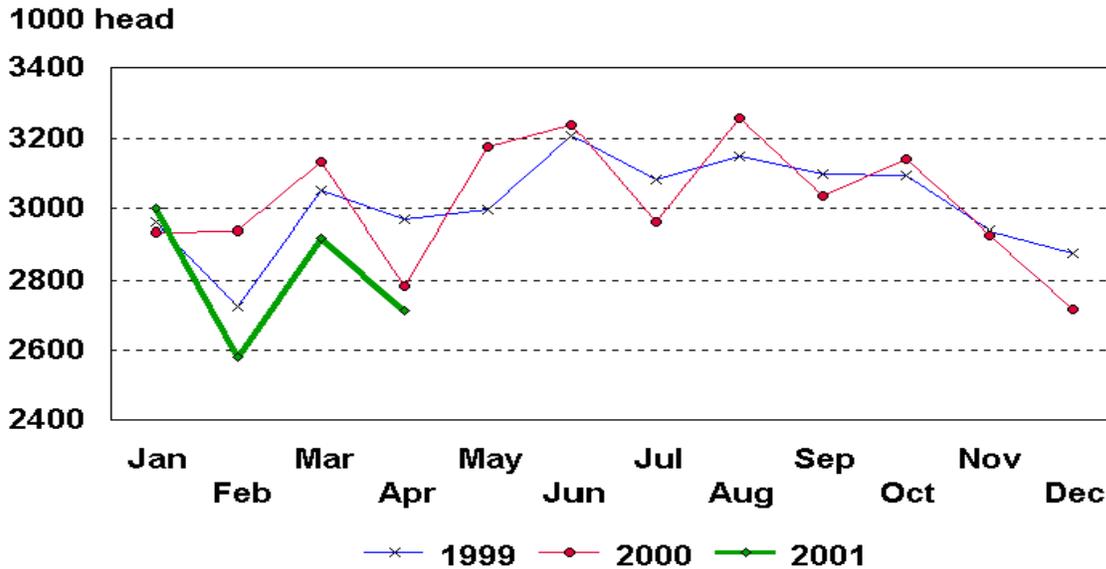
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				2000	2001
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.3	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2
Calves	93.4	97.9	97.5	95.6	97.9
Hogs	98.3	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.6
Sheep	95.6	96.8	94.8	96.2	96.0

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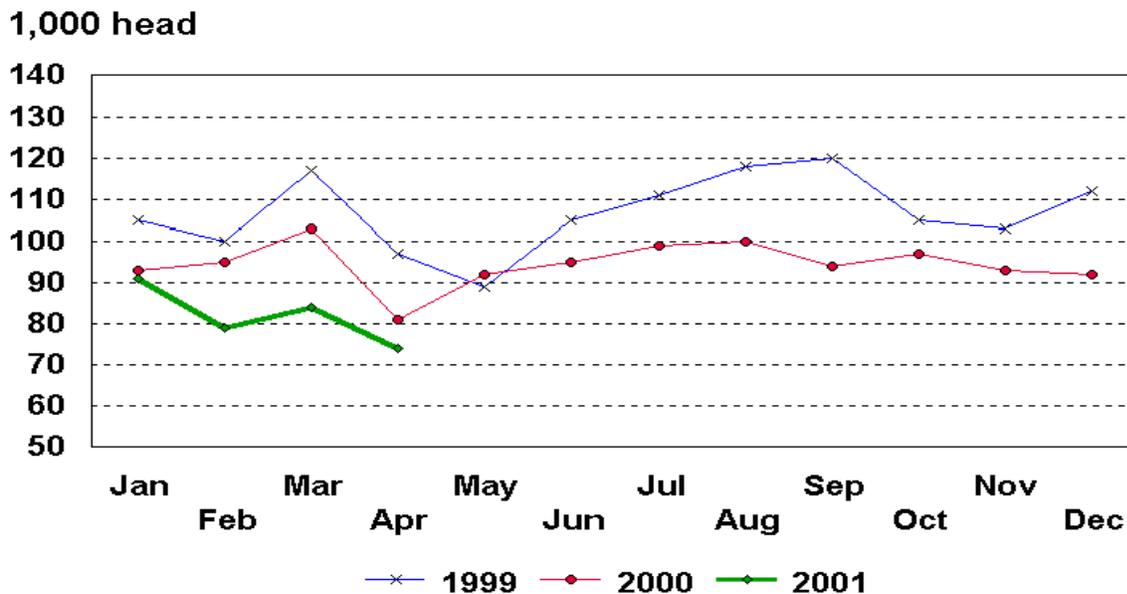
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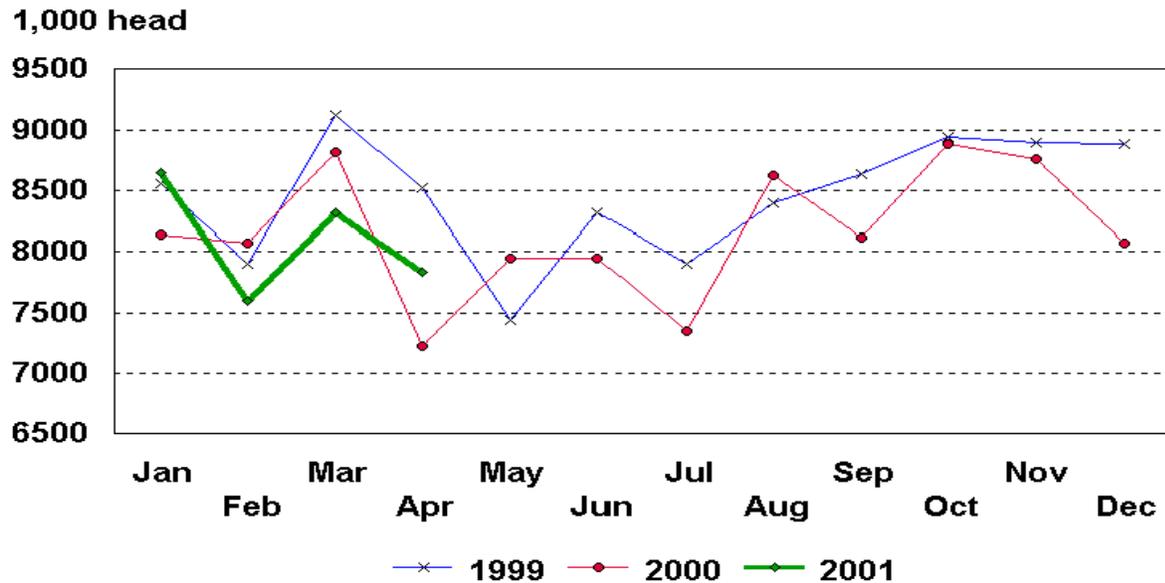
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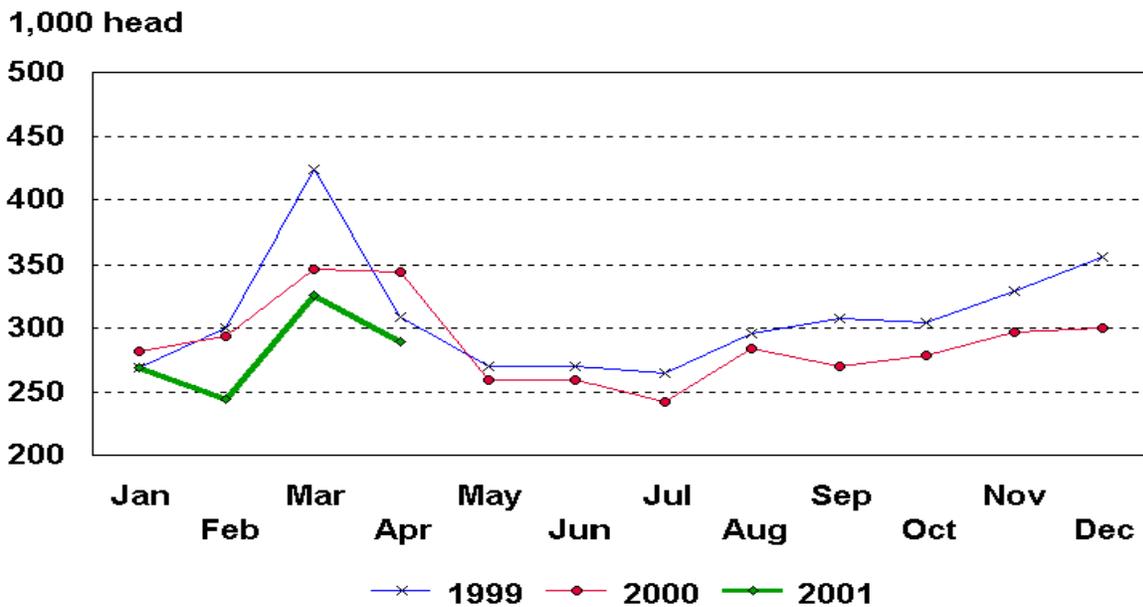
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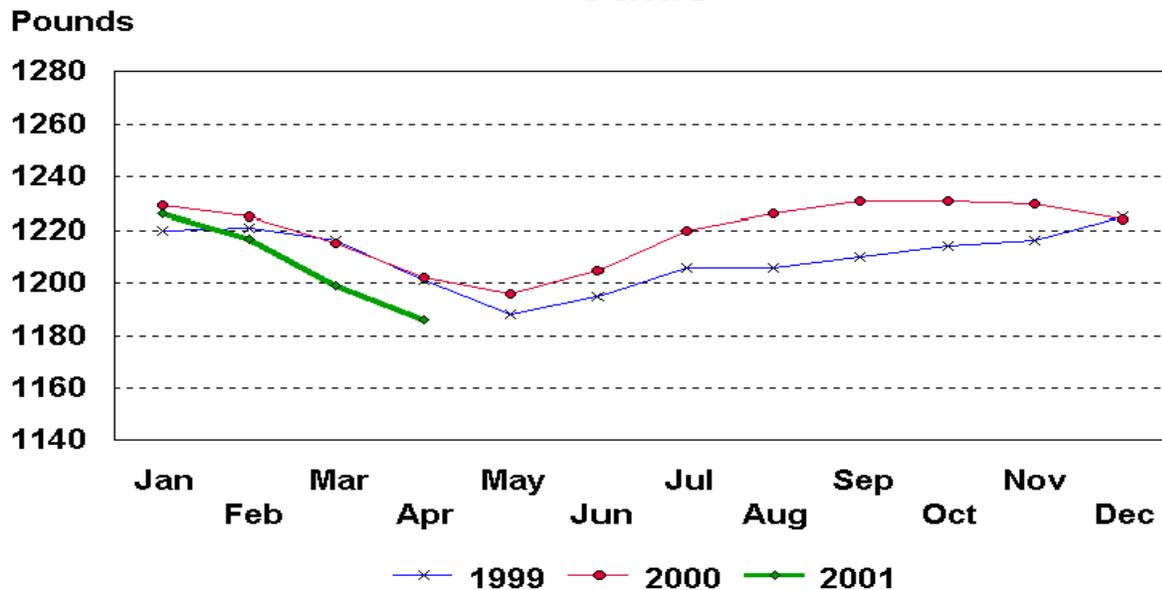
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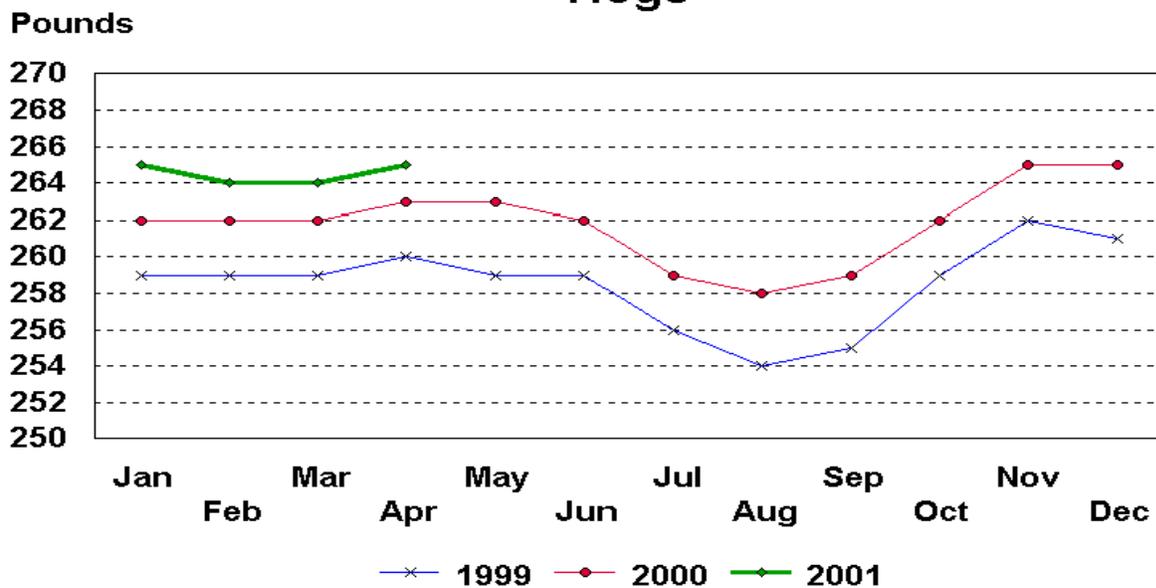
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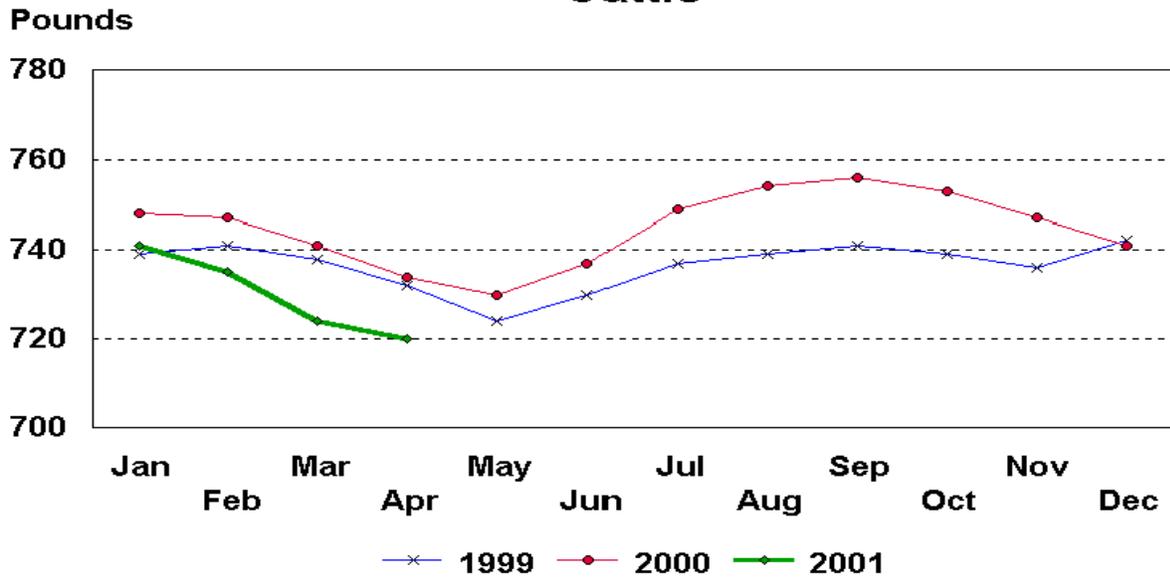
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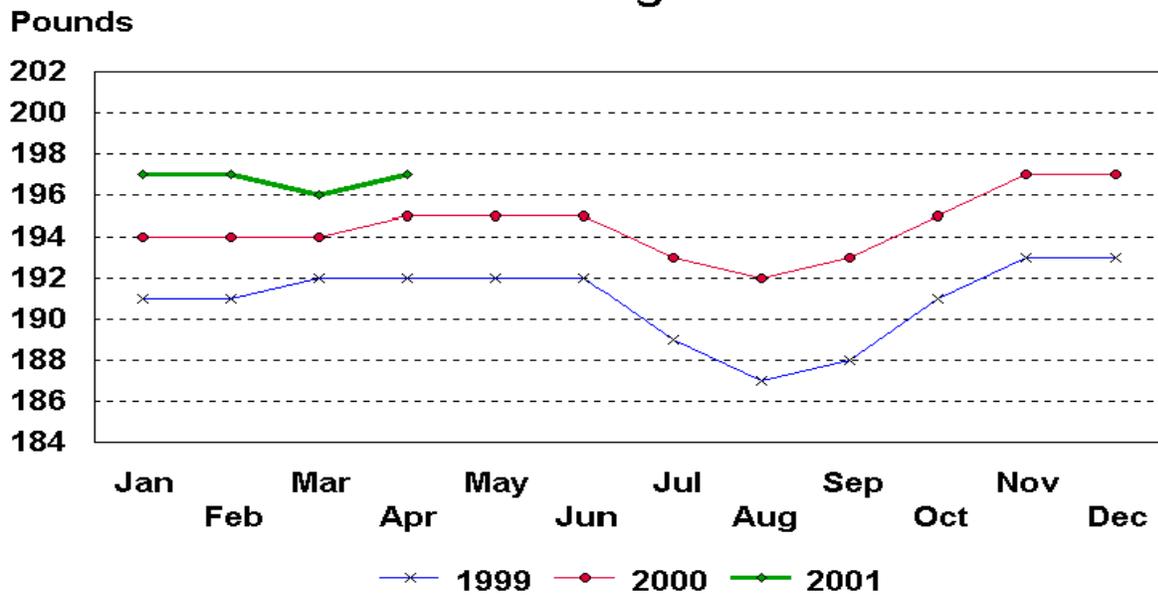
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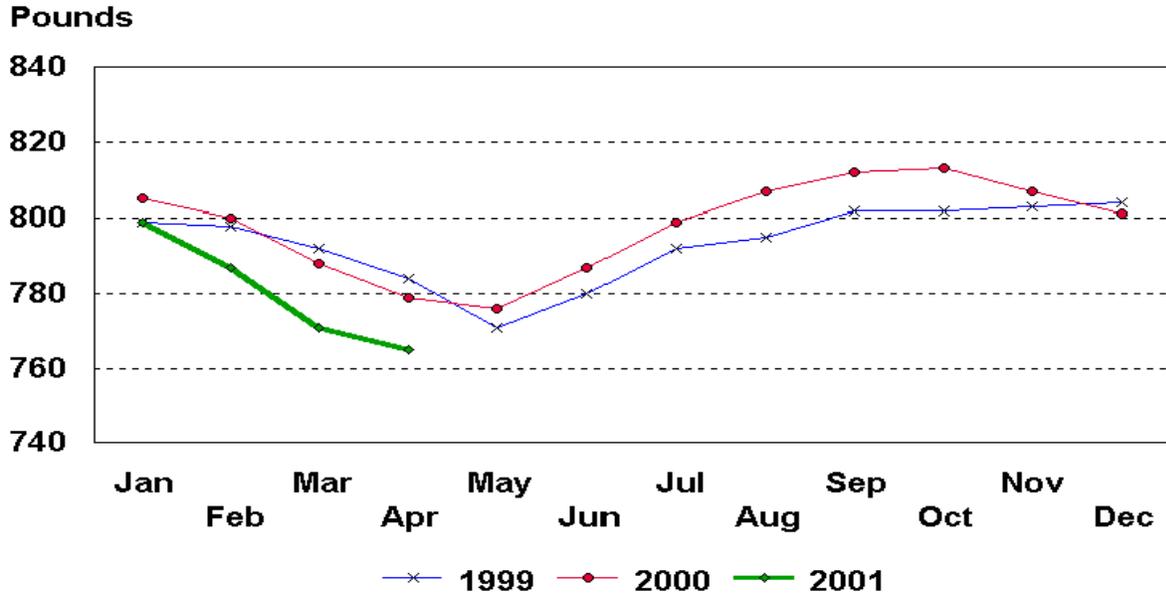
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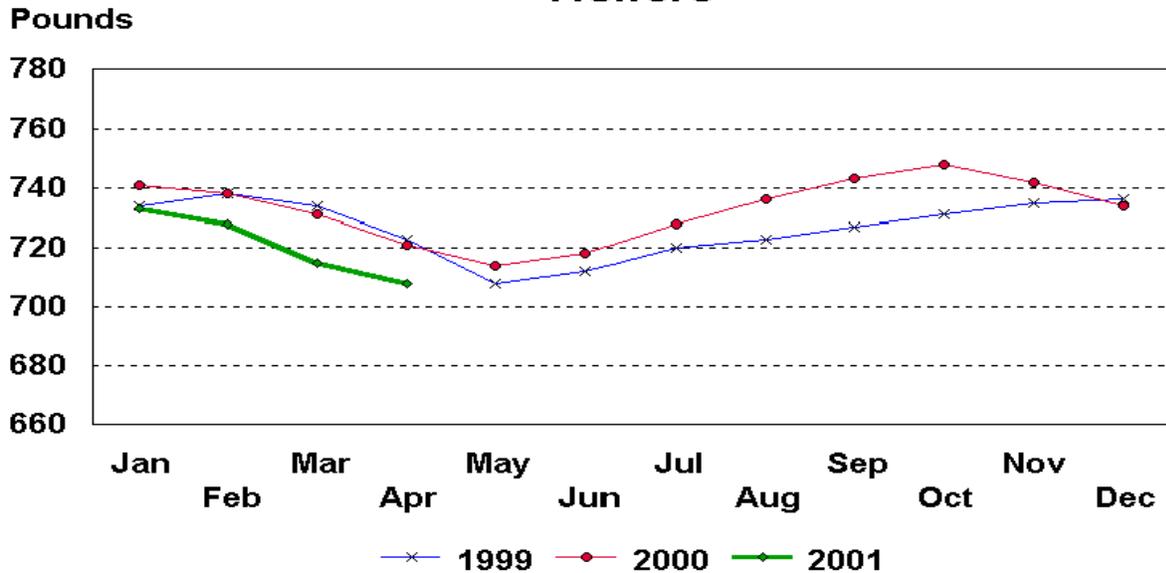
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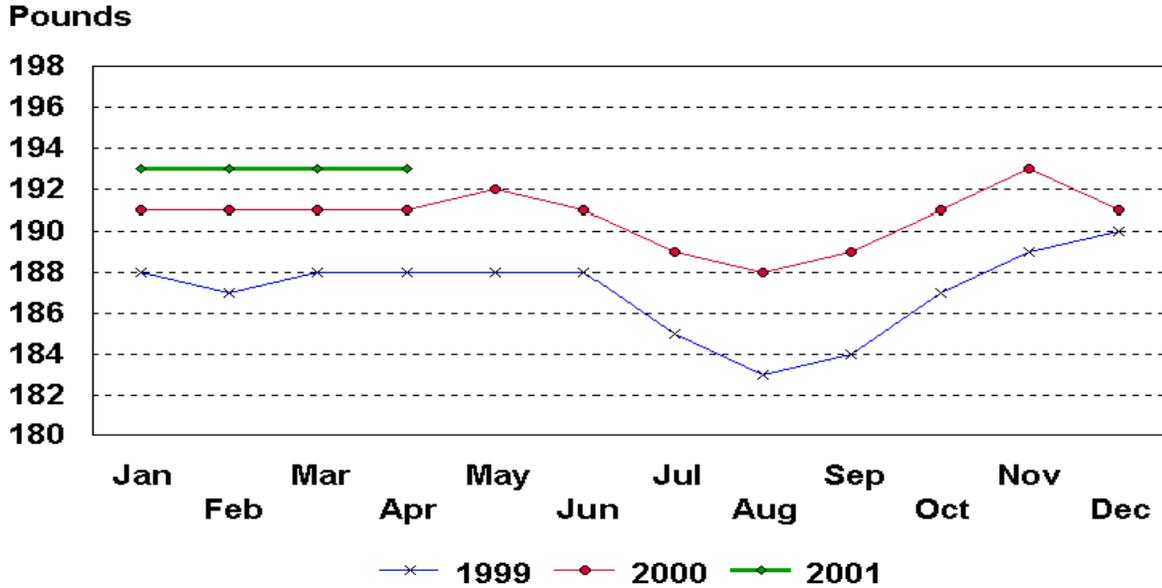
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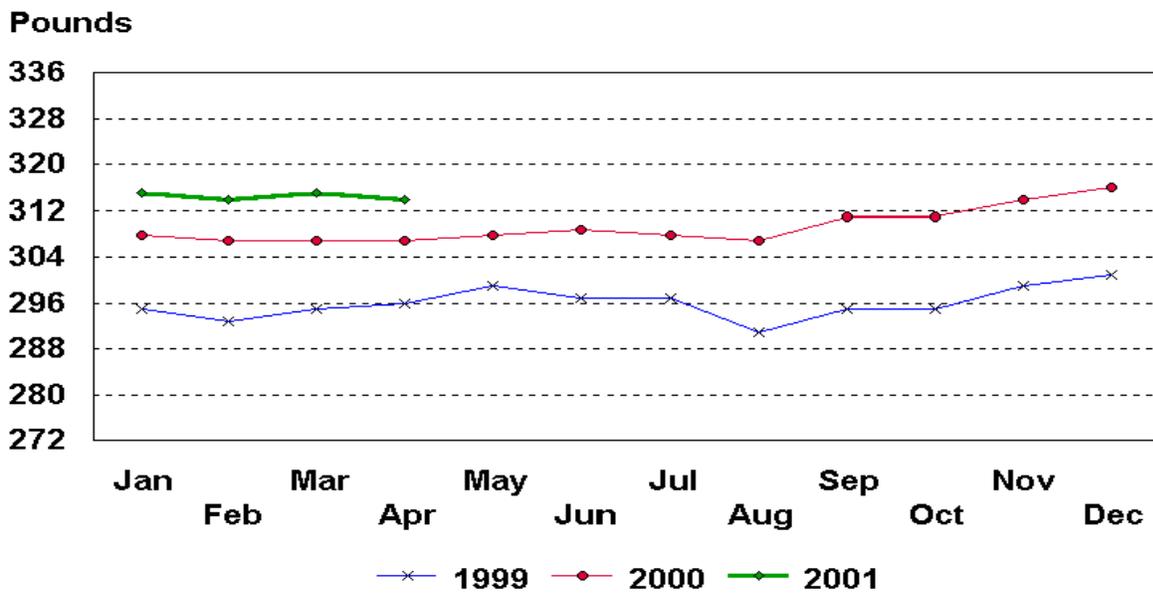
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149), 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** (LS-149) 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 a form is not 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 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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