



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Record Red Meat Production for May

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, virtually unchanged from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2000.

May 2000 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Beef production**, at 2.29 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.20 million head, up 1 percent from May 2000. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,184 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 16 million pounds, 15 percent below May a year ago and 1 million pounds below the previous record low. Calf slaughter totaled 79,000 head, down 15 percent from May 2000. The average live weight was 5 pounds below last year, at 335 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled a May record 1.56 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous May record high occurring last year. Hog kill totaled 7.96 million head, slightly above May 2000. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 264 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 17 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2000 tying a record low. Sheep slaughter totaled 239,000 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 6 pounds from May a year ago.

**January - May** red meat production was 18.5 billion pounds, 2 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 5 percent lower, veal production was 11 percent lower, pork production was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 7 percent lower.

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

Class	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	May 01 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
				May 2000	Apr 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	2,303	1,939	2,293	100	118	10,982	10,413	95
Veal	19	15	16	85	105	91	81	89
Pork	1,542	1,532	1,555	101	101	7,773	7,892	102
Lamb & Mutton	17	20	17	96	83	104	97	93
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>18,950</b>	<b>18,483</b>	<b>98</b>

<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	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	May 01 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
				May 2000	Apr 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	2,273	1,910	2,265	100	119	10,824	10,265	95
Veal	18	15	15	88	105	85	79	92
Pork	1,520	1,514	1,535	101	101	7,668	7,793	102
Lamb & Mutton	17	19	16	96	83	101	94	93
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>18,679</b>	<b>18,231</b>	<b>98</b>

<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	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	May 01 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
					May 2000	Apr 2001	2000	2001	01 % of 00
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,128.2	2,666.7	3,152.0	101	118	14,701.8	14,165.2	96
Other	Thou	49.7	47.6	47.3	95	99	263.8	248.2	94
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	3,177.9	2,714.3	3,199.3	101	118	14,965.7	14,413.5	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,198	1,187	1,185	99	100	1,216	1,204	99
Other	Lbs	1,073	1,069	1,069	100	100	1,070	1,071	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,196	1,186	1,184	99	100	1,213	1,202	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	86.4	72.4	76.6	89	106	441.2	398.0	90
Other	Thou	5.6	1.8	2.0	36	111	21.8	9.1	42
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	91.9	74.3	78.6	85	106	463.0	407.0	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	339	336	334	98	99	321	327	102
Other	Lbs	385	412	415	108	101	427	412	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	340	340	335	98	99	326	329	101
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,816.4	7,721.9	7,836.3	100	101	39,584.3	39,777.2	100
Other	Thou	128.3	109.9	122.1	95	111	626.6	586.4	94
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	7,944.7	7,831.9	7,958.4	100	102	40,210.9	40,363.6	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	264	265	264	100	100	263	265	101
Other	Lbs	230	234	226	98	96	233	232	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	263	265	264	100	100	262	264	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	247.5	275.4	227.3	92	83	1,466.9	1,313.2	90
Other	Thou	12.1	15.1	11.7	97	78	60.7	56.5	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	259.6	290.4	239.0	92	82	1,527.6	1,369.7	90
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	136	143	143	105	100	139	144	104
Other	Lbs	105	103	105	100	102	103	107	104
Comm'l.	Lbs	135	140	141	105	101	137	142	104

<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	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	May 01 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				May 2000	Apr 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.4	3.4	3.8	112	113
AK					
AZ	34.0	30.9	36.4	107	118
AR	3.5	4.4	3.2	91	73
CA	89.8	87.9	93.5	104	106
CO	177.9	154.7	194.3	109	126
DE-MD	3.0	2.5	2.7	91	110
FL	4.2	5.0	4.9	118	97
GA	28.4	28.7	30.8	108	107
HI	1.4	1.1	1.0	72	93
ID	49.8	46.2	55.7	112	120
IL	219.6	201.4	226.6	103	112
IN	102.2	108.0	106.4	104	99
IA	492.4	472.3	469.0	95	99
KS	521.7	417.6	478.4	92	115
KY	34.7	32.0	31.5	91	98
LA	1.3	1.3	1.3	97	96
MI	31.2	31.5	33.6	108	107
MN	168.9	165.7	166.7	99	101
MS	24.0	23.5	21.7	90	92
MO	60.2	63.9	64.7	108	101
MT	2.0	1.6	1.6	78	100
NE	613.8	512.6	626.7	102	122
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	125	199
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.6	1.5	1.6	97	107
NJ	4.8	4.9	5.2	109	106
NM	0.8	0.6	0.7	88	105
NY	4.2	3.1	3.4	81	111
NC	158.3	157.7	174.3	110	111
ND	2.3	2.6	2.7	118	106
OH	26.4	23.4	24.3	92	104
OK	76.2	78.6	84.8	111	108
OR	3.9	3.6	3.8	98	105
PA	101.1	91.6	101.4	100	111
SC	19.0	18.4	19.3	102	105
SD	78.8	83.3	80.6	102	97
TN	19.1	17.4	17.8	93	102
TX	437.4	367.6	428.9	98	117
UT	42.1	39.8	43.4	103	109
VA	58.6	59.8	58.7	100	98
WA	61.9	50.5	63.6	103	126
WV	0.4	0.5	0.5	109	90
WI	116.0	105.1	111.3	96	106
WY	0.4	0.3	0.4	89	119
US	3,880.9	3,506.6	3,881.3	100	111

<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,  
May 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.7	0.6	609	486	847	847
AK						
AZ	45.9	49.0	56,355	61,481	1,228	1,255
AR	1.3	1.2	1,351	959	1,002	822
CA	85.6	89.5	106,500	113,204	1,244	1,265
CO	225.8	248.7	273,335	298,247	1,211	1,199
DE-MD	3.1	3.1	3,783	3,754	1,238	1,230
FL	6.3	7.3	6,149	7,954	977	1,086
GA	39.4	44.2	44,984	50,765	1,141	1,148
HI	1.8	1.0	1,628	972	913	971
ID	68.0	77.4	81,798	92,244	1,202	1,191
IL	88.8	85.8	106,361	102,242	1,198	1,192
IN	2.7	2.8	2,815	2,891	1,055	1,032
IA	55.4	69.1	68,245	80,650	1,231	1,167
KS	700.7	648.2	810,728	745,983	1,157	1,151
KY	1.1	1.3	945	1,162	874	900
LA	1.6	1.3	1,262	1,032	802	777
MI	33.4	37.1	47,026	51,069	1,408	1,376
MN	57.4	59.2	77,377	78,740	1,349	1,331
MS						
MO	7.3	7.4	7,969	8,085	1,097	1,089
MT	2.4	1.9	2,659	2,201	1,124	1,156
NE	680.7	713.4	841,768	845,609	1,237	1,185
NV	0.1	0.1	96	129	949	1,069
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	1.7	2,105	1,889	1,100	1,089
NJ	2.2	2.0	2,444	2,297	1,134	1,122
NM	1.3	1.1	1,243	1,111	958	976
NY	5.6	4.3	6,471	4,915	1,161	1,137
NC	13.9	16.8	14,862	17,758	1,066	1,056
ND	1.0	0.9	1,098	1,052	1,137	1,128
OH	11.4	10.7	13,162	12,363	1,151	1,150
OK	3.4	3.2	3,337	3,220	975	994
OR	1.1	1.4	1,531	1,731	1,346	1,266
PA	87.9	84.9	110,051	106,580	1,252	1,256
SC						
SD	24.2	27.5	34,448	37,496	1,424	1,365
TN	1.8	1.1	1,688	945	950	889
TX	609.5	595.9	689,945	676,310	1,132	1,135
UT	57.9	57.6	66,228	67,813	1,144	1,177
VA	1.3	1.8	1,279	1,888	988	1,053
WA	83.3	84.5	101,315	103,431	1,216	1,224
WV	0.5	0.6	531	646	1,042	1,024
WI	146.3	138.8	189,995	179,913	1,299	1,296
WY	0.5	0.4	565	476	1,162	1,158
US <sup>3</sup>	3,177.9	3,199.3	3,801,410	3,786,666	1,196	1,184

<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 included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>**

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	9.9	8.0	1,903	1,188	192	148
CO						
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.9	8.8	4,152	3,727	421	426
IN	7.8	6.3	2,902	2,313	374	367
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.9	0.9	444	436	489	499
MI	4.6	3.4	1,771	1,385	385	405
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.2	63	59	310	366
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.0	2.0	239	253	122	129
NJ	9.3	10.7	4,116	4,854	445	454
NM						
NY	9.5	9.7	814	808	86	83
NC	0.2	0.2	89	66	399	403
ND						
OH	4.4	0.1	1,763	11	404	207
OK		0.1	19	32	423	381
OR						
PA	13.5	13.8	5,130	5,359	381	388
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.9	0.9	2,028	514	411	585
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	16	19	299	318
WA						
WV						
WI	12.7	11.7	5,254	4,860	415	416
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	91.9	78.6	31,307	26,345	340	335

<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 included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>**

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	10.5	10.6	4,813	5,505	457	517
AK						
AZ	0.7	0.4	167	92	240	246
AR						
CA	194.6	190.6	42,352	42,178	218	221
CO	1.2	1.1	317	266	262	233
DE-MD	3.0	1.3	734	328	249	258
FL	8.4	8.4	1,562	1,622	186	194
GA	17.6	15.3	5,348	4,483	304	293
HI	3.2	3.1	653	613	207	200
ID						
IL	762.8	798.9	202,331	214,610	265	269
IN	509.7	532.0	131,424	136,893	258	257
IA	2,284.6	2,134.9	605,246	565,332	265	265
KS	39.7	26.6	12,127	8,745	305	328
KY	172.6	157.4	45,529	41,215	264	262
LA	2.5	2.2	536	463	211	209
MI	9.0	9.0	3,436	3,435	383	381
MN	660.4	652.5	171,649	169,300	260	259
MS						
MO	292.8	312.7	74,768	80,565	255	258
MT	2.0	1.2	512	334	257	272
NE	497.7	538.1	131,036	140,785	263	262
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.8	2.0	452	543	255	265
NJ	9.3	9.0	886	907	95	101
NM	0.2	0.1	39	20	218	214
NY	3.1	2.8	685	605	221	220
NC	795.6	869.0	201,211	220,073	253	253
ND	10.6	13.4	2,430	3,143	229	235
OH	97.8	95.8	25,351	24,991	259	261
OK	363.2	385.1	99,330	109,751	274	285
OR	18.3	17.5	4,609	4,463	252	255
PA	202.9	206.9	49,446	51,953	244	251
SC						
SD	315.6	318.4	81,650	82,092	259	258
TN	57.6	54.8	27,360	25,806	475	471
TX	28.1	31.3	8,851	8,690	315	278
UT	3.8	6.1	638	1,056	170	173
VA	303.1	300.6	77,377	76,621	255	255
WA	1.7	1.9	405	446	242	241
WV	0.8	0.6	207	159	269	258
WI	44.1	43.6	19,029	20,019	432	459
WY	0.4	0.3	93	79	262	260
US <sup>3</sup>	7,944.7	7,958.4	2,089,974	2,100,329	263	264

<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 included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>**

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	10	11	129	137
AR						
CA						
CO	83.1	74.3	12,620	11,788	152	159
DE-MD	2.1	1.9	233	222	111	118
FL						
GA	0.5	0.4	35	44	74	104
HI						
ID	0.3	0.2	38	29	121	120
IL						
IN	3.4	3.4	336	371	99	110
IA	32.4	33.2	4,618	5,070	143	153
KS	0.1	0.1	11	8	120	114
KY	1.1	0.9	138	111	128	131
LA	0.1	0.2	12	17	88	94
MI	16.6	16.1	2,089	2,014	126	125
MN	0.2	0.1	25	15	136	117
MS						
MO	0.9	0.5	74	49	85	95
MT	0.5	0.2	59	41	129	166
NE	0.1	0.1	9	7	119	115
NV	0.2	0.2	23	29	110	125
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.1	1.9	221	196	107	105
NJ	8.9	10.0	831	933	93	94
NM	2.8	2.7	322	306	115	112
NY	1.5	1.5	150	126	102	87
NC	0.1	0.1	10	6	105	101
ND						
OH	0.8	1.1	91	124	112	112
OK						
OR	0.6	0.8	71	90	114	112
PA	5.3	5.2	470	565	89	110
SC						
SD	1.6	1.2	192	129	118	110
TN	0.3	0.5	26	36	87	79
TX	38.6	33.8	5,061	4,672	131	138
UT	2.7	2.3	330	283	120	121
VA	1.0	1.3	99	121	99	97
WA						
WV						
WI	0.7	0.7	93	103	124	141
WY	0.1	0.1	11	16	130	142
US <sup>3</sup>	259.6	239.0	35,012	33,798	135	141

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

Item	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	Jan - May <sup>1</sup>		May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	Jan - May <sup>1</sup>	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
<b>Class <sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,622	1,318	1,607	7,281	6,901	51.8	49.4	51.0	49.5	48.7
Heifers	990	869	1,010	4,943	4,630	31.7	32.6	32.0	33.6	32.7
All Cows	460	432	479	2,222	2,381	14.8	16.2	15.2	15.1	16.8
Dairy Cows	208	203	208	1,102	1,142	6.7	7.6	6.6	7.5	8.1
Other Cows	252	229	271	1,120	1,239	8.1	8.6	8.6	7.6	8.7
Bulls & Stags	55	48	57	256	253	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>14,702</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	7,540	7,448	7,550	38,260	38,372	96.5	96.5	96.3	96.7	96.5
Sows	248	245	258	1,197	1,264	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2
Stags & Boars	29	29	28	127	141	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7,816</b>	<b>7,722</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>39,584</b>	<b>39,777</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	16	12	13	70	59	6.6	4.4	5.7	4.8	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	231	263	214	1,397	1,254	93.4	95.6	94.3	95.2	95.5
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>247</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Average Dressed Weight <sup>3</sup></b>										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers <sup>4</sup>	730	720	722	740	729					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	776	765	767	789	777					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	714	708	707	729	718					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	579	588	582	582	588					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	903	886	893	904	887					
Calves & Vealers	209	207	206	197	202					
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	195	197	197	195	197					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	192	193	193	191	193					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	308	314	315	307	315					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	224	217	225	230	221					
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	68	71	71	69	72					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	61	61	62	60	61					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	68	72	72	69	72					

<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,  
May 2001<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	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.0
2	6.2	1.2	0.3	3.8	3.1	0.8	0.8	20.4
3	88.1	44.9	8.9	31.0	23.0	7.9	3.3	13.9
4	81.3	1.1	0.3	68.9	22.0	46.9	11.0	1.2
5	317.2	137.7	45.1	125.3	85.8	39.5	9.1	30.0
6	595.0	302.5	218.4	62.7	9.7	53.0	11.4	0.6
7	1,429.7	785.8	556.3	79.9	7.0	72.8	7.6	0.1
8	332.2	175.4	129.9	21.7	3.4	18.3	5.2	
9	138.9	68.8	10.0	56.1	43.4	12.7	4.0	7.8
10	162.0	88.9	40.5	28.1	9.4	18.8	4.5	0.6
US <sup>2</sup>	3,152.0	1,606.5	1,009.9	478.5	207.8	270.7	57.1	76.6
	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>	
1	1.7	1.7	0.1		1.8	0.5	1.3	
2	11.5	11.2	0.3	0.1	11.4	1.8	9.6	
3	508.1	506.4	1.7		7.7	0.6	7.2	
4	1,261.9	1,184.6	76.1	1.3	1.7	1.1	0.6	
5	2,080.3	1,965.9	111.3	3.1	32.0	4.1	27.9	
6	412.8	395.5	16.5	0.7	32.5	2.3	30.3	
7	3,003.9	2,941.1	39.8	23.0	33.6		33.6	
8	336.3	324.3	12.0		77.9	1.9	76.0	
9	187.5	187.4	0.1		27.7	0.7	27.0	
10	32.1	31.9	0.2		0.9	0.1	0.8	
US <sup>2</sup>	7,836.3	7,549.9	258.1	28.3	227.3	13.0	214.3	

<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 - May 2001 \* <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	7.8	1.0	0.7	5.4	5.1	0.3	0.8	10.3
2	28.3	6.0	1.9	17.0	14.0	3.0	3.4	102.6
3	414.8	198.7	37.1	168.0	124.2	43.8	11.0	68.2
4	377.2	5.7	1.5	319.1	108.2	210.9	50.9	7.3
5	1,523.4	609.6	208.0	662.9	462.4	200.5	42.9	159.4
6	2,694.1	1,424.4	929.2	287.3	59.7	227.6	53.3	7.1
7	6,312.6	3,310.3	2,581.5	389.4	44.0	345.4	31.4	0.3
8	1,454.9	666.7	649.4	113.1	20.4	92.7	25.7	
9	654.0	304.9	50.2	283.6	243.0	40.6	15.2	39.4
10	698.0	373.4	170.3	135.4	60.6	74.8	18.9	3.5
US <sup>2</sup>	14,165.2	6,900.8	4,629.9	2,381.1	1,141.7	1,239.4	253.5	398.0
	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>	
1	7.1	6.8	0.2	0.1	9.5	2.1	7.4	
2	53.3	51.1	2.0	0.2	59.4	8.0	51.4	
3	2,584.8	2,575.6	9.1	0.1	36.2	2.8	33.4	
4	6,175.6	5,777.3	389.8	8.5	6.7	4.1	2.7	
5	10,613.7	10,103.8	494.7	15.1	173.0	18.7	154.3	
6	2,008.5	1,895.9	109.0	3.6	190.1	11.6	178.5	
7	15,468.3	15,161.4	193.6	113.3	178.7	0.2	178.4	
8	1,776.6	1,712.7	63.8	0.1	511.7	9.2	502.5	
9	934.0	933.5	0.4	0.1	144.0	2.5	141.5	
10	155.2	154.1	1.0	0.1	3.9	0.3	3.6	
US <sup>2</sup>	39,777.2	38,372.2	1,263.7	141.2	1,313.2	59.4	1,253.8	

\* 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,  
May 2001**

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	48.7	40.4	1.2	7.2	7.2			
AR	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.4		0.4	0.1	
CA	89.0	28.1	8.6	48.5	36.1	12.4	3.8	7.8
CO	248.1	146.7	100.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.0	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.3			
FL	7.3	0.4		6.1	0.7	5.4	0.8	
GA	43.2	0.1		37.6	2.5	35.1	5.5	
HI	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	
ID	76.3	36.4	16.0	20.3	4.9	15.4	3.6	
IL	83.1	48.8	34.3					8.7
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					6.3
IA	68.4	31.8	23.0	12.4	4.9	7.5	1.2	
KS	644.9	350.8	292.2	1.7	0.2	1.5	0.1	
KY	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	35.2	24.9	2.4	7.7	7.7		0.1	3.3
MN	56.7	9.5	4.4	37.9	14.4	23.5	5.0	
MS								
MO	5.1	0.8	0.6	3.2	0.4	2.8	0.4	0.1
MT	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	711.3	402.5	240.4	62.5	1.5	61.0	6.0	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.0
NJ	2.0	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	10.7
NM								
NY	4.1	0.4	0.2	3.1	2.4	0.7	0.5	9.7
NC	16.0	0.1		12.7	6.6	6.1	3.2	0.2
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
OH	5.6	0.4	0.1	4.6	4.0	0.6	0.5	
OK	0.7	0.1		0.5	0.2	0.3		
OR	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	
PA	84.6	42.5	8.3	30.5	22.7	7.8	3.3	13.8
SC								
SD	26.1	1.5	2.6	17.5	1.7	15.8	4.6	
TN	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	
TX	592.6	302.2	218.2	60.9	8.7	52.2	11.3	0.6
UT	56.9	26.7	26.1	3.7	1.4	2.3	0.4	
VA	0.4	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WA	84.5	51.8	24.4	7.4	4.1	3.3	0.8	
WV								
WI	136.1	53.8	3.8	75.0	59.6	15.4	3.5	11.7
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	3,152.0	1,606.5	1,009.9	478.5	207.8	270.7	57.1	76.6

<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 included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

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	9.7		8.4	1.3			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	184.1	184.1					
CO	0.8	0.7			74.2		74.2
DE-MD	1.2	1.2			1.9	0.1	1.8
FL	8.4	8.0	0.4				
GA	7.7	5.6	2.1				
HI	3.1	3.0					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	766.2	706.5	58.1	1.6			
IN	528.0	528.0			2.8	1.8	0.9
IA	2,132.9	2,077.2	32.7	23.0	33.1		33.1
KS	24.0	17.0	7.0				
KY	157.0	151.9	5.1		0.8	0.8	
LA							
MI	7.5	2.8	4.6	0.2	15.8	2.2	13.6
MN	650.7	650.7			0.1		
MS							
MO	310.2	310.2	0.1		0.5		0.5
MT	0.2	0.2					
NE	536.7	536.7					
NV					0.2		0.2
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.7	1.7	0.1		1.8	0.5	1.3
NJ	9.0	8.7	0.3	0.1	10.0	1.3	8.7
NM							
NY	2.5	2.5			1.4	0.5	1.0
NC	853.4	847.8	5.6		0.1		
ND	13.1	13.0					
OH	88.6	77.7	9.7	1.1			
OK	382.6	377.6	5.0				
OR	17.3	17.2	0.1		0.7		0.6
PA	206.6	206.3	0.3		5.1	0.5	4.6
SC							
SD	317.4	305.6	11.8		1.1		1.1
TN	54.6	1.1	53.5		0.5		0.4
TX	21.8	16.3	4.8	0.7	31.4	1.4	30.0
UT	4.9	4.7	0.1		2.1	1.8	0.3
VA	300.2	298.8	1.4		0.7		0.7
WA	1.8	1.8			0.2	0.1	0.1
WV							
WI	39.3	0.2	38.9	0.2			
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	7,836.3	7,549.9	258.1	28.3	227.3	13.0	214.3

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

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

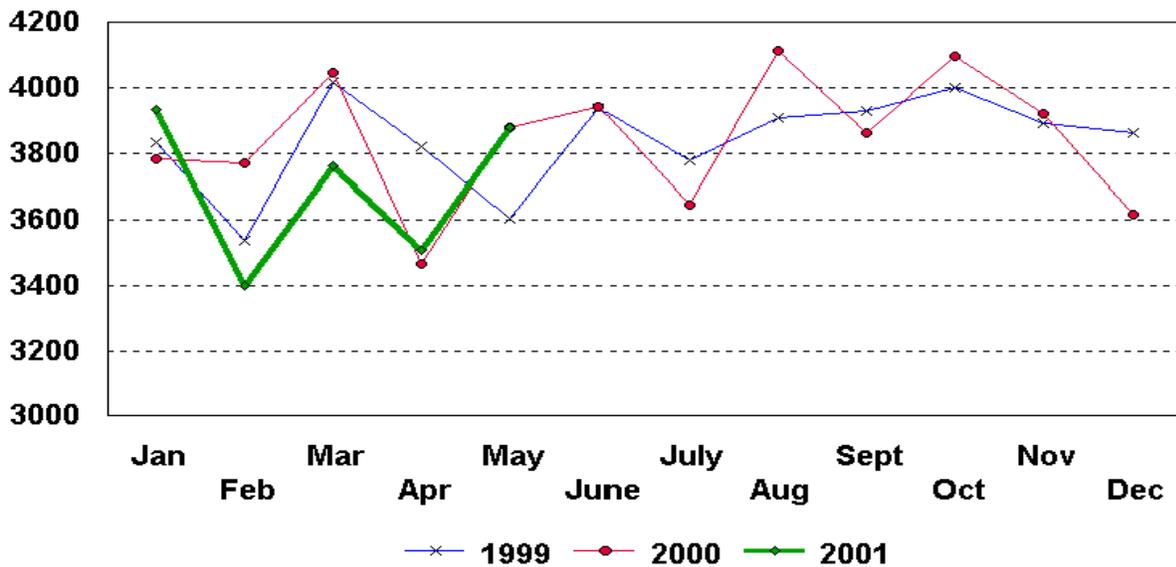
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

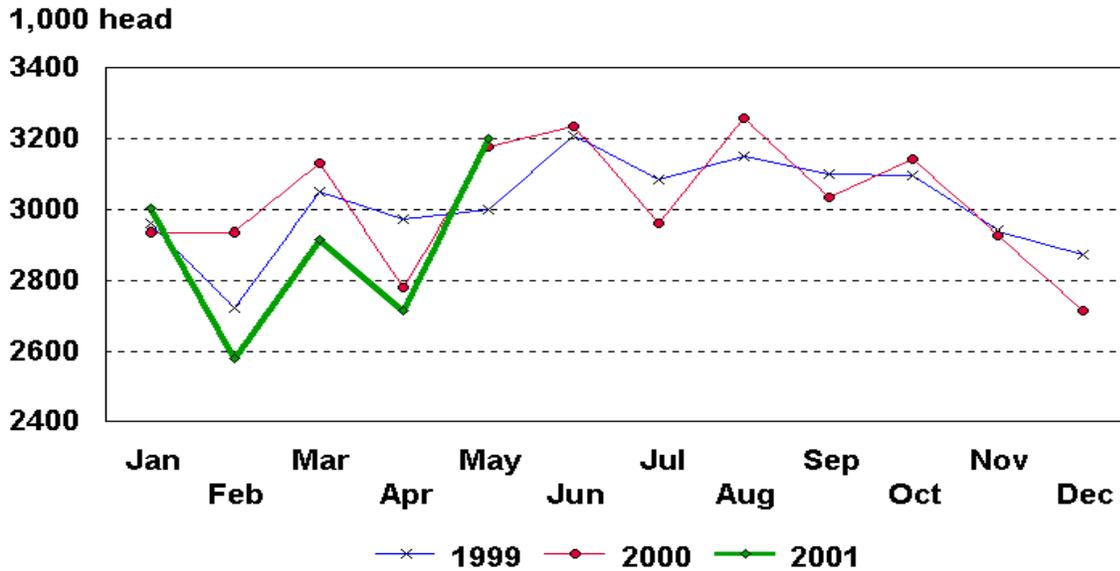
Species	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	Jan - May	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	2000	2001
Cattle	98.4	98.2	98.5	98.2	98.3
Calves	93.9	97.5	97.4	95.3	97.8
Hogs	98.4	98.6	98.5	98.4	98.5
Sheep	95.3	94.8	95.1	96.0	95.9

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

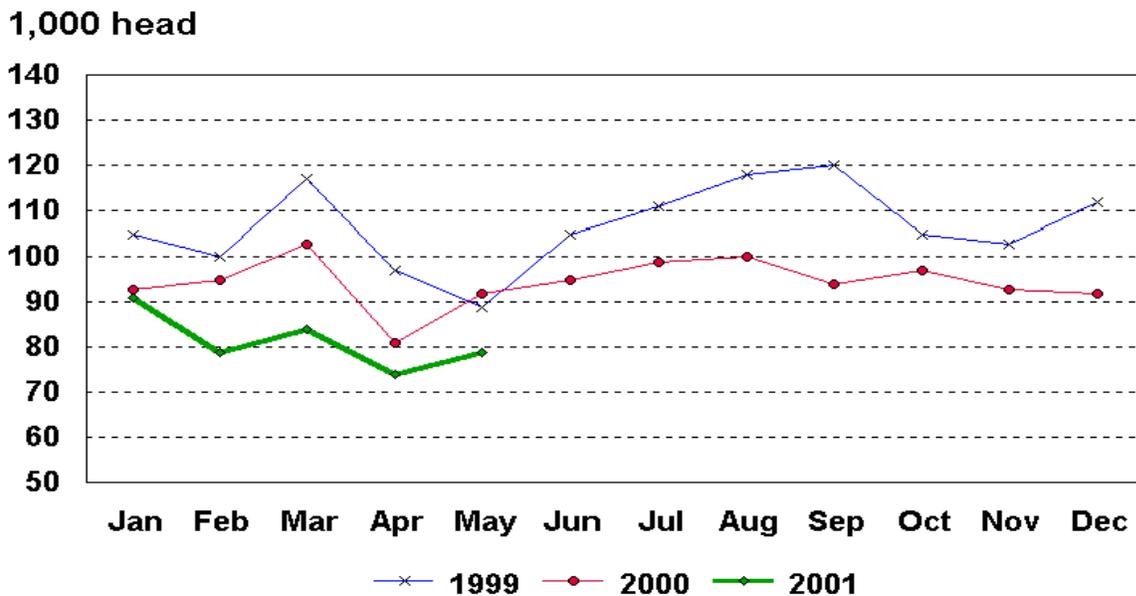
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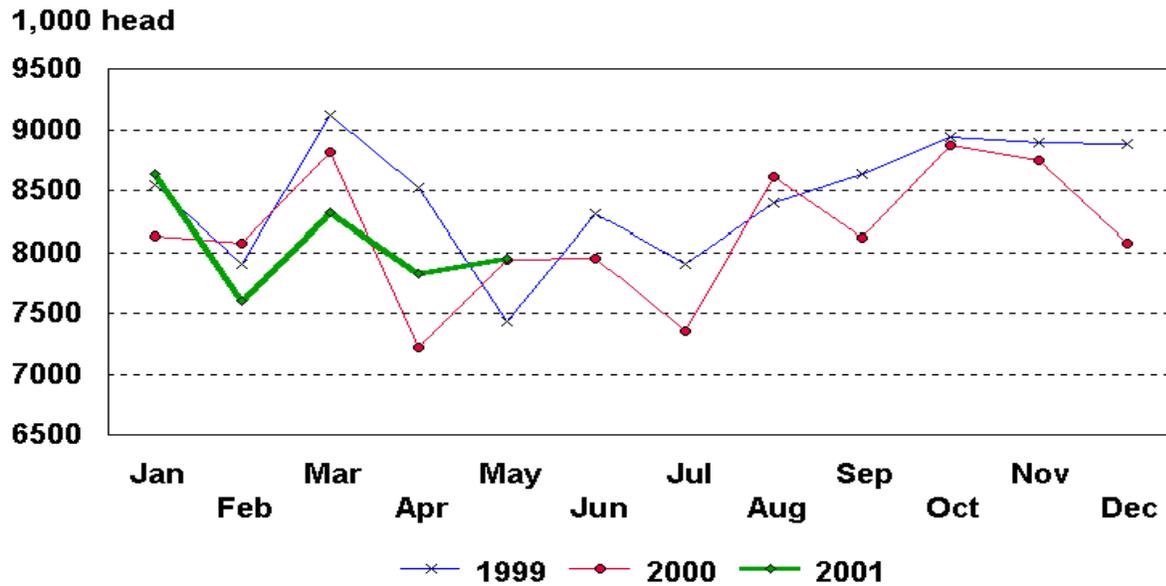
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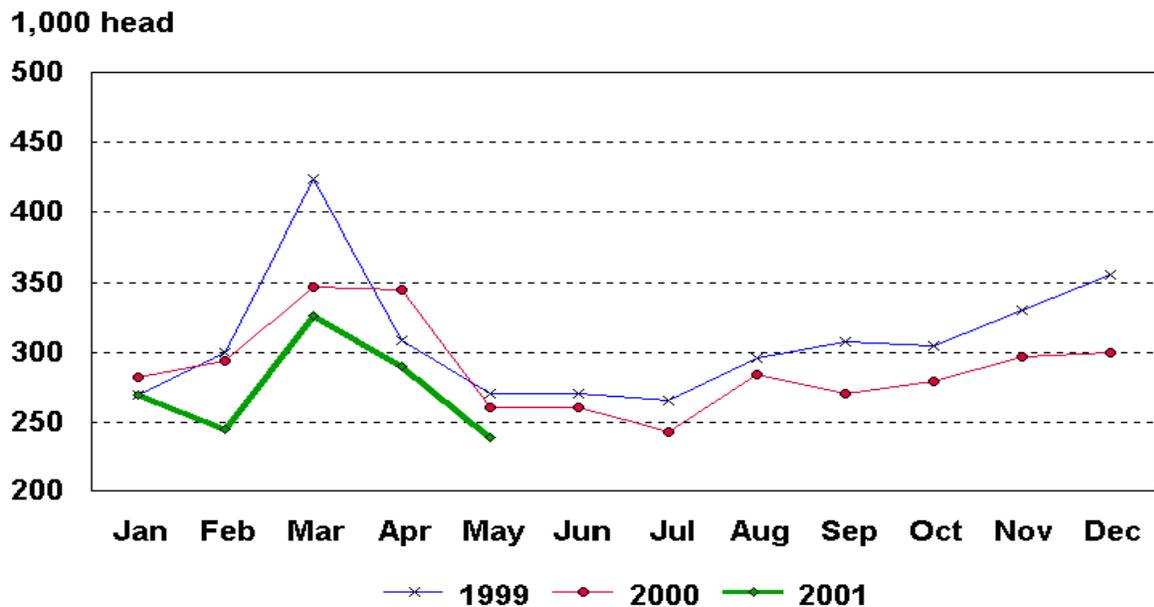
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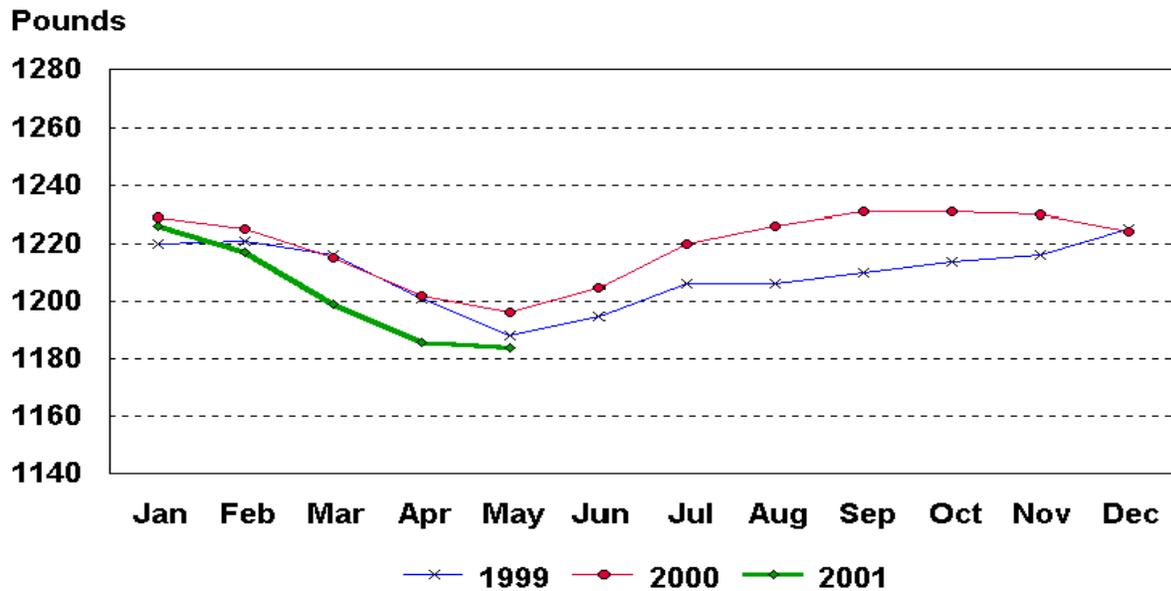
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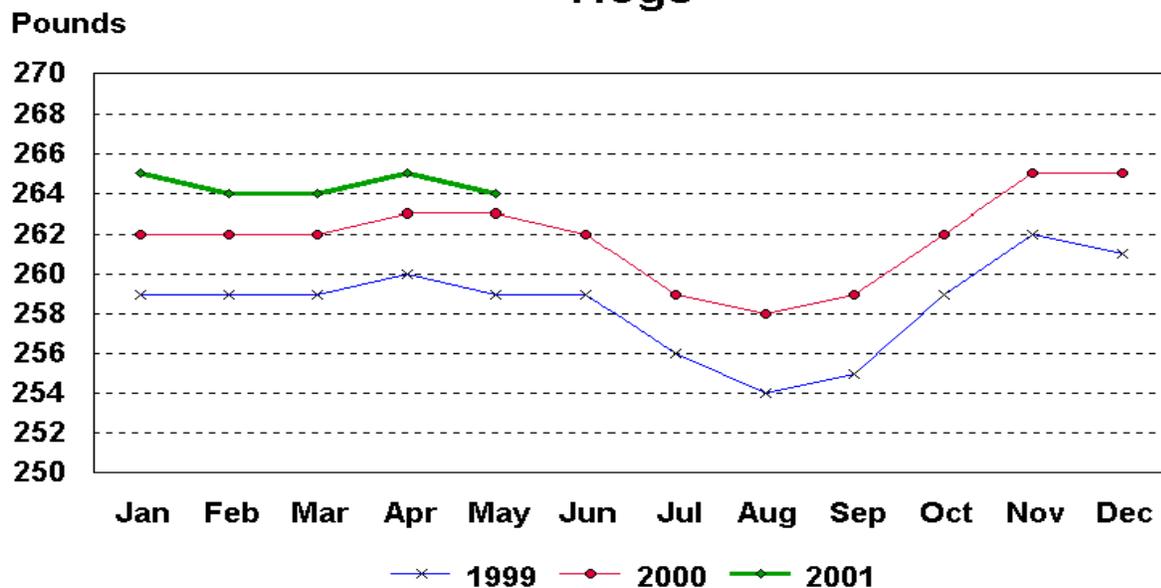
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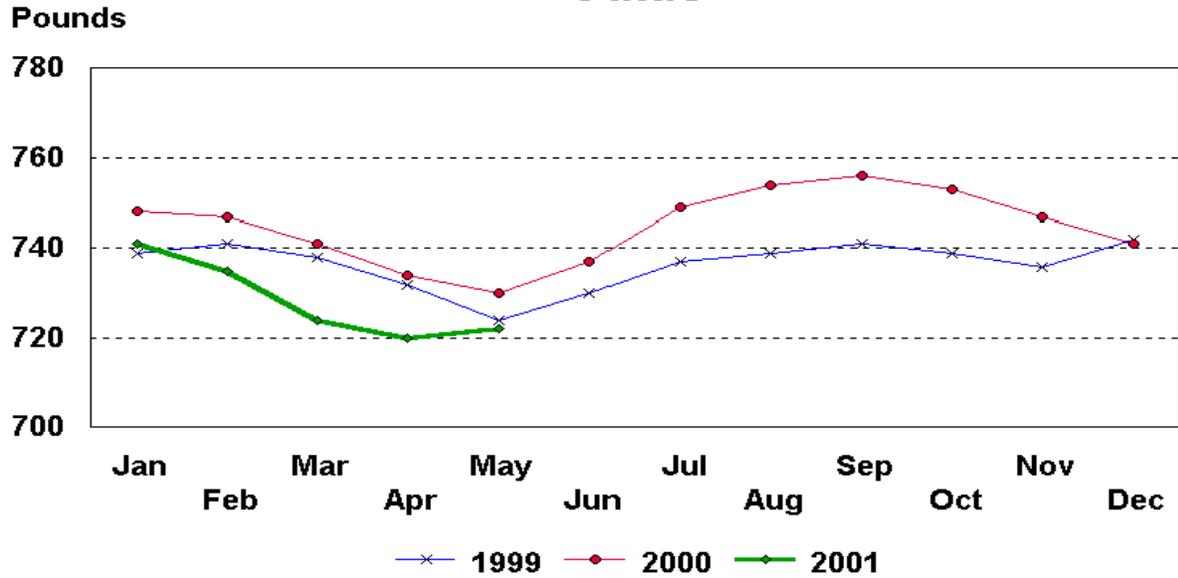
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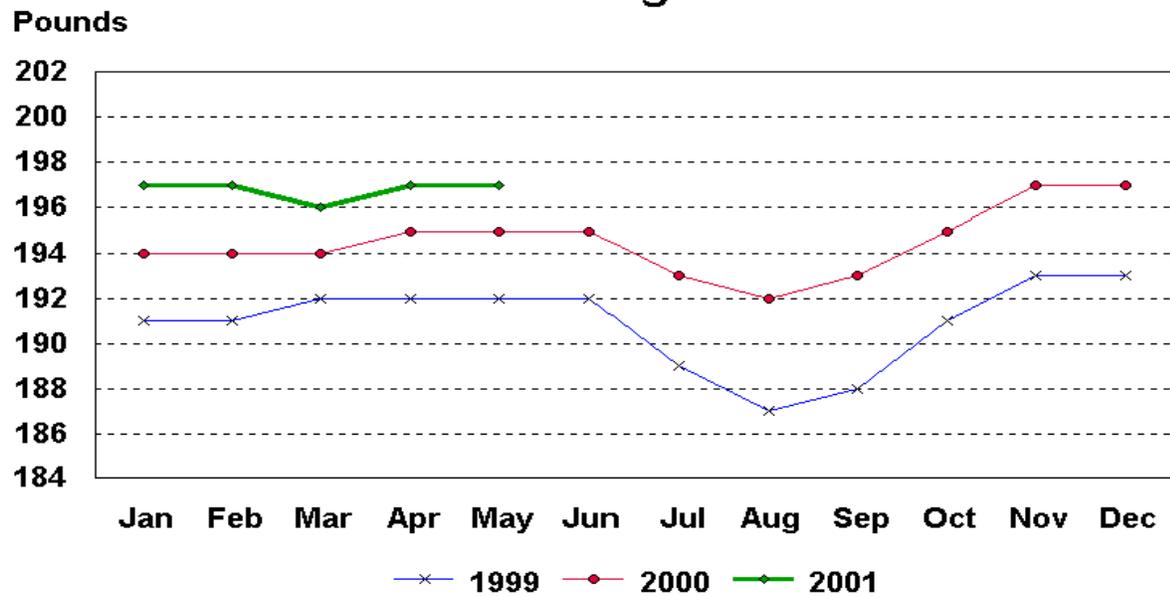
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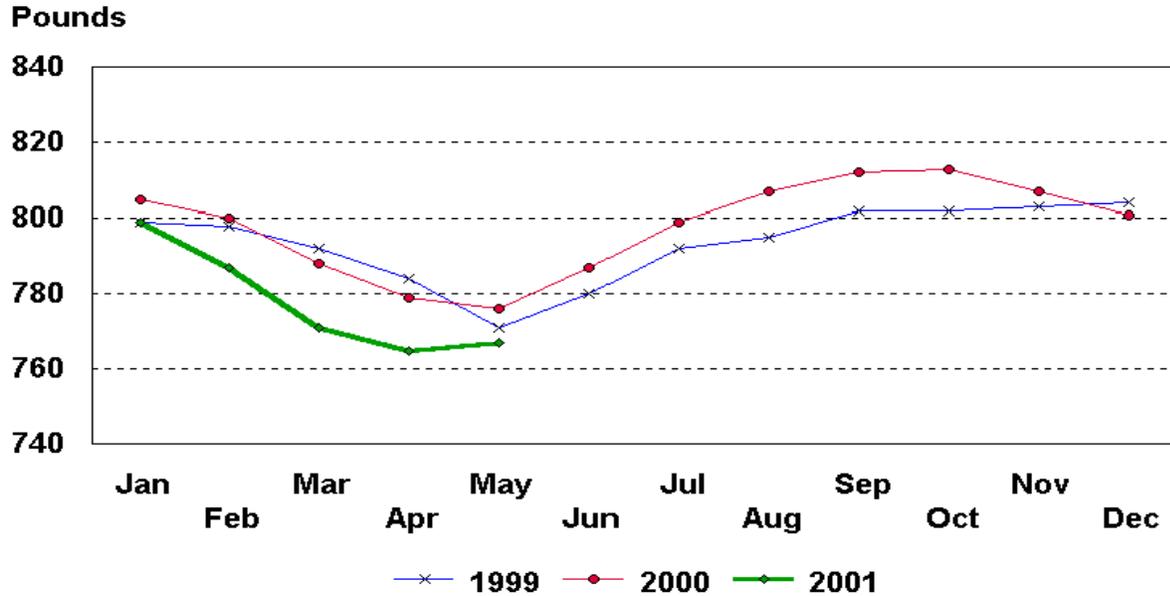
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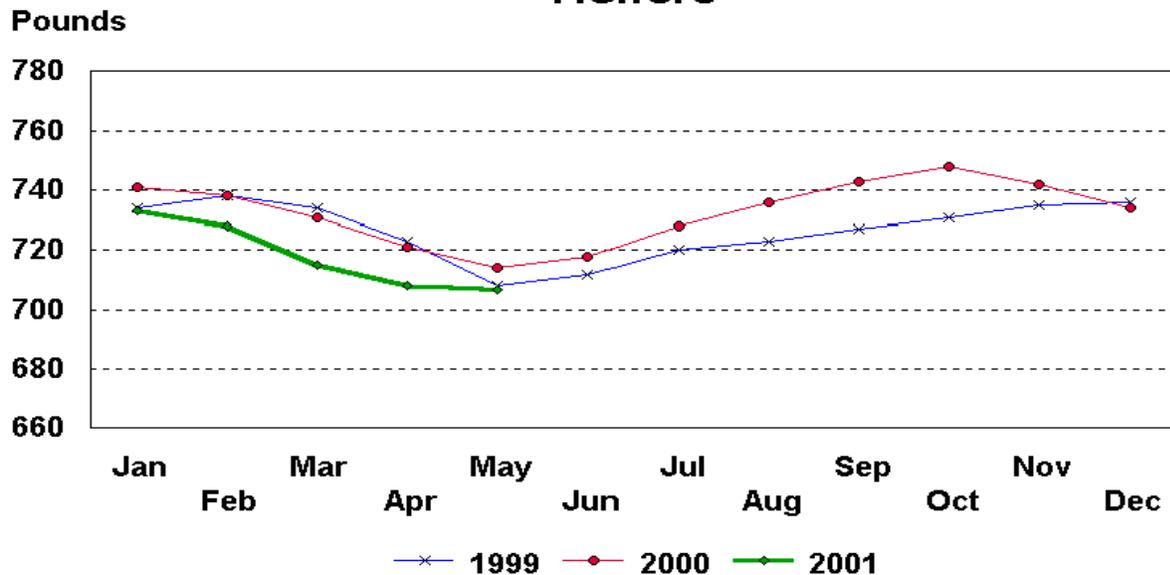
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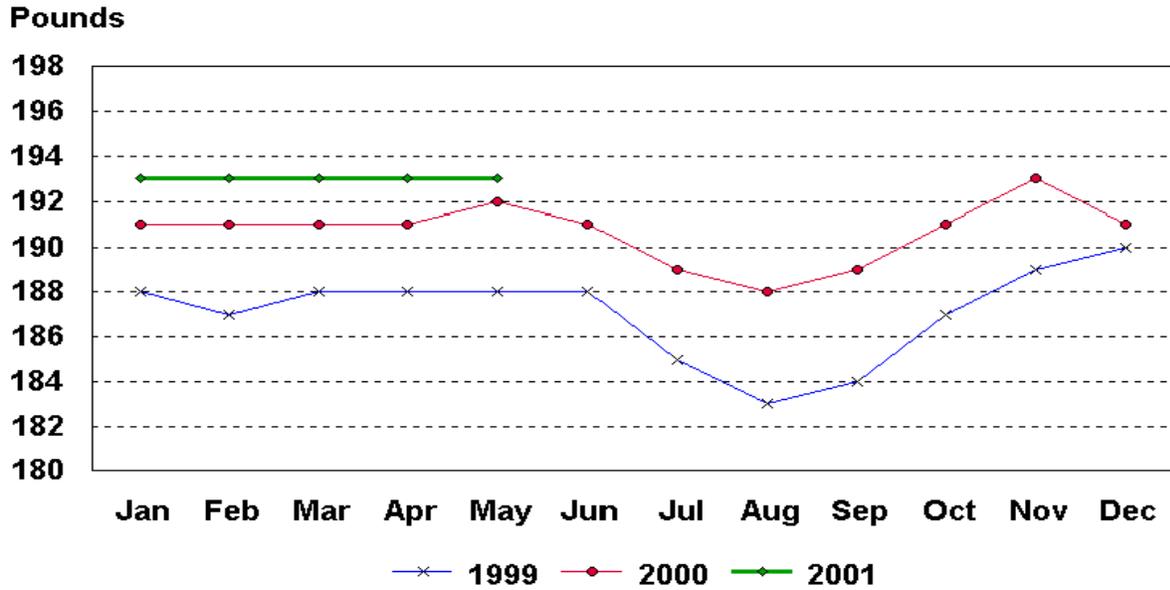
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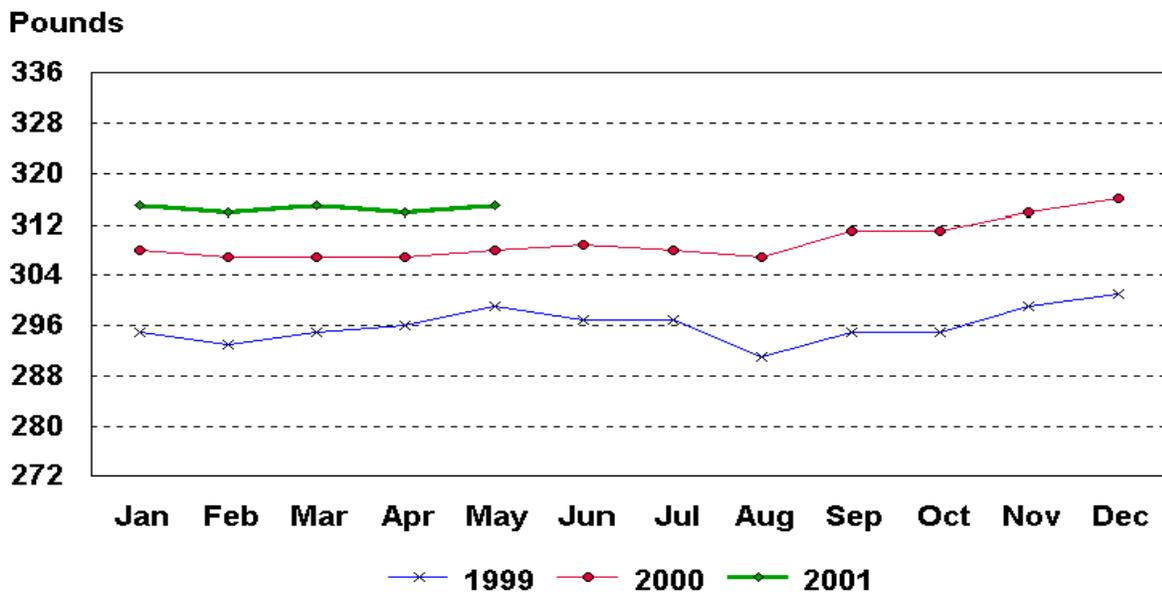
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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), 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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