



Livestock Slaughter

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Veal Production Record Low for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in August 2000.

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Beef production, at 2.42 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.24 million head, down 1 percent from August 2000. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,228 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17 million pounds, 1 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 94,200 head, down 6 percent from August 2000. The average live weight was 14 pounds above last year, at 303 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.60 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.37 million head, 3 percent below August 2000. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19 million pounds, was up 4 percent from August 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 273,200 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 9 pounds from August a year ago.

January - August red meat production was 29.9 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent below last year, veal production was 11 percent below last year, pork was up less than 1 percent, and lamb & mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Aug 01 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2000	Jul 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	2,437	2,176	2,424	99	111	17,990	17,282	96
Veal	17	16	17	99	110	145	129	89
Pork	1,643	1,434	1,600	97	112	12,364	12,384	100
Lamb & Mutton	18	17	19	104	110	155	149	96
Total Red Meat	4,116	3,643	4,060	99	111	30,654	29,944	98

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	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Aug 01 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2000	Jul 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	2,407	2,150	2,396	100	111	17,747	17,051	96
Veal	17	15	17	99	110	136	126	92
Pork	1,620	1,416	1,579	97	112	12,194	12,227	100
Lamb & Mutton	17	16	18	104	110	150	144	96
Total Red Meat	4,061	3,597	4,009	99	111	30,227	29,548	98

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	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Aug 01 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
					Aug 2000	Jul 2001	2000	2001	01 % of 00
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,210.5	2,898.3	3,192.8	99	110	24,021.7	23,331.4	97
Other	Thou	48.9	42.3	45.9	94	109	402.3	381.6	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,259.4	2,940.5	3,238.7	99	110	24,424.0	23,712.9	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,228	1,218	1,229	100	101	1,217	1,209	99
Other	Lbs	1,090	1,089	1,089	100	100	1,074	1,077	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,226	1,216	1,228	100	101	1,215	1,206	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	97.7	81.2	92.1	94	113	721.9	646.6	90
Other	Thou	2.0	2.0	2.0	100	101	35.1	15.2	43
Comm'l. ³	Thou	99.8	83.2	94.2	94	113	756.9	661.8	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	286	310	302	106	98	313	322	103
Other	Lbs	425	421	432	102	103	431	415	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	289	311	303	105	97	318	324	102
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,480.5	7,332.6	8,246.6	97	112	63,123.0	62,723.9	99
Other	Thou	142.0	113.5	127.8	90	113	1,019.4	943.4	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,622.5	7,446.1	8,374.4	97	112	64,142.4	63,667.3	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	258	261	258	100	99	262	263	101
Other	Lbs	229	227	226	99	99	232	229	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	258	260	258	100	99	261	263	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	269.1	229.3	258.0	96	112	2,211.9	2,021.9	91
Other	Thou	14.5	12.8	15.2	105	118	102.7	95.8	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	283.6	242.2	273.2	96	113	2,314.6	2,117.7	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	129	143	139	107	97	136	143	105
Other	Lbs	104	105	107	103	102	102	106	104
Comm'l.	Lbs	128	140	137	107	98	135	141	105

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Aug 01 as % of ²	
				Aug 2000	Jul 2001
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4.2	3.2	3.7	88	115
AK	0.1		0.1	87	
AZ	35.1	36.1	38.2	109	106
AR	4.5	4.8	3.9	86	80
CA	95.1	91.2	101.0	106	111
CO	189.8	179.3	202.9	107	113
DE-MD	2.9	2.6	2.9	97	110
FL	5.1	4.8	5.5	107	115
GA	27.1	28.3	28.3	104	100
HI	1.3	1.0	1.2	93	116
ID	52.5	53.1	59.3	113	112
IL	238.0	200.7	228.6	96	114
IN	105.3	96.8	110.1	105	114
IA	510.3	443.6	505.1	99	114
KS	584.5	466.9	521.1	89	112
KY	38.3	31.9	36.4	95	114
LA	1.4	1.3	1.4	102	112
MI	32.0	26.4	32.5	102	123
MN	170.0	165.1	178.0	105	108
MS	25.6	22.8	26.4	103	115
MO	71.2	50.0	36.9	52	74
MT	2.2	1.3	1.6	71	118
NE	652.2	586.4	653.9	100	112
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	88	98
N ENG ³	1.8	1.4	1.7	91	117
NJ	4.8	4.7	5.4	113	114
NM	0.9	0.8	0.9	109	122
NY	4.5	3.4	3.9	86	116
NC	170.8	149.6	168.9	99	113
ND	2.4	2.7	2.6	112	99
OH	27.3	23.4	26.0	95	111
OK	77.9	72.6	81.9	105	113
OR	4.1	3.7	4.0	98	107
PA	105.4	92.2	103.2	98	112
SC	18.7	18.2	19.6	104	108
SD	84.8	76.1	86.9	102	114
TN	21.3	17.2	18.1	85	105
TX	447.8	412.6	458.4	102	111
UT	46.4	44.7	49.9	108	112
VA	62.8	59.0	68.4	109	116
WA	64.0	60.4	68.3	107	113
WV	0.6	0.3	0.5	76	162
WI	119.9	101.5	111.7	93	110
WY	0.7	0.4	0.6	84	151
US	4,115.8	3,642.9	4,059.9	99	111

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,
August 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	0.5	0.3	377	274	818	824
AK		0.1		69		1,120
AZ	48.4	51.4	58,404	63,446	1,206	1,235
AR	1.3	1.0	1,315	1,007	1,042	1,008
CA	92.0	96.2	113,489	121,367	1,233	1,262
CO	232.5	246.8	289,100	308,720	1,243	1,251
DE-MD	2.9	3.1	3,587	3,787	1,227	1,235
FL	7.2	7.9	8,082	8,582	1,122	1,084
GA	38.0	40.4	42,680	46,211	1,124	1,145
HI	1.5	1.2	1,422	1,245	940	1,017
ID	69.9	78.3	85,938	96,001	1,229	1,226
IL	89.8	86.0	108,555	103,604	1,209	1,205
IN	3.6	3.3	3,815	3,502	1,071	1,050
IA	58.6	70.0	72,336	84,180	1,234	1,202
KS	745.7	662.4	909,317	804,011	1,219	1,214
KY	0.8	1.0	726	897	878	908
LA	1.7	1.5	1,501	1,249	876	837
MI	34.2	35.0	47,407	48,204	1,384	1,376
MN	55.1	61.6	75,238	82,731	1,365	1,343
MS						
MO	6.6	7.0	8,283	8,998	1,248	1,281
MT	2.6	1.8	2,868	2,037	1,108	1,124
NE	703.1	716.1	878,204	884,335	1,249	1,235
NV	0.1	0.1	101	79	1,100	1,160
N ENG ²	1.9	1.7	2,092	1,880	1,110	1,118
NJ	2.3	2.3	2,618	2,809	1,158	1,215
NM	1.4	1.6	1,376	1,572	991	988
NY	5.5	4.4	5,889	5,147	1,067	1,183
NC	13.7	15.2	14,990	16,429	1,097	1,078
ND	0.8	0.7	934	780	1,174	1,151
OH	10.6	10.8	12,625	12,101	1,193	1,125
OK	3.2	3.2	3,270	3,061	1,013	970
OR	1.4	1.7	1,772	2,079	1,264	1,194
PA	86.4	83.4	110,397	104,207	1,277	1,250
SC						
SD	22.5	28.0	31,721	39,047	1,407	1,394
TN	2.0	0.9	1,559	787	769	856
TX	599.7	604.6	702,189	721,182	1,171	1,193
UT	60.1	62.4	72,427	78,239	1,205	1,253
VA	1.3	1.6	1,319	1,651	978	1,044
WA	81.1	87.0	103,109	109,729	1,271	1,262
WV	0.7	0.5	741	501	1,075	1,053
WI	154.3	141.9	198,957	184,104	1,289	1,298
WY	0.7	0.6	859	745	1,202	1,192
US ³	3,259.4	3,238.7	3,996,329	3,975,942	1,226	1,228

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	11.1	9.6	1,662	1,515	149	158
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	17	21	327	358
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.4	10.5	3,936	4,498	419	428
IN	10.1	8.9	3,093	2,659	307	300
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.1	0.9	561	484	494	518
MI	3.2	3.2	1,081	1,291	338	410
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.1	54	49	342	371
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	3.6	2.9	369	295	104	102
NJ	9.0	10.3	3,978	4,592	440	447
NM						
NY	15.9	14.5	1,281	1,230	81	85
NC	0.2	0.2	80	64	399	401
ND						
OH	0.1	0.1	17	15	213	259
OK	0.1	0.1	17	29	336	369
OR						
PA	17.2	16.4	6,008	5,548	348	339
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.8	2.2	715	868	251	396
UT						
VA		0.1		20		342
WA						
WV						
WI	12.7	11.4	5,251	4,784	414	419
WY						
US ³	99.8	94.2	28,795	28,494	289	303

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

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	11.9	10.3	6,137	5,433	514	525
AK						
AZ	0.4	0.2	87	48	224	228
AR						
CA	200.9	204.5	43,460	45,385	216	222
CO	3.9	2.9	1,133	634	288	218
DE-MD	3.2	1.8	789	471	250	263
FL	9.9	8.9	1,837	1,556	186	175
GA	15.6	14.4	4,695	4,148	300	287
HI	3.1	3.3	648	653	211	201
ID						
IL	866.7	821.8	224,577	216,182	259	263
IN	532.1	562.5	133,793	141,219	251	251
IA	2,417.8	2,374.6	625,269	609,351	259	257
KS	38.1	31.8	11,533	9,553	302	300
KY	195.3	185.7	50,261	47,784	257	257
LA	2.1	2.0	437	450	213	221
MI	12.2	11.5	4,096	3,958	336	343
MN	687.9	713.1	175,750	180,884	255	254
MS						
MO	356.0	167.6	89,395		251	
MT	2.1	1.5	540	354	259	240
NE	545.3	553.5	139,845	141,867	256	256
NV						
N ENG ²	2.8	2.8	677	661	245	239
NJ	9.1	10.4	941	1,067	104	103
NM	0.5	0.4	103	80	212	213
NY	4.4	4.1	1,082	787	248	194
NC	876.7	847.7	217,992	212,326	249	250
ND	11.2	14.2	2,680	3,265	240	230
OH	111.1	107.0	28,458	27,253	256	255
OK	394.8	395.8	102,124	105,672	259	267
OR	18.4	17.9	4,696	4,444	255	248
PA	223.1	226.7	55,141	56,187	247	248
SC						
SD	356.0	358.5	91,957	89,469	258	250
TN	65.1	54.8	30,419	26,499	467	484
TX	38.4	32.5	11,891	9,590	309	295
UT	5.2	4.9	1,205	968	232	196
VA	329.7	348.5	82,749	89,449	251	257
WA	2.0	2.0	544	501	267	251
WV	1.1	1.0	266	244	246	245
WI	41.5	41.7	17,431	17,910	420	429
WY	1.1	0.9	281	221	250	243
US ³	8,622.5	8,374.4	2,224,080	2,159,318	258	258

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,
August 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		3		50
AR						
CA						
CO	90.8	78.5	12,604	12,047	139	153
DE-MD	2.3	2.7	245	299	106	111
FL						
GA	0.5	0.4	34	34	70	92
HI						
ID	0.5	0.5	61	68	121	126
IL						
IN	3.8	3.5	373	342	98	98
IA	44.7	41.2	5,755	6,155	129	149
KS	0.3	0.3	33	43	116	153
KY	1.1	1.0	190	131	169	137
LA	0.3	0.1	20	12	75	82
MI	21.1	18.4	2,691	2,245	127	122
MN	0.3	0.3	39	36	123	120
MS						
MO	0.5	0.7	46	72	86	106
MT	0.5	0.4	62	52	125	118
NE	0.1	0.1	7	8	113	112
NV	0.2	0.2	22	32	108	141
N ENG ²	2.3	2.0	234	201	103	102
NJ	9.0	9.3	882	894	98	96
NM	2.5	2.8	289	313	114	112
NY	1.6	1.5	165	126	102	86
NC	0.1	0.1	9	6	103	108
ND						
OH	1.6	2.0	167	221	102	111
OK						
OR	0.9	1.0	117	142	134	145
PA	5.6	5.4	484	505	87	94
SC						
SD	1.6	1.5	149	155	95	102
TN	0.4	0.6	32	46	83	82
TX	33.6	38.1	4,293	5,231	128	137
UT	2.7	2.5	376	301	138	121
VA	1.5	1.5	156	151	101	100
WA						
WV						
WI	1.6	1.6	204	224	126	139
WY	0.3	0.3	43	34	127	136
US ³	283.6	273.2	36,226	37,455	128	137

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

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

Item	Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Jan - Aug ¹		Aug 2000	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Jan - Aug 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	1,656	1,479	1,605	12,166	11,547	51.6	51.0	50.3	50.6	49.5
Heifers	1,045	929	1,049	7,917	7,629	32.6	32.1	32.9	33.0	32.7
All Cows	452	438	480	3,521	3,738	14.1	15.1	15.0	14.6	16.0
Dairy Cows	221	188	211	1,717	1,728	6.9	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.4
Other Cows	231	250	269	1,804	2,010	7.2	8.6	8.4	7.5	8.6
Bulls & Stags	58	52	59	417	418	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total ¹	3,210	2,898	3,193	24,022	23,331	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,173	7,068	7,963	60,928	60,503	96.4	96.4	96.6	96.5	96.5
Sows	280	240	256	1,980	2,003	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Stags & Boars	27	24	27	215	218	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,480	7,333	8,247	63,123	62,724	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	15	12	12	114	96	5.8	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	254	218	246	2,098	1,926	94.2	94.9	95.2	94.9	95.3
Total ¹	269	229	258	2,212	2,022	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	754	745	754	742	735					
Steers ⁴	807	799	811	793	785					
Heifers ⁴	736	728	739	728	722					
All Cows ⁴	574	582	577	580	586					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	888	894	895	903	891					
Calves & Vealers	177	191	186	193	199					
Hogs	192	194	192	194	196					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	188	190	188	190	192					
Sows ⁵	307	318	317	308	316					
Stags & Boars ⁵	228	231	226	226	224					
Sheep	64	71	69	68	71					
Mature Sheep ⁶	66	62	62	62	62					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	64	72	70	68	72					

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,
August 2001¹**

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	1.5	0.2	0.1	1.0	1.0		0.2	2.9
2	6.5	1.4	0.3	4.1	3.7	0.4	0.7	24.8
3	86.6	43.7	8.7	31.9	23.4	8.4	2.4	16.5
4	76.7	0.8	0.3	64.4	22.8	41.6	11.3	2.2
5	319.8	144.2	42.8	122.8	80.6	42.2	10.1	33.8
6	604.3	326.4	197.2	70.6	12.2	58.4	10.1	1.9
7	1,448.1	776.7	589.6	72.7	3.9	68.8	9.1	0.1
8	335.2	154.4	155.1	20.5	3.9	16.6	5.3	
9	148.3	71.0	10.6	62.4	48.7	13.7	4.3	9.4
10	165.7	86.0	44.5	29.7	11.0	18.7	5.6	0.6
US ²	3,192.8	1,604.8	1,049.2	480.0	211.1	268.8	58.8	92.1
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	2.4	2.3			1.8	0.4	1.5	
2	14.1	13.8	0.2	0.1	10.7	1.4	9.3	
3	576.0	574.2	1.8		8.7	0.7	8.1	
4	1,297.3	1,220.7	75.1	1.4	2.0	1.1	0.8	
5	2,197.4	2,094.4	100.3	2.7	36.8	3.9	32.9	
6	428.5	407.6	20.4	0.5	37.1	2.4	34.7	
7	3,117.7	3,048.3	47.0	22.4	41.8	0.1	41.7	
8	377.3	366.0	11.3		82.1	1.6	80.5	
9	201.4	201.3	0.1		35.1	0.6	34.5	
10	34.5	34.3	0.2		1.9	0.3	1.6	
US ²	8,246.6	7,963.0	256.5	27.2	258.0	12.4	245.6	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - August 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	12.1	1.5	1.1	8.1	7.7	0.4	1.4	17.1
2	46.3	9.7	2.9	28.3	23.4	4.9	5.4	169.2
3	658.6	318.9	61.2	259.8	192.4	67.4	18.7	112.8
4	597.2	8.1	2.3	504.5	170.7	333.8	82.3	12.3
5	2,428.4	1,014.3	334.2	1,008.3	692.9	315.5	71.6	252.8
6	4,429.7	2,345.4	1,520.8	482.0	89.4	392.6	81.5	11.2
7	10,486.7	5,567.1	4,258.4	605.3	61.0	544.3	55.9	0.4
8	2,417.4	1,143.3	1,061.4	171.9	30.0	141.8	40.8	0.1
9	1,079.5	514.1	87.6	451.9	369.8	82.1	25.9	65.5
10	1,175.4	624.0	299.4	217.7	90.3	127.3	34.3	5.3
US ²	23,331.4	11,546.6	7,629.4	3,737.7	1,727.6	2,010.1	417.7	646.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	13.3	12.8	0.3	0.1	14.5	3.1	11.4	
2	91.0	88.0	2.6	0.5	91.8	12.4	79.4	
3	4,155.9	4,141.5	14.3	0.1	59.6	4.3	55.3	
4	9,796.1	9,179.1	604.6	12.3	12.0	7.0	5.0	
5	16,729.0	15,918.0	788.1	22.8	274.0	30.8	243.2	
6	3,191.6	3,014.0	172.4	5.2	288.5	17.6	270.8	
7	24,222.2	23,721.3	325.2	175.8	288.5	0.4	288.0	
8	2,784.0	2,690.4	93.4	0.1	745.9	14.3	731.6	
9	1,488.0	1,486.8	0.7	0.4	238.5	4.7	233.8	
10	252.8	251.0	1.7	0.2	8.7	1.0	7.7	
US ²	62,723.9	60,503.0	2,003.3	217.6	2,021.9	95.6	1,926.3	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	0.1							
AZ	51.2	44.7	0.6	6.0	6.0			
AR	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3		0.3	0.1	
CA	95.8	26.0	9.9	55.8	42.6	13.2	4.1	9.4
CO	246.1	122.9	122.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.1	2.2	0.5	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	7.9	0.2		7.1	1.3	5.8	0.6	
GA	39.5			33.4	3.0	30.4	6.1	
HI	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	
ID	77.2	31.8	19.1	21.8	6.3	15.5	4.4	
IL	82.9	50.7	32.2					10.5
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					8.9
IA	69.4	39.5	24.6	4.7	2.0	2.7	0.6	
KS	659.3	364.7	294.7					
KY	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	33.1	24.7	1.4	6.9	6.9		0.1	3.1
MN	59.2	9.6	4.3	38.8	14.9	23.9	6.5	
MS								
MO	5.3	1.0	0.5	3.3	0.5	2.8	0.5	0.1
MT	0.7	0.5	0.1				0.1	
NE	714.0	371.5	269.8	64.7	1.4	63.3	8.1	
NV	0.1							
N ENG ²	1.5	0.2	0.1	1.0	1.0		0.2	2.9
NJ	2.3	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.3	10.3
NM								
NY	4.2	0.5	0.2	3.2	2.9	0.3	0.3	14.5
NC	14.7	0.1		11.7	6.4	5.3	3.0	0.2
ND	0.3	0.1	0.1					
OH	6.0	0.4	0.1	5.1	4.4	0.7	0.3	
OK	0.9			0.8	0.4	0.4		
OR	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.4		0.1	
PA	83.2	41.4	8.1	31.4	23.0	8.4	2.3	16.4
SC								
SD	26.4	2.8	2.6	16.3	2.1	14.2	4.7	
TN	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	
TX	601.5	326.2	197.1	68.3	10.6	57.7	10.0	1.9
UT	61.7	28.0	29.7	3.5	1.3	2.2	0.5	
VA	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1
WA	86.9	53.3	25.3	7.3	4.2	3.1	1.0	
WV								
WI	138.3	58.6	4.6	71.8	54.3	17.5	3.2	11.4
WY								
US ³	3,192.8	1,604.8	1,049.2	479.9	211.1	268.8	58.8	92.1

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

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	9.6		8.2	1.4			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	198.1	198.0					
CO	1.9	1.9			78.4		78.4
DE-MD	1.8	1.7			2.7	0.3	2.4
FL	8.9	8.6	0.3				
GA	7.2	5.8	1.3				
HI	3.3	3.2					
ID					0.4		0.4
IL	789.2	734.9	52.9	1.4			
IN	556.9	556.9			2.7	1.7	1.0
IA	2,372.3	2,310.2	39.8	22.4	41.1		41.1
KS	27.8	20.6	7.2				
KY	185.3	179.9	5.4		0.9	0.8	0.1
LA							
MI	10.1	5.4	4.6	0.1	18.2	2.2	16.0
MN	710.7	710.6	0.1		0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	165.4	165.4	0.1		0.6	0.1	0.5
MT	0.7	0.7			0.2		0.2
NE	552.2	552.2					
NV					0.2		0.2
N ENG ²	2.4	2.3			1.8	0.4	1.5
NJ	10.4	10.1	0.2	0.1	9.2	1.1	8.2
NM							
NY	3.7	3.7			1.4	0.3	1.1
NC	834.7	829.9	4.8				
ND	14.1	14.0					
OH	97.4	86.2	10.1	1.0			
OK	394.1	388.5	5.5				
OR	17.7	17.6	0.2		0.8		0.8
PA	226.2	225.8	0.3		5.3	0.3	5.0
SC							
SD	357.4	346.1	11.2		1.2		1.2
TN	54.6	0.8	53.8		0.5		0.4
TX	24.9	17.6	6.8	0.5	35.9	1.4	34.4
UT	3.2	3.2			2.0	1.6	0.4
VA	348.0	346.5	1.5		0.7		0.7
WA	1.8	1.8			0.6	0.3	0.4
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	33.1	0.4	32.5	0.2	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	8,246.6	7,963.0	256.5	27.2	258.0	12.4	245.6

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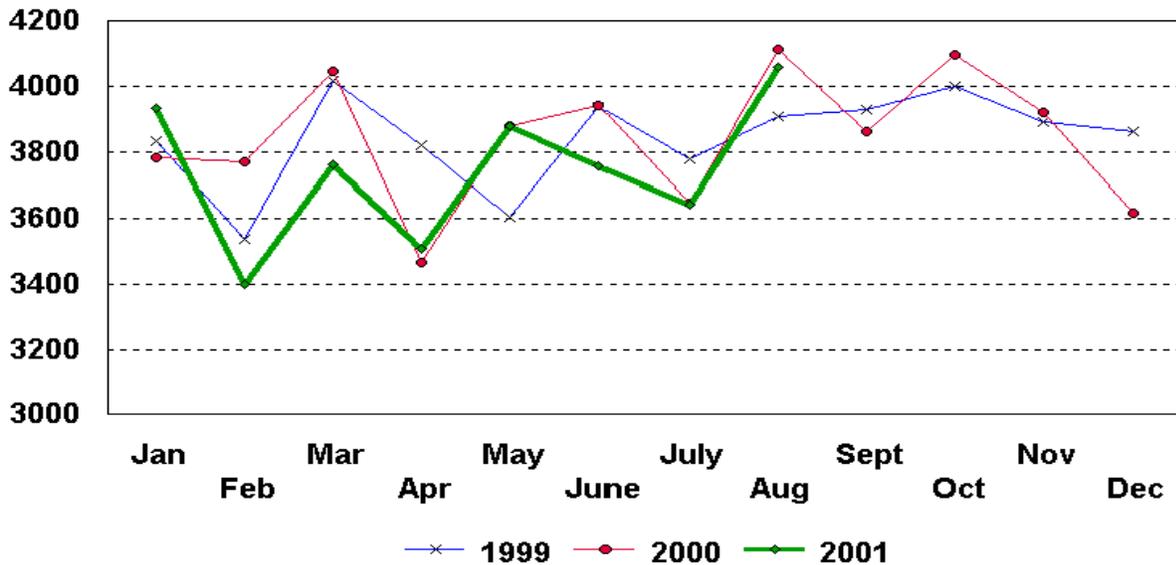
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

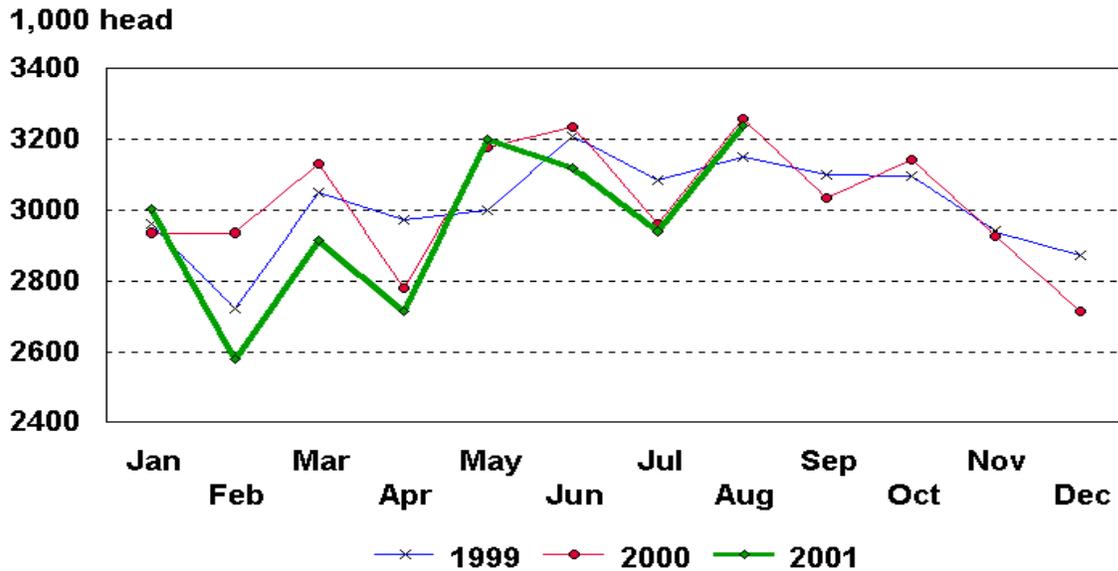
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				2000	2001
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.0	97.6	97.8	95.4	97.7
Hogs	98.4	98.5	98.5	98.4	98.5
Sheep	94.9	94.7	94.4	95.6	95.5

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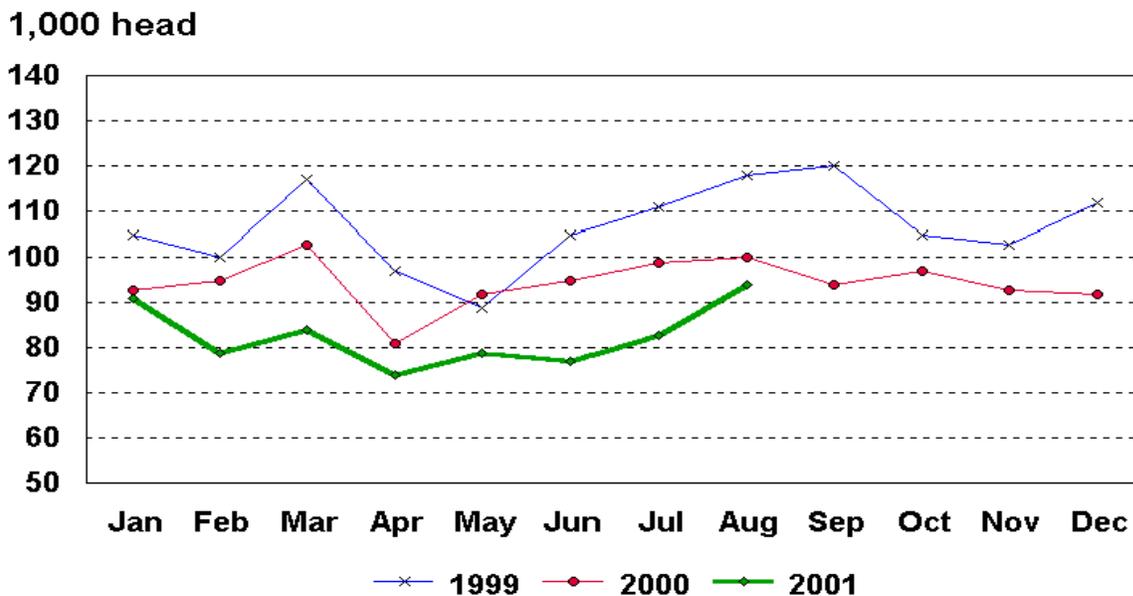
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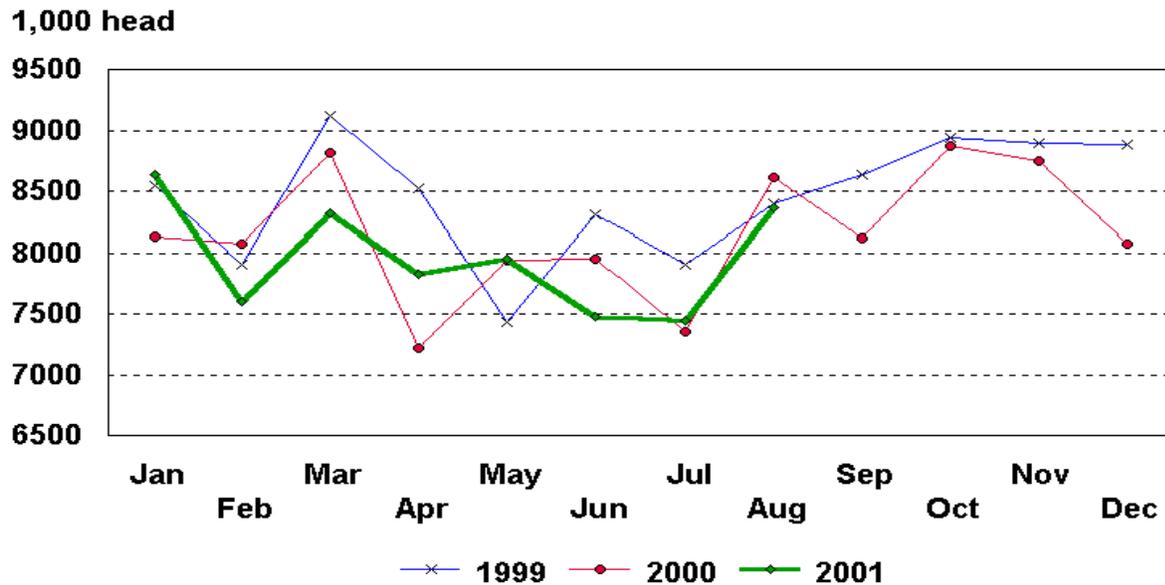
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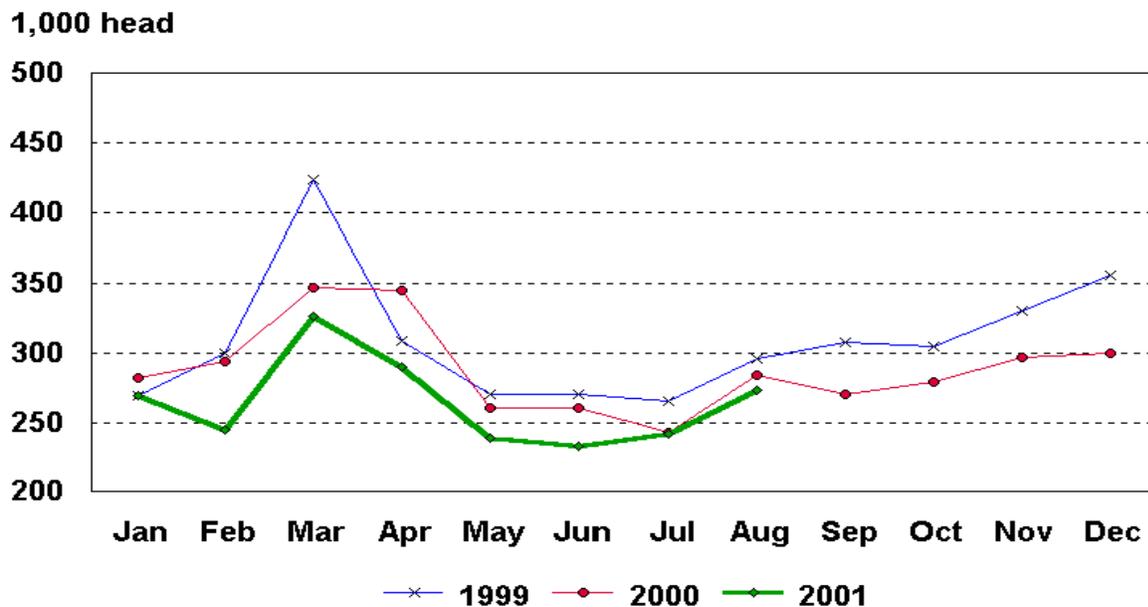
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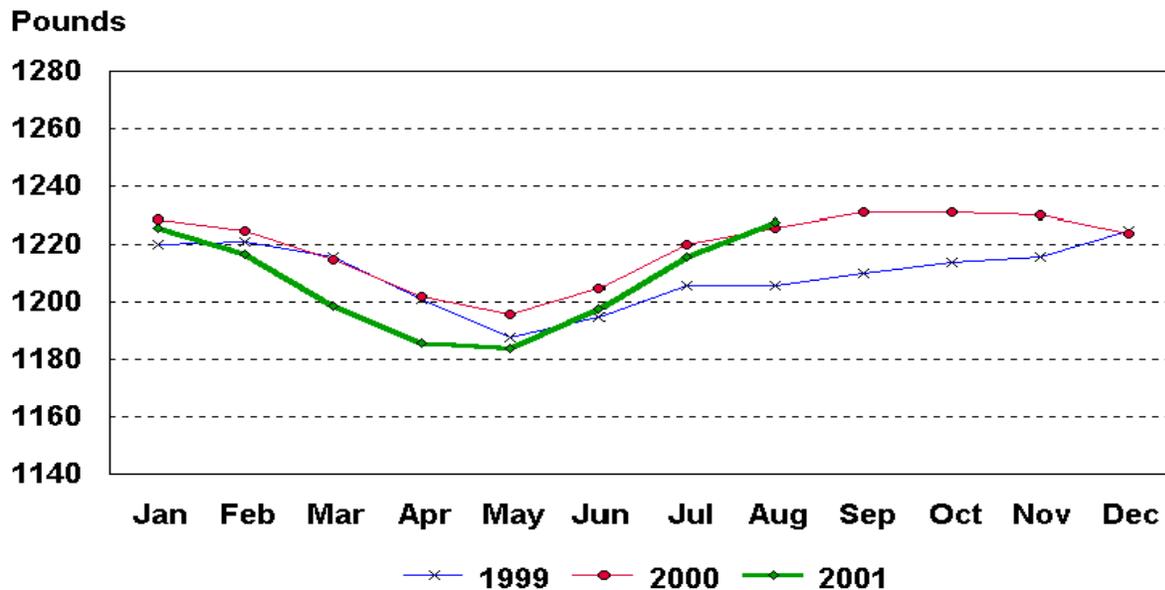
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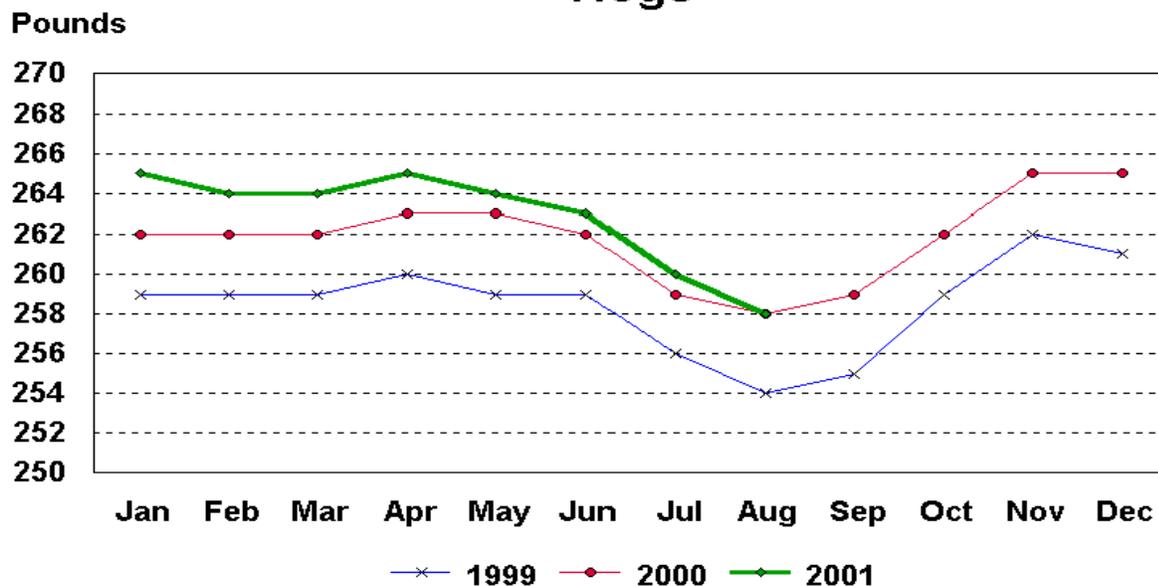
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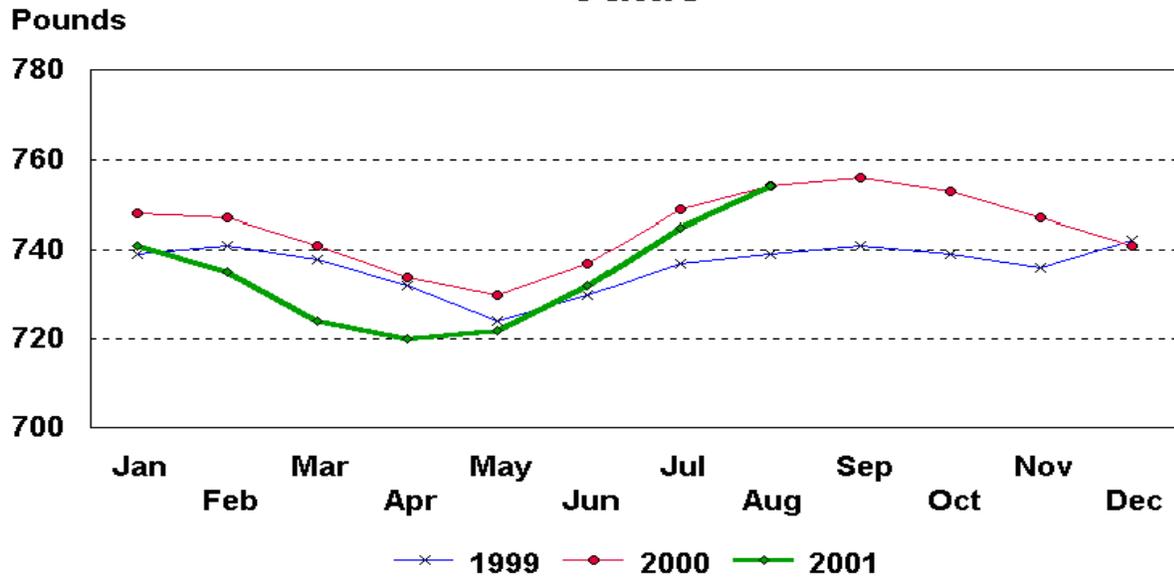
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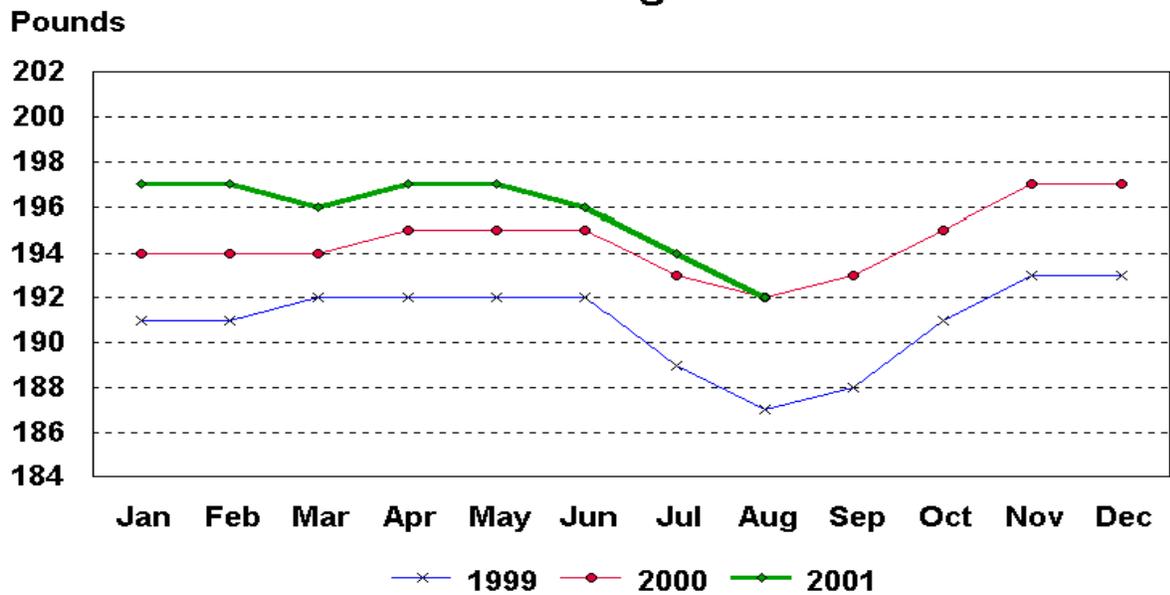
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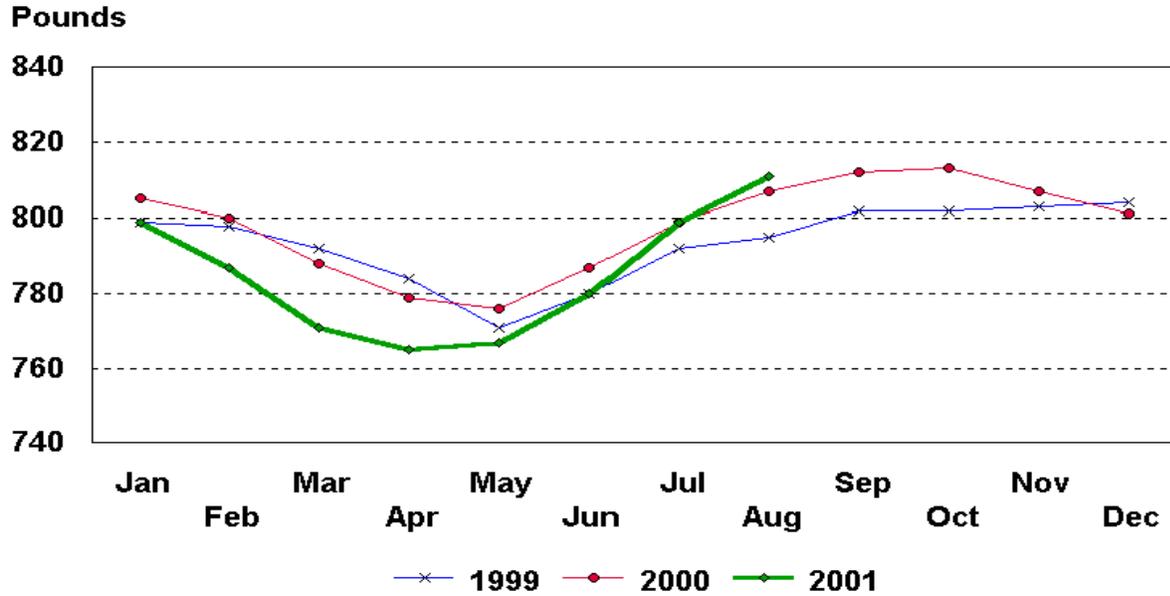
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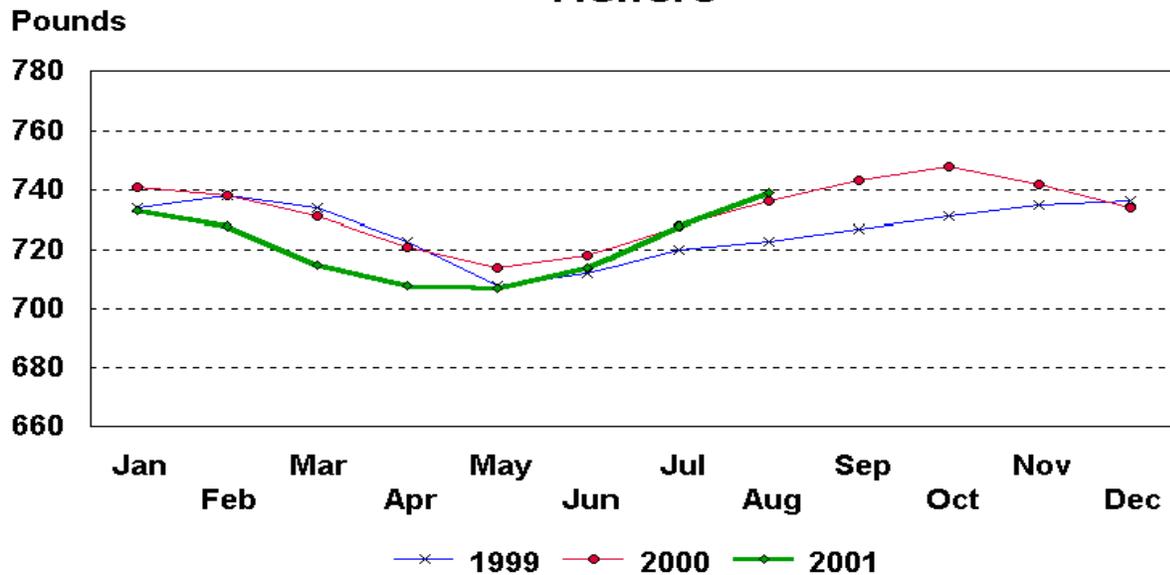
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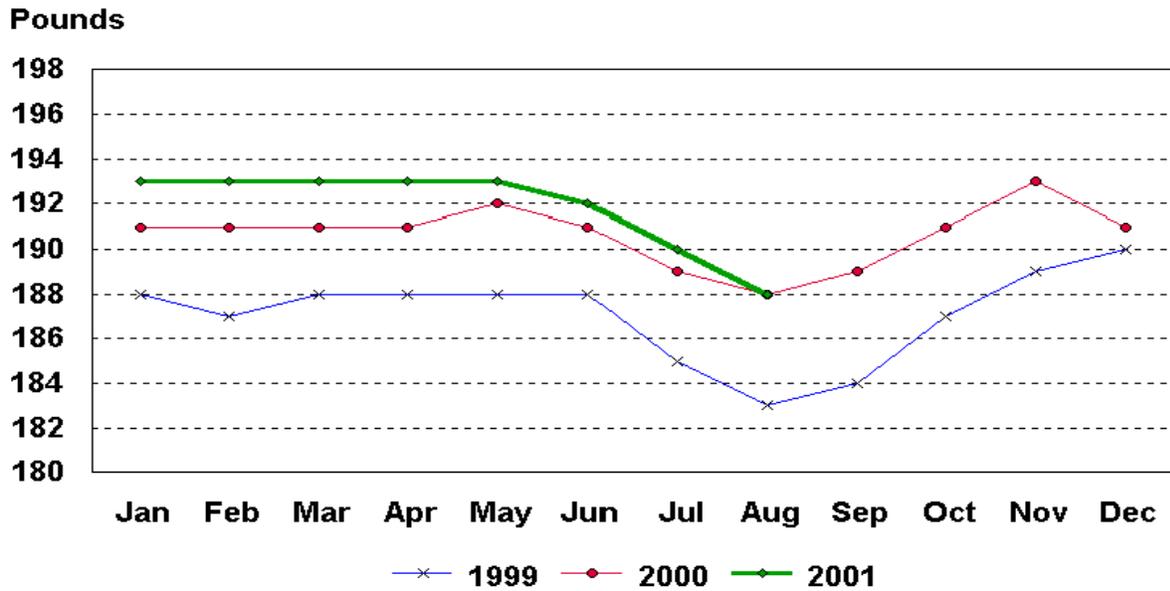
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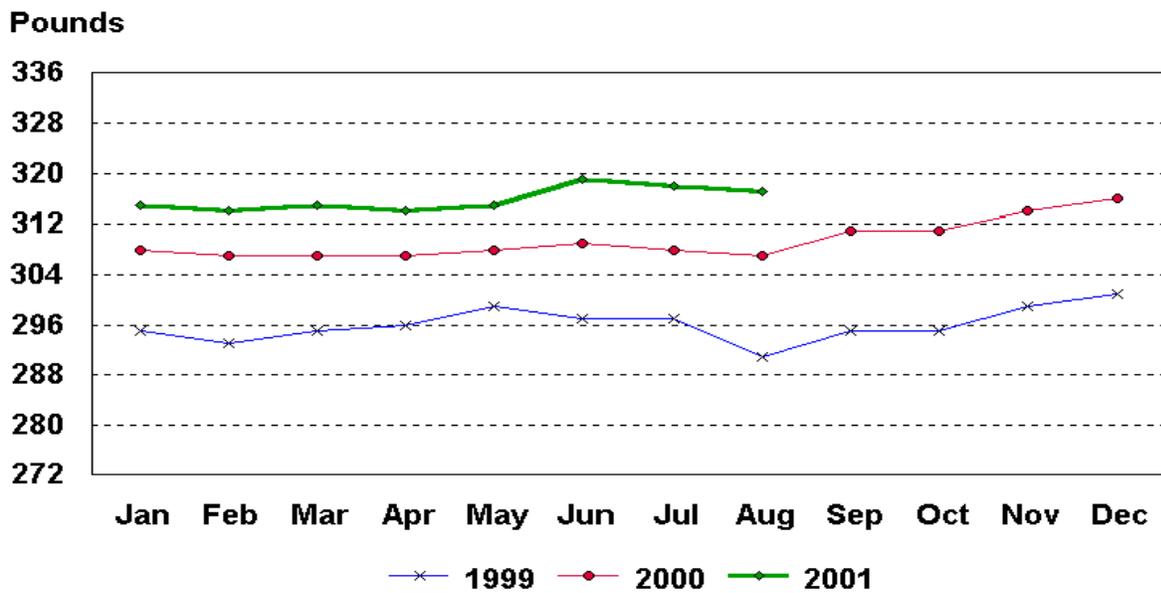
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149), 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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