



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.68 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in March 2001.

March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.
March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 6 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 1,241 pounds up 42 pounds from March a year ago.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 9 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77,500 head, down 8 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 323 pounds, unchanged from March a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.98 million head, 4 percent below March 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 22.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 324,500 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.26 billion pounds, 1 percent above a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Mar 02 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2001	Feb 2002	2001	2002	02 as % of 01
	<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	2,096	1,987	2,059	98	104	6,182	6,376	103
Veal	16.5	14.3	15.0	91	105	49.9	46.2	93
Pork	1,626	1,482	1,581	97	107	4,805	4,779	99
Lamb & Mutton	23.4	17.6	22.3	95	126	59.9	57.6	96
Total Red Meat	3,762	3,501	3,677	98	105	11,097	11,259	101

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Mar 02 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2001	Feb 2002	2001	2002	02 as % of 01
	<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	2,065	1,956	2,028	98	104	6,089	6,280	103
Veal	16.0	13.9	14.6	91	105	48.5	44.8	92
Pork	1,606	1,465	1,563	97	107	4,744	4,726	100
Lamb & Mutton	22.7	17.0	21.6	95	127	58.2	55.7	96
Total Red Meat	3,710	3,452	3,627	98	105	10,940	11,106	102

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	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Mar 02 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
					Mar 2001	Feb 2002	2001	2002	02 % of 01
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,866.9	2,564.1	2,687.7	94	105	8,346.5	8,250.7	99
Other	Thou	51.4	50.7	49.6	96	98	154.6	157.2	102
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,918.4	2,614.8	2,737.3	94	105	8,501.1	8,407.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,201	1,259	1,244	104	99	1,217	1,256	103
Other	Lbs	1,075	1,095	1,093	102	100	1,077	1,089	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,199	1,255	1,241	104	99	1,214	1,252	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	82.4	71.2	75.6	92	106	248.9	232.5	93
Other	Thou	1.9	1.8	1.9	100	106	5.4	5.5	100
Comm'l. ³	Thou	84.3	73.0	77.5	92	106	254.4	237.9	94
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	322	327	323	100	99	322	323	100
Other	Lbs	411	401	407	99	101	414	417	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	323	326	323	100	99	324	324	100
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,207.2	7,399.7	7,879.1	96	106	24,218.9	23,830.5	98
Other	Thou	121.8	100.3	102.2	84	102	358.6	308.5	86
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,329.1	7,500.0	7,981.2	96	106	24,577.6	24,139.0	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	264	267	267	101	100	264	268	101
Other	Lbs	234	235	240	102	102	233	237	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	264	267	267	101	100	264	267	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	316.1	*244.3	310.7	98	127	810.5	798.8	99
Other	Thou	12.5	12.1	13.9	111	115	32.1	36.9	115
Comm'l. ³	Thou	328.6	*256.4	324.5	99	127	842.6	835.8	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	144	139	140	97	100	144	140	97
Other	Lbs	109	107	105	96	99	109	104	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	143	138	138	96	100	143	138	97

* 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 States ¹

State	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Mar 02 as % of ²	
				Mar 2001	Feb 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4.1	4.1	4.6	112	111
AK					
AZ	33.7	35.1	36.1	107	103
AR	5.1	4.5	5.6	108	124
CA	93.8	*94.3	104.1	111	110
CO	168.1	174.7	164.9	98	94
DE-MD	2.8	2.9	2.7	99	95
FL	5.1	4.6	5.4	107	118
GA	29.1	21.6	22.8	78	106
HI	1.2	0.9	1.0	85	112
ID	50.2	44.1	47.3	94	107
IL	217.8	198.5	208.3	96	105
IN	111.6	110.3	115.2	103	104
IA	500.5	466.7	503.1	101	108
KS	444.2	448.3	470.3	106	105
KY	35.3	32.7	35.3	100	108
LA	1.5	1.4	1.4	93	100
MI	33.6	33.4	33.3	99	100
MN	186.6	171.5	180.9	97	106
MS	23.3	23.3	23.7	102	102
MO	69.8	33.3	35.0	50	105
MT	1.2	1.2	1.1	92	94
NE	550.7	557.6	565.1	103	101
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	85	111
N ENG ³	1.5	1.2	1.4	97	113
NJ	4.8	4.7	4.9	103	104
NM	0.7	0.8	0.9	121	106
NY	3.0	3.0	3.4	113	115
NC	167.5	160.8	167.3	100	104
ND	3.0	2.9	3.0	103	104
OH	26.4	23.1	23.5	89	102
OK	80.8	69.7	78.4	97	113
OR	3.7	3.4	3.4	94	102
PA	96.5	93.2	96.0	99	103
SC	19.8	19.7	20.4	103	104
SD	91.0	68.4	73.6	81	108
TN	18.5	15.8	16.2	87	102
TX	404.7	320.6	367.0	91	114
UT	41.4	39.7	36.5	88	92
VA	64.0	58.8	60.2	94	102
WA	51.7	45.0	43.4	84	96
WV	0.6	0.5	0.4	76	87
WI	113.2	104.2	109.0	96	105
WY	0.3	0.4	0.4	137	94
US	3,762.3	*3,501.2	3,676.8	98	105

* 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,
March 2001 and 2002 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	0.8	0.8	659	730	850	872
AK						
AZ	45.9	46.3	57,477	60,789	1,253	1,313
AR	1.3	1.3	1,301	1,069	968	845
CA	88.6	97.3	110,693	127,221	1,249	1,307
CO	203.0	193.5	250,295	246,202	1,233	1,272
DE-MD	2.9	2.9	3,611	3,518	1,240	1,229
FL	7.4	7.8	8,624	8,794	1,167	1,130
GA	41.3	32.7	47,008	40,460	1,139	1,238
HI	1.3	1.0	1,318	1,029	996	1,063
ID	67.4	62.4	82,143	76,860	1,219	1,232
IL	76.9	72.8	94,279	90,504	1,226	1,242
IN	3.1	3.0	3,161	3,146	1,036	1,058
IA	76.7	56.1	92,643	71,432	1,208	1,273
KS	605.2	607.4	692,429	725,994	1,144	1,195
KY	1.4	1.4	1,229	1,207	868	854
LA	1.6	1.3	1,297	1,201	830	897
MI	37.0	35.6	52,212	50,248	1,411	1,413
MN	58.2	52.5	82,483	74,597	1,417	1,421
MS						
MO	8.0	7.8	9,795	9,764	1,224	1,251
MT	1.5	1.4	1,717	1,572	1,139	1,145
NE	594.1	575.3	726,225	744,279	1,222	1,294
NV	0.1	0.1	88	66	1,083	1,017
N ENG ²	1.7	1.5	1,915	1,606	1,139	1,101
NJ	2.1	2.0	2,346	2,411	1,128	1,185
NM	1.4	1.7	1,289	1,537	942	904
NY	3.5	3.9	3,789	4,306	1,091	1,095
NC	15.5	15.3	16,053	16,040	1,036	1,048
ND	1.4	1.2	1,458	1,351	1,065	1,129
OH	12.2	11.0	13,718	12,433	1,126	1,128
OK	3.5	3.4	3,745	3,541	1,057	1,041
OR	1.4	1.1	1,821	1,399	1,265	1,241
PA	81.2	76.8	102,973	98,130	1,268	1,278
SC						
SD	28.2	12.9	39,859	16,572	1,411	1,286
TN	1.2	1.2	1,067	1,066	907	883
TX	558.1	492.3	632,772	573,649	1,134	1,165
UT	53.9	46.7	64,764	57,121	1,202	1,222
VA	1.4	1.3	1,351	1,384	992	1,028
WA	68.6	58.7	84,012	70,687	1,225	1,204
WV	0.8	0.6	785	584	1,002	964
WI	145.0	131.3	188,849	177,485	1,302	1,352
WY	0.4	0.6	412	628	1,137	1,134
US ³	2,918.4	2,737.3	3,498,283	3,397,253	1,199	1,241

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2001 and 2002 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<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	8.2	8.7	1,285	1,383	157	160
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	22	40	383	342
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.8	7.6	4,235	3,345	433	438
IN	8.7	2.1	3,063	658	354	311
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.6	0.7	313	343	531	493
MI	3.2	3.6	1,266	1,607	394	446
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.1	59	31	376	332
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	2.4	2.0	234	258	98	128
NJ	9.2	9.8	4,130	4,464	448	454
NM						
NY	12.7	12.7	1,084	1,184	86	93
NC	0.2	0.1	67	44	397	401
ND						
OH	0.1	0.1	18	16	221	207
OK	0.1	0.1	64	64	457	456
OR						
PA	12.9	13.3	4,839	4,848	376	364
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.8	1.2	894	647	504	540
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	12.3	13.0	5,196	5,625	424	432
WY						
US ³	84.3	77.5	27,268	25,054	323	323

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,
March 2001 and 2002 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<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	11.1	12.2	5,706	6,476	512	532
AK						
AZ	0.4	0.5	105	134	264	295
AR						
CA	196.0	185.4	43,738	42,798	223	231
CO	1.2	1.0	279	219	242	228
DE-MD	1.7	1.3	435	385	256	290
FL	7.0	7.6	1,349	1,372	192	181
GA	16.1	11.4	5,162	2,931	321	258
HI	2.8	2.6	576	564	203	217
ID						
IL	785.1	728.9	209,703	199,720	267	274
IN	554.2	571.4	142,920	149,227	258	261
IA	2,255.3	2,297.8	598,271	613,586	265	267
KS	35.0	24.8	10,589	8,447	303	341
KY	172.7	173.9	46,144	46,245	267	266
LA	2.9	2.8	680	582	238	211
MI	8.0	8.9	3,036	3,284	377	371
MN	741.2	721.3	193,809	190,013	261	263
MS						
MO	331.2	153.6	86,386		261	
MT	1.1	1.0	256	242	243	241
NE	573.1	551.1	151,046	145,864	264	265
NV						
N ENG ²	1.6	1.8	436	472	267	270
NJ	7.9	7.6	925	728	118	96
NM	0.2	0.2	32	36	212	211
NY	2.4	2.2	540	461	226	207
NC	841.7	822.7	211,860	211,764	252	257
ND	13.4	14.8	3,128	3,377	234	229
OH	102.1	90.6	26,688	23,812	261	263
OK	375.8	366.0	105,148	102,554	280	280
OR	16.0	16.0	4,190	4,086	261	255
PA	212.9	208.2	49,966	51,991	235	250
SC						
SD	368.3	342.1	95,271	88,961	259	260
TN	54.9	48.6	26,948	23,449	491	483
TX	35.3	35.4	10,206	10,479	289	296
UT	4.9	4.9	1,165	918	236	186
VA	331.3	303.5	84,205	79,102	254	261
WA	1.5	1.6	358	401	245	255
WV	0.6	0.6	161	142	283	254
WI	40.3	37.5	17,631	16,925	438	451
WY	0.3	0.3	88	68	262	258
US ³	8,329.1	7,981.2	2,198,127	2,131,688	264	267

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 Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2001 and 2002 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<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	11	17	114	121
AR						
CA						
CO	122.6	118.7	19,176	17,815	156	150
DE-MD	1.9	3.2	240	390	125	121
FL	0.1	0.2	14	21	122	95
GA	0.5	0.5	53	54	111	108
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	40	33	127	112
IL	17.5	18.9	2,525	2,562	144	136
IN	3.0	2.8	311	275	104	97
IA	46.8	51.8	7,133	7,746	153	150
KS	0.2	0.1	22	11	109	106
KY	0.4	0.7	72	96	176	146
LA	0.3	0.3	28	28	111	110
MI	18.6	16.9	2,345	2,053	126	121
MN	0.1	0.1	15	18	118	130
MS						
MO	0.4	0.7	38	67	95	103
MT	0.2	0.2	25	31	118	126
NE	0.1	0.1	8	12	115	118
NV	0.1	0.1	10	9	137	132
N ENG ²	1.6	2.7	168	277	102	101
NJ	10.1	10.1	973	931	96	92
NM	2.1	2.9	239	329	116	112
NY	1.4	4.6	143	462	101	100
NC	0.1	0.1	6	5	104	99
ND	0.2	0.1	25	13	119	121
OH	1.3	1.2	135	135	107	116
OK	0.1	0.2	15	22	153	136
OR	0.6	1.3	70	161	113	127
PA	4.4	6.6	445	672	101	102
SC						
SD	1.5	1.1	141	132	95	121
TN	0.3	0.3	28	26	84	80
TX	44.1	31.5	6,165	4,169	140	132
UT	2.5	2.6	298	311	120	122
VA	1.4	0.9	141	89	98	102
WA	0.8	0.5	102	53	136	116
WV						
WI	0.7	0.9	103	120	143	138
WY	0.1	0.1	11	10	147	142
US ³	328.6	324.5	47,029	44,683	143	138

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	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Jan - Mar ¹	
	<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	1,392	1,232	1,306	3,976	3,961	48.5	48.1	48.6	47.6	48.0
Heifers	936	876	904	2,751	2,782	32.7	34.2	33.7	33.0	33.7
All Cows	486	411	430	1,471	1,364	16.9	16.1	15.9	17.7	16.6
Dairy Cows	242	199	203	731	649	8.4	7.8	7.5	8.8	7.9
Other Cows	244	212	227	740	715	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.9	8.7
Bulls & Stags	53	45	48	148	144	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7
Total ¹	2,867	2,564	2,688	8,347	8,251	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,911	7,155	7,606	23,374	23,026	96.4	96.7	96.5	96.5	96.6
Sows	266	225	249	761	735	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	31	20	24	84	69	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,207	7,400	7,879	24,219	23,830	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	11	11	34	33	4.0	4.7	3.6	4.2	4.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	303	233	300	776	766	96.0	95.3	96.4	95.8	95.9
Total ¹	316	244	311	811	799	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										
Steers ⁴	724	767	759	734	765					
Heifers ⁴	771	818	809	787	818					
All Cows ⁴	715	763	749	726	760					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	589	606	607	591	605					
	888	922	919	885	918					
Calves & Vealers	199	200	197	199	197					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	196	199	199	197	199					
Sows ⁵	193	195	195	193	195					
Stags & Boars ⁵	315	319	319	314	319					
	221	223	226	221	225					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	72	70	70	72	70					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	61	65	63	61	64					
	72	70	70	72	70					

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,
March 2002¹**

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	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.8		0.1	2.0
2	5.8	1.2	0.4	3.8	3.2	0.6	0.4	22.5
3	79.7	39.7	7.3	30.6	22.5	8.1	2.0	13.4
4	67.6	1.2	0.3	55.8	20.0	35.8	10.3	1.4
5	288.6	122.7	41.5	117.1	76.4	40.7	7.3	26.3
6	491.9	248.2	175.0	57.7	10.2	47.5	11.0	1.0
7	1,237.0	659.7	505.4	64.9	2.2	62.7	6.9	
8	251.1	105.9	129.0	14.2	4.2	10.0	2.1	
9	143.8	70.7	10.6	60.1	51.7	8.4	2.3	8.4
10	120.9	56.2	34.9	24.7	11.5	13.2	5.1	0.6
US ²	2,687.7	1,305.7	904.5	429.9	202.9	227.0	47.7	75.6
	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	1.5	1.5			2.6	0.3	2.4	
2	9.7	9.5	0.1		14.7	1.3	13.5	
3	512.2	510.5	1.7		10.0	0.5	9.5	
4	1,240.6	1,169.2	69.6	1.9	1.6	0.8	0.8	
5	2,122.2	2,016.0	104.1	2.2	37.0	3.3	33.8	
6	401.5	379.9	21.3	0.3	29.8	2.3	27.5	
7	3,019.1	2,956.6	43.5	19.0	52.3		52.3	
8	359.9	351.0	8.8		122.0	1.9	120.1	
9	181.7	181.4	0.1	0.3	38.9	0.6	38.3	
10	30.7	30.5	0.2		1.7	0.3	1.4	
US ²	7,879.1	7,605.9	249.4	23.7	310.7	11.1	299.5	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - March 2002 * 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	4.1	0.7	0.5	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.4	5.4
2	18.1	3.9	1.4	11.5	9.2	2.2	1.3	65.8
3	250.2	120.2	23.3	100.5	72.3	28.2	6.2	39.5
4	203.2	3.5	0.9	168.3	61.6	106.6	30.5	5.7
5	894.3	366.3	125.5	380.5	246.8	133.6	22.1	83.8
6	1,458.6	737.3	512.4	176.2	33.1	143.1	32.7	3.7
7	3,796.7	1,974.1	1,600.2	200.4	6.4	193.9	22.1	0.1
8	809.8	363.4	385.4	53.2	13.0	40.2	7.8	
9	431.3	206.7	26.1	192.2	168.3	23.9	6.2	26.2
10	384.4	184.7	106.8	78.7	35.6	43.1	14.1	2.2
US ²	8,250.7	3,960.8	2,782.4	1,363.9	648.8	715.2	143.6	232.5
	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	4.2	4.1	0.1		5.5	1.1	4.3	
2	30.8	30.1	0.5	0.1	33.5	3.7	29.8	
3	1,554.2	1,549.0	5.2		24.5	1.5	23.0	
4	3,703.2	3,481.0	216.8	5.4	5.1	2.5	2.6	
5	6,415.8	6,125.4	284.6	5.8	103.1	9.5	93.5	
6	1,210.8	1,146.1	63.5	1.2	98.1	6.4	91.7	
7	9,182.4	8,996.5	130.1	55.7	122.6	0.1	122.5	
8	1,074.9	1,040.9	33.9		306.1	5.4	300.7	
9	558.6	558.1	0.2	0.3	95.9	1.9	94.0	
10	95.6	94.8	0.7	0.1	4.6	0.7	3.9	
US ²	23,830.5	23,026.3	735.4	68.8	798.8	32.8	766.1	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2002**

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	46.1	35.0	2.2	8.9	8.9			
AR	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3		0.3	0.1	
CA	96.7	35.5	8.3	50.6	42.7	7.9	2.2	8.4
CO	192.9	89.5	102.8	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.8	1.9	0.7	0.2	0.2			0.1
FL	7.8	0.4		7.0	1.4	5.6	0.4	
GA	31.6	0.1		26.0	1.7	24.3	5.4	
HI	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.4	0.1	
ID	61.3	25.3	13.7	17.9	6.8	11.1	4.3	
IL	70.2	37.2	33.0					7.6
IN	0.3	0.2	0.1					2.1
IA	54.7	29.0	25.5				0.1	
KS	604.0	334.7	269.2					
KY	0.6	0.4	0.1					
LA								
MI	33.4	25.5	1.1	6.8	6.8		0.1	3.5
MN	50.4	7.6	2.7	35.4	12.3	23.1	4.7	
MS								
MO	5.1	0.9	0.5	3.3	0.6	2.7	0.5	
MT	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1		
NE	573.1	295.1	210.1	61.6	1.6	60.0	6.3	
NV	0.1							
N ENG ²	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.8		0.1	2.0
NJ	2.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	9.8
NM	1.2			1.1	1.1			
NY	3.8	0.4	0.2	3.0	2.4	0.6	0.2	12.7
NC	14.6	0.1		11.6	5.9	5.7	2.9	0.1
ND	0.3	0.2	0.1					
OH	5.8	0.4	0.3	4.9	4.4	0.5	0.2	
OK								
OR	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2		0.1	
PA	76.4	37.7	6.6	30.1	22.2	7.9	2.0	13.3
SC								
SD	11.5	0.1	0.1	9.7	2.1	7.6	1.6	
TN	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	
TX	489.4	247.9	174.9	55.6	8.7	46.9	10.9	0.9
UT	46.1	16.0	25.9	3.8	1.6	2.2	0.4	
VA	0.4	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1		
WA	58.7	30.3	21.0	6.7	4.6	2.1	0.7	
WV	0.1							
WI	128.4	51.9	4.4	70.0	52.9	17.1	2.2	13.0
WY								
US ³	2,687.7	1,305.7	904.5	429.9	202.9	227.0	47.7	75.6

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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,
March 2002**

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	11.2		9.4	1.9			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	178.9	178.6		0.3			
CO	0.6	0.5	0.1		118.6		118.6
DE-MD	1.3	1.3			3.2		3.2
FL	7.6	7.5	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.2
GA	4.5	4.4					
HI	2.6	2.6					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	711.1	652.0	57.6	1.4	17.5		17.5
IN	567.8	567.8			2.5	1.3	1.2
IA	2,296.0	2,240.8	36.2	19.0	51.6		51.6
KS	22.3	15.1	7.2				
KY	173.4	167.6	5.9		0.6	0.6	
LA							
MI	7.1	2.7	4.3		16.7	2.0	14.7
MN	719.4	719.4			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	151.0	150.9	0.1		0.6		0.6
MT	0.2	0.2					
NE	549.9	549.9					
NV					0.1		
N ENG ²	1.5	1.5			2.6	0.3	2.4
NJ	7.6	7.5	0.1		10.1	0.9	9.3
NM					1.3	0.9	0.4
NY	2.1	2.1			4.6	0.4	4.2
NC	811.8	806.6	5.2				
ND	14.5	14.5			0.1		
OH	83.9	73.8	9.6	0.5	0.3		0.3
OK	362.6	358.7	3.9				
OR	15.9	15.7	0.1		1.1	0.1	1.1
PA	207.7	207.4	0.3		6.6	0.5	6.1
SC							
SD	341.2	332.4	8.8		1.0		1.0
TN	48.4	0.7	47.7		0.3		0.3
TX	25.7	20.0	5.4	0.3	28.5	1.4	27.1
UT	3.5	3.5			2.3	1.9	0.4
VA	303.1	301.8	1.4		0.2		0.2
WA	1.5	1.4					
WV							
WI	32.9	0.1	32.5	0.2			
WY							
US ³	7,879.1	7,605.9	249.4	23.7	310.7	11.1	299.5

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

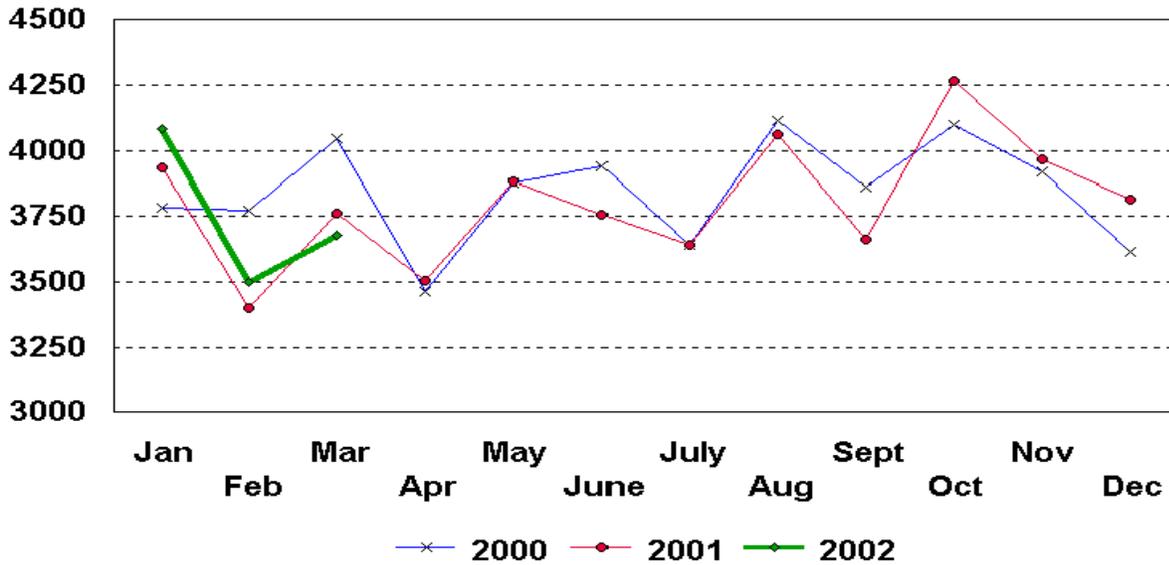
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

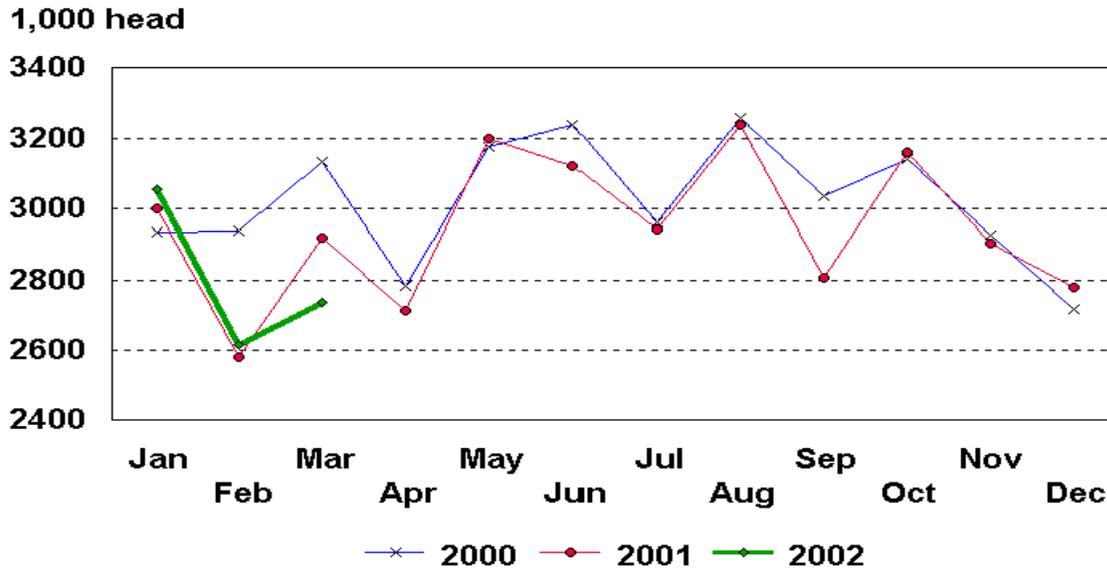
Species	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Jan - Mar	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	2001	2002
Cattle	98.2	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.1
Calves	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.9	97.7
Hogs	98.5	98.7	98.7	98.5	98.7
Sheep	96.2	95.3	95.7	96.2	95.6

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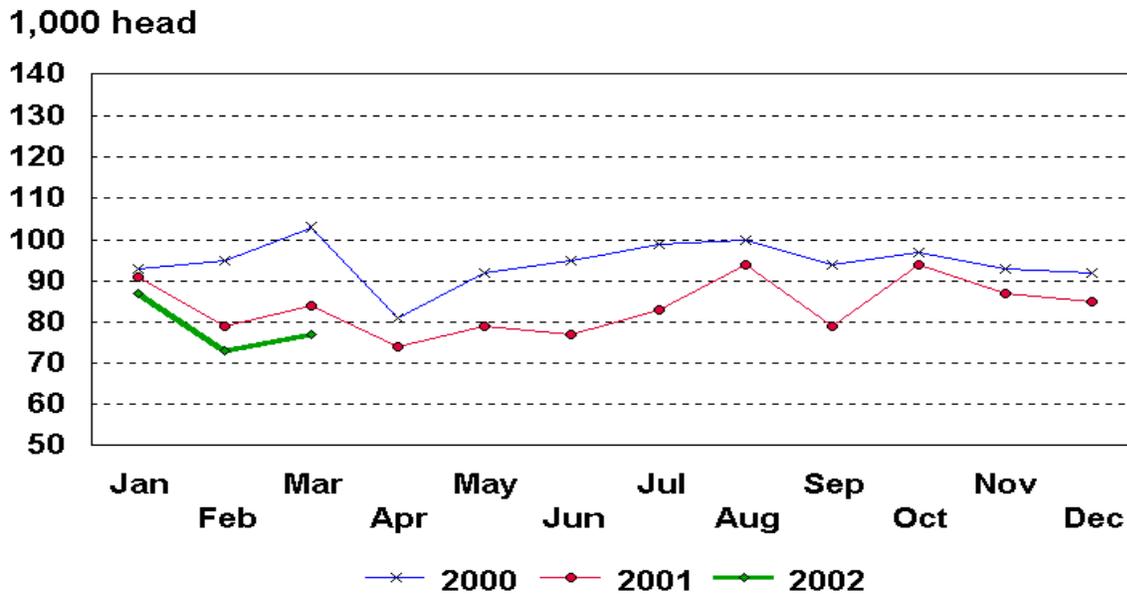
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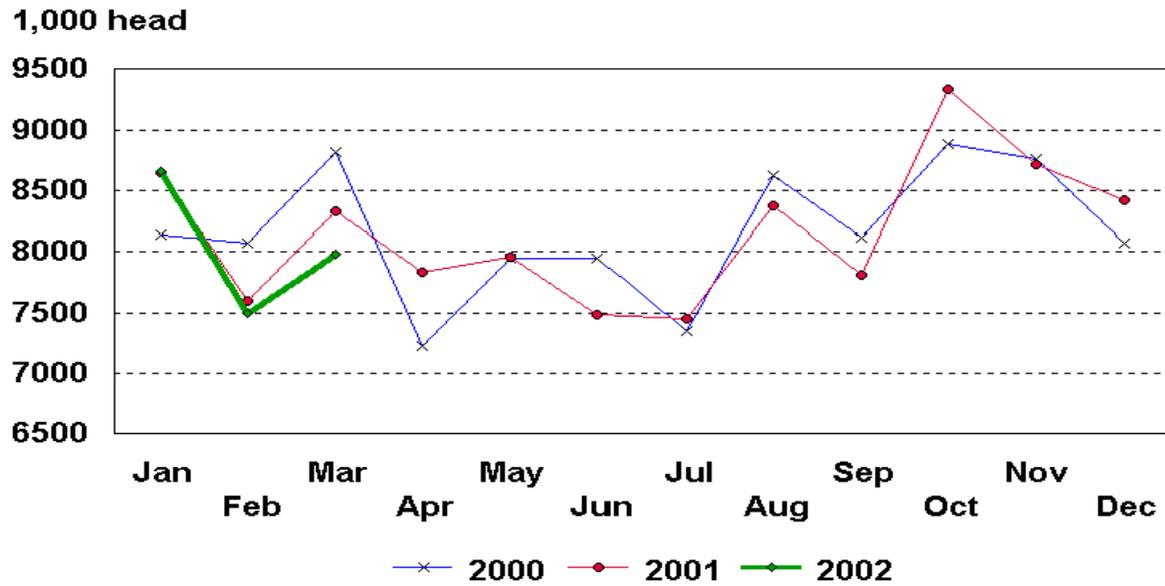
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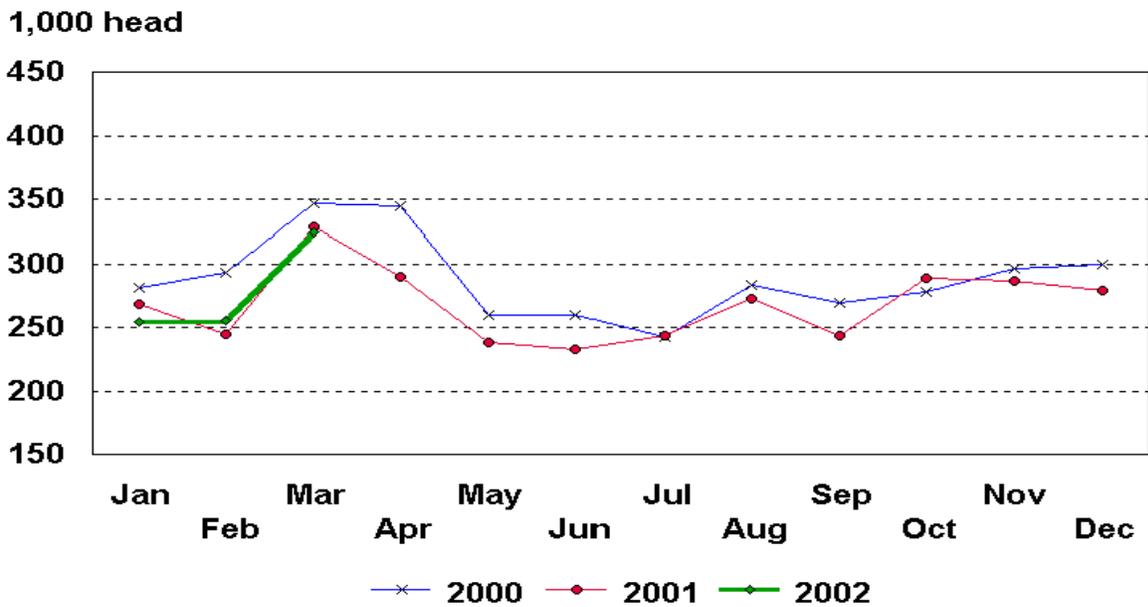
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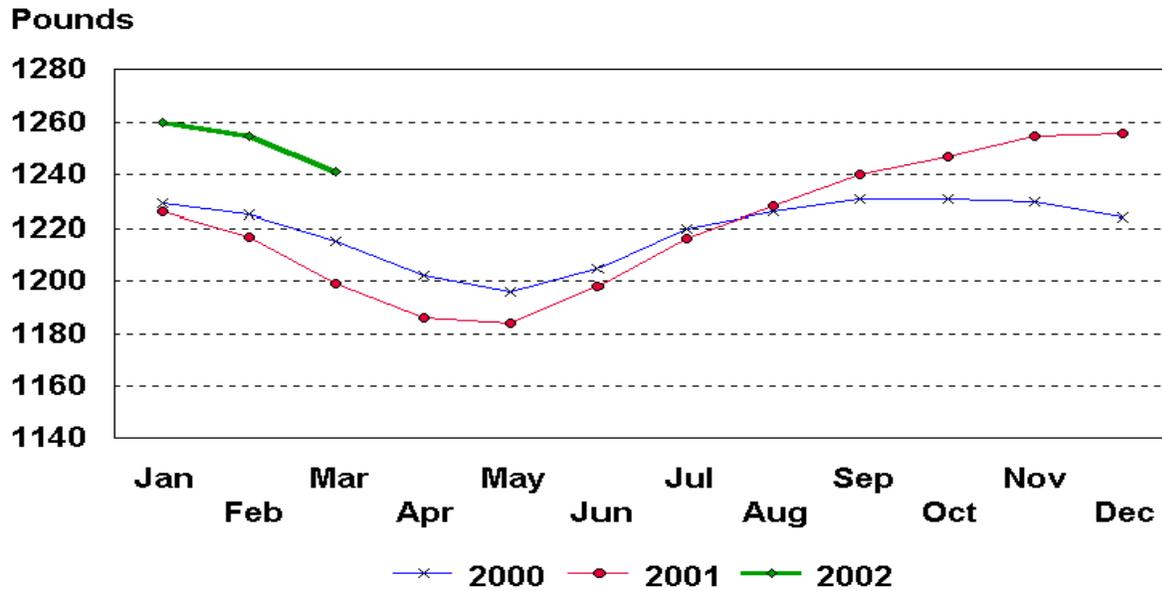
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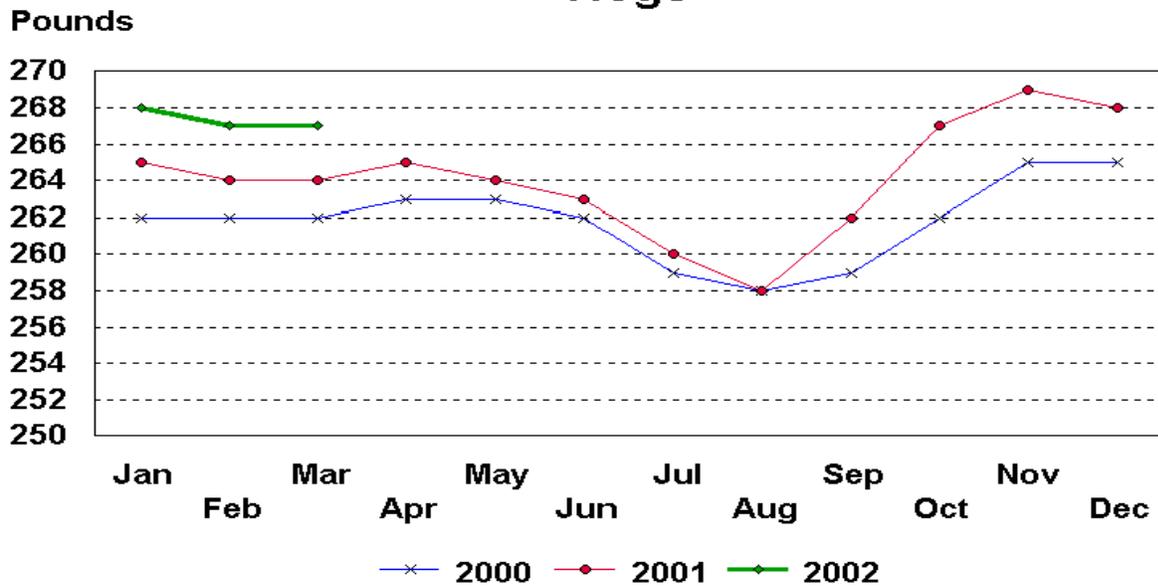
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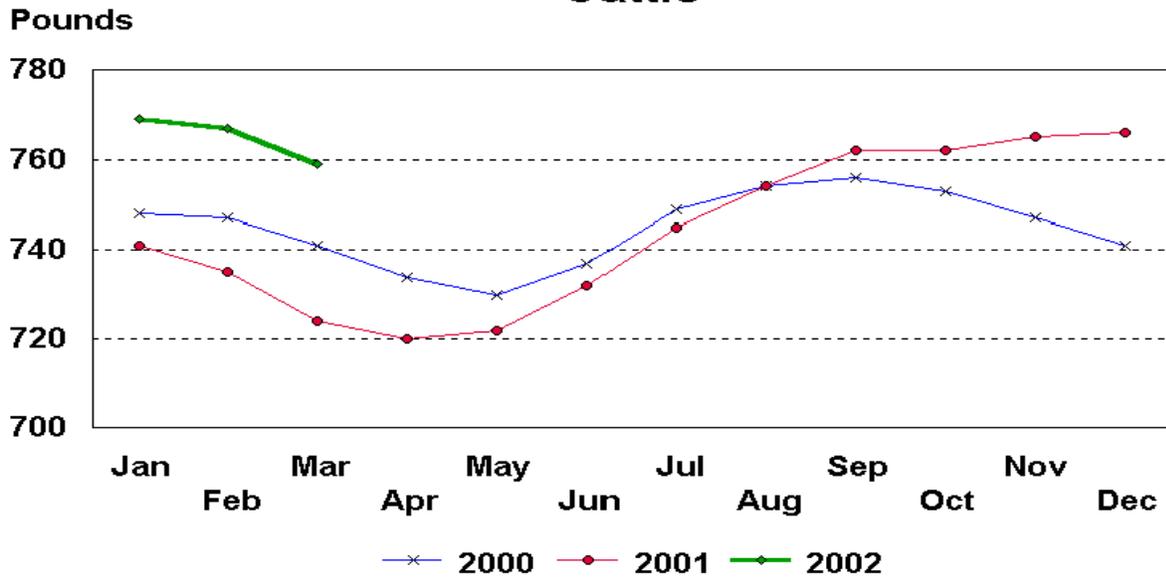
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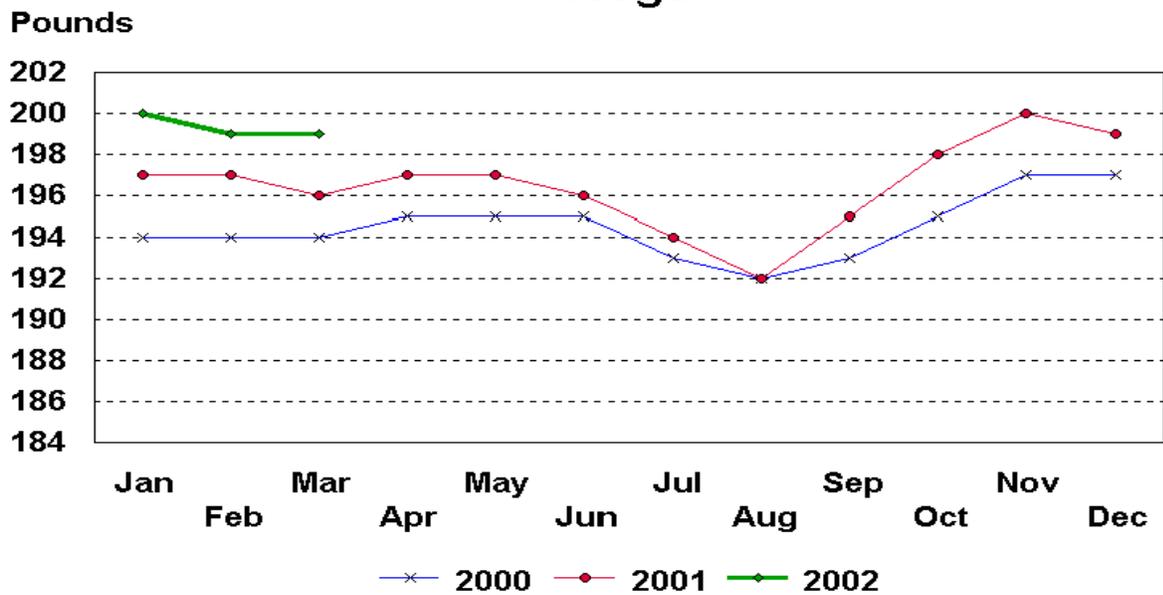
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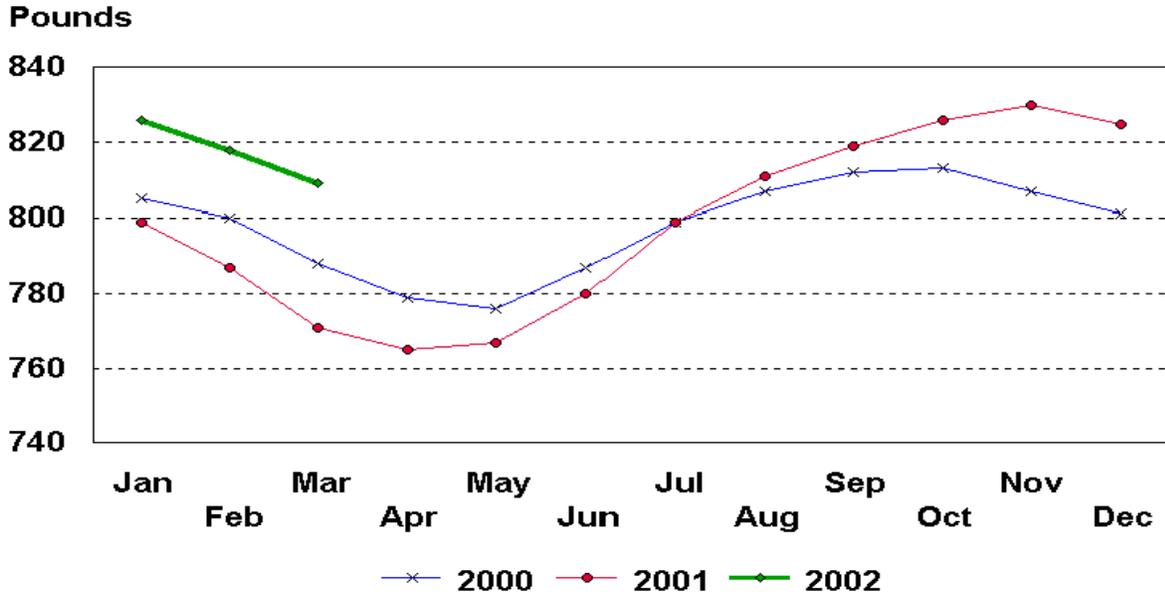
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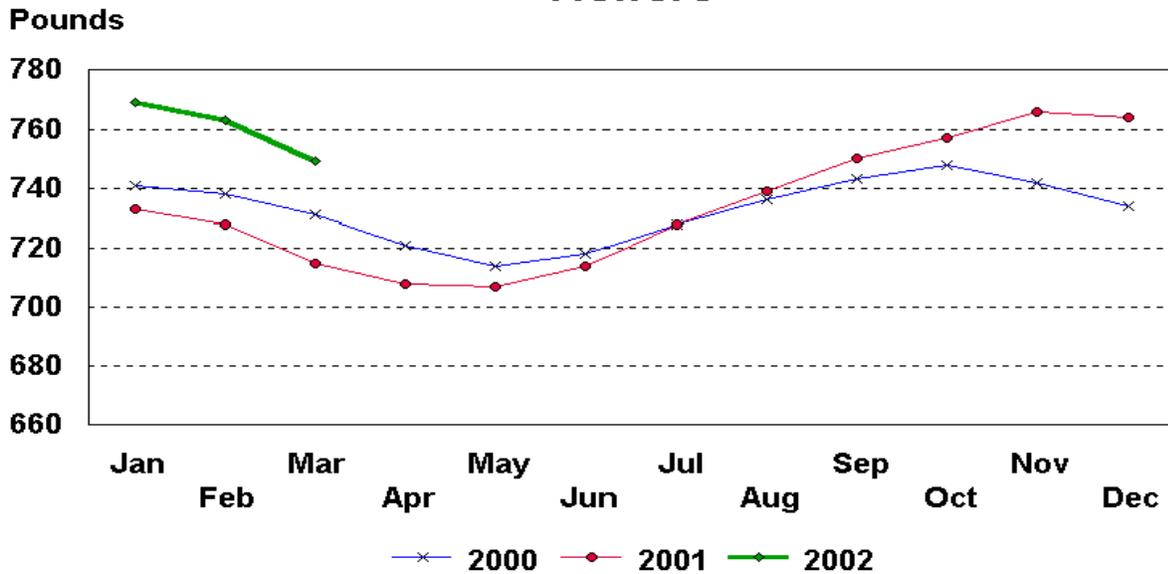
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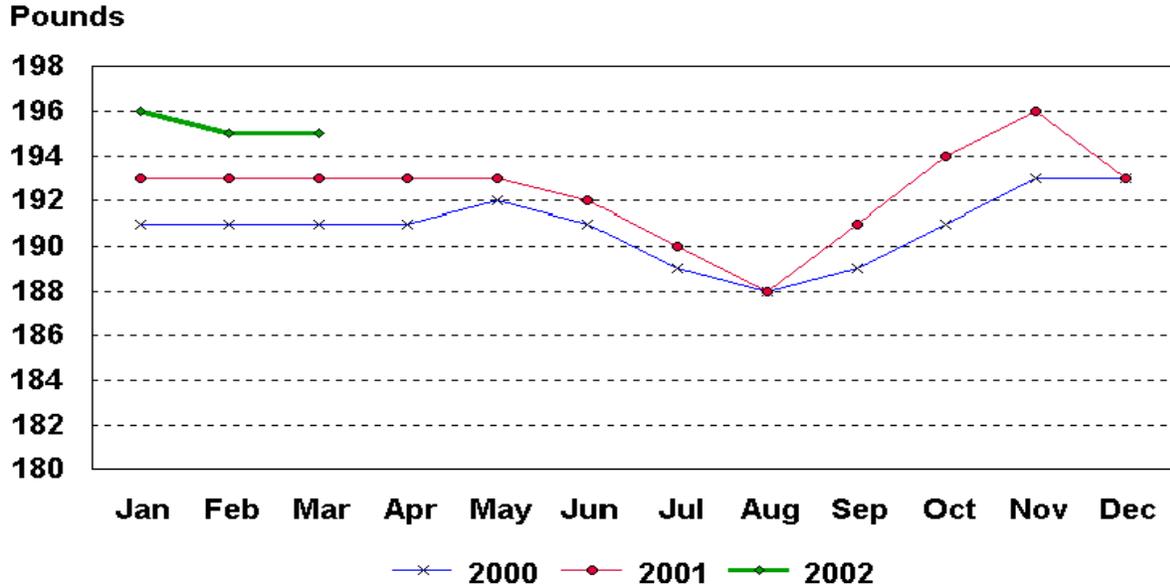
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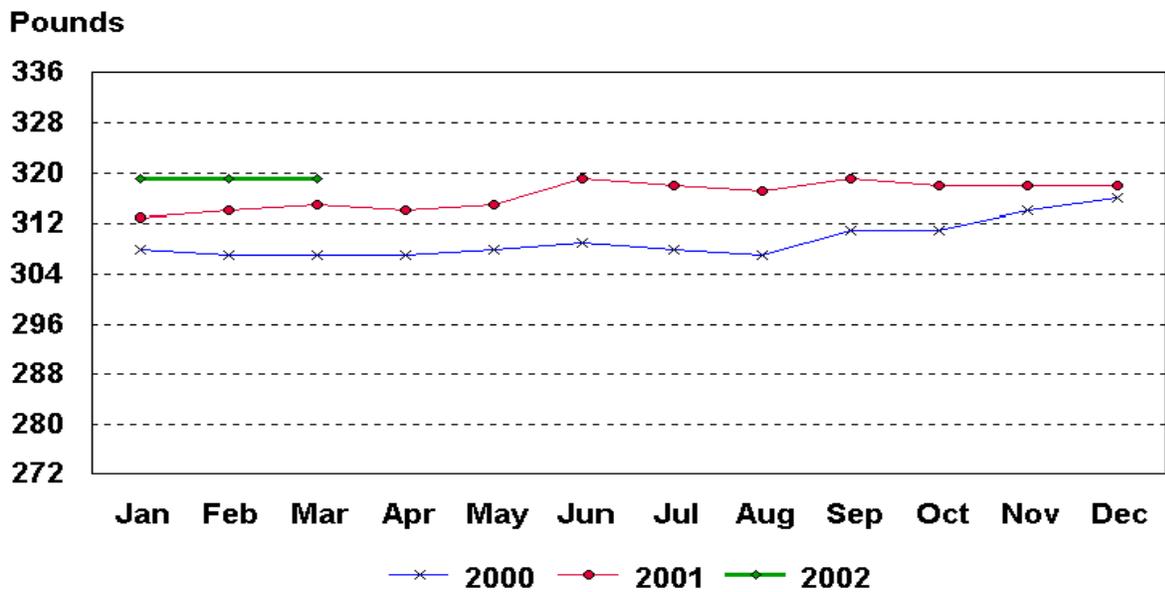
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Slightly under 900 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and over 2,300 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 98). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one-half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for follow-up telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 10 percent and for hogs about 3 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 1.90 head per 100 head for calves, .5 per 100 for cattle, .40 per 100 for hogs and .20 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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