



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Monthly Record Highs For Red Meat Production and Beef and Pork Production

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in April, up 11 percent from the 3.51 billion pounds produced in April 2001 and a new record high for April.

April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.  
April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 13 percent above the previous year and a new record high for April. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 9 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 1,227 pounds, up 41 pounds from April a year ago.

**Veal production** totaled 16.1 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,000 head, up 10 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 327 pounds, down 13 pounds from April a year ago.

**Pork production** totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and a new record high for April. Hog kill totaled 8.43 million head, 8 percent above April 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 19.1 million pounds, was down 5 percent from April 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,300 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

**January - April red meat production** was 15.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

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

Class	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Apr 02 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
				Apr 2001	Mar 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	1,939	2,059	2,194	113	107	8,121	8,570	106
Veal	15.2	15.0	16.1	106	107	65.1	62.3	96
Pork	1,533	1,581	1,673	109	106	6,338	6,451	102
Lamb & Mutton	20.2	22.3	19.1	95	86	80.1	76.7	96
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>15,161</b>	<b>104</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	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Apr 02 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
				Apr 2001	Mar 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	1,910	2,028	2,164	113	107	8,000	8,444	106
Veal	14.8	14.6	15.6	106	107	63.3	60.5	96
Pork	1,514	1,563	1,654	109	106	6,258	6,380	102
Lamb & Mutton	19.5	21.6	18.4	94	85	77.6	74.0	95
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14,398</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>104</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	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Apr 02 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
					Apr 2001	Mar 2002	2001	2002	02 % of 01
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,666.7	2,687.7	2,899.1	109	108	11,013.2	11,149.8	101
Other	Thou	47.3	49.6	48.9	103	99	201.9	206.1	102
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	2,714.0	2,737.3	2,948.0	109	108	11,215.1	11,355.9	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,187	1,244	1,230	104	99	1,209	1,248	103
Other	Lbs	1,072	1,093	1,086	101	99	1,076	1,089	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,186	1,241	1,227	104	99	1,207	1,246	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	72.4	75.6	80.1	111	106	321.4	312.6	97
Other	Thou	1.9	1.9	1.9	101	98	7.3	7.3	101
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	74.3	77.5	82.0	110	106	328.7	319.9	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	336	323	325	97	101	326	323	99
Other	Lbs	409	407	414	101	102	413	416	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	340	323	327	96	101	328	324	99
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,721.9	7,879.1	8,320.8	108	106	31,940.9	32,151.3	101
Other	Thou	115.4	102.2	106.8	93	105	474.0	415.3	88
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	7,837.4	7,981.2	8,427.6	108	106	32,414.9	32,566.7	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	265	267	268	101	100	265	268	101
Other	Lbs	234	240	236	101	99	233	237	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	265	267	267	101	100	264	267	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	275.4	310.7	263.3	96	85	1,085.9	1,062.2	98
Other	Thou	15.4	13.9	15.0	97	108	47.5	51.9	109
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	290.8	*324.6	278.3	96	86	1,133.4	1,114.1	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	143	140	140	98	100	144	140	97
Other	Lbs	101	105	104	103	100	107	104	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	140	138	138	99	100	142	138	97

\* Revised.

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

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

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

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

State	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Apr 02 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Apr 2001	Mar 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.4	4.6	4.4	129	96
AK			0.1		
AZ	30.9	36.1	36.1	117	100
AR	4.4	5.6	5.3	120	95
CA	87.9	104.1	112.1	127	108
CO	154.7	164.9	176.7	114	107
DE-MD	2.5	2.7	3.0	122	111
FL	5.0	5.4	5.9	117	109
GA	28.7	22.8	22.8	79	100
HI	1.1	1.0	1.0	91	98
ID	46.3	47.3	48.7	105	103
IL	202.2	208.3	214.8	106	103
IN	108.0	115.2	119.7	111	104
IA	472.7	503.1	528.3	112	105
KS	417.6	470.3	474.1	114	101
KY	32.0	35.3	36.8	115	105
LA	1.3	1.4	1.3	95	88
MI	31.5	33.3	35.4	112	106
MN	165.7	180.9	185.2	112	102
MS	23.5	23.7	24.0	102	101
MO	63.9	35.0	39.9	62	114
MT	1.3	1.1	1.5	118	135
NE	512.6	565.1	611.1	119	108
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	135	147
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.5	1.4	1.4	98	101
NJ	4.9	4.9	5.0	103	102
NM	0.6	0.9	0.9	136	97
NY	3.1	3.4	3.6	117	106
NC	157.7	167.3	181.1	115	108
ND	2.8	3.0	2.9	102	95
OH	23.4	23.5	25.3	108	108
OK	78.6	78.4	83.1	106	106
OR	3.6	3.4	3.8	106	111
PA	91.6	96.0	101.4	111	106
SC	18.4	20.4	21.7	118	106
SD	83.3	73.6	76.4	92	104
TN	17.4	16.2	17.8	102	110
TX	367.5	367.0	405.1	110	110
UT	39.8	36.5	42.4	107	116
VA	59.5	60.2	79.5	134	132
WA	50.5	43.4	47.3	94	109
WV	0.5	0.4	0.5	87	107
WI	105.2	109.0	114.0	108	105
WY	0.3	0.4	0.4	146	102
US	3,507.5	3,676.8	3,901.9	111	106

<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,  
April 2001 and 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.6	0.7	539	616	867	833
AK		0.1		69		1,064
AZ	41.6	46.5	52,561	60,872	1,264	1,308
AR	1.1	1.3	1,095	1,153	960	884
CA	81.8	106.4	103,769	137,271	1,269	1,290
CO	192.3	213.6	232,825	266,325	1,211	1,247
DE-MD	2.8	3.2	3,387	4,107	1,224	1,275
FL	7.0	8.6	8,409	9,561	1,198	1,116
GA	40.4	32.2	46,275	40,010	1,145	1,243
HI	1.2	0.9	1,158	1,007	987	1,066
ID	62.7	65.5	75,804	79,613	1,208	1,215
IL	66.3	77.9	80,255	95,213	1,211	1,222
IN	2.9	2.8	3,020	2,977	1,039	1,046
IA	64.7	57.8	76,702	72,574	1,186	1,255
KS	570.7	617.5	646,980	732,807	1,134	1,187
KY	1.1	1.5	982	1,330	877	888
LA	1.4	1.3	1,129	1,083	817	861
MI	35.0	38.4	48,869	53,261	1,396	1,388
MN	52.5	57.1	72,332	79,788	1,377	1,396
MS						
MO	7.4	8.3	8,851	10,378	1,198	1,254
MT	1.6	1.9	1,823	2,131	1,162	1,133
NE	559.5	640.8	669,900	810,400	1,197	1,265
NV	0.1	0.1	75	97	1,098	1,017
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	1.5	1,750	1,685	1,116	1,090
NJ	2.0	2.3	2,302	2,627	1,153	1,157
NM	1.0	1.6	994	1,486	957	904
NY	3.5	4.3	3,809	4,931	1,100	1,148
NC	13.4	15.7	14,097	16,712	1,053	1,066
ND	1.2	1.2	1,324	1,330	1,133	1,128
OH	10.3	10.9	11,508	12,420	1,118	1,138
OK	3.1	3.7	3,160	3,977	1,025	1,064
OR	1.4	1.5	1,712	1,855	1,266	1,247
PA	76.7	85.8	96,430	109,258	1,257	1,273
SC						
SD	25.3	13.8	35,568	17,492	1,406	1,266
TN	1.2	1.2	1,035	1,035	900	900
TX	510.5	545.8	574,672	635,488	1,126	1,164
UT	52.2	55.3	62,089	66,637	1,190	1,205
VA	0.8	1.3	807	1,326	969	1,007
WA	67.1	64.4	82,028	77,212	1,223	1,198
WV	0.8	0.6	737	580	954	949
WI	134.8	137.8	173,204	182,989	1,285	1,328
WY	0.4	0.6	418	637	1,118	1,135
US <sup>3</sup>	2,714.0	2,948.0	3,218,029	3,618,324	1,186	1,227

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

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

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

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 2001 and 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

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	7.6	9.6	1,196	1,394	157	145
CO						
DE-MD		0.1		42		344
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.1	8.8	3,953	3,869	436	441
IN	5.9	2.1	2,165	742	367	347
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.7	0.8	332	402	506	503
MI	2.9	4.9	1,153	2,191	401	443
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1	0.1	54	36	361	380
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.8	2.0	198	241	109	120
NJ	9.6	9.9	4,354	4,507	452	456
NM						
NY	9.1	13.2	764	1,153	84	87
NC	0.2	0.1	61	47	393	385
ND						
OH	0.1	0.1	14	12	220	230
OK	0.1	0.1	37	47	435	417
OR						
PA	12.6	14.0	4,981	5,306	396	379
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.3	1.1	771	590	571	562
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	11.4	13.0	4,758	5,687	419	439
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	74.3	82.0	25,254	26,790	340	327

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

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 2001 and 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

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	9.4	11.8	4,760	6,248	508	528
AK						
AZ	0.5	0.8	119	182	241	238
AR						
CA	185.6	195.1	41,502	45,619	224	234
CO	1.0	0.9	240	212	237	224
DE-MD	1.0	1.3	270	353	264	277
FL	7.5	7.2	1,488	1,340	199	185
GA	15.9	12.6	5,029	3,262	316	260
HI	2.8	2.7	572	559	205	210
ID						
IL	743.9	741.0	200,898	203,629	270	275
IN	539.0	592.5	139,416	155,413	259	262
IA	2,165.4	2,419.3	573,603	648,048	265	268
KS	28.9	27.1	9,114	8,609	315	318
KY	157.3	180.8	41,979	48,151	267	266
LA	2.6	2.0	543	424	211	215
MI	8.0	9.0	2,952	3,346	370	372
MN	659.5	728.6	172,426	191,956	261	263
MS						
MO	303.9	175.4	79,079		260	
MT	1.1	1.3	263	315	245	242
NE	531.8	574.2	139,488	152,066	262	265
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.5	1.7	426	467	278	279
NJ	7.8	7.5	863	739	110	99
NM	0.1	0.1	20	32	212	213
NY	2.5	2.5	543	493	221	201
NC	788.8	888.8	200,171	228,931	254	258
ND	12.9	13.5	3,030	3,142	235	232
OH	92.7	98.9	24,114	26,335	260	266
OK	361.6	387.9	102,556	108,250	284	279
OR	16.1	16.9	4,171	4,321	259	256
PA	198.4	208.8	47,387	51,306	239	246
SC						
SD	335.0	352.1	87,538	92,125	261	262
TN	52.2	53.7	25,216	25,860	483	482
TX	32.5	37.7	9,083	10,367	279	275
UT	5.6	4.8	1,219	904	219	189
VA	308.4	398.8	78,548	104,734	255	263
WA	1.8	1.8	438	462	244	253
WV	0.5	0.6	139	145	254	245
WI	39.4	43.9	17,542	18,986	445	433
WY	0.3	0.3	68	79	259	259
US <sup>3</sup>	7,837.4	8,427.6	2,073,307	2,253,829	265	267

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

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

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

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 2001 and 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

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	13	11	118	96
AR						
CA						
CO	96.2	98.0	15,164	15,172	158	155
DE-MD	2.0	3.4	246	397	122	117
FL	0.3	0.3	35	27	126	91
GA	0.5	0.5	55	61	119	118
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	33	33	116	117
IL	19.5	20.0	2,681	2,703	138	135
IN	4.7	3.0	454	329	96	108
IA	37.1	35.5	5,688	5,331	153	150
KS	0.1	0.1	15	11	126	113
KY	0.6	0.8	99	109	154	142
LA	0.2	0.2	16	17	97	103
MI	16.1	15.2	2,015	1,851	125	122
MN	0.2	0.2	18	23	117	114
MS						
MO	0.5	0.4	42	39	88	105
MT	0.2	0.2	24	31	118	127
NE		0.1		7		114
NV	0.1	0.1	14	17	144	132
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	3.9	2.3	371	232	96	100
NJ	11.5	9.8	1,033	910	90	93
NM	3.2	2.9	357	324	111	111
NY	7.3	3.2	668	298	91	94
NC						
ND						
OH	1.8	1.1	184	120	102	107
OK	0.1	0.1	15	19	135	134
OR	0.8	0.8	84	102	107	131
PA	7.9	6.0	784	589	99	99
SC						
SD	0.9	1.2	104	158	116	128
TN	0.4	0.4	31	30	69	82
TX	38.0	27.7	5,261	3,454	138	125
UT	2.4	2.7	290	328	121	122
VA	1.0	1.1	94	110	97	99
WA	0.8	0.5	107	58	139	110
WV						
WI	1.0	1.1	136	152	143	137
WY	0.1	0.1	8	14	113	144
US <sup>3</sup>	290.8	278.3	40,613	38,352	140	138

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

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

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

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

Item	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>		Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>	
	2001	2002	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class <sup>2</sup>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,318	1,306	1,452	5,294	5,413	49.4	48.6	50.1	48.1	48.5
Heifers	869	904	948	3,620	3,730	32.6	33.7	32.7	32.9	33.5
All Cows	432	430	447	1,903	1,811	16.2	15.9	15.5	17.3	16.3
Dairy Cows	203	203	207	934	856	7.6	7.5	7.2	8.5	7.7
Other Cows	229	227	240	969	955	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.6
Bulls & Stags	48	48	52	196	195	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,667	2,688	2,899	11,013	11,150	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,448	7,606	8,040	30,822	31,066	96.5	96.5	96.6	96.5	96.6
Sows	245	249	257	1,006	993	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	29	24	24	113	92	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	7,722	7,879	8,321	31,941	32,151	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	11	12	46	44	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.3	4.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	263	300	252	1,040	1,018	95.6	96.4	95.6	95.7	95.8
Total <sup>1</sup>	275	311	263	1,086	1,062	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight <sup>3</sup>										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle	720	759	750	730	761					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	765	809	801	780	813					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	708	749	736	721	753					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	588	607	599	590	603					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	886	919	924	885	920					
Calves & Vealers	207	197	199	201	198					
Hogs	197	199	200	197	199					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	193	195	196	193	195					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	314	319	317	314	318					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	217	226	228	220	226					
Sheep	71	70	70	72	70					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	61	63	64	61	64					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	72	70	70	72	70					

<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,  
April 2002 <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	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.0
2	6.4	1.5	0.4	4.0	3.2	0.8	0.5	23.1
3	89.1	43.5	8.0	35.3	26.1	9.2	2.3	14.1
4	69.3	1.2	0.3	57.0	20.8	36.2	10.9	1.3
5	308.4	133.7	43.7	121.6	81.0	40.6	9.4	28.7
6	544.9	283.2	194.0	56.9	9.3	47.6	10.8	0.8
7	1,315.2	725.1	514.2	68.3	2.0	66.3	7.6	
8	280.8	123.5	139.6	15.4	4.2	11.2	2.3	
9	153.4	77.6	10.7	62.3	48.7	13.6	2.8	9.4
10	130.2	62.7	36.7	25.5	11.2	14.3	5.2	0.6
US <sup>2</sup>	2,899.1	1,452.2	947.8	447.1	207.4	239.7	51.9	80.1
	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	1.4	1.4			2.2	0.3	1.9	
2	9.8	9.5	0.2	0.1	12.9	1.3	11.6	
3	608.0	606.5	1.5		9.6	0.7	8.9	
4	1,321.1	1,246.1	73.4	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.0	
5	2,174.7	2,066.1	105.6	3.1	36.9	3.6	33.2	
6	426.3	405.7	20.5		24.0	2.2	21.8	
7	3,187.4	3,124.1	44.7	18.6	35.7		35.7	
8	368.2	357.0	11.2		101.4	1.8	99.6	
9	192.2	191.9	0.1	0.2	37.5	0.6	36.8	
10	31.7	31.5	0.2		1.2	0.2	1.0	
US <sup>2</sup>	8,320.8	8,039.8	257.3	23.7	263.3	11.6	251.7	

<sup>1</sup> States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- AK, ID, OR, & WA.

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

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,  
January - April 2002 \* <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	5.5	1.0	0.6	3.3	3.2	0.1	0.6	7.4
2	24.5	5.4	1.8	15.5	12.4	3.0	1.8	88.9
3	339.2	163.7	31.3	135.7	98.4	37.3	8.5	53.6
4	272.6	4.7	1.2	225.3	82.4	142.8	41.4	7.1
5	1,202.7	500.0	169.2	502.1	327.8	174.3	31.5	112.5
6	2,003.5	1,020.4	706.4	233.2	42.4	190.7	43.5	4.5
7	5,111.9	2,699.2	2,114.4	268.7	8.4	260.2	29.7	0.2
8	1,090.6	486.9	525.0	68.6	17.2	51.4	10.1	
9	584.7	284.3	36.8	254.5	217.0	37.4	9.0	35.6
10	514.6	247.5	143.5	104.2	46.8	57.4	19.3	2.9
US <sup>2</sup>	11,149.8	5,413.0	3,730.2	1,811.1	856.2	954.9	195.4	312.6
	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	5.7	5.6	0.1		7.6	1.4	6.2	
2	40.5	39.7	0.7	0.2	46.5	5.0	41.4	
3	2,162.2	2,155.5	6.6	0.1	34.1	2.2	31.9	
4	5,024.3	4,727.1	290.2	7.1	7.0	3.4	3.6	
5	8,590.5	8,191.4	390.1	8.9	139.9	13.2	126.8	
6	1,637.1	1,551.9	84.0	1.2	122.1	8.6	113.5	
7	12,369.8	12,120.7	174.7	74.4	158.3	0.1	158.2	
8	1,443.1	1,397.9	45.1		407.5	7.2	400.3	
9	750.8	750.0	0.3	0.5	133.3	2.5	130.9	
10	127.4	126.3	0.9	0.1	5.8	0.9	4.9	
US <sup>2</sup>	32,151.3	31,066.1	992.7	92.5	1,062.2	44.4	1,017.7	

\* 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,  
April 2002**

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	0.1							
AZ	46.3	36.6	1.4	8.2	8.2			
AR	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	
CA	106.0	40.7	9.1	53.6	40.5	13.1	2.7	9.4
CO	213.0	102.3	109.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	3.2	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.2			0.1
FL	8.6	0.4		7.6	1.4	6.2	0.5	
GA	31.0			25.5	1.4	24.1	5.4	
HI	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.4	0.1	
ID	64.4	28.4	13.8	17.8	6.1	11.7	4.4	
IL	75.5	41.9	33.5					8.8
IN	0.3	0.2	0.1					2.1
IA	56.7	33.6	22.9				0.2	
KS	614.4	351.1	263.2					
KY	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	36.3	27.7	1.4	7.1	7.1		0.1	4.9
MN	54.8	8.6	3.9	36.3	13.2	23.1	6.1	
MS								
MO	5.6	1.0	0.5	3.6	0.5	3.1	0.4	
MT	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	638.6	339.4	227.6	64.7	1.5	63.2	6.9	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.0
NJ	2.3	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	9.9
NM	1.2			1.2	1.2			
NY	4.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	2.6	0.7	0.3	13.2
NC	15.0	0.1	0.1	11.8	6.3	5.5	3.1	0.1
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
OH	6.4	0.5	0.2	5.4	4.8	0.6	0.3	
OK								
OR	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2		0.1	
PA	85.5	41.1	7.3	34.9	25.8	9.1	2.2	14.0
SC								
SD	12.5	0.1		10.5	1.9	8.6	1.8	
TN	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	
TX	542.2	282.9	193.9	54.7	7.8	46.9	10.7	0.8
UT	54.5	20.7	29.5	4.1	1.7	2.4	0.3	
VA	0.3	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	
WA	64.4	33.6	22.6	7.6	5.0	2.6	0.6	
WV	0.1							
WI	135.1	54.8	4.7	72.8	55.9	16.9	2.8	12.9
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,899.1	1,452.2	947.8	447.1	207.4	239.7	51.9	80.1

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

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

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

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>1</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	10.8		9.2	1.6			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	189.2	189.0		0.2			
CO	0.6	0.5	0.1		98.0		98.0
DE-MD	1.3	1.2			3.4	0.1	3.3
FL	7.2	7.1	0.2		0.3	0.1	0.2
GA	4.5	4.4					
HI	2.7	2.6					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	723.6	665.9	56.0	1.7	18.7	0.1	18.6
IN	589.1	589.1			2.6	1.5	1.2
IA	2,417.1	2,360.1	38.4	18.6	35.3		35.3
KS	24.5	18.3	6.2				
KY	180.3	174.6	5.7		0.8	0.6	0.1
LA							
MI	7.2	3.1	4.1		14.9	2.1	12.9
MN	725.9	725.9			0.2		0.2
MS							
MO	172.8	172.7	0.1		0.4		0.3
MT	0.2	0.1					
NE	573.0	573.0					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.4	1.4			2.2	0.3	1.9
NJ	7.5	7.3	0.2		9.8	0.9	8.9
NM					1.1	0.9	0.3
NY	2.3	2.2			3.1	0.4	2.7
NC	876.6	872.1	4.5				
ND	13.2	13.2					
OH	93.0	82.0	9.9	1.1	0.4		0.4
OK	384.9	379.8	5.0				
OR	16.7	16.6	0.1		0.6		0.6
PA	208.4	208.1	0.3		5.9	0.6	5.3
SC							
SD	351.0	339.9	11.1		1.1		1.1
TN	53.5	0.9	52.6		0.4		0.3
TX	28.8	24.2	4.5		22.9	1.3	21.5
UT	3.3	3.3			2.2	1.8	0.5
VA	398.3	397.1	1.2		0.3	0.1	0.2
WA	1.7	1.7					
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	35.8	0.1	35.5	0.2	0.1		0.1
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	8,320.8	8,039.8	257.3	23.7	263.3	11.6	251.7

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

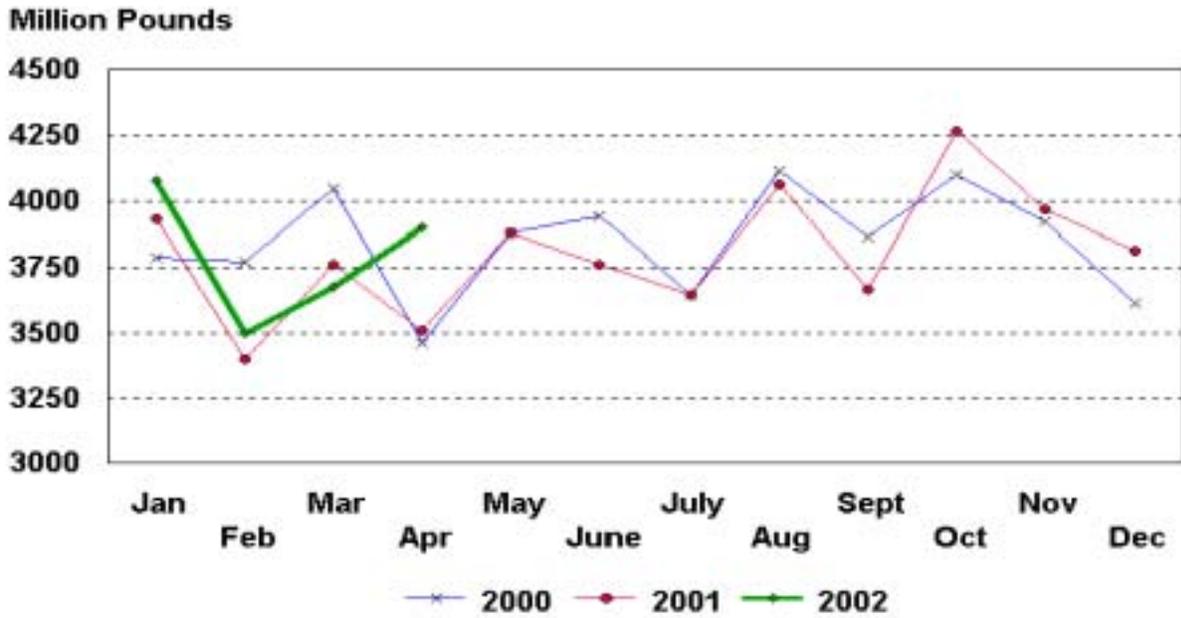
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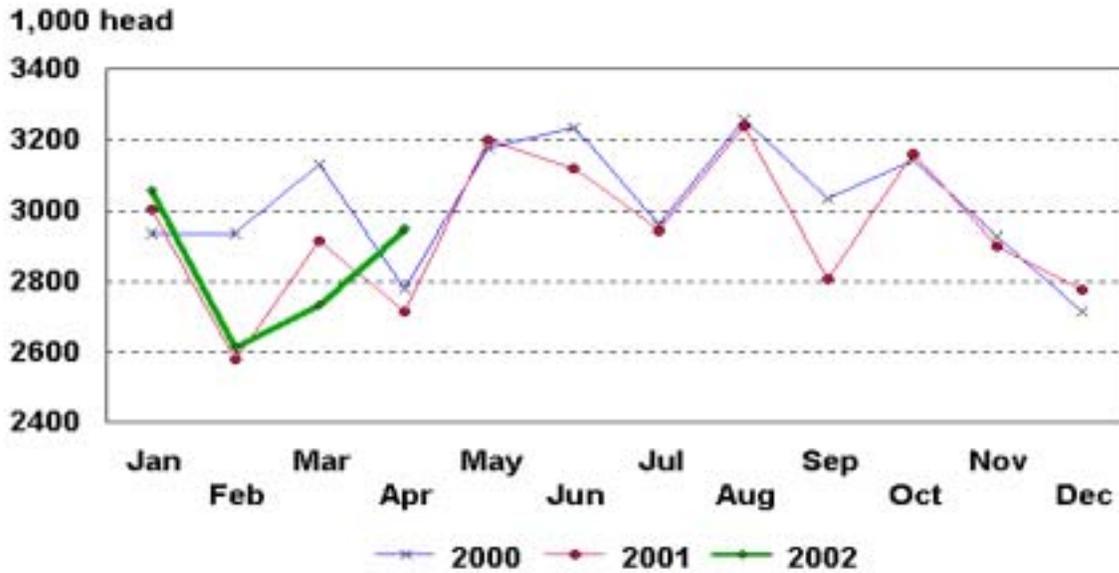
**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

Species	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Jan - Apr	
				2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.3	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.2
Calves	97.5	97.5	97.7	97.8	97.7
Hogs	98.5	98.7	98.7	98.5	98.7
Sheep	94.7	95.7	94.6	95.8	95.3

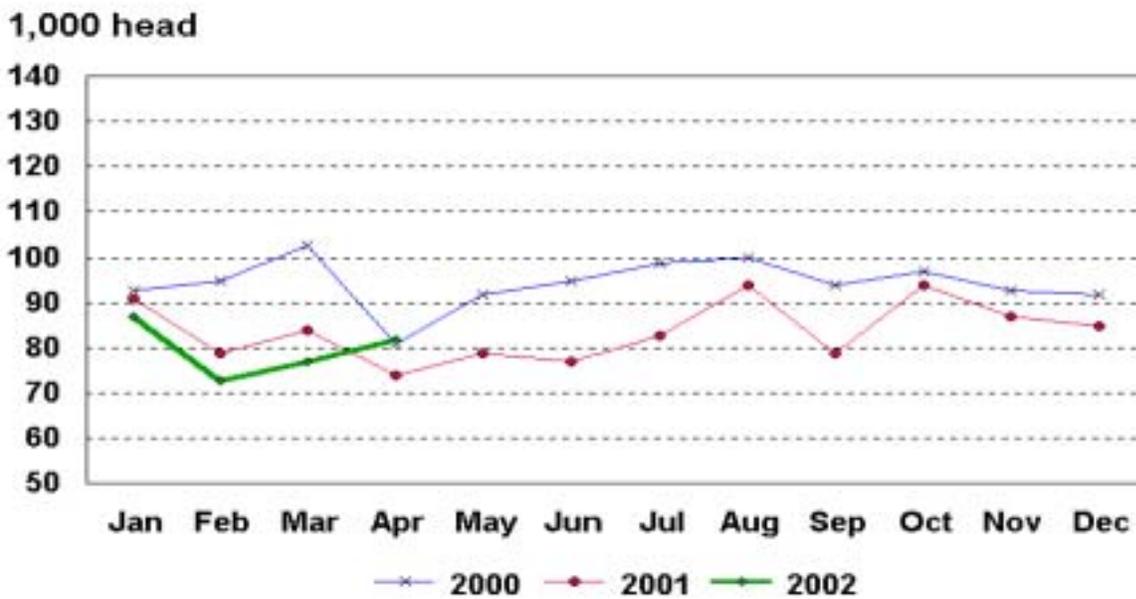
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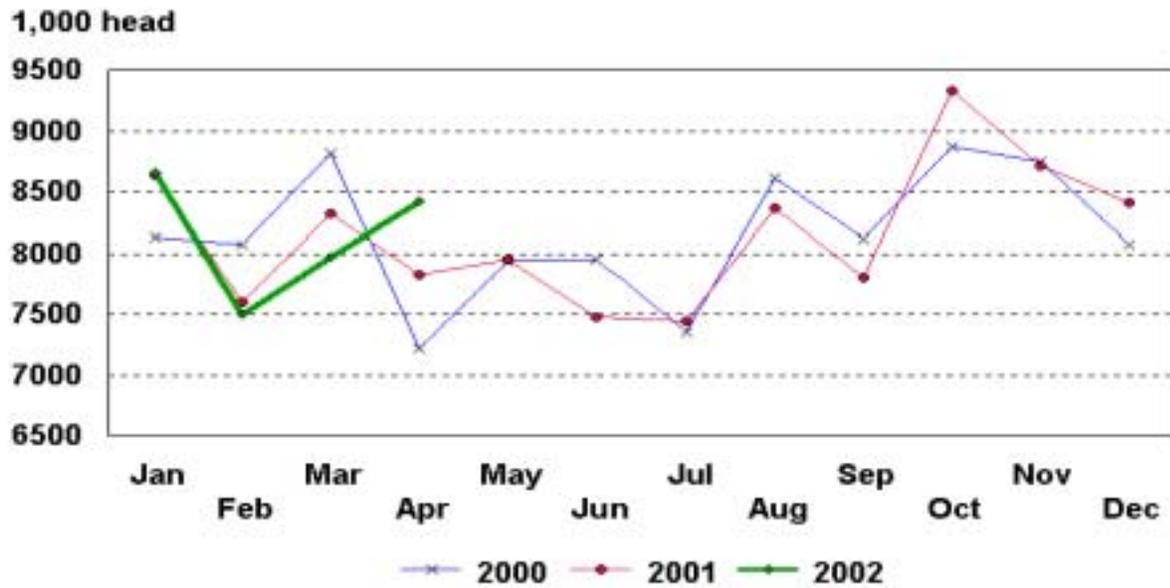
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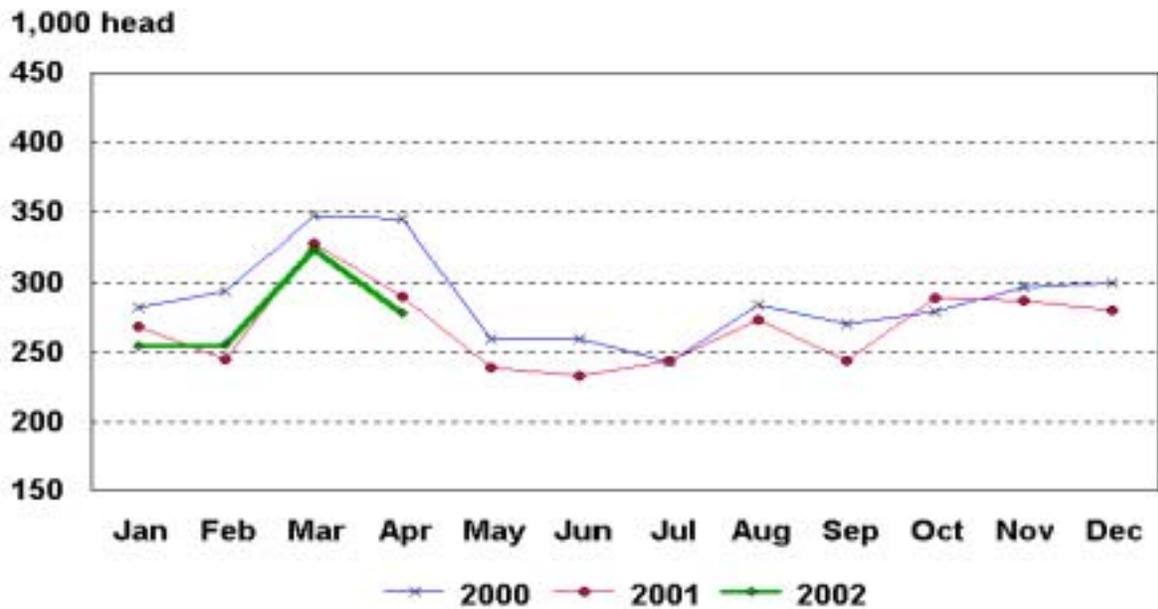
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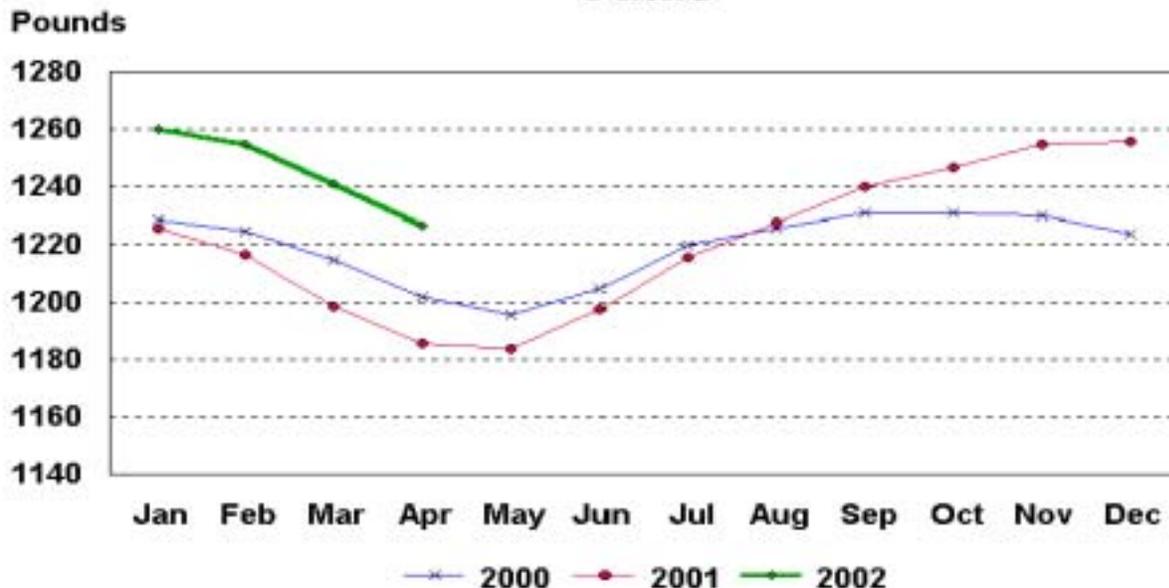
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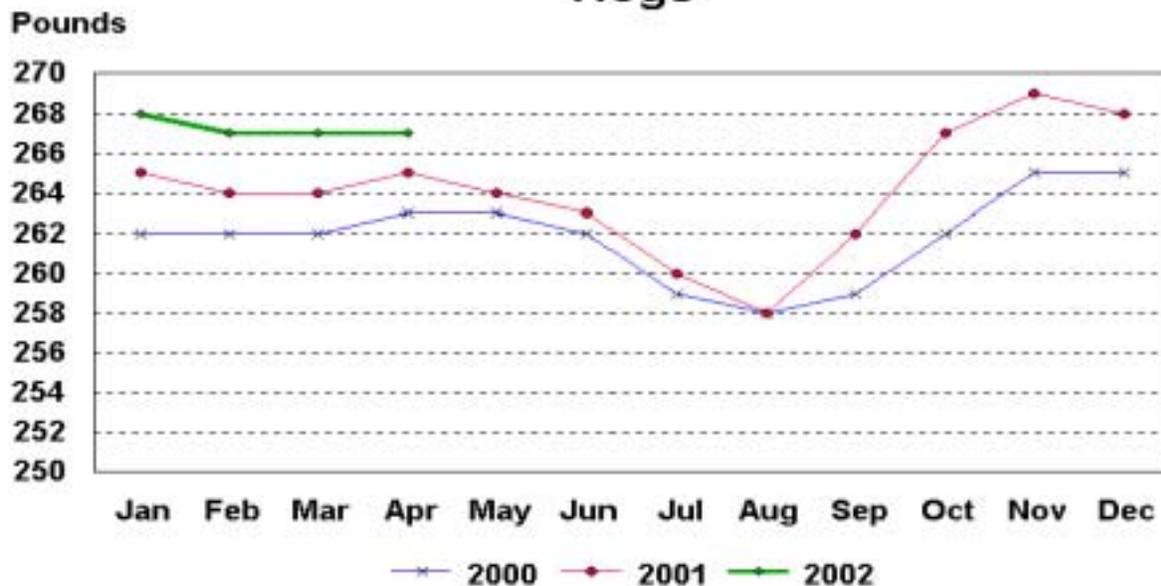
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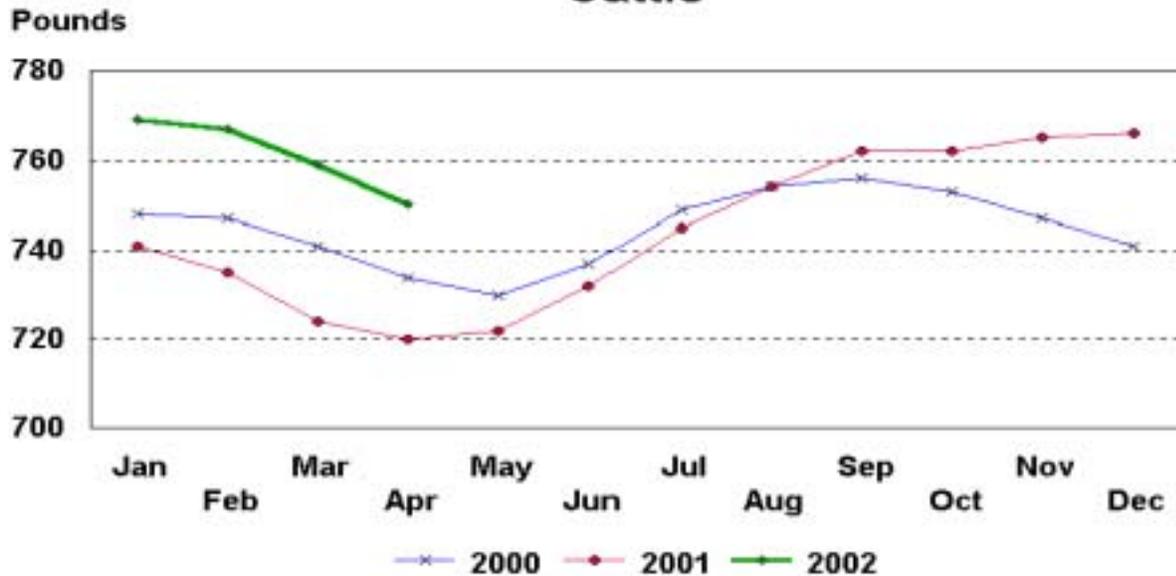
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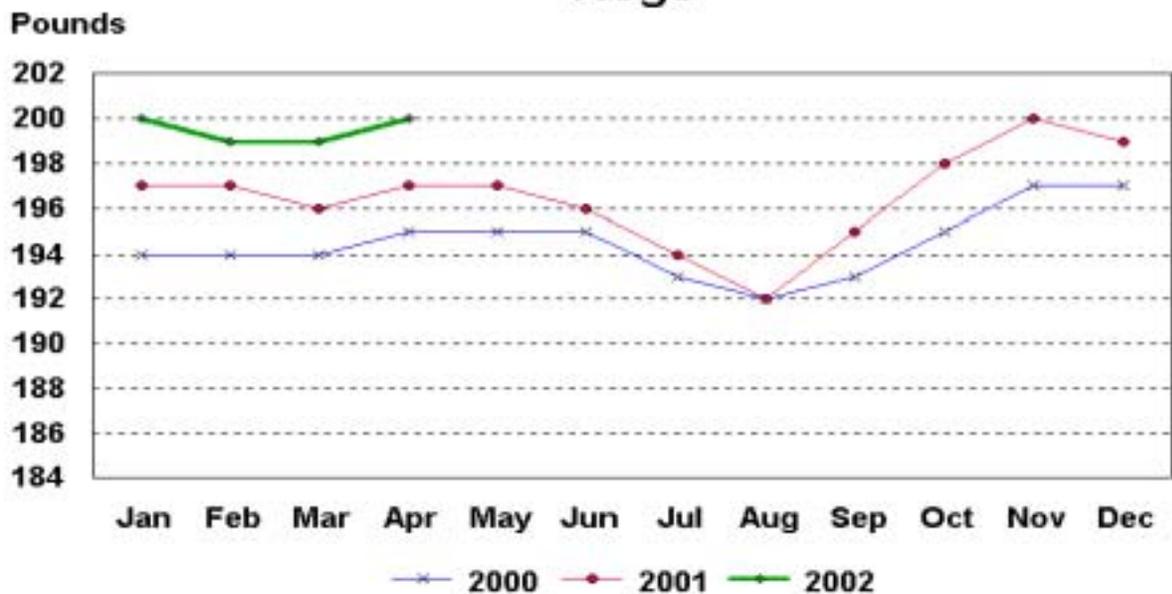
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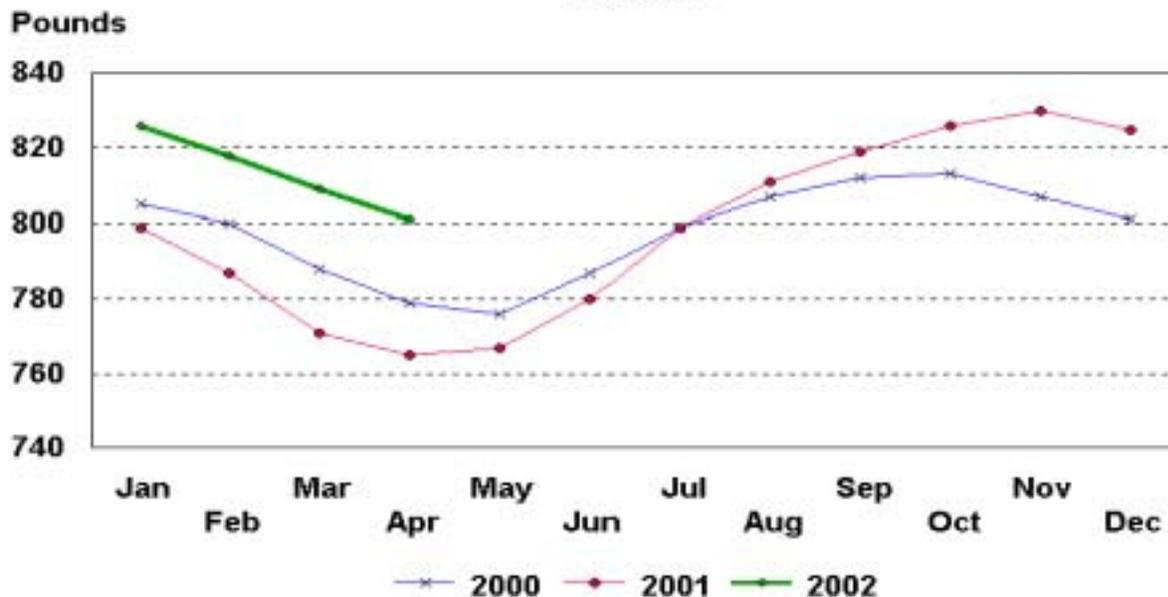
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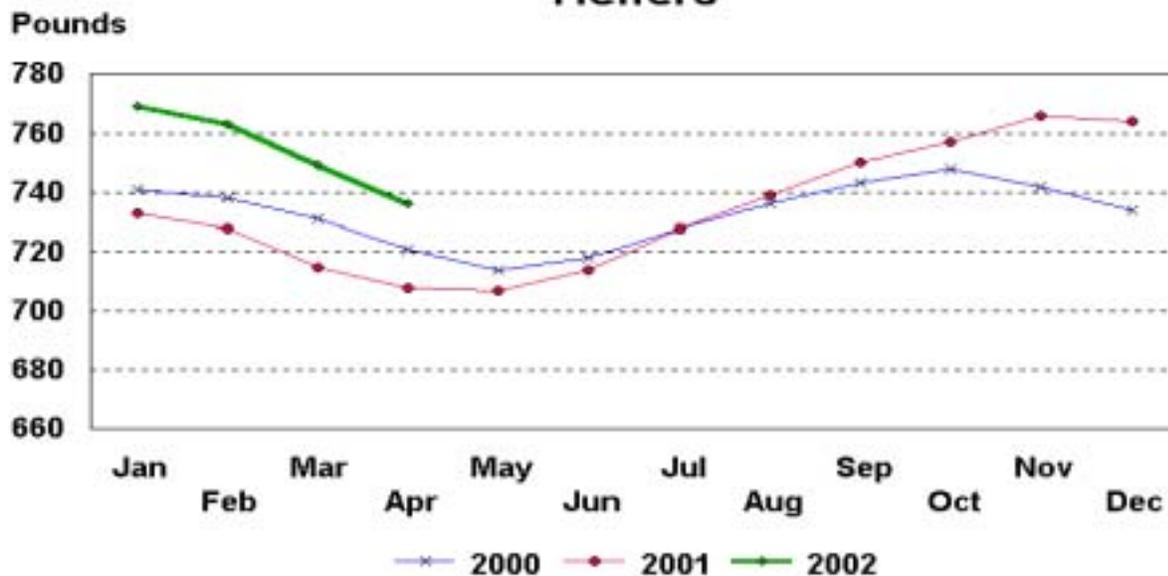
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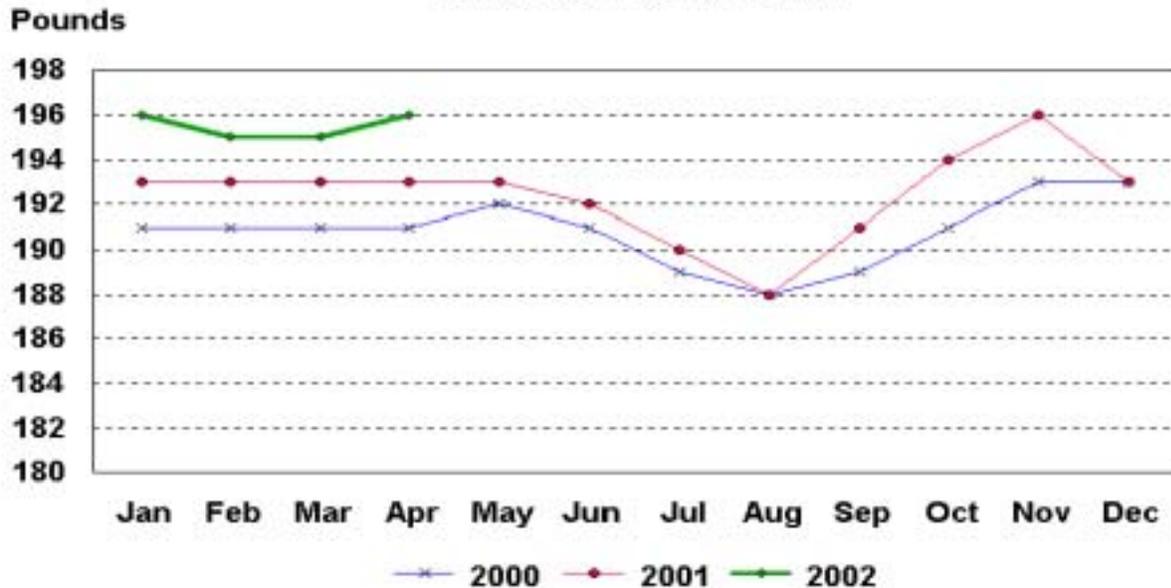
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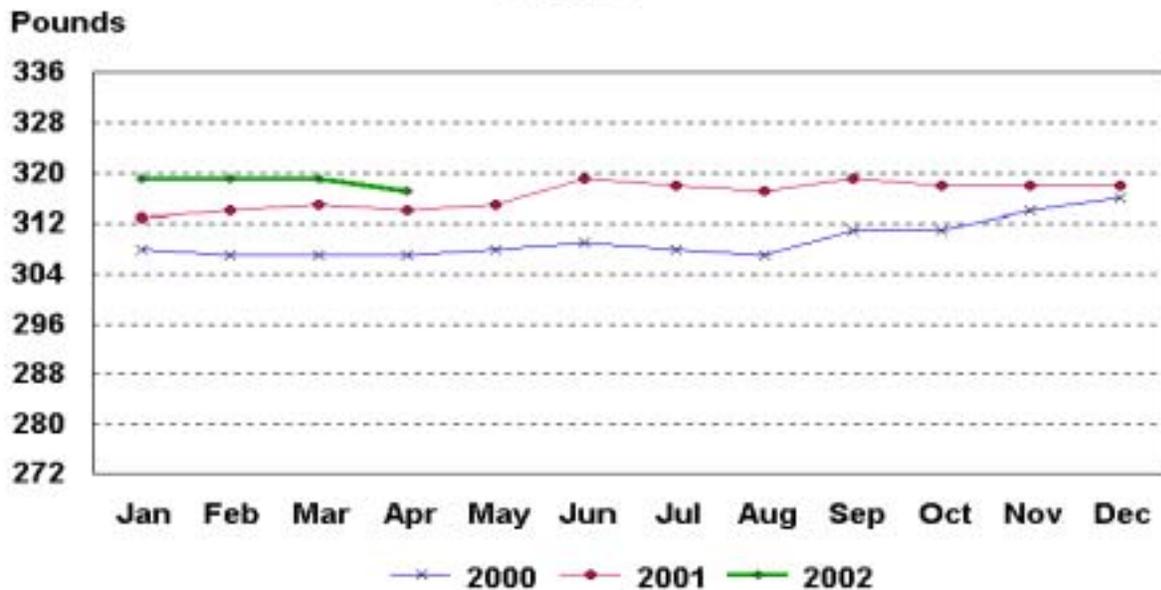
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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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