



Livestock Slaughter

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Monthly Record Highs for Beef and Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in October, up 3 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2001 and a new record high for October.

October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
October 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year and a new record high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 1,270 pounds, up 23 pounds from October a year ago.

Veal production totaled 18.7 million pounds, 5 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100,800 head, up 7 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, down 10 pounds from October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, 1 percent above October 2001. The average live weight was 264 pounds, down 3 pounds from October a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 300,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Oct 02 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	2,389	2,201	2,512	105	114	21,796	22,819	105
Veal	17.9	16.3	18.7	105	115	162.3	160.7	99
Pork	1,838	1,638	1,831	100	112	15,738	16,241	103
Lamb & Mutton	19.7	17.6	19.6	99	111	185.0	181.4	98
Total Red Meat	4,265	3,873	4,382	103	113	37,881	39,402	104

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	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Oct 02 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	2,353	2,170	2,474	105	114	21,494	22,504	105
Veal	17.0	15.7	18.0	106	115	157.0	155.8	99
Pork	1,818	*1,617	1,810	100	112	15,536	16,052	103
Lamb & Mutton	18.9	16.8	18.8	100	112	178.2	173.8	98
Total Red Meat	4,206	3,820	4,321	103	113	37,366	38,886	104

* Revised.

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Oct 02 % of		Jan - Oct ²		02 % of 01
					Oct 2001	Sep 2002	2001	2002	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,102.5	2,815.8	3,205.1	103	114	29,191.5	29,589.0	101
Other	Thou	59.4	49.0	61.5	104	125	495.5	508.7	103
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,162.0	2,864.8	3,266.6	103	114	29,687.0	30,097.6	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,250	1,266	1,274	102	101	1,217	1,251	103
Other	Lbs	1,086	1,129	1,088	100	96	1,081	1,094	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,247	1,264	1,270	102	101	1,214	1,248	103
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	90.7	86.5	98.1	108	113	813.9	835.0	103
Other	Thou	3.2	2.4	2.7	86	116	21.0	20.0	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	93.9	88.8	100.8	107	114	834.9	855.0	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	314	300	305	97	102	320	310	97
Other	Lbs	432	401	424	98	106	417	408	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	318	303	308	97	102	322	312	97
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,210.1	*8,383.7	9,275.7	101	111	79,620.6	81,832.8	103
Other	Thou	124.0	121.0	127.2	103	105	1,206.0	1,115.0	92
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,334.2	*8,504.6	9,402.9	101	111	80,826.6	82,947.8	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	267	261	264	99	101	264	265	100
Other	Lbs	233	232	230	98	99	230	232	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	267	260	264	99	101	263	264	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	274.0	258.8	283.6	104	110	2,525.7	2,574.6	102
Other	Thou	15.2	17.4	16.6	109	95	129.8	151.8	117
Comm'l. ³	Thou	289.1	276.2	300.2	104	109	2,655.5	2,726.4	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	139	130	133	96	102	142	135	95
Other	Lbs	106	93	93	88	100	106	102	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	137	128	131	95	102	140	134	95

* 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	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Oct 02 as % of ²	
				Oct 2001	Sep 2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4.4	4.2	4.5	102	107
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	116	196
AZ	37.2	35.8	38.6	104	108
AR	6.4	5.2	6.2	97	120
CA	107.2	113.3	126.3	118	111
CO	191.6	182.8	197.2	103	108
DE-MD	3.4	2.7	3.4	102	129
FL	6.7	5.9	7.1	107	121
GA	26.7	19.1	22.1	83	115
HI	1.0	0.9	1.0	97	112
ID	59.3	51.3	59.5	100	116
IL	255.4	*217.8	260.3	102	119
IN	127.9	114.5	123.1	96	107
IA	578.3	515.7	579.0	100	112
KS	527.5	460.3	536.9	102	117
KY	42.0	38.6	43.8	104	113
LA	1.8	1.4	1.7	93	121
MI	37.5	33.9	36.1	96	107
MN	207.7	188.8	213.0	103	113
MS	30.8	23.5	28.3	92	121
MO	42.6	35.3	38.1	89	108
MT	1.6	1.6	1.6	101	102
NE	676.7	625.1	712.1	105	114
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	93	105
N ENG ³	2.1	1.7	2.1	100	120
NJ	5.4	4.7	5.6	103	118
NM	1.0	0.9	0.9	99	110
NY	4.1	4.0	4.4	108	112
NC	191.2	173.7	190.8	100	110
ND	3.3	2.7	3.4	104	129
OH	27.0	27.4	30.4	113	111
OK	91.3	76.9	90.8	99	118
OR	4.0	3.5	3.8	95	108
PA	109.7	103.2	120.0	109	116
SC	22.1	19.2	22.4	101	117
SD	95.9	83.3	90.5	94	109
TN	23.6	19.6	23.1	98	118
TX	414.0	399.5	450.2	109	113
UT	48.9	42.7	45.3	92	106
VA	78.1	65.5	76.3	98	117
WA	51.3	55.2	59.6	116	108
WV	1.2	0.8	1.2	98	159
WI	116.6	110.1	120.4	103	109
WY	0.2	0.4	0.2	103	55
US	4,265.1	*3,873.0	4,381.8	103	113

* 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,
October 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	0.7	0.6	536	481	796	828
AK		0.1		168		1,170
AZ	49.4	49.2	62,197	65,252	1,259	1,327
AR	1.3	1.5	1,235	1,201	951	825
CA	99.3	120.3	127,000	155,034	1,279	1,289
CO	228.4	227.7	291,567	296,726	1,277	1,303
DE-MD	3.3	3.7	4,040	4,682	1,221	1,255
FL	9.2	9.4	9,995	10,653	1,081	1,135
GA	38.1	30.5	43,560	37,859	1,143	1,242
HI	1.1	1.0	1,101	1,077	1,028	1,077
ID	79.1	79.9	98,196	99,518	1,242	1,246
IL	89.9	98.1	111,208	123,065	1,237	1,255
IN	3.7	4.6	3,847	4,943	1,051	1,064
IA	63.4	64.4	80,330	82,942	1,268	1,287
KS	657.9	657.3	816,830	830,357	1,242	1,263
KY	1.6	2.0	1,411	1,684	885	850
LA	1.6	1.8	1,446	1,574	913	891
MI	39.3	39.7	55,141	54,593	1,403	1,375
MN	65.9	78.7	89,808	105,983	1,362	1,346
MS						
MO	9.7	9.1	12,131	11,179	1,250	1,224
MT	2.0	2.0	2,315	2,268	1,158	1,139
NE	698.4	725.1	893,664	956,778	1,280	1,319
NV	0.1	0.1	109	103	1,064	993
N ENG ²	2.3	2.3	2,438	2,380	1,070	1,051
NJ	2.4	2.7	2,817	3,136	1,161	1,181
NM	1.9	1.8	1,620	1,576	869	894
NY	5.0	5.3	5,622	5,757	1,114	1,087
NC	18.5	19.4	19,571	20,427	1,057	1,054
ND	1.3	1.5	1,504	1,713	1,122	1,115
OH	12.7	12.8	13,496	14,781	1,065	1,152
OK	3.6	3.8	3,569	3,936	1,002	1,044
OR	1.5	1.4	1,812	1,641	1,185	1,169
PA	91.2	98.2	116,490	126,632	1,278	1,290
SC						
SD	29.7	16.8	41,054	20,873	1,385	1,241
TN	1.6	1.6	1,340	1,403	862	869
TX	553.2	590.1	652,113	710,110	1,179	1,203
UT	61.0	56.1	76,681	71,027	1,257	1,265
VA	1.5	1.5	1,559	1,455	1,038	978
WA	67.0	78.9	83,434	99,716	1,245	1,264
WV	2.0	2.0	1,683	1,736	844	859
WI	147.2	148.5	192,814	196,132	1,310	1,321
WY	0.3	0.3	322	346	1,237	1,190
US ³	3,162.0	3,266.6	3,943,776	4,148,613	1,247	1,270

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	10.2	9.9	1,892	1,492	185	151
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.2	25	54	338	321
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.1	9.8	3,965	4,353	435	443
IN	6.4	1.7	2,289	210	359	125
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.5	1.1	749	566	484	494
MI	3.9	2.7	1,743	1,184	448	435
MN						
MS						
MO	0.2	0.1	95	53	440	361
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	2.4	2.7	275	342	116	127
NJ	10.8	10.8	4,823	4,836	448	448
NM						
NY	13.7	16.0	1,150	1,581	84	99
NC	0.2	0.2	64	62	400	394
ND						
OH	0.1	4.7	17	1,918	233	412
OK	0.2	0.1	74	57	410	483
OR						
PA	16.1	19.1	5,746	6,412	358	336
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.1	3.1	732	1,004	351	329
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	12.6	13.7	5,324	5,965	422	436
WY						
US ³	93.9	100.8	29,830	31,047	318	308

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,
October 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	12.3	12.4	6,511	6,483	528	522
AK						
AZ	0.4	0.2	90	40	246	260
AR						
CA	219.4	232.4	50,048	54,348	228	234
CO	1.5	1.5	332	407	222	263
DE-MD	4.2	1.8	1,029	479	244	270
FL	11.3	12.5	2,167	2,373	192	190
GA	15.0	14.8	3,796	3,628	253	246
HI	2.8	2.6	595	570	212	216
ID						
IL	920.7	894.1	247,017	241,131	268	270
IN	636.8	627.5	165,697	160,676	260	256
IA	2,665.3	2,711.2	710,744	712,486	267	263
KS	30.4	29.1	10,042	9,601	330	330
KY	210.0	220.1	55,052	57,586	262	262
LA	2.7	2.3	561	443	211	195
MI	9.8	10.6	4,191	3,865	429	363
MN	821.5	808.6	216,847	212,584	264	263
MS						
MO	182.5	170.1	48,209		264	
MT	1.1	1.3	279	311	247	244
NE	642.9	639.2	170,973	168,222	266	263
NV						
N ENG ²	2.8	2.7	703	710	253	261
NJ	9.5	9.2	938	879	99	96
NM	0.4	0.4	79	79	214	213
NY	3.4	3.5	744	692	216	200
NC	933.3	950.2	240,894	239,781	258	252
ND	15.3	16.2	3,568	3,649	233	225
OH	106.4	114.5	27,671	30,122	260	263
OK	422.6	422.6	119,656	119,498	283	283
OR	19.1	17.2	4,632	4,543	243	263
PA	220.0	252.3	56,087	62,946	255	250
SC						
SD	391.3	426.5	101,198	110,190	259	258
TN	71.0	69.6	34,050	33,489	480	481
TX	34.4	39.9	10,673	10,630	310	266
UT	6.0	5.0	1,103	914	185	183
VA	397.2	389.3	102,688	100,431	259	258
WA	1.8	1.6	491	420	269	257
WV	1.1	1.1	303	282	268	253
WI	37.8	39.2	16,457	16,789	435	428
WY	0.2	0.2	54	47	257	249
US ³	9,334.2	9,402.9	2,488,339	2,482,579	267	264

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,
October 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	13	12	130	120
AR						
CA						
CO	86.3	114.8	12,900	16,351	150	142
DE-MD	2.5	3.6	282	384	114	107
FL	0.2	0.2	15	15	79	64
GA	0.4	0.6	35	54	95	91
HI						
ID	0.5	0.5	62	60	118	123
IL	18.3	19.4	2,488	2,637	136	136
IN	2.8	3.2	282	366	99	113
IA	49.0	40.6	7,184	5,604	147	138
KS	0.3	0.2	33	27	132	111
KY	0.8	0.9	117	112	144	127
LA	0.2	0.1	13	10	79	92
MI	19.4	17.1	2,349	2,083	121	121
MN	0.3	0.5	35	52	118	111
MS						
MO	0.7	0.7	82	73	114	106
MT	0.4	0.4	53	50	127	125
NE	0.1	0.2	7	26	107	126
NV	0.1	0.1	16	16	138	128
N ENG ²	2.7	2.5	289	252	106	100
NJ	9.1	9.0	861	876	95	98
NM	2.6	3.0	293	331	112	111
NY	1.7	2.6	152	216	92	84
NC		0.1	5	6	123	88
ND	0.5	0.1	55	10	117	129
OH	1.4	1.5	160	151	113	98
OK	0.1	0.1	10	18	112	133
OR	1.1	1.2	198	130	176	112
PA	4.6	6.5	479	698	105	107
SC						
SD	1.3	1.2	142	154	112	128
TN	0.5	0.6	37	43	75	74
TX	43.5	26.4	6,079	3,136	140	119
UT	3.1	2.9	423	365	136	126
VA	1.5	0.9	158	89	103	100
WA	0.7	0.9	87	105	125	117
WV						
WI	1.5	1.4	207	180	137	129
WY	0.1	0.1	8	9	140	142
US ³	289.1	300.2	39,721	39,285	137	131

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

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

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

Item	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Jan - Oct ¹		Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Jan - Oct ¹	
				2001	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 ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,494	1,420	1,550	14,395	14,918	48.2	50.4	48.4	49.3	50.4
Heifers	1,017	887	1,063	9,577	9,508	32.8	31.5	33.2	32.8	32.1
All Cows	534	458	539	4,694	4,653	17.2	16.3	16.8	16.1	15.7
Dairy Cows	229	217	243	2,147	2,141	7.4	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.2
Other Cows	305	241	296	2,547	2,512	9.8	8.6	9.2	8.7	8.5
Bulls & Stags	58	51	53	526	510	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total ¹	3,103	2,816	3,205	29,192	29,589	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,904	*8,102	8,960	76,831	78,938	96.7	96.6	96.6	96.5	96.5
Sows	275	*262	293	2,517	2,667	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3
Stags & Boars	31	19	23	272	228	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	9,210	*8,384	9,276	79,621	81,833	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	13	14	119	122	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	261	246	270	2,407	2,453	95.3	95.1	95.1	95.3	95.3
Total ¹	274	259	284	2,526	2,575	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	762	775	776	740	765					
Steers ⁴	826	840	841	793	821					
Heifers ⁴	757	763	772	728	751					
All Cows ⁴	576	579	583	584	592					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	891	904	880	892	917					
Calves & Vealers	192	185	188	197	190					
Hogs	198	194	196	196	197					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	194	190	192	192	193					
Sows ⁵	318	314	316	316	317					
Stags & Boars ⁵	226	235	233	225	234					
Sheep	69	65	67	71	68					
Mature Sheep ⁶	65	62	62	62	63					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	69	65	67	71	68					

* Revised.

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
October 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	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.7
2	7.7	1.9	0.5	4.8	3.8	1.0	0.5	26.8
3	102.1	47.3	7.8	43.8	31.9	12.0	3.2	19.2
4	73.3	1.3	0.3	60.5	23.0	37.4	11.3	3.8
5	358.8	152.2	52.5	144.3	91.9	52.3	9.9	32.3
6	589.6	283.2	222.6	72.4	11.4	61.1	11.4	2.7
7	1,445.3	777.8	584.5	77.1	2.8	74.4	5.8	0.1
8	298.0	130.1	147.9	17.7	4.1	13.6	2.3	
9	169.5	80.1	8.9	76.5	62.6	13.9	4.0	9.5
10	158.9	75.8	37.3	41.5	10.9	30.5	4.3	1.1
US ²	3,205.1	1,550.3	1,062.6	539.3	243.2	296.2	52.9	98.1
	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	2.0	2.0			2.2	0.5	1.7	
2	12.3	12.1	0.2		10.6	1.6	9.0	
3	642.3	640.3	1.9	0.1	10.3	0.8	9.5	
4	1,467.0	1,375.7	89.8	1.5	2.3	1.1	1.3	
5	2,444.3	2,336.2	105.2	2.9	37.8	4.0	33.9	
6	466.9	439.0	26.7	1.3	24.1	3.0	21.1	
7	3,537.2	3,462.7	57.6	16.9	41.1	0.1	41.1	
8	444.7	432.9	11.7		118.3	1.9	116.3	
9	228.7	228.5	0.1		34.7	0.6	34.1	
10	30.4	30.1	0.2		2.1	0.4	1.8	
US ²	9,275.7	8,959.6	293.4	22.7	283.6	13.9	269.7	

¹ 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.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - October 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	14.5	2.9	1.5	8.3	8.0	0.3	1.8	21.6
2	63.8	15.1	4.0	40.1	32.9	7.2	4.5	234.8
3	896.7	430.0	82.1	358.3	263.6	94.7	26.3	156.5
4	682.9	10.7	2.8	565.3	210.4	354.9	104.1	20.8
5	3,144.8	1,352.9	434.7	1,264.7	825.3	439.4	92.5	285.0
6	5,459.1	2,821.7	1,904.0	626.2	98.9	527.2	107.3	12.6
7	13,461.2	7,436.3	5,278.8	678.8	19.7	659.1	67.4	0.5
8	2,906.1	1,378.7	1,341.3	161.0	37.0	123.9	25.2	0.1
9	1,558.6	777.8	91.0	658.7	537.2	121.5	31.1	95.9
10	1,401.4	691.8	367.9	292.0	108.2	183.7	49.7	7.3
US ²	29,589.0	14,917.8	9,508.1	4,653.3	2,141.4	2,512.0	509.8	835.0
	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	18.0	17.7	0.2	0.1	19.9	4.1	15.7	
2	113.6	111.4	1.8	0.4	113.7	14.7	99.1	
3	5,567.5	5,550.9	16.4	0.2	91.3	6.6	84.7	
4	12,833.7	12,055.7	762.2	15.8	21.3	9.6	11.7	
5	21,718.9	20,673.3	1,020.4	25.2	352.1	35.3	316.8	
6	4,118.7	3,895.1	220.6	3.1	253.7	23.9	229.8	
7	31,375.3	30,710.5	482.7	182.2	397.3	0.8	396.5	
8	3,800.8	3,640.8	160.0	0.1	990.3	18.0	972.3	
9	1,974.9	1,973.3	0.8	0.7	318.0	6.1	311.9	
10	311.4	309.0	2.1	0.3	17.0	2.9	14.2	
US ²	81,832.8	78,937.5	2,667.2	228.1	2,574.6	122.0	2,452.6	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	0.1	0.1						
AZ	48.6	35.8	2.0	10.7	10.7			
AR	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	
CA	119.8	43.9	6.6	65.4	51.9	13.5	3.9	9.5
CO	226.9	105.2	120.9	0.6	0.6		0.1	
DE-MD	3.7	2.5	0.8	0.3	0.3			0.2
FL	9.4	0.2		8.8	1.9	6.9	0.4	
GA	29.4	0.1		23.3	0.7	22.6	6.1	
HI	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.4		0.4	0.1	
ID	78.8	39.3	11.0	25.1	6.1	19.0	3.3	
IL	94.7	54.9	39.9					9.8
IN	0.4	0.3	0.1					1.7
IA	62.5	33.2	29.2				0.2	
KS	654.0	349.5	304.0	0.5	0.5			
KY	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	37.8	27.1	2.6	7.9	7.9		0.1	2.6
MN	75.1	10.1	5.1	52.8	20.9	31.9	7.0	
MS								
MO	5.8	1.2	0.8	3.3	0.7	2.6	0.5	
MT	0.5	0.3	0.2				0.1	
NE	722.9	393.9	250.5	73.3	1.6	71.7	5.1	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.7
NJ	2.6	1.1	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	10.8
NM	1.2			1.2	1.2			
NY	5.1	0.8	0.3	3.6	2.8	0.8	0.3	16.0
NC	18.6	0.1		15.4	7.7	7.7	3.1	0.1
ND	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
OH	7.0	0.5	0.2	6.1	5.0	1.1	0.3	
OK								
OR	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3		0.1	
PA	97.9	44.6	6.9	43.3	31.4	11.9	3.1	19.0
SC								
SD	15.2	0.2	0.1	13.2	2.3	10.9	1.8	
TN	1.0	0.3		0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	
TX	586.7	282.9	222.5	70.1	9.8	60.3	11.3	2.7
UT	55.0	24.2	26.7	3.7	1.1	2.6	0.4	
VA	0.4	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	
WA	78.8	35.8	26.1	16.0	4.5	11.5	0.9	
WV	0.1	0.1						
WI	143.7	59.3	4.6	77.4	58.1	19.3	2.5	13.7
WY								
US ³	3,205.1	1,550.3	1,062.6	539.4	243.2	296.2	52.9	98.1

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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.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	11.4	0.1	9.9	1.4			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	225.9	225.8	0.1				
CO	0.8	0.7	0.1		114.7		114.7
DE-MD	1.7	1.7			3.6	0.1	3.5
FL	12.5	12.3	0.1		0.2		0.2
GA	6.2	6.1					
HI	2.6	2.6					
ID					0.3		0.3
IL	872.9	814.6	56.1	2.1	17.9		17.8
IN	621.1	621.1			2.6	1.9	0.7
IA	2,708.2	2,641.4	49.9	16.9	40.3		40.3
KS	25.0	17.5	7.6				
KY	219.4	213.6	5.8		0.9	0.8	0.1
LA							
MI	9.0	4.1	5.0		16.9	2.1	14.8
MN	804.9	804.9			0.2		0.2
MS							
MO	166.2	166.1	0.1		0.6		0.6
MT	0.3	0.3			0.1		0.1
NE	637.8	637.8					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG ²	2.0	2.0			2.2	0.5	1.7
NJ	9.1	9.0	0.1		8.9	1.0	8.0
NM					1.1	0.9	0.2
NY	3.2	3.1			1.7	0.6	1.1
NC	936.1	932.0	4.0				
ND	15.3	15.3					
OH	104.7	91.4	12.9	0.4	0.2		0.2
OK	419.5	413.7	5.8				
OR	17.1	16.9	0.1		1.0	0.1	0.9
PA	251.8	251.4	0.3	0.1	6.5	0.7	5.8
SC							
SD	425.0	413.5	11.5		1.1		1.1
TN	69.4	0.9	68.4		0.6		0.5
TX	32.5	23.5	7.7	1.3	22.9	2.0	20.8
UT	3.2	3.2			2.3	1.9	0.5
VA	388.6	387.1	1.6		0.2		0.2
WA	1.4	1.4					
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	31.8	0.2	31.2	0.3	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	9,275.7	8,959.6	293.4	22.7	283.6	13.9	269.7

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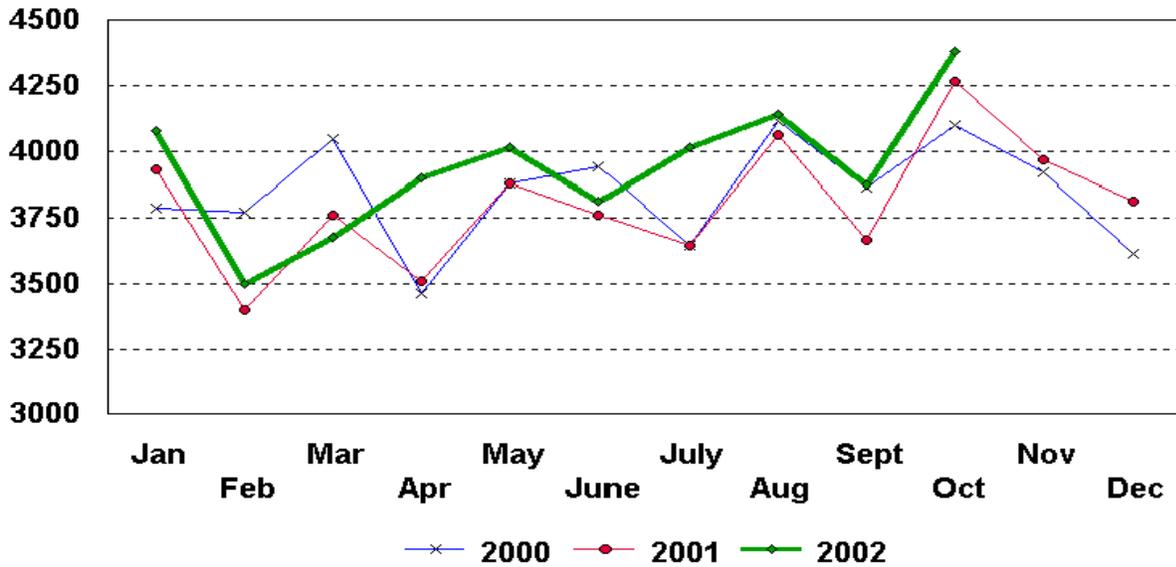
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

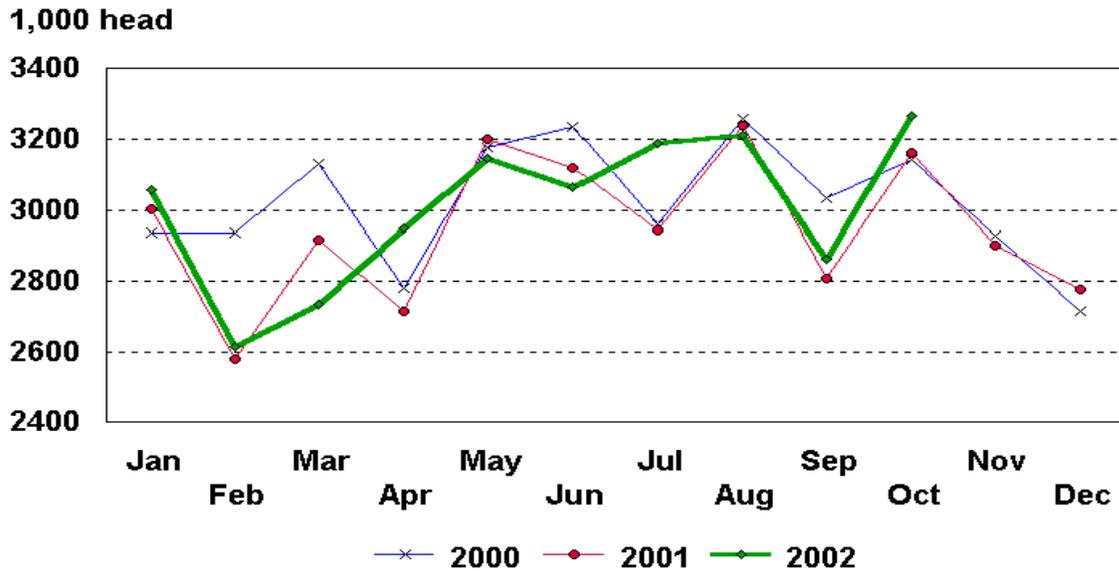
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	2001	2002	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.3	98.1	98.3	98.3
Calves	96.6	97.4	97.3	97.5	97.7
Hogs	98.7	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.7
Sheep	94.8	93.7	94.5	95.1	94.4

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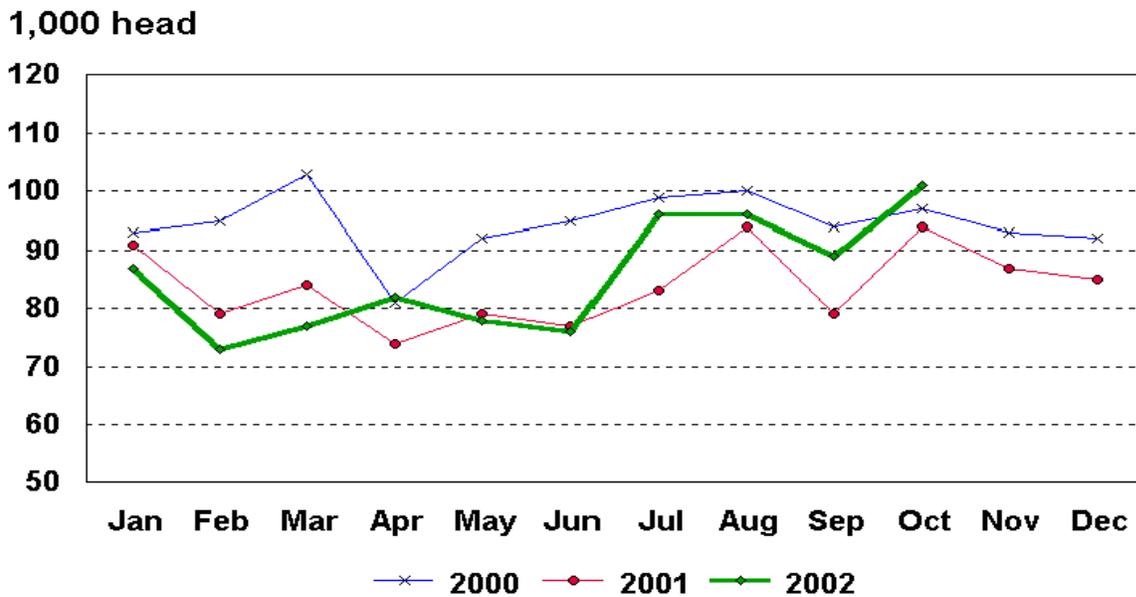
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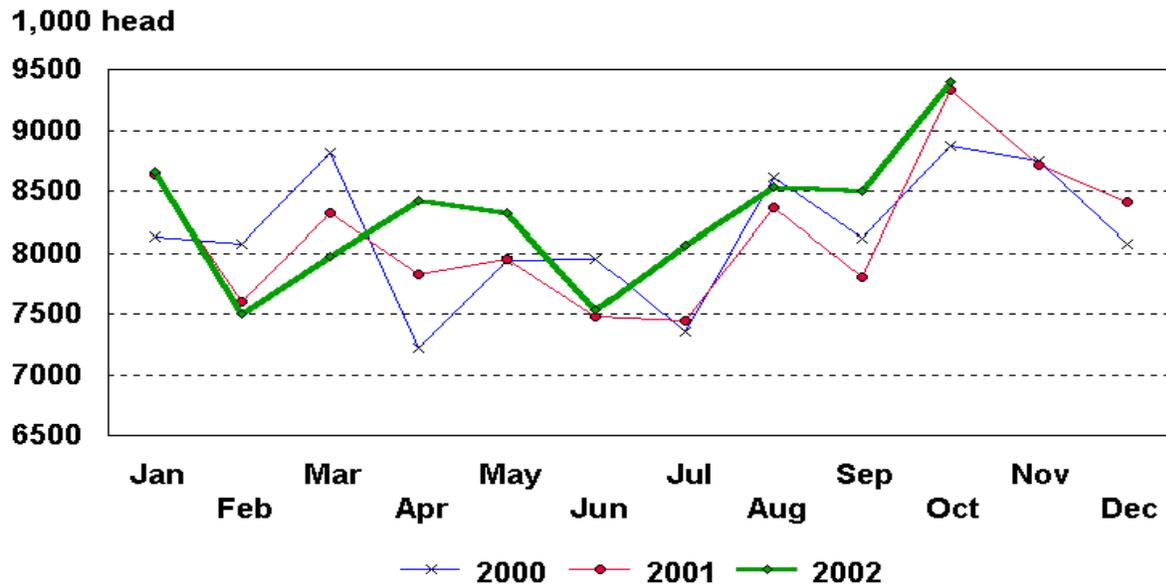
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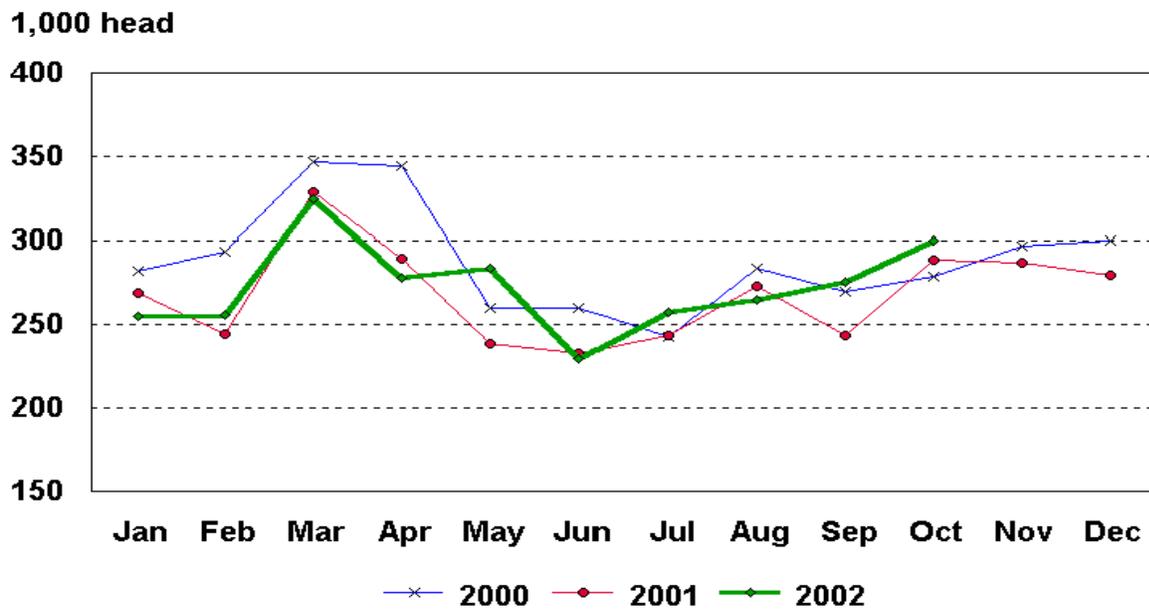
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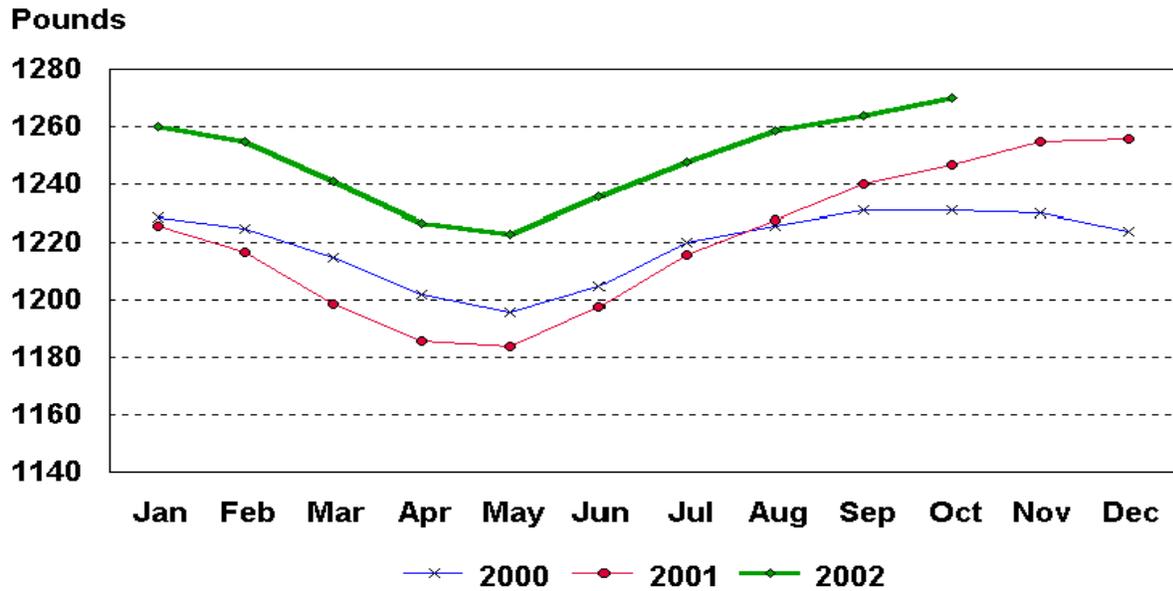
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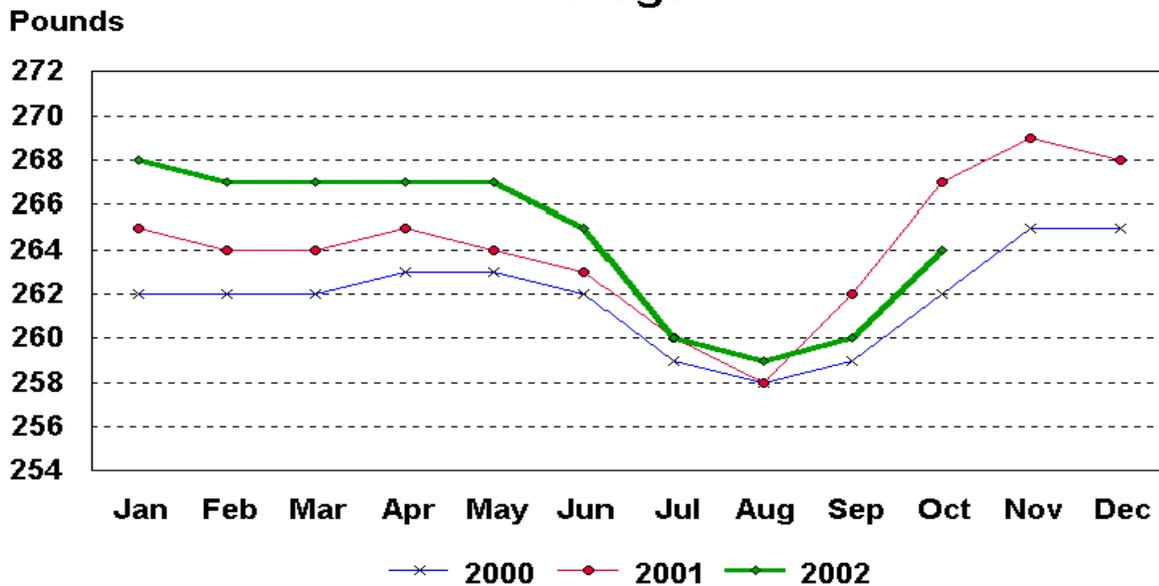
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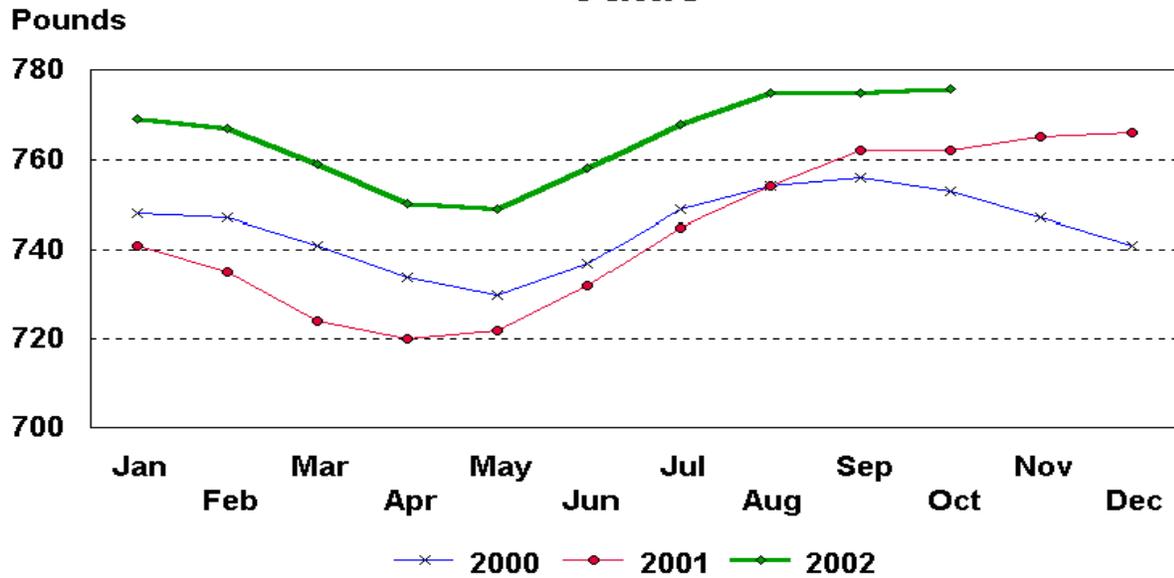
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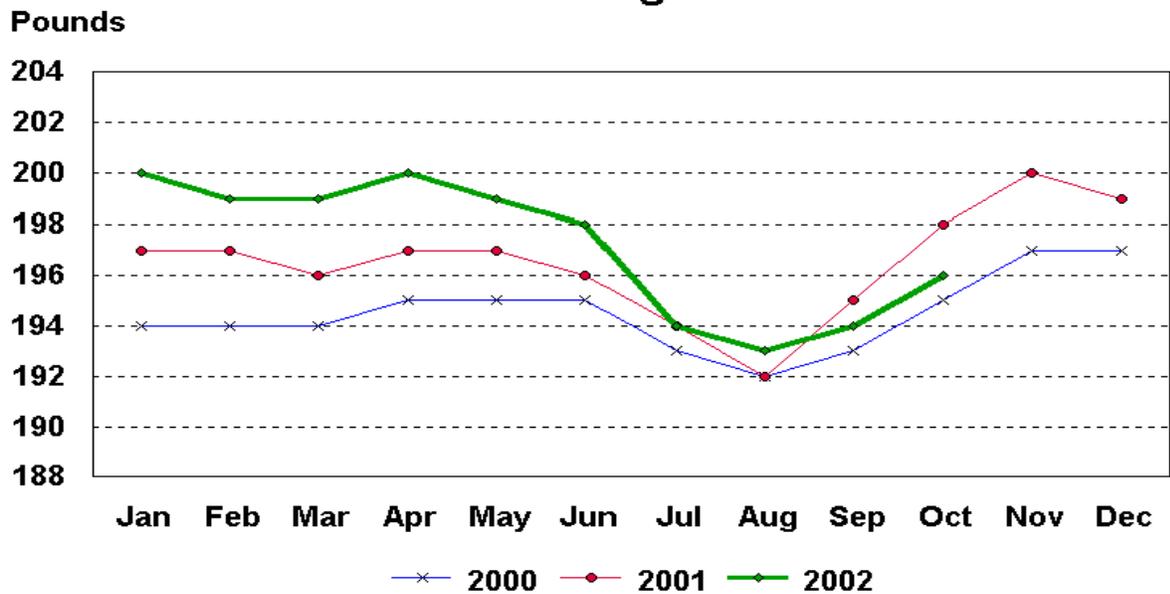
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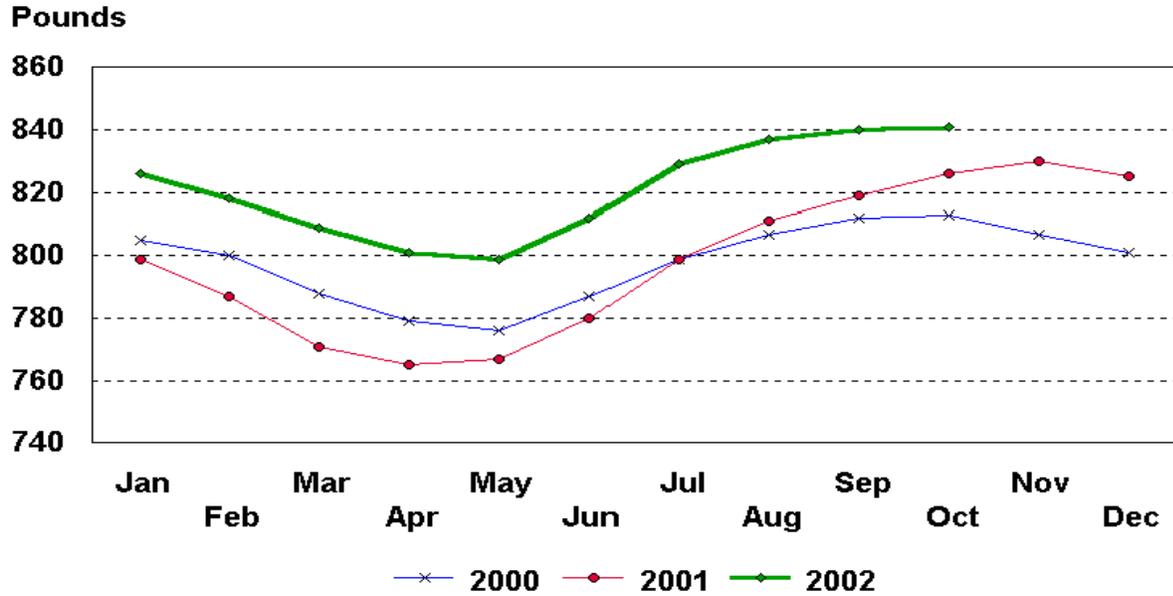
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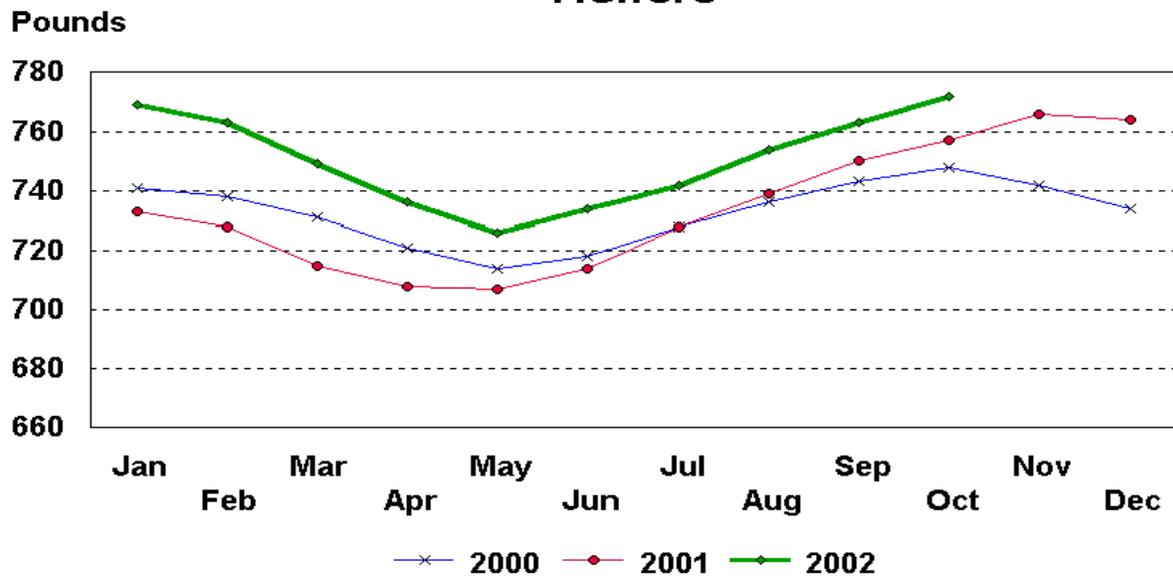
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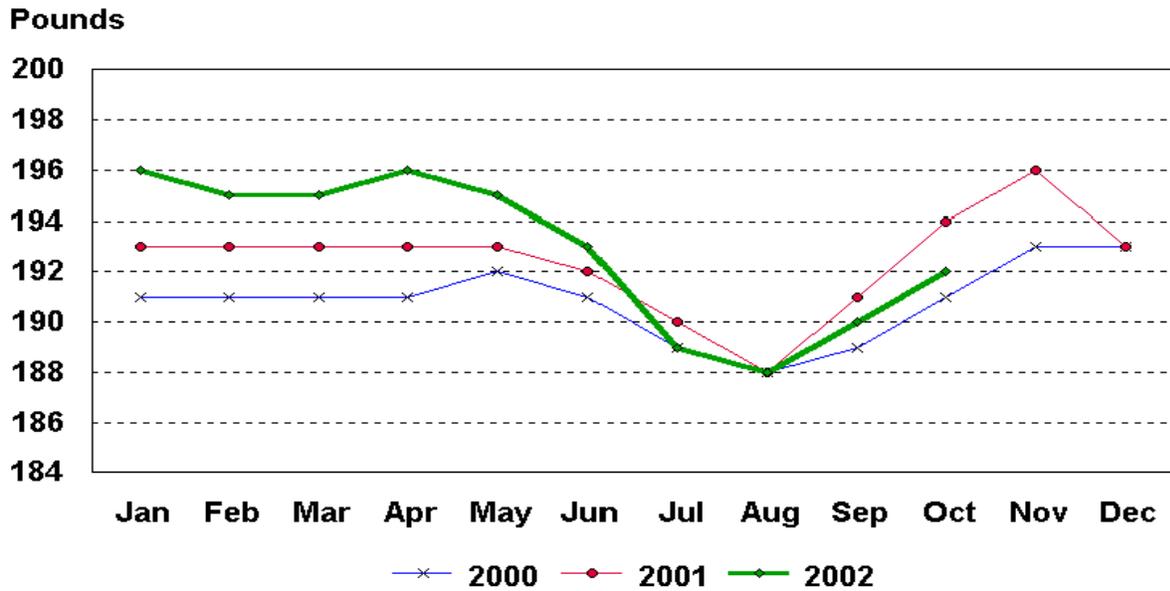
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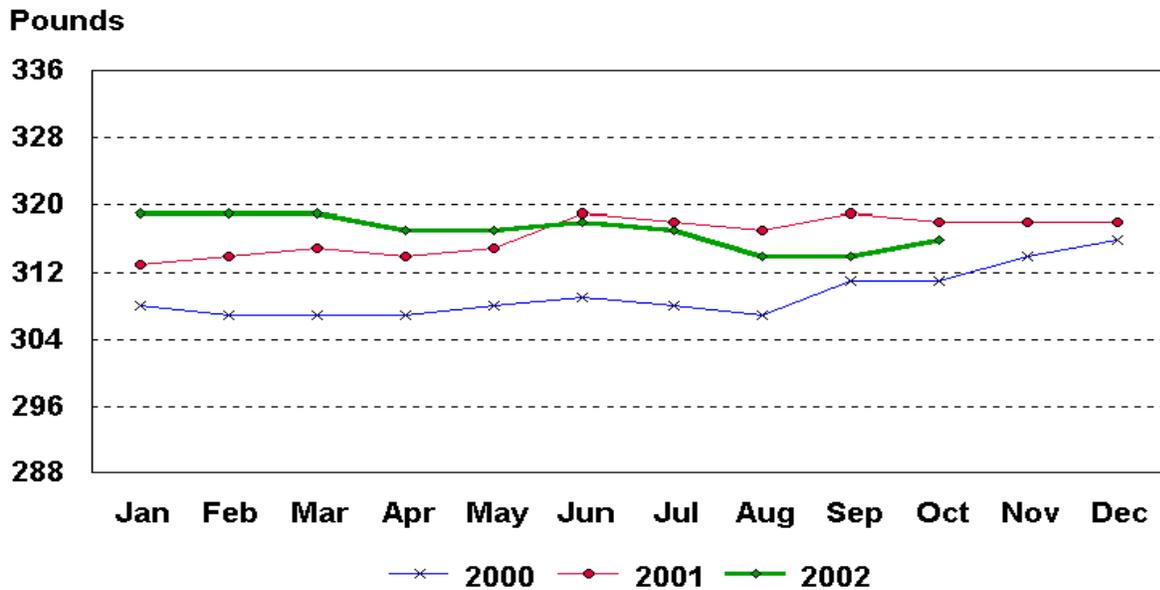
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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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