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Wyoming data for March 2003 was inadvertently omitted from the publication. Inclusion of these data impacts State and US totals.

Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.70 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the 3.68 billion pounds produced in March 2002.

March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.
March 2003 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 1 percent from March 2002. The average live weight was 1,234 pounds, down 7 pounds from March a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.5 million pounds, 10 percent above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 85,100 head, up 10 percent from March 2002. The average live weight was 323 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.15 million head, 2 percent above March 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2002, a new record low for March. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,100 head, 19 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.27 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was up 8 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 15 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Mar 03 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2002	Feb 2003	2002	2003	03 as % of 02
	<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	2,059	1,944	2,047	99	105	6,378	6,284	99
Veal	15.0	15.8	16.5	110	104	46.3	50.2	108
Pork	1,581	1,521	1,619	102	106	4,781	4,890	102
Lamb & Mutton	22.2	15.0	18.2	82	121	57.7	49.2	85
Total Red Meat	3,678	3,497	3,701	101	106	11,262	11,274	100

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 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Mar 03 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2002	Feb 2003	2002	2003	03 as % of 02
	<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	2,028	1,913	2,016	99	105	6,280	6,187	99
Veal	14.6	15.4	16.0	110	104	44.8	48.7	109
Pork	1,563	1,504	1,602	102	106	4,726	4,837	102
Lamb & Mutton	21.6	14.3	17.6	81	122	55.7	47.3	85
Total Red Meat	3,627	3,447	3,652	101	106	11,106	11,120	100

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 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Mar 03 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
					Mar 2002	Feb 2003	2002	2003	03 % of 02
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			
									<i>Prcent</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,687.7	2,519.1	2,719.9	101	108	8,250.7	8,189.2	99
Other	Thou	50.0	50.7	50.3	101	99	159.5	157.7	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,737.7	2,569.8	2,770.2	101	108	8,410.3	8,346.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,244	1,264	1,236	99	98	1,256	1,256	100
Other	Lbs	1,089	1,092	1,107	102	101	1,090	1,096	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,241	1,261	1,234	99	98	1,252	1,255	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	75.6	81.3	83.0	110	102	232.5	255.8	110
Other	Thou	1.8	1.9	2.0	110	109	5.8	6.1	104
Comm'l. ³	Thou	77.4	83.1	85.1	110	102	238.3	261.9	110
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	323	315	318	98	100	323	317	98
Other	Lbs	429	417	415	97	100	413	418	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	324	316	323	100	102	324	319	99
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,879.1	*7,580.0	8,051.8	102	106	23,830.5	24,313.5	102
Other	Thou	107.4	100.4	100.4	93	100	317.8	306.4	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,986.5	7,680.3	8,152.1	102	106	24,148.3	24,619.9	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	267	267	268	100	100	268	268	100
Other	Lbs	239	237	242	101	102	237	238	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	267	267	268	100	100	267	267	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	310.7	211.0	251.6	81	119	798.9	689.7	86
Other	Thou	13.6	13.2	12.6	92	95	41.4	37.4	90
Comm'l. ³	Thou	324.3	224.2	264.1	81	118	840.2	727.1	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	140	135	139	100	103	140	137	98
Other	Lbs	103	102	108	105	106	101	104	104
Comm'l.	Lbs	138	133	138	100	103	138	135	98

* 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 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Mar 03 as % of ²	
				Mar 2002	Feb 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4.6	3.4	3.6	78	103
AK					
AZ	36.1	35.8	33.2	92	93
AR	5.6	3.9	6.2	111	157
CA	103.9	106.5	115.1	111	108
CO	164.9	155.3	154.4	94	99
DE-MD	2.7	2.5	2.7	98	108
FL	5.4	5.1	5.6	103	109
GA	22.8	19.2	20.7	91	108
HI	1.0	0.9	0.9	88	99
ID	47.6	45.8	47.5	100	104
IL	208.3	188.4	201.6	97	107
IN	115.2	109.9	116.2	101	106
IA	503.2	485.4	519.2	103	107
KS	470.3	429.1	446.4	95	104
KY	35.2	33.2	36.0	102	108
LA	1.4	1.4	1.3	89	90
MI	33.3	29.8	32.7	98	110
MN	181.0	180.5	191.0	106	106
MS	23.7	22.1	24.0	101	109
MO	35.0	33.0	35.2	100	107
MT	1.3	1.3	1.3	104	98
NE	564.9	538.5	560.3	99	104
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	132	107
N ENG ³	1.4	1.3	1.4	98	106
NJ	4.9	4.2	4.5	91	107
NM	0.9	1.0	1.2	130	115
NY	3.4	3.3	3.5	100	106
NC	167.3	168.0	172.5	103	103
ND	3.1	2.7	2.7	86	99
OH	23.5	24.7	26.5	113	108
OK	78.5	72.8	78.5	100	108
OR	3.4	3.4	3.7	107	106
PA	96.0	94.0	105.4	110	112
SC	20.4	18.5	19.8	97	107
SD	73.6	76.4	80.4	109	105
TN	16.2	16.2	19.6	121	121
TX	366.8	335.5	369.2	101	110
UT	36.5	38.7	40.1	110	104
VA	60.2	59.0	61.9	103	105
WA	43.4	41.2	45.3	104	110
WV	0.4	0.4	0.5	129	124
WI	109.6	103.6	109.3	100	105
WY	0.4	0.5	0.4	103	92
US	3,677.7	3,496.5	3,701.5	101	106

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 2002 and 2003 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	730	689	872	892
AK		0.1		67		1,203
AZ	46.3	42.3	60,789	56,935	1,313	1,346
AR	1.3	1.3	1,069	1,087	845	850
CA	97.2	109.6	127,062	140,319	1,308	1,280
CO	193.5	189.8	246,202	237,112	1,272	1,250
DE-MD	2.9	2.9	3,518	3,673	1,229	1,260
FL	7.8	7.5	8,794	8,591	1,130	1,150
GA	32.7	30.7	40,460	36,495	1,238	1,190
HI	1.0	0.8	1,029	884	1,063	1,059
ID	62.8	61.6	77,295	78,175	1,231	1,268
IL	72.8	76.2	90,504	94,931	1,242	1,245
IN	3.0	3.1	3,146	3,256	1,058	1,053
IA	56.2	58.8	71,557	73,842	1,273	1,255
KS	607.5	582.2	726,012	693,974	1,195	1,192
KY	1.4	1.6	1,191	1,408	855	873
LA	1.3	1.1	1,201	1,021	897	933
MI	35.6	36.8	50,248	50,622	1,413	1,375
MN	52.5	63.1	74,639	88,289	1,422	1,398
MS						
MO	7.8	8.2	9,791	10,480	1,251	1,273
MT	1.6	1.6	1,806	1,849	1,141	1,150
NE	575.1	579.6	744,039	740,170	1,294	1,277
NV	0.1	0.1	66	93	1,017	1,015
N ENG ²	1.5	1.5	1,606	1,656	1,101	1,078
NJ	2.0	2.3	2,411	2,650	1,185	1,158
NM	1.7	2.4	1,537	2,224	904	935
NY	3.9	4.3	4,306	4,780	1,095	1,102
NC	15.3	18.2	16,040	19,555	1,048	1,074
ND	1.3	1.2	1,415	1,487	1,127	1,195
OH	11.0	11.2	12,427	12,585	1,128	1,124
OK	3.5	3.0	3,644	3,158	1,048	1,056
OR	1.1	1.4	1,399	1,478	1,241	1,084
PA	76.8	87.6	98,130	111,994	1,278	1,278
SC						
SD						
TN	1.2	1.5	1,066	1,362	883	905
TX	492.3	494.4	573,414	579,045	1,165	1,171
UT	46.7	51.9	57,121	63,180	1,222	1,216
VA	1.4	1.2	1,438	1,221	1,024	997
WA	58.7	60.7	70,687	74,229	1,204	1,224
WV	0.6	0.8	584	762	964	1,002
WI	131.1	139.5	177,239	179,989	1,352	1,290
WY	0.6	0.5	628	611	1,134	1,219
US ³	2,737.7	2,770.2	3,397,480	3,417,508	1,241	1,234

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 2002 and 2003 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	8.6	11.2	1,399	1,631	163	145
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	40	32	342	372
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	7.6	8.4	3,345	3,827	438	453
IN	2.1	0.8	658	97	311	124
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.7	0.8	343	389	493	489
MI	3.6	2.4	1,607	1,102	446	451
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1	0.1	31	50	332	357
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	2.0	2.2	258	271	128	124
NJ	9.8	8.2	4,464	3,748	454	457
NM						
NY	12.7	12.6	1,196	1,175	94	93
NC	0.1	0.1	44	42	401	396
ND						
OH	0.1	5.2	16	2,121	207	411
OK	0.1	0.1	64	48	456	467
OR						
PA	13.3	15.4	4,848	5,680	364	369
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.2	1.9	647	1,018	540	547
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	13.0	12.2	5,623	5,462	432	448
WY						
US ³	77.4	85.1	25,062	27,464	324	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 2002 and 2003 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	12.2	9.6	6,476	4,900	532	510
AK						
AZ	0.5	0.3	134	75	295	237
AR						
CA	185.7	193.9	42,804	46,592	231	240
CO	1.0	1.0	219	262	228	265
DE-MD	1.3	1.5	385	411	290	283
FL	7.6	8.8	1,372	1,669	181	190
GA	11.4	12.0	2,931	3,015	258	251
HI	2.6	2.3	564	512	217	218
ID						
IL	728.9	680.4	199,720	187,665	274	276
IN	571.4	577.1	149,227	150,899	261	261
IA	2,298.0	2,373.5	613,639	634,515	267	267
KS	24.8	27.4	8,447	8,767	341	320
KY	173.9	176.4	46,236	46,926	266	266
LA	2.8	2.2	582	511	211	237
MI	8.9	9.4	3,284	3,480	371	369
MN	721.6	736.4	190,068	194,270	263	264
MS						
MO	153.6	154.8				
MT	1.0	1.0	239	249	231	239
NE	551.1	561.7	145,864	149,663	265	266
NV						
N ENG ²	1.8	1.8	472	456	270	257
NJ	7.6	7.5	728	758	96	101
NM	0.2	0.2	36	42	211	212
NY	2.2	2.2	461	433	207	197
NC	822.7	846.6	211,764	215,445	257	254
ND	14.9	11.7	3,420	2,681	229	230
OH	90.6	97.9	23,811	26,117	263	267
OK	366.0	366.2	102,554	102,544	280	280
OR	16.0	16.9	4,086	4,418	255	262
PA	208.2	225.9	51,991	56,500	250	250
SC						
SD	342.1	373.5	88,961	98,408	260	263
TN	48.6	58.7	23,449	28,319	483	483
TX	35.4	38.3	10,383	11,438	294	299
UT	4.9	3.5	918	698	186	199
VA	303.5	312.5	79,084	81,266	261	260
WA	1.6	1.4	401	349	255	253
WV	0.6	0.5	142	134	254	260
WI	41.6	40.1	18,027	17,894	433	446
WY	0.3	0.4	68	101	258	259
US ³	7,986.5	8,152.1	2,132,885	2,181,874	267	268

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,
March 2002 and 2003 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	17	15	121	108
AR						
CA						
CO						
DE-MD	3.2	2.1	390	254	121	119
FL						
GA	0.5	0.3	54	34	108	114
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	36	32	112	112
IL	18.9	14.7	2,562	2,092	136	142
IN	2.8	2.0	275	225	97	112
IA	51.8	38.9	7,746	5,972	150	153
KS	0.1	0.1	11	15	106	104
KY	0.7	0.7	96	97	146	137
LA	0.3	0.2	28	25	110	107
MI	16.9	15.1	2,053	1,820	121	121
MN	0.2	0.1	19	16	127	127
MS						
MO	0.7	0.4	67	40	103	105
MT	0.2	0.3	27	36	121	121
NE	0.1	0.1	13	9	118	121
NV	0.1	0.1	9	10	132	124
N ENG ²	2.7	1.3	277	142	101	110
NJ	10.1	7.2	931	687	92	95
NM	2.9	2.3	329	242	112	105
NY	5.7	1.7	528	160	92	92
NC						
ND						
OH	1.2	0.8	135	93	116	112
OK	0.2	0.1	22	17	136	147
OR	1.3	0.7	161	97	127	131
PA	6.6	5.9	672	644	102	109
SC						
SD	1.2	1.0	132	115	111	119
TN	0.3	0.5	26	39	80	79
TX	31.5	34.1	4,199	4,499	133	132
UT	2.6	2.7	311	340	122	127
VA						
WA	0.5	0.5	55	64	116	121
WV						
WI	0.9	1.0	121	131	138	135
WY	0.1	0.1	10	13	142	127
US ³	324.3	264.1	44,622	36,411	138	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 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	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	1,306	1,196	1,306	3,961	3,887	48.6	47.5	48.0	48.0	47.5
Heifers	904	832	872	2,782	2,671	33.7	33.0	32.1	33.7	32.6
All Cows	430	447	494	1,364	1,488	15.9	17.8	18.2	16.6	18.1
Dairy Cows	203	223	250	649	741	7.5	8.9	9.2	7.9	9.0
Other Cows	227	224	244	715	747	8.4	8.9	9.0	8.7	9.1
Bulls & Stags	48	44	48	144	143	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total ¹	2,688	2,519	2,720	8,251	8,189	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,606	7,334	7,766	23,026	23,495	96.5	96.7	96.5	96.6	96.6
Sows	249	227	264	735	756	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	24	19	22	69	63	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	7,879	7,580	8,052	23,831	24,314	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	11	10	33	31	3.6	5.2	3.9	4.1	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	300	200	242	766	659	96.4	94.8	96.1	95.9	95.5
Total ¹	311	211	252	799	690	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	759	764	745	765	758					
Heifers ⁴	809	820	798	818	815					
All Cows ⁴	749	759	738	760	754					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	607	603	598	605	599					
	919	935	924	918	927					
Calves & Vealers	197	195	195	197	194					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	199	199	200	199	200					
Sows ⁵	195	196	196	195	196					
Stags & Boars ⁵	319	314	313	319	313					
	226	232	236	225	235					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	70	68	70	70	69					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	63	65	62	64	63					
	70	68	70	70	69					

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 2003¹**

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	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.2
2	6.5	1.5	0.3	4.2	3.4	0.8	0.5	20.8
3	90.4	36.6	6.7	44.7	33.4	11.3	2.4	15.5
4	69.5	1.3	0.4	57.9	20.9	37.1	9.9	2.0
5	311.6	118.7	37.9	145.7	94.0	51.7	9.2	28.9
6	494.7	257.8	162.7	62.4	12.6	49.8	11.7	1.7
7	1,219.6	654.7	493.5	65.8	2.3	63.6	5.6	
8	252.6	112.1	124.2	14.2	4.1	10.2	2.0	
9	151.9	68.9	8.1	71.6	64.6	7.0	3.3	11.0
10	121.9	53.8	38.1	26.3	13.6	12.7	3.7	1.0
US ²	2,719.9	1,305.8	871.9	493.8	249.5	244.3	48.5	83.0
	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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	1.5	1.5			1.2	0.4	0.9	
2	9.6	9.3	0.2	0.1	8.3	1.1	7.2	
3	539.1	537.3	1.8		8.1	0.6	7.5	
4	1,273.8	1,195.8	76.5	1.5	1.8	0.7	1.0	
5	2,105.5	1,999.9	102.1	3.5	30.5	2.7	27.7	
6	406.7	381.1	24.5	1.1	32.9	1.7	31.2	
7	3,109.2	3,043.9	49.9	15.4	39.3		39.3	
8	386.8	378.2	8.5		71.0	2.0	69.0	
9	189.7	189.6	0.1		57.4	0.4	57.1	
10	29.9	29.7	0.2		1.2	0.2	1.0	
US ²	8,051.8	7,766.3	263.8	21.6	251.6	9.8	241.8	

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 - March 2003 * 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	4.4	0.9	0.5	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.5	7.0
2	19.3	4.6	1.0	12.4	10.1	2.3	1.3	62.9
3	270.6	111.9	18.2	133.7	99.6	34.2	6.7	47.3
4	209.6	6.7	1.0	173.9	60.7	113.2	28.0	7.0
5	936.5	353.5	114.4	441.2	284.0	157.2	27.4	87.7
6	1,471.2	743.1	506.8	186.3	36.7	149.6	34.9	5.5
7	3,662.1	1,933.2	1,515.8	194.8	5.9	188.9	18.3	0.1
8	770.6	343.6	376.5	44.2	11.6	32.6	6.2	
9	467.2	218.3	25.4	214.7	192.3	22.5	8.8	34.8
10	377.8	171.4	111.8	83.4	37.2	46.2	11.3	3.4
US ²	8,189.2	3,887.2	2,671.4	1,487.1	740.6	746.6	143.4	255.8
	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	4.4	4.3			3.7	1.0	2.7	
2	29.3	28.7	0.5	0.2	25.7	4.4	21.3	
3	1,592.6	1,587.5	5.0	0.1	25.9	1.5	24.4	
4	3,935.7	3,704.6	227.0	4.1	5.4	2.3	3.1	
5	6,303.4	6,015.5	279.0	8.8	88.7	8.3	80.4	
6	1,223.6	1,154.2	65.2	4.2	99.3	5.9	93.4	
7	9,376.4	9,184.2	146.9	45.3	106.3	0.1	106.2	
8	1,182.5	1,150.8	31.6	0.1	187.9	5.6	182.3	
9	577.6	577.4	0.2	0.1	142.6	1.0	141.6	
10	88.1	87.5	0.6	0.1	4.4	0.8	3.6	
US ²	24,313.5	23,494.7	755.9	62.9	689.7	30.8	658.9	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2003**

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total ¹	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL								
AK	0.1							
AZ	41.9	29.3	0.6	12.0	12.0			
AR	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	
CA	109.1	39.3	7.3	59.3	52.6	6.7	3.2	11.0
CO	189.2	91.6	96.9	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	
DE-MD	2.9	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.2			0.1
FL	7.5	0.3		6.7	1.5	5.2	0.5	
GA	29.5	0.1		25.0	0.3	24.7	4.3	
HI	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.3		0.3	0.1	
ID	60.1	26.5	11.6	18.9	8.2	10.7	3.1	
IL	73.6	43.7	29.9					8.4
IN	0.4	0.2	0.1					0.8
IA	57.7	32.6	25.0				0.1	
KS	578.9	325.4	252.0	1.6	0.4	1.2		
KY	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1			
LA								
MI	34.7	22.4	1.5	10.8	10.8		0.1	2.4
MN	61.3	8.2	3.7	42.7	16.4	26.3	6.8	
MS								
MO	5.5	1.0	0.5	3.5	0.6	2.9	0.4	
MT	0.4	0.1	0.1					
NE	577.5	295.7	216.1	60.6	1.2	59.4	5.0	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8		0.2	2.2
NJ	2.3	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.2	8.2
NM	1.9			1.8	1.8			
NY	4.2	0.5	0.2	3.3	2.6	0.7	0.2	12.5
NC	17.6	0.1	0.1	14.0	7.3	6.7	3.4	0.1
ND								
OH	5.7	0.4	0.2	5.0	4.7	0.3	0.1	5.1
OK	0.7	0.1		0.6	0.3	0.3		
OR	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1		0.2	
PA	87.2	34.5	6.0	44.3	33.1	11.2	2.3	15.4
SC								
SD								
TN	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	
TX	491.4	257.5	162.5	59.7	10.4	49.3	11.6	1.6
UT	51.3	20.2	27.0	3.7	1.5	2.2	0.4	
VA	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1		
WA	60.6	26.9	25.9	7.3	5.2	2.1	0.5	
WV								
WI	135.9	43.9	2.5	87.4	62.2	25.2	2.2	12.2
WY								
US ³	2,719.9	1,305.8	871.9	493.8	249.5	244.3	48.5	83.0

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2003**

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	8.6		7.1	1.5			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	187.2	187.1					
CO	0.5	0.5					
DE-MD	1.4	1.4			2.1		2.1
FL	8.8	8.6	0.2				
GA							
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	666.2	611.0	53.0	2.3	13.8		13.8
IN	573.4	573.4			1.7	1.1	0.6
IA	2,372.1	2,313.2	43.5	15.4	38.8		38.8
KS							
KY	175.8	170.3	5.4		0.7	0.5	0.2
LA							
MI	7.7	3.2	4.5		14.8	1.6	13.2
MN	734.4	734.3			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO					0.3		0.3
MT	0.2	0.1			0.1		0.1
NE	560.5	560.5					
NV					0.1		
N ENG ²	1.5	1.5			1.2	0.4	0.9
NJ	7.5	7.3	0.2	0.1	7.2	0.6	6.6
NM					0.3	0.3	
NY	2.1	2.0			1.1	0.5	0.6
NC	836.4	831.6	4.7	0.1			
ND	11.2	11.2					
OH	89.3	77.9	10.5	0.8			
OK	363.1	357.8	5.2				
OR	16.7	16.6	0.1		0.6		0.6
PA	225.5	225.0	0.4		5.8	0.5	5.3
SC							
SD	372.6	364.1	8.4		0.9		0.9
TN	58.5	0.8	57.7		0.5		0.5
TX	28.4	21.7	5.6	1.1	32.4	1.3	31.1
UT	2.3	2.2			2.4	2.0	0.5
VA	312.2	310.9	1.3				
WA	1.3	1.3			0.4	0.2	0.3
WV							
WI	34.6	0.1	34.1	0.3	0.1		0.1
WY							
US ³	8,051.8	7,766.3	263.8	21.6	251.6	9.8	241.8

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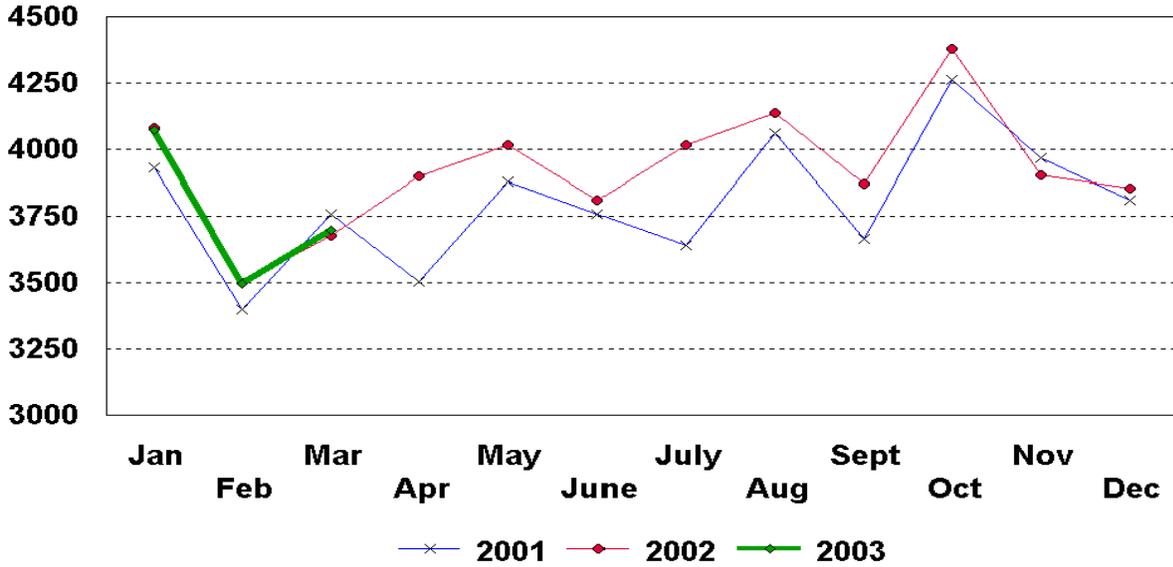
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

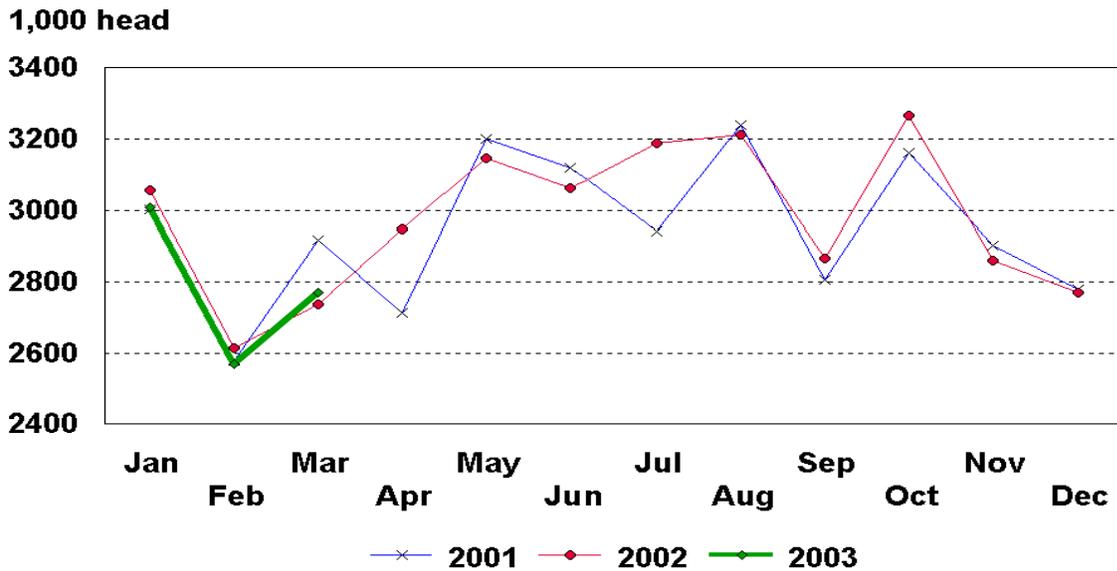
Species	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Jan - Mar	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	2002	2003
Cattle	98.2	98.0	98.2	98.1	98.1
Calves	97.6	97.8	97.6	97.5	97.7
Hogs	98.7	98.7	98.8	98.7	98.8
Sheep	95.8	94.1	95.2	95.1	94.9

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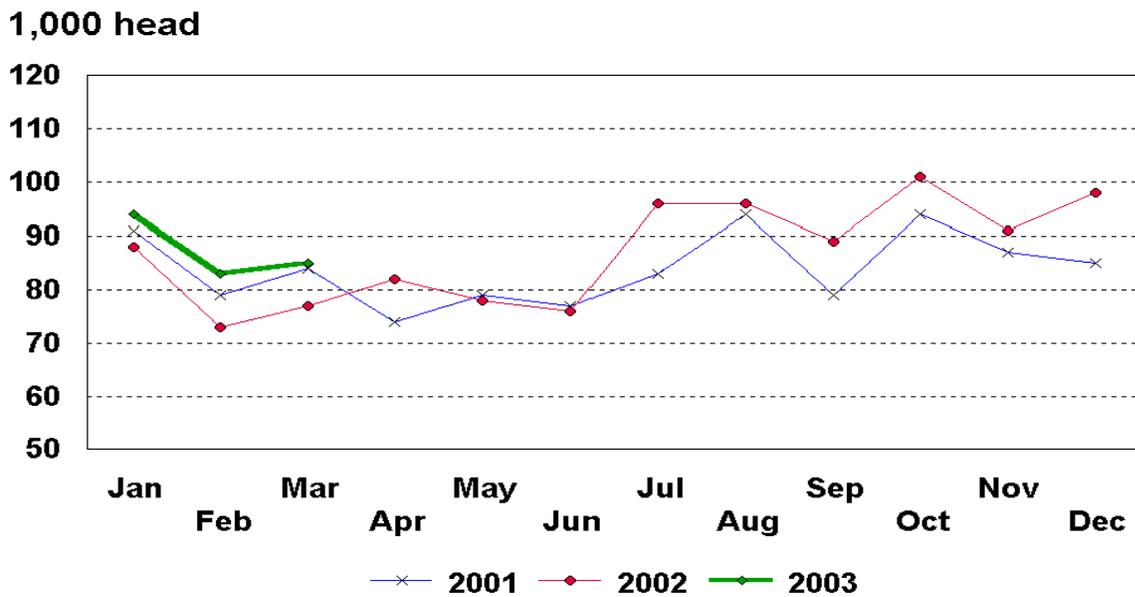
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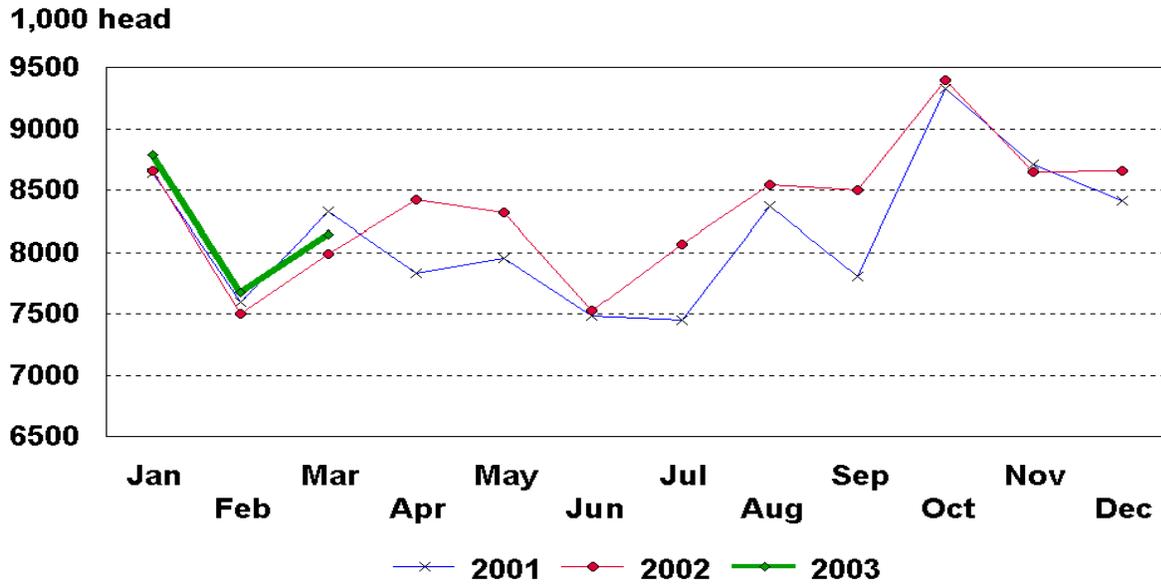
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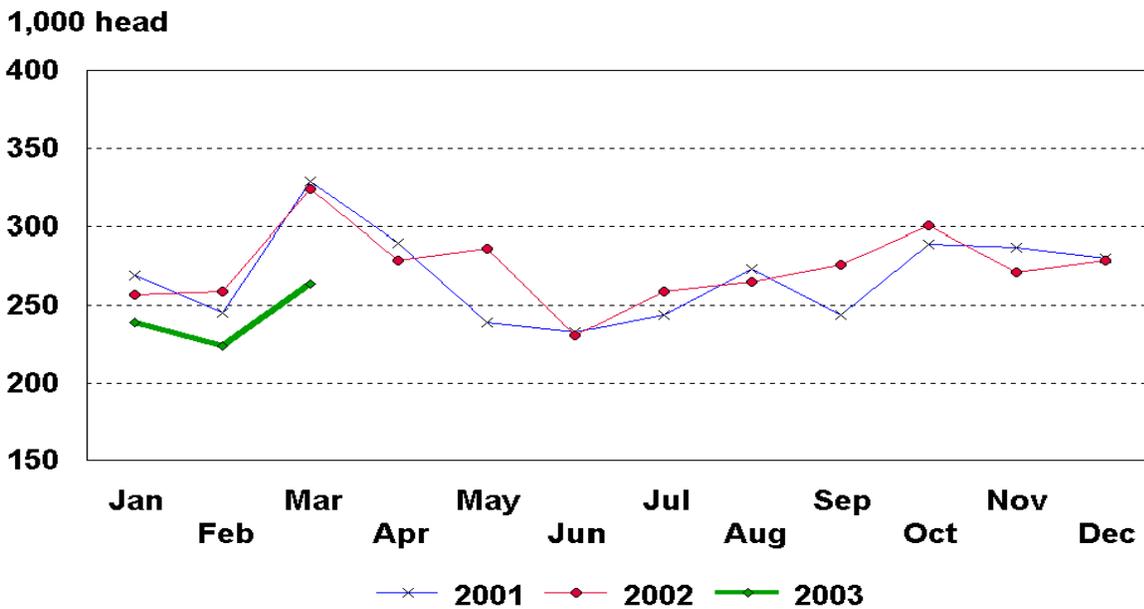
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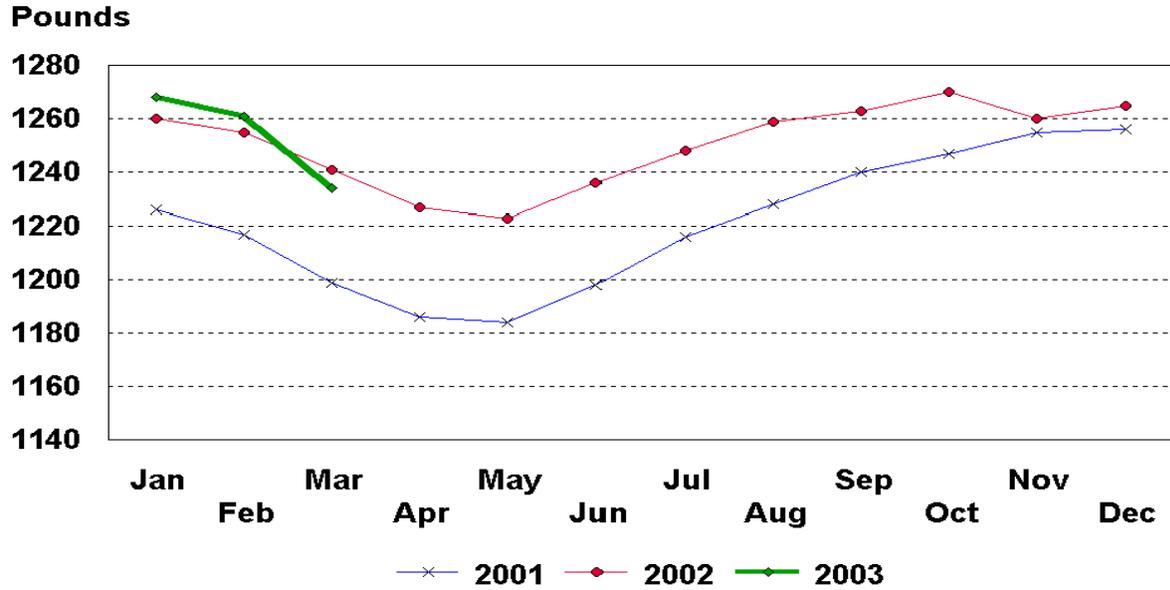
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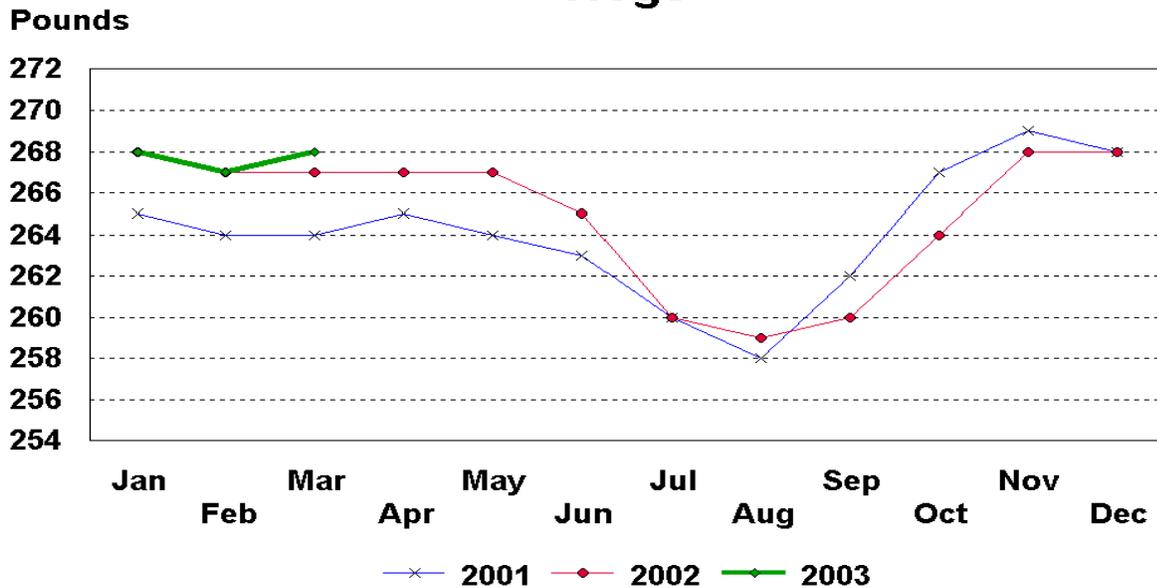
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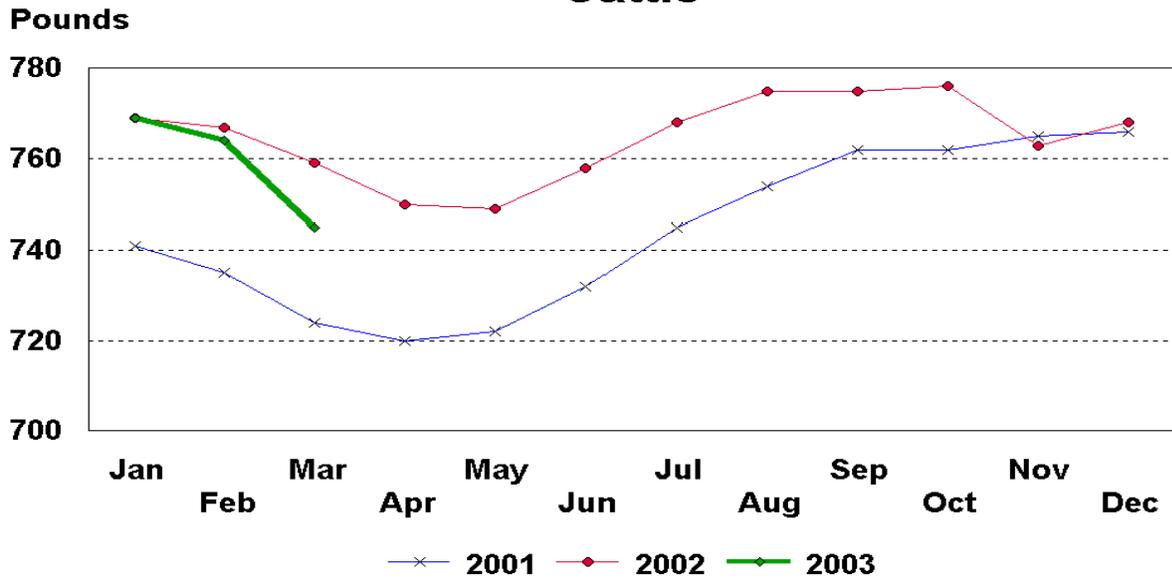
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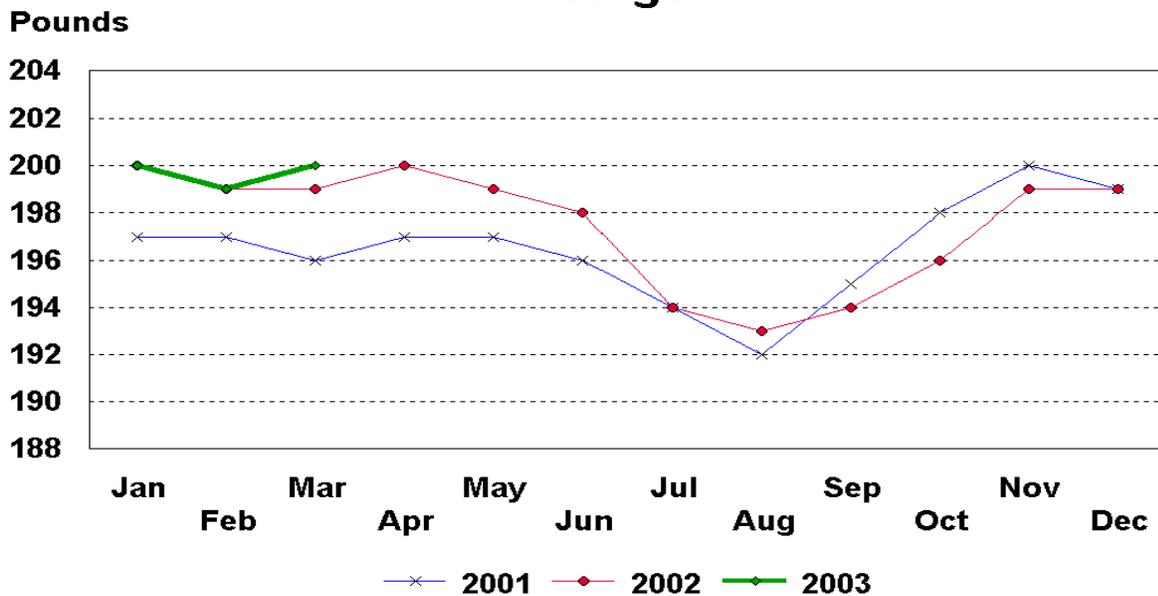
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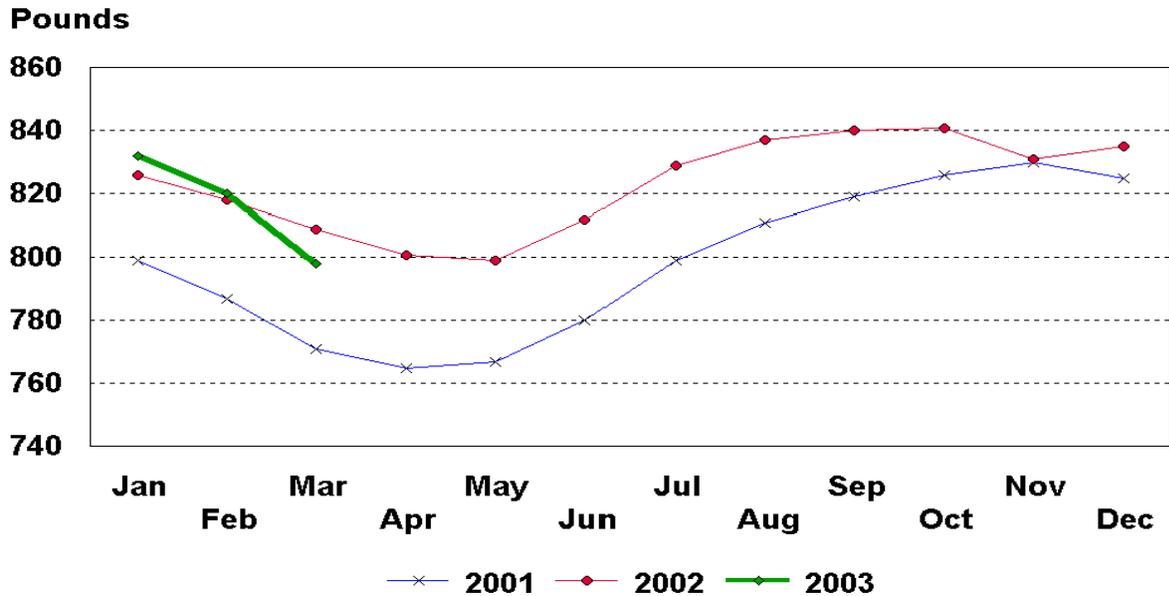
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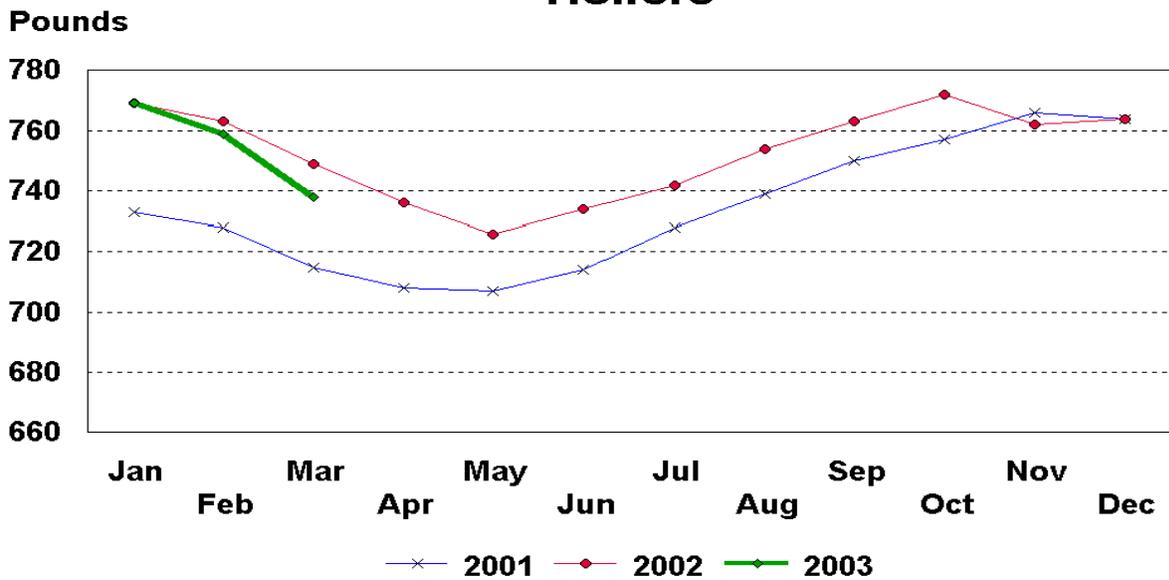
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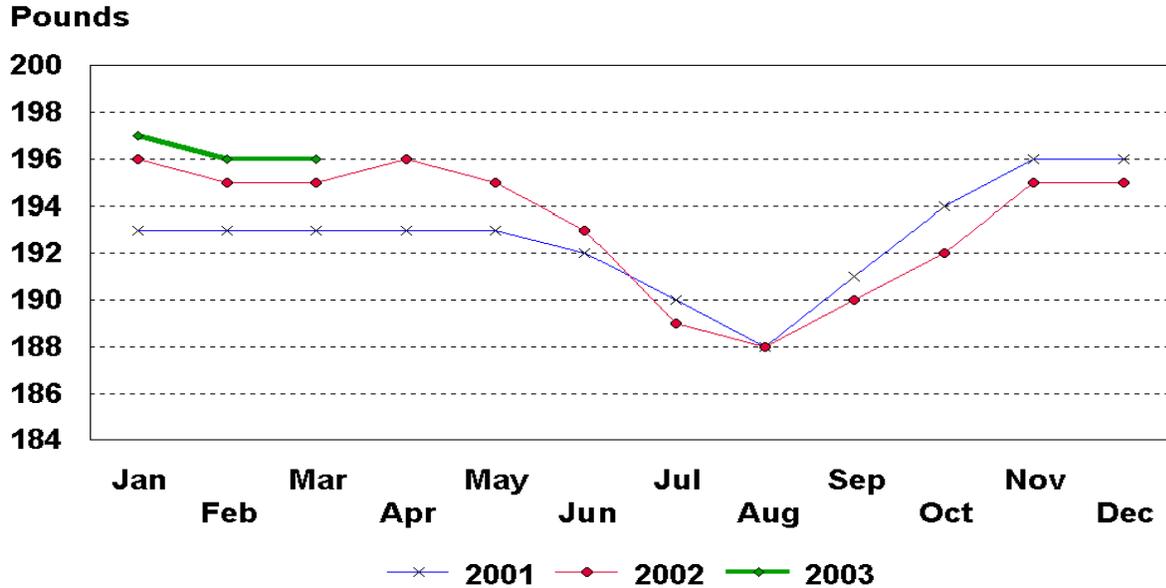
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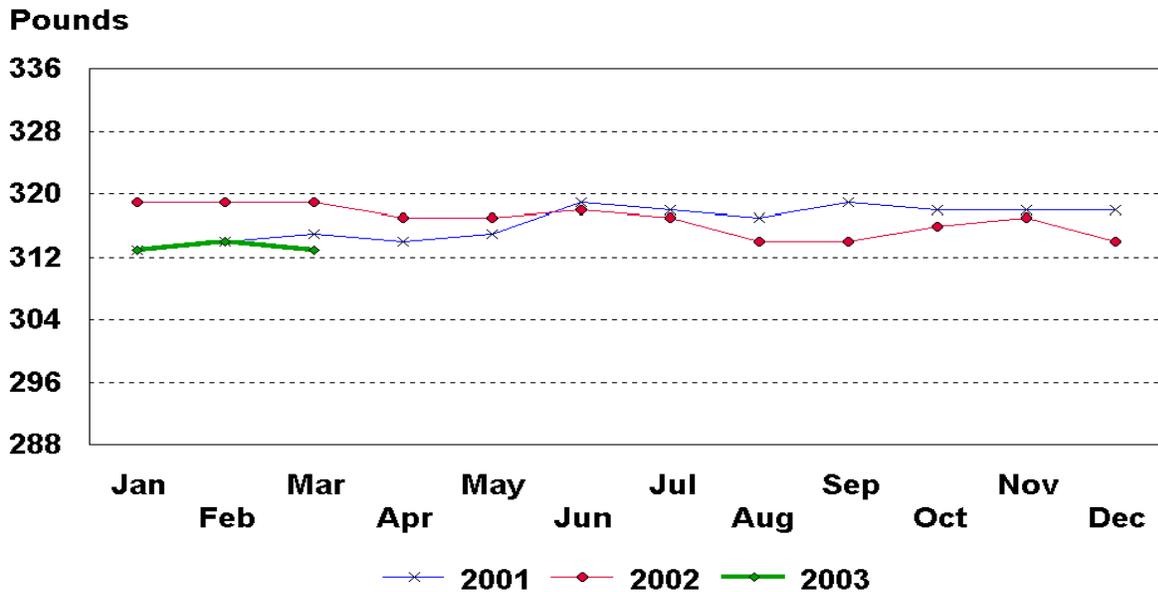
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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