



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Pork Production at Record Monthly High and Veal at Record Low

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in October, down 5 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in October 2002.

October 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.  
October 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 8 percent from October 2002. The average live weight was down 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 16.4 million pounds, 13 percent below October a year ago and a record monthly low. Calf slaughter totaled 87,500 head, down 13 percent from October 2002. The average live weight was unchanged last year, at 308 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.91 billion pounds, a record monthly high and up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 3 percent above October 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 267 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 265,500 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2003 commercial red meat production** was 39.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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

Class	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Oct 03 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2002	Sep 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	2,512	2,312	2,211	88	96	22,820	22,483	99
Veal	18.7	15.4	16.4	87	106	161.0	157.7	98
Pork	1,831	*1,663	1,909	104	115	16,241	16,329	101
Lamb & Mutton	19.7	16.9	18.0	91	106	181.8	165.1	91
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>4,154</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>39,404</b>	<b>39,134</b>	<b>99</b>

\* Revised.

<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	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Oct 03 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2002	Sep 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	2,474	2,282	2,176	88	95	22,505	22,179	99
Veal	18.0	14.7	15.7	87	107	155.8	152.4	98
Pork	1,810	1,645	1,891	104	115	16,052	16,153	101
Lamb & Mutton	18.8	16.1	17.2	91	107	173.8	158.0	91
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,321</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>38,886</b>	<b>38,643</b>	<b>99</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	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Oct 03 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
					Oct 2002	Sep 2003	2002	2003	03 % of 02
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,205.2	3,074.1	2,946.0	92	96	29,589.0	29,865.8	101
Other	Thou	61.4	48.7	56.6	92	116	512.7	493.9	96
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	3,266.6	3,122.9	3,002.6	92	96	30,101.7	30,359.7	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,274	1,229	1,234	97	100	1,251	1,232	98
Other	Lbs	1,086	1,096	1,089	100	99	1,088	1,095	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,270	1,227	1,231	97	100	1,248	1,230	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	98.1	80.0	84.9	86	106	835.0	804.9	96
Other	Thou	2.7	2.5	2.6	96	103	21.3	21.3	100
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	100.9	82.6	87.5	87	106	856.3	826.2	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	305	301	306	100	102	310	315	101
Other	Lbs	417	425	408	98	96	410	414	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	308	308	308	100	100	313	317	101
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,275.7	*8,444.5	9,531.7	103	113	81,832.8	81,805.1	100
Other	Thou	127.9	108.4	107.0	84	99	1,118.2	1,041.6	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	9,403.6	*8,552.8	9,638.7	103	113	82,951.1	82,846.7	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	264	263	268	101	102	265	266	100
Other	Lbs	230	232	234	102	101	232	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	264	263	267	101	102	264	266	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	283.6	240.5	250.8	88	104	2,574.6	2,336.5	91
Other	Thou	17.0	15.8	14.6	86	93	161.9	139.4	86
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	300.6	256.3	265.5	88	104	2,736.5	2,475.9	90
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	133	133	136	102	102	135	135	100
Other	Lbs	110	103	112	102	109	101	105	104
Comm'l.	Lbs	132	131	135	102	103	133	133	100

\* 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	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Oct 03 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Oct 2002	Sep 2003
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4.5	3.2	3.6	80	111
AK	0.1		0.1	70	
AZ	38.6	36.0	34.2	89	95
AR	6.3	5.4	5.9	95	110
CA	126.4	120.8	127.4	101	105
CO	197.3	165.4	155.7	79	94
DE-MD	3.4	2.9	2.8	81	95
FL	7.1	5.4	5.6	78	103
GA	22.1	18.9	19.9	90	105
HI	1.0	0.9	0.9	87	102
ID	59.8	48.3	47.9	80	99
IL	260.3	*210.3	233.4	90	111
IN	123.1	119.0	138.3	112	116
IA	578.9	561.2	615.2	106	110
KS	537.0	497.3	478.2	89	96
KY	43.7	42.8	48.0	110	112
LA	1.7	1.3	1.5	86	118
MI	36.1	35.8	34.9	96	97
MN	212.8	198.0	220.0	103	111
MS	28.3	26.6	29.1	103	110
MO	38.1	37.2	42.2	111	113
MT	1.6	1.3	1.5	96	119
NE	711.9	638.4	616.8	87	97
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	106	114
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.1	1.7	1.9	91	114
NJ	5.6	4.2	4.5	81	106
NM	0.9	1.2	1.0	111	87
NY	4.4	3.8	4.6	103	119
NC	190.8	176.2	211.8	111	120
ND	3.3	2.5	3.2	96	130
OH	30.4	27.2	30.1	99	110
OK	90.9	83.6	92.8	102	111
OR	3.8	3.6	3.5	93	98
PA	120.0	108.2	113.7	95	105
SC	22.4	20.2	22.4	100	111
SD	90.5	75.2	88.6	98	118
TN	23.1	22.0	25.1	108	114
TX	450.3	441.8	407.4	90	92
UT	45.3	40.9	36.8	81	90
VA	76.1	52.0	72.8	96	140
WA	59.6	50.3	54.7	92	109
WV	1.2	0.7	1.1	93	168
WI	120.7	115.4	114.6	95	99
WY	0.2	0.6	0.2	95	37
US	4,382.1	*4,007.7	4,154.0	95	104

\* Revised.

<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,  
October 2002 and 2003<sup>1</sup>**

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	0.6	0.5	481	437	828	797
AK	0.1	0.1	168	110	1,170	1,104
AZ	49.2	44.5	65,252	60,146	1,327	1,352
AR	1.5	1.6	1,244	1,377	825	869
CA	120.4	122.8	155,096	157,691	1,288	1,284
CO	227.7	193.8	296,793	238,796	1,303	1,232
DE-MD	3.7	3.2	4,682	4,005	1,255	1,264
FL	9.4	8.4	10,653	9,044	1,135	1,072
GA	30.5	29.0	37,859	34,506	1,242	1,189
HI	1.0	0.9	1,077	940	1,077	1,030
ID	80.3	65.0	99,960	81,321	1,245	1,251
IL	98.1	83.0	123,065	101,664	1,255	1,224
IN	4.6	4.6	4,943	4,841	1,064	1,056
IA	64.3	78.8	82,818	96,874	1,287	1,230
KS	657.4	610.7	830,459	745,423	1,263	1,221
KY	1.9	1.7	1,644	1,507	851	866
LA	1.9	1.5	1,659	1,362	882	889
MI	39.7	40.7	54,593	53,982	1,375	1,325
MN	78.5	74.3	105,695	99,434	1,346	1,338
MS <sup>2</sup>						
MO	9.2	8.9	11,212	11,496	1,223	1,294
MT	1.9	1.9	2,204	2,146	1,135	1,139
NE	724.8	628.1	956,403	792,060	1,319	1,261
NV	0.1	0.1	103	101	993	1,018
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.3	2.3	2,380	2,332	1,051	1,036
NJ	2.7	2.8	3,136	3,159	1,181	1,139
NM	1.8	2.2	1,576	1,949	894	906
NY	5.3	5.5	5,757	5,935	1,087	1,070
NC	19.4	21.7	20,427	23,154	1,054	1,068
ND	1.5	1.2	1,625	1,411	1,116	1,132
OH	12.8	11.7	14,781	13,911	1,152	1,193
OK	3.8	3.0	3,936	2,925	1,044	976
OR	1.4	1.2	1,641	1,433	1,169	1,148
PA	98.2	95.2	126,632	120,660	1,290	1,267
SC						
SD						
TN	1.6	1.6	1,403	1,433	869	876
TX	590.1	546.7	710,144	645,438	1,203	1,181
UT	56.1	48.6	71,027	58,097	1,265	1,196
VA	1.1	0.9	1,038	973	951	1,034
WA	78.9	72.5	99,716	89,034	1,264	1,228
WV	2.0	1.9	1,736	1,635	859	877
WI	148.8	150.9	196,499	189,911	1,321	1,259
WY	0.3	0.3	346	331	1,190	1,165
US <sup>4</sup>	3,266.6	3,002.6	4,148,453	3,695,836	1,270	1,231

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

<sup>2</sup> Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>4</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. States with no data printed are still included in the US total.

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2002 and 2003<sup>1</sup>**

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	9.9	10.3	1,495	1,968	152	191
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.1	54	37	321	280
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.8	7.9	4,353	3,434	443	435
IN	1.7	0.8	210	107	125	126
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.1	1.2	566	559	494	479
MI	2.7	2.0	1,184	840	435	420
MN						
MS <sup>2</sup>						
MO	0.1	0.1	53	22	361	311
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.7	1.9	342	242	127	127
NJ	10.8	9.2	4,836	3,137	448	340
NM						
NY	16.0	12.1	1,587	1,428	99	118
NC	0.2	0.1	62	73	394	492
ND						
OH	4.7	6.0	1,918	2,422	412	403
OK	0.1	0.1	57	60	483	471
OR						
PA	19.1	17.8	6,412	5,731	336	322
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	59	65	421	434
TX	3.1	2.3	981	1,216	322	532
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	13.7	11.4	5,964	4,865	436	427
WY						
US <sup>4</sup>	100.9	87.5	31,033	26,973	308	308

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

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<sup>3</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>4</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. States with no data printed are still included in the US total.

**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2002 and 2003<sup>1</sup>**

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	12.4	10.2	6,483	5,191	522	507
AK	0.1	0.1	31	25	271	304
AZ	0.2	0.2	40	52	260	251
AR						
CA	232.4	215.6	54,352	51,638	234	240
CO	1.6	1.3	413	338	264	263
DE-MD	1.8	1.5	479	385	270	259
FL	12.5	9.0	2,373	1,615	190	179
GA	14.8	13.5	3,628	3,266	246	242
HI	2.6	2.4	570	496	216	205
ID						
IL	894.1	818.3	241,131	225,036	270	275
IN	627.5	689.9	160,676	179,799	256	261
IA	2,711.1	2,801.4	712,460	748,861	263	267
KS	29.2	26.8	9,628	9,265	330	345
KY	220.1	238.8	57,586	63,299	262	265
LA	2.4	2.1	463	401	197	195
MI	10.6	9.7	3,865	3,680	363	378
MN	808.6	856.7	212,606	225,920	263	264
MS <sup>2</sup>						
MO	170.1	186.3				
MT	1.3	1.3	327	316	242	249
NE	639.2	665.8	168,222	177,637	263	267
NV						
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.7	2.4	710	600	261	250
NJ	9.2	8.1	879	806	96	100
NM	0.4	0.3	79	62	213	219
NY	3.5	3.5	692	764	200	218
NC	950.6	1,041.7	239,841	265,520	252	255
ND	16.0	15.4	3,601	3,590	225	233
OH	114.5	110.4	30,122	29,732	263	269
OK	422.6	443.7	119,514	122,452	283	276
OR	17.2	16.6	4,543	4,313	263	259
PA	252.3	245.3	62,946	62,015	250	253
SC						
SD	426.5	418.5	110,190	109,101	258	261
TN	69.6	75.6	33,489	36,383	481	482
TX	39.9	39.2	10,630	11,539	266	295
UT	5.0	2.5	914	618	183	245
VA	388.9	370.6	100,344	95,912	258	259
WA	1.6	1.9	419	480	256	259
WV	1.1	1.0	282	244	253	249
WI	39.8	40.3	16,941	17,271	426	428
WY	0.2	0.2	47	41	249	261
US <sup>4</sup>	9,403.6	9,638.7	2,482,798	2,575,859	264	267

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

<sup>2</sup> Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>4</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. States with no data printed are still included in the US total.

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2002 and 2003<sup>1</sup>**

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	12	11	120	107
AR	0.1	0.1	7	8	109	117
CA						
CO						
DE-MD	3.6	2.8	384	297	107	106
FL						
GA	0.6	0.7	54	76	91	105
HI						
ID	0.5	0.5	61	58	123	123
IL	19.4	15.6	2,637	2,137	136	137
IN	3.2	3.0	366	320	113	108
IA	40.6	36.5	5,604	5,314	138	146
KS	0.2	0.3	27	40	111	116
KY	0.9	1.1	112	146	127	130
LA	0.1	0.2	10	12	92	79
MI	17.1	17.4	2,083	2,139	121	123
MN	0.5	0.5	59	55	110	118
MS <sup>2</sup>						
MO	0.7	0.6	73	62	106	106
MT	0.5	0.5	57	56	125	122
NE	0.2	0.2	27	22	126	124
NV	0.1	0.1	16	13	128	101
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	2.5	2.4	252	239	100	99
NJ	9.0	10.3	876	983	98	96
NM	3.0	2.1	331	215	111	102
NY	2.6	3.0	216	321	84	108
NC	0.1	0.6	6	71	88	110
ND						
OH	1.5	1.1	151	126	98	116
OK	0.1	0.1	18	17	133	133
OR	1.2	1.3	130	172	112	127
PA	6.5	7.4	698	789	107	106
SC						
SD	1.3	0.9	153	122	114	129
TN	0.6	0.7	43	54	74	77
TX	26.4	31.7	3,418	4,031	130	127
UT	2.9	3.2	365	405	126	128
VA						
WA	0.9	0.6	109	71	119	130
WV						
WI	1.5	1.7	194	219	129	131
WY	0.1	0.1	9	9	142	115
US <sup>4</sup>	300.6	265.5	39,617	35,706	132	135

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

<sup>2</sup> Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> 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 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Jan - Oct <sup>1</sup>		Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Jan - Oct <sup>1</sup>	
				2002	2003				2002	2003
	<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	1,550	1,495	1,367	14,918	14,825	48.4	48.6	46.4	50.4	49.6
Heifers	1,063	1,014	958	9,508	9,542	33.2	33.0	32.5	32.1	32.0
All Cows	539	509	562	4,653	4,972	16.8	16.6	19.1	15.7	16.7
Dairy Cows	243	248	276	2,141	2,382	7.6	8.1	9.4	7.2	8.0
Other Cows	296	261	286	2,512	2,590	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.5	8.7
Bulls & Stags	53	56	59	510	526	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.8
Total <sup>1</sup>	3,205	3,074	2,946	29,589	29,866	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,960	8,148	9,223	78,938	78,936	96.6	96.5	96.8	96.5	96.5
Sows	293	*274	285	2,667	2,656	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.2
Stags & Boars	23	23	24	228	213	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	9,276	*8,444	9,532	81,833	81,805	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	14	14	14	122	120	4.9	5.7	5.7	4.7	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	270	227	237	2,453	2,216	95.1	94.3	94.3	95.3	94.8
Total <sup>1</sup>	284	240	251	2,575	2,336	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	776	747	743	765	746					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	841	807	807	821	802					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	772	732	737	751	731					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	583	577	580	592	590					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	880	887	878	917	910					
Calves & Vealers	188	186	189	190	193					
Hogs	196	196	199	197	198					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	192	191	196	193	194					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	316	312	316	317	315					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	233	236	238	234	239					
Sheep	67	67	69	68	68					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	62	68	68	63	66					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	67	67	69	68	68					

\* Revised.

<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,  
October 2003<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	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.9
2	8.0	2.1	0.4	4.9	3.8	1.1	0.7	21.3
3	98.5	34.1	8.1	52.0	39.2	12.8	4.3	18.0
4	74.1	1.5	0.4	60.7	26.3	34.5	11.5	3.0
5	342.3	127.5	50.6	153.6	100.9	52.8	10.5	28.0
6	547.2	265.7	185.2	83.8	13.5	70.4	12.4	1.9
7	1,316.4	681.6	547.5	78.1	2.1	76.0	9.1	0.1
8	253.4	119.5	116.8	14.3	5.2	9.2	2.9	
9	167.2	74.0	8.3	80.5	70.3	10.2	4.3	9.9
10	137.1	60.1	40.3	33.1	13.8	19.3	3.5	0.9
US <sup>2</sup>	2,946.0	1,366.6	957.8	562.1	275.9	286.3	59.5	84.9
	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	1.8	1.8			2.2	0.4	1.7	
2	11.2	10.7	0.3	0.1	12.3	2.1	10.2	
3	616.8	614.9	1.8		10.7	1.0	9.8	
4	1,582.3	1,480.5	99.8	2.0	3.5	1.2	2.3	
5	2,485.9	2,378.3	104.9	2.7	34.2	5.1	29.1	
6	487.0	459.3	24.9	2.8	29.9	1.6	28.3	
7	3,669.8	3,610.4	42.8	16.6	37.1		37.1	
8	434.3	424.8	9.6		69.1	2.2	66.9	
9	211.7	211.3	0.3		50.0	0.5	49.5	
10	30.9	30.8	0.1		1.9	0.3	1.6	
US <sup>2</sup>	9,531.7	9,222.8	284.6	24.3	250.8	14.3	236.5	

<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 - October 2003 \* <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	14.9	3.0	1.8	8.3	8.0	0.3	1.8	22.7
2	66.0	16.2	3.1	41.7	32.8	8.9	5.0	197.2
3	923.3	390.8	73.4	427.7	321.1	106.6	31.4	156.4
4	715.6	14.7	3.1	592.0	208.6	383.4	105.8	18.6
5	3,288.2	1,336.8	447.8	1,406.9	907.8	499.1	96.7	273.6
6	5,584.5	2,835.8	1,926.9	701.4	114.6	586.8	120.5	16.5
7	13,528.0	7,432.9	5,364.9	665.2	16.8	648.3	65.0	0.3
8	2,789.1	1,374.0	1,249.8	141.7	41.4	100.3	23.6	0.1
9	1,633.1	796.9	90.4	706.6	609.4	97.2	39.2	110.2
10	1,323.0	624.1	381.4	280.4	121.2	159.2	37.1	9.3
US <sup>2</sup>	29,865.8	14,825.2	9,542.5	4,971.9	2,381.8	2,590.1	526.2	804.9
	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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	17.2	16.9	0.2	0.1	18.1	4.6	13.6	
2	108.7	105.7	2.2	0.8	111.6	15.4	96.2	
3	5,386.1	5,369.4	16.0	0.7	96.4	7.6	88.8	
4	13,277.2	12,461.9	799.9	15.4	23.5	9.4	14.1	
5	21,177.5	20,098.4	1,048.5	30.6	325.6	39.2	286.4	
6	4,209.0	3,984.9	214.1	10.0	304.5	16.6	287.9	
7	31,469.6	30,838.2	476.8	154.6	348.3	0.4	347.9	
8	3,890.7	3,795.2	95.3	0.2	640.2	18.6	621.6	
9	1,964.4	1,962.9	1.2	0.3	450.0	4.8	445.2	
10	304.7	302.9	1.6	0.3	18.3	3.7	14.6	
US <sup>2</sup>	81,805.1	78,936.5	2,655.8	212.8	2,336.5	120.4	2,216.1	

\* 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,  
October 2003**

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	43.9	27.8	0.4	15.7	15.7			
AR	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	
CA	122.2	45.8	7.7	64.5	54.6	9.9	4.2	9.9
CO	193.1	96.4	96.1	0.6	0.6		0.1	
DE-MD	3.1	2.0	0.7	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	8.4	0.2		7.6	1.4	6.2	0.6	
GA	28.2	0.1		24.3	3.2	21.1	3.8	
HI	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	
ID	63.5	23.0	12.2	25.3	8.7	16.6	3.0	
IL	80.3	46.8	33.4					7.9
IN	0.2	0.1						0.8
IA	77.2	41.5	23.3	12.4		12.4		
KS	607.6	339.8	267.5	0.4		0.4		
KY	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1	
LA								
MI	38.8	23.3	8.0	7.3	7.3		0.2	1.9
MN	71.3	11.0	5.2	48.3	20.8	27.5	6.8	
MS								
MO	5.7	1.1	0.5	3.6	0.6	3.0	0.5	
MT	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	625.9	299.3	256.3	61.8	1.5	60.3	8.5	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.9
NJ	2.8	1.2	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.4	9.2
NM	1.8			1.7	1.7			
NY	5.3	0.8	0.3	3.9	2.9	1.0	0.3	12.1
NC	21.1	0.2		15.6	8.8	6.8	5.2	0.1
ND								
OH	5.8	0.4	0.2	5.0	4.6	0.4	0.2	5.9
OK	0.8			0.7	0.3	0.4		
OR	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	
PA	94.9	31.9	7.3	51.5	38.8	12.7	4.2	17.8
SC								
SD								
TN	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
TX	543.6	265.4	185.1	80.8	11.2	69.6	12.3	1.9
UT	47.5	22.6	20.4	4.0	1.9	2.1	0.6	
VA	0.3	0.1	0.1				0.1	
WA	72.4	36.6	28.0	7.6	4.9	2.7	0.3	
WV	0.2	0.1						
WI	145.8	45.9	3.8	93.0	68.1	24.9	3.2	11.4
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,946.0	1,366.6	957.8	562.2	275.9	286.3	59.5	84.9

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

<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.

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

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	9.3		7.4	1.9			
AK	0.1	0.1					
AZ							
AR							
CA	209.1	208.8	0.3				
CO	0.7	0.6	0.1				
DE-MD	1.5	1.5			2.8	0.1	2.7
FL	9.0	8.9	0.1				
GA							
HI	2.4	2.4					
ID					0.3		0.2
IL	804.9	748.6	54.8	1.5	14.3	1.4	12.9
IN	683.9	683.9			2.1	1.4	0.8
IA	2,799.0	2,748.1	34.3	16.6	36.3		36.3
KS							
KY	238.3	231.1	7.2		1.1	0.8	0.3
LA							
MI	8.2	3.2	4.9		17.2	2.3	14.9
MN	853.4	853.4			0.3		0.3
MS							
MO					0.6		0.5
MT	0.3	0.2			0.2		0.2
NE	664.6	664.6					
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.8	1.8			2.2	0.4	1.7
NJ	8.1	7.7	0.3	0.1	10.3	1.2	9.0
NM							
NY	3.1	3.0			2.0	0.9	1.2
NC	1,028.9	1,024.5	4.3		0.6		0.6
ND	14.9	14.8					
OH	102.1	88.8	12.5	0.8			
OK	441.3	436.0	5.4				
OR	16.5	16.4	0.1		1.2	0.1	1.1
PA	244.9	244.5	0.3		7.4	0.8	6.6
SC							
SD	417.3	408.1	9.2		0.8		0.8
TN	75.4	0.9	74.5		0.7		0.7
TX	31.7	21.8	7.1	2.8	29.8	1.5	28.2
UT	1.2	1.0	0.2		2.6	2.1	0.5
VA	370.3	368.9	1.5				
WA	1.6	1.6			0.4	0.2	0.2
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	33.4	0.4	32.7	0.3	0.2		0.2
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	9,531.7	9,222.8	284.6	24.3	250.8	14.3	236.5

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

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

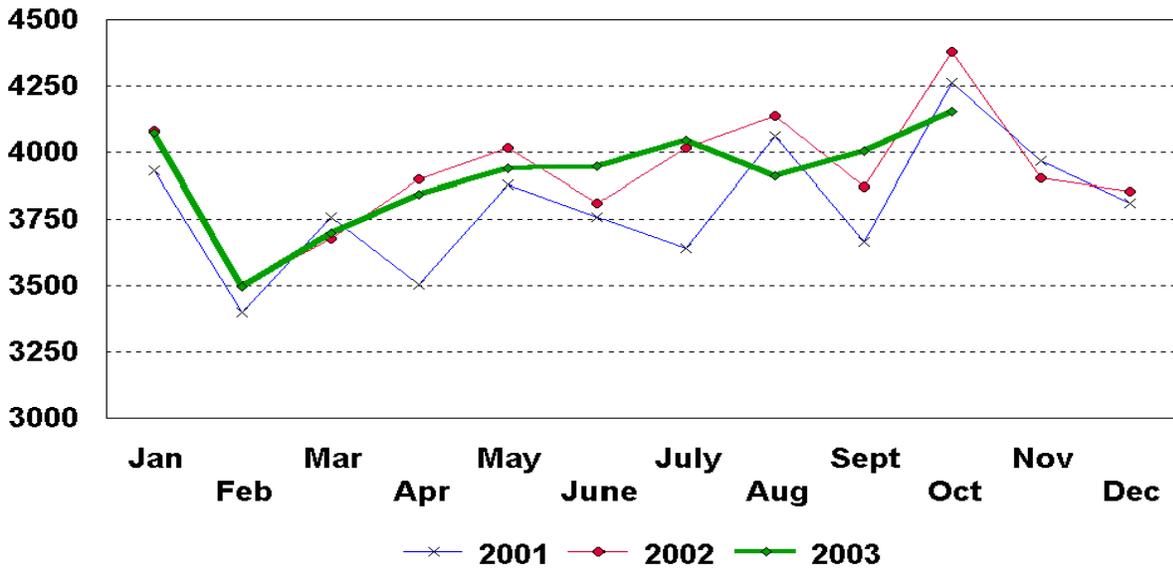
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

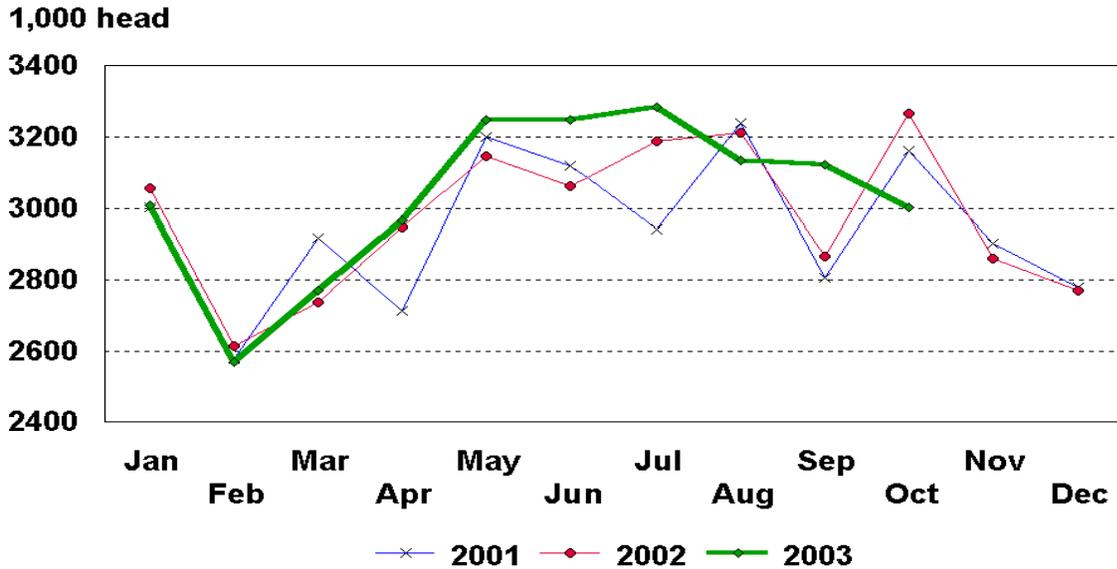
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	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.4	98.1	98.3	98.4
Calves	97.3	96.9	97.0	97.5	97.4
Hogs	98.6	98.7	98.9	98.7	98.7
Sheep	94.4	93.8	94.5	94.1	94.4

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

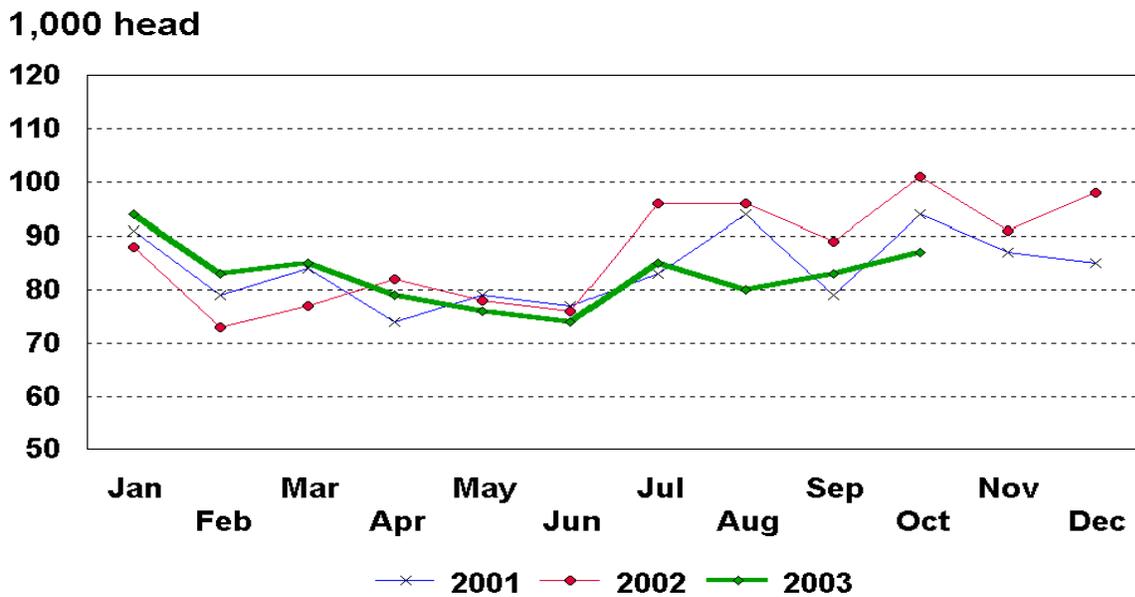
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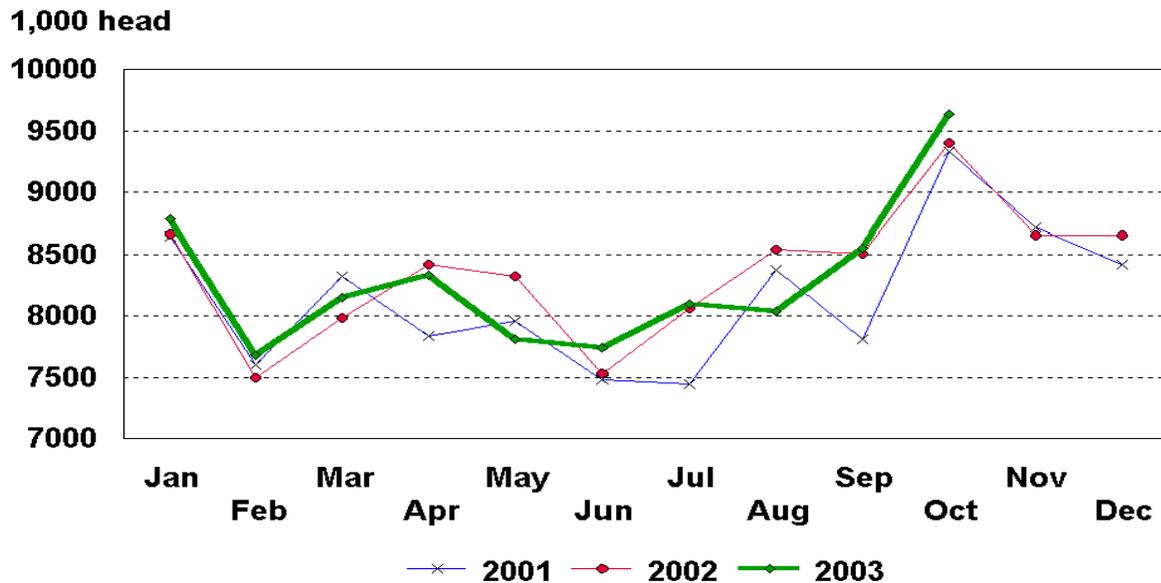
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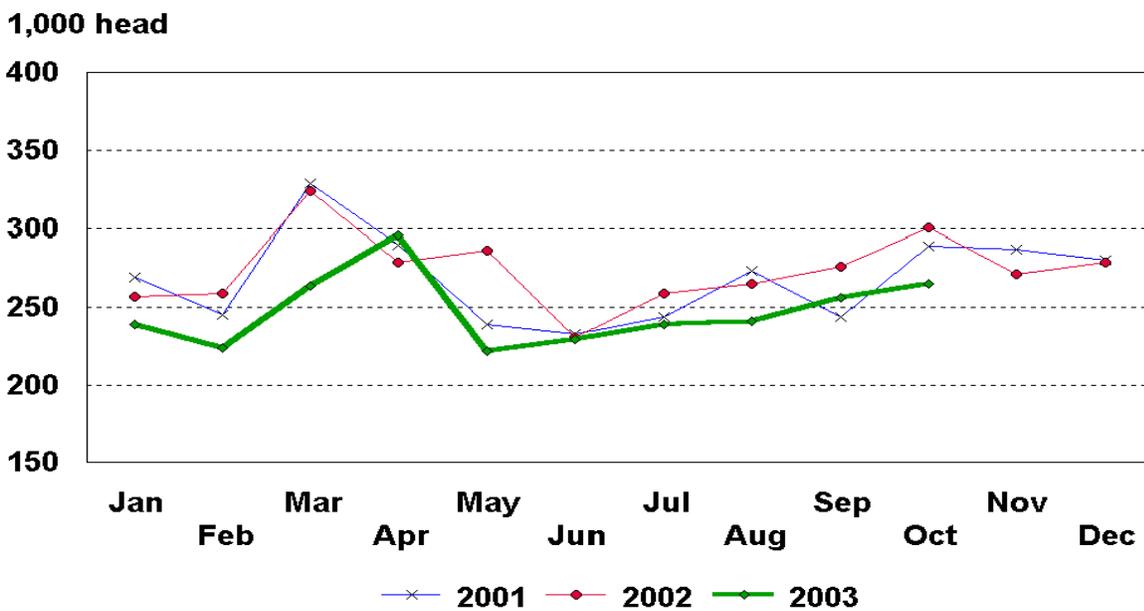
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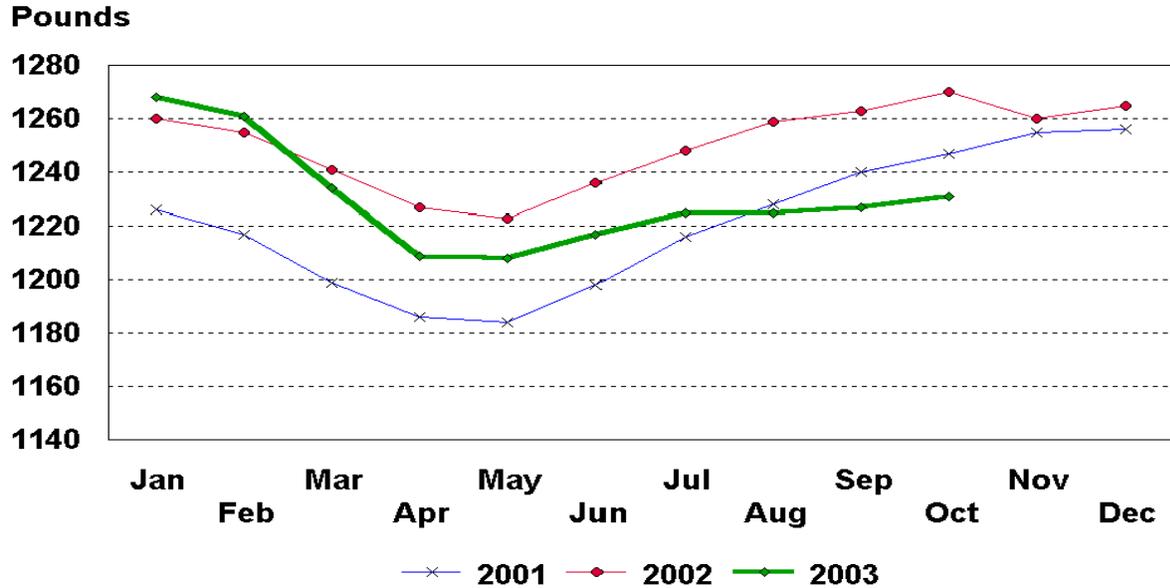
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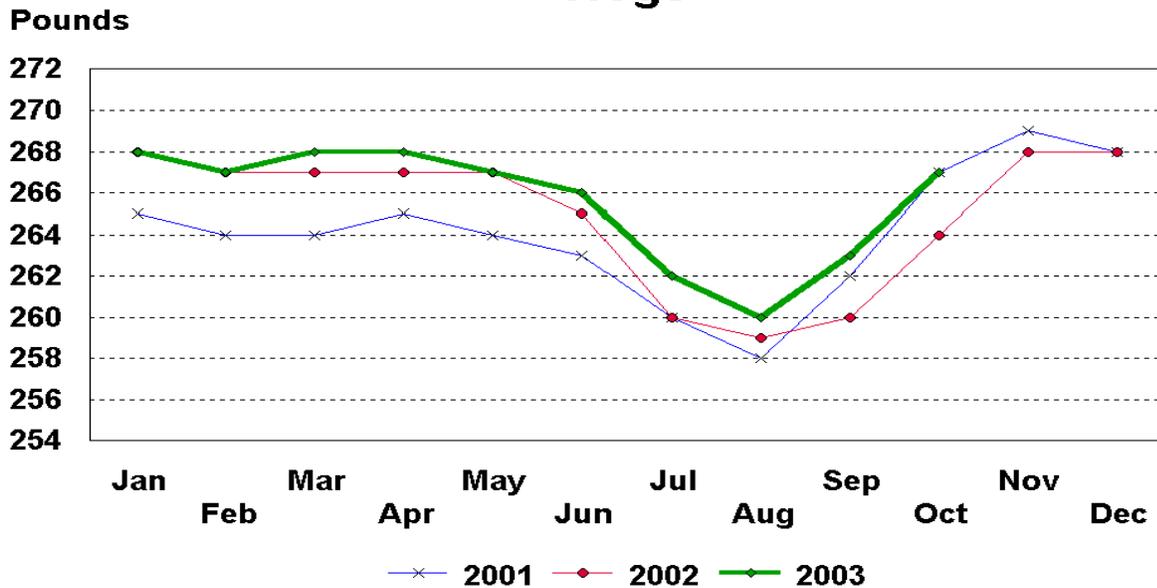
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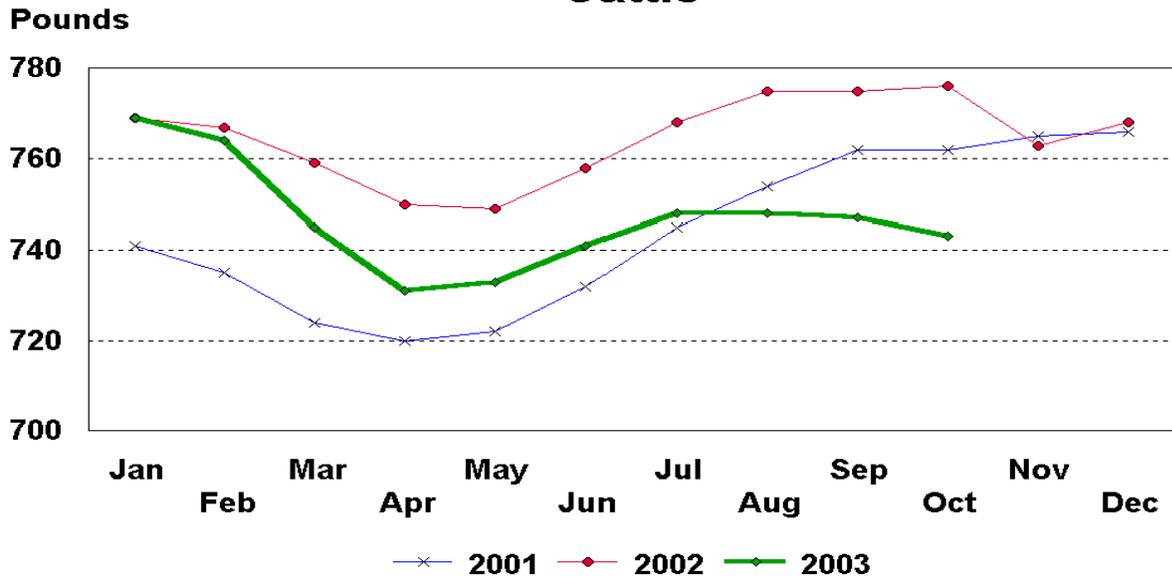
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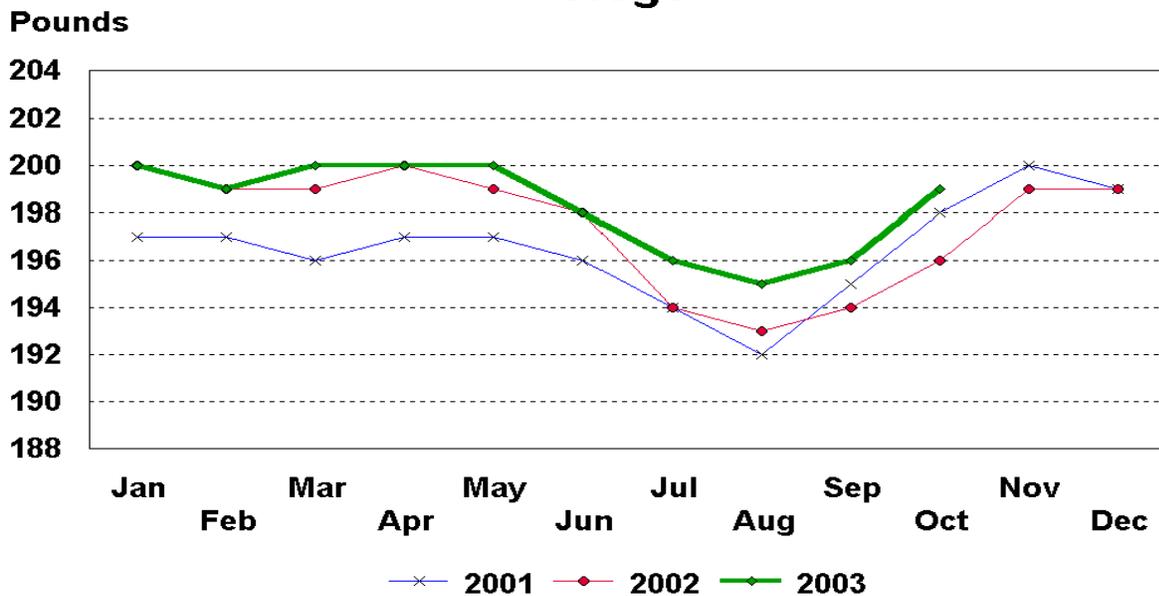
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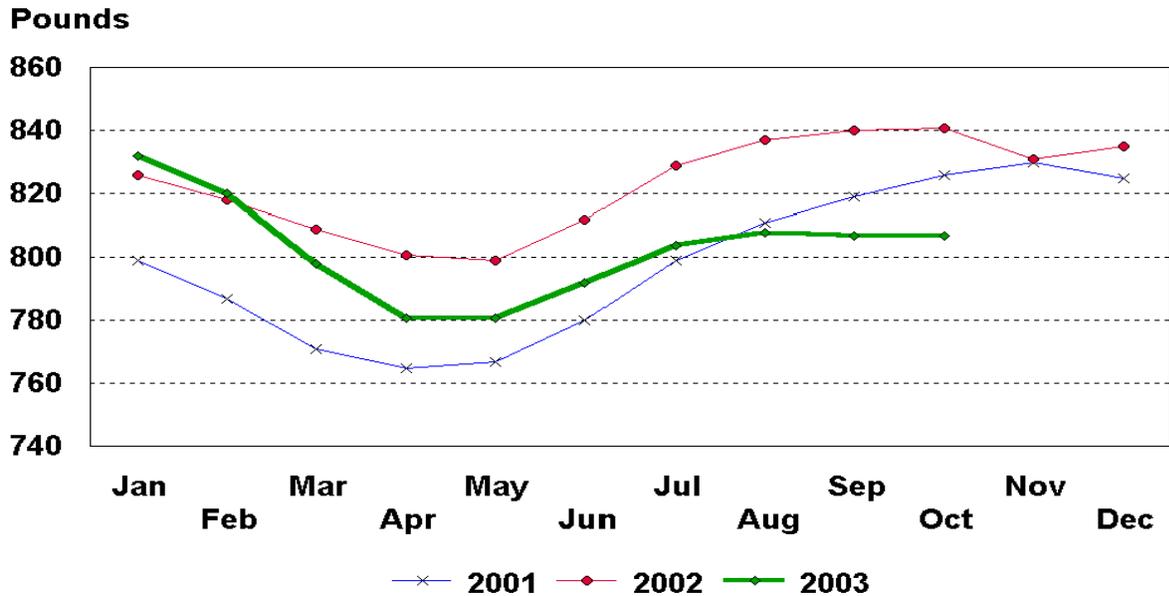
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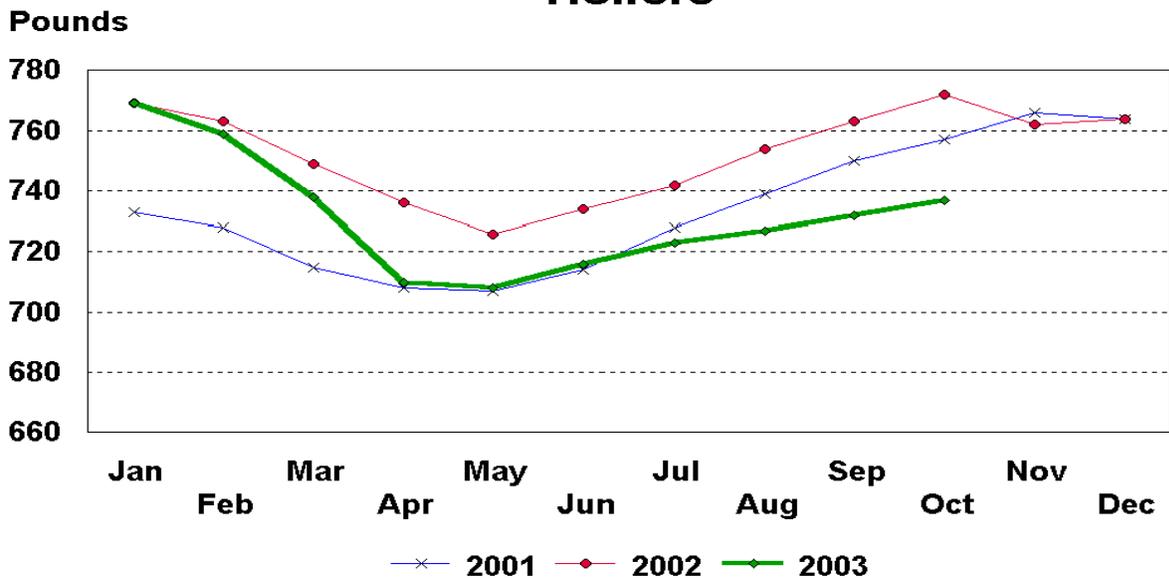
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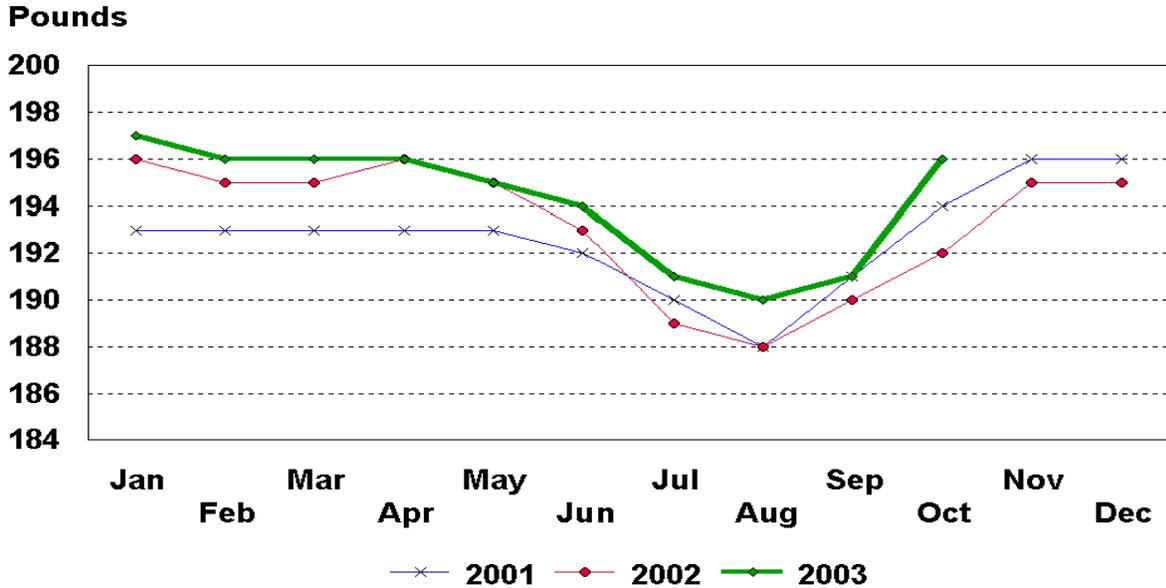
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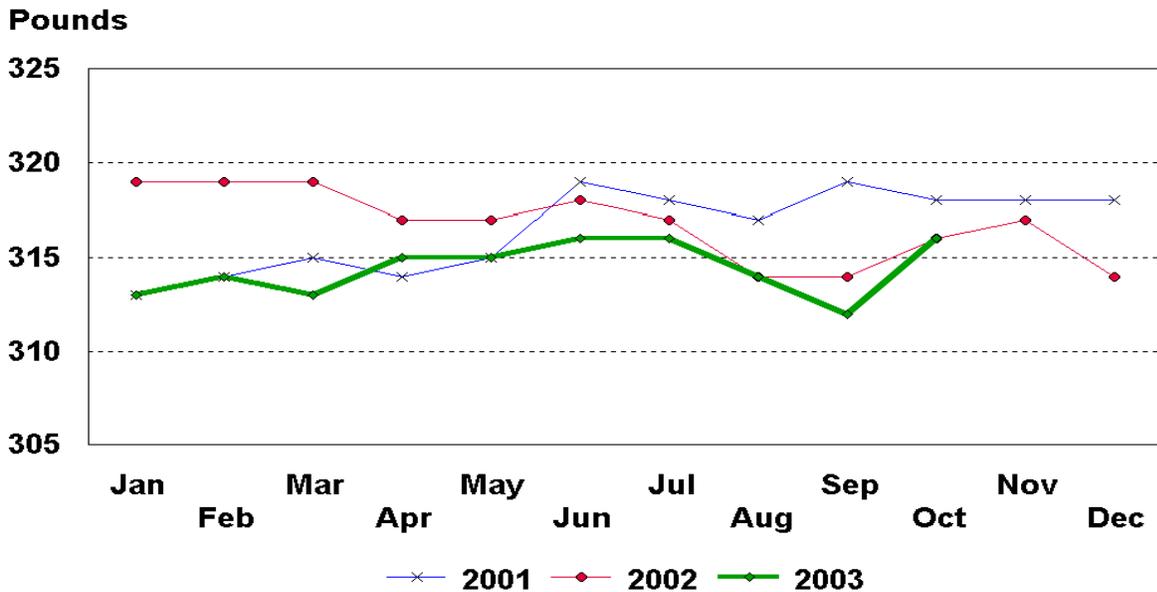
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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 22). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

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

**Procedures and Reliability:** Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** 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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