



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,204 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.8 million pounds, 13 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,900 head, down 15 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 355 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,500 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

**January to May 2004 commercial red meat production** was 18.4 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

**May 2003** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**May 2004** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Class	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	May 04 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
				May 2003	Apr 2004	2003	2004	04 as % of 03
	<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	2,360	1,957	2,070	88	106	10,793	9,861	91
Veal	15.8	13.9	13.8	87	99	81.9	72.3	88
Pork	1,551	1,725	1,500	97	87	8,109	8,355	103
Lamb & Mutton	15.2	17.4	13.0	86	75	83.9	82.8	99
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,942</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>19,068</b>	<b>18,372</b>	<b>96</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

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

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

Class	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	May 04 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
				May 2003	Apr 2004	2003	2004	04 as % of 03
	<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	2,332	1,929	2,043	88	106	10,639	9,716	91
Veal	15.3	13.5	13.4	88	99	79.4	70.2	88
Pork	1,535	1,711	1,486	97	87	8,023	8,282	103
Lamb & Mutton	14.5	16.5	12.3	85	74	80.4	79.2	98
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>18,821</b>	<b>18,147</b>	<b>96</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	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	May 04 % of		Jan - May <sup>2</sup>		
					May 2003	Apr 2004	2003	2004	04 % of 03
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,201.1	2,653.5	2,792.1	87	105	14,312.6	13,171.1	92
Other	Thou	46.4	44.9	44.1	95	98	252.0	235.9	94
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	3,247.6	2,698.5	2,836.2	87	105	14,564.6	13,407.0	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,210	1,201	1,206	100	100	1,238	1,221	99
Other	Lbs	1,089	1,105	1,098	101	99	1,093	1,101	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,208	1,200	1,204	100	100	1,235	1,220	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	74.4	69.2	63.2	85	91	407.4	354.6	87
Other	Thou	2.1	1.5	1.7	83	111	9.9	8.1	82
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	76.4	70.7	64.9	85	92	417.3	362.6	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	341	327	354	104	111	324	330	102
Other	Lbs	432	418	405	94	97	428	418	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	343	329	355	104	108	327	332	102
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,715.1	8,566.9	7,494.2	97	87	40,301.6	41,510.7	103
Other	Thou	100.7	85.4	84.5	84	99	509.9	434.1	85
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	7,815.8	8,652.3	7,578.7	97	88	40,811.5	41,944.8	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	268	268	266	99	99	268	268	100
Other	Lbs	227	236	227	100	96	234	233	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	267	268	266	99	99	268	268	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	208.9	238.2	175.4	84	74	1,178.3	1,114.7	95
Other	Thou	13.3	17.8	13.1	99	74	69.4	68.8	99
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	222.2	*256.1	188.5	85	74	1,247.7	1,183.5	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	139	138	141	101	102	136	142	104
Other	Lbs	110	103	113	103	110	106	107	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	137	136	138	101	102	135	140	104

\* 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	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	May 04 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				May 2003	Apr 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.3	2.9	2.7	82	95
AK					
AZ	38.9	29.0	28.9	74	100
AR	5.1	4.9	4.7	94	97
CA	122.7	115.6	109.8	89	95
CO	187.6	151.8	169.2	90	112
DE-MD	2.7	2.5	2.5	92	100
FL	5.6	4.8	4.1	75	86
GA	23.8	10.3	11.2	47	109
HI	0.9	0.8	0.9	94	106
ID	51.4	34.5	36.6	71	106
IL	208.2	215.1	202.1	97	94
IN	109.5	122.8	105.7	96	86
IA	492.7	553.9	478.4	97	86
KS	503.4	441.5	468.0	93	106
KY	32.7	41.9	38.2	117	91
LA	1.1	1.0	1.0	90	103
MI	34.1	33.9	30.8	90	91
MN	183.2	178.5	173.0	94	97
MS	22.9	24.1	22.4	98	93
MO	36.6	39.0	33.4	91	86
MT	1.2	1.2	1.1	97	96
NE	638.6	546.8	563.8	88	103
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	109	143
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.5	1.0	1.2	81	116
NJ	4.7	4.0	4.1	87	103
NM	1.0	0.6	0.5	54	85
NY	3.5	3.1	2.6	74	83
NC	170.3	183.7	162.7	96	89
ND	2.5	2.7	2.6	106	98
OH	26.4	26.0	25.5	96	98
OK	79.9	93.5	81.8	102	87
OR	3.4	3.5	3.3	97	96
PA	102.5	100.7	92.5	90	92
SC	20.7	21.3	19.6	95	92
SD	80.6	74.7	62.4	77	84
TN	16.0	16.6	12.4	77	74
TX	454.9	377.6	399.4	88	106
UT	38.6	34.3	34.3	89	100
VA	58.7	69.7	58.4	99	84
WA	58.4	39.8	42.8	73	108
WV	0.3	0.4	0.3	100	82
WI	111.7	102.8	101.2	91	99
WY	0.4	0.5	0.4	97	91
US	3,942.4	3,713.3	3,597.0	91	97

<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,  
May 2003 and 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	49.5	37.1	66,293	49,053	1,338	1,322
AR	1.2	1.0	1,037	908	852	905
CA	118.8	102.7	153,217	133,565	1,290	1,301
CO	247.8	219.3	293,696	261,099	1,185	1,191
DE-MD	3.1	2.8	3,905	3,600	1,262	1,280
FL	8.3	6.1	9,067	6,664	1,088	1,092
GA	35.3	15.0	42,858	17,987	1,215	1,199
HI	0.9	0.9	956	930	1,030	1,068
ID	68.3	48.5	84,849	60,068	1,242	1,240
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	668.7	624.0	789,007	733,809	1,180	1,176
KY	1.3	1.2	1,170	1,042	909	862
LA	1.2	1.2	1,043	973	871	809
MI	39.2	35.1	52,702	46,884	1,344	1,336
MN	63.3	55.0	85,562	74,271	1,352	1,350
MS	0.2	0.1	148	104	818	835
MO						
MT	1.5	1.4	1,735	1,640	1,189	1,169
NE	720.0	618.4	876,554	755,368	1,217	1,221
NV	0.1	0.1	122	144	1,007	1,014
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	1.3	1,729	1,391	1,071	1,070
NJ	2.3	1.9	2,598	2,253	1,151	1,202
NM	2.1	1.0	1,906	917	926	934
NY	4.3	3.1	4,861	3,654	1,133	1,161
NC	17.8	16.6	19,320	17,640	1,085	1,064
ND						
OH	11.7	9.2	13,413	10,470	1,142	1,141
OK	2.6	2.8	2,600	3,051	1,005	1,079
OR	1.2	1.3	1,341	1,556	1,095	1,163
PA	86.0	72.2	108,202	84,300	1,258	1,167
SC						
SD						
TN	1.1	1.0	977	973	892	940
TX	618.6	548.6	724,664	637,971	1,172	1,163
UT	52.0	47.5	60,618	53,865	1,165	1,134
VA	1.0	0.9	985	893	948	1,043
WA	79.0	57.9	95,376	68,884	1,208	1,190
WV	0.4	0.4	433	408	982	1,026
WI	137.4	118.2	178,396	158,031	1,299	1,337
WY	0.6	0.6	664	647	1,160	1,158
US <sup>3</sup>	3,247.6	2,836.2	3,921,750	3,415,563	1,208	1,204

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2003 and 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	10.9	6.9	2,081	1,104	190	160
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	30	19	333	297
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	7.7	6.7	3,210	3,140	419	472
IN	0.4	0.3	47	35	118	132
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.7	0.5	370	217	504	468
MI	2.1	2.1	917	865	442	417
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.8	1.1	254	312	139	287
NJ	8.7	7.4	3,947	3,143	453	427
NM						
NY	8.6	6.5	912	545	106	84
NC	0.1	0.1	53	52	459	521
ND						
OH	5.3	7.5	2,141	2,865	405	381
OK	0.1	0.1	36	32	412	405
OR						
PA	14.0	13.1	5,263	5,126	377	390
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	57	45	543	478
TX	1.5	0.8	883	470	583	572
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	11.9	10.4	5,438	4,723	456	456
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	76.4	64.9	26,219	23,059	343	355

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

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2003 and 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	9.0	8.5	4,596	4,017	513	470
AK						
AZ	0.6	0.6	154	112	260	178
AR						
CA	199.5	183.8	47,992	45,091	241	245
CO	0.9	0.8	251	201	269	241
DE-MD	1.1	1.2	303	276	267	233
FL	7.4	6.8	1,304	1,184	177	174
GA	11.9	12.1	2,874	2,900	241	240
HI	2.5	2.3	526	472	213	204
ID						
IL	643.0	676.8	178,620	188,065	278	278
IN	549.2	525.5	142,784	137,326	260	261
IA	2,225.5	2,129.5	597,052	569,760	268	268
KS	22.3	13.9	8,124	6,300	364	453
KY	161.2	191.3	42,850	50,188	266	262
LA	1.7	1.8	353	363	207	207
MI	9.5	9.2	3,614	3,539	379	385
MN	706.2	683.4	185,166	179,538	262	263
MS						
MO	165.0	152.3				
MT	0.9	0.9	207	224	236	245
NE	521.7	504.9	138,507	133,219	265	264
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.0	1.3	511	286	259	216
NJ	8.3	8.4	824	853	100	101
NM	0.1	0.1	28	23	214	210
NY	2.6	2.3	599	515	230	228
NC	835.9	818.9	213,177	204,941	255	250
ND	12.4	12.9	2,848	3,076	229	239
OH	94.4	94.6	25,485	25,306	270	268
OK	371.5	382.6	104,831	105,943	282	277
OR	16.0	16.5	4,146	3,906	259	237
PA	219.3	215.6	54,482	52,342	248	243
SC						
SD	374.6	291.3	98,222	75,420	262	259
TN	48.2	36.1	23,222	17,554	481	486
TX	30.3	26.6	8,125	6,351	268	239
UT	3.9	3.3	850	741	216	222
VA	298.5	303.3	77,185	76,539	259	252
WA	1.6	1.8	393	460	253	256
WV	0.5	0.4	119	92	221	245
WI	44.1	49.4	20,387	22,803	463	462
WY	0.3	0.2	71	49	256	253
US <sup>3</sup>	7,815.8	7,578.7	2,090,599	2,014,254	267	266

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

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

<sup>3</sup> States with no data printed are still included in the US total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
May 2003 and 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	0.2	0.1	22	10	145	115
AR						
CA						
CO	59.0	58.5	9,206	9,346	156	160
DE-MD	2.3	2.3	266	242	117	107
FL	0.3	0.2	19	13	75	64
GA	0.5	0.4	49	45	90	108
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	36	38	114	112
IL	14.8	14.2	2,165	1,970	147	139
IN	2.8	2.7	297	291	107	108
IA	25.1	18.8	4,038	2,948	161	157
KS	0.2	0.2	14	22	86	109
KY	1.0	1.0	133	122	137	126
LA	0.2	0.1	13	10	83	92
MI	14.8	13.3	1,773	1,600	120	120
MN	0.2	0.1	20	19	123	132
MS						
MO	0.5	0.5	47	45	104	96
MT	0.2	0.2	23	20	134	127
NE	0.1	0.1	9	9	122	126
NV	0.1	0.2	14	15	99	96
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	1.6	174	159	107	102
NJ	9.8	9.8	927	833	94	85
NM	2.0	1.8	207	179	103	102
NY	2.5	2.3	222	185	89	80
NC		0.3		27		83
ND						
OH	1.3	1.0	146	114	114	112
OK	0.1	0.1	13	10	117	131
OR	1.1	1.3	145	137	135	104
PA	6.5	5.1	682	522	105	102
SC						
SD	1.2	0.5	136	70	118	129
TN	0.5	0.5	42	52	79	97
TX	27.6	18.8	3,548	2,593	129	138
UT	2.6	2.4	313	319	121	134
VA	0.8	0.8	85	83	101	99
WA	0.7	0.6	86	82	121	133
WV						
WI	0.7	0.7	88	90	130	136
WY	0.1	0.1	12	12	133	139
US <sup>3</sup>	222.2	188.5	30,517	26,049	137	138

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

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

<sup>3</sup> States with no data printed are still included in the US total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Item	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jan - May <sup>1</sup>		May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jan - May <sup>1</sup>	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
<b>Class <sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,664	1,366	1,473	7,048	6,567	52.0	51.5	52.8	49.2	49.9
Heifers	997	836	879	4,547	4,303	31.1	31.5	31.5	31.8	32.7
All Cows	485	405	393	2,467	2,088	15.1	15.2	14.1	17.2	15.8
Dairy Cows	222	179	166	1,204	989	6.9	6.7	6.0	8.4	7.5
Other Cows	263	226	227	1,263	1,099	8.2	8.5	8.1	8.8	8.3
Bulls & Stags	55	47	47	250	214	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>14,313</b>	<b>13,171</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	7,426	8,262	7,220	38,901	40,047	96.2	96.4	96.3	96.5	96.5
Sows	269	283	255	1,301	1,355	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3
Stags & Boars	21	22	19	100	108	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7,715</b>	<b>8,567</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>40,302</b>	<b>41,511</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	11	13	14	54	59	5.4	5.6	8.0	4.6	5.3
Lambs & Yrlngs	198	225	161	1,124	1,056	94.6	94.4	92.0	95.4	94.7
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>209</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Average Dressed Weight <sup>3</sup></b>										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers <sup>4</sup>	733	731	736	748	741					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	781	772	777	801	787					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	708	712	713	736	725					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	594	613	609	598	615					
	925	902	901	925	898					
Calves & Vealers	210	198	216	199	202					
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	200	201	199	200	200					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	195	197	195	196	196					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	315	311	313	314	314					
	245	223	220	240	217					
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	69	69	70	68	71					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	64	67	66	64	67					
	70	70	71	69	71					

<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,  
May 2004<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	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
2	4.8	1.3	0.3	2.8	2.6	0.3	0.4	13.8
3	74.9	32.5	6.1	32.6	26.7	5.9	3.8	13.2
4	50.5	1.1	0.3	40.9	7.8	33.1	8.2	0.9
5	281.3	122.0	38.4	114.1	68.6	45.5	6.7	26.7
6	547.9	282.7	195.1	58.9	7.5	51.4	11.2	0.6
7	1,310.1	749.0	494.4	59.5	2.1	57.5	7.2	
8	275.6	156.3	105.4	12.1	3.1	9.0	1.8	
9	139.8	80.1	5.5	50.2	39.9	10.3	4.0	6.4
10	105.9	48.0	33.1	21.7	7.8	13.9	3.0	0.4
US <sup>2</sup>	2,792.1	1,473.3	878.8	393.3	166.5	226.8	46.6	63.2
	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	1.1	1.1			1.5	0.4	1.1	
2	10.5	10.3	0.1	0.1	11.3	1.5	9.7	
3	519.4	518.2	1.2		7.5	1.1	6.5	
4	1,232.7	1,174.6	56.7	1.4	2.5	1.2	1.3	
5	2,006.6	1,878.5	126.1	2.0	28.1	5.7	22.3	
6	414.7	396.1	18.5	0.1	16.5	1.4	15.1	
7	2,794.0	2,731.1	47.3	15.6	19.2	0.1	19.1	
8	305.5	300.8	4.7	0.1	61.0	1.8	59.2	
9	179.2	179.1	0.1		26.1	0.5	25.6	
10	30.4	30.4	0.1		1.8	0.3	1.5	
US <sup>2</sup>	7,494.2	7,220.1	254.7	19.4	175.4	14.0	161.4	

<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 - May 2004 \* <sup>1</sup>**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	5.0	1.5	1.0	1.8	1.6	0.2	0.8	5.4
2	26.6	7.0	1.5	16.3	15.3	1.0	1.8	93.5
3	391.1	150.7	35.3	190.0	151.4	38.6	15.1	71.7
4	258.8	6.1	1.9	214.1	72.2	141.9	36.6	6.0
5	1,379.5	567.4	185.5	595.5	353.0	242.5	31.1	130.0
6	2,572.5	1,339.7	885.4	290.9	51.5	239.4	56.4	5.6
7	6,062.6	3,239.9	2,471.1	317.4	13.3	304.1	34.3	0.1
8	1,251.0	661.6	521.5	59.6	19.6	40.0	8.3	
9	716.7	381.4	37.5	281.9	249.9	32.0	15.9	39.8
10	507.3	211.5	162.3	120.2	60.8	59.4	13.4	2.5
US <sup>2</sup>	13,171.1	6,566.8	4,303.0	2,087.7	988.6	1,099.1	213.6	354.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.1	8.8	1.7	7.1	
2	51.0	49.6	0.9	0.5	59.9	6.8	53.0	
3	2,771.8	2,764.2	7.5	0.1	43.2	4.5	38.7	
4	6,675.7	6,282.2	387.1	6.4	12.2	5.3	6.9	
5	10,948.5	10,330.8	605.9	11.7	160.5	21.8	138.7	
6	2,207.8	2,106.8	100.6	0.3	125.0	6.5	118.6	
7	15,805.8	15,490.9	226.6	88.3	157.2	0.2	157.1	
8	1,875.7	1,849.7	25.8	0.2	399.6	9.5	390.1	
9	1,003.5	1,002.8	0.5	0.2	141.2	2.2	139.0	
10	165.4	165.0	0.4	0.1	7.1	0.7	6.4	
US <sup>2</sup>	41,510.7	40,047.5	1,355.5	107.7	1,114.7	59.1	1,055.5	

\* 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,  
May 2004**

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								
AZ	36.8	29.2	0.1	7.4	7.4			
AR	0.4	0.1		0.3		0.3		
CA	102.1	50.4	5.2	42.6	32.6	10.0	3.9	6.4
CO	218.8	130.9	87.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	
DE-MD	2.8	2.0	0.5	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	6.1	0.2		5.5	0.7	4.8	0.3	
GA	14.4	0.1		12.4	1.0	11.4	1.9	
HI	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3		0.3	0.1	
ID	46.9	18.5	9.8	16.2	4.7	11.5	2.5	
IL								6.7
IN								0.3
IA								
KS	621.0	349.5	271.3	0.1		0.1		
KY	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	33.0	21.8	1.1	10.1	4.4	5.7	0.1	2.0
MN	52.9	9.4	4.4	34.8	15.8	19.0	4.3	
MS								
MO								
MT	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.1		
NE	616.6	357.8	200.7	51.4	1.8	49.6	6.7	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
NJ	1.9	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	7.4
NM	0.6			0.6	0.6			
NY	3.0	0.4	0.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2	6.5
NC	16.2	0.1	0.1	12.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	0.1
ND								
OH	3.2	0.3	0.1	2.7	1.5	1.2	0.1	7.4
OK	0.1	0.1						
OR	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	
PA	72.0	30.4	5.6	32.2	26.4	5.8	3.8	13.1
SC								
SD								
TN	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
TX	546.7	282.6	195.0	58.0	6.9	51.1	11.2	0.6
UT	46.9	25.0	18.0	3.5	1.5	2.0	0.5	
VA	0.1	0.1						
WA	57.9	29.4	23.2	4.9	2.6	2.3	0.4	
WV								
WI	115.2	44.1	2.2	66.6	47.0	19.6	2.3	10.3
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,792.1	1,473.3	878.8	393.3	166.5	226.8	46.6	63.2

<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,  
May 2004**

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	7.9		6.5	1.4			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	176.7	176.6	0.1				
CO	0.5	0.5			58.4		58.4
DE-MD	1.2	1.2			2.3	0.1	2.2
FL	6.8	6.7	0.1		0.2		0.2
GA	5.7	5.5	0.2				
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					0.1		0.1
IL	662.4	595.3	66.1	1.1	12.9	2.2	10.6
IN	522.0	522.0			1.9	1.2	0.7
IA	2,127.4	2,075.4	36.4	15.6	18.6		18.6
KS	11.8	0.9	10.9		0.1		0.1
KY	190.9	185.8	5.1		1.0	0.8	0.2
LA							
MI	7.5	3.1	4.4		13.0	2.3	10.7
MN	681.5	681.5			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	151.0	151.0			0.5	0.1	0.4
MT	0.1	0.1					
NE	503.8	503.8					
NV					0.2		0.1
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.1	1.1			1.5	0.4	1.1
NJ	8.4	8.3	0.1	0.1	9.8	1.1	8.7
NM							
NY	2.1	2.1			1.5	0.4	1.1
NC	809.2	803.9	5.3		0.3		0.3
ND	12.7	12.7					
OH	88.0	76.1	11.0	0.9			
OK	380.5	375.9	4.6				
OR	16.4	16.3			1.3	0.1	1.2
PA	215.3	215.0	0.2		5.1	1.0	4.1
SC							
SD	290.6	286.1	4.4		0.4		0.4
TN	36.0	0.8	35.2		0.5	0.1	0.4
TX	22.7	19.2	3.4		16.4	1.4	15.0
UT	1.7	1.4	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.8	0.3
VA	302.9	302.0	0.9				
WA	1.7	1.7			0.4	0.2	0.2
WV							
WI	45.1	0.4	44.6		0.1		0.1
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	7,494.2	7,220.1	254.7	19.4	175.4	14.0	161.4

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

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

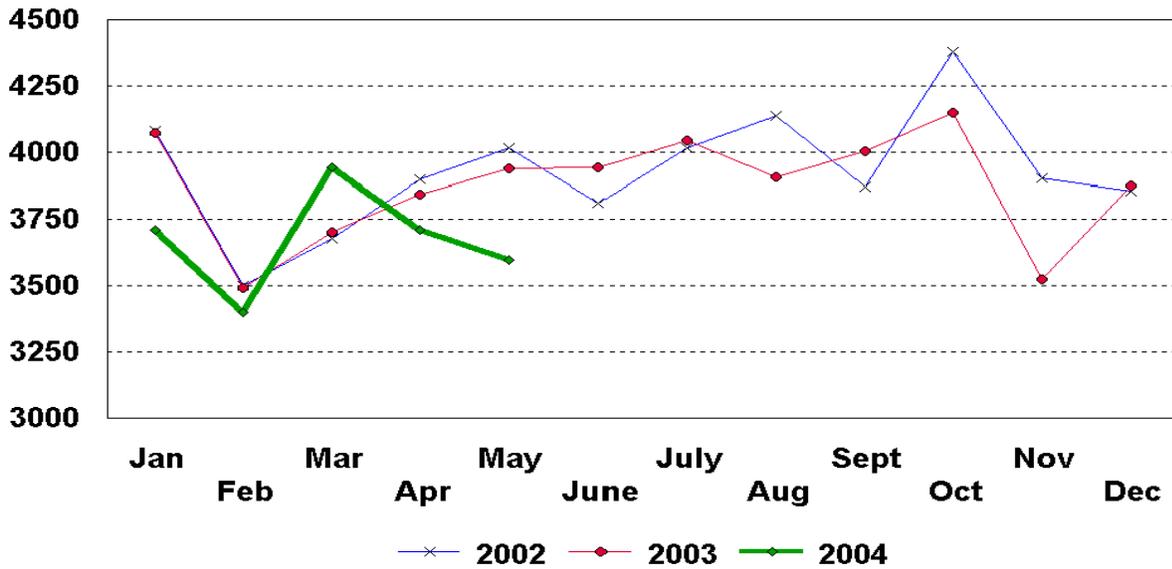
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

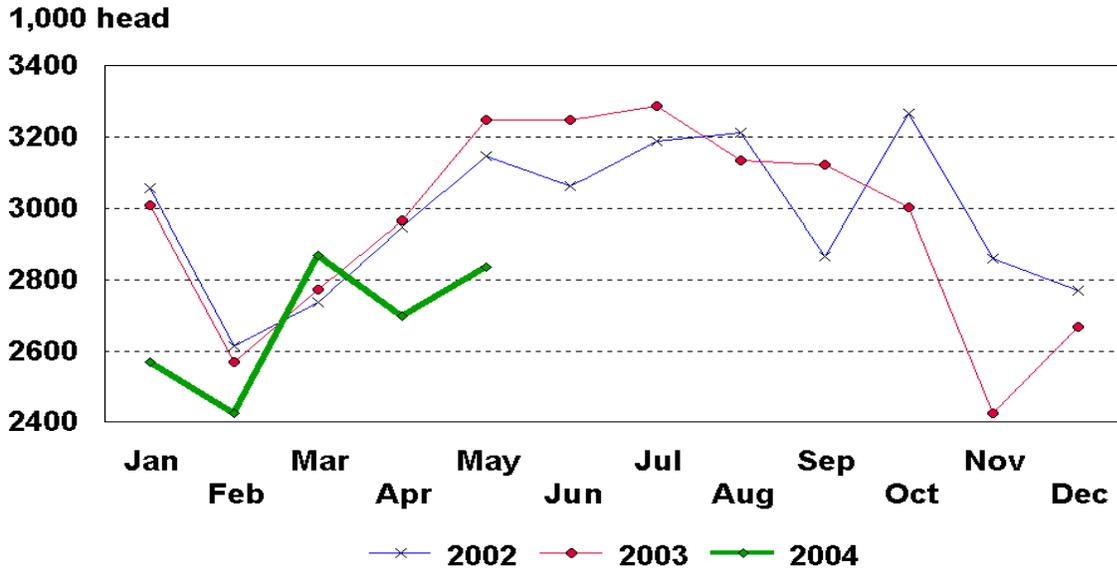
Species	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jan - May	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	2003	2004
Cattle	98.6	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.2
Calves	97.3	97.8	97.4	97.6	97.8
Hogs	98.7	99.0	98.9	98.8	99.0
Sheep	94.0	93.0	93.0	94.4	94.2

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

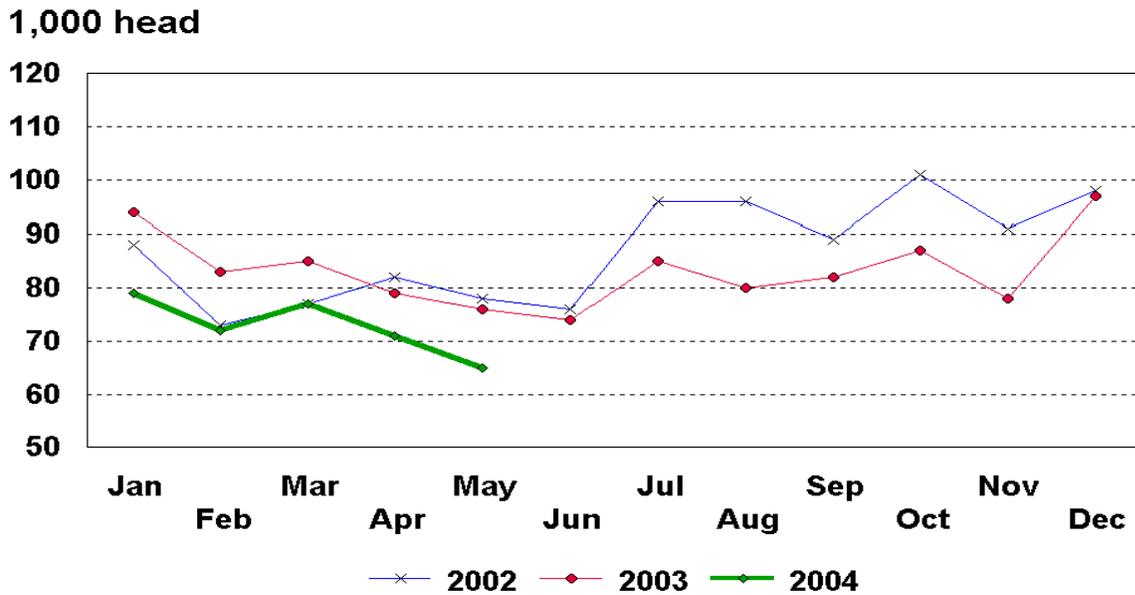
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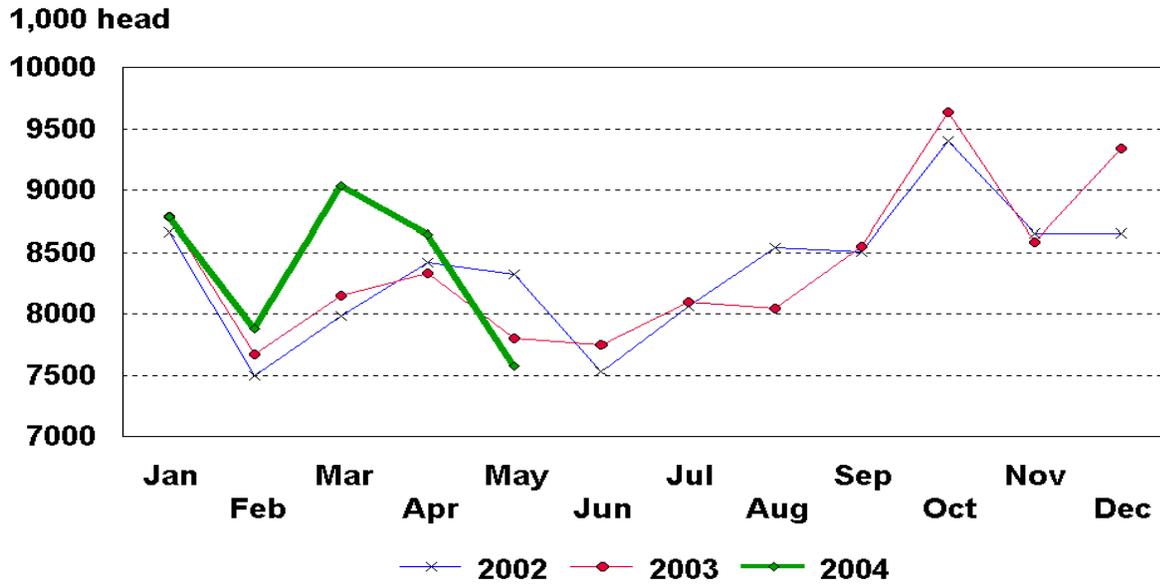
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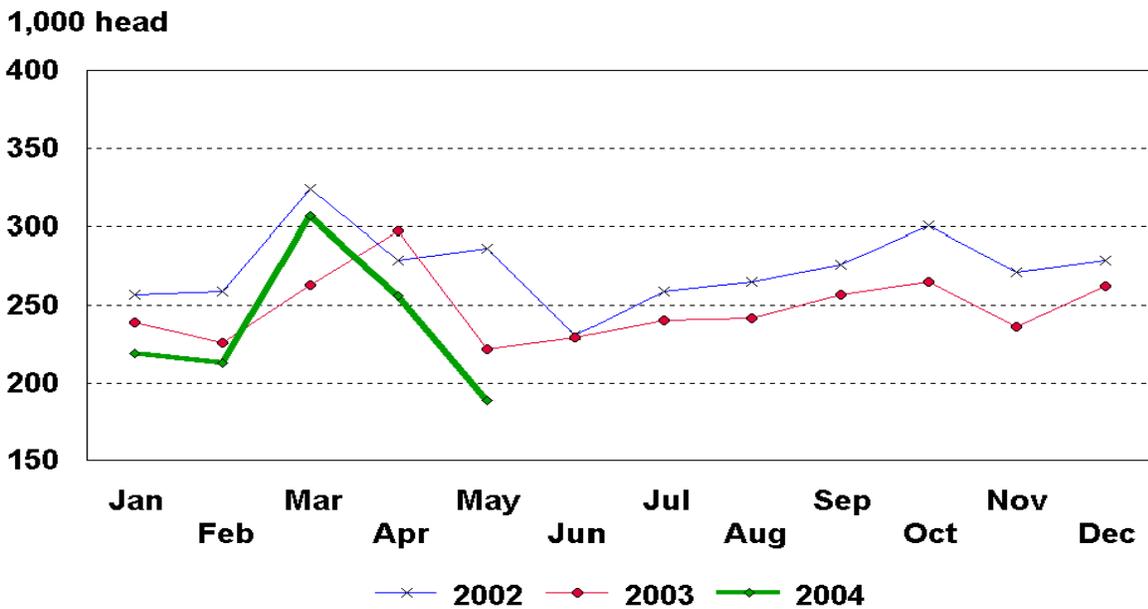
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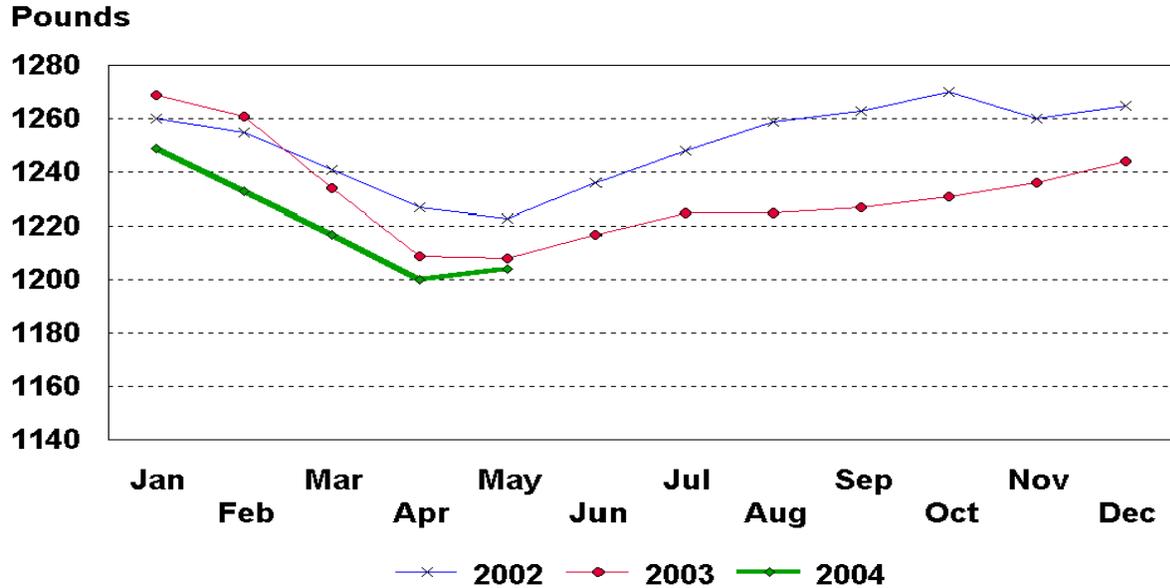
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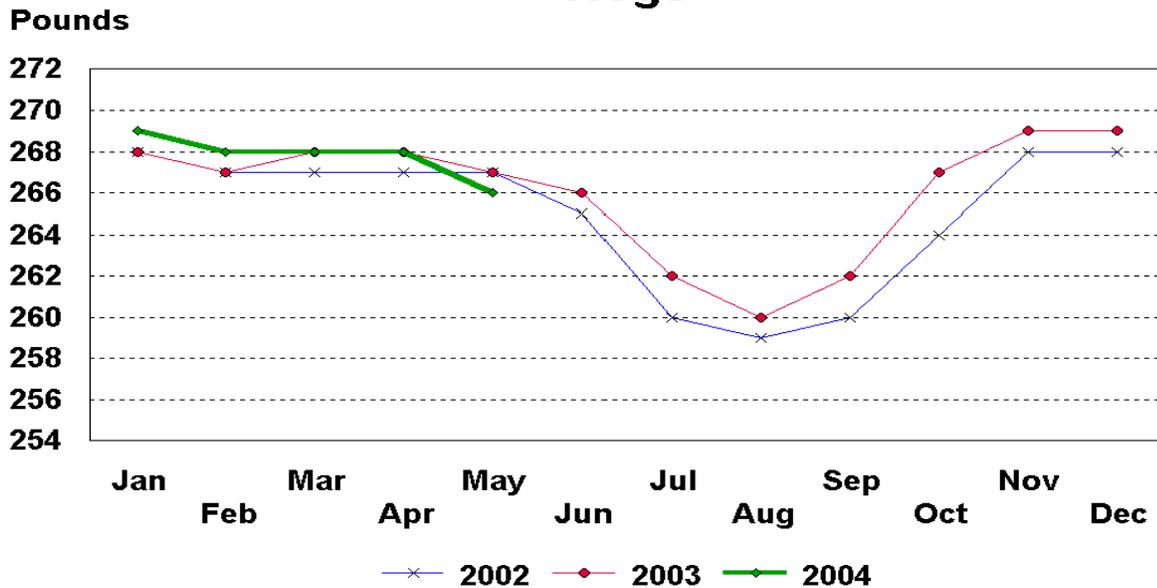
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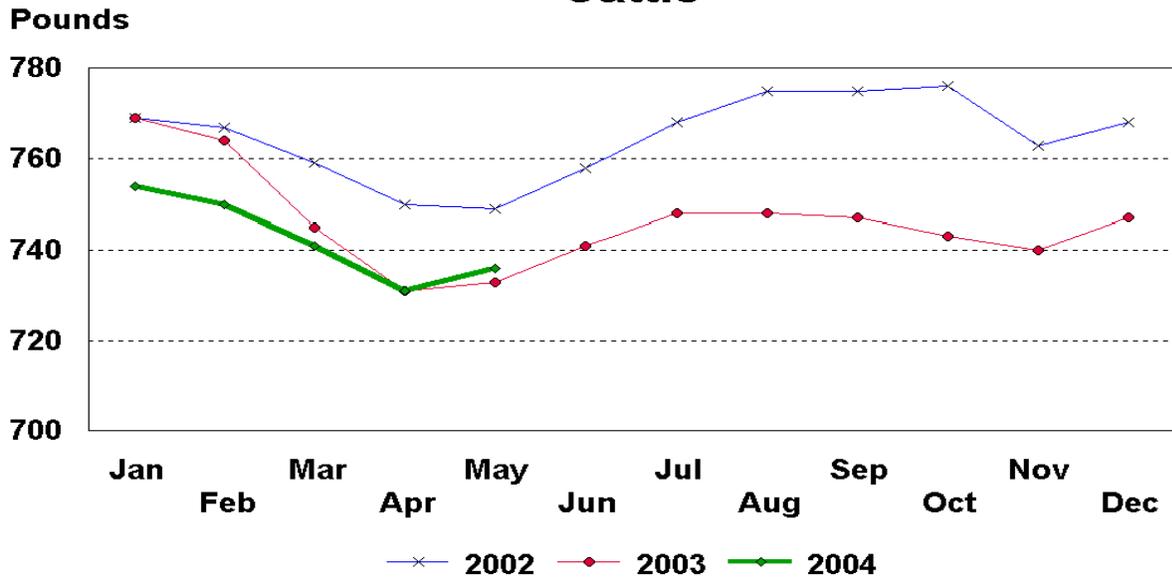
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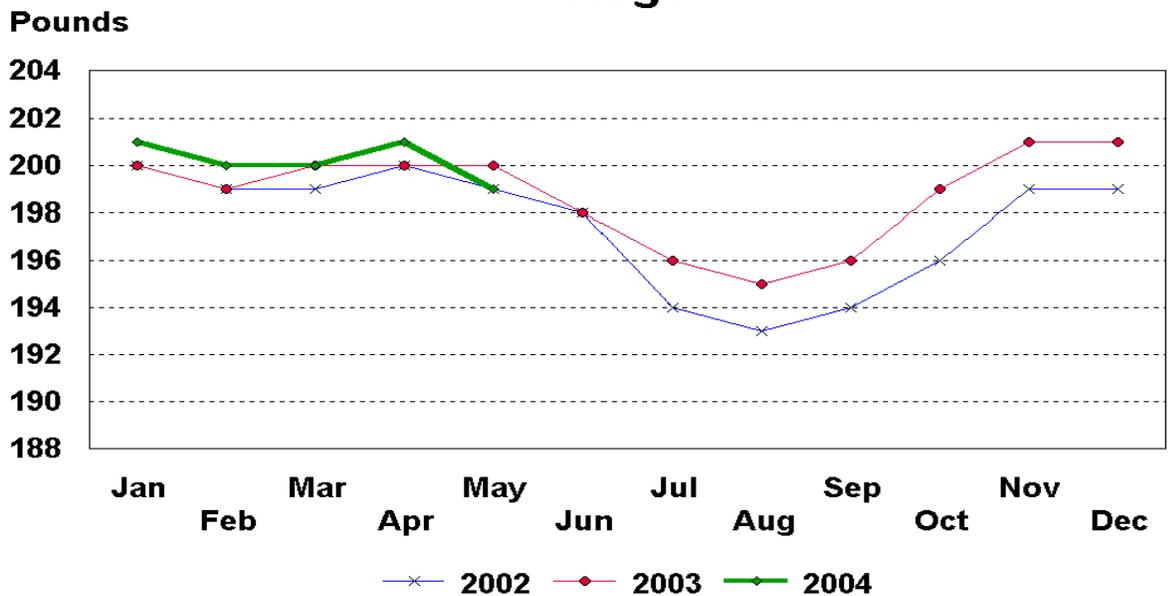
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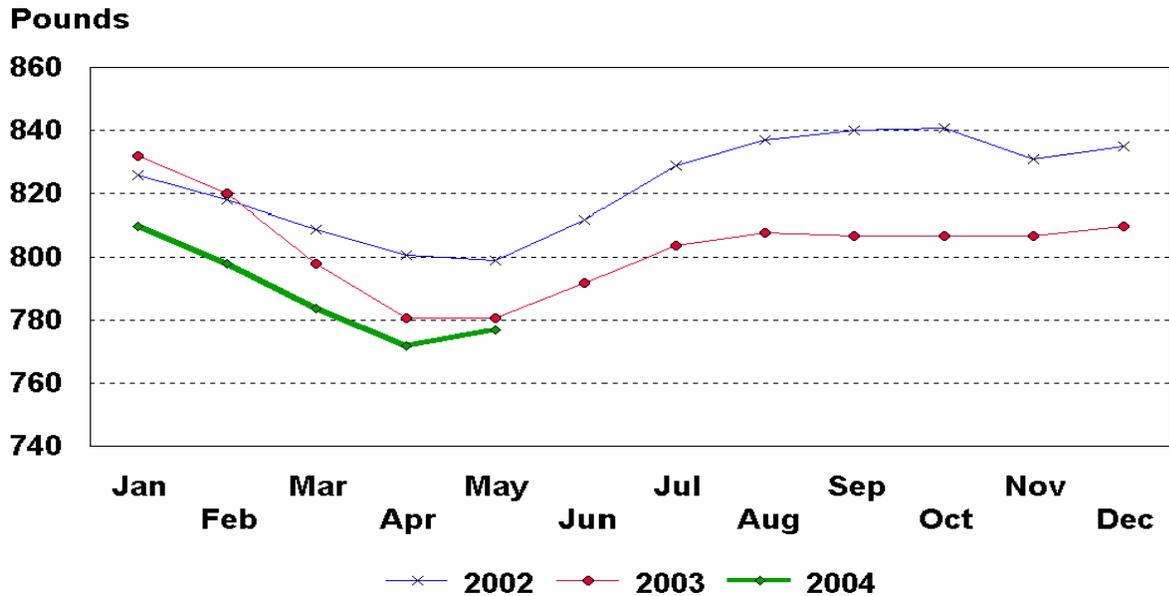
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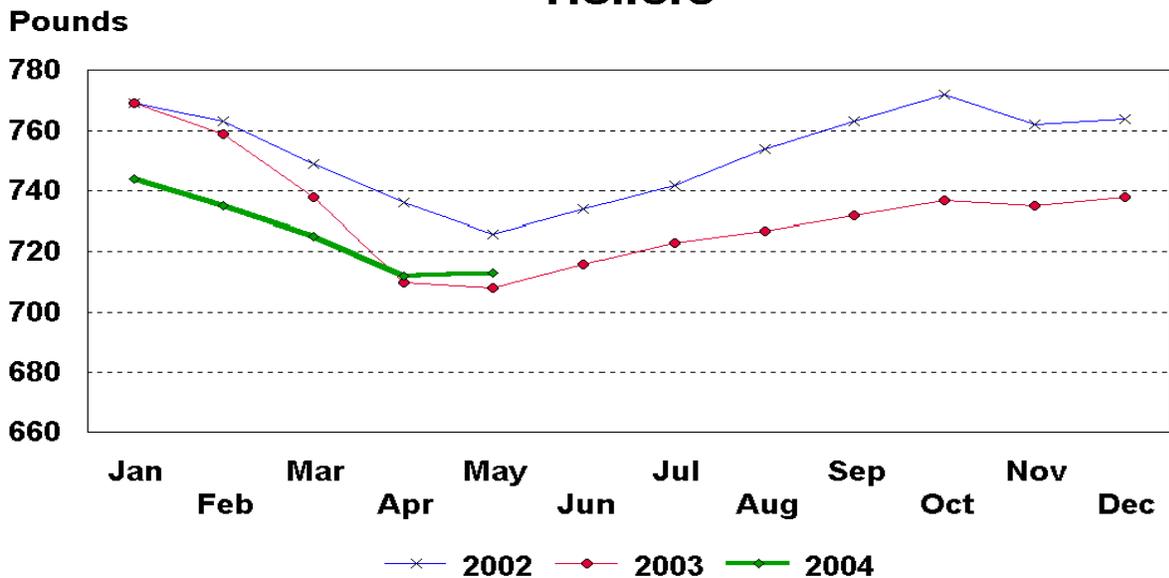
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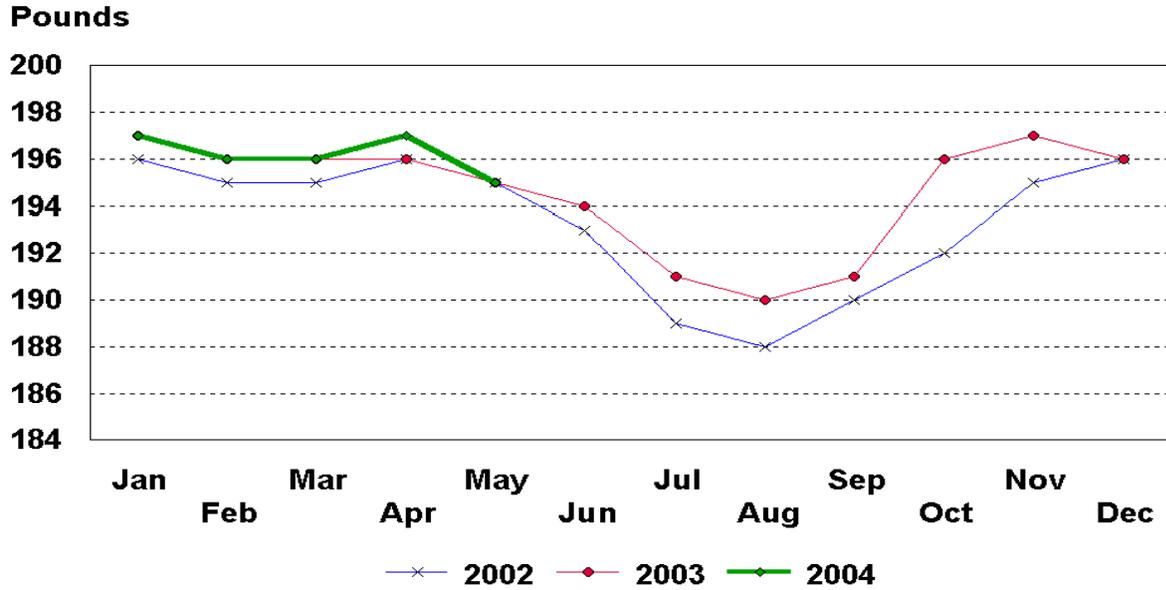
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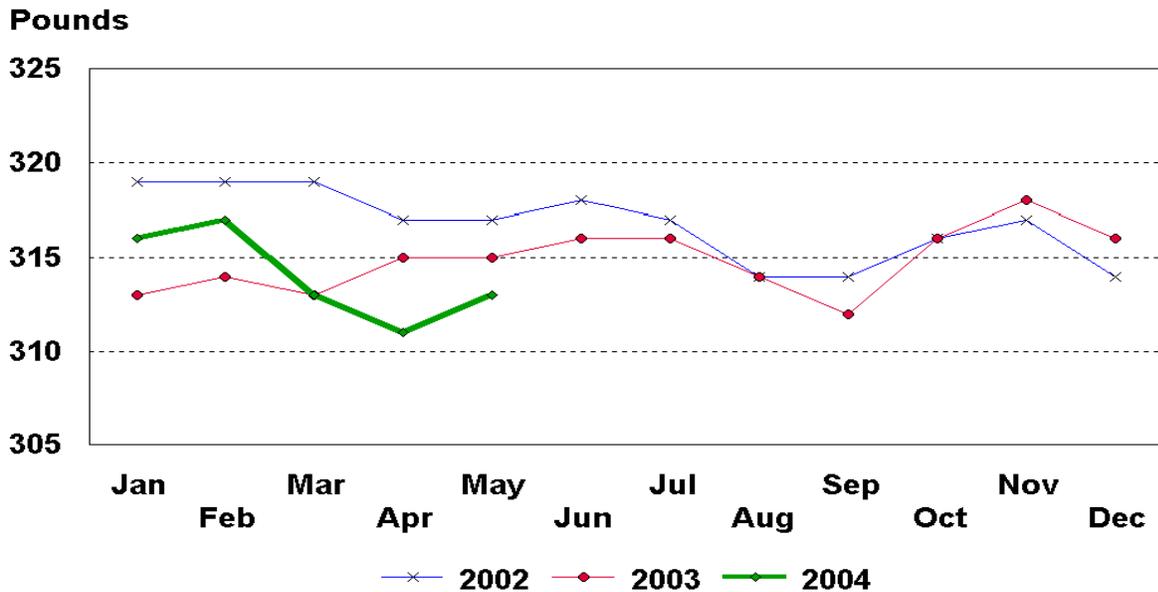
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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. Number of head slaughtered daily under FI are recorded on the LS-149 forms by species and class. Head kill excluding animals condemned and total live and dressed weights are also given.

There are 850 plants in the U.S. operating under Federal Inspection and over 2,200 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 LS-149 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.

If no form is received by mail or other means, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weights may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the 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 usually less than 10 percent and for hogs about 7 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 weights 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 species 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.

No data are published, unless permission is granted, if less than three plants slaughter a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. If not published, these data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine publishibility.

### **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:** 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. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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