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## Pork Production Sets Record Monthly High for August

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,800 head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

**January to August 2004 commercial red meat production** was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

**August 2003** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**August 2004** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Class	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 04 % of		Jan - Aug <sup>2</sup>		
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	2,328	*2,105	2,151	92	102	17,951	16,344	91
Veal	14.1	13.4	13.9	98	104	125.9	113.0	90
Pork	1,559	1,576	1,698	109	108	12,779	13,302	104
Lamb & Mutton	15.7	14.2	15.1	96	106	130.6	127.7	98
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,917</b>	<b>*3,709</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>30,987</b>	<b>29,887</b>	<b>96</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	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 04 % of		Jan - Aug <sup>2</sup>		
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	2,300	*2,078	2,122	92	102	17,714	16,114	91
Veal	13.7	13.0	13.5	99	104	121.8	109.7	90
Pork	1,541	1,562	1,681	109	108	12,640	13,182	104
Lamb & Mutton	14.9	13.5	14.4	97	107	124.7	122.0	98
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>*3,666</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>30,601</b>	<b>29,528</b>	<b>96</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.

**Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States <sup>1</sup>**

Species	Unit	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 04 % of		Jan - Aug <sup>2</sup>		
					Aug 2003	Jul 2004	2003	2004	04 % of 03
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,093.6	*2,746.0	2,774.6	90	101	23,859.3	21,641.6	91
Other	Thou	45.2	42.4	44.7	99	106	386.9	367.9	95
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	3,138.8	*2,788.4	2,819.3	90	101	24,246.2	22,009.5	91
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,227	1,241	1,254	102	101	1,232	1,229	100
Other	Lbs	1,100	1,121	1,131	103	101	1,094	1,108	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,225	1,239	1,252	102	101	1,230	1,227	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	77.7	*67.4	71.1	92	106	640.0	557.8	87
Other	Thou	1.9	1.6	1.6	84	100	15.8	13.1	83
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	79.6	69.0	72.8	91	105	655.8	570.9	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	291	323	317	109	97	317	328	103
Other	Lbs	423	423	415	98	98	425	417	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	294	325	320	109	99	319	330	104
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,950.9	*8,008.1	8,615.4	108	108	63,925.5	66,549.5	104
Other	Thou	107.1	87.1	104.4	98	120	824.2	714.8	87
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	8,057.9	*8,095.2	8,719.8	108	108	64,749.7	67,264.3	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	261	262	262	101	100	266	266	100
Other	Lbs	229	224	232	101	103	231	231	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	260	262	262	101	100	266	266	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	225.8	207.0	219.1	97	106	1,845.2	1,760.4	95
Other	Thou	15.7	13.8	13.5	86	98	113.3	107.7	95
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	241.6	220.8	232.6	96	105	1,958.5	1,868.0	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	131	130	131	100	101	135	138	102
Other	Lbs	108	100	107	99	107	106	106	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	129	128	129	100	101	133	136	102

\* 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	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 04 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Aug 2003	Jul 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.2	2.6	2.9	89	111
AK					
AZ	36.3	32.1	29.5	81	92
AR	4.5	4.6	4.2	94	90
CA	115.3	115.3	122.0	106	106
CO	172.3	178.7	176.1	102	99
DE-MD	2.8	2.5	3.1	111	123
FL	5.3	4.6	4.6	87	99
GA	20.3	13.5	15.6	77	115
HI	0.9	1.0	1.0	109	103
ID	44.4	36.3	30.7	69	85
IL	205.1	209.3	228.5	111	109
IN	110.1	109.6	119.1	108	109
IA	514.3	523.7	549.0	107	105
KS	534.4	486.5	500.2	94	103
KY	36.8	39.6	44.0	119	111
LA	1.3	1.0	1.0	80	103
MI	34.4	*31.9	31.7	92	99
MN	178.8	*185.7	190.1	106	102
MS	24.8	22.5	24.5	99	109
MO	34.0	36.2	37.9	112	105
MT	1.7	1.3	1.5	90	117
NE	628.3	*562.1	592.3	94	105
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	99	83
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.6	1.6	1.2	78	76
NJ	3.9	3.8	4.2	108	110
NM	0.9	0.5	0.6	66	133
NY	3.8	3.1	3.5	92	110
NC	167.2	151.5	177.7	106	117
ND	2.4	2.6	2.7	111	103
OH	26.9	*24.9	27.5	102	111
OK	77.2	80.0	84.6	110	106
OR	3.6	3.3	3.8	106	115
PA	101.7	*94.2	93.3	92	99
SC	19.4	19.1	21.2	109	111
SD	78.9	74.5	83.3	106	112
TN	18.4	16.3	17.8	97	109
TX	447.7	399.8	406.0	91	102
UT	35.6	34.2	35.8	100	105
VA	60.0	52.5	57.9	97	110
WA	48.3	42.5	39.3	81	92
WV	0.5	0.3	0.5	100	186
WI	108.4	102.9	106.5	98	103
WY	0.9	0.5	0.9	101	175
US	3,916.7	*3,708.8	3,878.0	99	105

\* 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,  
August 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	47.2	38.1	62,233	49,866	1,318	1,309
AR	1.0	0.9	855	847	847	960
CA	114.6	113.7	143,951	150,707	1,256	1,326
CO	216.0	213.6	264,769	267,251	1,226	1,251
DE-MD	3.1	3.5	3,934	4,214	1,268	1,221
FL	7.9	7.0	8,416	7,450	1,066	1,069
GA	29.6	22.2	34,879	26,083	1,180	1,178
HI	0.9	1.1	992	1,139	1,060	1,073
ID	58.5	38.1	73,601	48,227	1,259	1,266
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	676.6	629.9	829,237	778,250	1,226	1,235
KY	1.0	1.1	899	990	889	870
LA	1.3	1.0	1,187	859	907	851
MI	40.2	35.5	52,234	47,522	1,298	1,337
MN	66.0	60.3	87,905	83,082	1,331	1,378
MS	0.2	0.5	123	486	812	929
MO						
MT	1.9	1.7	2,138	1,901	1,119	1,126
NE	686.1	595.6	850,578	767,161	1,240	1,288
NV	0.1	0.1	101	106	1,031	1,004
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.7	1.2	1,850	1,222	1,099	1,056
NJ	2.3	2.0	2,685	2,399	1,160	1,229
NM	1.9	1.0	1,713	914	909	943
NY	4.1	3.6	4,467	4,286	1,094	1,197
NC	19.5	18.4	21,159	19,294	1,084	1,046
ND						
OH	10.9	9.0	12,461	10,226	1,140	1,141
OK	2.7	2.4	2,647	2,526	989	1,064
OR	1.3	1.8	1,525	2,038	1,131	1,163
PA	86.4	70.8	108,838	81,383	1,260	1,149
SC						
SD						
TN	1.0	1.1	930	1,000	892	949
TX	594.3	531.7	708,087	645,046	1,192	1,213
UT	47.2	46.1	55,774	56,091	1,182	1,217
VA	0.3	0.8	322	887	1,007	1,067
WA	63.9	50.7	78,429	63,902	1,227	1,261
WV	0.6	0.5	613	522	1,053	992
WI	138.3	126.7	175,595	168,213	1,269	1,328
WY	0.9	0.9	1,126	1,101	1,244	1,231
US <sup>3</sup>	3,138.8	2,819.3	3,846,377	3,529,724	1,225	1,252

<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,  
August 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	11.3	8.9	2,103	1,184	187	133
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	26	27	257	262
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	7.5	7.2	3,181	3,203	425	448
IN	1.0	0.5	125	66	126	130
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.9	0.8	459	397	491	482
MI	1.8	1.8	772	805	418	443
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.6	1.0	288	257	109	264
NJ	5.8	6.6	2,490	2,915	430	439
NM						
NY	13.7	12.6	1,453	1,058	106	84
NC	0.1	0.1	49	72	453	531
ND						
OH	4.3	5.8	1,642	2,325	386	400
OK						
OR						
PA	16.0	13.9	4,844	5,059	303	365
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	51	56	512	569
TX	1.7	0.9	842	572	485	630
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	10.6	11.1	4,482	4,943	422	447
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	79.6	72.8	23,432	23,293	294	320

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
August 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	9.2	9.7	4,718	4,585	514	473
AK						
AZ	0.1	0.2	36	40	258	200
AR						
CA	199.0	215.2	45,755	51,037	230	237
CO	2.7	2.7	683	624	252	232
DE-MD	1.8	2.3	455	566	251	247
FL	9.9	7.7	1,689	1,271	171	166
GA	11.7	12.9	2,879	3,110	246	240
HI	2.4	2.5	502	515	205	207
ID						
IL	642.0	789.5	173,569	214,701	270	272
IN	561.2	603.6	142,951	154,769	255	256
IA	2,364.5	2,511.5	615,803	662,894	260	264
KS	27.0	15.8	8,859	6,981	328	441
KY	185.2	221.8	48,390	57,930	261	261
LA	1.5	1.5	318	296	212	198
MI	11.6	12.5	4,096	4,446	353	355
MN	689.9	751.9	178,563	195,642	259	260
MS						
MO	154.7	174.8				
MT	2.1	1.9	455	433	221	225
NE	549.8	596.2	142,403	155,466	259	261
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.4	2.3	555	458	232	199
NJ	8.4	10.7	814	1,056	97	99
NM	0.3	0.4	64	117	213	314
NY	3.8	4.0	823	880	218	218
NC	844.0	901.6	208,036	222,741	246	247
ND	12.6	14.0	2,852	3,330	227	237
OH	101.6	107.2	27,142	28,426	267	265
OK	374.3	414.0	100,848	111,435	269	269
OR	16.7	19.2	4,280	4,365	256	227
PA	217.5	230.2	53,316	56,136	245	244
SC						
SD	376.0	406.6	95,810	103,592	255	255
TN	55.6	53.0	26,782	25,652	482	484
TX	31.7	33.5	8,244	8,086	260	241
UT	4.6	4.2	1,027	949	225	225
VA	316.9	306.3	79,253	76,162	250	249
WA	2.1	2.0	521	503	252	253
WV	0.9	1.1	217	277	234	257
WI	43.5	50.7	18,659	22,459	429	443
WY	1.3	1.4	338	365	256	253
US <sup>3</sup>	8,057.9	8,719.8	2,098,465	2,283,391	260	262

<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 Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
August 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	0.1	0.1	5	5	75	81
AR						
CA						
CO	60.4	67.2	8,582	9,889	142	147
DE-MD	2.5	3.3	268	335	109	103
FL	0.1	0.1	16	7	107	65
GA	0.5	0.5	52	51	100	98
HI						
ID	0.6	0.7	66	77	120	117
IL	14.6	15.5	1,831	1,974	125	127
IN	2.9	2.7	313	293	107	109
IA	35.5	37.6	5,209	5,470	147	146
KS	0.3	0.4	32	45	104	111
KY	1.1	1.0	138	119	130	125
LA	0.1	0.2	11	14	79	79
MI	17.0	16.8	2,033	1,993	120	118
MN	0.3	0.3	37	33	124	118
MS						
MO	0.6	0.6	56	54	98	92
MT	0.5	0.5	62	59	120	121
NE	0.2	0.1	21	15	107	108
NV	0.2	0.2	16	16	97	97
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	1.8	194	182	101	98
NJ	8.4	9.2	761	748	91	81
NM	1.5	1.7	153	160	102	96
NY	2.3	2.7	205	220	89	81
NC	0.3	0.4	30	36	99	86
ND						
OH	1.5	1.5	179	178	116	117
OK	0.1	0.1	12	9	107	112
OR	1.2	1.5	149	154	128	100
PA	6.8	6.4	700	565	104	88
SC						
SD	0.9	1.4	112	177	123	126
TN	0.5	0.6	37	55	72	87
TX	30.4	27.5	3,884	3,439	128	125
UT	2.5	2.7	311	356	126	130
VA	0.8	0.5	82	43	97	89
WA	0.8	0.3	104	34	124	134
WV	0.1	0.1	13	8	120	116
WI	1.5	1.3	194	166	130	128
WY	0.5	0.4	60	49	131	140
US <sup>3</sup>	241.6	232.6	31,262	30,109	129	129

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

Item	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Jan - Aug <sup>1</sup>		Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Jan - Aug <sup>1</sup>	
				2003	2004				2003	2004
	<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	1,569	1,457	1,457	11,961	11,021	50.7	53.1	52.5	50.1	50.9
Heifers	975	843	849	7,571	6,935	31.5	30.7	30.6	31.7	32.0
All Cows	494	*397	413	3,916	3,317	16.0	14.5	14.9	16.4	15.3
Dairy Cows	224	*186	200	1,860	1,554	7.3	6.8	7.2	7.8	7.2
Other Cows	270	211	213	2,056	1,763	8.7	7.7	7.7	8.6	8.1
Bulls & Stags	55	*49	56	411	368	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.7
Total <sup>1</sup>	3,094	*2,746	2,775	23,859	21,642	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,668	7,718	8,316	61,641	64,196	96.4	96.4	96.5	96.4	96.5
Sows	264	268	278	2,124	2,184	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3
Stags & Boars	19	22	21	160	170	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	7,951	8,008	8,615	63,925	66,550	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	13	13	92	100	5.7	6.3	5.9	5.0	5.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	213	194	206	1,753	1,660	94.3	93.7	94.1	95.0	94.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	226	207	219	1,845	1,760	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	748	761	769	747	749					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	808	810	821	801	796					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	727	737	747	730	729					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	576	609	612	593	614					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	894	900	896	918	900					
Calves & Vealers	179	199	193	195	201					
Hogs	195	196	196	199	199					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	190	192	192	194	195					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	314	310	309	315	313					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	245	233	230	241	223					
Sheep	66	65	66	68	69					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	67	64	65	65	66					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	66	65	66	68	70					

\* 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,  
August 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	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0
2	5.4	1.6	0.2	3.3	3.1	0.2	0.3	19.2
3	73.8	29.9	6.1	35.4	28.9	6.5	2.4	14.0
4	62.2	0.8	0.2	51.3	9.5	41.7	9.9	1.0
5	300.9	128.0	39.0	124.2	79.9	44.3	9.7	26.2
6	531.1	282.1	174.1	61.3	11.8	49.5	13.6	0.8
7	1,291.5	748.7	485.3	47.5	2.7	44.8	9.9	
8	268.0	145.0	109.6	11.0	4.1	6.9	2.5	
9	151.9	78.0	8.5	61.1	52.2	8.9	4.3	8.7
10	88.7	42.6	25.6	17.6	7.4	10.2	3.0	0.3
US <sup>2</sup>	2,774.6	1,457.1	848.9	412.8	199.9	212.9	55.9	71.1
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	1.9	1.9			1.7	0.4	1.2	
2	14.3	14.1	0.2		11.0	1.3	9.6	
3	537.5	536.2	1.4		9.9	0.7	9.2	
4	1,381.2	1,302.6	77.2	1.5	2.6	1.2	1.4	
5	2,270.6	2,145.7	121.4	3.6	32.9	5.6	27.3	
6	451.7	431.5	20.2	0.1	27.0	1.2	25.9	
7	3,289.5	3,222.5	51.3	15.7	38.2	0.1	38.1	
8	423.9	417.3	6.5	0.1	70.5	1.8	68.8	
9	210.9	210.8	0.1		23.4	0.5	22.9	
10	33.8	33.7	0.1		2.0	0.2	1.8	
US <sup>2</sup>	8,615.4	8,316.2	278.2	21.0	219.1	12.9	206.2	

<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 - August 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	8.7	2.6	1.5	3.2	2.8	0.4	1.4	10.0
2	42.3	11.2	2.2	26.1	24.7	1.4	2.8	144.3
3	617.2	247.7	55.7	290.8	233.7	57.1	23.0	111.9
4	437.4	8.7	2.8	362.0	101.8	260.2	63.9	8.3
5	2,261.4	952.4	297.6	954.4	578.2	376.2	57.0	207.0
6	4,191.9	2,197.9	1,427.4	472.4	81.6	390.8	94.3	7.7
7	9,999.2	5,499.2	3,963.4	477.2	21.1	456.1	59.3	0.2
8	2,098.7	1,129.6	859.1	95.0	30.3	64.6	15.0	
9	1,174.7	624.5	64.5	457.1	393.6	63.5	28.5	64.8
10	810.2	347.7	260.7	178.5	86.0	92.6	23.2	3.5
US <sup>2</sup>	21,641.6	11,021.4	6,935.0	3,316.8	1,553.8	1,762.9	368.5	557.8
	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	11.3	11.1	0.1	0.1	13.6	2.9	10.8	
2	90.7	88.7	1.4	0.6	93.2	10.8	82.5	
3	4,390.5	4,378.7	11.7	0.2	72.0	7.4	64.6	
4	10,628.2	10,011.8	606.0	10.4	20.3	9.2	11.1	
5	17,626.6	16,621.3	985.8	19.5	262.1	39.0	223.1	
6	3,559.4	3,393.7	165.1	0.6	190.9	10.6	180.3	
7	25,325.2	24,813.4	374.1	137.8	259.8	0.4	259.4	
8	3,026.7	2,988.2	38.3	0.3	624.3	14.8	609.5	
9	1,627.8	1,626.9	0.7	0.3	211.9	3.8	208.0	
10	262.9	262.2	0.6	0.1	12.4	1.3	11.1	
US <sup>2</sup>	66,549.5	64,195.8	2,183.8	169.9	1,760.4	100.2	1,660.2	

\* 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,  
August 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	37.6	28.5	1.8	7.3	7.3			
AR	0.5	0.1		0.2		0.2	0.1	
CA	113.1	49.0	6.4	53.3	44.9	8.4	4.2	8.7
CO	213.0	121.0	91.5	0.4	0.4			
DE-MD	3.5	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	7.0	0.1		6.4	0.5	5.9	0.3	
GA	21.6			19.5	2.3	17.2	2.1	
HI	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.4		0.4	0.1	
ID	36.6	16.7	7.3	10.3	2.5	7.8	2.3	
IL								7.2
IN								0.5
IA								
KS	627.3	374.3	252.4	0.7		0.7		
KY	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	33.6	20.3	0.3	12.8	9.5	3.3	0.1	1.7
MN	58.0	10.6	3.8	37.4	16.3	21.1	6.2	
MS				0.4				
MO								
MT	0.6	0.4	0.1					
NE	593.7	330.6	209.9	43.7	2.1	41.6	9.5	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0
NJ	1.9	1.1		0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	6.6
NM	0.6			0.5	0.5			
NY	3.5	0.5	0.2	2.6	2.6		0.2	12.6
NC	18.1	0.1	0.1	13.0	6.4	6.6	5.0	0.1
ND								
OH	3.8	0.4	0.1	3.2	1.8	1.4	0.1	5.7
OK	0.1	0.1						
OR	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	
PA	70.2	27.2	5.5	35.1	28.7	6.4	2.4	13.8
SC								
SD								
TN	0.9	0.2		0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
TX	529.9	281.9	174.0	60.4	11.2	49.2	13.6	0.8
UT	45.3	23.3	17.9	3.7	2.1	1.6	0.5	
VA	0.1	0.1						
WA	50.6	25.5	18.1	6.5	4.2	2.3	0.5	
WV	0.1							
WI	123.2	45.6	3.5	70.8	52.4	18.4	3.3	11.0
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,774.6	1,457.1	848.9	412.8	199.9	212.9	55.9	71.1

<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,  
August 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	9.1	0.3	7.5	1.3			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	208.3	208.3					
CO	1.7	1.6			67.0		67.0
DE-MD	2.3	2.3			3.3	0.1	3.1
FL	7.7	7.6			0.1		0.1
GA	6.1	5.9	0.2				
HI	2.5	2.5					
ID					0.4		0.4
IL	771.5	706.7	63.6	1.2	14.2	2.0	12.2
IN	598.2	598.2			1.7	1.2	0.5
IA	2,509.0	2,453.8	39.5	15.7	37.4		37.4
KS	12.2	0.4	11.8		0.1		0.1
KY	221.4	215.2	6.2		1.0	0.7	0.2
LA							
MI	10.8	6.1	4.7		16.6	2.4	14.2
MN	749.4	749.3			0.1		0.1
MS							
MO	173.2	173.2			0.6	0.1	0.5
MT	0.7	0.7			0.2		0.2
NE	595.1	595.1			0.1		0.1
NV					0.2		0.2
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	1.9			1.7	0.4	1.2
NJ	10.6	10.5	0.1		9.2	0.8	8.4
NM							
NY	3.7	3.7			1.7	0.5	1.2
NC	893.6	887.1	6.4	0.1	0.4		0.4
ND	13.9	13.8					
OH	97.7	84.5	12.2	0.9	0.1		0.1
OK	412.3	407.5	4.8				
OR	19.1	19.0			1.4	0.2	1.3
PA	229.2	229.0	0.2		6.3	0.6	5.7
SC							
SD	405.6	399.4	6.2		1.1		1.1
TN	52.9	0.7	52.2		0.6	0.1	0.4
TX	26.7	22.7	4.0		27.0	1.2	25.8
UT	2.0	1.8	0.2	0.1	2.2	1.7	0.4
VA	305.9	304.8	1.1				
WA	1.8	1.8			0.1		0.1
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	43.0	0.8	40.9	1.4	0.2		0.2
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	8,615.4	8,316.2	278.2	21.0	219.1	12.9	206.2

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

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

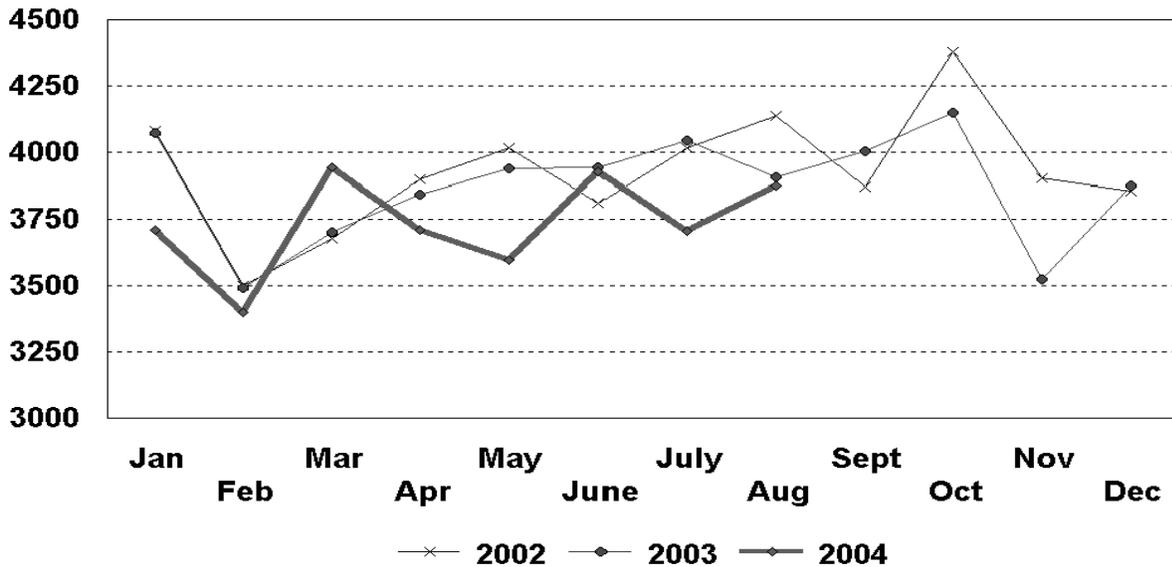
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

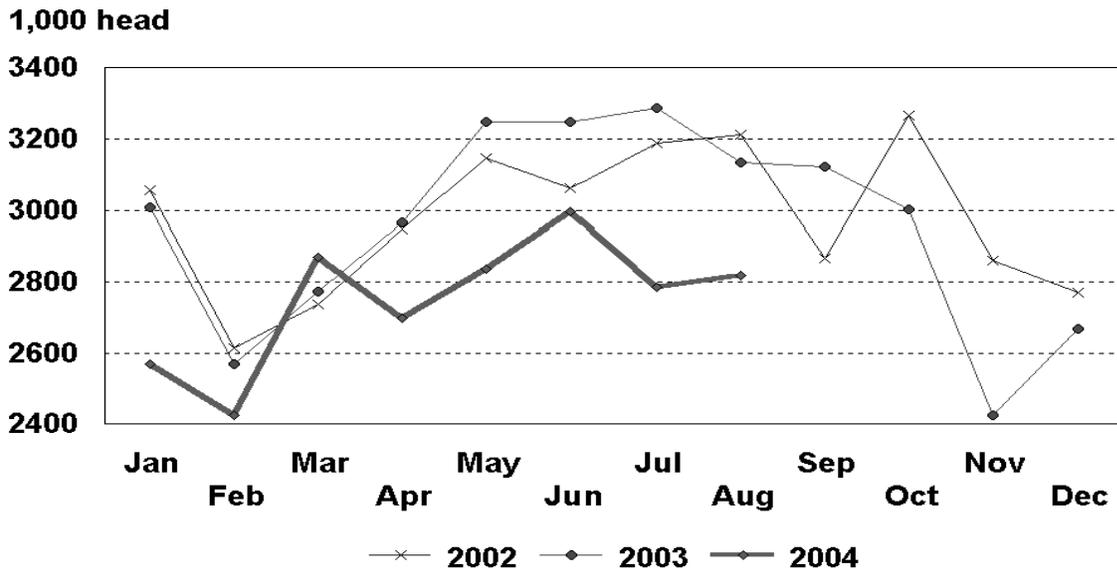
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				2003	2004
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Cattle	98.6	98.5	98.4	98.4	98.3
Calves	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.6	97.7
Hogs	98.7	98.9	98.8	98.7	98.9
Sheep	93.5	93.8	94.2	94.2	94.2

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

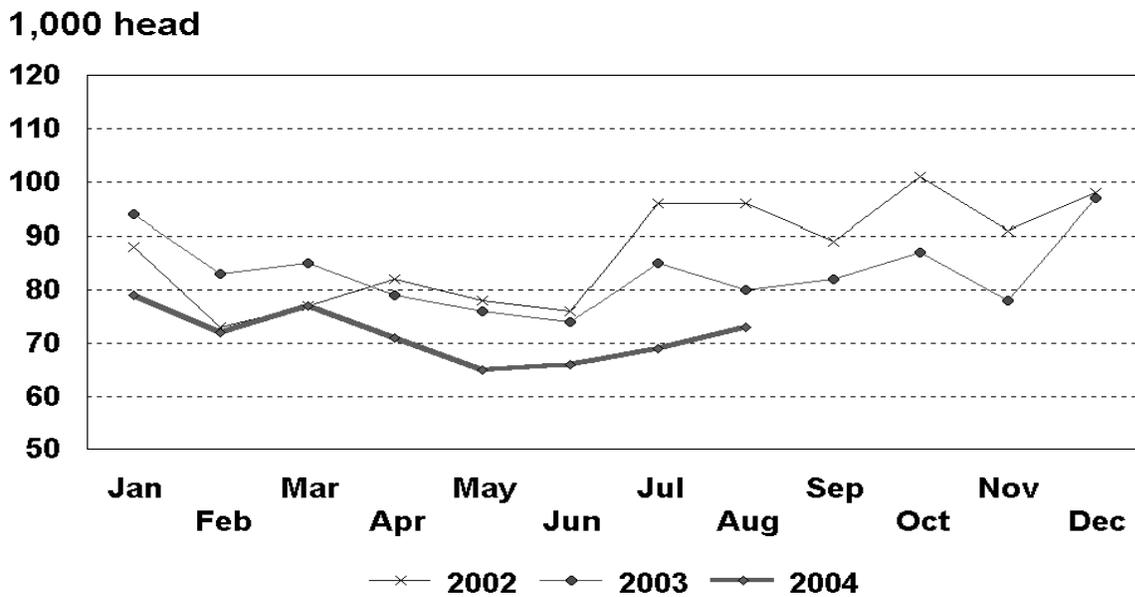
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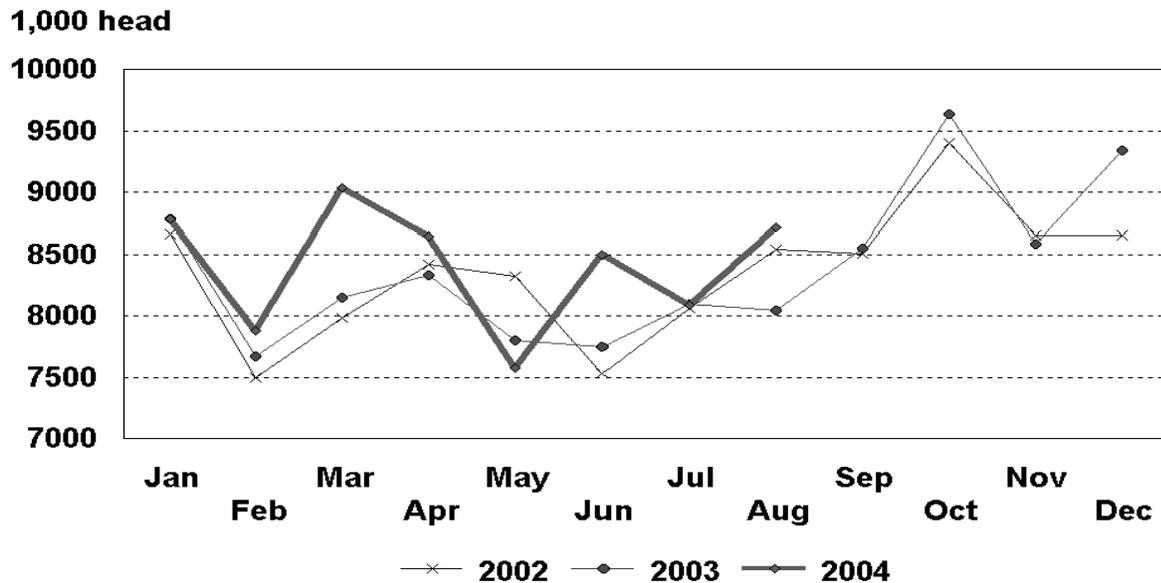
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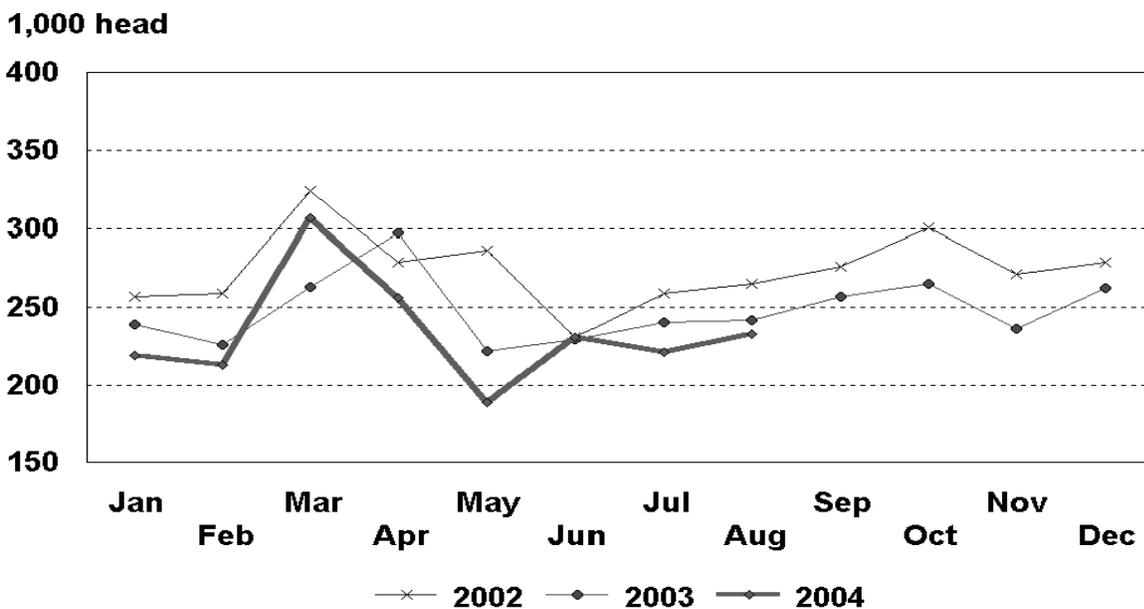
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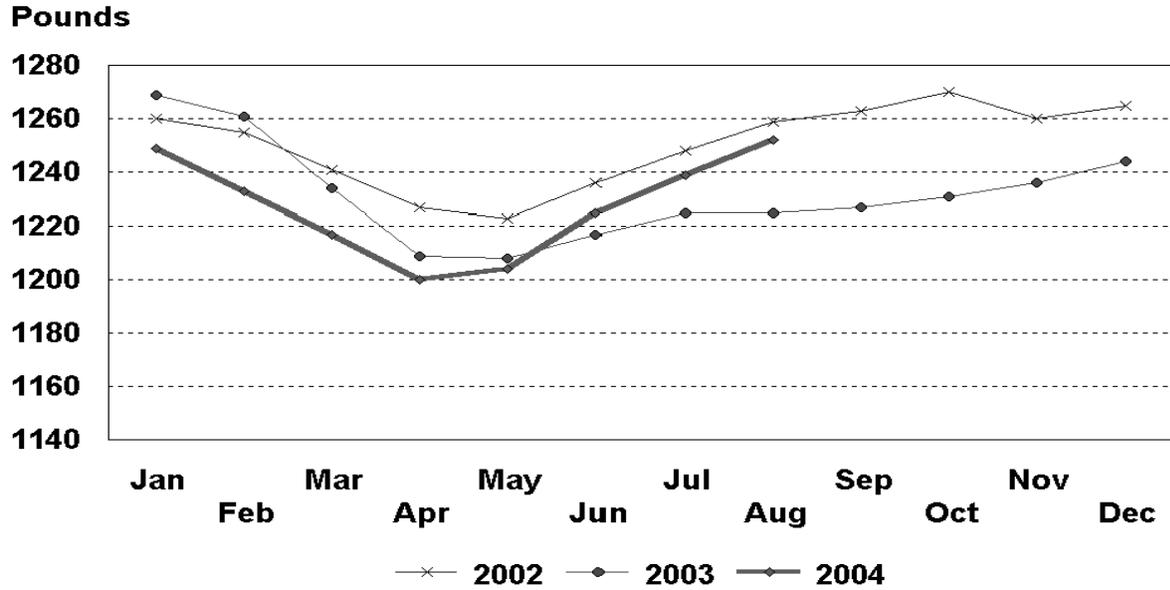
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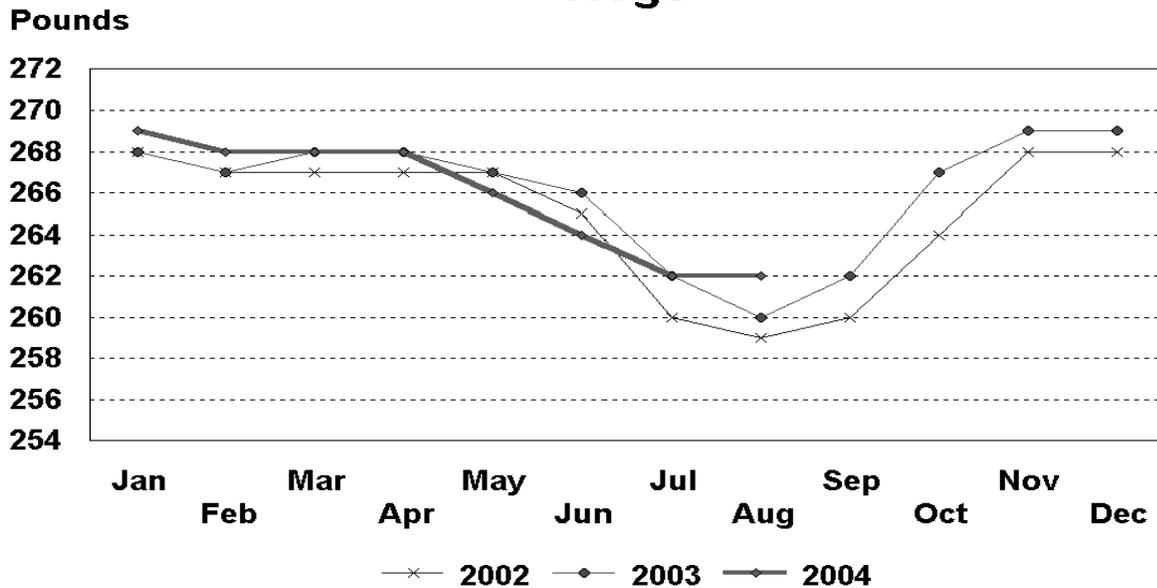
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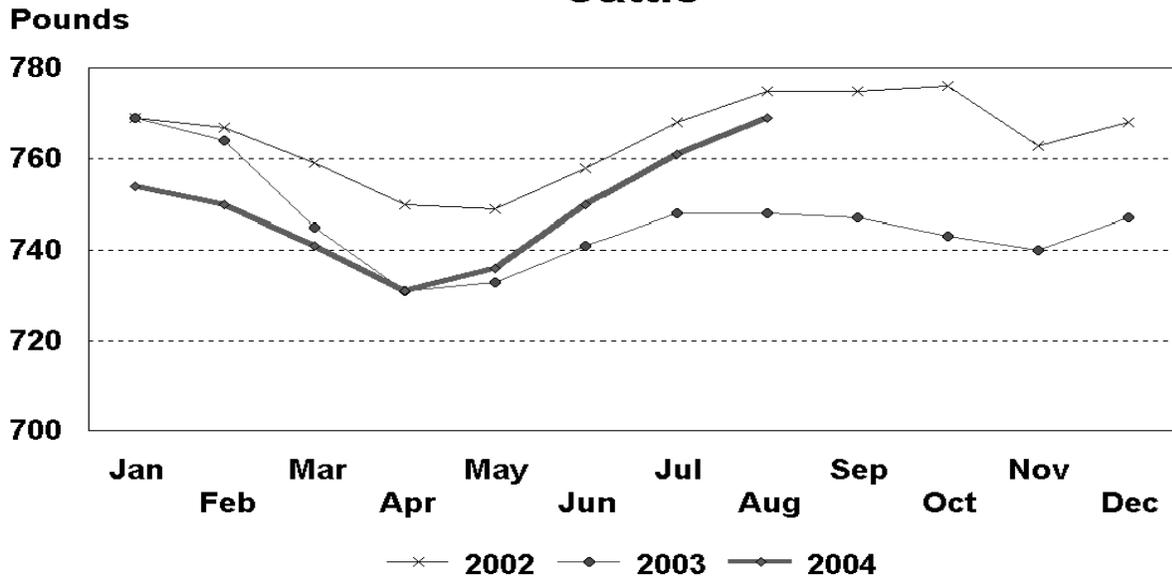
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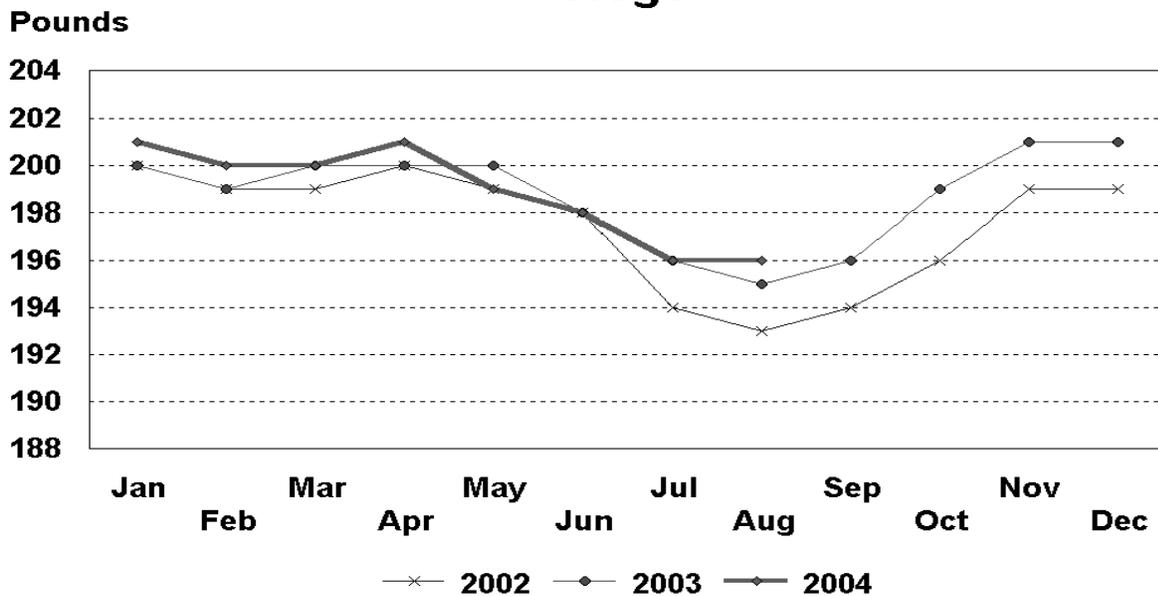
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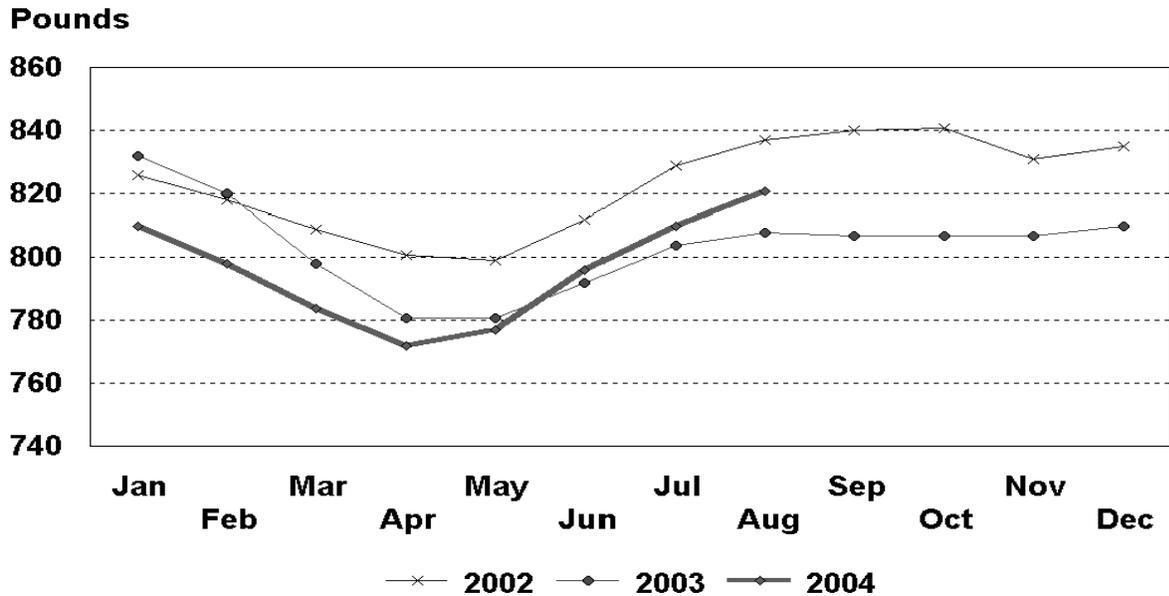
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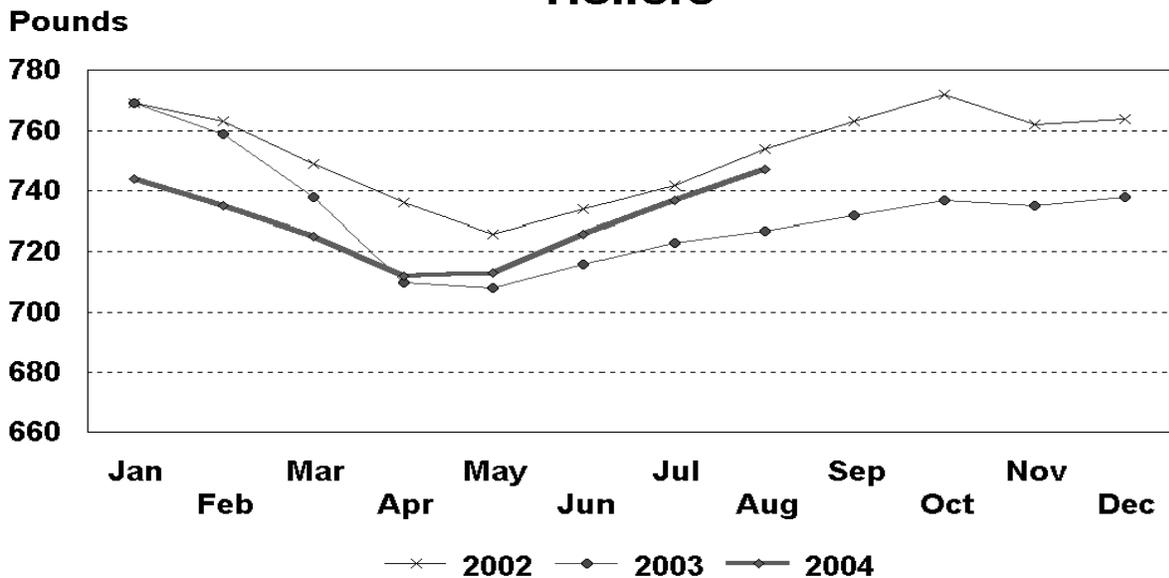
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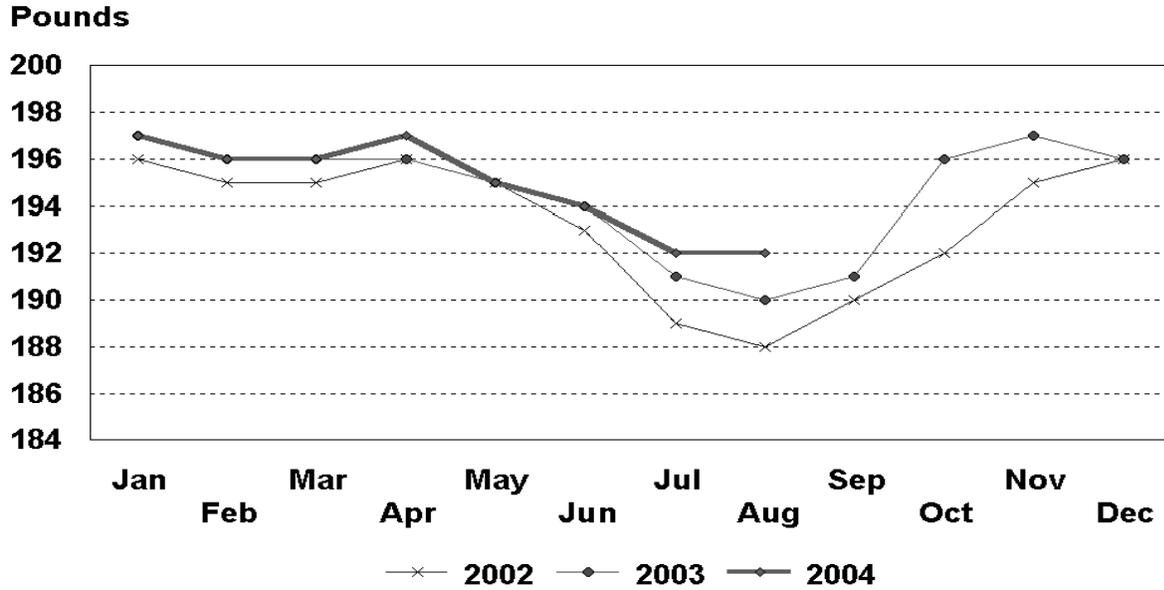
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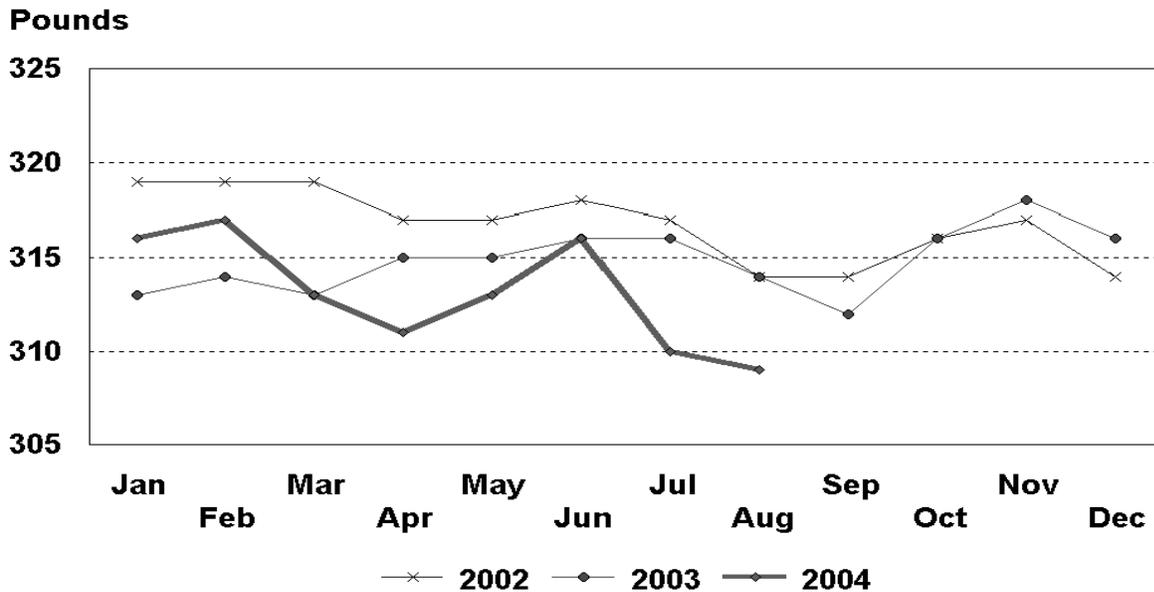
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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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