



Livestock Slaughter

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Pork Production Sets Record Monthly High for September

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in September, down 3 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in September 2003.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 13 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,266 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,300 head, down 18 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.00 million head, 5 percent above September 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 243,600 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2004 commercial red meat production was 33.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

September 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Sep 04 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 2003	Aug 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	2,314	2,151	2,104	91	98	20,265	18,449	91
Veal	15.3	*14.0	13.0	85	93	141.2	126.0	89
Pork	1,668	1,698	1,772	106	104	14,447	15,074	104
Lamb & Mutton	16.9	15.1	16.3	96	108	147.5	143.9	98
Total Red Meat	4,014	3,878	3,905	97	101	35,001	33,793	97

* Revised.

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Sep 04 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 2003	Aug 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	2,285	2,122	2,075	91	98	19,999	18,189	91
Veal	14.7	*13.6	12.6	85	92	136.5	122.4	90
Pork	1,650	1,681	1,755	106	104	14,290	14,937	105
Lamb & Mutton	16.1	14.4	15.6	97	108	140.8	137.6	98
Total Red Meat	3,966	*3,831	3,858	97	101	34,567	33,386	97

* Revised.

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

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Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Sep 04 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
					Sep 2003	Aug 2004	2003	2004	04 % of 03
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3,081.5	*2,774.8	2,689.3	87	97	26,940.8	24,331.2	90
Other	Thou	47.4	44.7	46.2	97	103	434.3	414.1	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,128.9	*2,819.6	2,735.5	87	97	27,375.1	24,745.3	90
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,229	1,254	1,268	103	101	1,232	1,233	100
Other	Lbs	1,105	1,131	1,127	102	100	1,095	1,110	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,228	1,252	1,266	103	101	1,230	1,231	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	80.0	71.1	65.7	82	92	720.0	623.4	87
Other	Thou	2.3	1.6	1.7	72	101	18.1	14.7	81
Comm'l. ³	Thou	82.3	72.8	67.3	82	93	738.1	638.2	86
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	301	*320	318	106	100	315	328	104
Other	Lbs	438	415	407	93	98	426	416	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	308	*323	321	104	99	318	330	104
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,466.3	*8,615.6	8,896.9	105	103	72,391.8	75,446.6	104
Other	Thou	107.0	104.4	100.8	94	97	931.2	815.6	88
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,573.3	*8,720.0	8,997.7	105	103	73,323.0	76,262.2	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	263	262	265	101	101	266	266	100
Other	Lbs	231	232	234	102	101	231	231	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	263	262	265	101	101	265	266	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	240.5	219.1	230.7	96	105	2,085.7	1,991.1	95
Other	Thou	16.7	13.5	13.0	78	96	130.0	120.6	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	257.2	232.6	243.6	95	105	2,215.7	2,111.7	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	133	131	134	101	102	135	138	102
Other	Lbs	101	107	107	106	100	105	106	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	131	129	133	101	103	133	136	102

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Sep 04 as % of ²	
				Sep 2003	Aug 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.3	2.9	2.6	81	91
AK					
AZ	36.0	29.5	28.3	79	96
AR	5.4	4.2	4.6	86	112
CA	120.8	122.0	124.6	103	102
CO	165.2	176.1	176.2	107	100
DE-MD	2.9	3.1	2.6	89	83
FL	5.4	4.6	3.6	67	78
GA	18.9	15.6	14.5	76	93
HI	0.9	1.0	0.8	96	83
ID	48.1	30.7	38.1	79	124
IL	210.2	228.5	227.8	108	100
IN	119.0	119.1	120.4	101	101
IA	561.5	549.0	568.0	101	103
KS	496.9	500.2	467.7	94	94
KY	42.8	44.0	43.0	101	98
LA	1.3	1.0	1.0	78	100
MI	35.8	31.7	32.8	92	103
MN	198.0	190.1	199.6	101	105
MS	26.6	24.5	28.0	105	114
MO	37.3	37.9	38.5	103	102
MT	1.5	1.5	1.3	81	82
NE	642.2	592.3	597.6	93	101
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	116	101
N ENG ³	1.7	1.2	1.3	77	107
NJ	4.2	4.2	4.1	97	99
NM	1.2	0.6	0.6	47	93
NY	3.8	3.5	3.4	89	97
NC	180.8	177.7	193.5	107	109
ND	2.4	2.7	2.8	116	104
OH	27.2	27.5	26.6	98	97
OK	83.6	84.6	84.1	101	99
OR	3.7	3.8	3.4	94	90
PA	108.2	*93.4	96.4	89	103
SC	20.2	21.2	20.6	102	97
SD	75.4	83.3	86.7	115	104
TN	22.0	17.8	18.8	85	105
TX	439.7	406.0	401.0	91	99
UT	41.1	*36.0	35.7	87	99
VA	51.8	*58.0	64.7	125	112
WA	50.3	39.3	36.9	73	94
WV	0.7	0.5	0.7	102	132
WI	115.7	*106.6	102.1	88	96
WY	0.6	0.9	0.6	99	64
US	4,014.3	*3,878.4	3,905.3	97	101

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

³ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2003 and 2004 ¹**

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	47.1	35.9	61,783	48,026	1,312	1,337
AR	1.2	1.0	1,096	920	880	939
CA	120.8	114.4	151,751	152,659	1,256	1,334
CO	206.2	210.3	253,199	266,983	1,228	1,270
DE-MD	3.2	3.0	4,148	3,598	1,277	1,217
FL	8.1	5.3	8,904	5,621	1,106	1,069
GA	27.5	20.5	32,813	24,579	1,193	1,200
HI	0.9	0.9	956	913	1,034	1,074
ID	63.4	47.9	80,337	61,872	1,267	1,293
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	635.2	582.1	773,305	728,037	1,217	1,251
KY	1.2	1.1	1,050	1,030	879	896
LA	1.4	1.1	1,149	892	846	838
MI	41.9	37.2	54,901	49,972	1,312	1,344
MN	69.6	59.6	92,914	84,193	1,336	1,412
MS	0.2	5.4	142	5,139	817	945
MO						
MT	1.8	1.4	2,050	1,625	1,140	1,143
NE	688.9	587.8	860,405	768,409	1,249	1,307
NV	0.1	0.1	92	113	997	983
N ENG ²	1.9	1.3	1,978	1,373	1,062	1,049
NJ	2.3	1.9	2,704	2,331	1,153	1,235
NM	2.3	0.9	2,088	843	906	945
NY	4.4	3.6	4,783	4,255	1,078	1,170
NC	19.0	19.0	20,482	19,328	1,080	1,019
ND						
OH	10.8	8.7	12,688	9,944	1,178	1,140
OK	2.9	2.0	2,825	2,113	973	1,045
OR	1.3	1.6	1,506	1,928	1,145	1,204
PA	90.7	71.4	115,014	82,441	1,268	1,154
SC						
SD						
TN	1.3	1.1	1,156	1,073	902	968
TX	586.7	521.3	696,518	637,639	1,187	1,223
UT	53.6	45.5	64,261	55,971	1,199	1,229
VA	0.4	1.0	371	1,057	967	1,047
WA	66.3	48.5	81,915	60,376	1,236	1,246
WV	0.9	0.9	881	841	960	959
WI	150.3	122.5	190,833	162,350	1,270	1,325
WY	0.7	0.7	833	790	1,213	1,179
US ³	3,128.9	2,735.5	3,841,020	3,462,349	1,228	1,266

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2003 and 2004 ¹**

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	11.1	8.0	2,108	1,122	190	140
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	23	35	256	286
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.0	6.5	3,349	2,913	421	446
IN	0.8	0.4	105	52	126	129
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.0	0.7	494	334	483	475
MI	2.3	2.2	997	958	426	444
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	2.3	0.6	279	130	121	201
NJ	7.4	6.6	3,064	2,878	412	436
NM						
NY	11.6	11.2	1,285	942	111	84
NC	0.1	0.1	64	63	462	497
ND						
OH	4.3	5.5	1,683	2,223	394	405
OK	0.1	0.1	31	31	451	409
OR						
PA	17.0	14.7	5,283	5,412	312	368
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	46	45	474	466
TX	2.1	1.0	1,096	581	534	599
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	10.8	8.0	4,648	3,550	430	445
WY						
US ³	82.3	67.3	25,325	21,622	308	321

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2003 and 2004 ¹**

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	9.3	9.0	4,781	4,284	514	475
AK						
AZ	0.3	0.5	72	90	247	172
AR						
CA	199.4	223.0	47,151	53,052	236	238
CO	1.7	1.8	434	418	257	237
DE-MD	1.8	1.7	455	377	255	222
FL	9.0	6.7	1,517	1,146	169	172
GA	12.8	12.6	3,129	2,965	244	235
HI	2.2	2.2	462	441	205	203
ID						
IL	679.5	811.1	184,160	221,253	271	273
IN	605.1	601.9	155,101	156,565	256	260
IA	2,570.5	2,617.8	672,832	700,019	262	267
KS	25.2	13.7	8,410	6,155	334	448
KY	215.6	214.9	56,180	56,630	261	263
LA	1.8	1.6	363	320	203	197
MI	10.4	10.4	3,826	3,831	369	368
MN	768.7	790.0	200,259	208,447	261	264
MS						
MO	169.6	171.4				
MT	1.7	1.4	384	327	232	237
NE	590.6	617.0	154,036	162,619	261	264
NV						
N ENG ²	2.4	2.5	568	498	237	202
NJ	8.7	10.6	844	1,082	97	102
NM	0.6	0.2	136	70	211	285
NY	3.4	3.8	749	846	218	222
NC	903.0	968.0	226,870	242,975	251	251
ND	11.6	13.6	2,664	3,428	229	252
OH	102.1	103.1	27,319	27,665	268	268
OK	406.9	404.8	110,966	110,331	273	273
OR	17.2	16.9	4,459	3,809	259	225
PA	232.6	241.7	57,691	59,581	248	246
SC						
SD	357.4	417.6	91,623	108,025	256	259
TN	66.4	55.4	32,015	26,936	482	486
TX	33.5	33.0	9,182	8,454	274	256
UT	4.9	3.9	1,101	904	224	233
VA	273.2	336.7	68,500	85,004	251	252
WA	1.8	2.0	463	518	255	257
WV	0.9	0.8	215	214	245	259
WI	39.6	47.0	16,839	20,918	426	445
WY	0.6	0.5	145	145	264	265
US ³	8,573.3	8,997.7	2,251,547	2,384,285	263	265

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2003 and 2004 ¹**

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	0.2	11	19	106	98
AR						
CA						
CO	64.3	83.6	9,224	12,500	144	149
DE-MD	2.6	3.1	283	318	109	103
FL	0.1	0.2	10	10	102	64
GA	0.6	0.3	57	34	96	117
HI						
ID	0.5	0.7	55	81	122	120
IL	15.5	16.6	2,038	2,110	131	127
IN	2.9	2.5	314	272	108	110
IA	37.4	37.3	5,327	5,537	142	148
KS	0.3	0.3	35	33	106	108
KY	1.2	1.1	135	136	114	123
LA	0.1	0.1	8	11	73	87
MI	17.0	16.3	2,067	1,961	122	120
MN	0.3	0.3	36	39	127	126
MS						
MO	0.5	0.5	47	40	99	89
MT	0.4	0.5	52	60	126	120
NE	0.2	0.2	23	28	111	120
NV	0.1	0.1	15	13	100	97
N ENG ²	2.2	2.2	216	216	100	97
NJ	8.6	9.2	833	744	96	81
NM	2.3	1.8	232	203	102	110
NY	2.8	2.8	283	219	102	79
NC	0.5	0.4	54	37	103	82
ND						
OH	1.2	1.2	140	127	116	108
OK	0.1	0.1	9	12	107	127
OR	1.4	1.5	164	159	120	103
PA	6.6	5.7	695	486	105	85
SC						
SD	1.3	0.4	150	58	120	134
TN	0.5	0.6	37	44	72	78
TX	33.0	24.0	4,144	3,049	126	127
UT	2.5	2.5	320	336	126	137
VA	1.3	0.4	133	38	101	90
WA	0.6	0.2	76	33	129	141
WV						
WI	1.7	1.5	215	191	130	131
WY	0.2	0.2	22	23	134	133
US ³	257.2	243.6	33,652	32,334	131	133

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

Item	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Jan - Sep ¹		Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Jan - Sep ¹	
	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
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,495	1,457	1,371	13,456	12,393	48.5	52.5	51.0	49.9	50.9
Heifers	1,014	849	847	8,585	7,782	32.9	30.6	31.5	31.9	32.0
All Cows	516	413	418	4,432	3,735	16.8	14.9	15.5	16.4	15.4
Dairy Cows	248	200	197	2,108	1,751	8.1	7.2	7.3	7.8	7.2
Other Cows	268	213	221	2,324	1,984	8.7	7.7	8.2	8.6	8.2
Bulls & Stags	57	56	53	468	421	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.7
Total ¹	3,081	2,775	2,689	26,941	24,331	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,165	8,316	8,600	69,807	72,796	96.4	96.5	96.7	96.4	96.5
Sows	279	278	278	2,404	2,462	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3
Stags & Boars	22	21	19	182	189	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,466	*8,616	8,897	72,392	75,447	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	14	13	13	106	113	5.7	5.9	5.5	5.1	5.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	227	206	218	1,980	1,878	94.3	94.1	94.5	94.9	94.3
Total ¹	240	219	231	2,086	1,991	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight ³										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle	746	769	776	747	751					
Steers ⁴	807	821	830	802	799					
Heifers ⁴	732	747	758	731	732					
All Cows ⁴	577	612	615	591	614					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	887	896	896	914	899					
Calves & Vealers	186	*195	195	194	200					
Hogs	196	196	198	198	199					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	191	192	194	194	195					
Sows ⁵	312	309	309	314	313					
Stags & Boars ⁵	236	230	224	240	223					
Sheep	67	66	68	68	69					
Mature Sheep ⁶	68	65	65	65	66					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	67	66	68	68	69					

* Revised.

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
September 2004¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6
2	5.3	1.5	0.3	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.3	17.8
3	73.8	27.9	6.6	36.8	30.1	6.7	2.5	14.8
4	63.6	0.8	0.2	53.0	10.6	42.5	9.5	1.2
5	288.3	121.9	40.5	117.3	70.2	47.1	8.6	22.4
6	520.7	281.6	163.4	62.6	12.5	50.1	13.1	0.8
7	1,226.2	686.3	481.5	49.5	3.0	46.5	8.9	
8	264.0	130.4	120.1	11.1	4.2	6.9	2.5	
9	150.3	76.3	7.8	62.3	53.7	8.6	3.9	7.7
10	96.1	44.3	26.4	22.0	9.8	12.3	3.4	0.3
US ²	2,689.3	1,371.3	847.0	418.1	197.2	220.9	53.0	65.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	2.0	2.0			2.0	0.5	1.5	
2	13.9	13.7	0.1	0.1	11.0	1.1	9.9	
3	578.6	577.1	1.5		8.9	0.5	8.4	
4	1,443.2	1,361.7	80.4	1.1	2.7	1.3	1.4	
5	2,319.8	2,207.0	111.1	1.7	33.2	6.0	27.2	
6	442.5	420.9	21.6	0.1	23.5	0.8	22.7	
7	3,412.5	3,345.7	51.0	15.8	37.9	0.1	37.8	
8	433.1	421.1	12.0		86.0	1.7	84.3	
9	219.5	219.4	0.1		23.4	0.5	22.9	
10	31.8	31.7	0.1		2.0	0.2	1.8	
US ²	8,896.9	8,600.1	277.9	18.9	230.7	12.7	218.0	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - September 2004 * ¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	9.8	3.0	1.7	3.5	3.0	0.5	1.6	10.6
2	47.6	12.6	2.5	29.3	27.8	1.6	3.1	162.1
3	691.0	275.6	62.4	327.6	263.8	63.8	25.5	126.8
4	501.0	9.5	3.0	415.0	112.3	302.7	73.4	9.4
5	2,549.7	1,074.2	338.1	1,071.7	648.4	423.3	65.7	229.4
6	4,712.6	2,479.4	1,590.8	535.0	94.1	440.9	107.4	8.5
7	11,225.4	6,185.5	4,444.9	526.7	24.0	502.7	68.3	0.2
8	2,363.0	1,260.0	979.2	106.3	34.6	71.7	17.5	
9	1,325.0	700.7	72.4	519.4	447.3	72.1	32.4	72.6
10	906.3	392.0	287.1	200.6	95.7	104.8	26.6	3.8
US ²	24,331.2	12,392.7	7,781.9	3,735.0	1,751.1	1,984.0	421.5	623.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	13.3	13.1	0.2	0.1	15.6	3.3	12.3	
2	104.6	102.3	1.5	0.7	104.2	11.9	92.4	
3	4,969.2	4,955.8	13.2	0.2	80.9	8.0	73.0	
4	12,071.4	11,373.5	686.3	11.5	23.0	10.5	12.5	
5	19,946.4	18,828.3	1,097.0	21.2	295.3	45.0	250.3	
6	4,002.0	3,814.6	186.7	0.7	214.4	11.4	203.0	
7	28,737.8	28,159.1	425.1	153.6	297.7	0.5	297.2	
8	3,459.8	3,409.3	50.2	0.3	710.2	16.5	693.8	
9	1,847.3	1,846.2	0.8	0.3	235.2	4.3	230.9	
10	294.8	294.0	0.7	0.1	14.4	1.5	12.8	
US ²	75,446.6	72,796.0	2,461.8	188.8	1,991.1	112.9	1,878.2	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2004**

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total ¹	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL								
AK								
AZ	35.5	26.0	1.0	8.4	8.4			
AR	0.5	0.1		0.3		0.3		
CA	113.9	49.7	6.7	53.6	45.2	8.4	3.8	7.7
CO	209.7	108.0	101.2	0.4	0.4		0.1	
DE-MD	3.0	2.0	0.6	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	5.3	0.1		4.9	0.3	4.6	0.2	
GA	20.1	0.1		18.6	2.8	15.8	1.4	
HI	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.2		0.2	0.1	
ID	46.3	18.0	10.0	15.4	4.9	10.5	2.9	
IL								6.5
IN								0.4
IA								
KS	579.5	336.2	242.3	1.0		1.0		
KY	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	35.3	22.5	0.4	12.3	8.1	4.2	0.1	2.1
MN	56.8	9.2	4.6	37.7	12.2	25.5	5.3	
MS								
MO								
MT	0.4	0.2	0.1				0.1	
NE	586.1	317.9	214.1	45.6	2.4	43.2	8.5	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG ²	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6
NJ	1.9	0.9		0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	6.6
NM	0.6			0.5	0.5			
NY	3.4	0.6	0.2	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.2	11.2
NC	18.7	0.1		13.7	6.7	7.0	4.8	0.1
ND								
OH	3.5	0.3	0.2	2.9	1.6	1.3	0.1	5.4
OK	0.1							
OR	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	
PA	70.5	25.7	6.0	36.4	29.8	6.6	2.5	14.7
SC								
SD								
TN	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
TX	519.6	281.4	163.3	61.8	12.0	49.8	13.1	0.8
UT	44.7	21.9	18.6	3.6	2.1	1.5	0.5	
VA	0.2	0.1						
WA	48.4	25.9	16.3	5.9	4.2	1.7	0.3	
WV	0.1	0.1						
WI	118.6	47.3	3.7	64.4	48.3	16.1	3.1	7.9
WY								
US ³	2,689.3	1,371.3	847.0	418.1	197.2	220.9	53.0	65.7

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

³ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 2004**

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ¹	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ¹	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	8.5		7.5	0.9			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	217.1	217.0	0.1				
CO	0.9	0.9			83.5		83.5
DE-MD	1.7	1.7			3.1	0.2	2.9
FL	6.7	6.6			0.2		0.2
GA	6.3	6.0	0.2				
HI	2.2	2.2					
ID					0.5		0.5
IL	795.2	737.7	56.6	0.9	15.2	2.3	12.9
IN	595.6	595.6			1.5	1.1	0.4
IA	2,615.7	2,559.2	40.7	15.8	37.2		37.2
KS	10.9	0.6	10.3		0.2		0.1
KY	214.6	208.2	6.3		1.1	0.9	0.2
LA							
MI	8.8	4.2	4.6		16.1	2.6	13.5
MN	787.0	786.9			0.2		0.2
MS							
MO	169.9	169.9			0.4		0.4
MT	0.3	0.3			0.2		0.2
NE	616.0	616.0			0.2		0.1
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG ²	2.0	2.0			2.0	0.5	1.5
NJ	10.6	10.4	0.1	0.1	9.2	0.6	8.6
NM							
NY	3.3	3.3			1.8	0.5	1.3
NC	959.7	953.4	6.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4
ND	13.4	13.4					
OH	94.1	81.9	11.4	0.8			
OK	402.8	398.6	4.2				
OR	16.8	16.7			1.4	0.2	1.3
PA	240.6	240.3	0.2		5.5	0.4	5.1
SC							
SD	416.5	404.9	11.6		0.2		0.2
TN	55.4	0.8	54.5		0.6	0.1	0.5
TX	26.1	21.0	5.0		23.5	0.8	22.7
UT	2.0	1.7	0.3		2.0	1.7	0.3
VA	336.3	335.1	1.2				
WA	1.8	1.8			0.1		0.1
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	39.2	0.7	38.6		0.2		0.2
WY							
US ³	8,896.9	8,600.1	277.9	18.9	230.7	12.7	218.0

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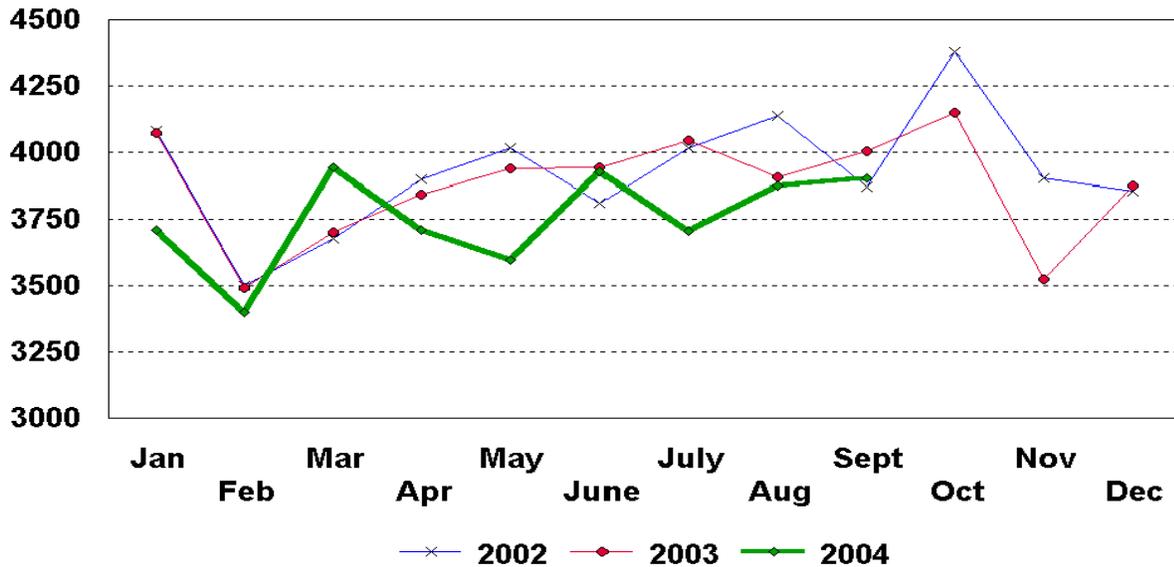
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

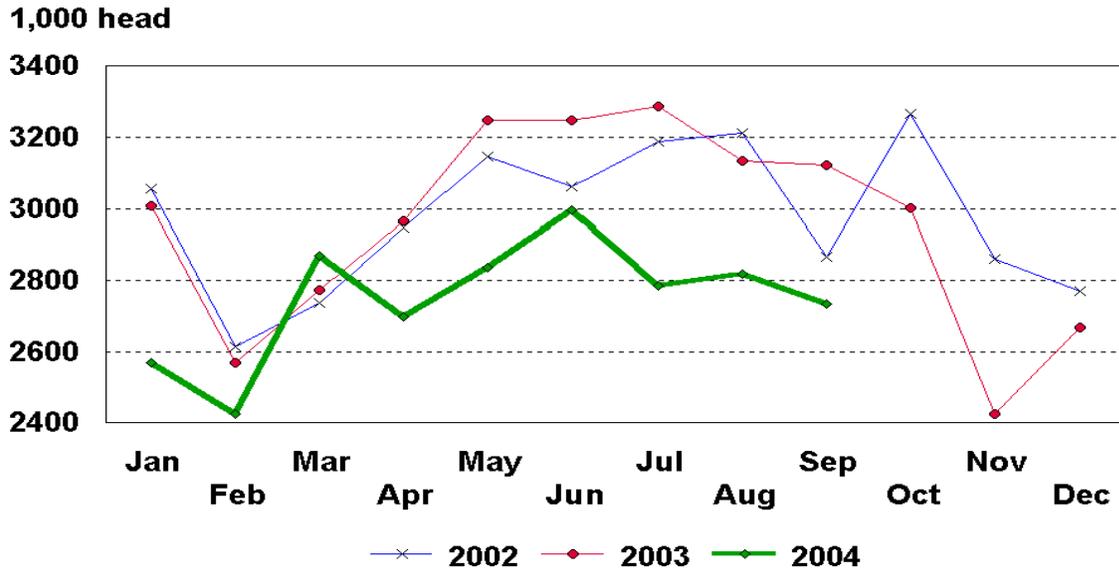
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				2003	2004
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.4	98.3	98.4	98.3
Calves	97.2	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.7
Hogs	98.8	98.8	98.9	98.7	98.9
Sheep	93.5	94.2	94.7	94.1	94.3

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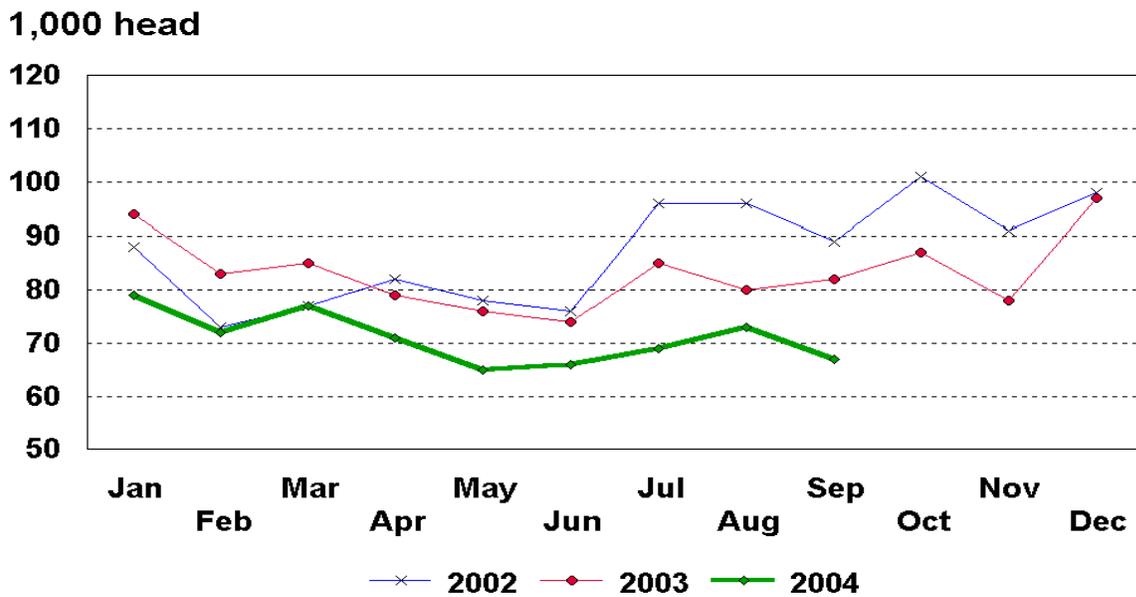
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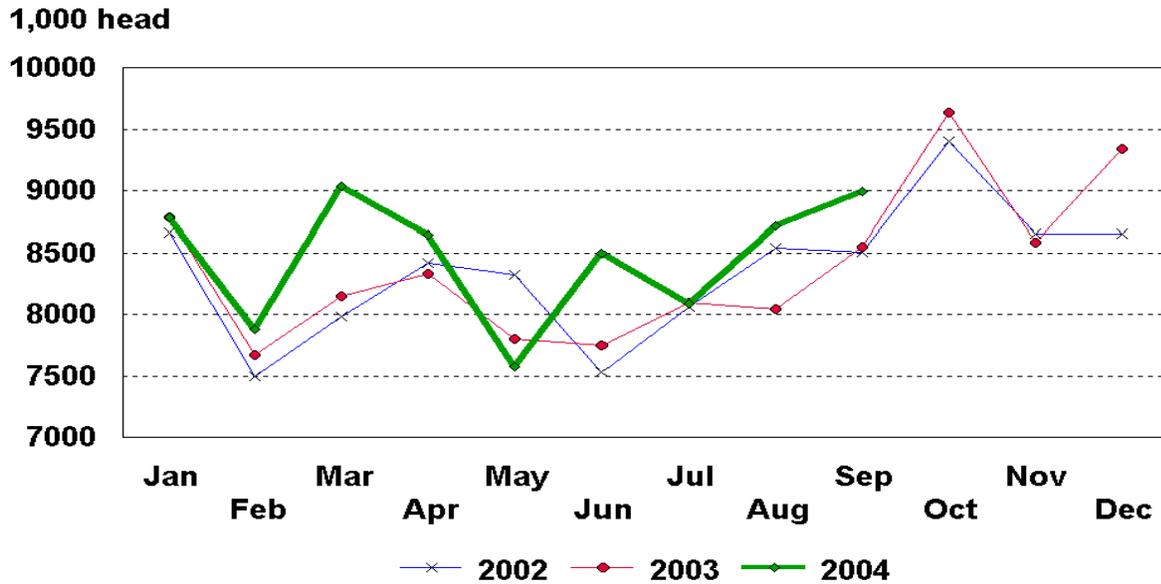
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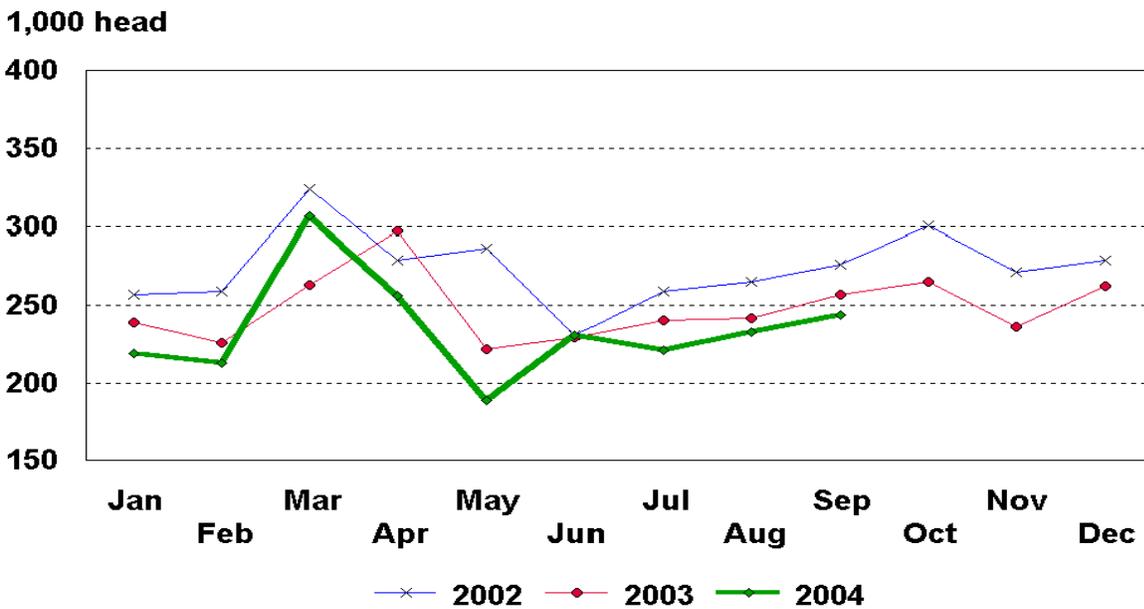
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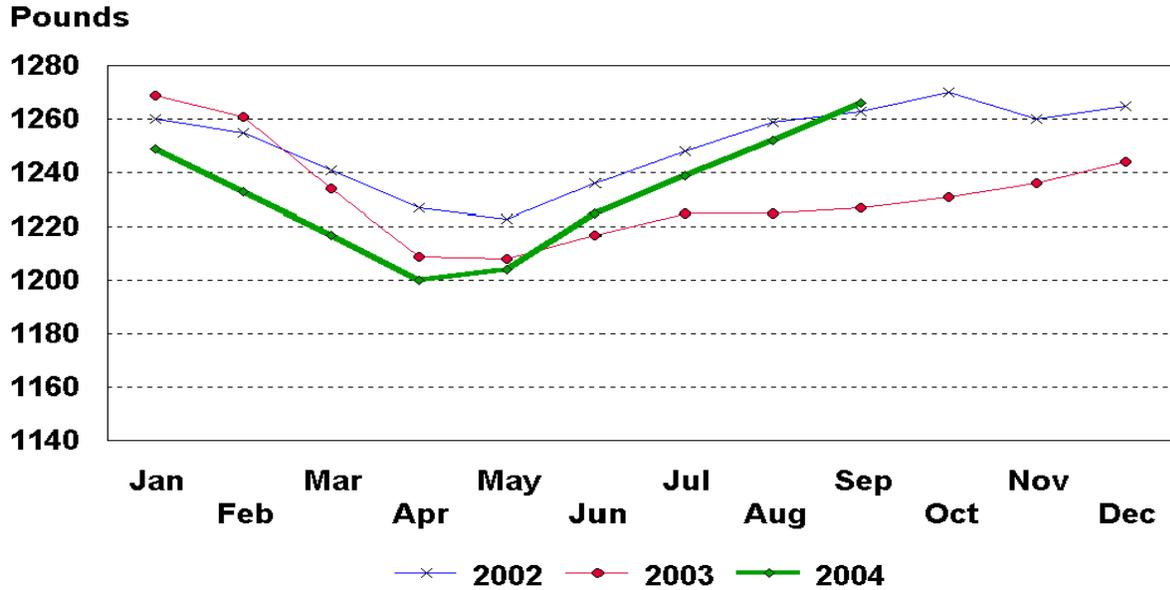
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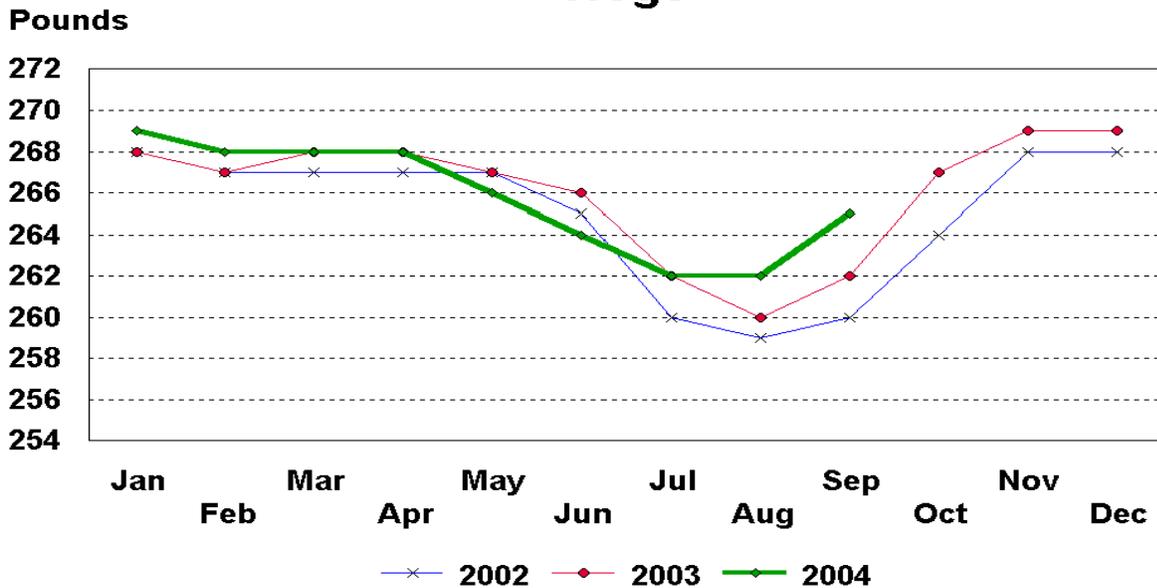
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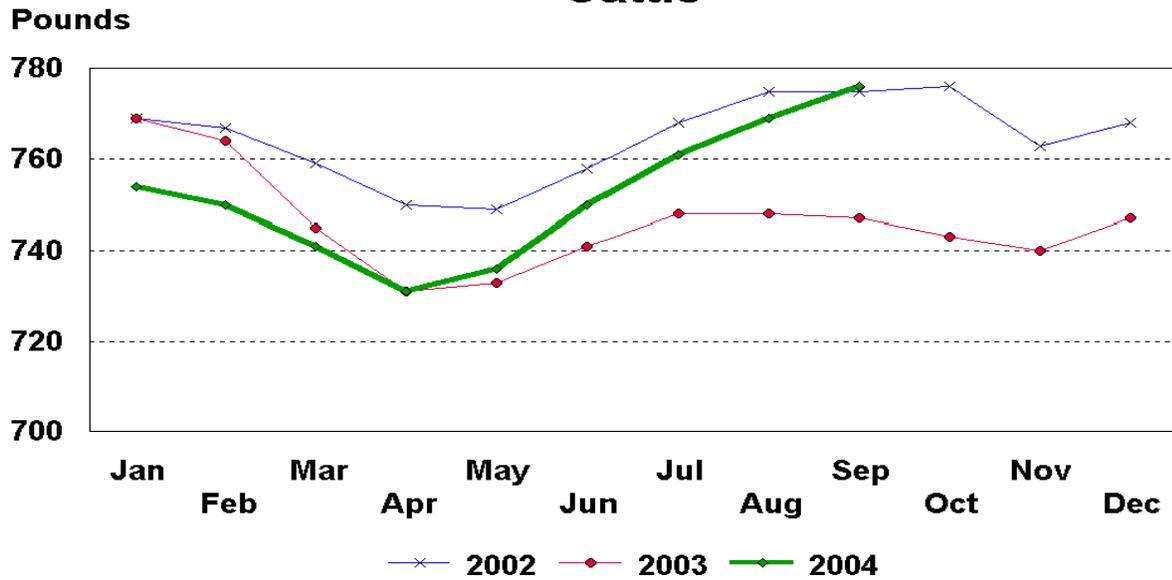
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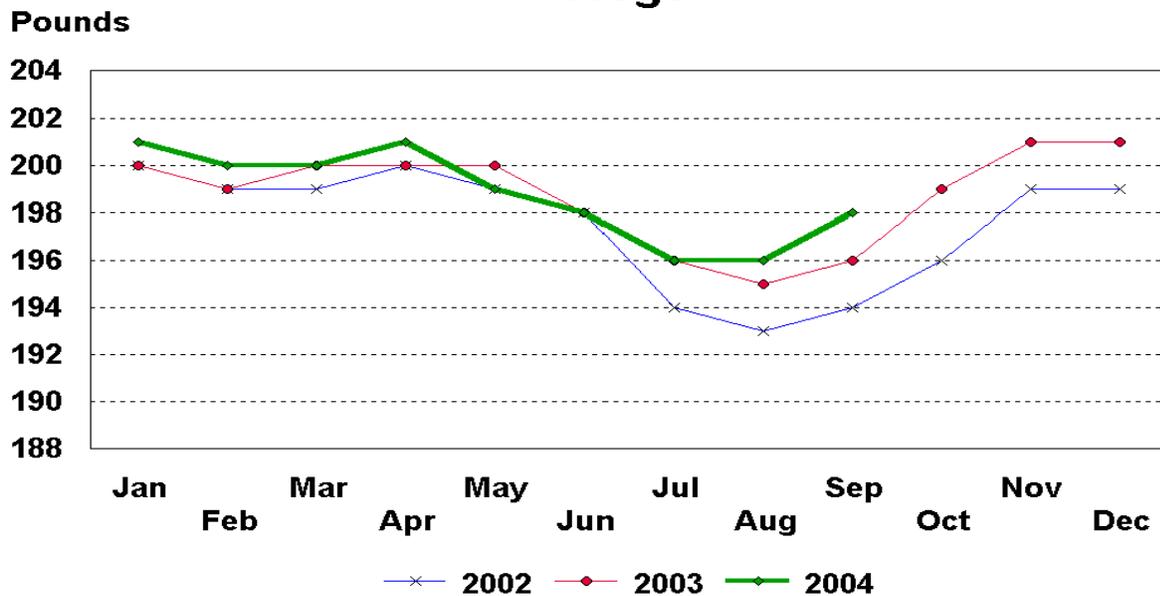
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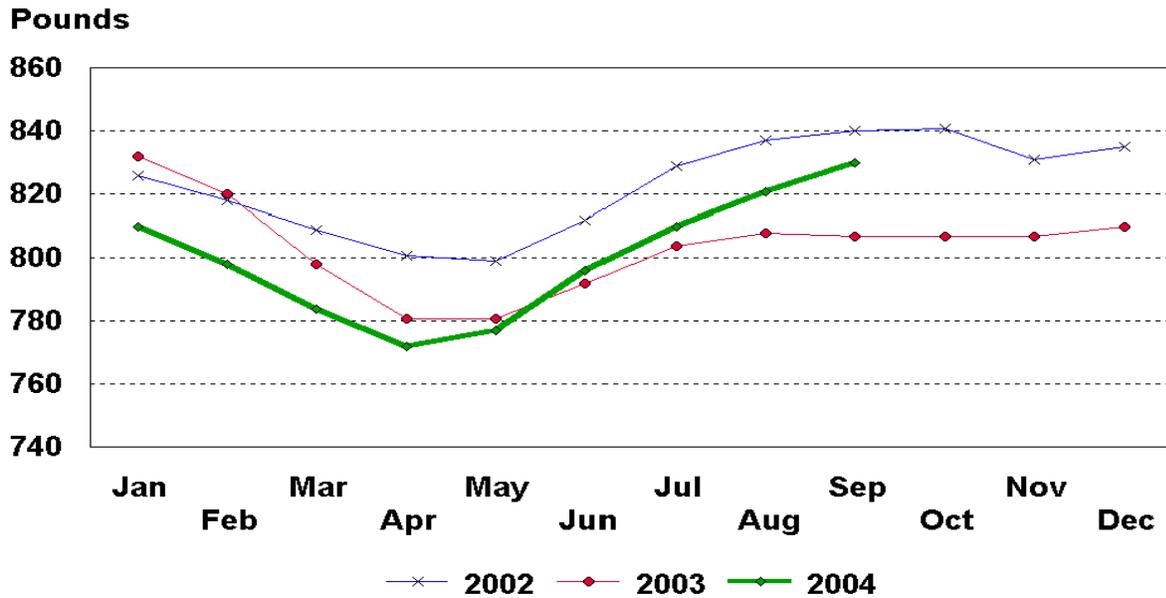
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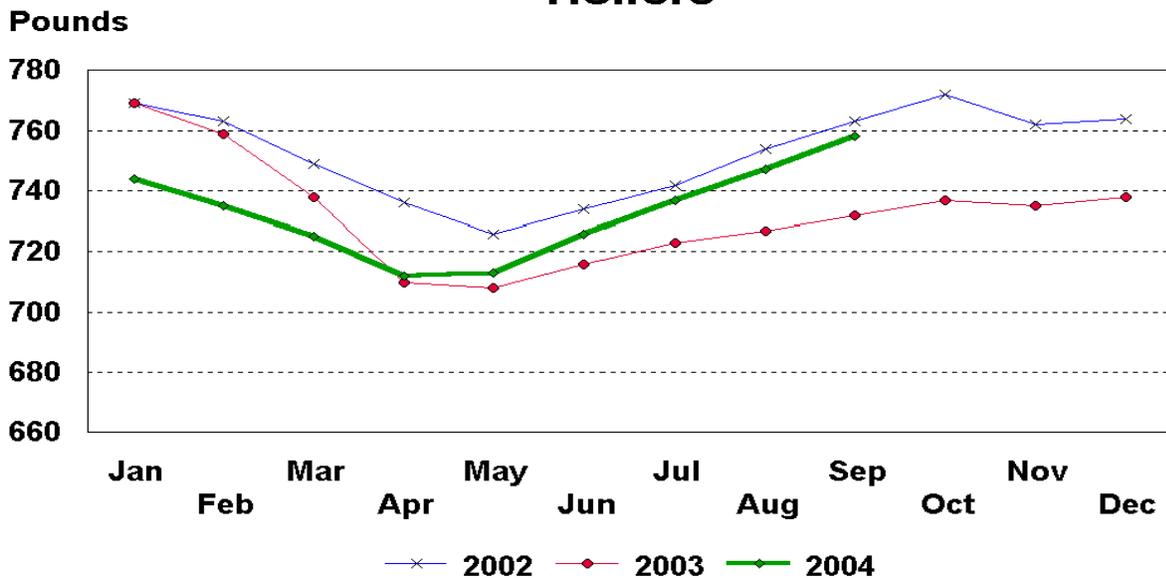
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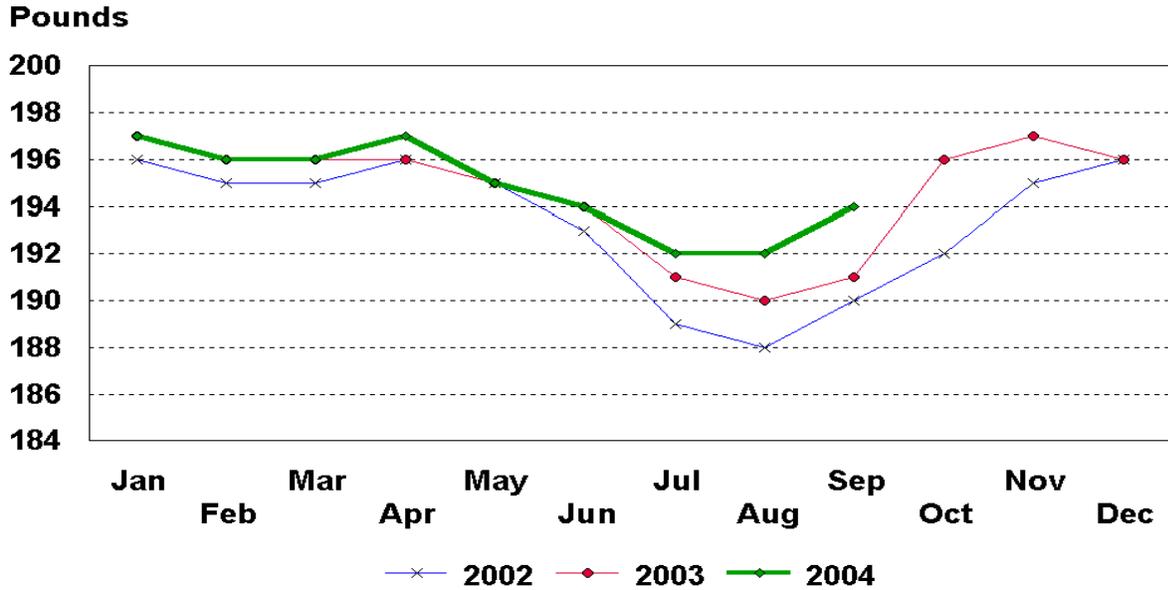
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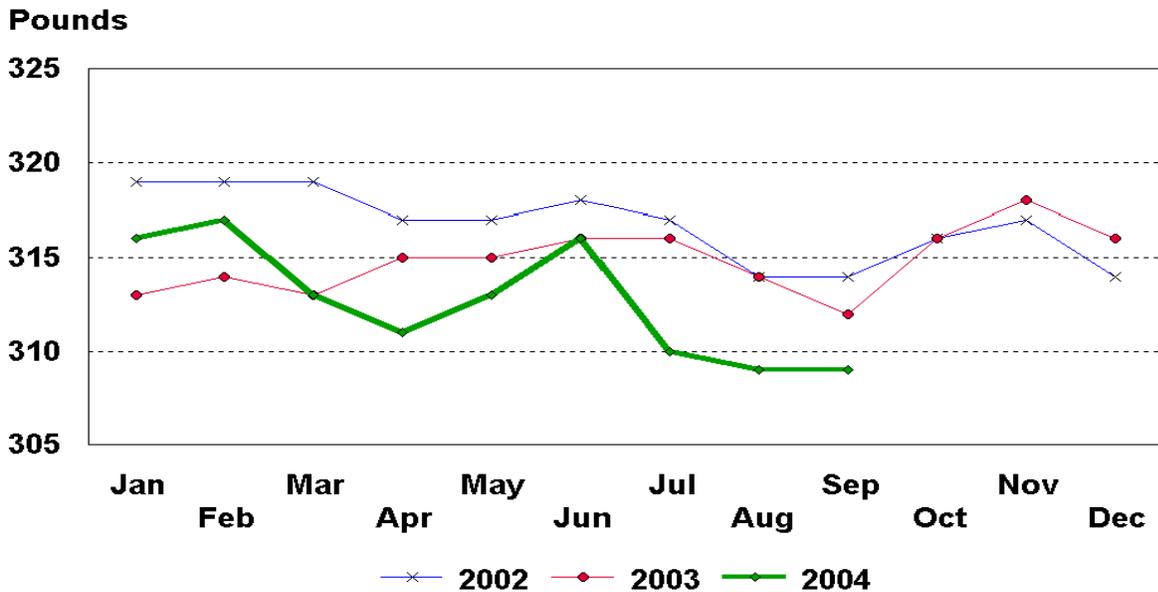
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. 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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