



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Up Slightly From Last Month

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in October, down 6 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in October 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 9 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 12.4 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,500 head, down 28 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 330 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.97 million head, 7 percent below October 2003. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 267 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,400 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, unchanged from October a year ago.

**January to October 2004 commercial red meat production** was 37.7 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 3 percent.

**October 2003** contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.  
**October 2004** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Class	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 04 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2003	Sep 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	2,212	2,104	2,114	96	100	22,478	20,562	91
Veal	16.3	13.0	12.4	76	96	157.5	138.4	88
Pork	1,912	1,772	1,779	93	100	16,359	16,853	103
Lamb & Mutton	17.9	16.3	16.3	91	100	165.4	160.2	97
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39,159</b>	<b>37,714</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	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 04 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2003	Sep 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	2,178	2,075	2,080	95	100	22,177	20,270	91
Veal	15.7	12.6	11.9	76	95	152.2	134.2	88
Pork	1,894	1,755	1,764	93	101	16,185	16,701	103
Lamb & Mutton	17.2	15.6	15.5	91	100	157.9	153.1	97
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38,672</b>	<b>37,258</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	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 04 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		04 % of 03
					Oct 2003	Sep 2004	2003	2004	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,953.2	2,689.3	2,692.9	91	100	29,893.9	27,024.1	90
Other	Thou	56.3	46.2	52.7	94	114	490.6	466.9	95
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	3,009.5	2,735.5	2,745.7	91	100	30,384.6	27,491.0	90
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,234	1,268	1,270	103	100	1,232	1,236	100
Other	Lbs	1,084	1,127	1,113	103	99	1,094	1,110	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,231	1,266	1,267	103	100	1,230	1,235	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	84.9	65.7	60.5	71	92	804.9	684.0	85
Other	Thou	2.3	1.7	2.0	85	119	20.5	16.7	82
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	87.2	67.3	62.5	72	93	825.3	700.7	85
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	306	318	329	108	103	315	328	104
Other	Lbs	422	407	422	100	104	426	416	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	308	321	330	107	103	317	330	104
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,546.5	*8,897.4	8,881.6	93	100	81,938.3	84,328.7	103
Other	Thou	102.7	100.8	88.6	86	88	1,033.9	904.2	87
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	9,649.2	*8,998.3	8,970.2	93	100	82,972.2	85,232.9	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	268	265	267	100	101	266	266	100
Other	Lbs	233	234	235	101	100	231	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	267	265	267	100	101	266	266	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	250.8	230.7	228.3	91	99	2,336.5	2,219.4	95
Other	Thou	14.2	13.0	13.0	92	101	144.2	133.7	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	265.1	*243.7	241.4	91	99	2,480.7	2,353.1	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	136	134	135	99	101	135	138	102
Other	Lbs	109	107	117	107	110	105	107	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	133	134	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	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 04 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Oct 2003	Sep 2004
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.6	2.6	2.9	80	110
AK	0.1		0.1	65	179
AZ	34.2	28.3	26.5	77	94
AR	5.9	*4.7	4.9	82	104
CA	127.4	124.6	117.7	92	94
CO	155.6	176.2	168.9	109	96
DE-MD	2.8	2.6	2.7	98	106
FL	5.6	3.6	4.7	84	131
GA	19.9	14.5	15.9	80	110
HI	0.9	0.8	0.8	95	101
ID	47.6	38.1	40.6	85	107
IL	233.8	*227.7	230.8	99	101
IN	138.3	120.4	123.5	89	103
IA	615.3	568.0	564.7	92	99
KS	477.8	467.7	489.5	102	105
KY	48.0	43.0	41.2	86	96
LA	1.5	1.0	1.1	75	112
MI	34.8	*32.7	31.9	91	97
MN	219.9	199.6	194.3	88	97
MS	29.1	28.0	29.9	103	107
MO	42.2	38.5	43.0	102	112
MT	1.4	1.3	1.4	100	110
NE	620.4	597.6	605.5	98	101
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	112	111
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.9	1.3	1.4	71	104
NJ	4.5	4.1	4.0	89	97
NM	1.0	0.6	0.7	69	128
NY	4.6	3.4	3.2	71	96
NC	214.8	193.5	190.0	88	98
ND	3.2	2.8	3.0	94	106
OH	30.1	26.6	26.7	89	100
OK	92.8	84.1	89.1	96	106
OR	3.7	*3.5	3.4	91	96
PA	113.6	96.4	93.1	82	97
SC	22.3	20.6	21.0	94	102
SD	88.8	86.7	94.2	106	109
TN	25.1	18.8	18.3	73	98
TX	405.4	401.0	386.5	95	96
UT	36.9	35.7	33.3	90	93
VA	73.1	64.7	66.1	90	102
WA	54.7	36.9	43.6	80	118
WV	1.1	0.7	1.0	89	147
WI	114.3	102.1	99.8	87	98
WY	0.2	0.6	0.3	130	49
US	4,158.3	3,905.3	3,921.2	94	100

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

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

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 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	0.1	0.1	110	81	1,104	821
AZ	44.5	33.7	60,146	45,822	1,352	1,358
AR	1.6	1.1	1,377	1,046	869	943
CA	122.9	108.5	157,785	145,559	1,284	1,342
CO	193.8	200.6	238,796	251,752	1,232	1,255
DE-MD	3.2	3.3	4,005	3,899	1,264	1,194
FL	8.4	6.7	9,044	7,230	1,072	1,087
GA	29.0	22.9	34,506	27,379	1,189	1,198
HI	0.9	0.9	940	914	1,030	1,034
ID	64.7	51.5	80,957	65,805	1,250	1,277
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	610.7	606.2	745,414	765,341	1,221	1,263
KY	1.7	1.3	1,507	1,160	866	863
LA	1.5	1.2	1,358	1,076	895	879
MI	40.7	36.2	53,982	48,752	1,325	1,347
MN	74.3	57.5	99,400	80,554	1,337	1,401
MS	0.2	8.6	170	9,063	761	1,053
MO						
MT	1.7	1.6	1,935	1,868	1,149	1,133
NE	634.8	586.0	800,625	774,587	1,261	1,322
NV	0.1	0.1	101	133	1,018	1,021
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.3	1.4	2,344	1,438	1,037	1,008
NJ	2.8	2.1	3,159	2,613	1,139	1,223
NM	2.2	1.0	1,949	1,011	906	966
NY	5.5	3.9	5,935	4,393	1,070	1,135
NC	21.7	20.5	23,154	20,752	1,068	1,013
ND						
OH	11.7	9.3	13,911	10,480	1,193	1,130
OK	3.0	2.2	2,925	2,292	976	1,037
OR	1.5	1.8	1,709	2,091	1,111	1,132
PA	95.2	66.5	120,660	77,638	1,267	1,167
SC						
SD						
TN	1.6	1.4	1,433	1,329	876	968
TX	546.5	511.8	645,292	617,211	1,181	1,206
UT	48.6	42.9	58,097	52,482	1,196	1,223
VA	1.4	1.2	1,356	1,235	954	1,045
WA	72.5	56.3	89,036	70,835	1,228	1,259
WV	1.9	1.5	1,623	1,367	870	891
WI	150.6	120.1	189,510	159,824	1,259	1,331
WY	0.3	0.4	331	448	1,165	1,162
US <sup>3</sup>	3,009.5	2,745.7	3,704,306	3,479,458	1,231	1,267

<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,  
October 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	10.2	7.8	1,931	1,103	190	142
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	37	29	280	282
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	7.9	5.5	3,434	2,425	435	440
IN	0.8	0.4	107	49	126	127
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.2	0.7	587	341	478	479
MI	2.0	2.0	840	881	420	446
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.9	0.5	242	120	127	229
NJ	9.2	5.7	3,137	2,440	340	432
NM						
NY	12.1	9.1	1,428	776	118	85
NC	0.1	0.1	73	68	492	497
ND						
OH	6.0	6.0	2,422	2,346	403	394
OK	0.1	0.1	60	31	471	471
OR						
PA	17.8	14.2	5,731	5,452	322	385
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	65	43	434	441
TX	2.0	1.1	1,125	601	561	533
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	11.4	7.7	4,867	3,528	427	459
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	87.2	62.5	26,881	20,645	308	330

<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,  
October 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	10.2	9.6	5,191	4,525	507	469
AK						
AZ	0.2	0.4	52	63	251	158
AR						
CA	215.6	202.6	51,705	49,291	240	243
CO	1.3	1.1	338	302	263	264
DE-MD	1.5	1.5	385	358	259	239
FL	9.0	8.6	1,615	1,542	179	180
GA	13.5	12.5	3,266	3,015	242	241
HI	2.4	2.2	496	463	205	208
ID						
IL	821.0	789.7	225,372	218,263	275	276
IN	689.9	614.1	179,799	160,734	261	262
IA	2,801.4	2,599.8	748,861	696,813	267	268
KS	26.9	13.2	9,276	5,923	345	447
KY	238.8	204.5	63,299	54,236	265	265
LA	2.1	1.6	417	330	197	201
MI	9.7	9.5	3,680	3,547	378	375
MN	856.6	772.2	225,888	204,300	264	265
MS						
MO	186.3	195.4				
MT	1.1	1.3	266	308	251	243
NE	665.8	634.2	177,637	168,699	267	266
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.4	2.3	604	504	250	224
NJ	8.1	9.8	806	994	100	102
NM	0.3	0.3	62	90	219	294
NY	3.5	2.9	764	647	218	224
NC	1,055.4	935.1	270,027	238,488	256	255
ND	15.3	13.6	3,563	3,231	233	237
OH	110.4	100.4	29,732	27,153	269	270
OK	443.7	424.6	122,452	116,771	276	275
OR	16.7	15.5	4,334	3,556	259	229
PA	245.3	236.0	62,015	58,523	253	248
SC						
SD	418.7	456.9	109,161	118,801	261	260
TN	75.6	53.7	36,383	26,068	482	486
TX	32.2	28.5	9,207	7,156	286	251
UT	3.8	3.1	850	725	223	232
VA	370.7	339.6	95,951	86,692	259	255
WA	1.8	1.8	478	465	259	258
WV	1.0	0.9	244	223	249	254
WI	40.0	44.7	17,186	19,912	429	445
WY	0.2	0.1	41	31	261	242
US <sup>3</sup>	9,649.2	8,970.2	2,578,610	2,392,890	267	267

<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,  
October 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	0.2	11	15	107	89
AR						
CA						
CO	65.6	85.4	9,696	12,919	148	151
DE-MD	2.8	2.9	297	289	106	98
FL	0.2	0.2	14	12	73	72
GA	0.7	0.6	76	50	105	91
HI						
ID	0.5	0.4	58	52	122	119
IL	15.6	15.7	2,137	2,099	137	134
IN	3.0	2.3	320	256	108	111
IA	36.5	37.7	5,314	5,605	146	149
KS	0.3	0.4	40	40	116	112
KY	1.1	0.9	146	110	130	127
LA	0.2	0.1	12	10	79	70
MI	17.4	17.2	2,139	2,056	123	120
MN	0.5	0.3	54	39	120	117
MS						
MO	0.6	0.6	62	62	106	107
MT	0.4	0.5	54	56	122	124
NE	0.2	0.2	22	23	124	126
NV	0.1	0.1	13	15	101	105
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.4	2.4	240	229	99	94
NJ	10.3	10.5	983	862	96	82
NM	2.1	1.6	215	331	102	207
NY	3.0	2.8	321	222	108	80
NC	0.6	0.6	71	47	110	75
ND						
OH	1.1	1.1	126	115	116	103
OK	0.1	0.1	17	15	133	119
OR	1.4	1.3	175	135	127	107
PA	7.4	6.1	789	552	106	91
SC						
SD	1.0	1.2	128	140	130	119
TN	0.7	0.6	54	58	77	89
TX	30.9	19.0	3,896	2,314	126	122
UT	3.2	2.4	405	286	128	121
VA	1.0	0.6	106	62	107	97
WA	0.6	0.3	72	40	128	139
WV						
WI	1.8	1.4	232	185	131	132
WY	0.1	0.1	9	6	115	115
US <sup>3</sup>	265.1	241.4	35,626	32,418	134	134

<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	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Jan - Oct <sup>1</sup>		Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Jan - Oct <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	1,367	1,371	1,304	14,822	13,697	46.3	51.0	48.4	49.6	50.7
Heifers	958	847	909	9,543	8,691	32.4	31.5	33.8	31.9	32.2
All Cows	568	418	432	5,000	4,167	19.2	15.5	16.0	16.8	15.4
Dairy Cows	276	197	197	2,384	1,948	9.3	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.2
Other Cows	292	221	235	2,616	2,219	9.9	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.2
Bulls & Stags	60	53	48	528	469	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>29,894</b>	<b>27,024</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	9,239	*8,601	8,598	79,045	81,394	96.8	96.7	96.8	96.5	96.5
Sows	286	278	264	2,690	2,725	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.2
Stags & Boars	21	19	20	203	209	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>9,547</b>	<b>8,897</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>81,938</b>	<b>84,329</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	14	13	12	120	125	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.6
Lambs & Yrlngs	237	218	216	2,216	2,094	94.3	94.5	94.7	94.8	94.4
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>251</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>2,219</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>	742	776	777	746	754					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	807	830	834	802	803					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	737	758	765	731	735					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	580	615	610	590	614					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	879	896	878	910	897					
Calves & Vealers	189	195	202	193	200					
<b>Hogs</b>	199	198	199	198	199					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	196	194	196	194	195					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	316	309	313	315	313					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	238	224	218	240	222					
<b>Sheep</b>	69	68	68	68	69					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	68	65	64	66	66					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	69	68	68	68	69					

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>2</sup> Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

<sup>3</sup> Based on packer reports.

<sup>4</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>5</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>6</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,  
October 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	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
2	5.8	1.8	0.4	3.1	3.0	0.2	0.5	14.7
3	69.1	25.4	6.0	35.3	28.6	6.7	2.4	14.3
4	72.5	1.1	0.3	61.5	12.4	49.1	9.6	1.2
5	287.6	120.8	41.5	117.1	69.1	48.1	8.1	21.3
6	510.7	245.2	186.8	66.6	12.8	53.8	12.1	0.7
7	1,244.7	671.3	517.8	48.7	3.0	45.7	6.9	
8	251.6	118.5	119.3	12.2	3.6	8.6	1.6	
9	142.0	68.8	5.6	63.7	54.6	9.1	3.9	7.5
10	107.8	50.6	31.4	23.4	10.0	13.3	2.5	0.3
US <sup>2</sup>	2,692.9	1,304.1	909.2	431.8	197.1	234.7	47.8	60.5
	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	1.6	1.6			2.1	0.3	1.8	
2	12.2	12.1	0.1		12.3	1.4	10.8	
3	576.1	574.6	1.5		9.5	0.4	9.0	
4	1,399.9	1,322.1	76.5	1.3	3.1	1.3	1.9	
5	2,293.8	2,185.2	106.7	1.9	33.4	5.1	28.4	
6	462.5	441.3	21.2	0.1	17.8	1.0	16.8	
7	3,435.2	3,369.9	48.3	16.9	38.4	0.3	38.1	
8	471.6	462.3	9.2		88.4	1.7	86.7	
9	198.4	198.3	0.1		21.8	0.6	21.2	
10	30.3	30.3	0.1		1.5	0.1	1.4	
US <sup>2</sup>	8,881.6	8,597.7	263.6	20.4	228.3	12.1	216.2	

<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 - October 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	10.9	3.5	1.9	3.6	3.1	0.5	1.8	11.1
2	53.3	14.5	2.9	32.5	30.7	1.7	3.6	176.8
3	760.1	301.0	68.3	362.9	292.4	70.5	27.9	141.0
4	573.4	10.6	3.3	476.5	124.8	351.7	83.0	10.6
5	2,837.3	1,195.0	379.6	1,188.9	717.5	471.4	73.8	250.7
6	5,223.4	2,724.7	1,777.5	601.6	106.9	494.7	119.5	9.2
7	12,470.1	6,856.8	4,962.8	575.4	27.0	548.4	75.1	0.2
8	2,614.6	1,378.6	1,098.4	118.4	38.2	80.2	19.2	
9	1,466.9	769.6	77.9	583.1	501.9	81.2	36.3	80.1
10	1,014.1	442.6	318.5	223.9	105.7	118.2	29.1	4.1
US <sup>2</sup>	27,024.1	13,696.8	8,691.2	4,166.8	1,948.2	2,218.6	469.3	684.0
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	15.0	14.7	0.2	0.1	17.7	3.6	14.1	
2	116.8	114.4	1.6	0.8	116.5	13.3	103.2	
3	5,545.3	5,530.4	14.7	0.3	90.4	8.4	82.0	
4	13,471.3	12,695.6	762.8	12.9	26.1	11.7	14.4	
5	22,240.2	21,013.4	1,203.6	23.1	328.7	50.1	278.7	
6	4,464.5	4,255.9	207.9	0.8	232.2	12.4	219.8	
7	32,172.9	31,529.0	473.5	170.5	336.1	0.8	335.3	
8	3,931.4	3,871.6	59.4	0.3	798.7	18.2	780.5	
9	2,045.7	2,044.5	0.8	0.3	257.0	4.9	252.2	
10	325.7	324.7	0.8	0.1	15.9	1.6	14.3	
US <sup>2</sup>	84,328.7	81,394.3	2,725.3	209.1	2,219.4	125.0	2,094.4	

\* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

<sup>1</sup> States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- AK, ID, OR, & WA.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 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	0.1	0.1						
AZ	33.1	23.7	0.6	8.8	8.8			
AR	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2		0.2	0.1	
CA	107.8	44.7	4.8	54.6	45.8	8.8	3.8	7.5
CO	200.0	99.1	100.3	0.5	0.4	0.1		
DE-MD	3.2	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.3			0.1
FL	6.7	0.2		6.0	0.5	5.5	0.5	
GA	22.4	0.1		21.0	3.4	17.6	1.4	
HI	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3		0.3	0.1	
ID	50.0	21.2	10.4	16.3	5.4	10.9	2.1	
IL								5.5
IN								0.4
IA								
KS	603.5	342.0	261.2	0.3		0.3		
KY	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1		0.1		
LA								
MI	34.3	19.9	0.5	13.8	8.5	5.3	0.1	1.9
MN	54.7	8.4	4.9	36.5	9.7	26.8	4.9	
MS								
MO								
MT	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1		0.1	0.1	
NE	584.3	298.4	234.1	45.3	2.5	42.8	6.5	
NV	0.1	0.1						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
NJ	2.1	1.1		0.7	0.7		0.2	5.6
NM	0.7	0.1		0.6	0.6			
NY	3.7	0.7	0.3	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.2	9.1
NC	20.1	0.1	0.1	15.1	7.3	7.8	4.8	0.1
ND								
OH	3.4	0.4	0.2	2.8	1.5	1.3	0.1	5.9
OK	0.1							
OR	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	
PA	65.5	22.9	5.4	34.9	28.3	6.6	2.4	14.1
SC								
SD								
TN	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
TX	509.5	245.0	186.7	65.8	12.2	53.6	12.1	0.7
UT	42.1	18.9	18.6	4.1	1.7	2.4	0.4	
VA	0.2	0.1						
WA	56.2	29.0	20.9	6.1	3.9	2.2	0.2	
WV	0.1	0.1						
WI	114.9	44.5	3.2	64.1	49.4	14.7	3.0	7.7
WY								
US <sup>3</sup>	2,692.9	1,304.1	909.2	431.8	197.1	234.7	47.8	60.5

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

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

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

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 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	8.9		7.8	1.0			
AK							
AZ							
AR							
CA	196.1	196.0					
CO	0.6	0.5			85.3		85.2
DE-MD	1.5	1.5			2.9	0.1	2.8
FL	8.6	8.4	0.1		0.2		0.2
GA	6.1	5.9	0.2				
HI	2.2	2.2					
ID					0.2		0.2
IL	777.0	722.6	53.6	0.9	14.4	1.3	13.1
IN	609.7	609.7			1.7	1.2	0.5
IA	2,597.7	2,542.4	38.4	16.9	37.5	0.2	37.3
KS	10.7	0.8	9.9		0.2	0.1	0.1
KY	204.0	198.4	5.6		0.9	0.6	0.2
LA							
MI	7.8	3.4	4.5		16.9	2.6	14.4
MN	769.4	769.4			0.2		0.2
MS							
MO	193.6	193.6			0.6		0.5
MT	0.2	0.2			0.2		0.2
NE	633.2	633.1			0.1		0.1
NV					0.1		0.1
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	1.6			2.1	0.3	1.8
NJ	9.7	9.6	0.1		10.5	1.0	9.5
NM							
NY	2.5	2.5			1.8	0.5	1.3
NC	926.5	920.7	5.6	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5
ND	13.2	13.2					
OH	92.8	79.7	12.1	1.0			
OK	422.9	418.7	4.2				
OR	15.3	15.2			1.1	0.1	1.1
PA	235.2	234.9	0.3		6.0	0.3	5.6
SC							
SD	456.0	447.1	8.9		1.0		1.0
TN	53.5	0.7	52.8		0.6	0.2	0.5
TX	26.8	21.4	5.4		17.7	0.9	16.7
UT	1.6	1.4	0.2		2.0	1.7	0.4
VA	339.3	338.2	1.2				
WA	1.6	1.6			0.1		0.1
WV	0.1	0.1					
WI	37.0	0.5	36.5		0.2		0.2
WY							
US <sup>3</sup>	8,881.6	8,597.7	263.6	20.4	228.3	12.1	216.2

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

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

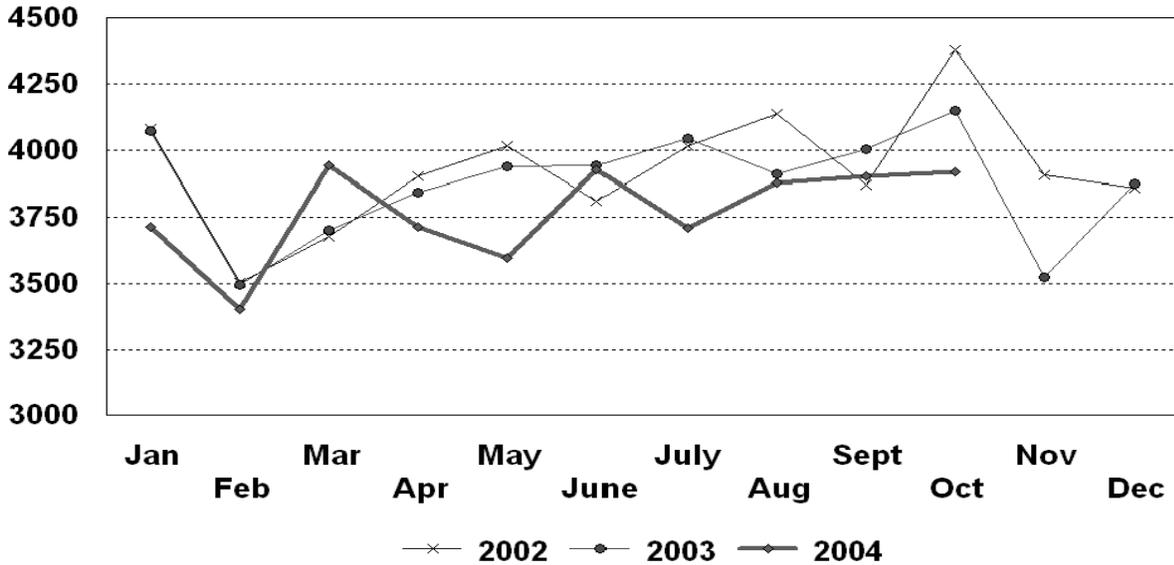
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

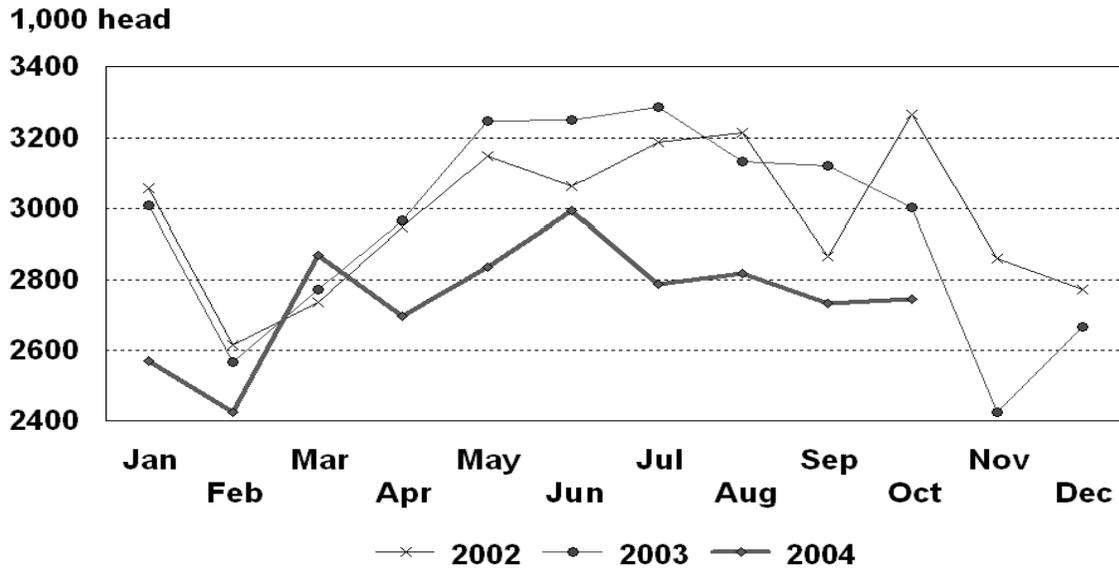
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	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.3	98.1	98.4	98.3
Calves	97.3	97.5	96.8	97.5	97.6
Hogs	98.9	98.9	99.0	98.8	98.9
Sheep	94.6	94.7	94.6	94.2	94.3

## U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

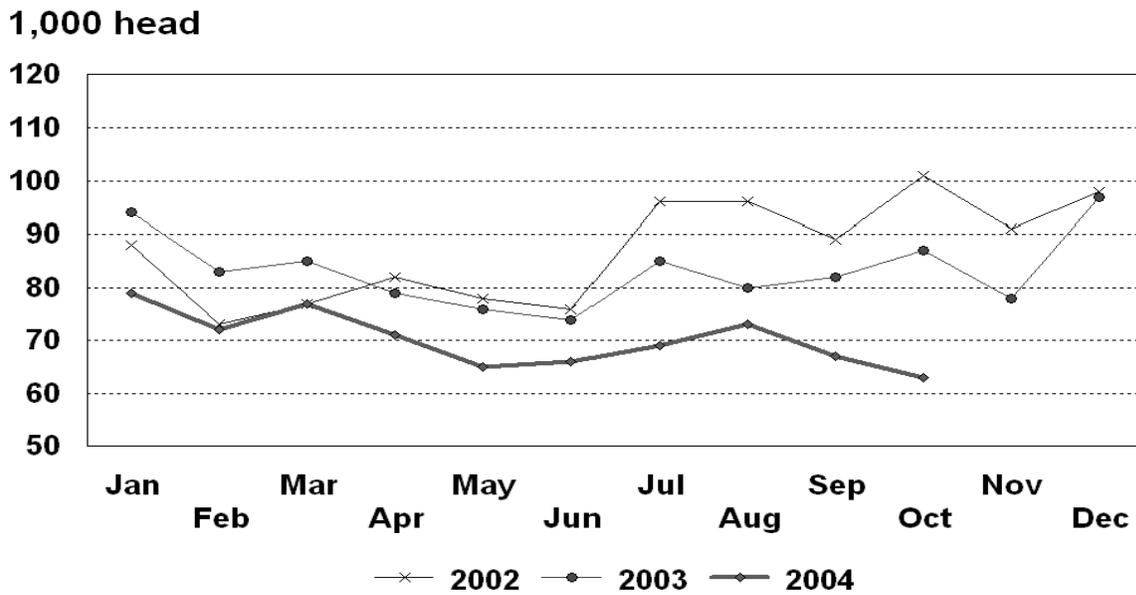
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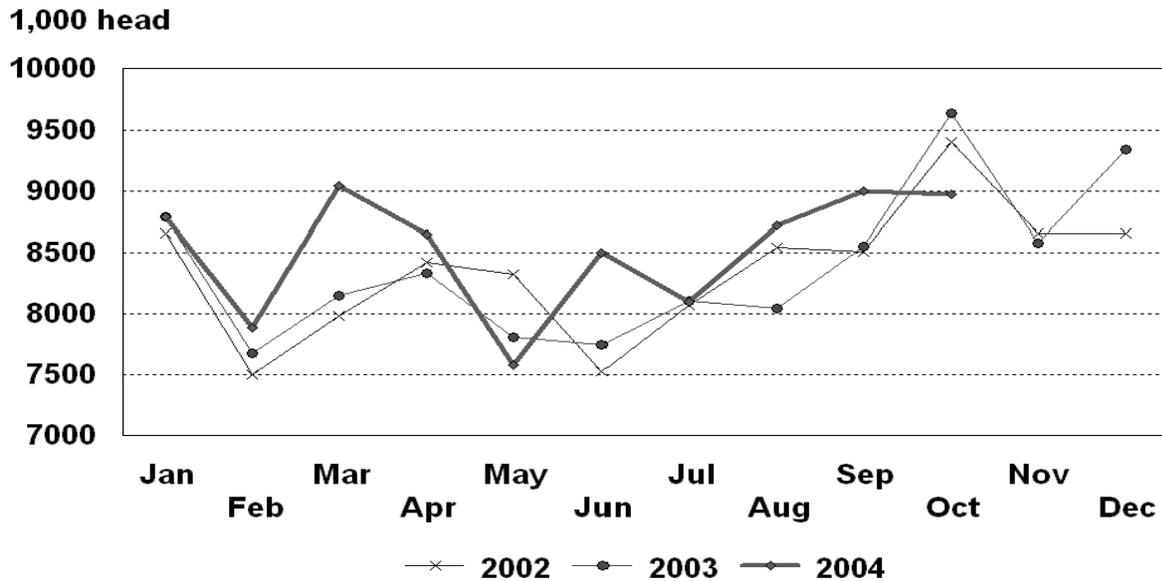
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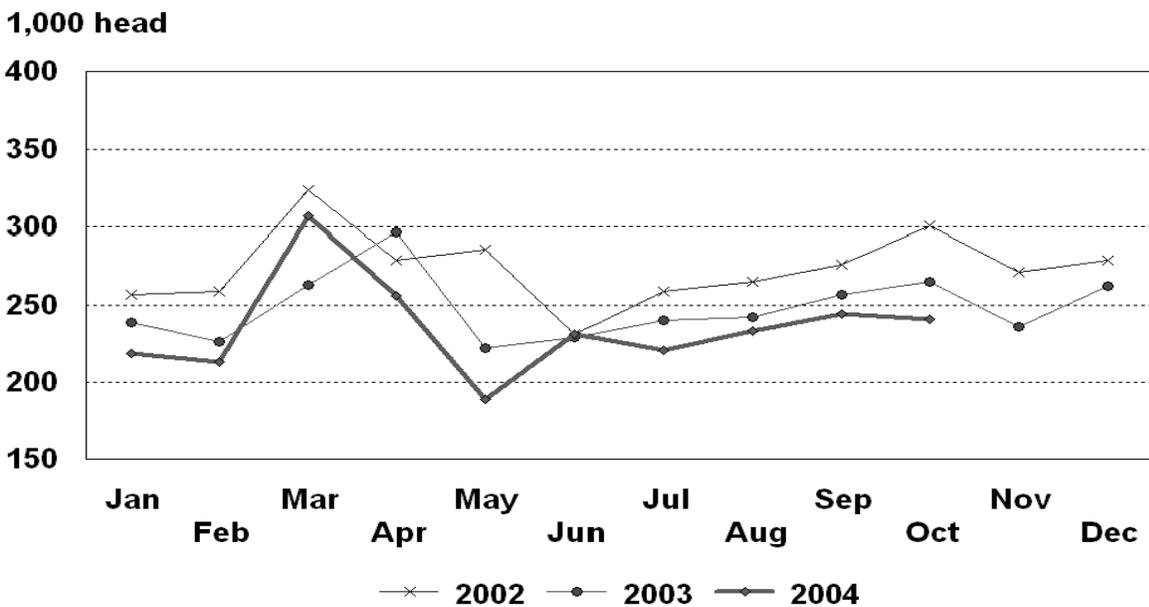
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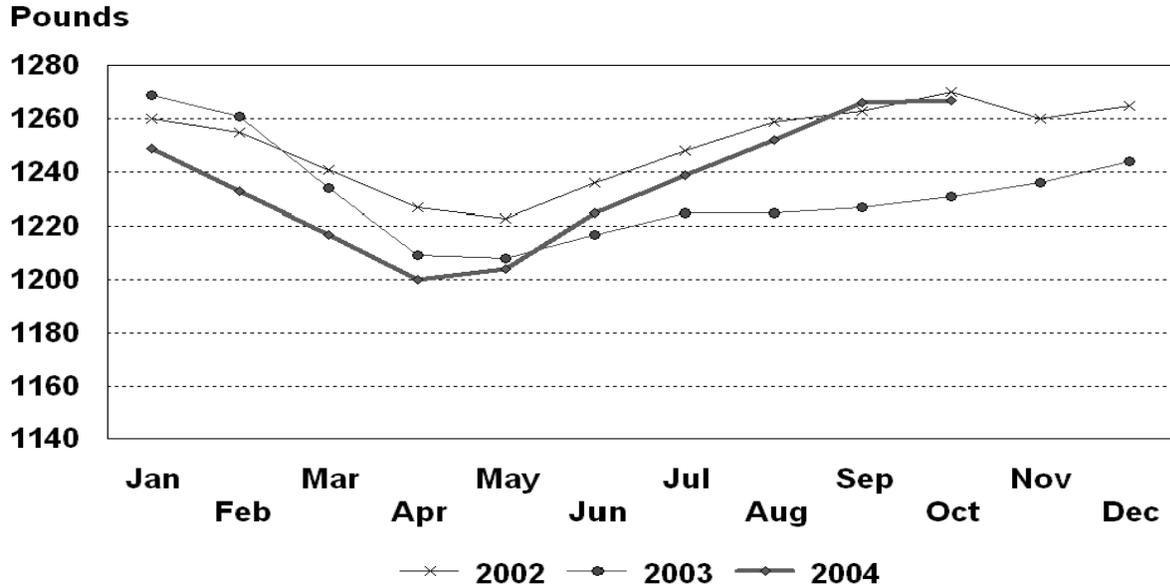
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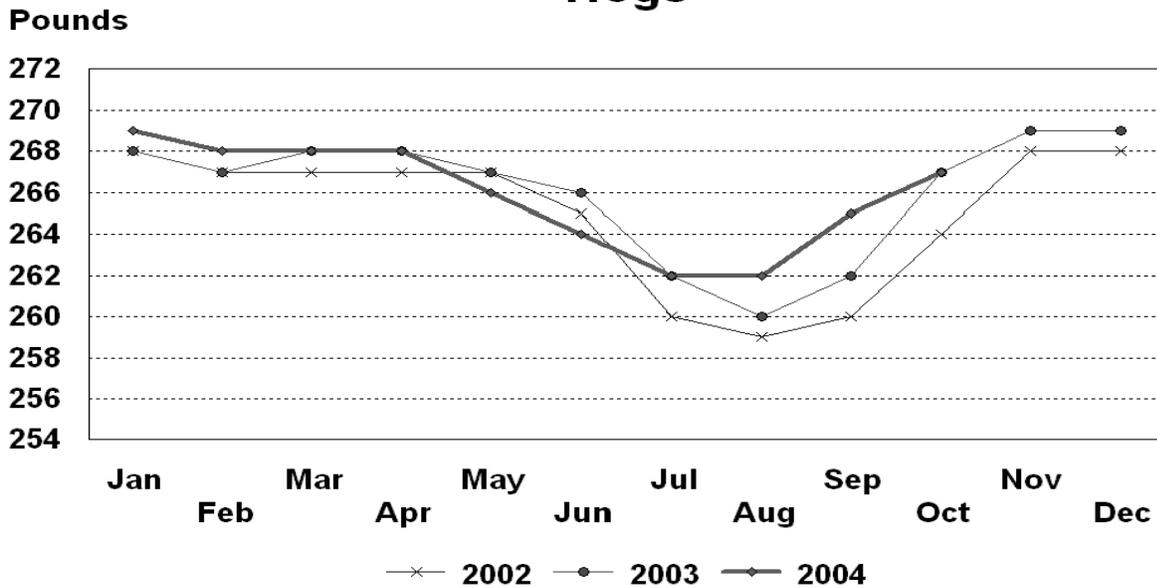
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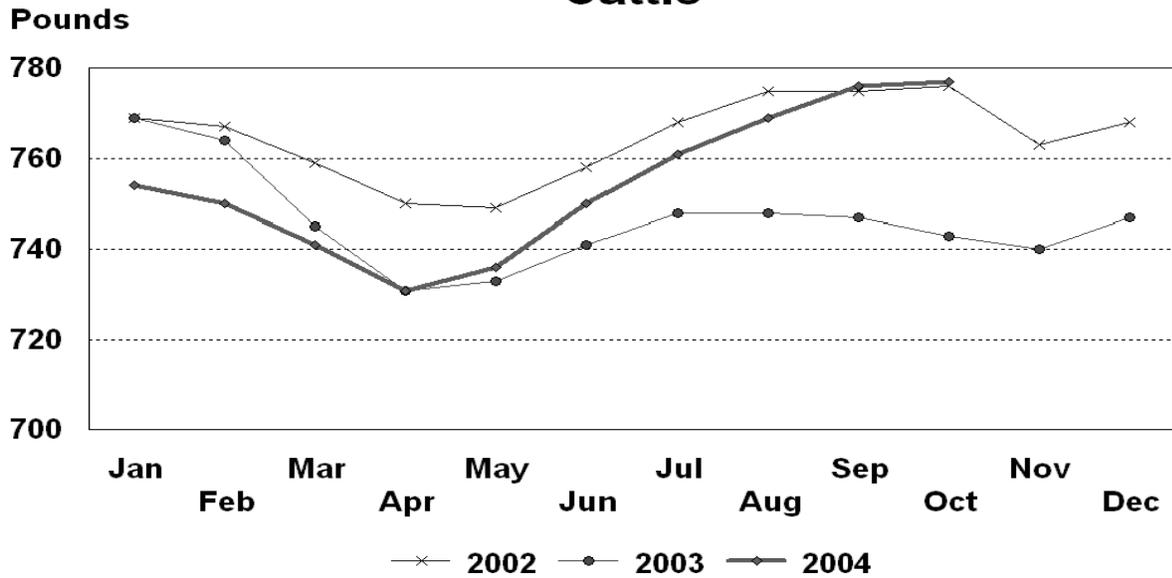
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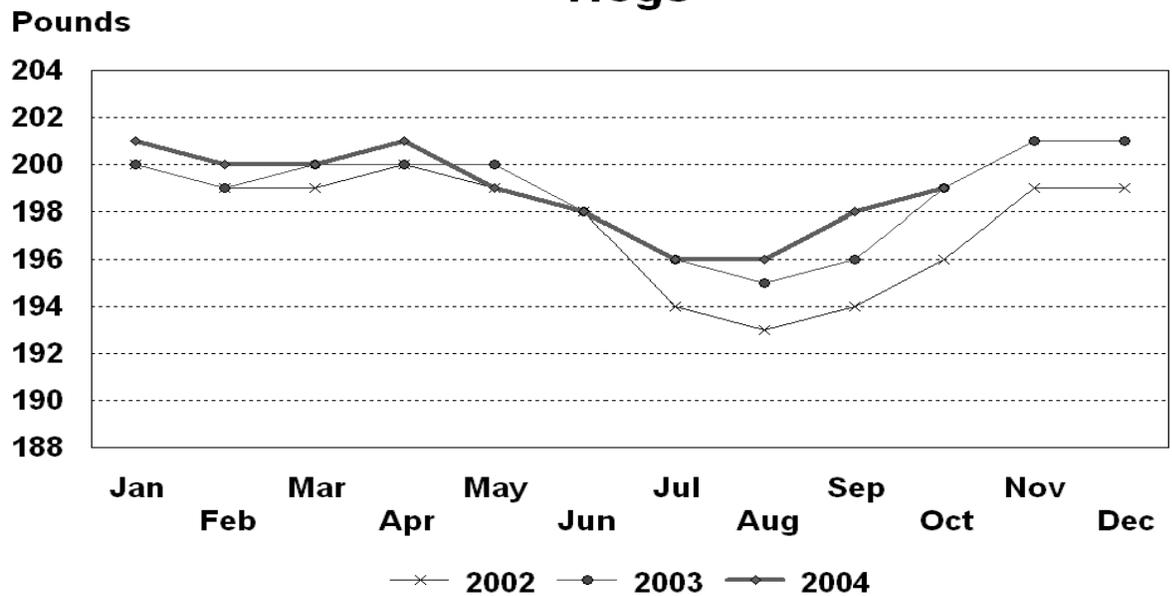
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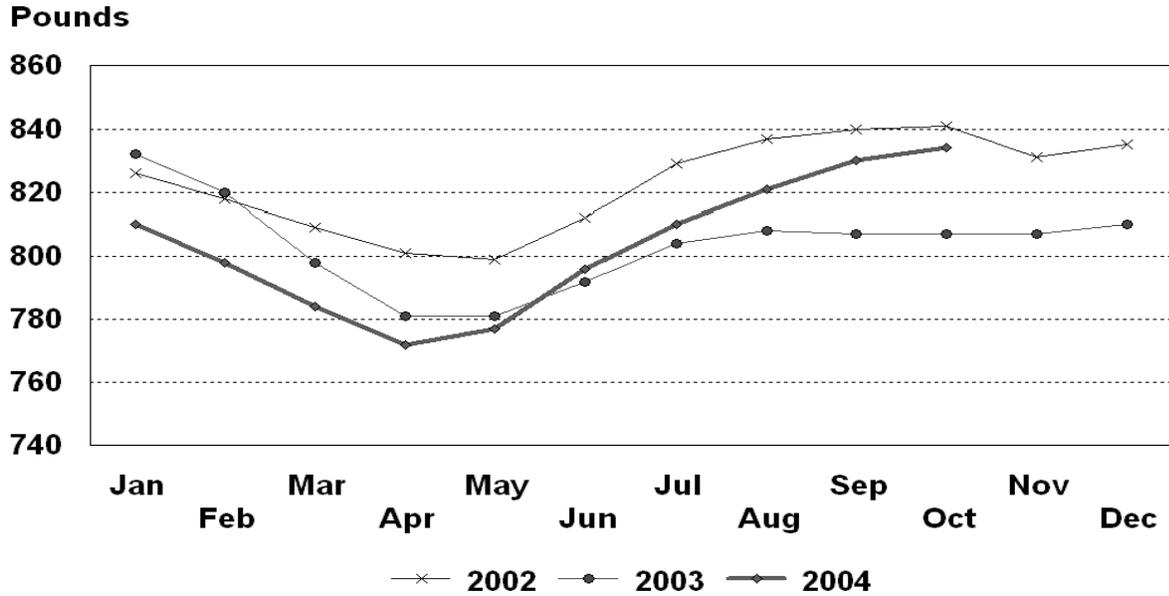
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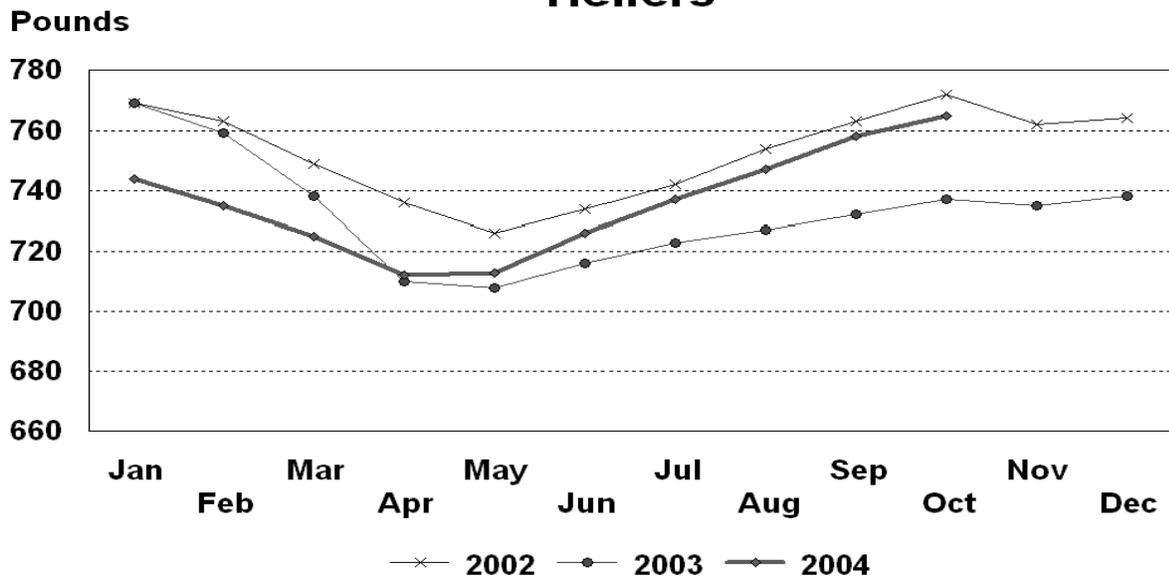
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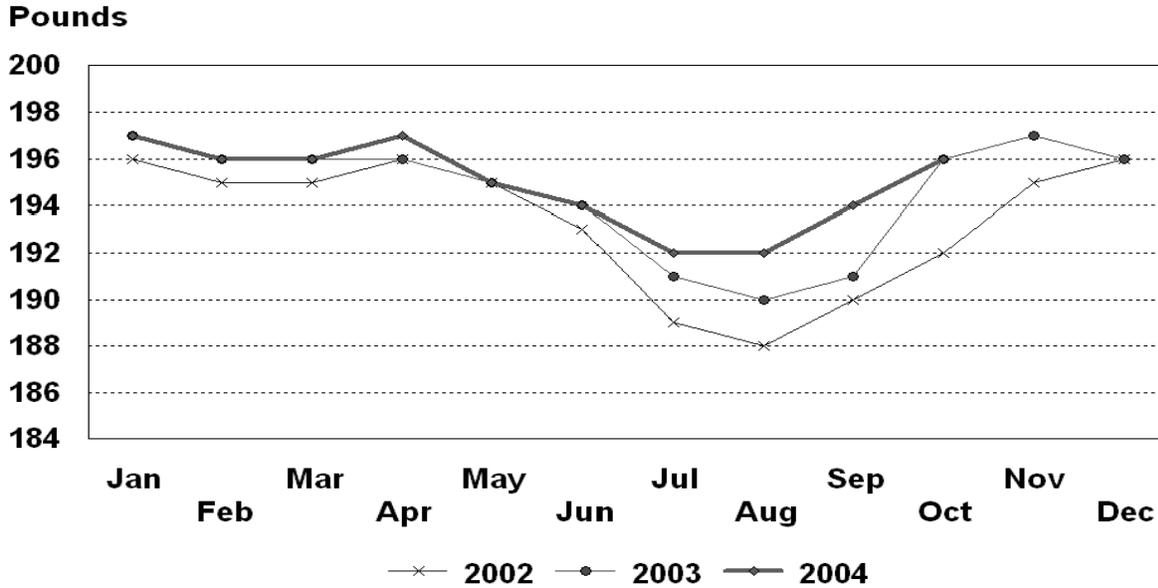
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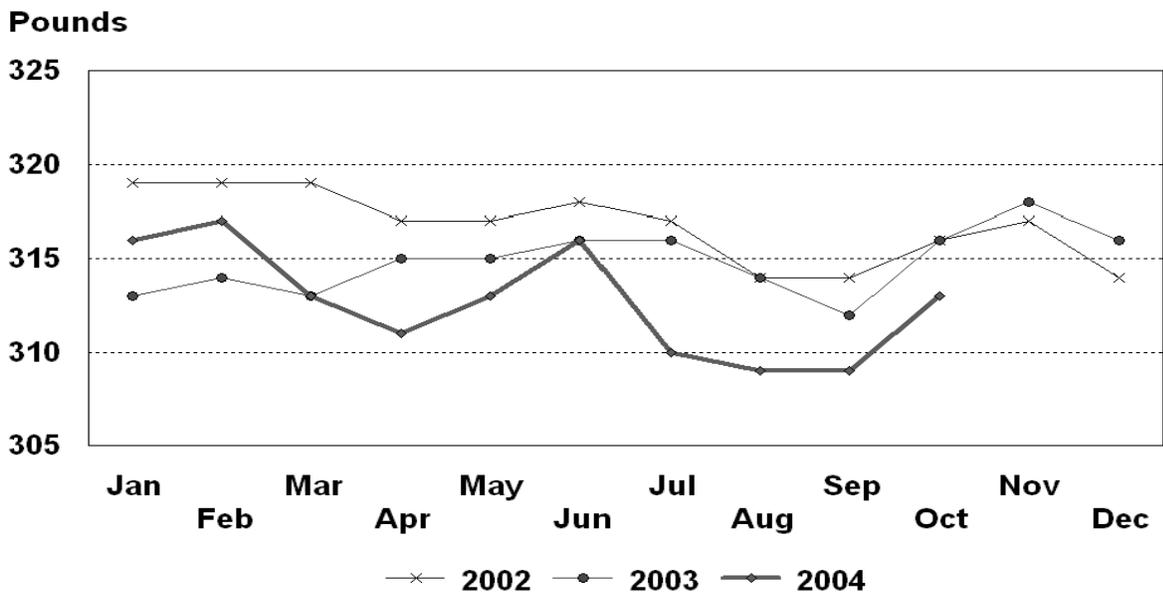
## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



## 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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