



Livestock Slaughter

Released April 22, 2005, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on *Livestock Slaughter* call Faye Propsom at (515) 284-4340, office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT.

Pork Production at Record High for March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in March 2004.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 5 percent from March 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,238 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, 6 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,900 head, down 11 percent from March 2004. The average live weight was 20 pounds above last year, at 328 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.95 million head, 1 percent below March 2004. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.5 million pounds, was down 12 percent from March 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 280,300 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2005 commercial red meat production was 11.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

March 2004 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

March 2005 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Mar 05 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2004	Feb 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<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	2,108	1,767	2,043	97	116	5,837	5,726	98
Veal	14.1	12.1	13.3	94	110	44.6	38.7	87
Pork	1,801	1,629	1,803	100	111	5,131	5,136	100
Lamb & Mutton	22.2	15.2	19.5	88	128	52.5	49.1	93
Total Red Meat	3,945	3,423	3,879	98	113	11,065	10,950	99

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	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Mar 05 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2004	Feb 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<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	2,076	1,740	2,012	97	116	5,744	5,636	98
Veal	13.6	11.7	12.9	95	110	43.4	37.6	87
Pork	1,785	1,616	1,788	100	111	5,085	5,095	100
Lamb & Mutton	21.5	14.6	18.8	87	128	50.4	47.1	94
Total Red Meat	3,895	3,382	3,831	98	113	10,923	10,816	99

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Mar 05 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
					Mar 2004	Feb 2005	2004	2005	05 % of 04
Cattle No.					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,818.1	2,297.2	2,674.4	95	116	7,725.5	7,448.3	96
Other	Thou	51.3	44.1	49.0	96	111	151.6	144.0	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,869.3	2,341.2	2,723.4	95	116	7,877.1	7,592.3	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,219	1,257	1,240	102	99	1,234	1,255	102
Other	Lbs	1,098	1,099	1,107	101	101	1,100	1,106	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,217	1,254	1,238	102	99	1,232	1,251	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	74.7	60.5	66.5	89	110	222.3	193.0	87
Other	Thou	1.8	1.4	1.4	81	102	4.7	4.5	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	76.4	61.9	67.9	89	110	227.0	197.5	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	306	326	327	106	100	324	327	101
Other	Lbs	426	428	388	91	91	419	399	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	308	328	328	107	100	326	328	101
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,941.6	8,030.4	8,856.6	99	110	25,449.6	25,287.2	99
Other	Thou	96.9	73.4	89.5	92	122	267.3	240.8	90
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,038.5	8,103.8	8,946.1	99	110	25,716.9	25,528.0	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	268	270	271	101	100	268	270	101
Other	Lbs	234	234	238	101	102	235	236	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	268	270	271	101	100	268	270	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	294.7	204.3	268.1	91	131	701.0	667.2	95
Other	Thou	12.4	10.7	12.2	99	114	38.6	36.6	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	307.1	215.0	280.3	91	130	739.6	703.8	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	145	142	140	96	98	143	141	98
Other	Lbs	113	107	113	100	106	111	107	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	144	140	139	96	99	142	139	98

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	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Mar 05 as % of ²	
				Mar 2004	Feb 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3.1	2.5	2.9	91	116
AK					
AZ	31.6	26.0	30.0	95	116
AR	5.4	3.9	4.9	89	123
CA	122.9	107.4	126.2	103	117
CO	170.8	128.6	141.9	83	110
DE-MD	3.0	2.9	3.3	110	114
FL	4.9	4.1	5.0	101	121
GA	11.0	11.5	12.7	115	111
HI	0.9	0.7	0.8	88	116
ID	42.7	17.9	28.7	67	160
IL	237.2	207.4	230.8	97	111
IN	128.2	113.0	126.7	99	112
IA	579.9	508.4	566.4	98	111
KS	493.0	423.2	482.5	98	114
KY	42.7	38.6	39.6	93	102
LA	1.2	1.1	1.3	103	115
MI	32.8	25.3	32.9	100	130
MN	202.0	182.1	191.6	95	105
MS	24.4	24.0	25.4	104	106
MO	37.9	38.2	43.1	114	113
MT	1.2	1.2	1.1	92	96
NE	555.3	511.6	594.5	107	116
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	96	140
N ENG ³	1.0	0.8	0.9	88	110
NJ	4.3	3.6	4.1	96	116
NM	0.8	0.4	0.6	70	148
NY	3.6	2.7	3.0	85	112
NC	192.5	175.3	201.6	105	115
ND	2.9	2.7	3.1	106	114
OH	27.7	21.6	24.8	90	115
OK	93.5	78.3	93.6	100	120
OR	3.7	2.9	3.8	102	133
PA	106.4	88.0	97.2	91	110
SC	21.7	18.8	21.4	98	114
SD	77.7	77.7	85.0	109	109
TN	22.4	15.7	19.2	86	123
TX	406.9	320.4	380.4	93	119
UT	33.0	34.0	35.6	108	105
VA	69.9	54.3	60.8	87	112
WA	36.6	47.8	44.3	121	93
WV	0.5	0.4	0.4	85	104
WI	106.7	97.4	105.7	99	109
WY	0.5	0.5	0.6	111	111
US	3,945.0	3,423.0	3,878.6	98	113

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,
March 2004 and 2005 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	0.7	0.6	623	600	884	933
AK						
AZ						
AR	1.2	0.9	1,159	788	955	883
CA	111.7	117.3	145,933	151,807	1,307	1,294
CO	205.9	167.0	254,046	209,225	1,234	1,253
DE-MD	3.4	3.8	4,370	4,980	1,272	1,295
FL						
GA	14.0	19.4	16,993	19,281	1,211	996
HI	0.9	0.8	1,004	855	1,101	1,067
ID	55.9	35.7	69,726	45,814	1,248	1,282
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	654.0	626.6	767,170	755,554	1,173	1,206
KY	1.7	1.7	1,458	1,489	874	885
LA	1.1	1.4	986	1,239	861	899
MI	37.3	37.1	49,773	50,552	1,336	1,364
MN	56.1	53.8	79,358	77,549	1,416	1,442
MS						
MO						
MT	1.5	1.4	1,714	1,564	1,139	1,147
NE	576.1	594.4	722,846	762,321	1,255	1,282
NV						
N ENG ²	1.1	1.0	1,092	1,054	1,015	1,039
NJ	2.2	2.2	2,538	2,715	1,173	1,238
NM	1.4	0.9	1,414	946	1,006	1,007
NY	3.9	3.3	4,314	3,844	1,103	1,171
NC	19.4	17.5	19,929	17,545	1,029	1,005
ND						
OH	9.0	8.2	10,109	9,393	1,129	1,140
OK	2.9	2.4	3,142	2,593	1,079	1,095
OR	1.2	1.5	1,286	1,805	1,067	1,222
PA	79.8	68.6	93,962	83,229	1,177	1,214
SC						
SD						
TN	1.5	1.3	1,314	1,217	893	935
TX	555.3	515.4	645,755	603,911	1,163	1,172
UT	44.1	47.3	51,413	55,778	1,167	1,179
VA	1.4	1.1	1,418	1,115	997	1,028
WA	49.8	57.5	59,021	71,019	1,184	1,236
WV	0.7	0.7	675	642	918	980
WI	126.8	121.8	168,355	166,104	1,328	1,363
WY	0.6	0.7	653	783	1,152	1,153
US ³	2,869.3	2,723.4	3,491,935	3,371,550	1,217	1,238

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2004 and 2005 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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		0.1		33		470
CA	9.6	9.5	1,698	1,194	177	126
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	23	22	348	298
FL						
GA	0.2	0.1	94	54	518	543
HI						
ID						
IL	6.7	7.1	2,952	3,054	444	432
IN	0.3	0.2	44	27	137	143
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.6	0.4	331	177	512	502
MI	2.2	1.9	965	788	441	414
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.9	0.6	177	84	205	152
NJ	9.5	6.2	3,169	2,753	335	442
NM						
NY	14.2	10.4	1,455	925	102	89
NC	0.1	0.1	64	33	460	470
ND						
OH	5.4	4.5	2,228	1,785	416	400
OK	0.2	0.1	70	62	443	420
OR						
PA	14.3	13.8	4,781	5,387	335	391
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	62	74	594	507
TX	1.6	0.9	961	485	608	567
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	9.0	11.3	4,100	5,154	453	456
WY						
US ³	76.4	67.9	23,511	22,276	308	328

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2004 and 2005 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	10.0	9.4	4,732	4,412	471	467
AK						
AZ	0.8	0.4	155	82	200	197
AR	13.6	14.0	6,875	7,024	505	501
CA	219.6	219.6	54,610	54,021	249	246
CO	1.1	0.9	253	264	236	286
DE-MD	1.4	1.3	390	327	271	254
FL	8.5	7.3	1,598	1,451	187	200
GA	13.9	11.0	3,388	2,601	244	237
HI	2.3	2.0	450	416	197	206
ID	17.7	12.1	5,820	3,947	329	326
IL	820.4	807.8	225,568	224,552	275	278
IN	636.0	615.8	166,242	164,721	261	267
IA	2,591.4	2,573.7	695,469	701,942	268	273
KS						
KY	211.6	191.9	55,958	51,531	264	269
LA	2.4	2.4	537	495	223	206
MI	10.5	8.2	3,924	3,222	373	395
MN	818.0	764.9	216,345	203,593	264	266
MS						
MO						
MT	1.1	1.1	286	264	250	239
NE	579.7	628.7	154,097	169,619	266	270
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.3	353	252	231	201
NJ	8.4	9.1	907	942	108	103
NM	0.2	0.1	50	46	314	311
NY	2.3	2.2	527	506	225	228
NC	953.7	988.9	242,556	255,586	254	258
ND	13.9	14.8	3,323	3,495	238	236
OH	108.3	94.9	28,846	25,932	266	273
OK	432.9	431.6	120,862	122,536	279	284
OR	18.7	17.5	4,771	4,349	255	249
PA	252.9	247.7	63,044	60,957	249	246
SC						
SD	366.9	402.5	95,762	105,860	261	263
TN	67.8	58.0	31,987	27,795	472	479
TX	33.8	35.9	9,478	9,136	281	255
UT	4.0	4.0	884	988	219	249
VA	358.9	307.5	91,894	79,635	256	259
WA	1.7	2.0	427	511	254	253
WV	0.6	0.5	146	121	257	244
WI	50.4	46.1	23,005	20,596	457	447
WY	0.4	0.5	118	119	290	254
US ³	9,038.5	8,946.1	2,420,825	2,423,007	268	271

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 2004 and 2005 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ	0.2	0.2	14	30	70	129
AR						
CA						
CO	114.3	109.6	18,069	16,985	158	155
DE-MD	2.4	2.8	292	302	120	107
FL	0.4	0.2	22	16	59	68
GA						
HI						
ID	0.3	0.2	33	25	122	120
IL	18.3	19.8	2,629	2,729	144	138
IN	1.7	2.3	178	247	107	107
IA	47.3	47.6	7,243	7,062	153	149
KS	0.2	0.2	20	19	114	91
KY	0.9	1.1	111	141	124	126
LA	0.2	0.2	24	21	108	103
MI	17.8	17.0	2,140	2,182	120	129
MN	0.2	0.2	23	26	128	116
MS						
MO	0.4	0.6	35	47	86	82
MT	0.2	0.3	30	33	136	124
NE	0.1	0.1	13	12	130	117
NV	0.1	0.1	6	10	85	98
N ENG ²	1.7	2.5	174	208	103	83
NJ	9.2	11.0	849	832	93	76
NM	2.2	1.8	273	219	125	125
NY	3.0	5.8	313	427	103	74
NC	0.2	0.4	18	29	79	79
ND						
OH	0.7	0.9	77	88	108	103
OK	0.1	0.1	11	7	105	125
OR	1.4	2.0	197	296	137	146
PA	6.0	6.6	698	642	117	97
SC						
SD	1.1	1.0	127	123	119	122
TN	0.4	0.7	41	63	91	88
TX	36.3	2.6	5,064	333	139	129
UT	3.1	3.0	403	400	131	135
VA	1.0	1.0	98	92	100	95
WA	0.3	0.2	41	22	154	118
WV						
WI	0.8	0.6	110	74	136	127
WY	0.1	0.1	17	12	158	137
US ³	307.1	280.3	44,210	38,851	144	139

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Item	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Jan - Mar 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	1,383	1,130	1,367	3,728	3,722	49.1	49.2	51.1	48.3	50.0
Heifers	950	751	871	2,588	2,389	33.7	32.7	32.6	33.5	32.1
All Cows	439	377	395	1,289	1,214	15.6	16.4	14.8	16.7	16.3
Dairy Cows	216	185	199	641	601	7.7	8.1	7.5	8.3	8.1
Other Cows	223	192	196	648	613	7.9	8.3	7.3	8.4	8.2
Bulls & Stags	45	40	41	120	123	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7
Total ¹	2,818	2,297	2,674	7,726	7,448	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,615	7,769	8,555	24,565	24,448	96.3	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.7
Sows	302	240	278	818	773	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
Stags & Boars	25	21	24	66	66	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,942	8,030	8,857	25,450	25,287	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	9	11	32	30	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	283	195	257	669	637	96.0	95.5	96.0	95.5	95.5
Total ¹	295	204	268	701	667	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										
Steers ⁴	741	762	757	747	762					
Heifers ⁴	784	807	797	796	807					
All Cows ⁴	725	749	740	734	748					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	623	634	634	619	631					
	894	912	909	896	914					
Calves & Vealers	190	198	199	199	199					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	200	202	203	201	202					
Sows ⁵	196	199	199	197	199					
Stags & Boars ⁵	313	308	311	315	309					
	210	212	208	215	210					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	73	72	70	72	71					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	68	68	68	68	68					
	73	72	70	72	71					

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,
March 2005¹**

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	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
2	5.3	1.7	0.3	3.0	2.9	0.1	0.3	16.6
3	71.1	27.8						13.9
4	56.6	1.2	0.4	47.1	11.4	35.7	7.9	
5	284.4	120.4	35.3	121.4	65.7	55.7	7.3	24.7
6	513.9	282.6	178.1	44.1	12.3	31.7	9.2	0.6
7	1,269.7	707.8	503.0	51.5	3.9	47.6	7.5	
8	222.6	97.2						
9	156.4	82.3	7.5	63.8	59.6	4.2	2.8	9.3
10	93.5	45.7	28.8	16.7	10.7	6.0	2.2	
US ²	2,674.4	1,366.9	871.2	395.0	199.3	195.7	41.3	66.5
	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	1.0	0.9						
2	11.2	11.0	0.2		15.7	1.6	14.1	
3	555.3	553.6	1.6		10.3	0.3	10.0	
4	1,447.7	1,365.0	81.4	1.3	2.7	1.1	1.7	
5	2,305.1	2,188.1	114.3	2.7	37.4	4.8	32.6	
6	471.5	449.1	22.4	0.1	0.3		0.3	
7	3,399.9	3,327.8			48.1	0.3	47.9	
8	418.8	413.4	5.4		113.1	2.1	110.9	
9	215.6	215.5						
10	30.5	30.4	0.1		2.0	0.1	2.0	
US ²	8,856.6	8,554.9	277.7	24.0	268.1	10.7	257.3	

¹ 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.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - March 2005 * 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	2.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.4
2	15.7	4.7	0.9	9.2	8.8	0.4	0.9	45.7
3	201.2	79.2						42.3
4	167.5	3.5	1.0	140.5	34.3	106.3	22.4	
5	825.1	329.6	101.9	372.4	197.0	175.4	21.2	71.2
6	1,420.7	767.9	475.3	145.8	42.0	103.8	31.7	2.9
7	3,459.6	1,896.1	1,387.9	154.2	11.3	142.9	21.5	0.1
8	645.1	297.3						
9	445.9	228.2	20.5	190.3	178.4	11.9	6.9	26.4
10	264.8	114.7	81.4	61.1	35.7	25.4	7.6	
US ²	7,448.3	3,722.2	2,389.2	1,213.4	600.9	612.6	123.5	193.0
	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	2.9	2.8	0.1	0.1				
2	34.7	34.1	0.5	0.1	35.2	4.0	31.1	
3	1,602.3	1,597.7	4.5	0.1	24.3	0.9	23.4	
4	4,131.3	3,896.8	229.8	4.8	8.1	3.1	5.0	
5	6,604.0	6,286.2	311.4	6.4	95.5	13.5	82.0	
6	1,323.6	1,260.7	62.7	0.2	17.8	0.7	17.1	
7	9,722.7	9,518.4			119.3	0.4	118.9	
8	1,172.1	1,158.2	13.8		274.6	5.6	269.0	
9	608.9	608.7						
10	84.7	84.5	0.2		4.4	0.1	4.3	
US ²	25,287.2	24,448.1	772.6	66.5	667.2	30.1	637.1	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

¹ 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.

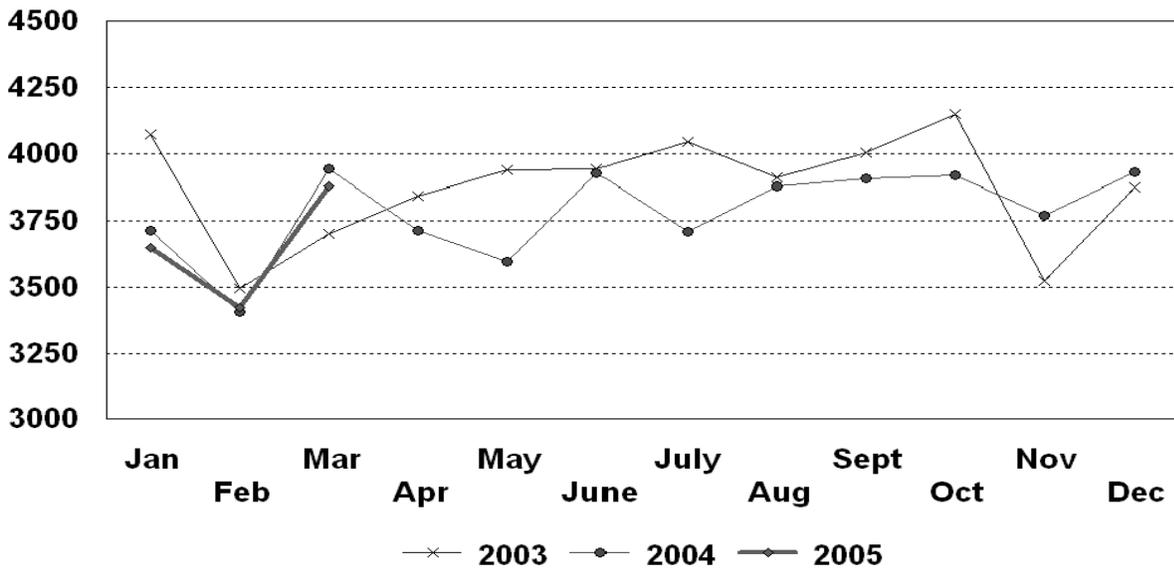
² Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

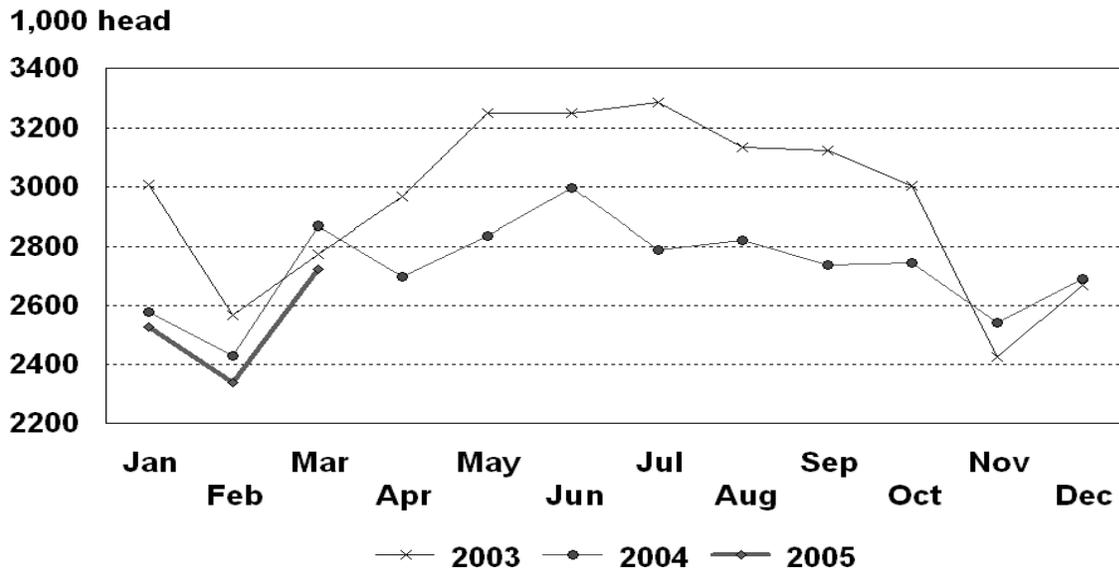
Species	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Jan - Mar	
				2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.2	98.1	98.2	98.1	98.1
Calves	97.7	97.7	97.9	97.9	97.7
Hogs	98.9	99.1	99.0	99.0	99.1
Sheep	96.0	95.0	95.6	94.8	94.8

U.S. Monthly Commercial Red Meat Production

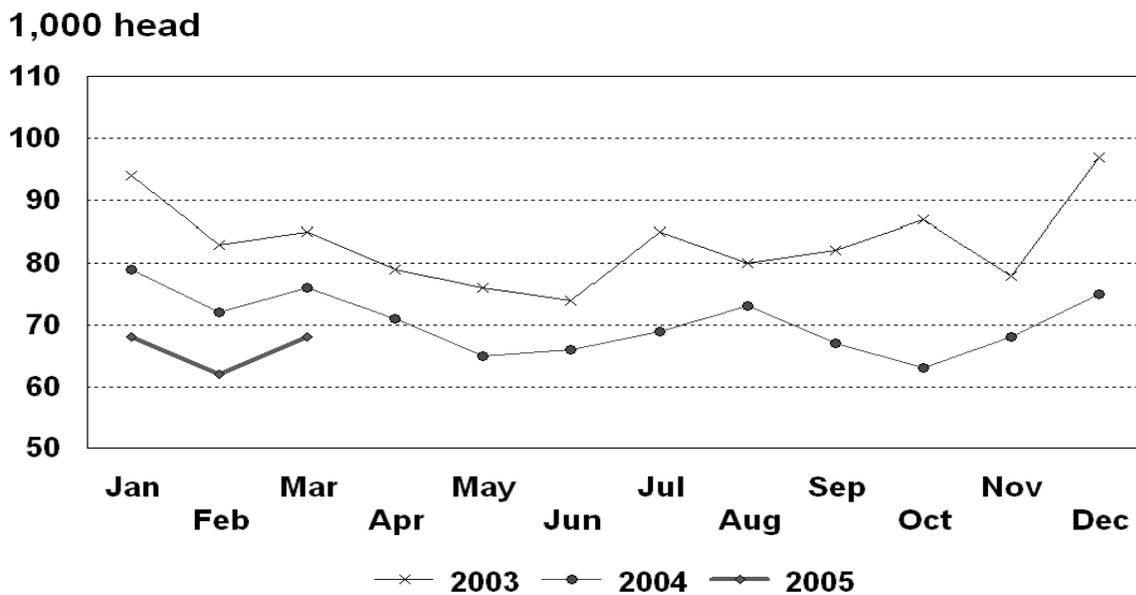
Million Pounds



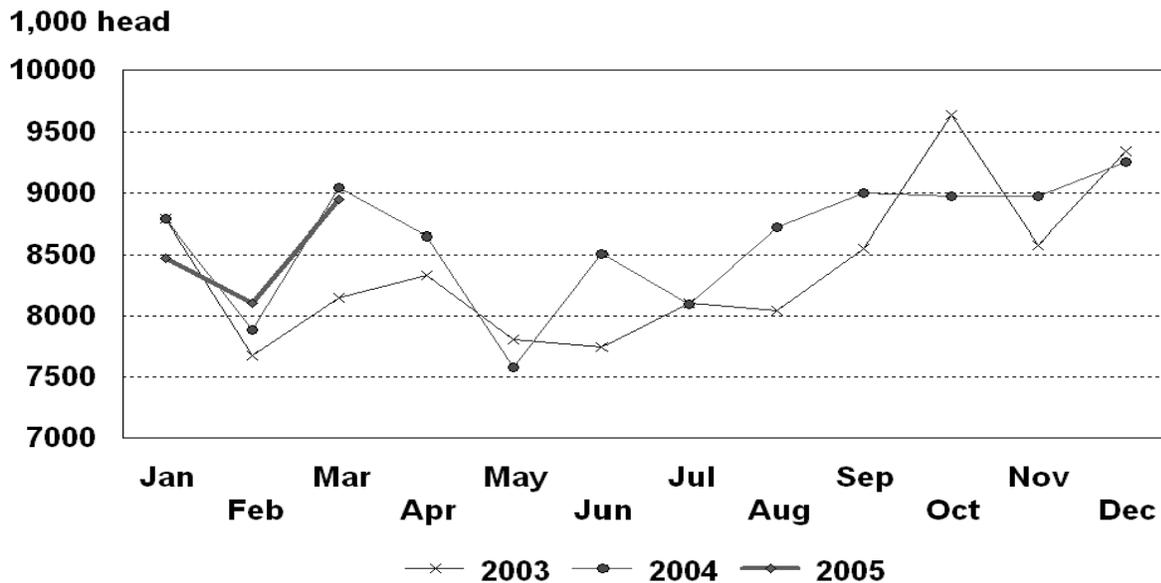
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Cattle



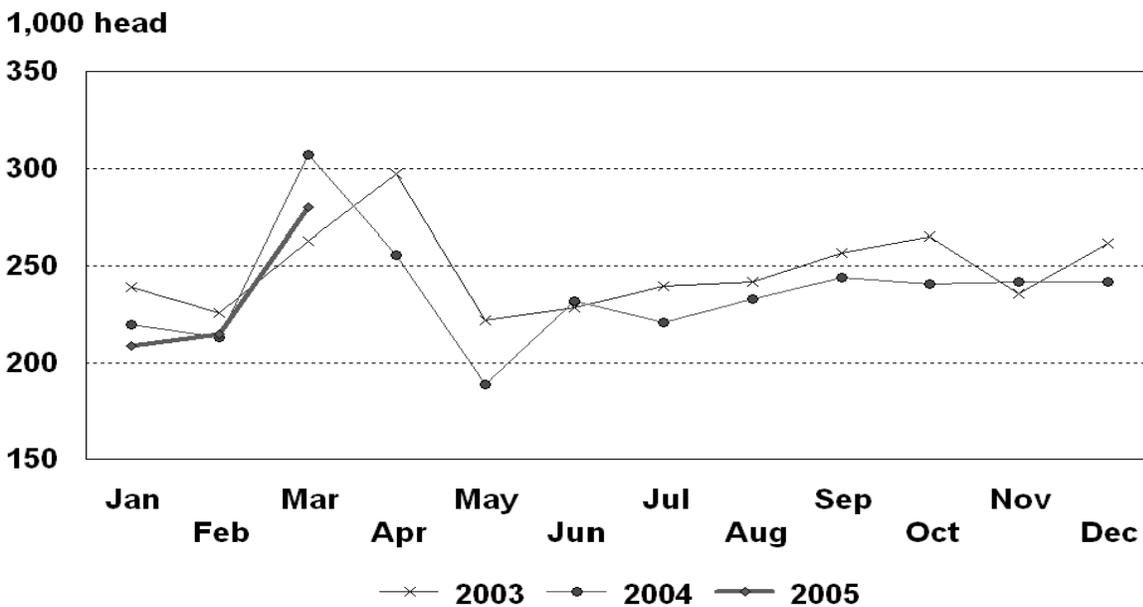
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Calves



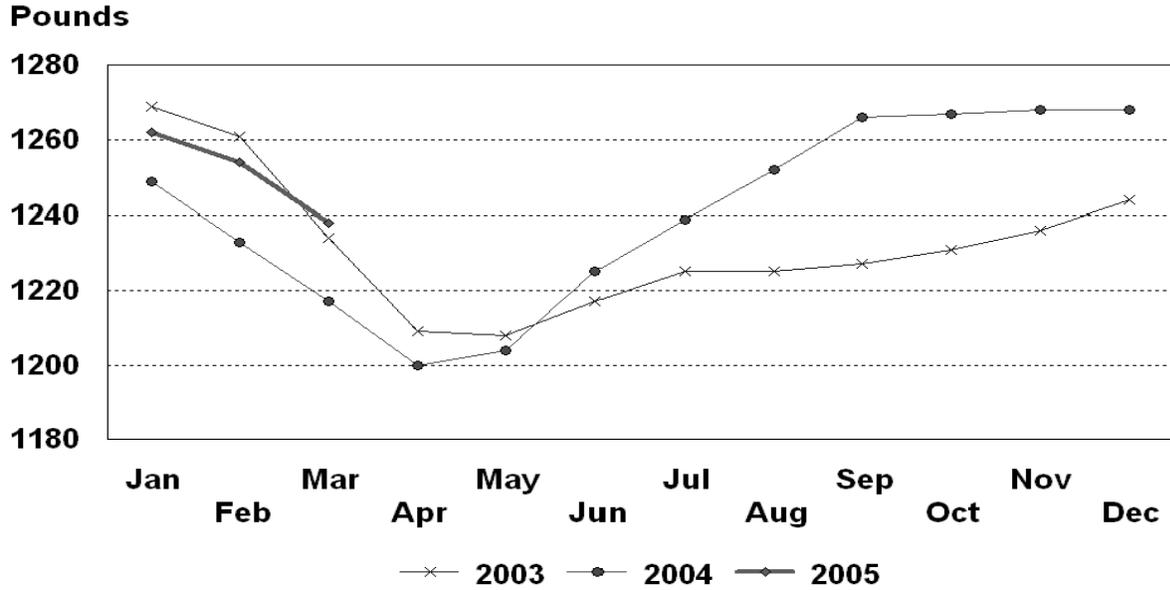
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Hogs



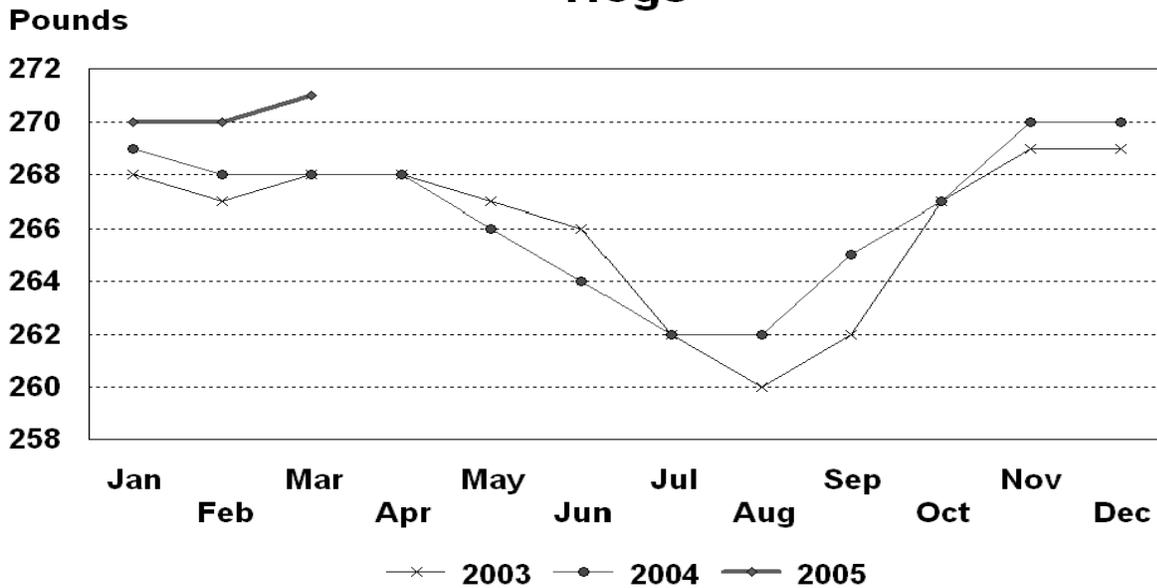
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Sheep



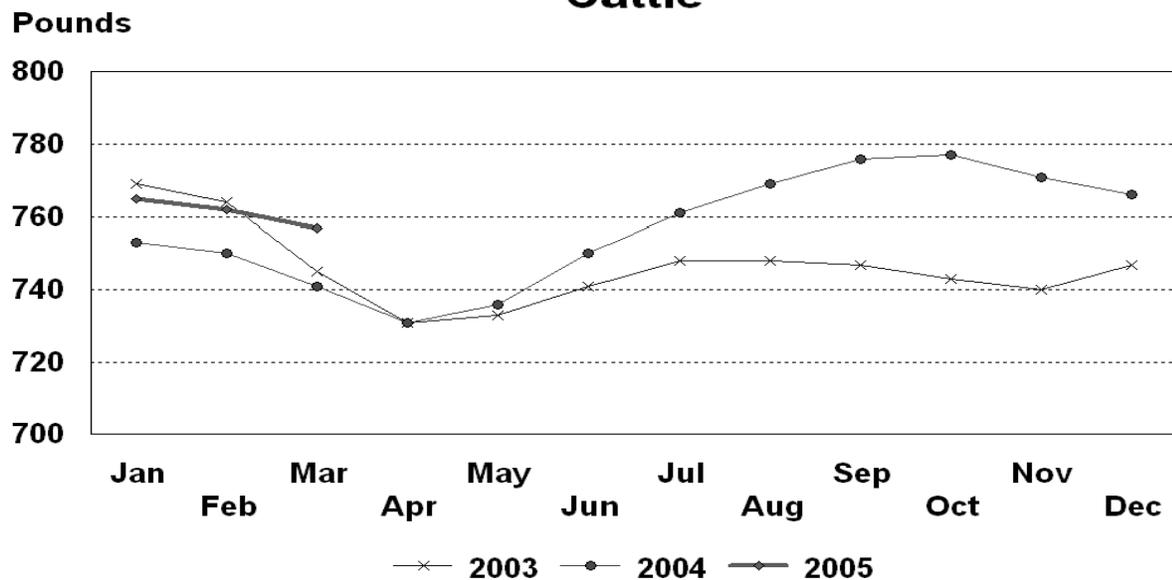
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Average Live Weight Cattle



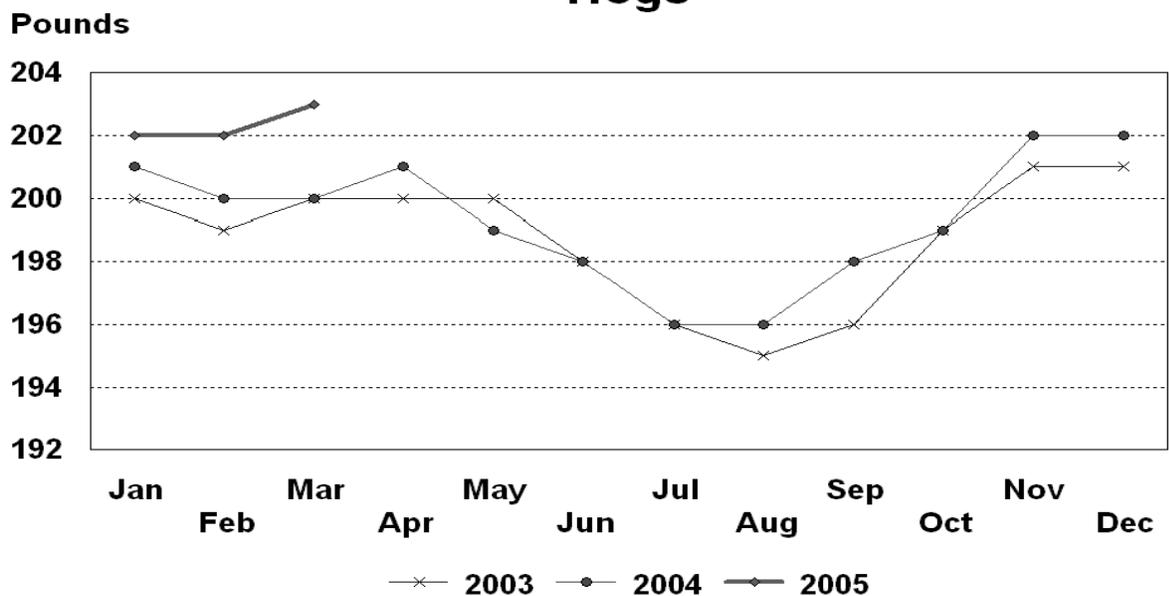
U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Average Live Weight Hogs



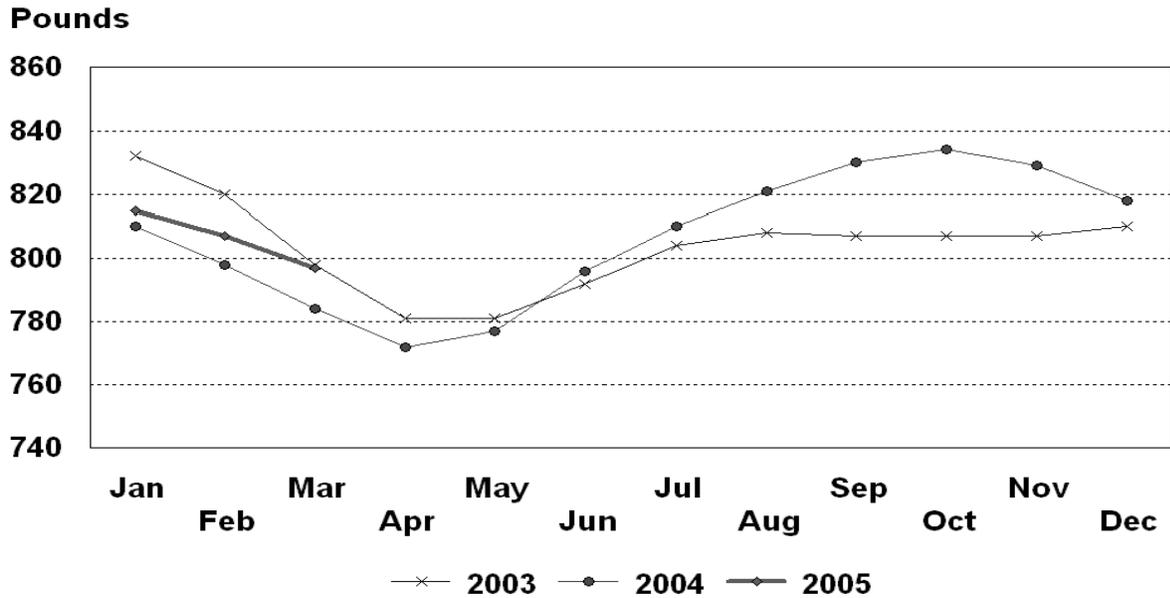
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Cattle



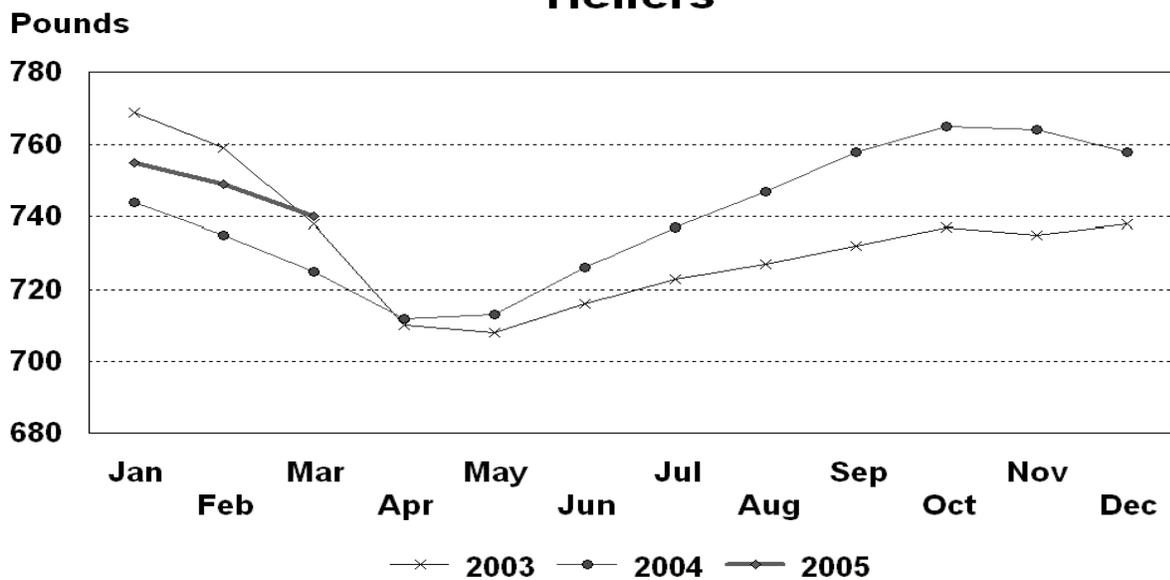
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Hogs



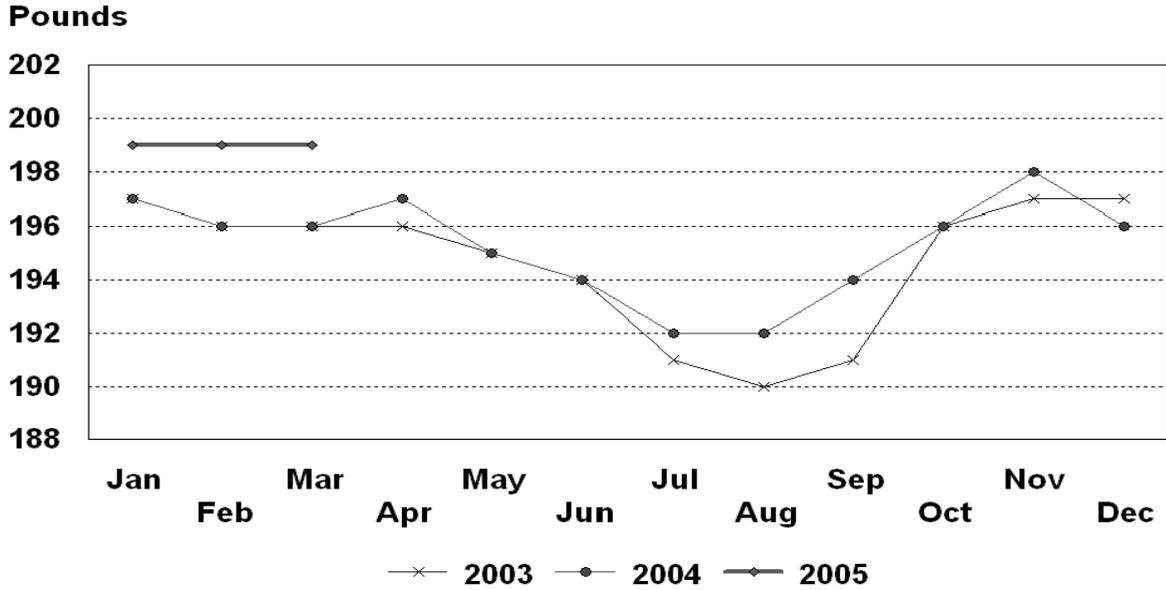
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Steers



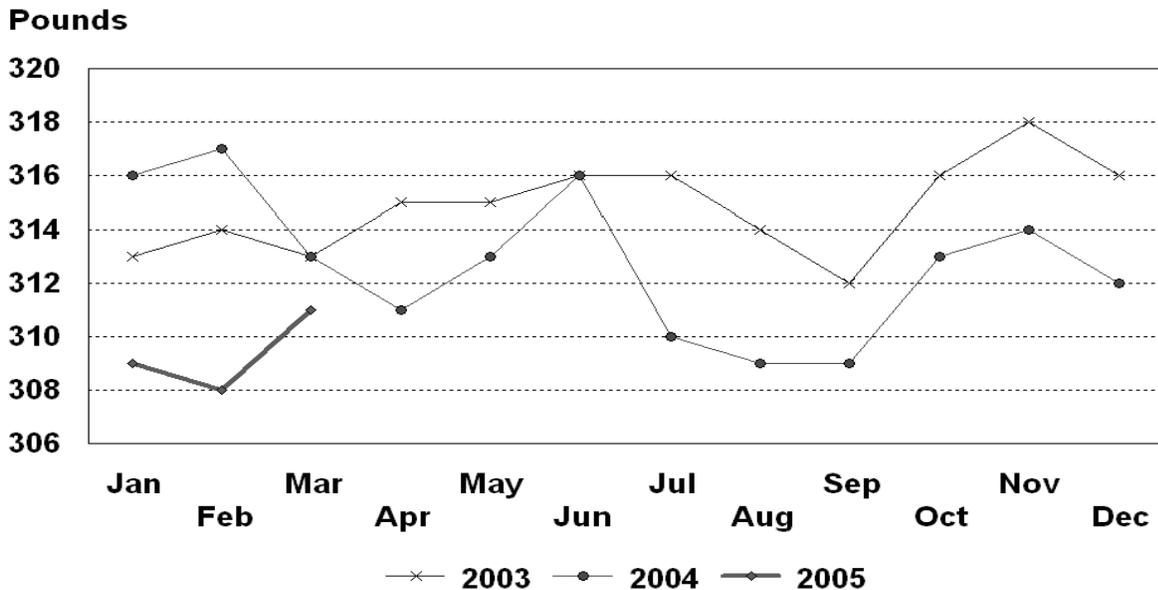
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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 20). 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.

Index

	Page
Commercial Calf Slaughter, Number, Total, and Average Live weight, by State and U.S.	6
Commercial Cattle Slaughter, Number, Total, and Average Live weight, by State and U.S.	5
Commercial Hog Slaughter, Number, Total and Average Live weight, by State and U.S.	7
Commercial Red Meat Production, by State and U.S.	4
Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter, Number, Total, and Average Live weight, by State and U.S.	8
Data Sources, Revision Policy, and Procedures and Reliability	19
Federally Inspected Classification of Number and Average Dressed Weight, by Species and Class and U.S.	9
Federally Inspected Number by Species and Class, by Regions and U.S.	10
Federally Inspected Percent of Total Commercial, by Species, U.S.	12
Livestock Slaughter, Number and Average Weights, by Species and Type of Slaughter, U.S.	3
Red Meat Production, Commercial and FI, by Class, U.S.	2
Terms and Definitions	21
Types of Plants	20

ACCESS TO REPORTS!!

For your convenience, there are several ways to obtain NASS reports, data products, and services:

INTERNET ACCESS

All NASS reports are available free of charge on the worldwide Internet. For access, connect to the Internet and go to the NASS Home Page at: www.usda.gov/nass/. Select "Today's Reports" or Publications and then Reports Calendar or Publications and then Search, by Title or Subject.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

All NASS reports are available by subscription free of charge direct to your e-mail address. Starting with the NASS Home Page at www.usda.gov/nass/, click on **Publications**, then click on the **Subscribe by E-mail** button which takes you to the page describing e-mail delivery of reports. Finally, click on **Go to the Subscription Page** and follow the instructions.

PRINTED REPORTS OR DATA PRODUCTS

CALL OUR TOLL-FREE ORDER DESK: 800-999-6779 (U.S. and Canada)
Other areas, please call 703-605-6220 FAX: 703-605-6900
(Visa, MasterCard, check, or money order acceptable for payment.)

ASSISTANCE

For **assistance** with general agricultural statistics or further information about NASS or its products or services, contact the **Agricultural Statistics Hotline** at **800-727-9540**, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.