



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in April 2004.

**Beef production**, at 1.89 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, down 5 percent from April 2004. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,220 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.0 million pounds, 7 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,600 head, down 13 percent from April 2004. The average live weight was 23 pounds above last year, at 353 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.44 million head, 2 percent below April 2004. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from April a year ago.

**January to April 2005 commercial red meat production** was 14.6 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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

**April 2005** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Class	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Apr 05 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
				Apr 2004	Mar 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	1,956	2,043	1,890	97	93	7,794	7,617	98
Veal	13.9	13.3	13.0	93	98	58.5	51.7	88
Pork	1,725	1,803	1,704	99	94	6,856	6,840	100
Lamb & Mutton	17.5	19.5	15.5	89	80	70.0	64.6	92
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>3,879</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>14,778</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>99</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	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Apr 05 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
				Apr 2004	Mar 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	1,929	2,012	1,863	97	93	7,673	7,499	98
Veal	13.5	12.9	12.6	94	98	56.9	50.3	88
Pork	1,711	1,788	1,691	99	95	6,796	6,786	100
Lamb & Mutton	16.5	18.8	14.9	90	79	66.9	62.0	93
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>*3,832</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>14,593</b>	<b>14,397</b>	<b>99</b>

\* Revised.

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

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

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

Species	Unit	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Apr 05 % of		Jan - Apr <sup>2</sup>		
					Apr 2004	Mar 2005	2004	2005	05 % of 04
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Prcnt</i>		
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,653.6	2,674.4	2,516.5	95	94	10,379.1	9,964.8	96
Other	Thou	44.1	49.0	43.6	99	89	195.7	187.7	96
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	2,697.7	*2,723.5	2,560.1	95	94	10,574.8	10,152.5	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,201	1,240	1,222	102	98	1,226	1,247	102
Other	Lbs	1,103	1,107	1,117	101	101	1,101	1,109	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,200	1,238	1,220	102	99	1,224	1,243	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	69.2	66.5	60.1	87	90	291.4	253.1	87
Other	Thou	1.6	1.4	1.4	90	101	6.3	5.9	94
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	70.7	67.9	61.6	87	91	297.7	259.1	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	318	327	351	110	107	323	333	103
Other	Lbs	420	388	400	95	103	419	399	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	330	328	353	107	107	327	334	102
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,566.9	*8,857.7	8,368.7	98	94	34,016.5	33,657.1	99
Other	Thou	86.3	89.5	75.1	87	84	353.6	315.9	89
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	8,653.2	*8,947.2	8,443.8	98	94	34,370.0	33,972.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	268	271	271	101	100	268	271	101
Other	Lbs	233	238	230	99	97	234	235	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	268	271	271	101	100	268	270	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	238.3	268.1	208.1	87	78	939.3	875.3	93
Other	Thou	17.9	12.2	12.7	71	104	56.4	49.3	87
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	256.2	280.3	220.8	86	79	995.7	924.6	93
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	138	140	145	105	104	142	142	100
Other	Lbs	109	113	103	94	91	111	106	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	136	139	141	103	102	140	139	99

\* 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	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Apr 05 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Apr 2004	Mar 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.9	2.9	2.6	93	93
AK			0.1	116	141
AZ	29.0	30.0	27.5	95	91
AR	4.9	*5.0	3.9	80	79
CA	115.6	126.2	114.9	99	91
CO	151.8	141.9	130.2	86	92
DE-MD	2.5	3.3	3.0	123	91
FL	4.8	5.0	4.9	102	98
GA	10.3	12.7	12.1	118	95
HI	0.8	0.8	0.8	100	105
ID	34.0	28.7	30.1	89	105
IL	215.1	*230.9	212.8	99	92
IN	122.8	126.7	117.0	95	92
IA	553.8	566.4	534.0	96	94
KS	441.6	482.5	469.2	106	97
KY	41.9	39.6	35.8	85	90
LA	1.0	1.3	1.0	104	81
MI	33.9	32.9	30.4	90	92
MN	178.5	191.6	181.3	102	95
MS	24.1	25.4	22.7	94	89
MO	39.0	43.1	40.4	104	94
MT	1.1	1.1	1.0	99	91
NE	546.8	594.5	536.1	98	90
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	90	80
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.0	0.9	0.8	80	89
NJ	4.0	4.1	4.1	103	99
NM	0.7	0.6	0.6	91	105
NY	3.1	3.0	3.0	96	99
NC	183.7	201.6	193.7	105	96
ND	2.7	3.1	2.8	104	90
OH	26.0	24.8	23.9	92	96
OK	93.5	93.6	93.3	100	100
OR	3.5	3.8	3.4	98	90
PA	101.0	*97.1	89.3	88	92
SC	21.3	21.4	19.1	90	89
SD	74.7	85.0	76.2	102	90
TN	16.6	19.2	12.6	76	65
TX	377.4	380.4	364.9	97	96
UT	34.3	35.6	28.1	82	79
VA	69.8	60.8	60.9	87	100
WA	39.8	44.3	39.6	100	89
WV	0.4	0.4	0.4	98	86
WI	102.6	105.7	93.2	91	88
WY	0.5	0.6	0.5	92	85
US	3,712.8	*3,878.9	3,622.3	98	93

\* 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,  
April 2004 and 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.6	0.5	513	398	914	847
AK						
AZ						
AR	1.1	0.8	1,049	729	921	963
CA	104.1	104.2	134,922	136,216	1,296	1,308
CO	196.4	160.7	229,438	194,363	1,168	1,209
DE-MD	2.8	3.5	3,536	4,532	1,262	1,308
FL						
GA	13.4	18.6	16,360	18,584	1,218	998
HI	0.8	0.9	860	933	1,081	1,095
ID	43.4	37.9	54,509	49,043	1,256	1,293
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	593.1	617.1	687,653	735,126	1,159	1,191
KY	1.4	1.5	1,183	1,320	862	901
LA	1.1	1.2	937	1,109	848	944
MI	38.9	34.8	51,934	46,706	1,334	1,344
MN	52.9	46.0	74,062	64,513	1,399	1,403
MS						
MO						
MT	1.3	1.2	1,513	1,427	1,181	1,174
NE	576.5	541.9	706,011	672,934	1,225	1,242
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.0	0.9	1,005	909	1,018	1,040
NJ	1.8	2.0	2,091	2,507	1,173	1,228
NM	1.2	1.1	1,130	1,031	941	974
NY	3.5	2.9	4,027	3,513	1,139	1,192
NC	18.9	16.0	19,508	16,432	1,034	1,025
ND						
OH	8.7	8.7	9,892	9,949	1,131	1,144
OK	2.4	2.2	2,676	2,473	1,118	1,117
OR	1.3	1.6	1,405	1,935	1,083	1,243
PA	78.7	66.4	92,337	81,449	1,173	1,227
SC						
SD						
TN	1.1	1.2	1,012	1,075	932	916
TX	517.8	499.2	598,341	584,565	1,156	1,171
UT	46.5	37.4	53,475	43,826	1,150	1,172
VA	1.2	1.0	1,190	1,051	1,025	1,046
WA	55.0	52.8	64,464	63,798	1,172	1,209
WV	0.5	0.6	505	539	931	980
WI	120.5	108.3	161,167	145,637	1,338	1,345
WY	0.6	0.6	760	683	1,176	1,176
US <sup>3</sup>	2,697.7	2,560.1	3,237,188	3,122,560	1,200	1,220

<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 Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 2004 and 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.1	32	31	540	515
CA	7.3	7.3	1,048	1,253	143	172
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	21	33	325	298
FL						
GA	0.2	0.1	88	51	516	563
HI						
ID						
IL	7.1	6.6	3,431	2,982	485	455
IN	0.3	0.2	34	22	131	132
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.5	0.5	252	234	499	502
MI	1.8	1.9	781	815	427	427
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	0.7	0.4	148	64	226	143
NJ	8.0	6.7	3,033	2,883	379	431
NM						
NY	10.9	8.8	913	1,174	84	134
NC	0.1	0.1	59	26	501	456
ND						
OH	5.9	4.4	2,486	1,773	424	402
OK	0.1	0.1	51	38	422	437
OR						
PA	16.1	13.9	5,727	5,571	356	401
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	60	55	604	615
TX	1.1	0.7	673	388	607	569
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	9.3	9.1	4,178	4,140	451	454
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	70.7	61.6	23,318	21,703	330	353

<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,  
April 2004 and 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

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	9.2	9.2	4,274	4,252	465	465
AK	0.2	0.2	32	43	179	227
AZ	1.2	0.6	247	135	203	218
AR	12.1	11.1	6,691	5,559	554	501
CA	212.5	207.7	52,180	50,379	246	243
CO	0.9	0.8	228	240	248	283
DE-MD	1.0	1.0	257	231	259	239
FL	7.9	7.9	1,381	1,546	174	196
GA	11.5	9.9	2,779	2,346	241	236
HI	2.3	1.9	459	400	196	211
ID	16.3	11.6	5,358	3,757	328	324
IL	769.1	763.5	214,173	214,591	278	281
IN	610.0	570.9	159,527	152,272	262	267
IA	2,534.6	2,429.4	681,472	663,144	269	273
KS						
KY	208.1	173.3	55,039	46,742	264	270
LA	1.7	1.3	334	264	199	196
MI	9.4	8.6	3,739	3,016	397	350
MN	713.1	746.5	188,290	198,409	264	266
MS						
MO						
MT	0.8	0.9	212	228	250	247
NE	580.7	604.3	154,506	163,049	266	270
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.4	1.1	318	230	224	208
NJ	7.7	9.0	815	945	105	104
NM	0.1	0.2	22	58	326	326
NY	2.1	2.0	470	452	227	226
NC	907.1	945.4	231,017	245,467	255	260
ND	13.7	13.6	3,117	3,218	227	236
OH	99.1	89.3	26,719	24,361	270	273
OK	432.9	430.5	121,151	122,350	280	284
OR	17.2	15.1	4,237	3,723	246	247
PA	232.3	216.5	56,843	52,833	245	244
SC						
SD	351.2	360.3	91,406	95,517	260	265
TN	49.6	37.4	23,690	17,978	478	481
TX	33.0	25.5	8,407	6,089	255	239
UT	4.4	4.1	965	1,029	220	250
VA	356.2	309.4	91,338	79,675	256	258
WA	1.8	2.0	446	509	254	253
WV	0.5	0.5	119	110	243	233
WI	49.5	41.9	22,792	19,145	461	457
WY	0.3	0.3	67	88	266	265
US <sup>3</sup>	8,653.2	8,443.8	2,317,191	2,285,987	268	271

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

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

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

**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
April 2004 and 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.3	27	35	112	135
AR						
CA						
CO	82.1	88.4	13,157	14,366	160	162
DE-MD	2.6	3.1	297	327	113	105
FL	0.3	0.3	18	15	71	56
GA						
HI						
ID	0.2	0.2	28	23	122	124
IL	19.5	18.7	2,409	2,504	123	134
IN	3.4	2.8	348	306	101	111
IA	31.3	25.4	4,873	3,949	156	155
KS	0.2	0.2	20	19	111	104
KY	1.0	1.1	119	145	123	129
LA	0.1	0.1	8	10	80	87
MI	15.9	13.6	1,888	1,816	119	134
MN	0.2	0.1	23	19	122	130
MS						
MO	0.5	0.4	53	40	98	97
MT	0.1	0.2	16	21	122	120
NE	0.1	0.1	15	13	126	113
NV	0.1	0.1	7	9	82	97
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	3.8	2.5	324	225	86	90
NJ	12.7	11.0	974	853	77	78
NM	1.9	1.5	240	191	126	126
NY	6.6	5.8	475	404	72	69
NC	0.3	0.3	30	27	88	90
ND						
OH	1.5	1.0	157	96	106	95
OK	0.1	0.1	15	9	111	119
OR	1.6	1.3	207	190	128	148
PA	8.3	7.2	871	677	106	94
SC						
SD	0.7	0.6	82	93	118	155
TN	0.4	0.8	44	69	101	91
TX	28.2	1.3	3,740	136	133	108
UT	3.0	2.4	380	321	126	132
VA	1.5	1.1	155	136	107	127
WA	0.4	0.3	54	31	145	124
WV						
WI	0.9	0.9	127	116	139	135
WY	0.1	0.1	15	11	128	140
US <sup>3</sup>	256.2	220.8	34,836	31,077	136	141

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

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

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

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

Item	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>		Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
<b>Class <sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,366	1,367	1,336	5,093	5,058	51.5	51.1	53.1	49.1	50.8
Heifers	836	871	772	3,424	3,161	31.5	32.6	30.7	33.0	31.7
All Cows	405	395	366	1,695	1,579	15.2	14.7	14.6	16.3	15.9
Dairy Cows	179	199	173	820	773	6.7	7.4	6.9	7.9	7.8
Other Cows	226	196	193	875	806	8.5	7.3	7.7	8.4	8.1
Bulls & Stags	47	41	43	167	167	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>9,965</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	8,262	*8,556	8,095	32,827	32,544	96.4	96.6	96.7	96.5	96.7
Sows	283	278	248	1,101	1,021	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0
Stags & Boars	22	24	26	88	92	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8,567</b>	<b>*8,858</b>	<b>8,369</b>	<b>34,016</b>	<b>33,657</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	13	11	11	45	41	5.6	4.0	5.4	4.8	4.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	225	257	197	894	834	94.4	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.3
<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>238</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>875</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>	731	757	744	743	757					
Steers <sup>4</sup>	772	797	784	790	802					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	712	740	723	729	742					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	613	634	623	617	629					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	902	909	911	897	913					
<b>Calves &amp; Vealers</b>	193	199	214	198	203					
<b>Hogs</b>	201	203	203	201	202					
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	197	199	200	197	199					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	311	311	310	314	309					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	223	208	210	217	210					
<b>Sheep</b>	69	70	73	71	71					
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	67	68	70	67	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	70	70	73	71	71					

\* 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,  
April 2005 <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	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
2	4.8	1.5	0.3	2.7	2.6	0.2	0.3	15.4
3	69.4	28.0						14.0
4	53.7	1.1	0.3	44.6	9.2	35.4	7.7	
5	247.7	106.4	28.1	105.8	58.3	47.6	7.5	21.9
6	499.0	276.3	162.9	50.6	10.1	40.5	9.2	0.5
7	1,205.7	690.2	462.6	45.3	3.2	42.2	7.6	
8	205.0	113.0						
9	139.5	75.8	6.2	54.2	48.7	5.5	3.4	7.1
10	91.0	43.1	25.6	19.5	10.7	8.7	2.9	
US <sup>2</sup>	2,516.5	1,335.5	772.3	365.4	172.6	192.7	43.3	60.1
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	0.9	0.9						
2	10.9	10.7	0.2		15.7	1.3	14.4	
3	525.8	524.5	1.3		11.1	1.4	9.8	
4	1,344.0	1,283.5	58.8	1.8	2.7	1.0	1.7	
5	2,191.0	2,077.1	111.2	2.7	32.2	4.8	27.4	
6	463.3	446.7	16.6	0.1	0.2		0.2	
7	3,225.9	3,152.2			25.8	0.3	25.5	
8	375.6	368.4	7.2		90.9	1.7	89.2	
9	203.5	203.4						
10	27.8	27.6	0.1		1.3	0.2	1.1	
US <sup>2</sup>	8,368.7	8,094.9	247.7	26.0	208.1	11.3	196.8	

<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 - April 2005 \* <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	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.6	1.9
2	20.6	6.2	1.2	11.9	11.4	0.5	1.2	61.1
3	270.6	107.2						56.3
4	221.2	4.6	1.3	185.1	43.5	141.7	30.1	
5	1,072.8	435.9	129.9	478.2	254.9	223.3	28.7	93.1
6	1,919.7	1,044.2	638.2	196.4	52.1	144.3	40.9	3.4
7	4,665.3	2,586.2	1,850.5	199.5	14.5	185.0	29.0	0.1
8	850.1	410.4						
9	585.4	304.0	26.7	244.4	227.1	17.3	10.2	33.5
10	355.8	157.8	107.0	80.6	46.4	34.1	10.5	
US <sup>2</sup>	9,964.8	5,057.7	3,161.5	1,578.8	773.1	805.7	166.8	253.1
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.1				
2	45.6	44.8	0.7	0.2	50.9	5.3	45.6	
3	2,128.3	2,122.4	5.7	0.2	35.5	2.3	33.2	
4	5,475.3	5,180.2	288.6	6.5	10.8	4.1	6.6	
5	8,795.6	8,363.8	422.8	9.1	127.7	18.3	109.4	
6	1,787.2	1,707.4	79.5	0.3	18.0	0.7	17.3	
7	12,948.6	12,670.6			145.1	0.7	144.4	
8	1,547.7	1,526.6	21.0		365.6	7.3	358.3	
9	812.4	812.1						
10	112.5	112.1	0.3	0.1	5.8	0.3	5.5	
US <sup>2</sup>	33,657.1	32,543.7	1,020.8	92.5	875.3	41.4	833.9	

\* 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.

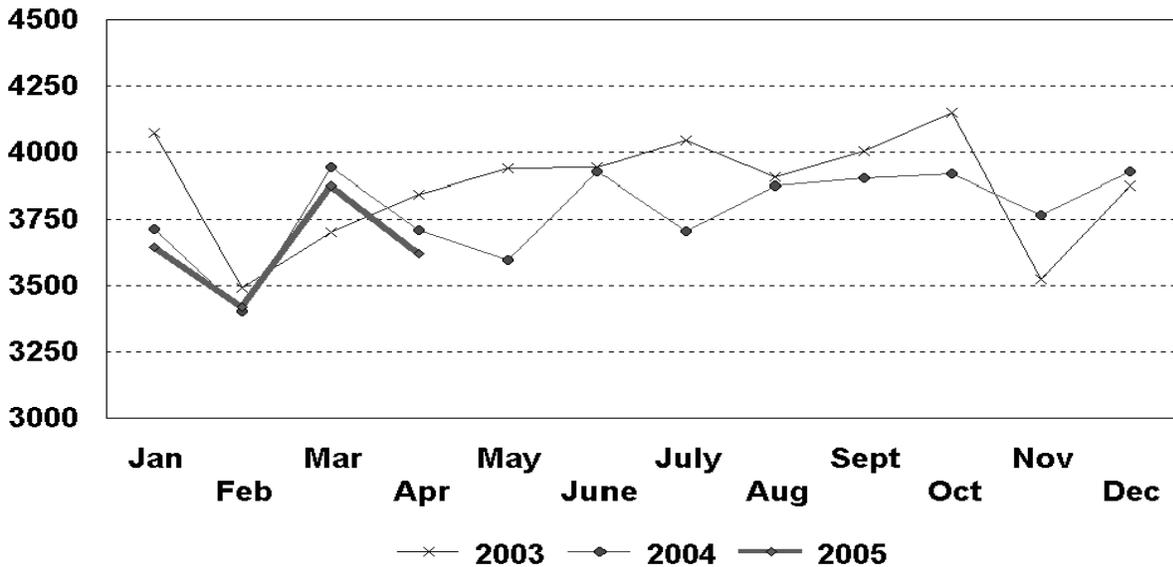
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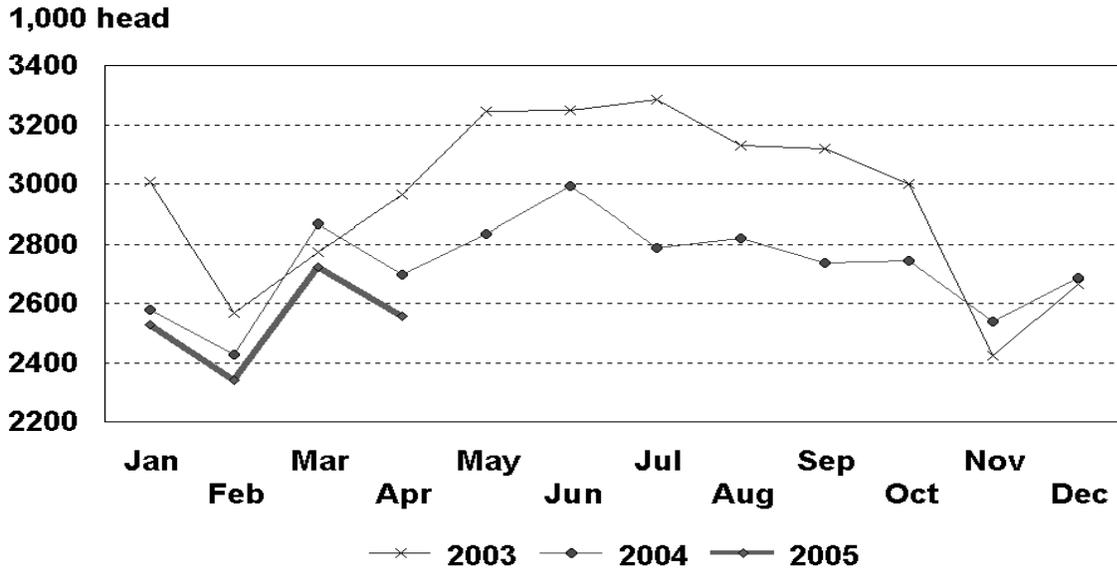
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				2004	2005
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Cattle	98.4	98.2	98.3	98.1	98.2
Calves	97.8	97.9	97.7	97.9	97.7
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.1	99.0	99.1
Sheep	93.0	95.6	94.2	94.3	94.7

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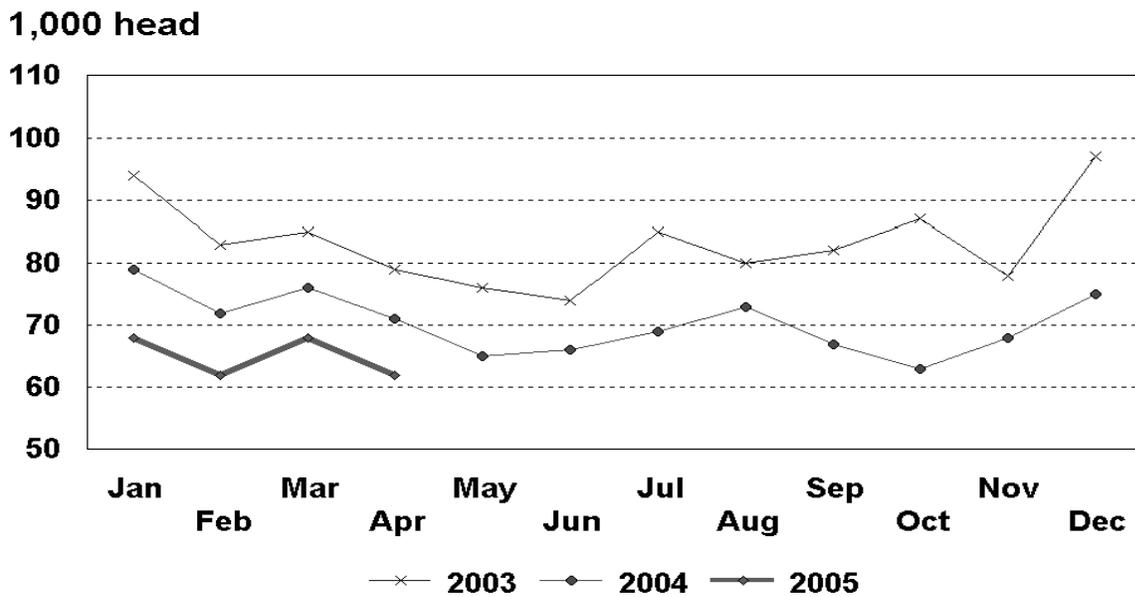
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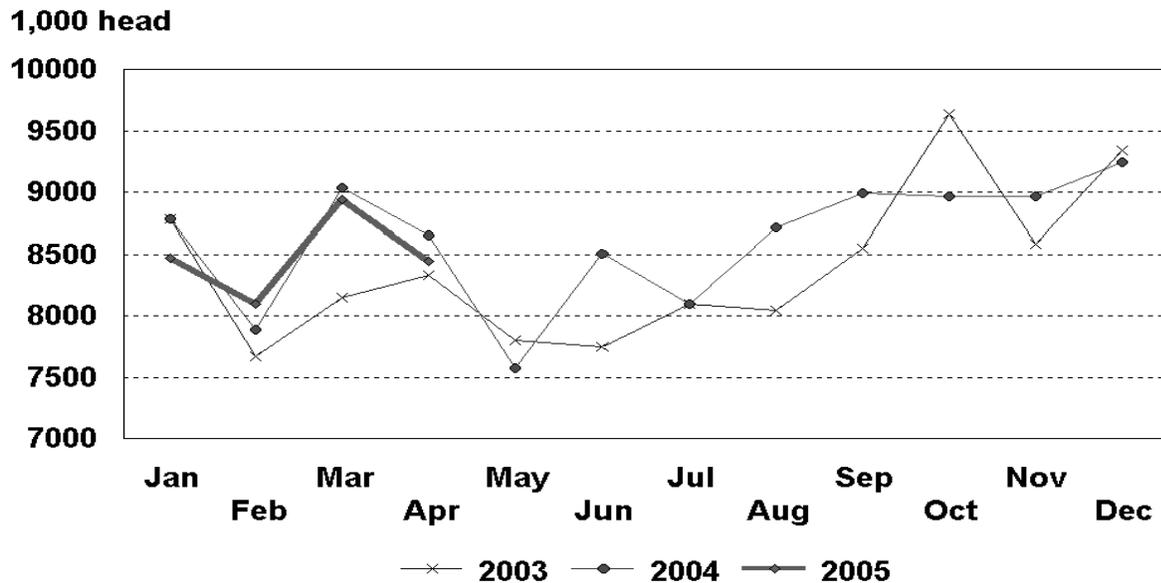
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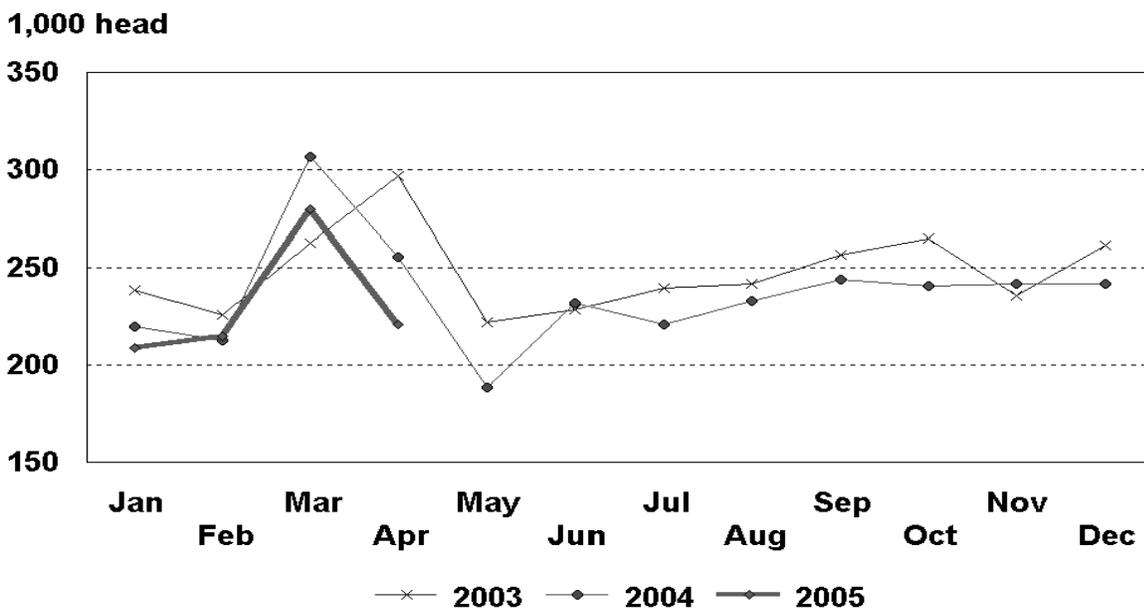
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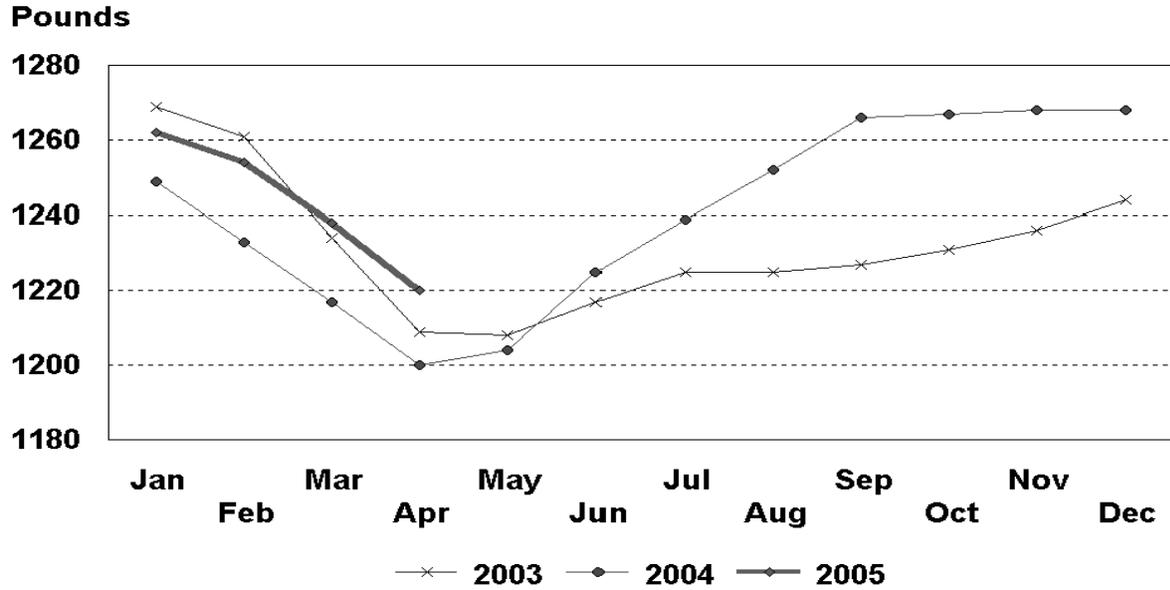
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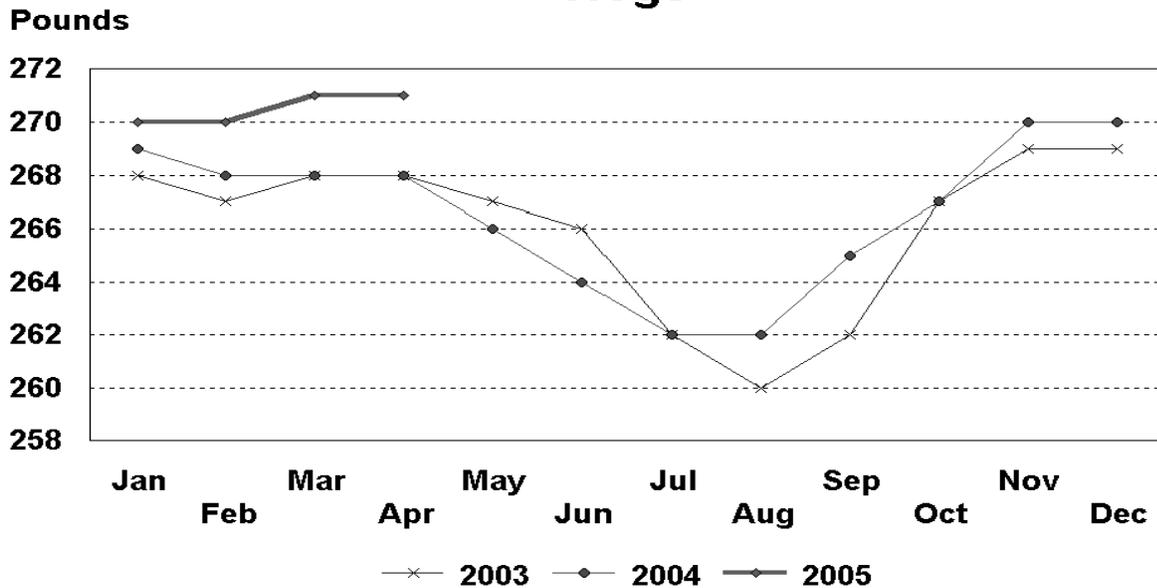
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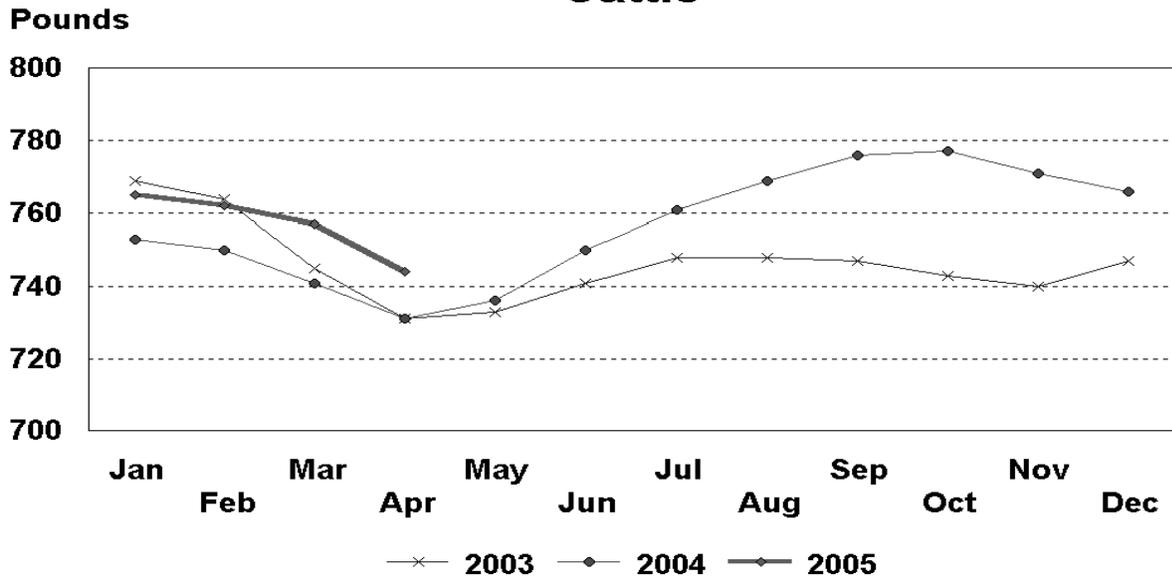
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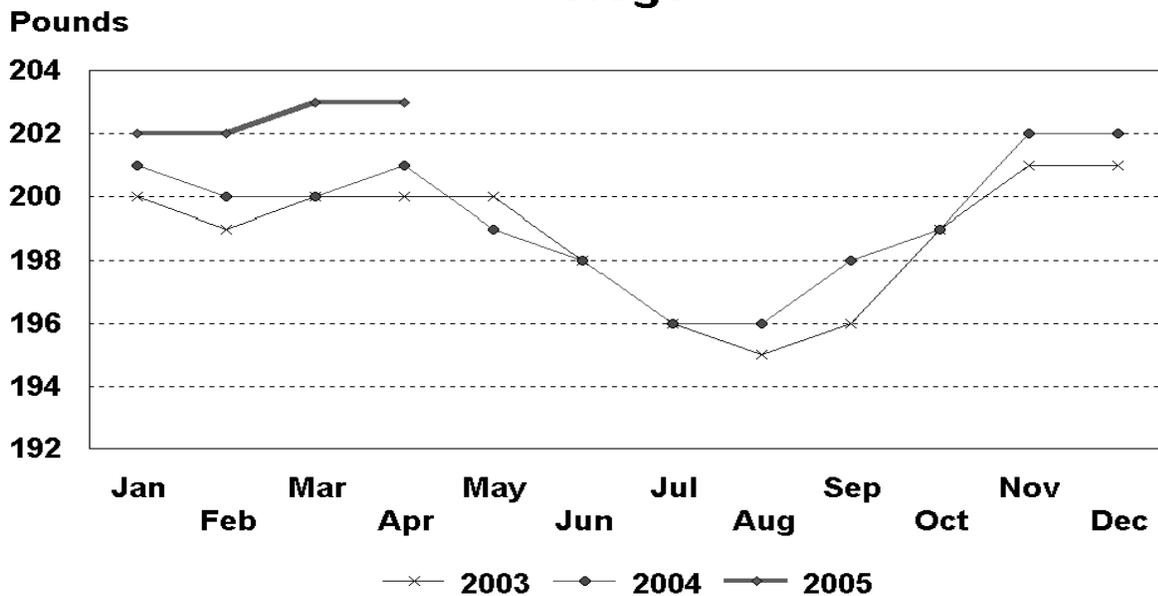
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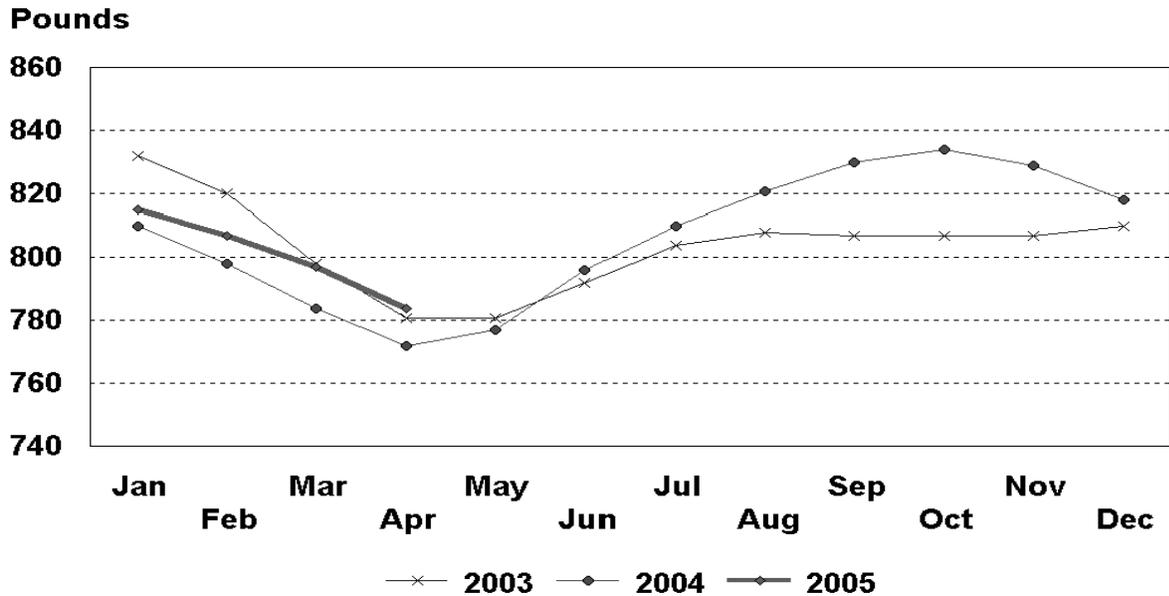
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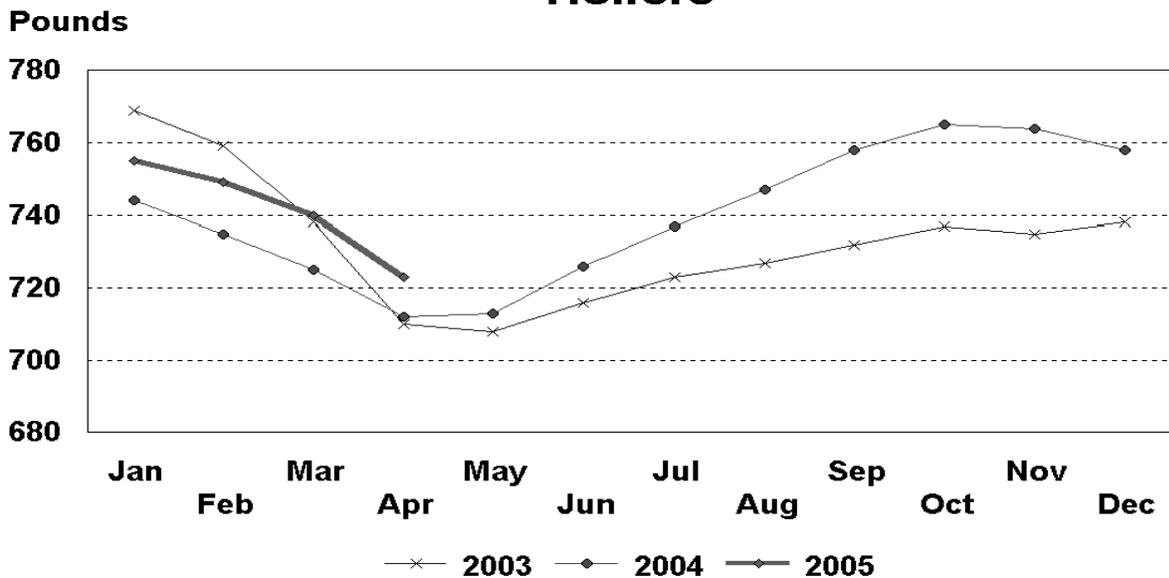
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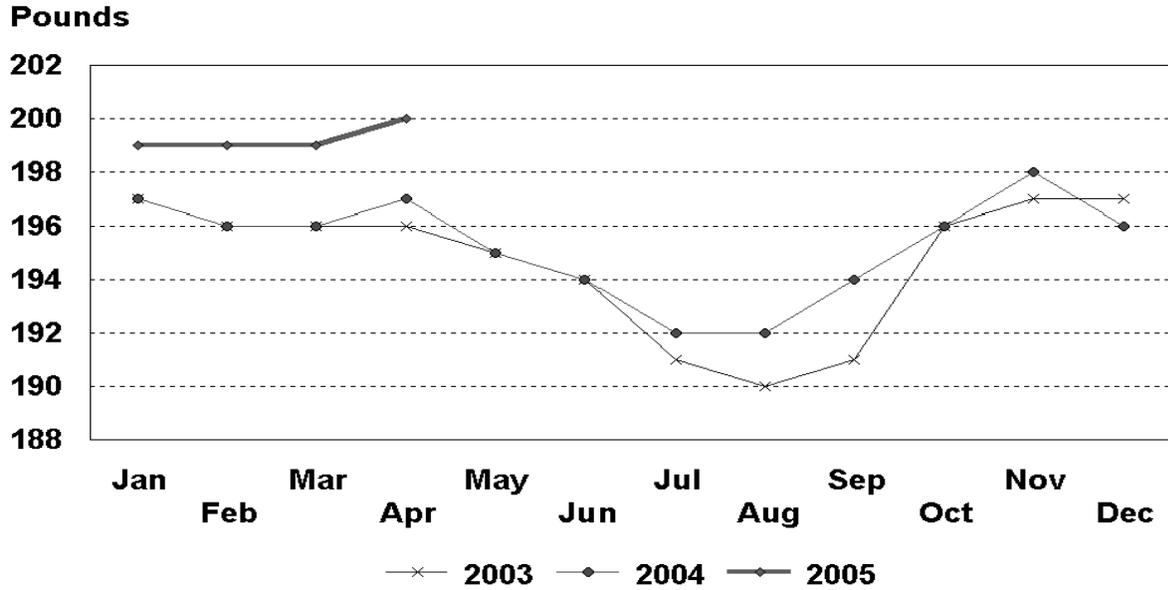
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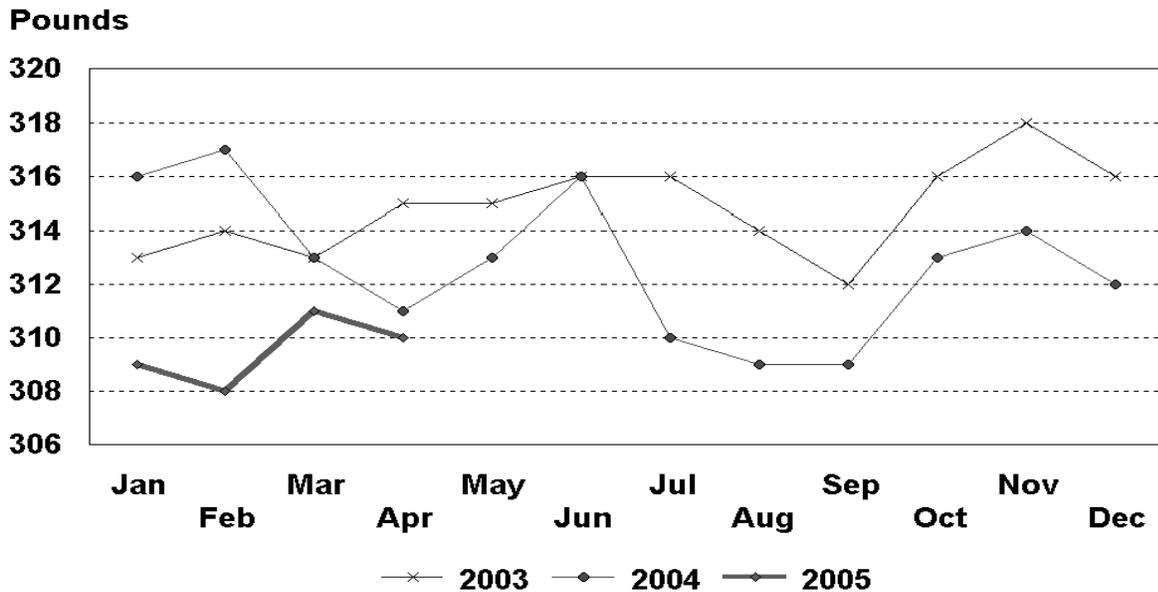
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## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## 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 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.

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