



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production at Record High for June

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in June 2004.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 11 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was 31 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above June 2004. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,900 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2005 commercial red meat production was 22.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 05 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 2004	May 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	2,227	2,075	2,228	100	107	12,090	11,919	99
Veal	13.3	13.2	13.2	99	100	85.5	78.0	91
Pork	1,672	1,611	1,707	102	106	10,028	10,158	101
Lamb & Mutton	15.6	14.8	15.3	99	103	98.6	94.7	96
Total Red Meat	3,928	3,714	3,963	101	107	22,303	22,249	100

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	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 05 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 2004	May 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	2,198	2,049	2,200	100	107	11,914	11,747	99
Veal	12.9	12.9	12.9	99	100	83.1	76.0	91
Pork	1,657	1,596	1,693	102	106	9,939	10,075	101
Lamb & Mutton	14.9	14.3	14.7	99	103	94.1	91.0	97
Total Red Meat	3,883	3,672	3,921	101	107	22,030	21,989	100

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

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Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 05 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
					Jun 2004	May 2005	2004	2005	05 % of 04
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,948.7	2,750.8	2,893.1	98	105	16,119.9	15,608.7	97
Other	Thou	45.5	41.3	43.6	96	106	285.2	272.6	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,994.1	2,792.1	2,936.8	98	105	16,405.0	15,881.3	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,226	1,225	1,247	102	102	1,222	1,243	102
Other	Lbs	1,111	1,121	1,113	100	99	1,102	1,111	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,225	1,224	1,246	102	102	1,221	1,240	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	64.7	57.3	57.7	89	101	419.3	368.2	88
Other	Thou	1.6	1.2	1.2	75	102	9.4	8.3	88
Comm'l. ³	Thou	66.3	58.5	58.9	89	101	428.7	376.5	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	336	375	366	109	98	331	345	104
Other	Lbs	416	390	397	95	102	414	398	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	337	376	368	109	98	333	346	104
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,415.3	7,938.8	8,470.2	101	107	49,926.2	50,066.1	100
Other	Thou	90.1	91.4	83.4	92	91	527.9	490.7	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,505.4	8,030.2	8,553.6	101	107	50,454.1	50,556.7	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	265	270	269	102	99	267	270	101
Other	Lbs	223	235	222	99	95	231	233	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	264	270	268	102	99	267	270	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	219.5	198.4	210.6	96	106	1,334.3	1,284.5	96
Other	Thou	12.1	9.6	12.3	102	128	81.7	71.1	87
Comm'l. ³	Thou	231.6	208.0	222.9	96	107	1,416.0	1,355.6	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	136	143	139	103	97	141	141	100
Other	Lbs	111	109	108	97	99	111	107	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	143	138	102	97	139	140	100

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	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 05 as % of ²	
				Jun 2004	May 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.6	2.4	2.4	95	102
AK			0.1		
AZ	35.5	28.7	30.2	85	105
AR	5.4	4.2	4.9	91	117
CA	122.6	117.8	128.5	105	109
CO	194.2	157.7	166.6	86	106
DE-MD	2.9	3.1	3.1	108	99
FL	4.6	4.9	5.2	114	107
GA	12.8	13.1	14.0	109	106
HI	0.8	0.8	0.8	99	104
ID	39.7	32.3	34.0	86	105
IL	221.3	209.1	223.7	101	107
IN	112.9	108.0	117.1	104	108
IA	535.0	507.2	537.2	100	106
KS	516.8	489.9	527.2	102	108
KY	39.9	34.6	35.5	89	103
LA	1.0	0.8	0.9	88	105
MI	34.8	31.6	33.8	97	107
MN	197.0	177.9	187.3	95	105
MS	23.8	23.0	23.1	97	100
MO	36.9	37.9	39.0	106	103
MT	1.1	1.0	1.2	104	113
NE	595.9	600.8	645.3	108	107
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	85	69
N ENG ³	1.5	0.9	1.0	69	115
NJ	4.2	4.1	4.2	100	102
NM	0.6	0.5	0.6	98	102
NY	3.0	2.9	3.3	110	115
NC	176.6	171.0	175.6	99	103
ND	2.9	2.7	3.0	103	109
OH	25.4	23.0	23.8	94	103
OK	91.6	85.0	91.7	100	108
OR	3.6	3.5	3.8	106	107
PA	97.8	94.9	97.9	100	103
SC	20.7	19.8	20.3	98	102
SD	72.0	76.4	84.5	117	111
TN	17.9	15.9	16.9	94	106
TX	414.2	395.2	429.1	104	109
UT	38.5	34.2	38.1	99	111
VA	63.5	56.0	56.1	88	100
WA	47.3	43.9	45.5	96	104
WV	0.3	0.3	0.3	98	104
WI	107.8	96.4	105.8	98	110
WY	0.6	0.5	0.5	91	114
US	3,927.6	3,714.4	3,963.1	101	107

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,
June 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	0.5	0.4	399	360	874	854
AK		0.1		81		1,186
AZ						
AR	1.0	0.8	948	705	930	939
CA	113.0	119.0	147,796	158,362	1,308	1,331
CO	244.2	204.2	298,667	253,679	1,223	1,242
DE-MD	3.2	3.5	4,095	4,608	1,283	1,308
FL						
GA	17.4	21.7	20,842	21,566	1,199	996
HI	0.8	0.8	839	905	1,062	1,070
ID	51.8	42.5	64,621	54,302	1,248	1,279
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	670.4	671.9	807,207	827,004	1,204	1,231
KY	1.2	1.1	1,010	1,028	870	922
LA	1.0	1.1	836	861	845	806
MI	39.5	38.3	52,960	51,570	1,341	1,347
MN	61.2	51.1	82,449	71,409	1,347	1,398
MS						
MO						
MT	1.4	1.4	1,664	1,651	1,191	1,175
NE	630.7	661.8	786,944	842,497	1,248	1,273
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.1	1,636	1,085	1,096	1,032
NJ	1.8	2.0	2,317	2,531	1,261	1,238
NM	0.9	0.9	885	955	961	1,007
NY	3.5	3.1	3,993	3,790	1,140	1,210
NC	18.4	14.2	19,744	14,602	1,071	1,032
ND						
OH	8.2	7.4	9,305	8,510	1,141	1,150
OK	2.9	2.3	3,202	2,550	1,104	1,117
OR	1.5	1.6	1,769	1,963	1,201	1,246
PA	74.3	71.7	86,257	87,764	1,160	1,223
SC						
SD						
TN	1.3	1.1	1,218	997	905	930
TX	559.6	574.7	662,997	688,944	1,185	1,199
UT	51.5	50.3	60,510	59,712	1,174	1,188
VA	0.8	0.7	843	754	1,044	1,084
WA	62.0	59.0	75,877	73,247	1,223	1,242
WV	0.3	0.4	351	389	1,060	1,066
WI	125.3	119.0	165,918	161,187	1,324	1,355
WY	0.7	0.6	881	803	1,184	1,241
US ³	2,994.1	2,936.8	3,667,614	3,657,843	1,225	1,246

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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		30		545
CA	8.3	7.0	1,155	1,188	140	171
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	18	38	256	302
FL						
GA	0.2	0.1	105	55	494	468
HI						
ID						
IL	7.5	6.7	3,418	2,960	456	439
IN	0.3	0.2	39	30	126	130
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.8	0.3	369	154	471	513
MI	2.2	1.9	938	806	418	422
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	1.7	0.4	398	53	232	139
NJ	7.0	6.7	3,018	2,877	432	429
NM						
NY	8.1	6.5	677	1,257	84	194
NC	0.1	0.1	55	28	485	489
ND						
OH	5.8	4.7	2,232	1,911	388	407
OK						
OR						
PA	12.6	13.1	4,665	5,337	370	408
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	35	55	480	587
TX	0.8	0.6	509	323	600	545
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	9.9	9.6	4,483	4,355	455	456
WY						
US ³	66.3	58.9	22,340	21,719	337	368

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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	8.1	8.2	3,912	3,869	480	474
AK	0.1	0.1	19	18	242	303
AZ	0.4	0.2	62	42	164	171
AR	13.9	14.4	7,847	7,270	567	506
CA	214.8	219.6	52,203	52,430	243	239
CO	0.9	0.8	208	222	236	274
DE-MD	1.5	1.5	366	307	239	206
FL	7.6	8.4	1,334	1,579	175	189
GA	13.7	11.3	3,210	2,511	234	223
HI	2.4	1.9	478	415	201	215
ID	13.7	13.2	4,456	4,319	326	326
IL	772.4	780.9	212,183	216,835	275	278
IN	569.3	581.5	146,616	152,975	258	263
IA	2,401.7	2,452.3	638,351	666,614	266	272
KS						
KY	200.4	174.4	52,393	46,498	261	267
LA	1.7	1.7	327	306	194	183
MI	11.3	10.8	4,195	3,660	373	340
MN	779.6	762.8	205,515	200,080	264	262
MS						
MO						
MT	0.9	1.0	207	245	232	246
NE	560.5	607.6	147,871	163,524	264	269
NV						
N ENG ²	2.2	2.2	426	421	197	191
NJ	9.8	10.7	1,026	1,055	104	98
NM	0.1	0.1	52	44	437	437
NY	3.3	3.2	739	697	225	220
NC	910.2	882.8	221,314	223,835	243	254
ND	13.9	14.3	3,334	3,413	240	239
OH	97.9	91.9	26,380	25,051	270	273
OK	435.1	426.7	119,107	120,358	274	282
OR	18.5	17.8	4,165	4,265	225	240
PA	239.1	235.2	57,711	57,172	241	243
SC						
SD	338.0	405.1	87,280	105,530	258	261
TN	52.5	50.5	25,484	24,472	485	485
TX	30.8	28.2	7,500	6,856	244	243
UT	3.9	3.9	861	919	223	238
VA	337.2	289.1	83,450	73,424	247	254
WA	2.1	2.2	535	561	254	254
WV	0.5	0.5	127	99	236	218
WI	56.2	51.9	25,851	23,450	460	452
WY	0.3	0.3	80	79	271	262
US ³	8,505.4	8,553.6	2,246,201	2,295,652	264	268

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 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	0.1	0.1	10	9	103	109
AR						
CA						
CO	74.9	85.7	11,619	13,208	155	154
DE-MD	3.1	2.8	304	276	99	98
FL	0.1	0.2	10	12	66	67
GA						
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	33	40	118	122
IL	17.7	18.1	2,349	2,589	133	143
IN	2.7	2.4	297	264	109	109
IA	31.1	27.3	4,431	3,905	142	143
KS	0.3	0.2	33	20	120	103
KY	1.1	1.2	138	171	120	137
LA	0.1	0.2	11	17	82	84
MI	16.8	14.5	2,002	1,831	119	126
MN	0.2	0.2	30	24	132	123
MS						
MO	0.5	0.6	46	49	92	87
MT	0.1	0.1	15	17	120	124
NE	0.1	0.1	16	12	120	112
NV	0.1	0.1	9	9	98	111
N ENG ²	1.8	1.8	180	170	102	96
NJ	10.3	9.1	834	747	81	82
NM	1.7	1.2	213	149	125	125
NY	2.6	2.4	213	214	81	89
NC	0.4	0.4	28	32	80	79
ND						
OH	1.0	0.7	111	77	108	113
OK	0.1	0.1	9	8	119	106
OR	1.6	1.7	155	216	99	130
PA	6.5	5.1	620	509	95	100
SC						
SD	1.4	1.3	171	158	123	123
TN	0.6	0.9	56	75	98	83
TX	18.4	2.7	2,417	269	132	98
UT	2.7	2.3	368	328	135	144
VA	0.5	1.0	46	115	95	111
WA	0.3	0.2	40	26	144	150
WV						
WI	0.8	1.0	111	141	136	139
WY	0.1	0.1	18	15	140	150
US ³	231.6	222.9	31,090	30,667	134	138

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

Item	Jun	May	Jun	Jan - Jun ¹		Jun	May	Jun	Jan - Jun ¹	
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,540	1,493	1,607	8,107	8,158	52.2	54.3	55.6	50.3	52.3
Heifers	939	841	859	5,242	4,862	31.8	30.6	29.7	32.5	31.1
All Cows	419	373	383	2,508	2,334	14.2	13.5	13.2	15.5	15.0
Dairy Cows	179	164	165	1,166	1,101	6.1	5.9	5.7	7.2	7.1
Other Cows	240	209	218	1,342	1,233	8.1	7.6	7.5	8.3	7.9
Bulls & Stags	50	43	45	264	255	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Total ¹	2,949	2,751	2,893	16,120	15,609	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,114	7,661	8,176	48,162	48,381	96.4	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.6
Sows	282	254	270	1,637	1,545	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1
Stags & Boars	20	24	24	127	140	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,415	7,939	8,470	49,926	50,066	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	15	13	12	74	66	6.9	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	204	186	199	1,260	1,218	93.1	93.6	94.3	94.4	94.9
Total ¹	220	198	211	1,334	1,284	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	750	749	765	743	757					
Steers ⁴	796	791	809	788	801					
Heifers ⁴	726	721	735	725	737					
All Cows ⁴	610	622	622	615	627					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	911	917	924	900	915					
Calves & Vealers	205	230	226	202	211					
Hogs	198	202	201	200	202					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	194	198	197	196	199					
Sows ⁵	316	311	309	314	310					
Stags & Boars ⁵	235	214	211	220	211					
Sheep	68	72	70	71	71					
Mature Sheep ⁶	66	71	71	67	69					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	68	72	70	71	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,
June 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	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
2	5.0	1.5	0.2	2.9	2.7	0.2	0.3	13.2
3	74.7	36.4						13.2
4	55.9	0.9	0.3	47.1	8.5	38.6	7.7	
5	278.7	132.1	33.3	105.8	54.1	51.7	7.4	23.0
6	573.4	320.0	183.2	60.6	9.4	51.1	9.7	0.4
7	1,381.9	827.3	501.1	46.1	2.7	43.4	7.4	
8	262.4	149.6						
9	158.4	86.0	8.4	59.8	48.9	10.9	4.2	6.7
10	101.8	53.1	27.0	18.9	10.0	8.9	2.8	
US ²	2,893.1	1,607.2	859.1	382.3	164.6	217.8	44.5	57.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	1.8	1.8						
2	13.8	12.8	0.2	0.8	10.7	1.6	9.1	
3	524.8	523.5	1.3		8.7	0.4	8.4	
4	1,303.2	1,230.0	71.4	1.8	3.0	1.4	1.6	
5	2,244.4	2,125.0	116.3	3.1	32.9	5.2	27.6	
6	466.7	445.0	21.6	0.2	0.3		0.3	
7	3,247.4	3,173.3			27.8	0.4	27.4	
8	421.3	418.2	3.1		88.8	1.7	87.2	
9	214.7	214.6						
10	32.2	32.1	0.1		1.8	0.3	1.5	
US ²	8,470.2	8,176.2	269.9	24.1	210.6	12.0	198.6	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - June 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	5.1	1.8	1.0	1.4	0.9	0.4	1.0	2.6
2	30.5	9.2	1.7	17.6	16.6	1.0	1.9	86.8
3	418.9	176.2						82.2
4	331.8	6.6	1.9	278.0	60.9	217.1	45.3	
5	1,610.0	685.1	197.3	684.2	361.8	322.5	43.4	139.8
6	3,027.0	1,650.8	997.5	318.5	71.5	247.0	60.2	4.4
7	7,375.4	4,196.6	2,843.3	291.6	20.3	271.3	43.8	0.2
8	1,364.7	701.2						
9	888.0	470.2	40.5	359.0	323.5	35.4	18.3	46.7
10	557.2	260.3	162.5	118.7	65.8	52.9	15.7	
US ²	15,608.7	8,158.2	4,861.7	2,334.2	1,101.3	1,232.9	254.7	368.2
	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	6.8	6.6	0.1	0.1				
2	70.5	68.4	1.0	1.1	72.8	8.4	64.4	
3	3,163.0	3,154.3	8.3	0.3	53.1	3.1	50.0	
4	8,030.0	7,591.2	429.0	9.8	16.8	6.8	9.9	
5	13,135.9	12,471.8	649.2	14.9	190.7	29.7	161.0	
6	2,684.3	2,563.5	120.3	0.5	18.5	0.7	17.7	
7	19,227.2	18,805.9			199.2	1.5	197.7	
8	2,344.9	2,316.4	28.4	0.1	537.7	10.7	527.0	
9	1,228.6	1,228.1						
10	175.0	174.5	0.5	0.1	9.1	0.7	8.4	
US ²	50,066.1	48,380.7	1,545.1	140.3	1,284.5	66.1	1,218.4	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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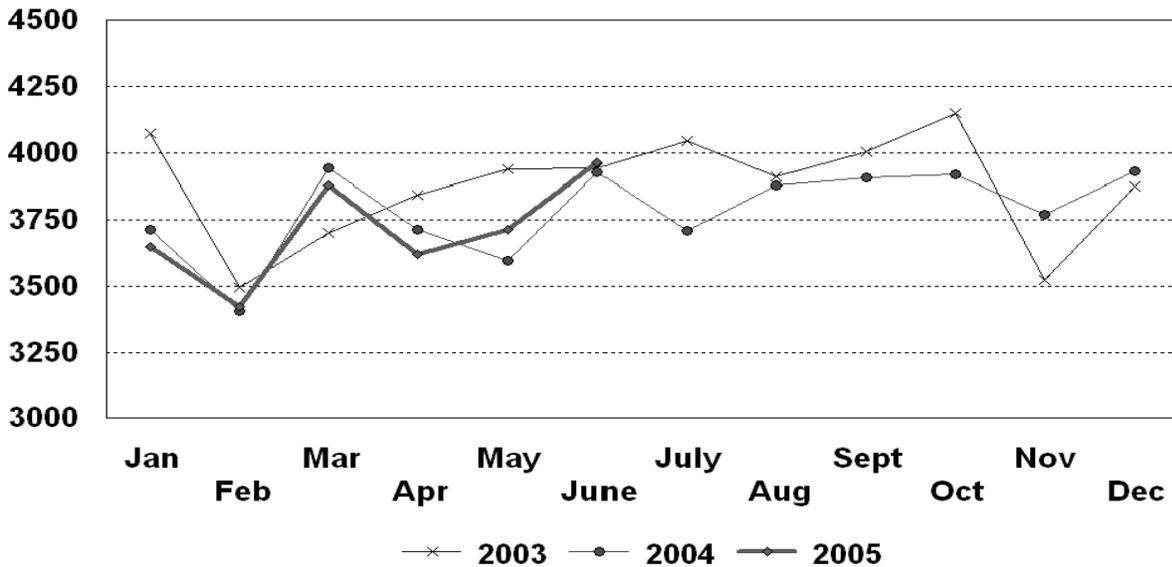
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

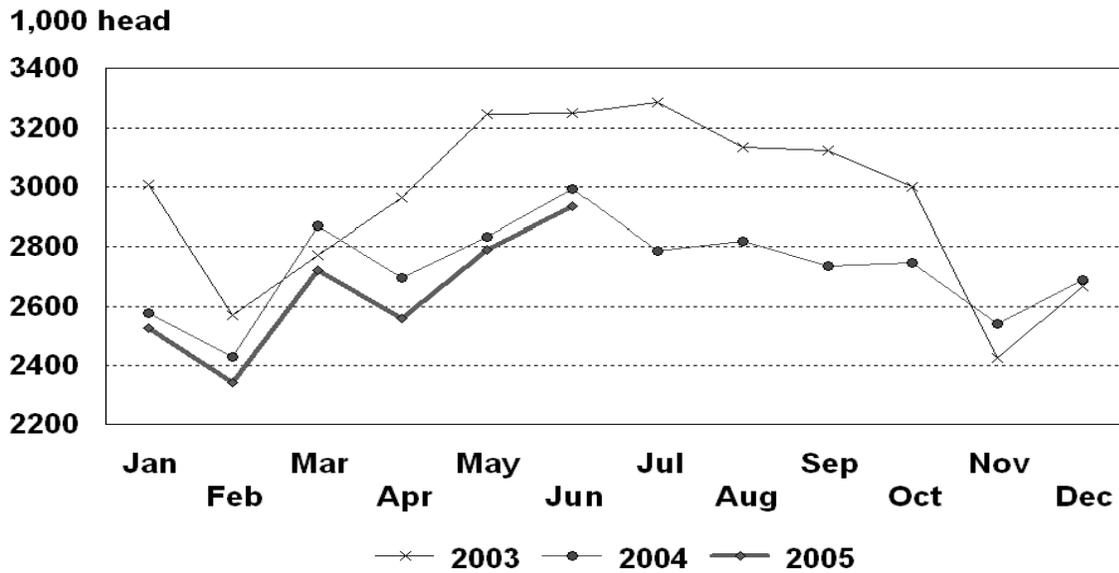
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				2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.3	98.3
Calves	97.6	98.0	98.0	97.8	97.8
Hogs	98.9	98.9	99.0	99.0	99.0
Sheep	94.8	95.4	94.5	94.2	94.8

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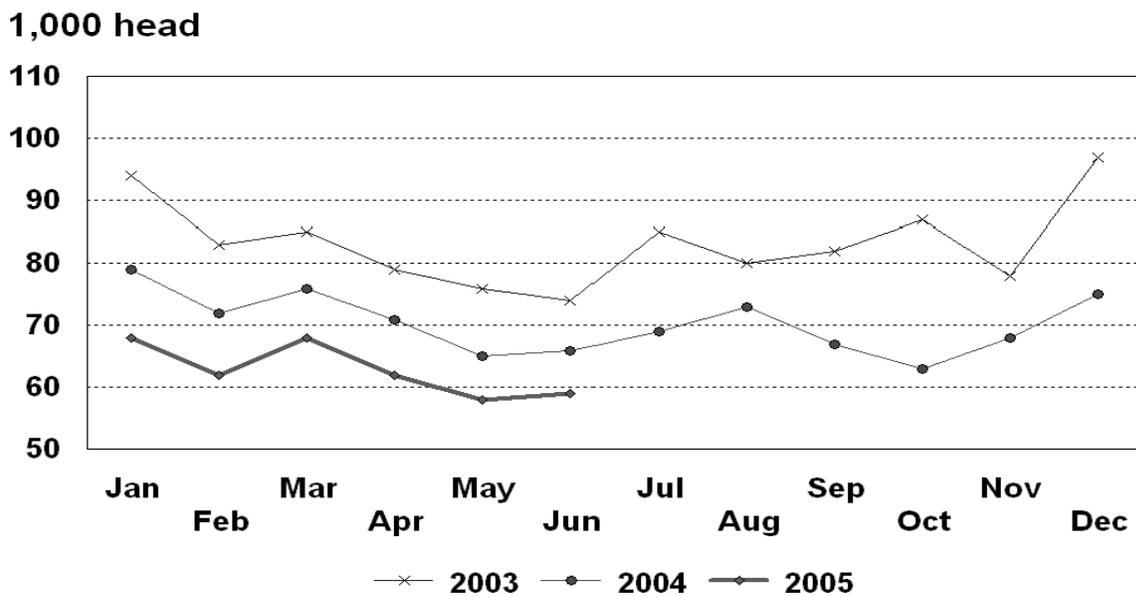
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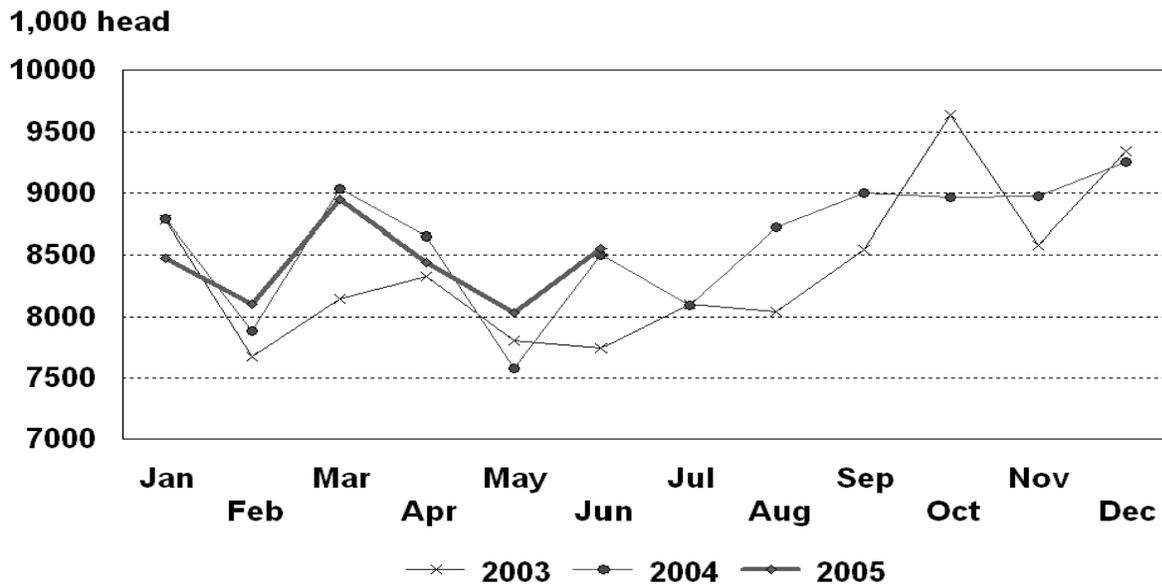
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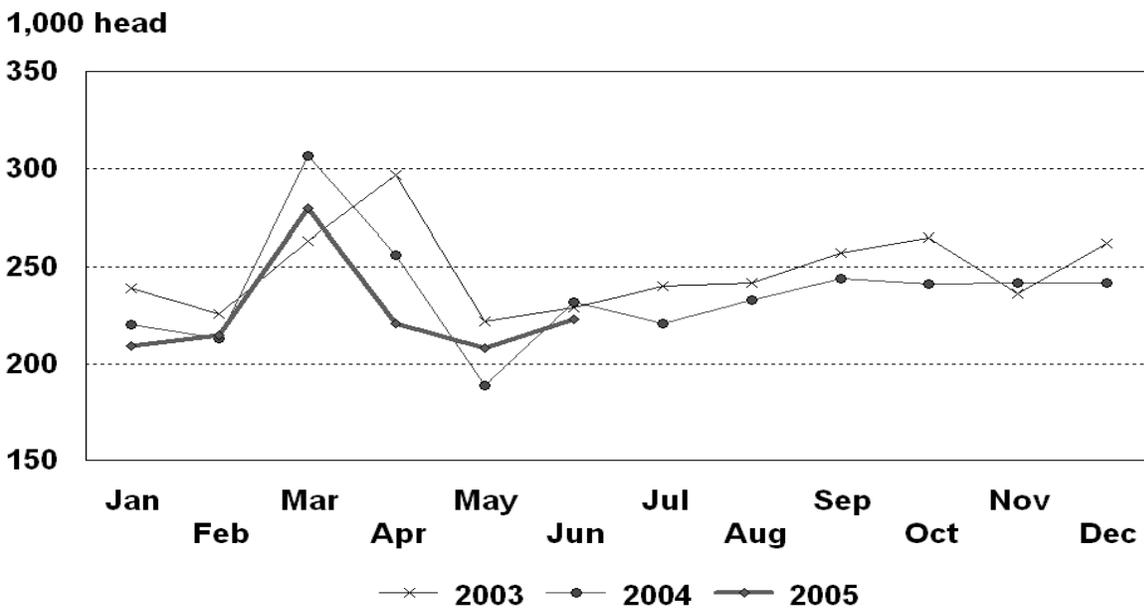
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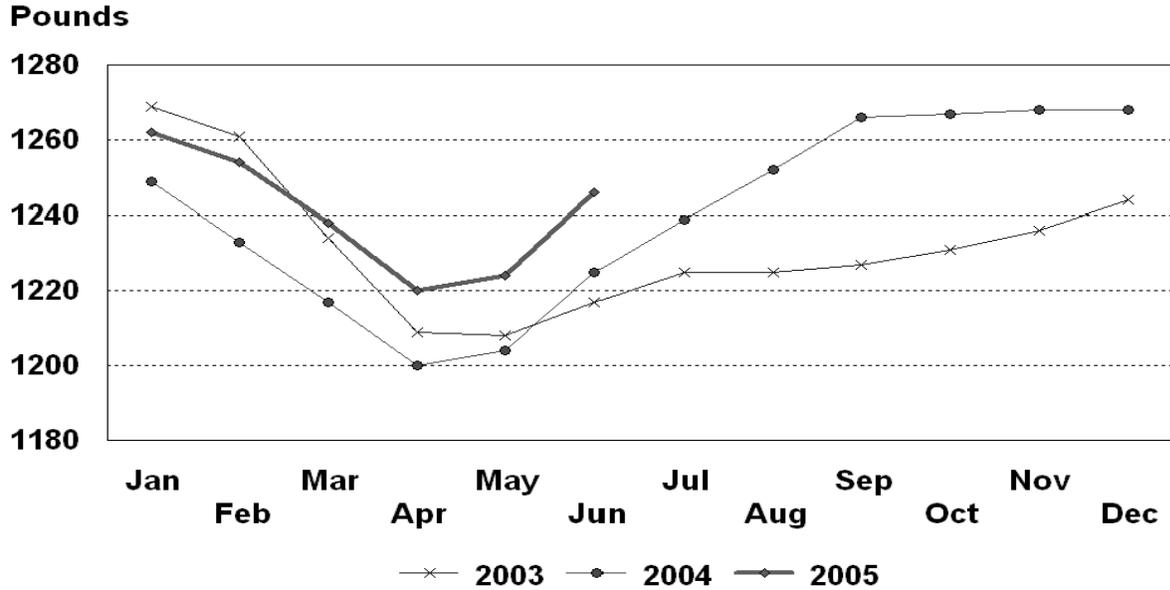
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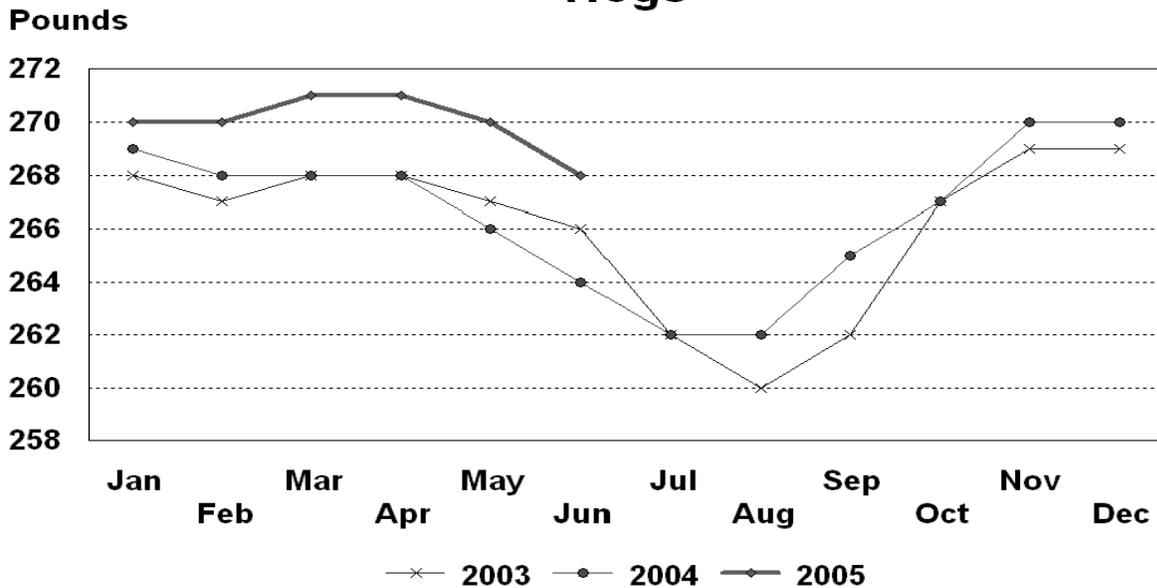
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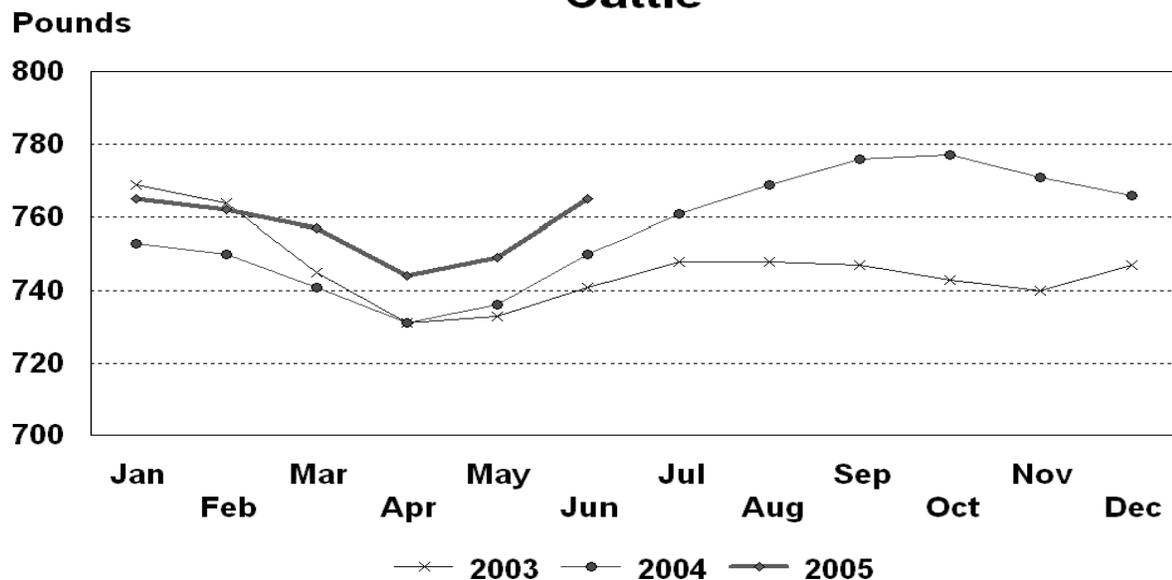
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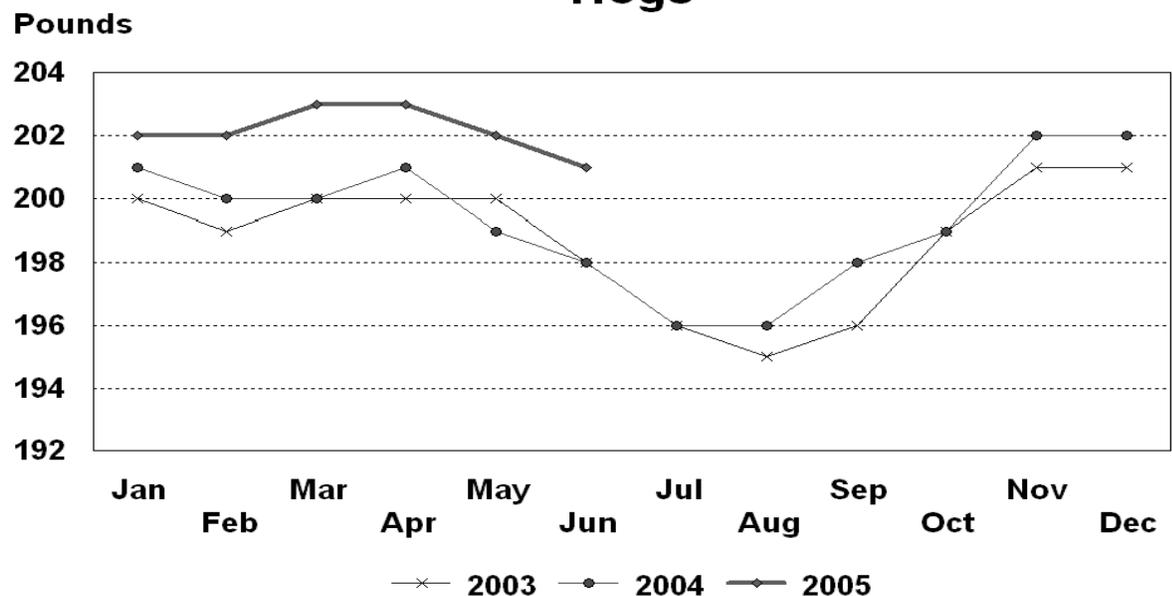
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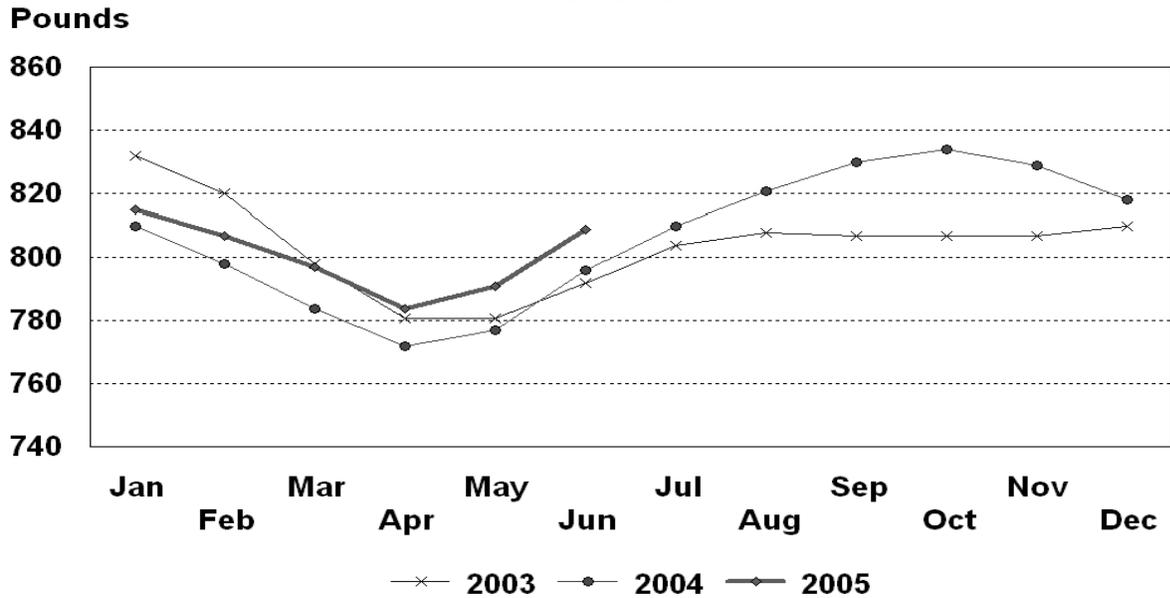
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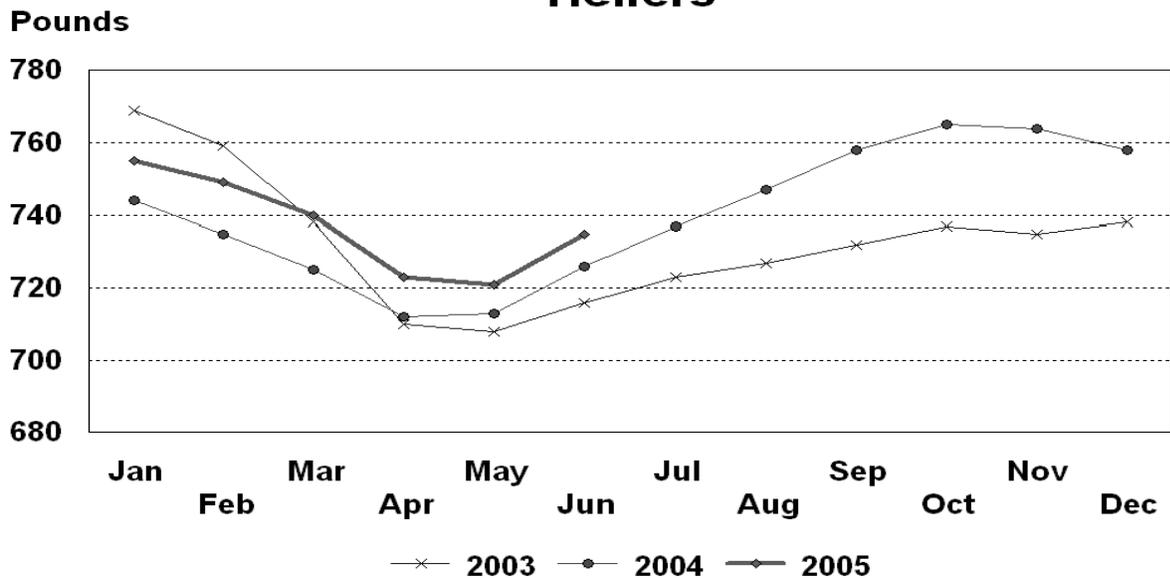
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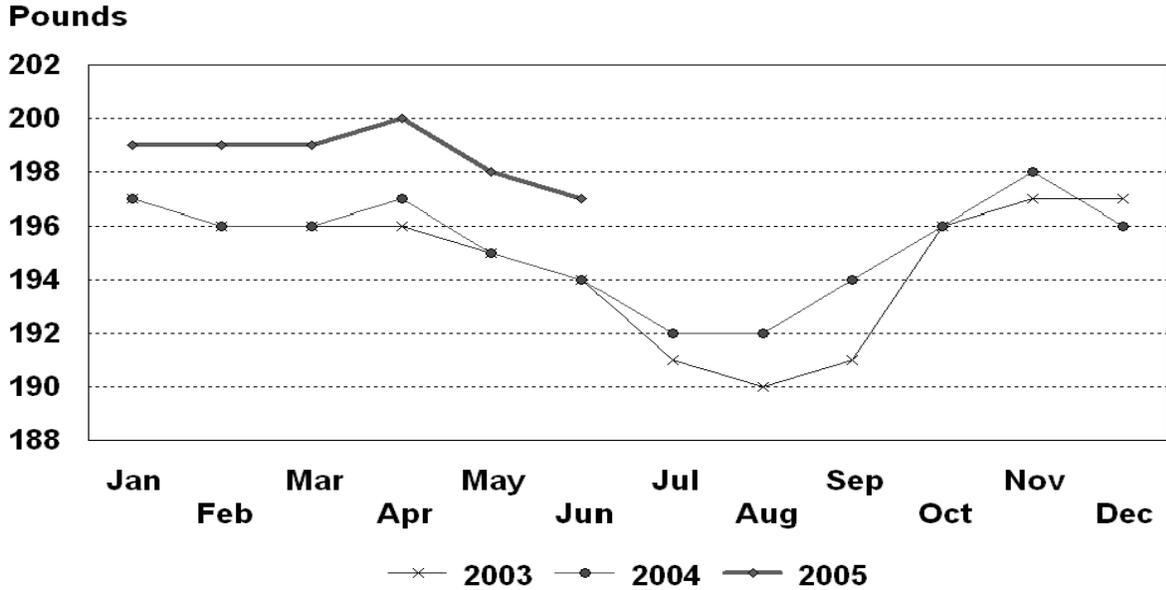
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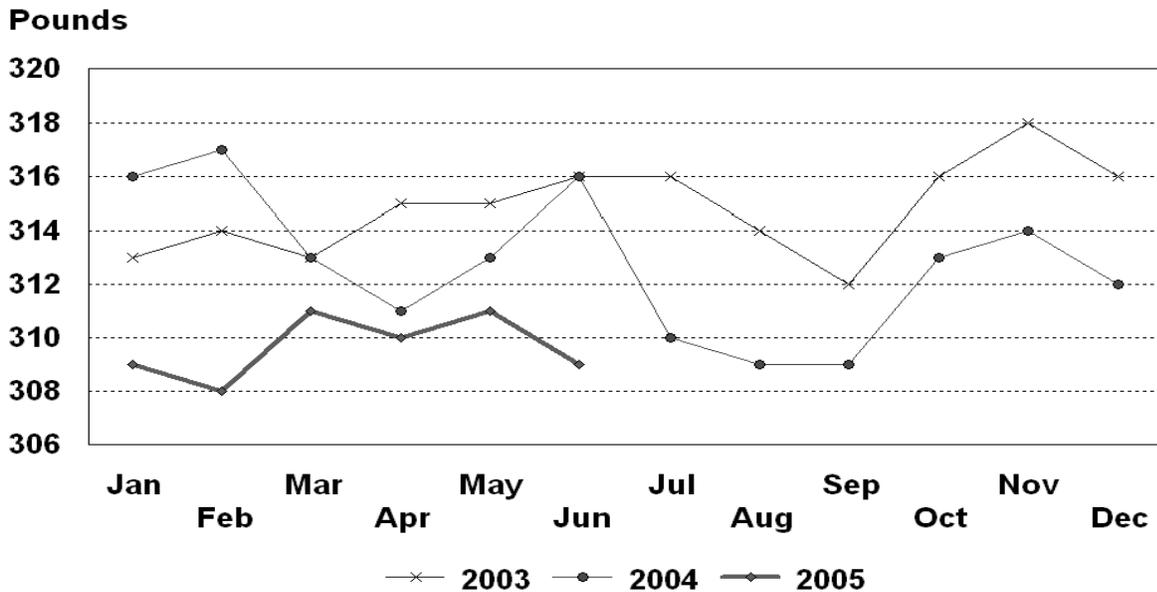
U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Heifers



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 publishability.

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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