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## Veal and Lamb Production at Record Lows for July

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

**Beef production**, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 2 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 12.4 million pounds, 7 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,600 head, down 15 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 350 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.66 million head, 5 percent below July 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.5 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,800 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2005 commercial red meat production** was 25.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**July 2004** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**July 2005** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Class	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Jul 05 % of		Jan - Jul <sup>2</sup>		
				Jul 2004	Jun 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	2,104	2,228	2,085	99	94	14,194	14,003	99
Veal	13.3	13.2	12.4	93	94	98.8	90.4	92
Pork	1,576	1,707	1,505	95	88	11,605	11,663	101
Lamb & Mutton	14.2	15.3	13.5	95	88	112.8	108.1	96
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>26,011</b>	<b>25,865</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	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Jul 05 % of		Jan - Jul <sup>2</sup>		
				Jul 2004	Jun 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	2,077	2,200	2,058	99	94	13,991	13,805	99
Veal	12.9	12.9	12.1	93	94	96.1	88.1	92
Pork	1,562	1,693	1,492	96	88	11,501	11,567	101
Lamb & Mutton	13.5	*14.6	12.8	94	87	107.6	103.7	96
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>25,696</b>	<b>25,564</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	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Jul 05 % of		Jan - Jul <sup>2</sup>		05 % of 04
					Jul 2004	Jun 2005	2004	2005	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,745.1	2,893.1	2,676.7	98	93	18,864.9	18,285.5	97
Other	Thou	42.1	43.6	41.7	99	96	327.3	314.3	96
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	2,787.2	2,936.8	2,718.4	98	93	19,192.2	18,599.8	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,241	1,247	1,257	101	101	1,224	1,245	102
Other	Lbs	1,113	1,113	1,116	100	100	1,103	1,112	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,239	1,246	1,254	101	101	1,223	1,242	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	67.2	57.7	57.2	85	99	486.5	425.3	87
Other	Thou	1.6	1.2	1.4	91	120	11.0	9.8	89
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	68.8	58.9	58.6	85	99	497.5	435.1	87
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	323	366	349	109	97	330	346	105
Other	Lbs	417	397	416	100	105	414	400	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	324	368	350	108	95	331	347	105
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,008.3	8,470.2	7,581.6	95	90	57,934.4	57,647.7	100
Other	Thou	87.6	83.4	80.4	92	97	615.5	571.1	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	8,095.8	8,553.6	7,662.0	95	90	58,549.9	58,218.8	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	263	269	265	101	99	267	270	101
Other	Lbs	225	222	224	100	101	230	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	262	268	264	101	99	266	269	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	207.0	*209.6	188.0	91	90	1,541.3	1,471.4	95
Other	Thou	13.8	12.3	12.8	92	104	95.6	83.9	88
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	220.9	*221.8	200.8	91	91	1,636.8	1,555.3	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	130	139	135	104	97	139	141	101
Other	Lbs	103	108	107	104	100	110	107	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	128	138	134	104	97	138	139	101

\* 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	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Jul 05 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Jul 2004	Jun 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.6	2.4	2.3	87	93
AK		0.1			
AZ	32.1	30.2	29.3	91	97
AR	4.6	4.9	4.1	89	83
CA	115.5	*128.4	115.2	100	90
CO	178.7	166.6	158.5	89	95
DE-MD	2.5	3.1	2.7	106	87
FL	4.6	5.2	4.7	101	90
GA	13.5	14.0	11.3	84	81
HI	1.0	0.8	0.8	78	93
ID	35.8	34.0	27.7	77	82
IL	209.3	223.7	202.2	97	90
IN	109.6	117.1	105.4	96	90
IA	523.8	537.2	474.6	91	88
KS	486.5	527.2	510.0	105	97
KY	39.6	35.5	33.8	85	95
LA	1.0	0.9	0.8	78	87
MI	31.9	33.8	31.1	97	92
MN	185.6	187.3	173.6	94	93
MS	22.5	23.1	20.2	90	87
MO	36.2	39.0	36.3	100	93
MT	1.5	1.2	1.5	100	123
NE	562.0	645.3	578.3	103	90
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	96	111
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.6	1.0	0.9	56	87
NJ	3.8	4.2	3.5	94	85
NM	0.5	0.6	0.6	115	101
NY	3.1	3.3	3.5	114	106
NC	151.5	175.6	162.3	107	92
ND	2.6	3.0	2.6	99	86
OH	24.9	23.8	22.6	91	95
OK	80.0	91.7	79.8	100	87
OR	3.4	3.8	3.4	99	89
PA	94.5	97.9	90.0	95	92
SC	19.1	20.3	18.1	95	89
SD	74.5	84.5	72.8	98	86
TN	16.3	16.9	13.2	81	78
TX	399.1	429.1	392.8	98	92
UT	34.2	38.1	35.8	104	94
VA	52.6	56.1	45.3	86	81
WA	42.5	45.5	45.7	108	100
WV	0.3	0.3	0.2	89	85
WI	102.3	105.8	97.9	96	92
WY	0.6	0.5	0.6	97	105
US	3,707.9	*3,963.0	3,615.9	98	91

\* 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,  
July 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	0.3	0.3	254	272	820	946
AK						
AZ						
AR	0.8	0.6	783	557	1,003	961
CA	106.9	107.4	140,484	142,822	1,315	1,329
CO	220.7	188.7	275,794	238,965	1,250	1,266
DE-MD	3.0	3.1	3,649	3,994	1,206	1,305
FL						
GA	19.4	17.7	23,252	17,647	1,199	995
HI	1.0	0.7	1,091	796	1,091	1,072
ID	45.3	33.4	56,590	43,393	1,248	1,300
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	617.4	635.8	758,717	797,492	1,229	1,254
KY	1.0	1.0	828	918	856	913
LA	1.0	0.7	891	658	855	923
MI	36.3	35.4	48,337	47,880	1,332	1,352
MN	57.9	49.9	79,821	69,089	1,378	1,384
MS						
MO						
MT	1.7	1.7	1,965	1,949	1,149	1,152
NE	581.8	594.3	733,812	756,026	1,261	1,272
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.5	0.9	1,576	906	1,087	1,039
NJ	1.8	1.9	2,145	2,313	1,211	1,241
NM	0.8	1.0	755	1,014	955	997
NY	3.5	2.8	3,978	3,328	1,141	1,204
NC	20.0	14.0	21,021	14,381	1,050	1,031
ND						
OH	7.7	7.9	8,610	9,091	1,117	1,156
OK	2.0	1.8	2,121	1,925	1,059	1,048
OR	1.6	1.7	1,874	2,062	1,183	1,212
PA	72.9	68.8	84,340	83,075	1,156	1,207
SC						
SD						
TN	1.1	1.1	1,043	1,055	918	976
TX	528.6	522.7	633,426	629,846	1,198	1,205
UT	44.7	46.4	53,761	56,116	1,203	1,210
VA	0.9	0.6	880	625	1,033	1,103
WA	54.6	58.9	68,590	73,962	1,257	1,255
WV	0.3	0.3	328	313	1,050	1,091
WI	118.6	111.7	156,875	150,716	1,323	1,350
WY	0.7	0.7	883	814	1,194	1,188
US <sup>3</sup>	2,787.2	2,718.4	3,454,091	3,410,124	1,239	1,254

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
July 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		32		580
CA	8.4	7.2	1,142	1,101	135	154
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	22	27	246	304
FL						
GA	0.2	0.2	76	80	482	466
HI						
ID						
IL	6.5	5.3	2,898	2,331	445	436
IN	0.6	0.4	82	45	128	127
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.6	0.6	310	284	480	514
MI	1.6	1.6	675	672	424	421
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.0	0.5	652	85	326	162
NJ	6.1	5.6	2,674	2,372	438	427
NM						
NY	10.4	10.6	864	2,050	83	194
NC						
ND						
OH	5.6	3.9	2,161	1,589	385	408
OK		0.1		38		462
OR						
PA	13.5	11.5	5,009	4,793	372	418
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	27	32	436	534
TX	0.9	0.7	540	366	576	553
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	11.2	9.6	4,908	4,401	440	457
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	68.8	58.6	22,316	20,537	324	350

<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,  
July 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	8.8	7.9	4,198	3,748	476	473
AK		0.1		29		299
AZ	0.3	0.1	54	25	183	180
AR	14.7	12.1	6,714	6,040	457	500
CA	207.4	202.4	49,547	47,505	239	235
CO	1.1	1.0	264	265	238	258
DE-MD	1.2	1.3	282	259	232	207
FL	8.7	8.0	1,445	1,534	165	191
GA	11.3	8.4	2,684	1,907	237	228
HI	2.5	1.9	497	424	201	219
ID	13.0	12.5	4,232	4,067	325	325
IL	739.9	685.1	200,927	186,650	272	272
IN	554.1	525.6	142,507	137,366	257	261
IA	2,365.9	2,170.7	625,980	580,912	265	268
KS						
KY	201.0	166.3	52,289	44,426	260	267
LA	1.5	1.2	304	224	201	180
MI	11.0	9.7	4,116	3,317	375	343
MN	739.1	708.7	192,491	183,886	260	259
MS						
MO						
MT	1.6	1.5	367	355	223	236
NE	547.0	539.5	142,758	143,250	261	266
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.3	1.7	444	334	189	193
NJ	9.6	8.0	964	818	101	102
NM	0.1	0.1	14	16	284	284
NY	3.2	2.6	702	567	221	216
NC	771.2	829.6	187,785	206,188	244	249
ND	13.0	12.7	3,053	2,985	235	234
OH	97.9	87.7	26,250	23,329	268	266
OK	388.0	381.1	104,736	105,019	270	276
OR	16.9	14.8	3,810	3,586	225	242
PA	224.0	210.0	54,521	50,854	243	242
SC						
SD	358.9	349.0	91,194	90,618	254	260
TN	48.5	39.4	23,343	18,986	481	482
TX	28.6	25.4	6,857	5,884	240	232
UT	3.2	3.0	723	714	226	238
VA	280.0	236.8	69,005	59,363	246	251
WA	1.8	1.9	463	486	252	254
WV	0.5	0.5	122	109	228	232
WI	53.3	45.4	24,038	20,163	451	444
WY	0.3	0.4	81	99	257	261
US <sup>3</sup>	8,095.8	7,662.0	2,123,485	2,025,963	262	264

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

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

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
July 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	0.1	0.1	8	7	90	97
AR		0.1		8		110
CA						
CO	72.9	76.0	10,598	11,405	145	150
DE-MD	2.8	2.6	283	253	101	98
FL	0.1	0.2	7	12	65	69
GA						
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	46	50	122	119
IL	17.0	15.3	2,129	1,929	126	126
IN	2.8	2.4	300	263	107	108
IA	32.3	33.7	4,591	4,835	142	144
KS	0.3	0.2	31	22	106	98
KY	1.0	1.0	123	153	118	148
LA	0.2	0.1	12	8	74	73
MI	16.3	12.9	1,927	1,716	118	133
MN	0.2	0.2	23	21	125	125
MS						
MO	0.4	0.5	41	40	91	84
MT	0.3	0.3	35	33	111	124
NE	0.1	0.1	14	16	120	112
NV	0.1	0.1	13	15	98	113
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.7	2.0	168	175	99	86
NJ	9.0	8.6	721	724	80	84
NM	2.0	1.1	227	126	115	115
NY	2.2	2.1	178	194	80	91
NC	0.4	0.5	37	34	83	73
ND						
OH	1.1	1.2	123	132	111	114
OK	0.1	0.1	6	9	99	129
OR	1.5	1.4	152	182	99	126
PA	6.0	4.2	541	428	90	101
SC						
SD	1.1	0.8	127	100	121	124
TN	0.5	0.8	40	62	77	74
TX	23.3	2.6	2,893	256	124	100
UT	2.4	2.0	308	295	128	146
VA	0.5	0.9	46	102	93	113
WA	0.2	0.2	31	25	145	146
WV						
WI	1.1	1.0	150	138	131	135
WY	0.2	0.1	23	13	142	137
US <sup>3</sup>	220.9	200.8	28,378	26,881	128	134

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

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

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

Item	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul <sup>1</sup>		Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul <sup>1</sup>	
	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>				
<b>Class <sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,457	1,607	1,476	9,564	9,634	53.1	55.6	55.2	50.7	52.7
Heifers	842	859	812	6,084	5,674	30.7	29.7	30.3	32.3	31.0
All Cows	397	383	351	2,904	2,686	14.5	13.2	13.2	15.4	14.7
Dairy Cows	186	165	162	1,352	1,264	6.8	5.7	6.1	7.2	6.9
Other Cows	211	218	189	1,552	1,422	7.7	7.5	7.1	8.2	7.8
Bulls & Stags	49	45	37	313	291	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.6
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,745	2,893	2,677	18,865	18,285	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	7,718	8,176	7,327	55,880	55,708	96.4	96.5	96.6	96.5	96.6
Sows	268	270	234	1,906	1,779	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1
Stags & Boars	22	24	20	149	160	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	8,008	8,470	7,582	57,934	57,648	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	13	12	9	87	75	6.3	5.7	5.0	5.7	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	194	*198	179	1,454	1,396	93.7	94.3	95.0	94.3	94.9
Total <sup>1</sup>	207	*210	188	1,541	1,471	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<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>										
Steers <sup>4</sup>	761	765	773	745	759					
Heifers <sup>4</sup>	810	809	821	791	803					
All Cows <sup>4</sup>	737	735	747	727	738					
Bulls & Stags <sup>4</sup>	609	622	622	614	626					
	900	*923	903	900	914					
Calves & Vealers	198	226	219	202	212					
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrow Gilts <sup>5</sup>	196	201	198	199	201					
Sows <sup>5</sup>	192	197	194	195	198					
Stags & Boars <sup>5</sup>	310	309	308	314	309					
	233	211	219	221	212					
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep <sup>6</sup>	65	70	68	70	71					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>6</sup>	64	71	70	66	69					
	65	70	68	70	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,  
July 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	0.8	0.3	0.1					0.5
2	4.5	1.4	0.2	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3	16.1
3	71.3	34.0		29.4	24.0	5.4		11.6
4	50.0	0.9	0.2	42.2	9.2	33.0	6.8	
5	268.6	121.7	35.7	104.8	54.6	50.2	6.4	20.6
6	521.4	286.7	169.9	56.0	9.5	46.5	8.8	0.4
7	1,279.7	763.9	472.6	37.7	1.9	35.7	5.5	
8	242.6	136.6						
9	145.2	77.4	7.4	57.3	48.8	8.6	3.1	6.9
10	92.7	53.4	25.6	12.1	8.1	4.0	1.6	
US <sup>2</sup>	2,676.7	1,476.2	812.2	351.7	162.4	189.3	36.6	57.2
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	1.5	1.4						
2	10.4	10.2	0.1	0.1	10.1	1.4	8.7	
3	447.1	446.0	1.1		7.5	0.3	7.2	
4	1,210.7	1,148.0	61.5	1.1	2.8	1.2	1.6	
5	2,024.7	1,919.9	102.3	2.6	28.3	3.8	24.5	
6	416.4	399.2	17.0	0.1	0.2		0.2	
7	2,881.7	2,818.6			34.1	0.2	33.9	
8	363.5	358.0	5.5		78.3	1.5	76.8	
9	197.5	197.4						
10	28.2	28.1	0.1		1.7	0.2	1.5	
US <sup>2</sup>	7,581.6	7,327.0	234.4	20.2	188.0	9.3	178.7	

<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 - July 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	5.9	2.1	1.2					3.1
2	35.0	10.6	1.9	20.3	19.2	1.1	2.2	102.9
3	490.2	210.2		223.2	181.4	41.8		93.8
4	381.8	7.5	2.1	320.2	70.1	250.1	52.1	
5	1,878.6	806.8	233.0	789.0	416.4	372.6	49.8	160.4
6	3,548.4	1,937.4	1,167.4	374.5	81.0	293.5	69.1	4.8
7	8,655.1	4,960.5	3,316.0	329.3	22.3	307.1	49.3	0.2
8	1,607.3	837.9						
9	1,033.2	547.6	47.9	416.3	372.3	44.0	21.4	53.6
10	649.9	313.7	188.1	130.8	73.9	56.9	17.3	
US <sup>2</sup>	18,285.5	9,634.4	5,673.9	2,685.9	1,263.6	1,422.3	291.3	425.3
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	8.3	8.0	0.2	0.1				
2	80.9	78.6	1.1	1.1	83.0	9.8		73.2
3	3,610.0	3,600.3	9.4	0.3	60.6	3.5		57.1
4	9,240.6	8,739.3	490.5	10.9	19.6	8.0		11.6
5	15,160.6	14,391.6	751.5	17.5	219.0	33.6		185.4
6	3,100.6	2,962.8	137.3	0.6	18.7	0.7		18.0
7	22,108.8	21,624.5			233.3	1.7		231.6
8	2,708.4	2,674.5	33.9	0.1	616.0	12.2		603.9
9	1,426.1	1,425.5						
10	203.2	202.6	0.6	0.1	10.8	0.9		9.9
US <sup>2</sup>	57,647.7	55,707.7	1,779.5	160.5	1,471.4	75.4		1,396.0

\* 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.

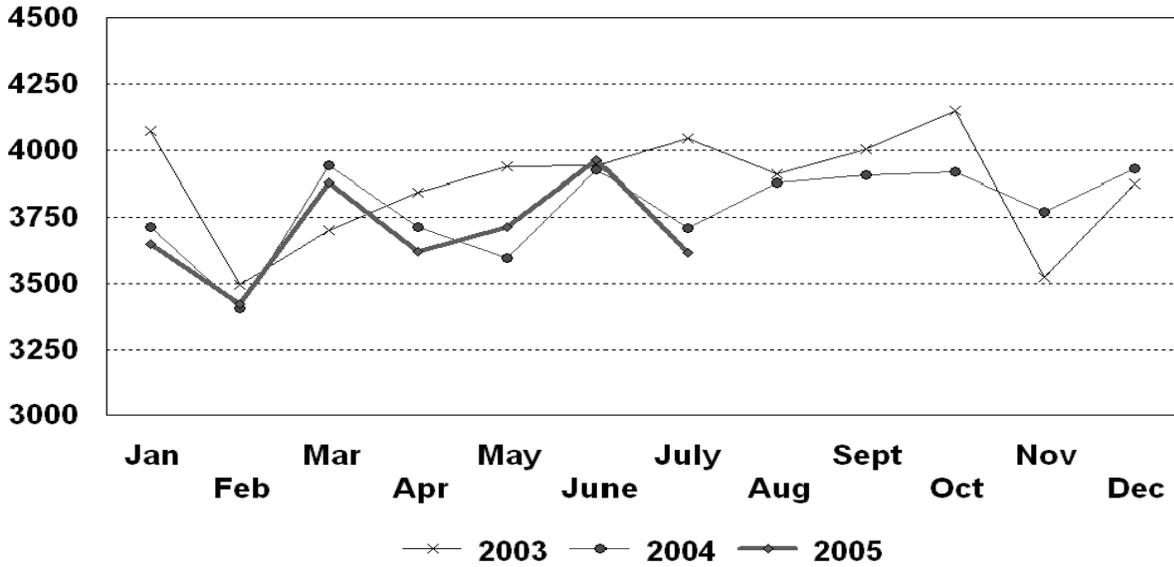
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States**

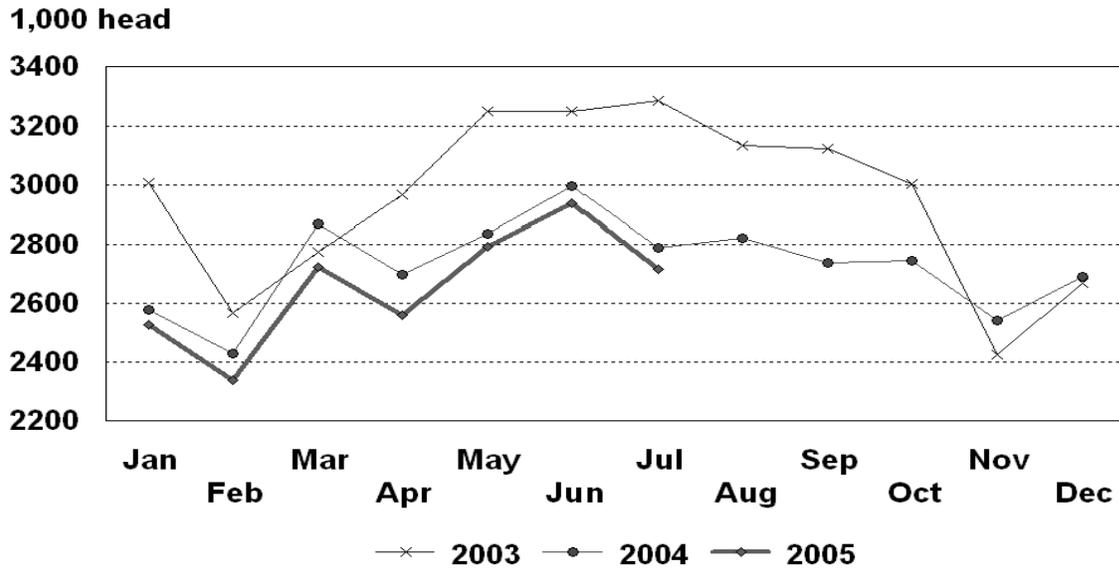
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Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.3	98.3
Calves	97.7	98.0	97.5	97.8	97.8
Hogs	98.9	99.0	99.0	98.9	99.0
Sheep	93.7	94.5	93.6	94.2	94.6

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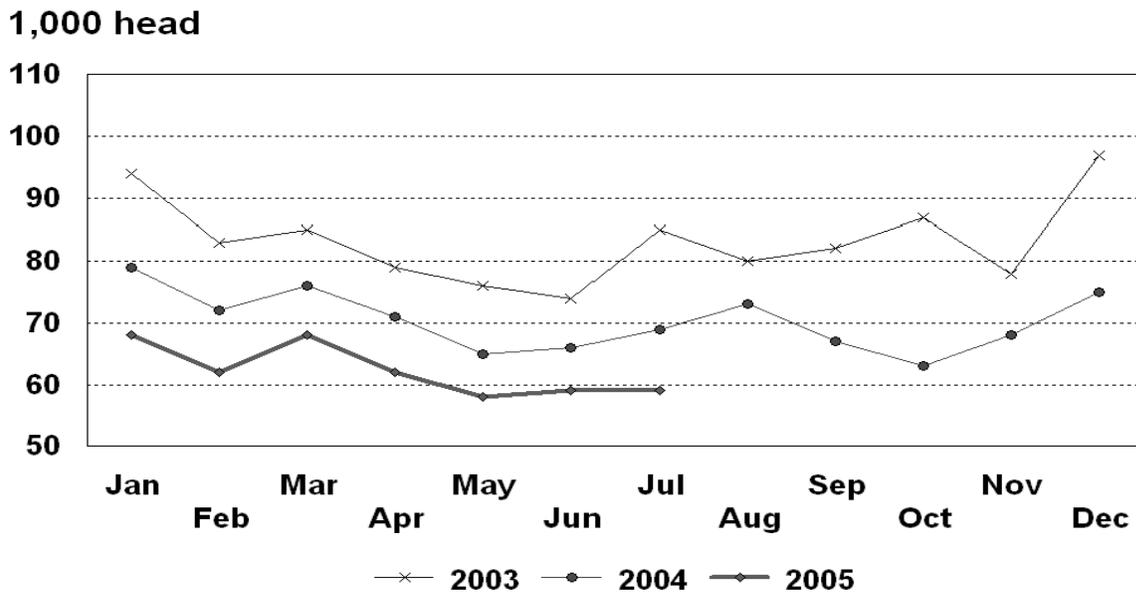
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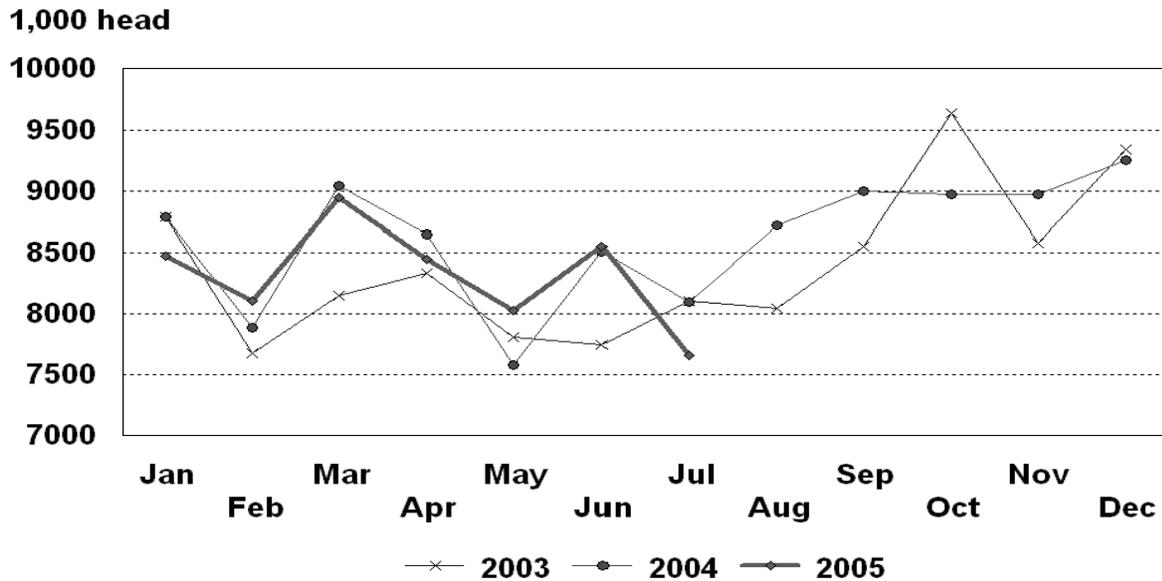
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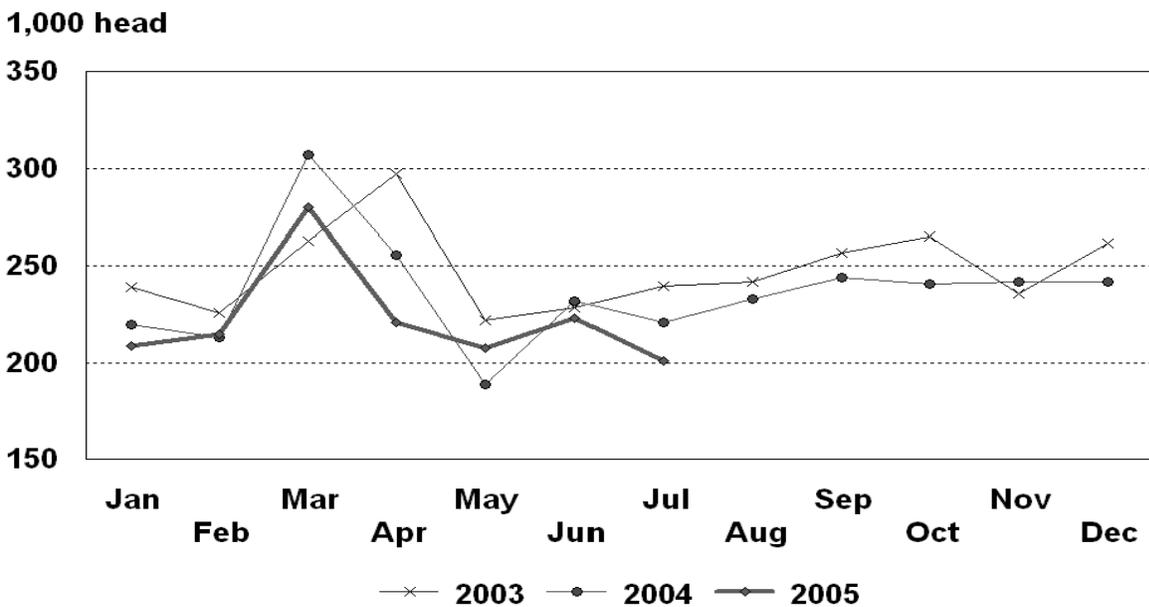
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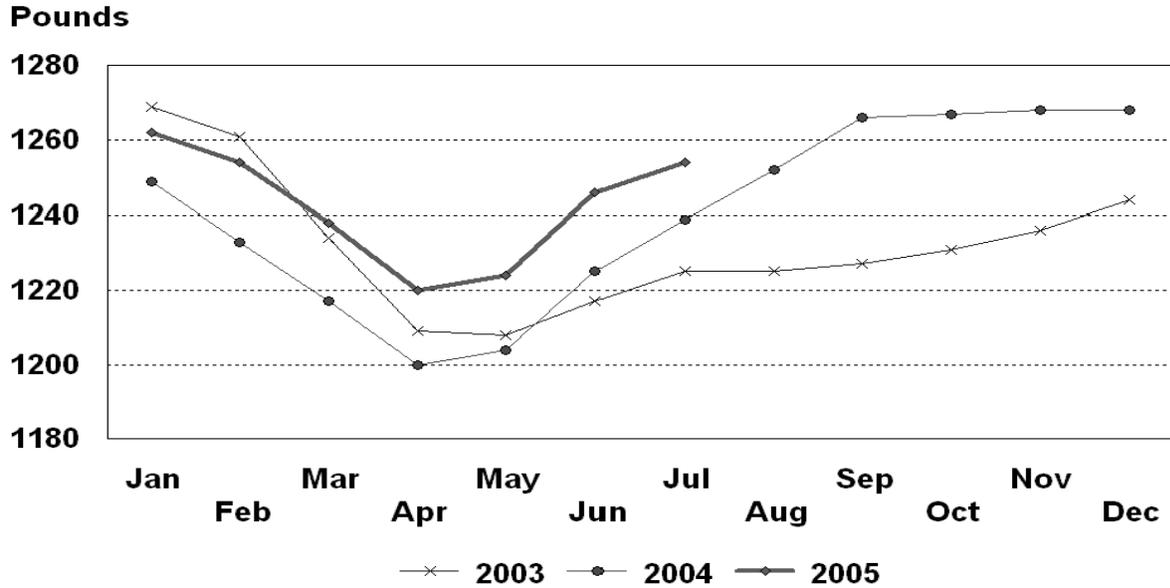
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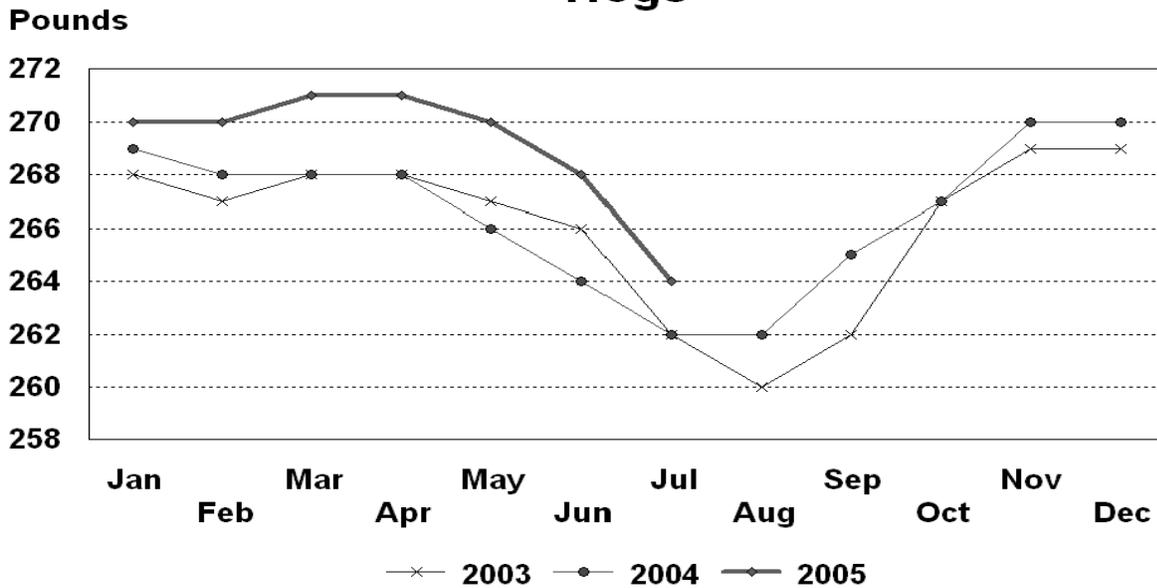
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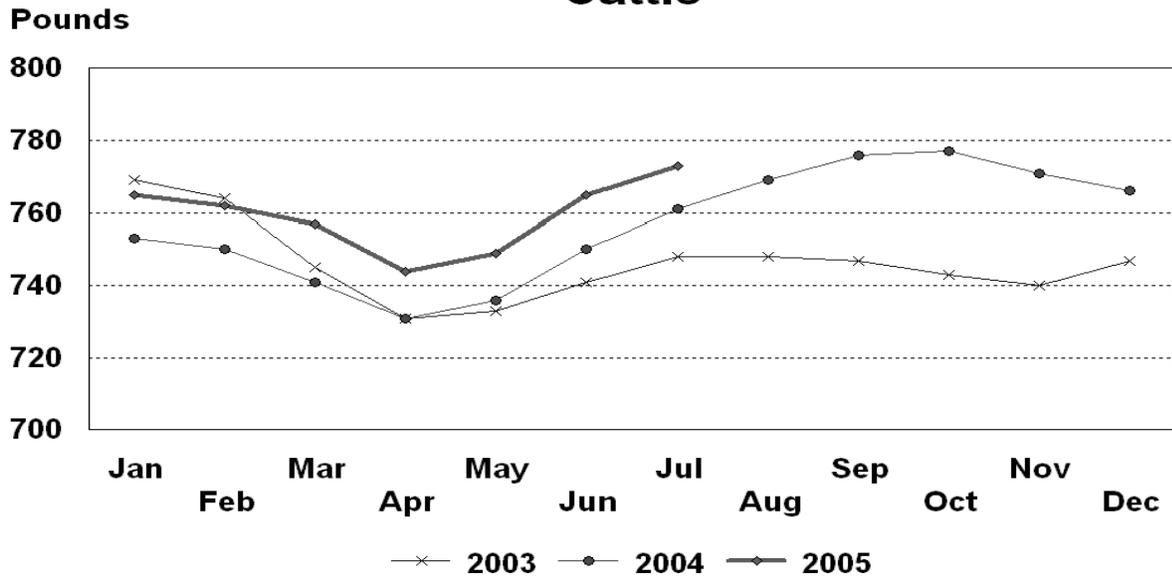
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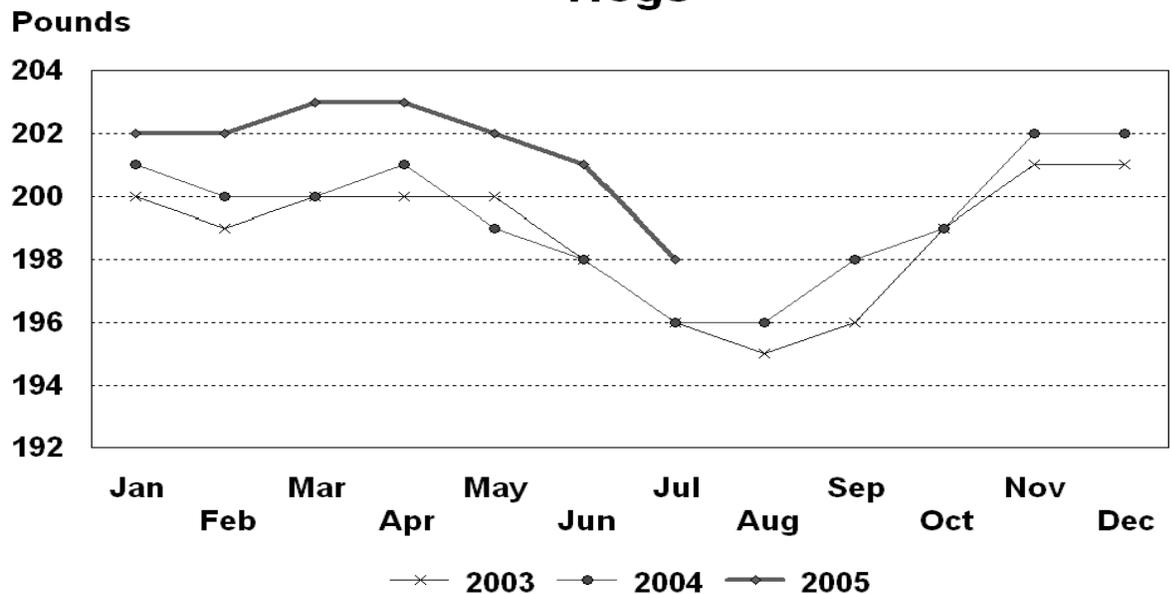
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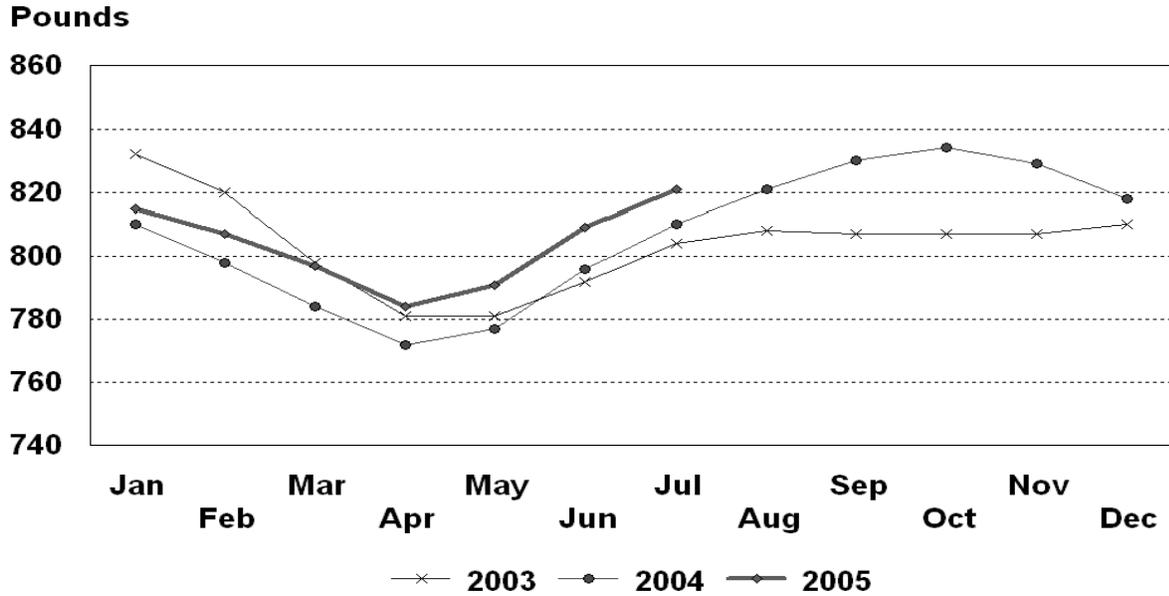
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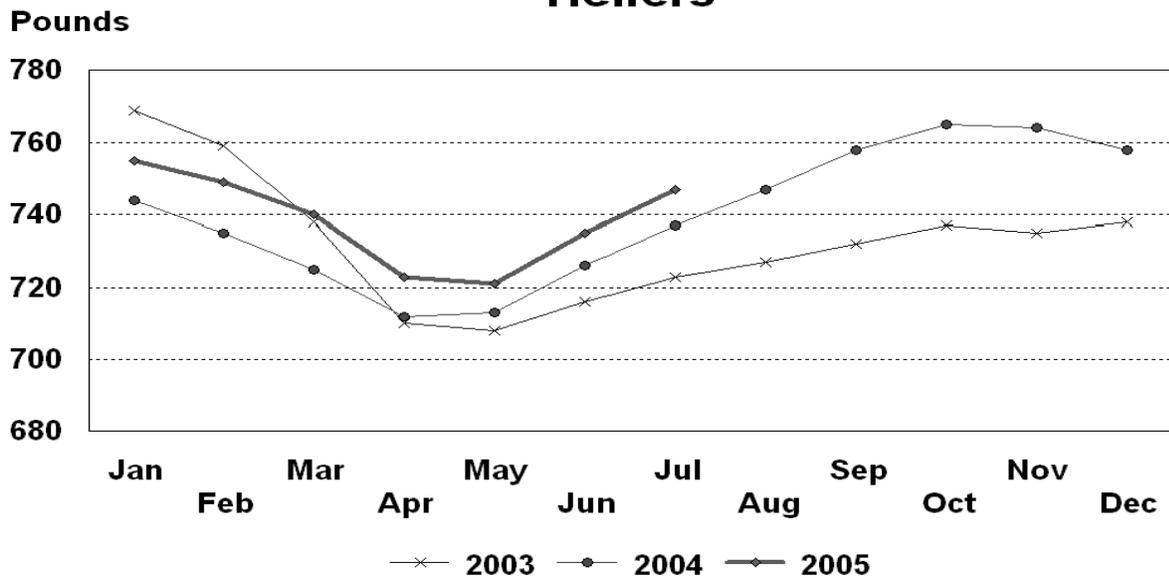
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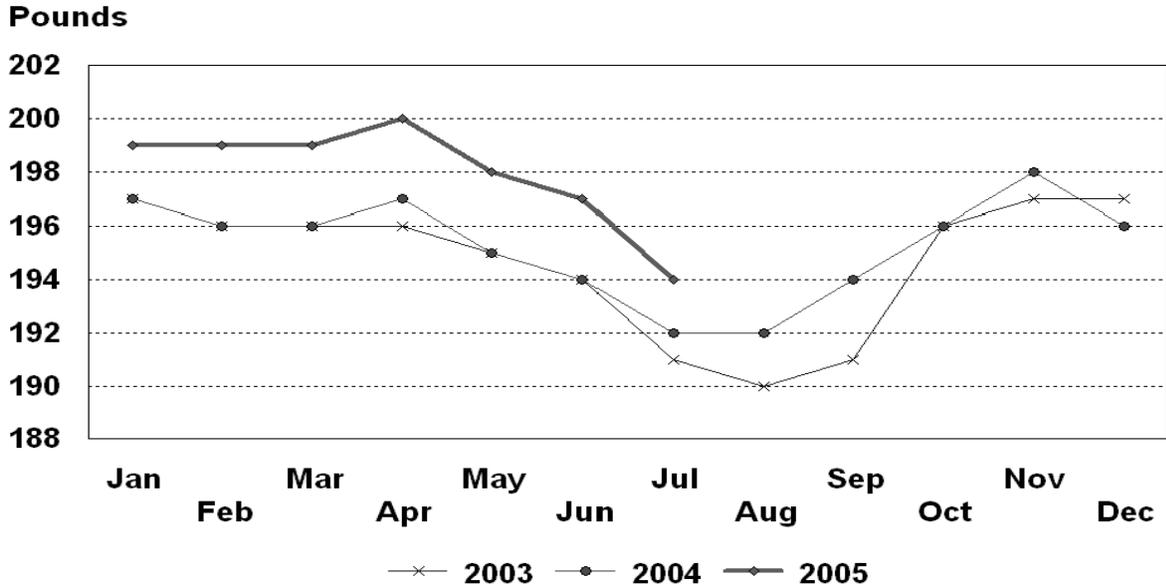
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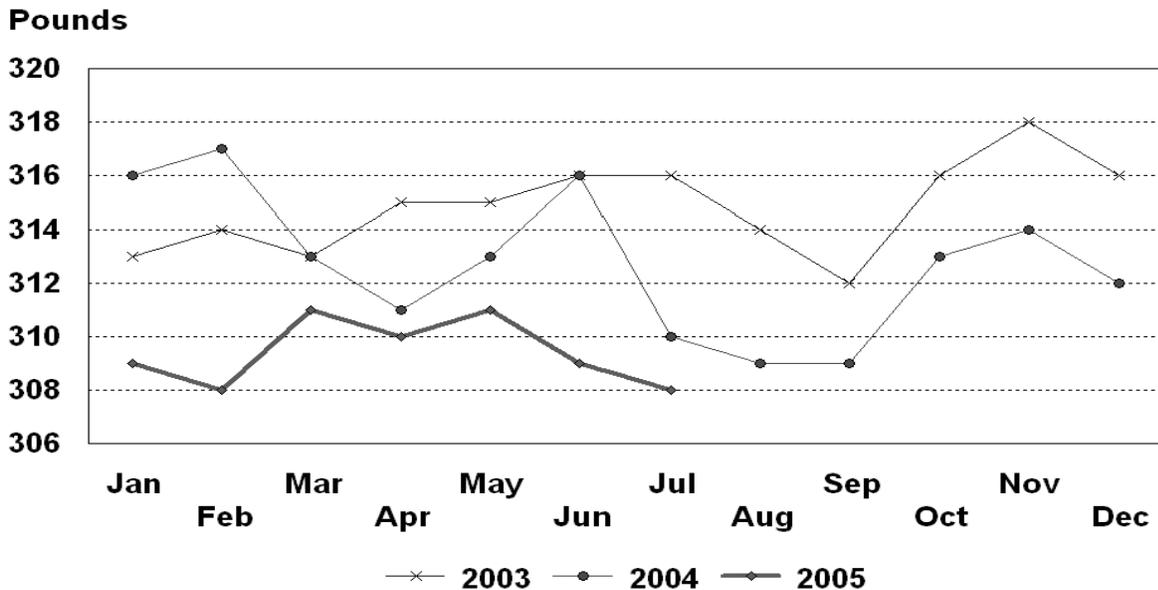
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## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## 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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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/) or contact Lynda Ford (NASS) at (202) 720-3896 or at [lynda\\_ford@nass.usda.gov](mailto:lynda_ford@nass.usda.gov).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 18, 2005. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For more information about the outlook meeting and to register contact Jim Robb (Livestock and Marketing Information Center) at (720) 544-2941 or at [robb@lmic.info](mailto:robb@lmic.info).