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Pork Production at Record High for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in August 2004.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,600 head, down 10 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.
August 2005 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 05 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2004	Jul 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	2,151	2,085	2,319	108	111	16,346	16,322	100
Veal	14.0	12.4	13.7	98	110	112.8	104.1	92
Pork	1,699	1,505	1,751	103	116	13,304	13,414	101
Lamb & Mutton	15.2	13.5	15.4	101	114	128.0	123.5	97
Total Red Meat	3,880	3,616	4,099	106	113	29,890	29,964	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	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 05 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2004	Jul 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	2,122	2,058	2,291	108	111	16,113	16,096	100
Veal	13.6	12.1	13.4	98	111	109.7	101.5	93
Pork	1,681	1,492	1,734	103	116	13,183	13,301	101
Lamb & Mutton	14.4	12.8	14.6	102	115	122.0	118.3	97
Total Red Meat	3,831	3,575	4,052	106	113	29,527	29,616	100

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 05 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
					Aug 2004	Jul 2005	2004	2005	05 % of 04
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,774.8	2,676.7	2,947.2	106	110	21,639.7	21,232.7	98
Other	Thou	45.7	41.7	42.9	94	103	373.0	357.2	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,820.5	2,718.4	2,990.1	106	110	22,012.7	21,589.8	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,254	1,257	1,269	101	101	1,229	1,248	102
Other	Lbs	1,126	1,116	1,149	102	103	1,106	1,117	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,252	1,254	1,267	101	101	1,227	1,246	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	71.1	57.2	64.4	90	113	557.6	489.7	88
Other	Thou	1.6	1.4	1.3	81	89	12.6	11.0	88
Comm'l. ³	Thou	72.7	58.6	65.6	90	112	570.2	500.7	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	319	349	345	108	97	328	346	105
Other	Lbs	420	416	404	96	97	415	401	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	322	350	347	108	99	330	347	105
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,616.3	7,581.6	8,880.2	103	117	66,550.8	66,527.9	100
Other	Thou	105.6	80.4	102.4	97	127	721.1	673.5	93
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,721.9	7,662.0	8,982.7	103	117	67,271.8	67,201.4	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	263	265	263	100	99	266	269	101
Other	Lbs	232	224	232	100	103	231	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	262	264	263	100	99	266	268	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	219.1	188.0	215.6	98	115	1,760.4	1,687.0	96
Other	Thou	13.9	12.8	13.7	99	108	109.5	97.7	89
Comm'l. ³	Thou	233.0	200.8	229.3	98	114	1,869.9	1,784.7	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	131	135	136	103	100	138	140	101
Other	Lbs	109	107	108	99	101	110	107	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	130	134	134	103	100	137	138	101

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	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 05 as % of ²	
				Aug 2004	Jul 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.9	2.3	2.7	95	121
AK			0.1	178	187
AZ	29.5	29.3	33.8	115	115
AR	4.2	4.1	4.8	114	116
CA	122.0	115.2	128.1	105	111
CO	176.1	158.5	167.3	95	106
DE-MD	3.1	2.7	3.4	110	128
FL	4.6	4.7	5.4	117	114
GA	15.6	11.3	15.0	96	132
HI	1.0	0.8	0.8	81	107
ID	30.2	27.7	28.4	94	102
IL	228.5	202.2	228.0	100	113
IN	119.1	105.4	126.8	106	120
IA	549.0	474.6	546.9	100	115
KS	500.5	510.0	546.0	109	107
KY	44.0	33.8	43.6	99	129
LA	1.0	0.8	0.9	91	121
MI	31.6	31.1	37.7	119	121
MN	190.1	173.6	191.9	101	111
MS	24.5	20.2	25.0	102	124
MO	37.9	36.3	41.7	110	115
MT	1.7	1.5	1.7	99	117
NE	592.3	578.3	654.5	111	113
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	110	95
N ENG ³	1.2	0.9	1.1	95	130
NJ	4.2	3.5	4.4	107	125
NM	0.6	0.6	0.7	111	120
NY	3.4	3.5	3.8	112	109
NC	177.7	162.3	191.2	108	118
ND	2.7	2.6	2.8	104	110
OH	27.5	22.6	25.5	93	113
OK	84.6	79.8	92.1	109	115
OR	3.9	3.4	4.2	107	125
PA	93.7	90.0	101.1	108	112
SC	21.2	18.1	20.2	95	111
SD	83.9	72.8	83.0	99	114
TN	17.8	13.2	18.3	103	139
TX	406.0	392.8	456.9	113	116
UT	36.0	35.8	42.8	119	120
VA	58.0	45.3	51.5	89	114
WA	39.3	45.7	56.8	145	124
WV	0.5	0.2	0.5	98	205
WI	107.0	97.9	106.3	99	109
WY	1.0	0.6	1.0	97	174
US	3,879.6	3,615.9	4,098.7	106	113

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

³ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	0.4	0.3	319	289	832	962
AK		0.1		70		1,035
AZ						
AR	0.9	0.7	847	688	960	947
CA	113.6	119.9	150,667	158,773	1,326	1,324
CO	213.6	196.3	267,224	252,888	1,251	1,288
DE-MD	3.5	3.7	4,222	4,886	1,221	1,312
FL						
GA	22.2	23.6	26,083	23,494	1,178	996
HI	1.1	0.8	1,139	918	1,073	1,106
ID	37.6	33.0	47,535	41,098	1,266	1,246
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	630.3	671.4	778,556	850,194	1,235	1,266
KY	1.1	1.0	990	939	870	900
LA	1.0	1.0	885	886	849	902
MI	35.5	42.8	47,476	58,135	1,336	1,358
MN	60.3	51.0	83,082	70,626	1,378	1,385
MS						
MO						
MT	1.9	1.9	2,161	2,126	1,129	1,143
NE	595.6	662.5	767,161	857,960	1,288	1,295
NV						
N ENG ²	1.2	1.1	1,211	1,158	1,046	1,035
NJ	2.0	2.4	2,399	2,986	1,229	1,248
NM	1.0	1.2	914	1,154	943	998
NY	3.6	3.3	4,134	3,877	1,157	1,187
NC	18.4	15.5	19,294	16,163	1,046	1,041
ND						
OH	9.0	8.1	10,226	9,427	1,141	1,159
OK	2.4	1.8	2,526	1,928	1,064	1,076
OR	1.8	2.1	2,086	2,559	1,157	1,203
PA	71.2	77.3	81,882	93,691	1,151	1,212
SC						
SD						
TN	1.1	1.2	1,000	1,118	949	954
TX	531.7	594.6	645,047	724,658	1,213	1,219
UT	46.3	53.8	56,339	66,746	1,218	1,240
VA	0.9	0.7	926	798	1,063	1,090
WA	50.7	71.0	63,902	91,991	1,261	1,296
WV	0.5	0.5	522	561	992	1,090
WI	127.0	123.0	168,652	165,561	1,328	1,346
WY	1.0	0.9	1,192	1,168	1,231	1,249
US ³	2,820.5	2,990.1	3,530,871	3,788,210	1,252	1,267

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

² N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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		26		520
CA	8.9	7.2	1,185	1,023	133	141
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	24	39	239	277
FL						
GA	0.2	0.2	100	83	464	393
HI						
ID						
IL	7.2	7.3	3,203	3,146	448	433
IN	0.5	0.4	66	55	130	129
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.8	0.6	392	273	484	484
MI	1.8	1.8	805	704	443	385
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	1.0	0.6	214	80	219	140
NJ	6.6	7.2	2,915	3,096	439	433
NM						
NY	12.6	11.6	1,058	1,743	84	150
NC	0.1	0.1	72	34	531	463
ND						
OH	5.8	3.3	2,325	1,300	400	398
OK		0.1		45		362
OR						
PA	13.8	12.6	5,049	5,388	365	428
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	56	57	569	531
TX	0.9	0.7	572	409	630	606
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	11.1	10.7	5,143	4,940	464	464
WY						
US ³	72.7	65.6	23,431	22,755	322	347

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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	9.7	9.8	4,585	4,570	473	466
AK	0.1	0.1	21	37	273	263
AZ	0.2	0.2	40	30	200	143
AR	13.1	14.1	5,905	6,975	452	496
CA	214.8	233.9	50,985	54,172	237	232
CO	2.7	2.3	623	608	231	261
DE-MD	2.3	2.3	567	530	246	234
FL	7.7	10.3	1,271	1,937	166	188
GA	12.9	10.3	3,110	2,416	240	234
HI	2.5	1.8	515	408	207	226
ID	13.5	14.1	4,398	4,552	325	323
IL	789.5	801.1	214,701	216,557	272	270
IN	603.6	634.6	154,769	165,090	256	260
IA	2,511.5	2,553.5	662,881	674,678	264	264
KS						
KY	221.8	219.8	57,930	57,488	261	261
LA	1.5	1.3	290	255	196	195
MI	12.5	12.6	4,332	4,254	346	339
MN	751.8	801.9	195,615	207,767	260	259
MS						
MO						
MT	2.1	2.0	475	461	223	230
NE	596.1	609.9	155,439	160,208	261	263
NV						
N ENG ²	2.3	2.3	456	468	198	201
NJ	10.7	9.3	1,057	945	99	101
NM	0.4	0.3	117	86	314	310
NY	4.0	3.8	881	841	218	219
NC	901.6	980.4	222,741	243,398	247	248
ND	14.1	14.9	3,345	3,495	237	234
OH	107.2	101.9	28,426	27,136	265	266
OK	414.0	443.0	111,435	121,325	269	274
OR	19.6	18.3	4,440	4,370	227	238
PA	230.4	238.1	56,179	57,466	244	241
SC						
SD	407.2	405.8	104,485	103,963	257	256
TN	53.0	54.6	25,652	26,691	484	489
TX	33.5	39.6	8,086	9,975	241	252
UT	4.2	5.0	949	1,179	225	236
VA	306.4	270.0	76,198	67,460	249	250
WA	2.1	2.3	524	581	252	254
WV	1.1	1.0	277	259	257	252
WI	51.6	46.0	22,703	20,350	440	442
WY	1.6	1.5	396	364	253	249
US ³	8,721.9	8,982.7	2,287,070	2,358,233	262	263

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

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 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		6		112
CA						
CO	67.2	81.9	9,890	12,337	147	151
DE-MD	3.3	3.2	335	322	103	100
FL	0.1	0.2	7	14	65	64
GA						
HI						
ID	0.6	0.6	71	69	121	119
IL	15.5	18.3	1,974	2,299	127	126
IN	2.7	2.5	293	263	109	107
IA	37.6	40.2	5,477	5,738	146	143
KS	0.4	0.3	45	36	111	111
KY	1.0	1.3	119	174	125	132
LA	0.2	0.2	13	14	79	77
MI	16.8	16.1	1,993	2,086	118	130
MN	0.3	0.2	33	31	123	127
MS						
MO	0.6	0.7	54	63	92	92
MT	0.5	0.5	69	68	126	130
NE	0.2	0.1	19	16	111	118
NV	0.2	0.2	16	21	97	108
N ENG ²	1.8	2.5	182	233	98	92
NJ	9.2	9.4	748	789	81	84
NM	1.7	1.3	160	129	96	96
NY	2.7	2.8	220	270	81	96
NC	0.4	0.6	36	50	86	86
ND						
OH	1.5	1.4	178	162	117	115
OK	0.1	0.1	9	11	112	101
OR	1.6	2.0	156	259	100	128
PA	6.5	4.8	568	475	88	99
SC						
SD	1.4	0.9	177	104	126	121
TN	0.6	1.0	55	76	87	78
TX	27.5	1.1	3,441	96	125	90
UT	2.7	2.8	356	396	130	141
VA	0.5	1.1	44	120	90	108
WA	0.3	0.2	34	30	134	145
WV						
WI	1.6	1.2	203	160	129	134
WY	0.4	0.5	53	61	140	127
US ³	233.0	229.3	30,190	30,664	130	134

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

Item	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Jan - Aug ¹		Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Jan - Aug ¹	
				2004	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	1,457	1,476	1,638	11,021	11,272	52.5	55.2	55.6	50.9	53.1
Heifers	849	812	873	6,933	6,546	30.6	30.3	29.6	32.0	30.8
All Cows	413	351	392	3,317	3,078	14.9	13.2	13.4	15.4	14.5
Dairy Cows	200	162	190	1,552	1,454	7.2	6.1	6.5	7.2	6.8
Other Cows	213	189	202	1,765	1,624	7.7	7.1	6.9	8.2	7.7
Bulls & Stags	56	37	45	369	336	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6
Total ¹	2,775	2,677	2,947	21,640	21,233	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,317	7,327	8,582	64,197	64,290	96.5	96.6	96.6	96.5	96.6
Sows	278	234	274	2,184	2,054	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1
Stags & Boars	21	20	24	170	184	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,616	7,582	8,880	66,551	66,528	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	9	12	100	87	5.9	5.0	5.5	5.7	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	206	179	204	1,660	1,600	94.1	95.0	94.5	94.3	94.8
Total ¹	219	188	216	1,760	1,687	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	769	773	782	749	763					
Steers ⁴	821	821	829	796	807					
Heifers ⁴	747	747	757	729	741					
All Cows ⁴	612	622	623	614	626					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	896	903	901	900	912					
Calves & Vealers	194	219	212	201	212					
Hogs	196	198	196	199	201					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	192	194	192	195	197					
Sows ⁵	309	308	307	313	309					
Stags & Boars ⁵	230	219	218	223	213					
Sheep	66	68	68	69	70					
Mature Sheep ⁶	65	70	70	66	70					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	66	68	68	70	70					

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,
August 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	0.1					0.6
2	5.6	1.8	0.2	3.2	3.0	0.2	0.3	18.7
3	80.4	37.4		34.8	27.9	6.9		12.8
4	59.8	0.9	0.3	50.5	11.1	39.4	8.2	
5	292.3	134.1	37.3	113.6	60.4	53.2	7.3	23.3
6	595.5	332.3	194.4	57.8	12.3	45.5	11.0	0.7
7	1,386.7	838.6	499.1	40.7	2.3	38.3	8.3	
8	257.7	141.5						
9	163.4	82.4	5.1	71.8	61.5	10.3	4.1	7.0
10	104.8	68.2	26.6	9.3	7.3	2.0	0.7	
US ²	2,947.2	1,637.6	872.5	392.5	190.4	202.1	44.6	64.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ²	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1	2.0	1.9						
2	12.9	12.6	0.2	0.1	11.3	1.6	9.6	
3	509.0	507.7	1.2		8.9	0.4	8.5	
4	1,463.1	1,379.2	82.2	1.8	3.5	1.4	2.1	
5	2,356.3	2,245.0	108.4	2.9	34.3	5.1	29.2	
6	485.9	463.5	22.3	0.1	0.1		0.1	
7	3,363.8	3,292.3			40.8	0.4	40.3	
8	424.2	417.2	7.0		84.8	1.8	83.0	
9	229.4	229.3						
10	33.7	33.7	0.1		2.5	0.2	2.3	
US ²	8,880.2	8,582.4	274.2	23.7	215.6	11.9	203.7	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - August 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	6.9	2.5	1.3					3.7
2	40.6	12.4	2.2	23.5	22.2	1.3	2.5	121.6
3	570.6	247.7		258.0	209.3	48.7		106.6
4	441.7	8.3	2.4	370.6	81.2	289.4	60.3	
5	2,170.9	940.9	270.3	902.6	476.8	425.8	57.0	183.7
6	4,143.9	2,269.7	1,361.8	432.4	93.4	339.0	80.0	5.5
7	10,041.8	5,799.1	3,815.1	370.0	24.6	345.4	57.6	0.2
8	1,865.0	979.3						
9	1,196.6	630.0	53.0	488.1	433.8	54.3	25.6	60.6
10	754.7	381.9	214.8	140.1	81.2	58.9	18.0	
US ²	21,232.7	11,272.0	6,546.4	3,078.4	1,454.0	1,624.4	335.9	489.7
		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	10.2	9.9	0.2	0.2				
2	93.8	91.3	1.3	1.2	94.2	11.4	82.8	
3	4,119.0	4,108.0	10.7	0.3	69.4	3.9	65.6	
4	10,703.8	10,118.5	572.6	12.7	23.1	9.4	13.7	
5	17,516.9	16,636.6	860.0	20.3	253.3	38.7	214.6	
6	3,586.5	3,426.2	159.6	0.6	18.8	0.8	18.1	
7	25,472.6	24,916.9			274.0	2.1	271.9	
8	3,132.6	3,091.6	40.9	0.1	700.8	13.9	686.9	
9	1,655.4	1,654.8						
10	237.0	236.2	0.6	0.1	13.2	1.0	12.2	
US ²	66,527.9	64,290.1	2,053.6	184.2	1,687.0	87.3	1,599.7	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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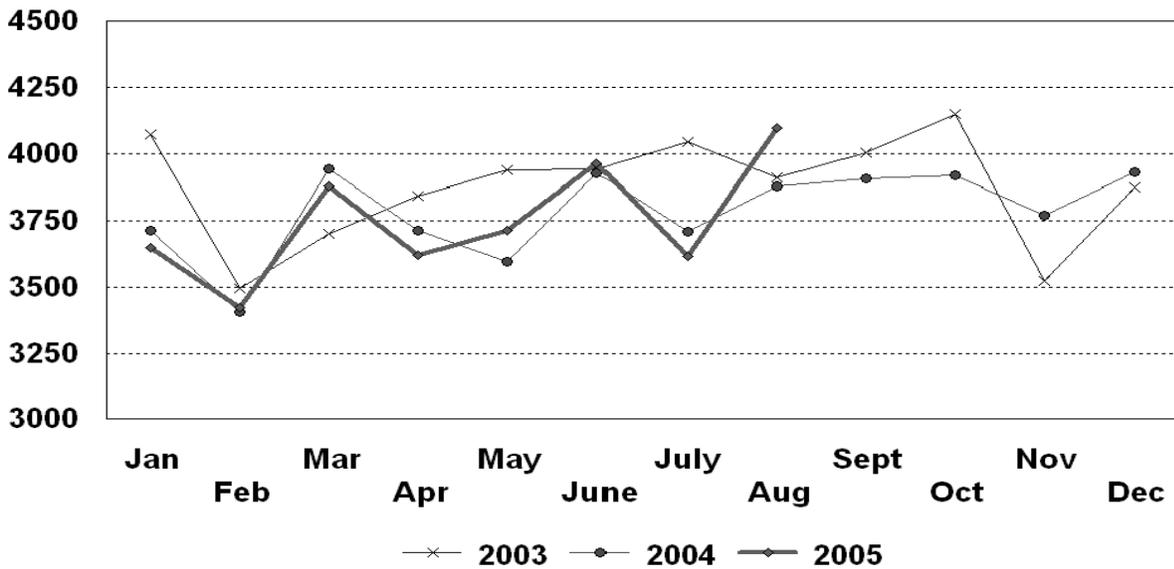
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

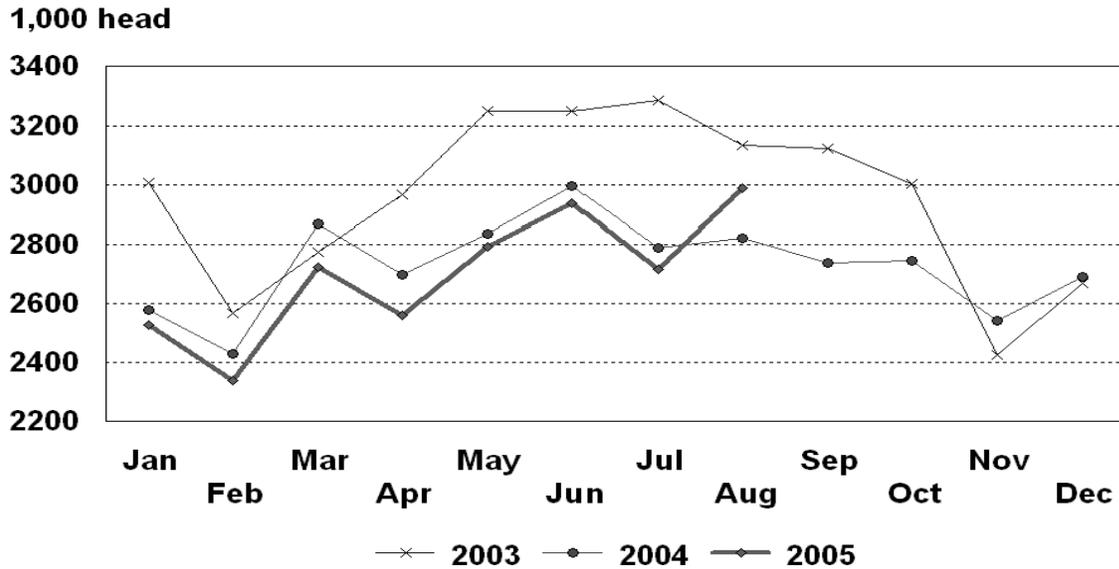
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				2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.4	98.5	98.6	98.3	98.3
Calves	97.8	97.5	98.0	97.8	97.8
Hogs	98.8	99.0	98.9	98.9	99.0
Sheep	94.0	93.6	94.0	94.1	94.5

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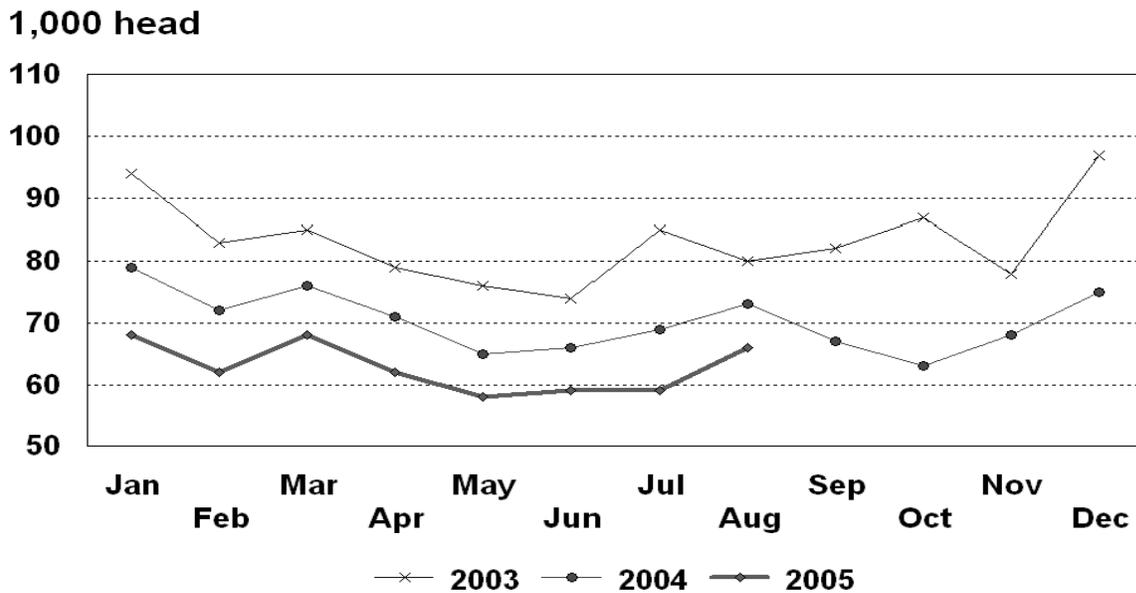
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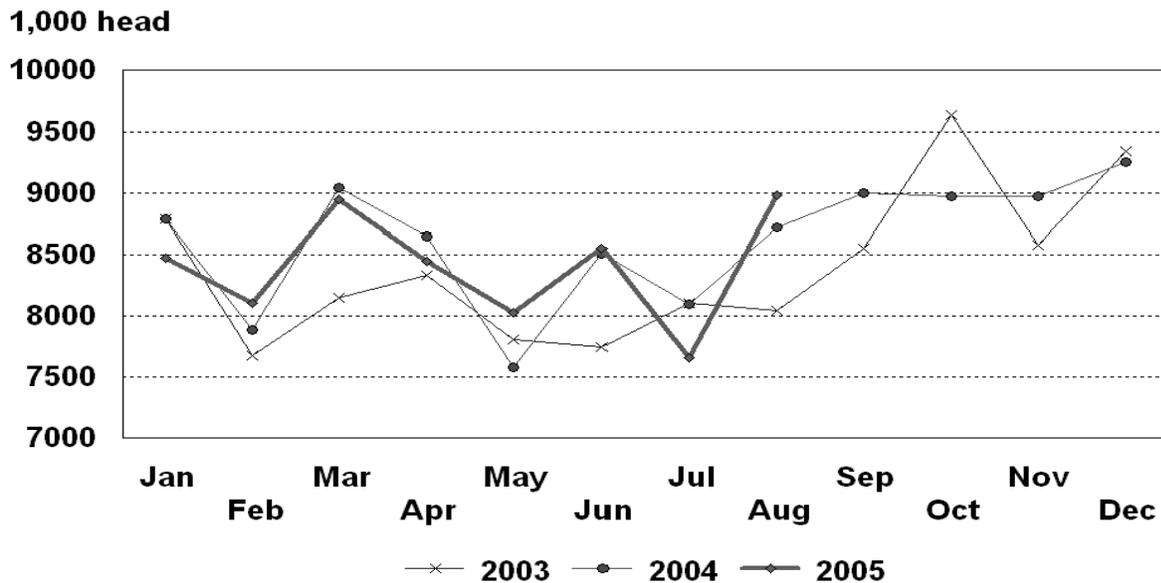
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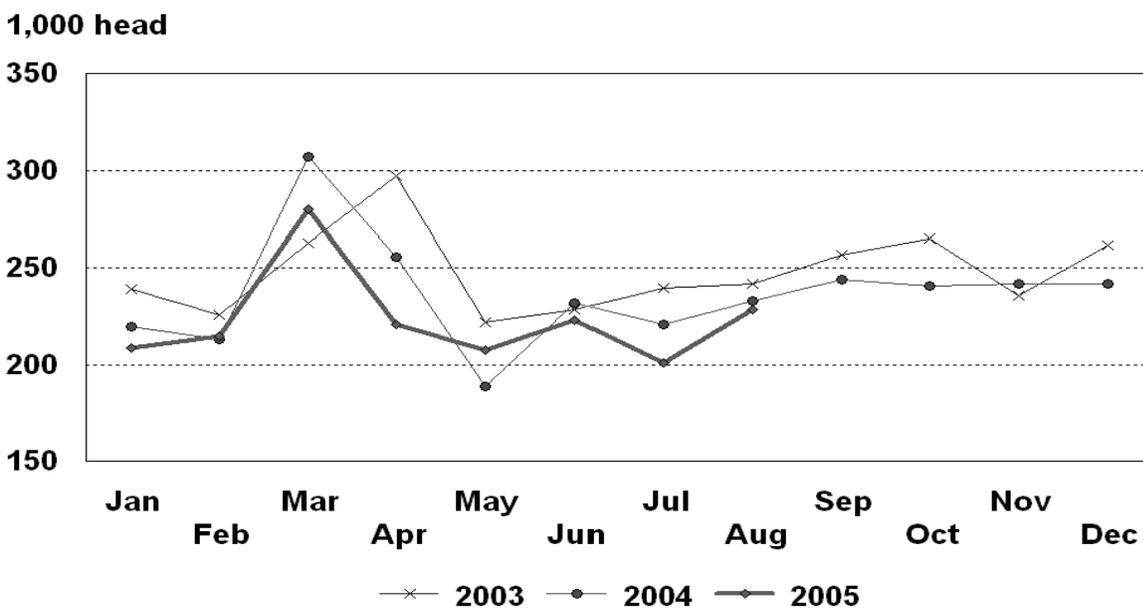
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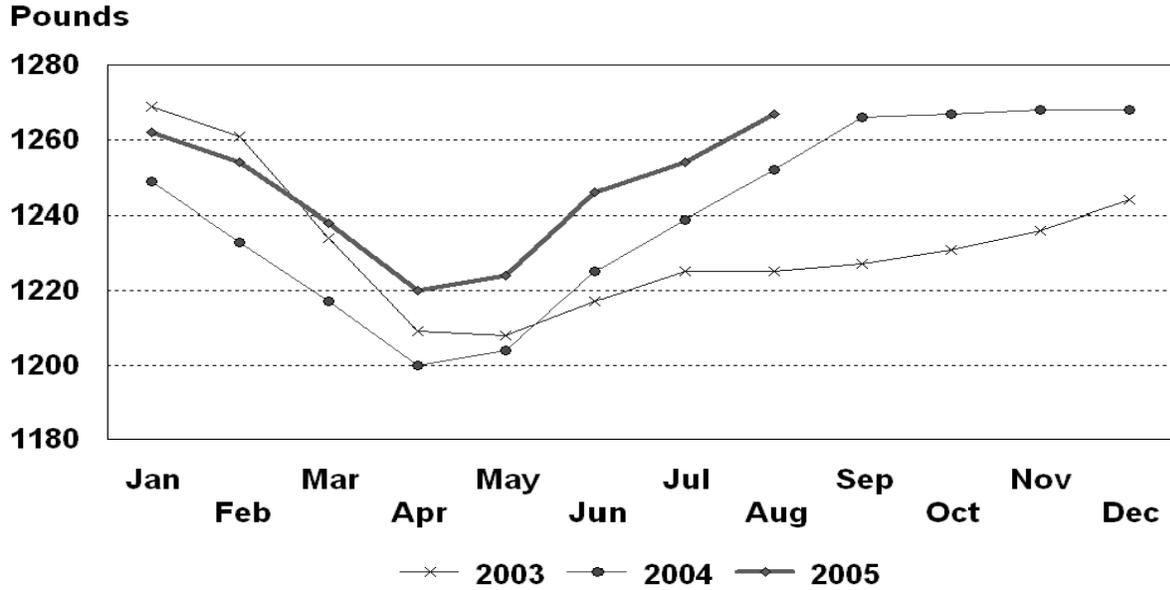
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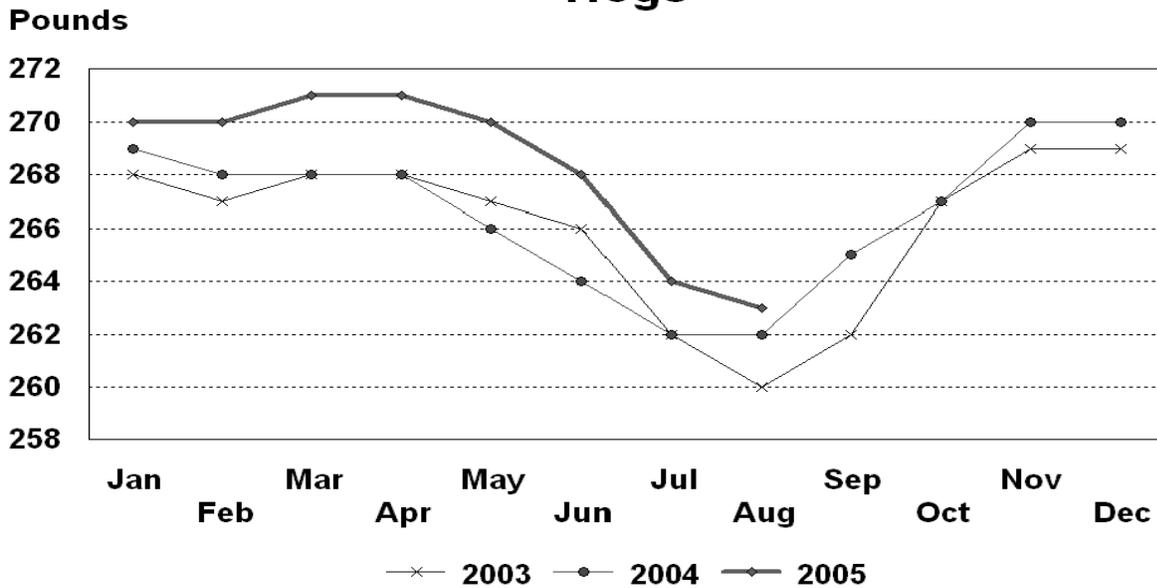
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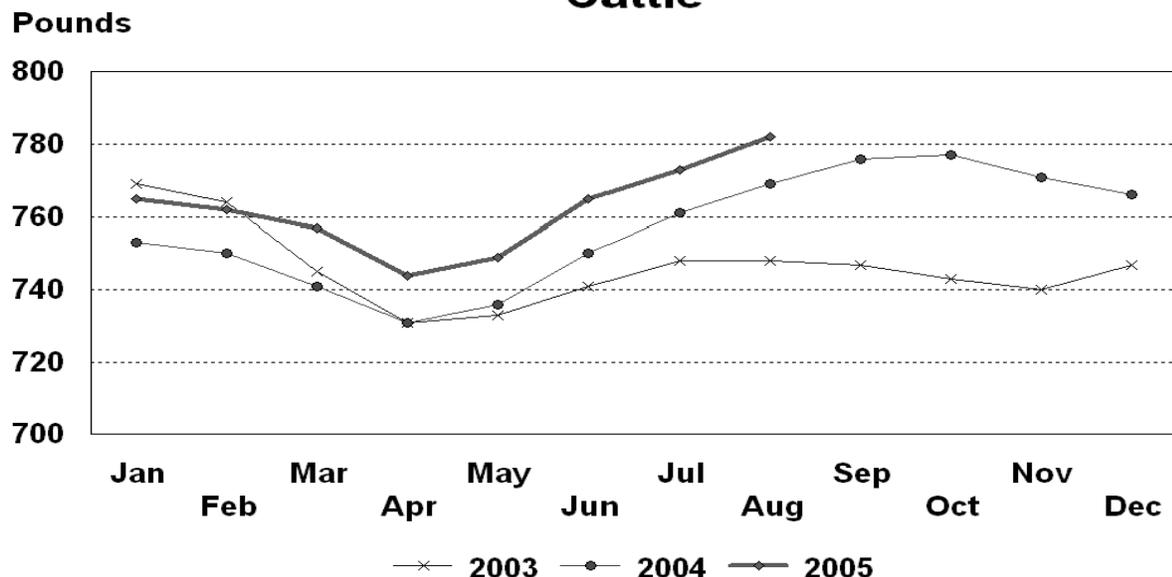
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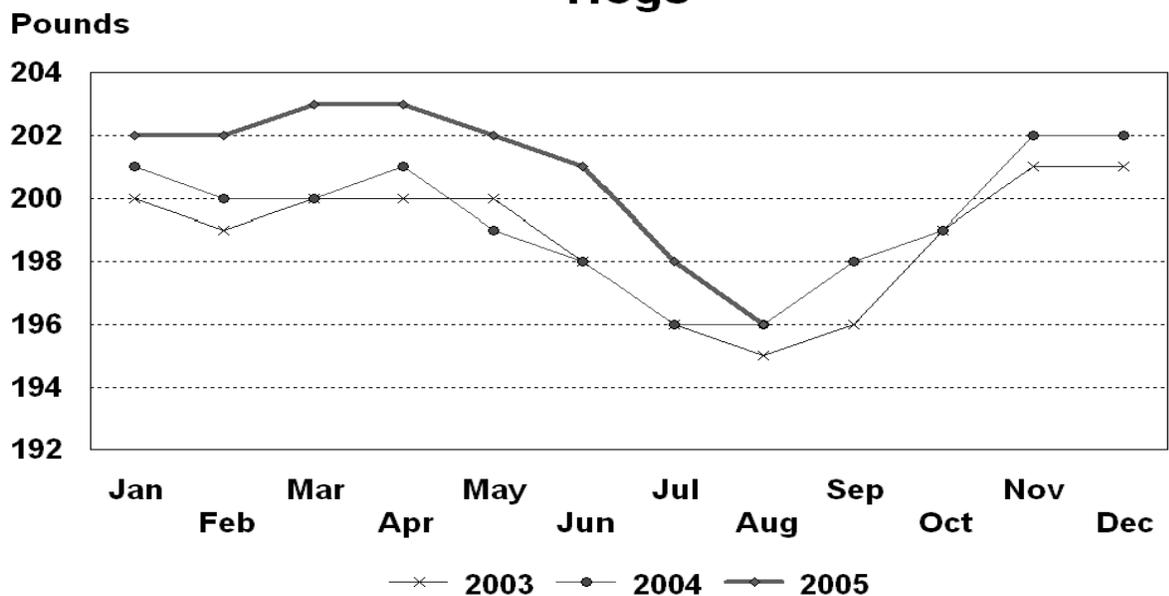
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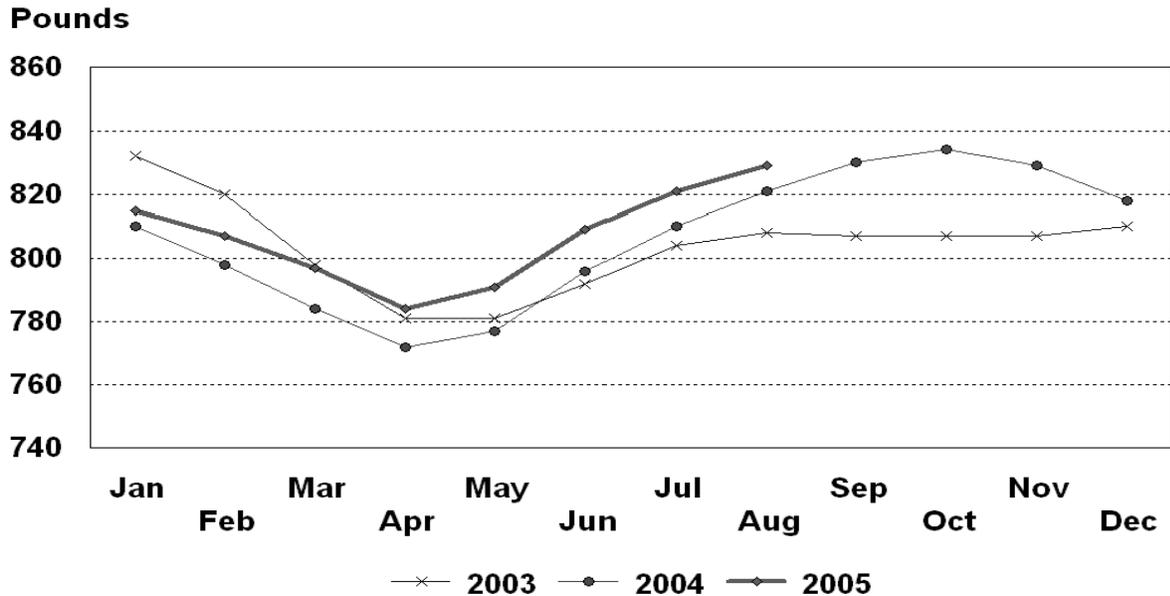
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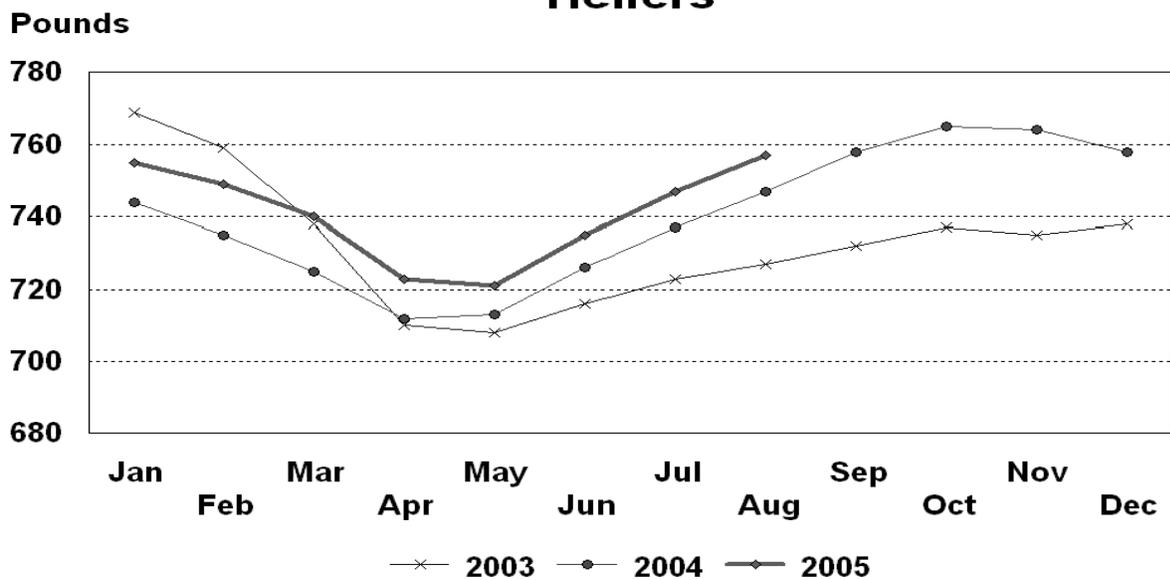
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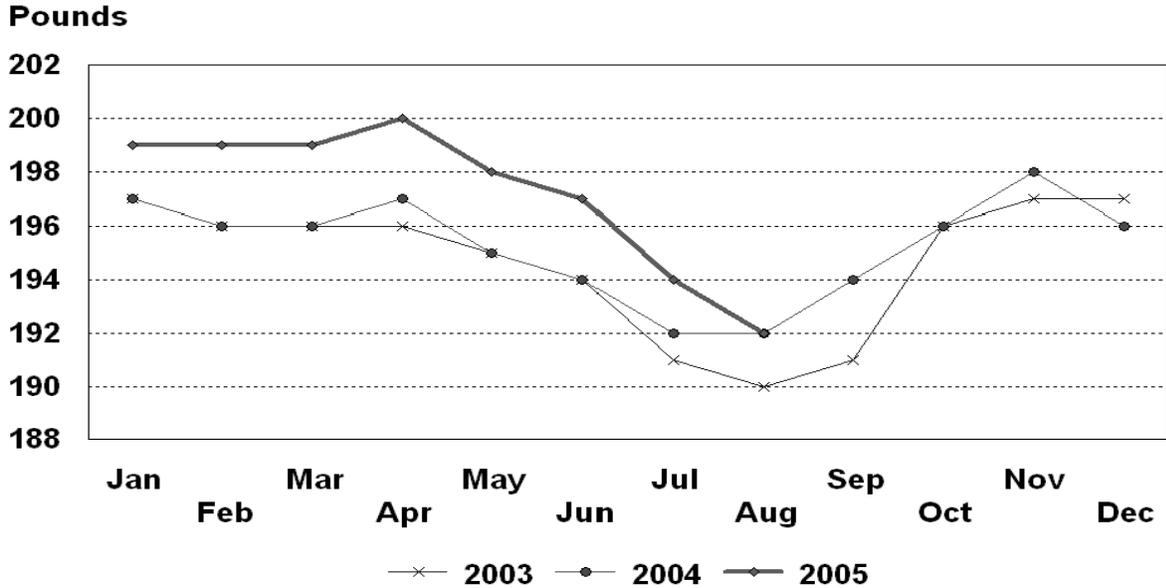
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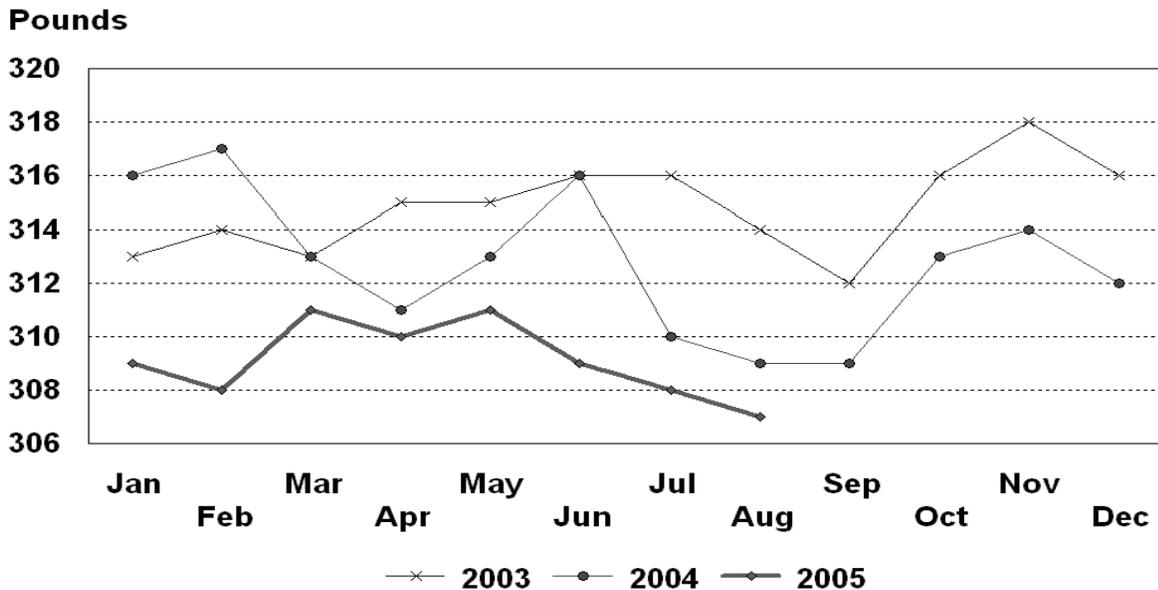
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 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 (FI head kill) X (1 - condemnation factor) X (average dressed weight) = 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 (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = 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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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.