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Pork Production Up From Previous Month and Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in October 2004.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 2 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.6 million pounds, 2 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,400 head, down 10 percent from October 2004. The average live weight was 41 pounds above last year, at 371 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.12 million head, 2 percent above October 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from October 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 228,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2005 commercial red meat production was 37.8 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was virtually unchanged from last year, veal was down 6 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	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Oct 05 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 2004	Sep 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	2,114	2,161	2,081	98	96	20,564	20,564	100
Veal	12.4	13.2	12.6	102	95	138.1	129.9	94
Pork	1,779	1,743	1,816	102	104	16,854	16,973	101
Lamb & Mutton	16.3	15.6	15.8	97	101	160.6	154.9	96
Total Red Meat	3,921	3,933	3,925	100	100	37,718	37,822	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	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Oct 05 % of		Jan - Oct ²		
				Oct 2004	Sep 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	2,081	*2,131	2,047	98	96	20,268	20,274	100
Veal	11.9	13.0	12.0	101	93	134.1	126.5	94
Pork	1,764	1,728	1,801	102	104	16,701	16,830	101
Lamb & Mutton	15.5	15.0	15.1	97	101	153.1	148.4	97
Total Red Meat	3,872	3,886	3,875	100	100	37,257	37,379	100

* Revised.

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	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Oct 05 % of		Jan - Oct ²		05 % of 04
					Oct 2004	Sep 2005	2004	2005	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,693.0	2,731.0	2,625.2	97	96	27,022.1	26,589.5	98
Other	Thou	52.9	46.7	52.7	100	113	473.6	456.6	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,745.9	*2,777.7	2,677.9	98	96	27,495.7	27,046.0	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,270	1,278	1,283	101	100	1,236	1,255	102
Other	Lbs	1,104	1,136	1,122	102	99	1,108	1,119	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,267	1,276	1,280	101	100	1,235	1,252	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	60.6	59.6	54.4	90	91	683.9	603.7	88
Other	Thou	1.9	1.1	2.0	103	176	16.1	14.2	88
Comm'l. ³	Thou	62.5	60.7	56.4	90	93	700.0	617.9	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	329	359	370	112	103	328	350	107
Other	Lbs	424	396	447	105	113	416	407	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	330	363	371	112	102	329	350	106
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,882.5	*8,777.3	9,027.2	102	103	84,330.7	84,332.5	100
Other	Thou	87.2	92.5	89.9	103	97	910.0	856.0	94
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,969.7	8,869.9	9,117.1	102	103	85,240.7	85,188.5	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	267	265	269	101	101	266	268	101
Other	Lbs	234	231	232	99	101	232	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	267	265	269	101	101	266	268	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	228.3	218.9	216.6	95	99	2,219.4	2,122.6	96
Other	Thou	13.0	12.4	11.8	91	95	135.7	121.9	90
Comm'l. ³	Thou	241.3	231.3	228.5	95	99	2,355.2	2,244.5	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	135	136	139	103	102	138	140	101
Other	Lbs	116	109	109	94	101	110	107	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	135	135	138	102	102	136	138	101

* Revised.

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	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Oct 05 as % of ²	
				Oct 2004	Sep 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.9	2.8	2.6	89	94
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	201	192
AZ	26.4	31.1	27.9	105	90
AR	4.9	5.0	5.2	108	106
CA	117.8	119.2	121.9	103	102
CO	168.9	149.9	138.8	82	93
DE-MD	2.7	3.3	3.0	112	91
FL	4.7	4.8	4.5	97	94
GA	15.9	12.4	12.5	79	101
HI	0.8	0.7	0.7	86	98
ID	40.1	25.2	24.0	60	95
IL	230.8	230.3	236.3	102	103
IN	123.5	120.1	126.3	102	105
IA	564.7	*555.8	567.4	100	102
KS	489.5	515.8	482.0	98	93
KY	41.2	42.7	43.3	105	102
LA	1.1	0.8	1.2	104	152
MI	31.9	32.4	34.0	107	105
MN	194.4	200.2	195.7	101	98
MS	29.7	24.3	26.1	88	108
MO	43.1	40.0	42.6	99	106
MT	1.4	1.5	1.4	102	94
NE	605.5	608.1	593.1	98	98
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	93	85
N ENG ³	1.3	1.3	1.3	96	102
NJ	4.0	4.2	4.2	105	99
NM	0.7	0.6	0.6	85	103
NY	3.2	3.6	3.6	111	99
NC	190.0	176.9	189.6	100	107
ND	2.9	2.7	2.7	94	102
OH	26.7	25.9	24.9	93	96
OK	89.1	85.3	93.5	105	110
OR	3.4	3.7	3.9	115	106
PA	93.8	99.2	100.7	107	101
SC	21.0	19.9	20.9	100	105
SD	94.2	87.3	92.4	98	106
TN	18.3	20.8	21.5	117	103
TX	386.6	407.8	400.8	104	98
UT	33.3	43.0	46.2	139	108
VA	66.1	59.8	61.0	92	102
WA	43.6	57.6	63.8	147	111
WV	1.0	0.5	0.9	89	168
WI	99.3	105.7	101.6	102	96
WY	0.3	0.5	0.3	98	57
US	3,921.1	3,932.8	3,925.1	100	100

* Revised.

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,
October 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	391	371	782	879
AK	0.1	0.1	85	154	855	1,075
AZ						
AR	1.1	0.9	1,047	871	944	955
CA	108.4	114.4	145,506	155,384	1,342	1,359
CO	200.6	159.8	251,752	208,756	1,255	1,307
DE-MD	3.2	3.4	3,882	4,371	1,195	1,303
FL						
GA	22.9	19.5	27,379	19,448	1,198	995
HI	0.9	0.7	914	808	1,034	1,124
ID	51.0	27.6	65,108	34,672	1,277	1,256
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	606.2	589.2	765,353	750,625	1,263	1,274
KY	1.3	1.6	1,160	1,428	863	891
LA	1.2	1.2	1,077	1,078	881	883
MI	36.2	38.8	48,752	52,543	1,347	1,355
MN	57.6	52.1	80,575	72,242	1,400	1,386
MS						
MO						
MT	1.7	1.8	1,994	2,018	1,140	1,139
NE	586.0	569.3	774,587	754,808	1,322	1,326
NV						
N ENG ²	1.4	1.4	1,429	1,387	999	976
NJ	2.1	2.3	2,613	2,794	1,223	1,234
NM	1.0	1.0	1,011	1,055	966	1,007
NY	3.9	3.3	4,295	3,886	1,108	1,166
NC	20.5	15.6	20,752	16,136	1,013	1,034
ND						
OH	9.3	9.5	10,480	10,585	1,130	1,117
OK	2.2	2.4	2,292	2,599	1,037	1,092
OR	1.9	2.0	2,167	2,401	1,125	1,221
PA	67.8	74.2	78,751	90,989	1,162	1,226
SC						
SD						
TN	1.4	1.4	1,342	1,264	967	923
TX	511.8	527.2	617,224	640,952	1,206	1,216
UT	42.9	57.5	52,506	72,621	1,223	1,262
VA	1.2	0.8	1,263	829	1,042	1,057
WA	56.3	78.3	70,838	104,424	1,258	1,334
WV	1.5	1.5	1,367	1,375	891	909
WI	119.3	121.2	158,408	163,315	1,327	1,348
WY	0.4	0.3	448	408	1,162	1,200
US ³	2,745.9	2,677.9	3,478,639	3,428,477	1,267	1,280

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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						
CA	7.8	5.8	1,096	986	141	169
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.2	29	53	282	296
FL						
GA	0.3	0.2	134	87	487	436
HI						
ID						
IL	5.5	5.3	2,425	2,332	440	444
IN	0.4	0.2	49	26	127	129
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.7	0.8	341	416	479	497
MI	2.0	2.0	881	781	446	398
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.5	0.4	93	79	178	189
NJ	5.7	6.6	2,440	2,832	432	432
NM						
NY	9.1	8.0	776	1,510	85	190
NC	0.1	0.1	68	39	497	451
ND						
OH	6.0	3.8	2,346	1,522	394	402
OK	0.1	0.1	31	44	471	484
OR						
PA	14.2	11.1	5,441	4,748	385	426
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	53	71	447	477
TX	1.1	1.3	601	731	533	558
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	7.7	9.3	3,526	4,365	459	470
WY						
US ³	62.5	56.4	20,607	20,912	330	371

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
October 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	8.8	4,534	4,175	468	472
AK	0.1	0.1	16	35	152	309
AZ	0.4	0.2	65	46	162	203
AR	13.5	14.6	6,812	7,620	504	521
CA	203.5	209.5	49,508	50,754	243	242
CO	1.1	1.2	302	314	263	266
DE-MD	1.5	1.7	350	396	238	233
FL	8.6	6.7	1,542	1,141	180	171
GA	12.5	9.4	3,015	2,280	241	242
HI	2.2	1.7	463	380	208	220
ID	14.1	12.6	4,596	4,100	326	326
IL	789.7	859.6	218,263	237,790	276	277
IN	614.1	624.7	160,734	164,739	262	264
IA	2,599.8	2,635.7	696,809	711,643	268	270
KS						
KY	204.5	211.8	54,236	56,535	265	267
LA	1.7	1.8	338	343	202	188
MI	9.5	10.5	3,547	3,951	375	378
MN	772.2	798.8	204,307	211,983	265	265
MS						
MO						
MT	1.0	1.1	221	253	228	231
NE	634.1	625.3	168,670	169,637	266	271
NV						
N ENG ²	2.3	1.8	497	412	221	233
NJ	9.8	9.1	994	862	102	95
NM	0.3	0.3	90	91	294	297
NY	2.9	2.9	651	633	224	221
NC	935.1	957.1	238,488	242,282	255	253
ND	13.6	12.9	3,226	3,142	237	244
OH	100.4	95.3	27,153	25,675	270	269
OK	424.6	438.2	116,771	122,518	275	280
OR	15.5	16.8	3,556	4,222	229	251
PA	236.5	243.6	58,672	60,340	248	248
SC						
SD	456.9	444.4	118,801	115,419	260	260
TN	53.7	64.7	26,073	30,977	486	479
TX	28.8	32.1	7,213	8,100	251	252
UT	3.2	3.4	730	789	232	230
VA	339.6	311.1	86,695	80,293	255	258
WA	1.9	1.7	490	440	258	257
WV	0.9	0.9	223	223	254	259
WI	42.8	39.1	19,393	17,138	454	438
WY	0.1	0.2	31	56	242	277
US ³	8,969.7	9,117.1	2,395,671	2,449,543	267	269

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ	0.2	0.2	15	14	89	85
AR	0.1	0.1	10	11	133	114
CA						
CO	85.4	85.0	12,919	13,115	151	154
DE-MD	2.9	3.2	289	316	98	99
FL	0.2	0.3	12	22	72	68
GA						
HI						
ID	0.4	0.4	46	46	125	125
IL	15.7	13.7	2,099	1,897	134	138
IN	2.3	1.9	256	215	111	111
IA	37.7	35.6	5,648	5,313	150	149
KS	0.4	0.3	40	36	112	111
KY	0.9	1.1	110	151	127	135
LA	0.1	0.1	10	8	70	74
MI	17.2	15.0	2,056	1,951	120	130
MN	0.4	0.3	49	41	117	123
MS						
MO	0.6	0.6	62	48	107	85
MT	0.5	0.5	58	59	125	116
NE	0.2	0.2	28	20	125	130
NV	0.1	0.1	15	11	105	112
N ENG ²	2.4	3.0	224	284	93	94
NJ	10.5	10.8	862	918	82	85
NM	1.6	0.8	331	97	207	120
NY	2.8	3.0	223	274	80	92
NC	0.6	0.7	47	60	75	86
ND						
OH	1.1	0.8	115	87	103	106
OK	0.1	0.1	15	14	119	106
OR	1.3	1.6	135	213	107	133
PA	6.2	4.8	574	464	93	97
SC						
SD	1.2	0.3	140	30	119	117
TN	0.6	1.1	57	88	89	80
TX	19.0	9.3	2,314	1,207	122	130
UT	2.4	2.6	288	363	121	139
VA	0.6	1.1	62	108	97	96
WA	0.3	0.3	40	33	139	129
WV						
WI	1.2	1.2	163	160	132	133
WY	0.1	0.1	6	8	115	132
US ³	241.3	228.5	32,465	31,420	135	138

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

Item	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Jan - Oct ¹		Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Jan - Oct ¹	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,304	1,476	1,361	13,697	14,109	48.4	54.1	51.8	50.7	53.1
Heifers	909	816	799	8,689	8,162	33.8	29.9	30.4	32.2	30.7
All Cows	432	394	425	4,167	3,897	16.0	14.5	16.2	15.4	14.6
Dairy Cows	197	190	200	1,946	1,844	7.3	7.0	7.6	7.2	6.9
Other Cows	235	204	225	2,221	2,053	8.7	7.5	8.6	8.2	7.7
Bulls & Stags	48	44	40	469	421	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6
Total ¹	2,693	2,731	2,625	27,022	26,589	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,599	8,487	8,741	81,396	81,518	96.8	96.7	96.8	96.5	96.7
Sows	264	266	263	2,725	2,583	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.1
Stags & Boars	20	25	22	209	232	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Total ¹	8,882	8,777	9,027	84,331	84,333	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	11	11	125	109	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	216	208	206	2,094	2,014	94.7	95.0	95.1	94.4	94.9
Total ¹	228	219	217	2,219	2,123	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight ³										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle										
Steers ⁴	777	785	784	754	767					
Heifers ⁴	834	835	838	803	814					
All Cows ⁴	765	763	772	735	746					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	610	620	620	613	625					
Calves & Vealers	878	894	886	897	907					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	202	220	227	200	214					
Sows ⁵	199	198	200	199	200					
Stags & Boars ⁵	196	194	197	195	197					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	313	309	310	313	309					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	218	213	217	222	213					
	68	69	70	69	70					
	64	68	70	66	69					
	68	69	70	69	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,
October 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	1.1	0.6	0.2					0.4
2	5.4	1.9	0.3	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.4	14.5
3	75.7	31.8		36.1	28.9	7.2		11.4
4	56.6	1.0	0.3	47.7	10.4	37.3	7.6	
5	276.0	113.7	35.0	120.1	64.0	56.1	7.2	20.3
6	526.0	285.4	156.3	74.8	15.3	59.5	9.4	0.9
7	1,202.4	671.9	475.7	47.7	3.1	44.6	7.2	
8	225.9	120.7						
9	149.5	67.1	6.1	72.7	62.3	10.4	3.5	5.6
10	106.6	66.7	28.5	10.8	8.2	2.6	0.6	
US ²	2,625.2	1,360.9	799.1	424.8	199.9	224.9	40.3	54.4
	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	1.4	1.3	0.1					
2	11.6	11.4	0.1	0.1	12.8	1.6	11.3	
3	554.7	553.5	1.1		8.6	0.5	8.2	
4	1,434.6	1,342.8	90.5	1.4	3.5	1.3	2.2	
5	2,391.3	2,290.0	98.5	2.8	29.1	4.4	24.6	
6	480.4	455.6	24.6	0.2	8.1	0.1	7.9	
7	3,460.6	3,397.1			36.2	0.3	36.0	
8	458.5	455.5	3.0		87.3	1.7	85.5	
9	204.2	204.1						
10	30.1	30.0	0.1		1.8		1.8	
US ²	9,027.2	8,741.3	263.4	22.5	216.6	10.7	205.9	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - October 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	9.0	3.6	1.7					4.5
2	51.5	16.2	2.7	29.4	27.8	1.6	3.2	151.0
3	722.9	314.2		327.6	265.0	62.6		130.7
4	555.1	10.2	3.0	465.8	102.5	363.3	76.2	
5	2,733.0	1,181.8	345.2	1,133.9	601.7	532.2	72.2	227.5
6	5,205.6	2,853.6	1,677.8	574.1	121.9	452.3	100.0	7.0
7	12,527.1	7,226.6	4,769.3	458.8	30.2	428.6	72.4	0.3
8	2,326.6	1,222.5						
9	1,495.8	764.2	67.8	630.6	557.0	73.6	33.3	72.5
10	962.9	516.5	266.6	160.6	96.6	64.1	19.2	
US ²	26,589.5	14,109.3	8,162.5	3,897.2	1,844.1	2,053.1	420.6	603.7
	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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	13.3	12.9	0.2	0.2				
2	117.9	114.9	1.6	1.3	118.5	14.6		103.9
3	5,222.0	5,208.8	12.9	0.4	86.7	5.0		81.7
4	13,511.2	12,744.3	751.6	15.3	29.8	12.1		17.7
5	22,249.6	21,163.6	1,060.0	26.1	314.1	47.5		266.6
6	4,512.1	4,305.3	206.0	0.9	33.6	0.9		32.7
7	32,305.6	31,618.9			347.9	2.6		345.3
8	4,030.1	3,980.8	49.2	0.1	875.8	17.3		858.5
9	2,073.4	2,072.5						
10	297.3	296.4	0.8	0.1	17.1	1.2		15.9
US ²	84,332.5	81,518.2	2,582.8	231.6	2,122.6	108.9		2,013.7

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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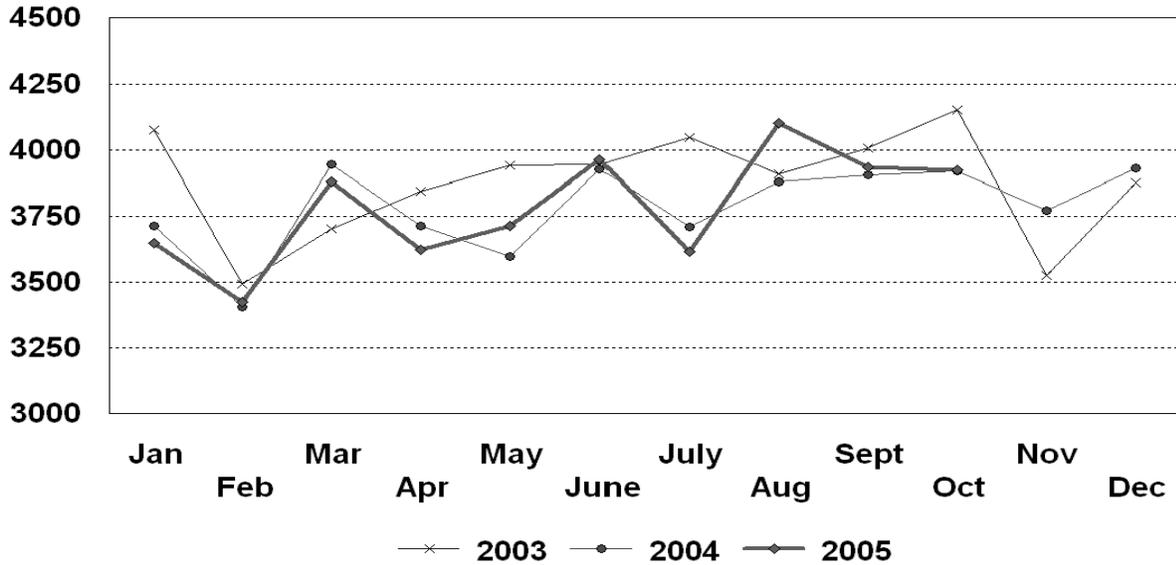
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

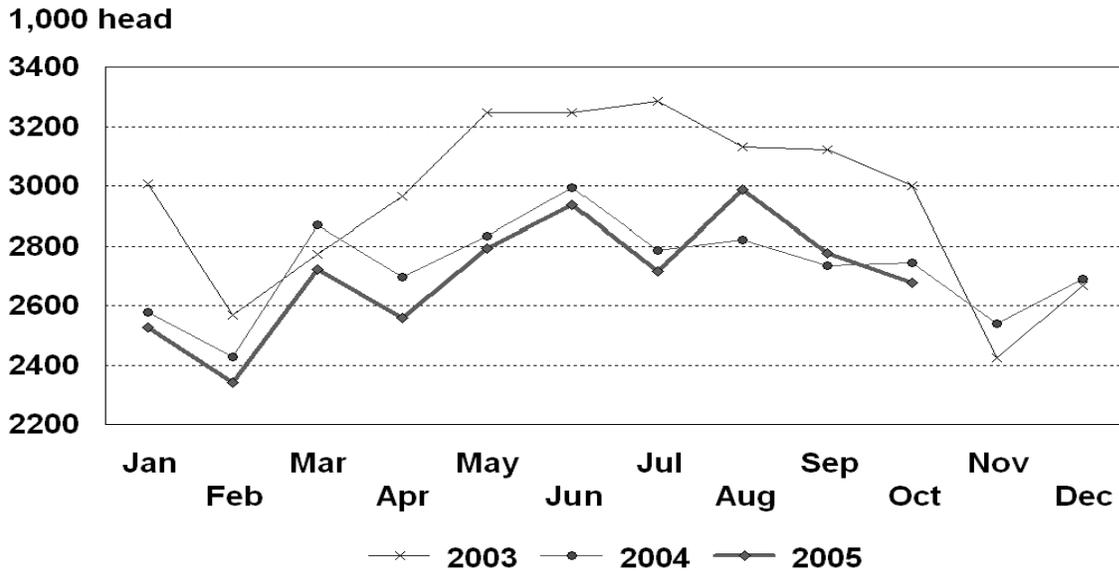
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				2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.3	98.0	98.3	98.3
Calves	96.9	98.1	96.5	97.7	97.7
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.0	98.9	99.0
Sheep	94.6	94.6	94.8	94.2	94.6

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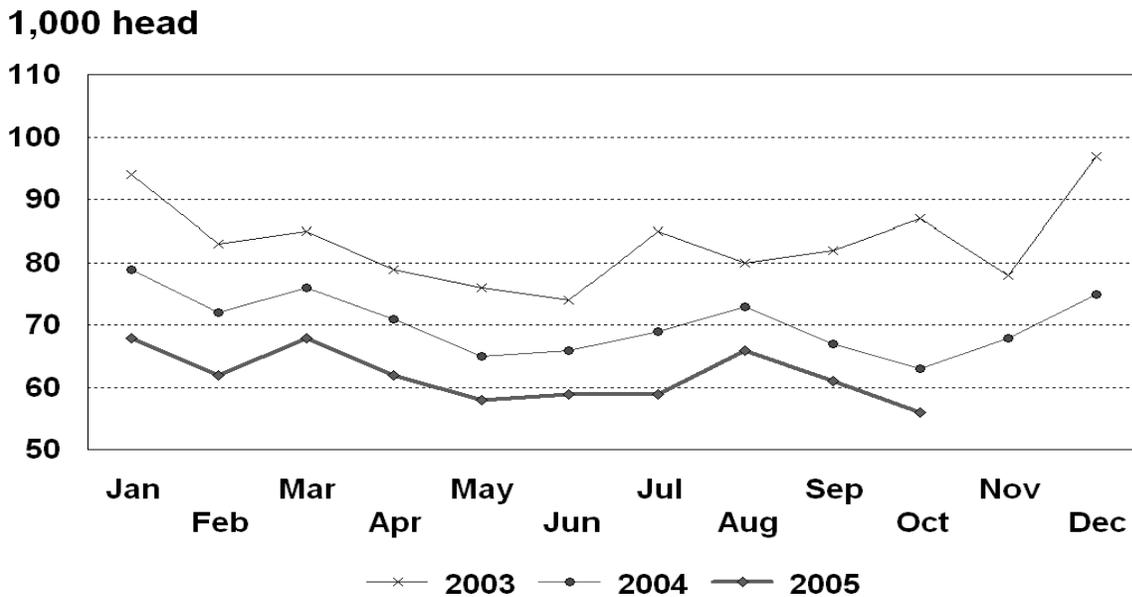
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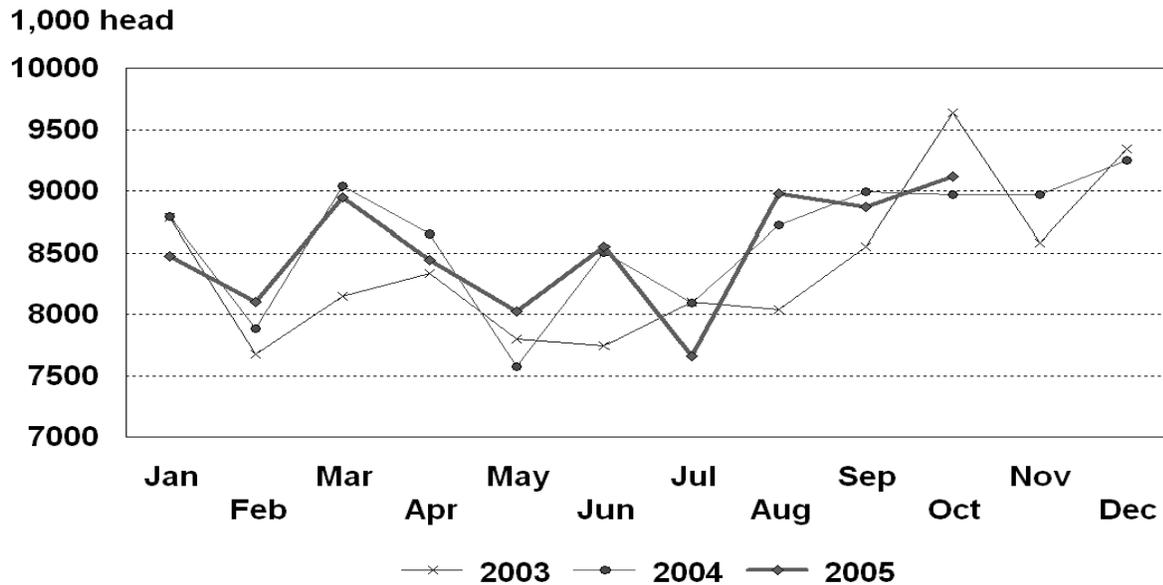
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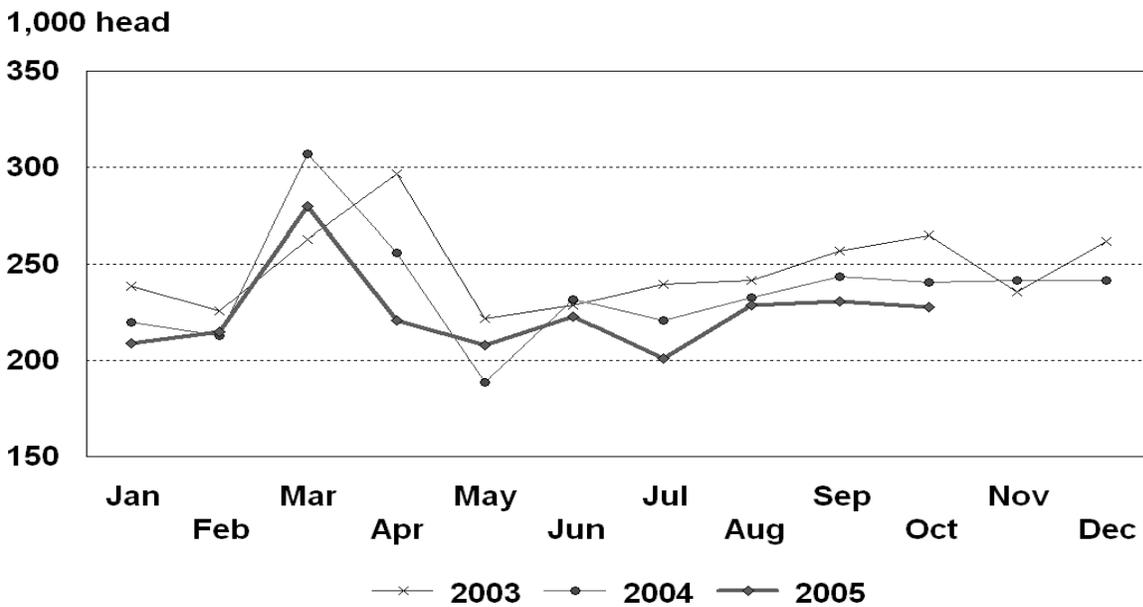
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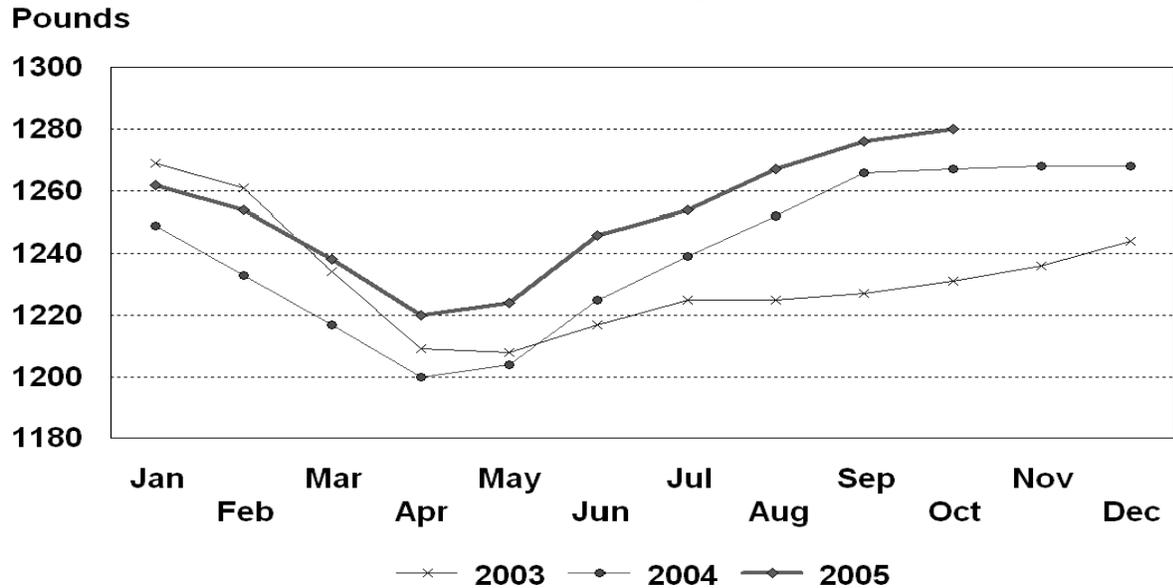
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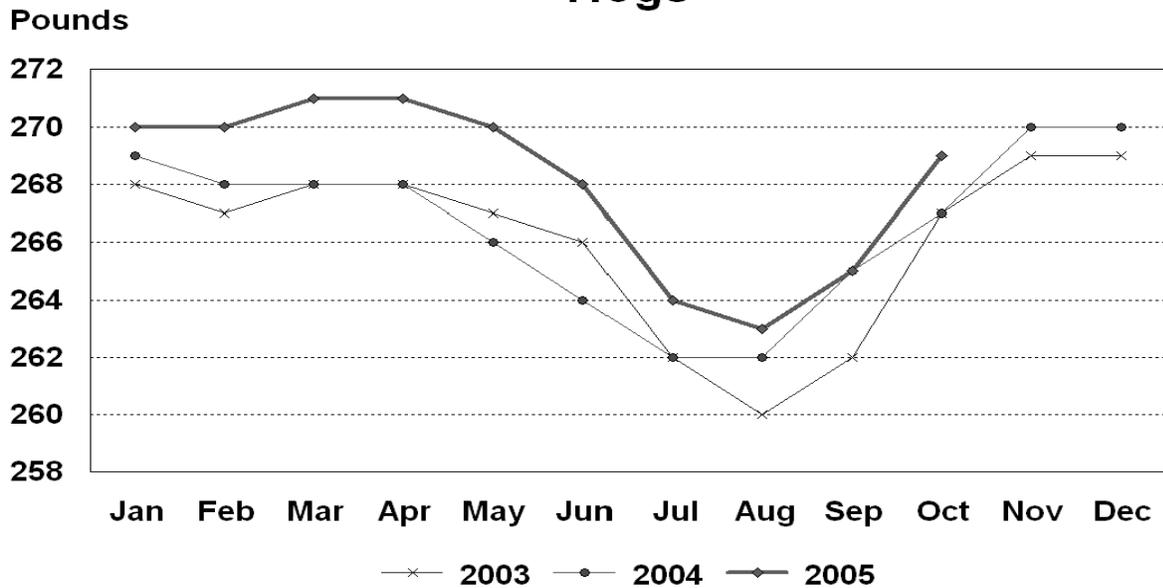
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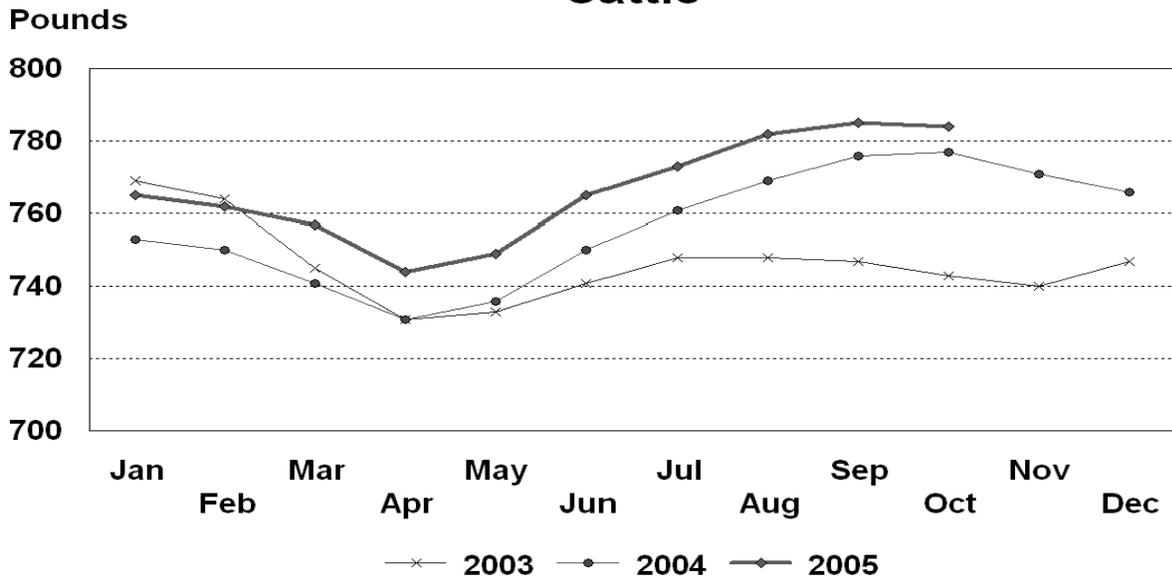
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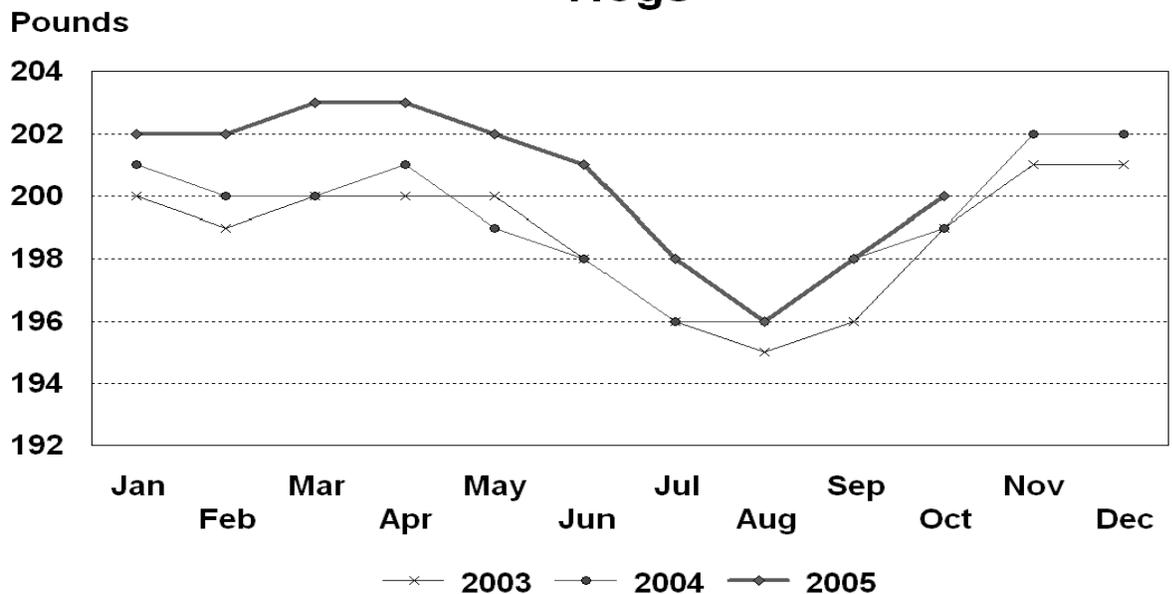
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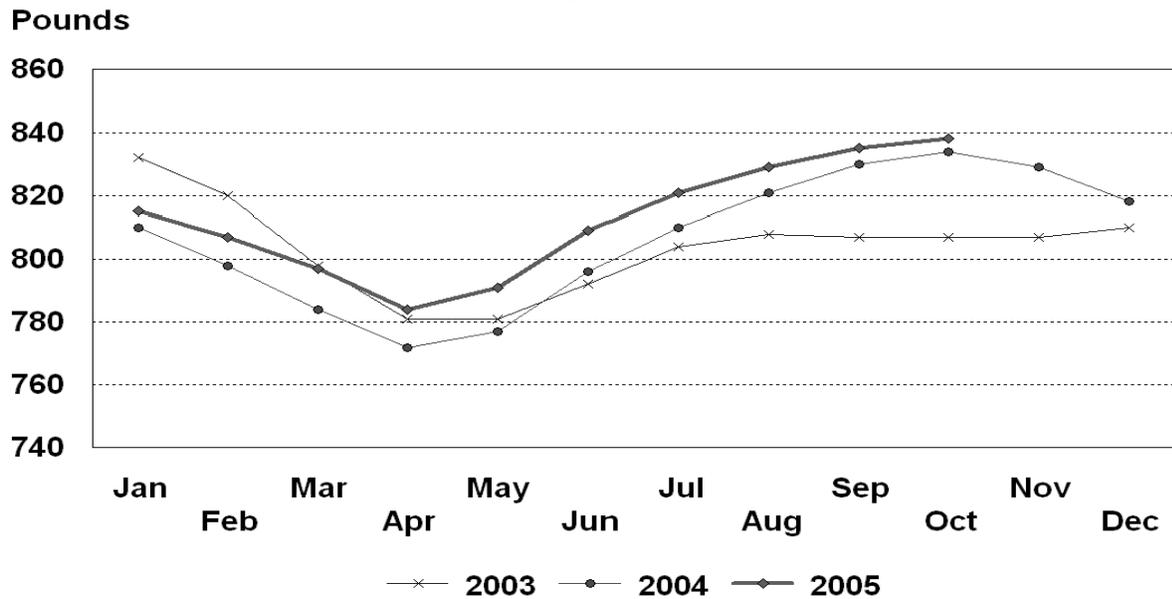
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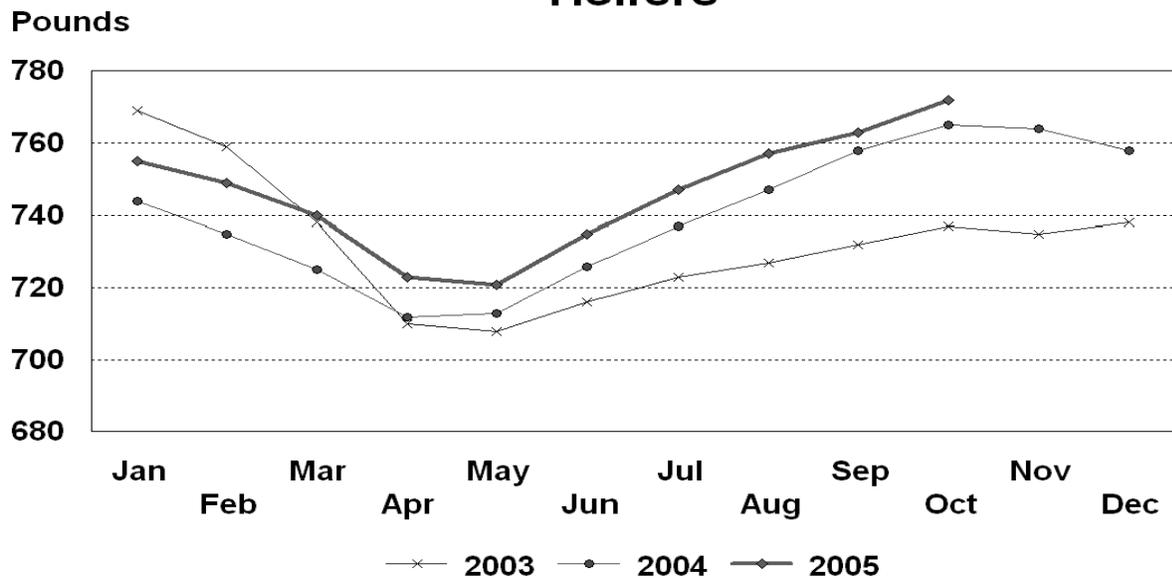
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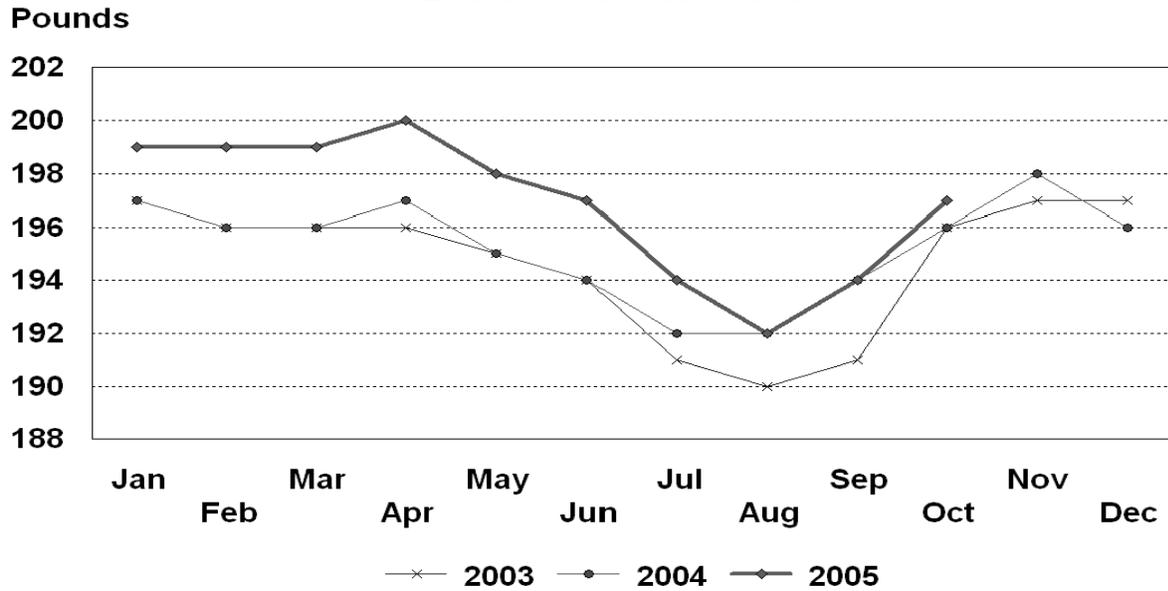
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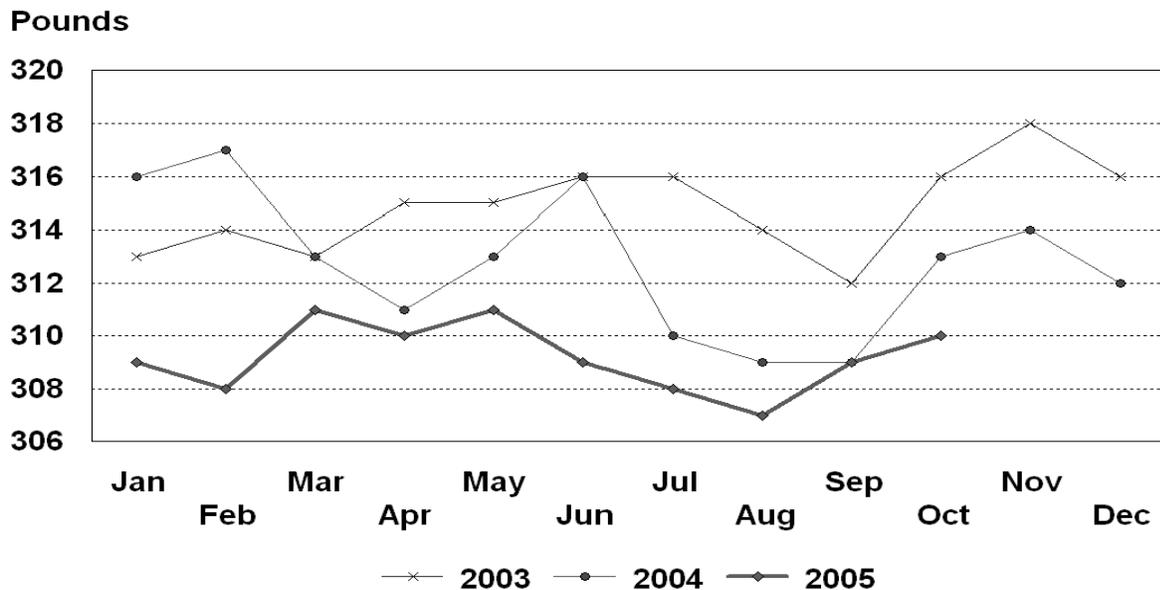
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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