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Pork Production at Record High for November

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,300 head, down 17 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was 29 pounds above last year, at 365 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,500 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2005 commercial red meat production was 41.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent 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.

November 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 05 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2004	Oct 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	1,941	2,081	2,071	107	100	22,505	22,635	101
Veal	13.8	12.6	12.4	90	99	151.9	142.3	94
Pork	1,799	1,816	1,843	102	101	18,654	18,816	101
Lamb & Mutton	16.5	15.8	15.8	96	100	177.1	170.7	96
Total Red Meat	3,770	3,925	3,942	105	100	41,488	41,765	101

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	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 05 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2004	Oct 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	1,909	2,047	2,043	107	100	22,178	22,317	101
Veal	13.3	12.0	12.1	91	100	147.4	138.5	94
Pork	1,784	1,801	1,827	102	101	18,485	18,657	101
Lamb & Mutton	15.8	15.1	15.2	97	101	168.9	163.7	97
Total Red Meat	3,722	3,875	3,897	105	101	40,979	41,276	101

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	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 05 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
					Nov 2004	Oct 2005	2004	2005	05 % of 04
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,491.6	2,625.2	2,623.0	105	100	29,513.7	29,212.5	99
Other	Thou	50.7	52.7	44.5	88	84	524.3	501.1	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,542.3	2,677.9	2,667.5	105	100	30,038.0	29,713.6	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,272	1,283	1,287	101	100	1,240	1,258	101
Other	Lbs	1,089	1,122	1,120	103	100	1,106	1,119	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,268	1,280	1,284	101	100	1,238	1,255	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	66.1	54.4	55.0	83	101	749.9	658.7	88
Other	Thou	1.8	2.0	1.4	76	68	17.9	15.5	87
Comm'l. ³	Thou	67.9	56.4	56.3	83	100	767.8	674.2	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	335	370	364	110	99	328	351	107
Other	Lbs	425	447	407	96	91	417	407	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	336	371	365	109	99	330	352	107
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,880.7	9,027.2	9,038.2	102	100	93,211.4	93,370.7	100
Other	Thou	92.1	89.9	94.2	102	105	1,002.1	950.1	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,972.8	9,117.1	9,132.3	102	100	94,213.5	94,320.8	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	270	269	272	101	101	267	269	101
Other	Lbs	234	232	237	102	102	232	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	270	269	272	101	101	266	268	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	228.2	216.6	213.0	93	98	2,447.6	2,335.6	95
Other	Thou	13.8	11.8	11.6	84	98	149.6	133.4	89
Comm'l. ³	Thou	242.0	228.5	224.5	93	98	2,597.2	2,469.0	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	138	139	142	103	102	138	140	102
Other	Lbs	111	109	105	94	96	110	107	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	136	138	141	103	102	136	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	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Nov 05 as % of ²	
				Nov 2004	Oct 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.8	2.6	2.7	96	104
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	144	116
AZ	27.8	27.9	33.6	121	121
AR	5.8	5.2	5.2	90	99
CA	121.7	121.9	129.9	107	107
CO	149.2	138.8	143.2	96	103
DE-MD	3.0	3.0	3.4	114	112
FL	4.7	4.5	4.6	97	101
GA	15.2	12.5	11.2	74	89
HI	0.8	0.7	0.8	95	108
ID	38.3	24.0	22.4	59	93
IL	233.1	236.3	243.9	105	103
IN	127.6	126.3	132.6	104	105
IA	561.8	567.4	584.1	104	103
KS	426.8	482.0	461.6	108	96
KY	42.6	43.3	42.1	99	97
LA	1.1	1.2	1.0	84	81
MI	31.4	34.0	33.7	107	99
MN	198.2	195.7	208.4	105	106
MS	27.1	26.1	26.6	98	102
MO	39.1	42.6	39.4	101	93
MT	1.3	1.4	1.4	105	95
NE	560.5	593.1	577.1	103	97
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	150	142
N ENG ³	1.4	1.3	1.3	99	105
NJ	4.3	4.2	4.2	97	100
NM	0.6	0.6	0.6	90	90
NY	3.2	3.6	3.6	113	100
NC	202.0	189.6	203.2	101	107
ND	2.6	2.7	2.6	97	95
OH	27.7	24.9	23.7	85	95
OK	86.4	93.5	90.3	104	97
OR	3.6	3.9	3.9	108	98
PA	92.9	100.7	102.7	111	102
SC	20.9	20.9	22.2	106	106
SD	92.6	92.4	92.9	100	101
TN	19.5	21.5	21.0	108	98
TX	353.4	400.8	399.5	113	100
UT	32.0	46.2	44.5	139	96
VA	68.9	61.0	44.2	64	72
WA	41.5	63.8	63.2	152	99
WV	0.9	0.9	0.9	99	104
WI	95.1	101.6	108.5	114	107
WY	0.6	0.3	0.5	87	168
US	3,770.1	3,925.1	3,942.3	105	100

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,
November 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	0.4	360	329	819	879
AK	0.1	0.2	135	200	1,099	1,124
AZ						
AR	0.9	0.6	859	601	958	946
CA	111.4	120.7	149,583	164,160	1,343	1,360
CO	175.1	164.7	224,816	215,381	1,284	1,307
DE-MD	3.4	3.8	4,111	4,927	1,226	1,310
FL						
GA	21.1	19.0	24,628	16,771	1,164	882
HI	0.9	0.8	878	830	1,005	1,094
ID	50.3	25.0	63,157	32,189	1,255	1,286
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	530.5	565.5	671,892	721,448	1,267	1,276
KY	1.2	1.2	1,073	1,118	878	911
LA	1.0	1.1	958	905	936	851
MI	34.8	38.0	47,184	51,672	1,355	1,359
MN	63.2	62.9	87,239	86,729	1,381	1,379
MS						
MO						
MT	1.6	1.7	1,813	1,853	1,129	1,113
NE	542.8	549.7	715,910	734,828	1,319	1,337
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.5	1,509	1,396	977	961
NJ	2.2	2.3	2,702	2,721	1,241	1,195
NM	0.9	1.0	900	989	962	970
NY	3.9	3.0	4,200	3,452	1,077	1,160
NC	19.0	17.8	19,025	17,982	1,003	1,010
ND						
OH	10.6	8.2	11,894	9,183	1,120	1,118
OK	2.1	1.9	2,218	2,042	1,039	1,085
OR	1.7	1.9	1,892	2,351	1,143	1,239
PA	65.8	75.4	77,867	94,135	1,183	1,248
SC						
SD						
TN	1.3	1.4	1,218	1,254	905	891
TX	471.8	521.6	565,086	634,387	1,198	1,216
UT	41.8	55.8	50,645	69,955	1,213	1,253
VA	1.2	0.8	1,131	826	971	1,090
WA	53.6	77.9	67,406	103,764	1,258	1,333
WV	1.3	1.4	1,249	1,329	947	942
WI	113.4	130.9	151,563	177,053	1,337	1,353
WY	0.7	0.6	802	680	1,175	1,157
US ³	2,542.3	2,667.5	3,224,586	3,426,084	1,268	1,284

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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		24		480
CA	8.4	5.9	1,187	990	141	167
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.2	29	47	250	317
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	52	69	437	464
HI						
ID						
IL	7.7	4.2	3,489	1,853	453	442
IN	0.6	0.4	76	49	127	127
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.8	0.5	380	252	478	473
MI	2.0	2.2	852	861	428	391
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.5	0.4	93	91	173	229
NJ	6.8	7.0	2,944	3,009	434	428
NM						
NY	9.2	9.0	776	1,842	84	204
NC	0.1	0.1	60	41	495	506
ND						
OH	6.7	3.3	2,681	1,280	402	393
OK	0.1	0.1	24	33	447	468
OR						
PA	14.3	10.9	5,523	4,647	386	427
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.2	57	77	450	489
TX	1.1	0.6	633	342	585	544
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	8.0	10.2	3,652	4,791	455	470
WY						
US ³	67.9	56.3	22,809	20,562	336	365

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	9.2	9.3	4,327	4,379	470	472
AK	0.1	0.1	15	28	278	262
AZ	0.4	0.3	42	51	118	174
AR	16.8	14.9	8,475	7,797	506	523
CA	210.1	223.8	52,392	54,705	249	244
CO	0.9	1.1	242	300	258	267
DE-MD	1.9	1.8	498	467	261	257
FL	8.2	7.2	1,421	977	174	136
GA	13.5	10.1	3,255	2,460	241	243
HI	2.3	2.0	472	451	205	225
ID	14.5	13.1	4,738	4,257	327	326
IL	796.2	872.2	221,044	244,005	278	280
IN	629.3	648.7	167,372	173,406	266	267
IA	2,580.5	2,662.2	698,209	728,011	271	273
KS						
KY	208.7	203.6	56,123	55,445	269	272
LA	2.3	1.8	419	311	181	172
MI	11.0	10.6	4,411	4,207	400	395
MN	771.1	822.8	205,197	219,521	266	267
MS						
MO						
MT	1.1	1.2	266	293	253	246
NE	596.9	609.6	160,635	166,642	269	273
NV						
N ENG ²	2.0	2.0	481	488	239	243
NJ	9.7	8.9	982	850	101	95
NM	0.2	0.2	69	55	317	281
NY	2.8	2.8	626	630	225	228
NC	986.1	1,006.0	255,701	259,471	259	258
ND	13.5	13.3	3,211	3,270	237	245
OH	98.5	89.9	27,386	25,185	278	280
OK	405.5	412.8	113,705	118,242	280	286
OR	17.5	16.5	4,047	4,112	231	249
PA	238.2	244.7	58,918	60,906	247	249
SC						
SD	444.4	439.7	115,247	116,243	259	264
TN	58.0	63.2	27,900	30,348	481	480
TX	35.3	44.5	9,495	11,816	269	265
UT	2.2	3.8	500	888	232	231
VA	348.6	223.7	90,349	58,146	259	260
WA	1.8	1.9	460	492	256	257
WV	0.9	1.1	259	296	279	277
WI	40.5	35.8	18,302	16,187	452	452
WY	0.3	0.4	94	103	273	268
US ³	8,972.8	9,132.3	2,421,568	2,483,610	270	272

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ	0.1	0.1	9	7	64	86
AR	0.1	0.1	6	7	107	110
CA						
CO	91.6	82.7	14,112	12,954	154	157
DE-MD	3.2	3.2	307	328	97	103
FL	0.2	0.2	10	14	62	82
GA						
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	38	34	122	126
IL	17.5	15.2	2,374	2,137	135	140
IN	2.4	1.8	268	201	110	110
IA	29.9	36.3	4,366	5,474	146	151
KS	0.3	0.2	27	24	105	103
KY	0.9	1.1	103	145	120	136
LA	0.1	0.1	8	10	81	81
MI	15.8	13.9	1,872	1,879	119	136
MN	0.3	0.3	34	35	125	121
MS						
MO	0.4	0.4	42	37	108	83
MT	0.3	0.4	35	45	118	112
NE	0.1	0.1	16	14	124	123
NV	0.2	0.1	18	8	107	112
N ENG ²	2.1	3.0	200	285	95	96
NJ	10.7	8.5	883	741	83	88
NM	1.5	0.7	306	87	200	124
NY	3.1	2.8	248	262	81	93
NC	0.5	0.6	40	56	86	94
ND						
OH	1.2	0.7	124	71	105	107
OK	0.1	0.1	9	8	118	105
OR	1.4	1.7	146	235	105	136
PA	5.2	4.0	463	384	89	95
SC						
SD	1.1	1.0	134	125	121	119
TN	0.6	1.0	47	79	81	79
TX	19.5	10.2	2,362	1,318	121	129
UT	2.6	2.8	339	386	130	139
VA	0.4	1.1	50	107	122	100
WA	0.3	0.2	41	25	154	138
WV						
WI	0.9	0.9	120	120	134	134
WY	0.1	0.2	16	22	131	138
US ³	242.0	224.5	32,914	31,556	136	141

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

Item	Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov ¹		Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov ¹	
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,206	1,361	1,336	14,903	15,445	48.4	51.8	50.9	50.5	52.9
Heifers	804	799	798	9,493	8,961	32.3	30.4	30.4	32.2	30.7
All Cows	440	425	448	4,607	4,345	17.7	16.2	17.1	15.6	14.8
Dairy Cows	192	200	208	2,138	2,052	7.7	7.6	7.9	7.2	7.0
Other Cows	248	225	240	2,469	2,293	10.0	8.6	9.2	8.4	7.8
Bulls & Stags	41	40	40	510	461	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6
Total ¹	2,492	2,625	2,623	29,514	29,212	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,587	8,741	8,748	89,983	90,266	96.7	96.8	96.8	96.5	96.7
Sows	270	263	265	2,995	2,848	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.1
Stags & Boars	25	22	24	234	256	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,881	9,027	9,038	93,211	93,371	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	11	10	137	119	5.1	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	217	206	203	2,311	2,217	94.9	95.1	95.4	94.4	94.9
Total ¹	228	217	213	2,448	2,336	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	771	784	783	756	768					
Heifers ⁴	829	838	840	805	816					
All Cows ⁴	764	772	775	738	749					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	610	620	617	613	624					
	871	886	893	895	906					
Calves & Vealers	206	227	226	201	215					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	202	200	203	199	201					
Sows ⁵	198	197	200	195	197					
Stags & Boars ⁵	314	310	311	313	309					
	207	217	211	220	213					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	69	70	71	69	70					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	65	70	69	66	69					
	69	70	72	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,
November 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	1.1	0.5	0.2					0.4
2	5.0	1.9	0.3	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.3	16.0
3	77.7	33.3		35.4	28.3	7.1		11.1
4	57.4	1.0	0.3	48.9	11.5	37.3	7.3	
5	301.4	117.8	41.2	134.1	69.9	64.2	8.3	20.1
6	520.7	276.8	163.0	71.2	11.6	59.7	9.7	0.5
7	1,162.9	643.2	461.1	51.3	2.0	49.3	7.3	
8	229.8	126.6						
9	163.5	73.2	7.0	80.0	68.9	11.1	3.3	5.7
10	103.6	61.6	30.6	11.0	9.3	1.7	0.4	
US ²	2,623.0	1,335.8	798.2	448.5	208.4	240.1	40.5	55.0
	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	1.5	1.4						
2	11.4	11.2	0.1	0.1	10.3	1.5	8.8	
3	468.5	467.1	1.4		8.0	0.5	7.5	
4	1,484.1	1,393.3	89.4	1.3	3.0	1.2	1.8	
5	2,450.3	2,350.7	96.7	3.0	28.9	3.6	25.3	
6	457.6	431.0	26.5	0.1	8.5	0.1	8.5	
7	3,460.9	3,393.0			36.7	0.5	36.2	
8	454.2	450.9	3.3		86.0	1.8	84.2	
9	219.2	219.1						
10	30.5	30.4	0.1		1.8		1.8	
US ²	9,038.2	8,748.3	265.5	24.4	213.0	9.8	203.2	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - November 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	10.1	4.1	1.9					4.9
2	56.4	18.1	3.0	31.9	30.2	1.7	3.5	167.0
3	800.6	347.6		363.1	293.3	69.8		141.7
4	612.5	11.1	3.2	514.7	114.1	400.6	83.4	
5	3,034.3	1,299.6	386.4	1,268.0	671.6	596.3	80.4	247.5
6	5,726.3	3,130.4	1,840.8	645.3	133.4	511.9	109.8	7.5
7	13,690.0	7,869.8	5,230.4	510.1	32.2	477.9	79.7	0.3
8	2,556.4	1,349.1						
9	1,659.3	837.3	74.8	710.6	625.9	84.7	36.6	78.3
10	1,066.5	578.1	297.2	171.6	105.8	65.8	19.5	
US ²	29,212.5	15,445.1	8,960.7	4,345.6	2,052.5	2,293.2	461.0	658.7
	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	14.8	14.3	0.3	0.2				
2	129.2	126.1	1.7	1.4	128.7	16.1		112.6
3	5,690.6	5,675.9	14.3	0.4	94.6	5.5		89.2
4	14,995.3	14,137.7	841.1	16.6	32.8	13.3		19.6
5	24,699.9	23,514.2	1,156.7	29.0	343.0	51.1		291.9
6	4,969.7	4,736.3	232.4	1.0	42.1	1.0		41.2
7	35,766.5	35,011.9			384.6	3.1		381.5
8	4,484.3	4,431.7	52.5	0.1	961.8	19.2		942.6
9	2,292.6	2,291.6						
10	327.8	326.8	0.8	0.1	18.9	1.2		17.7
US ²	93,370.7	90,266.4	2,848.2	256.0	2,335.6	118.7		2,216.9

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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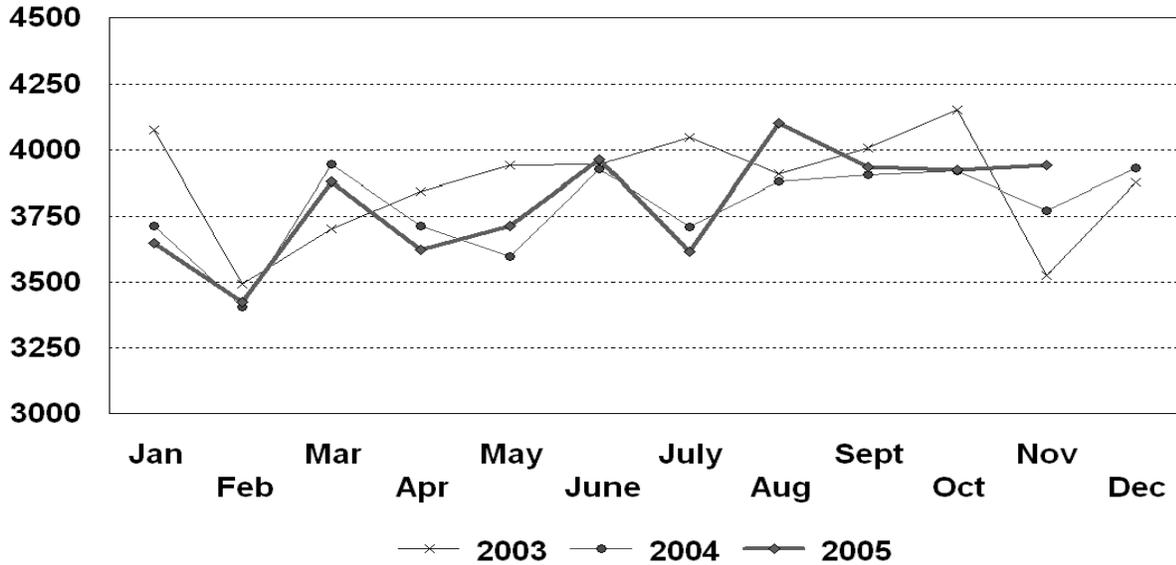
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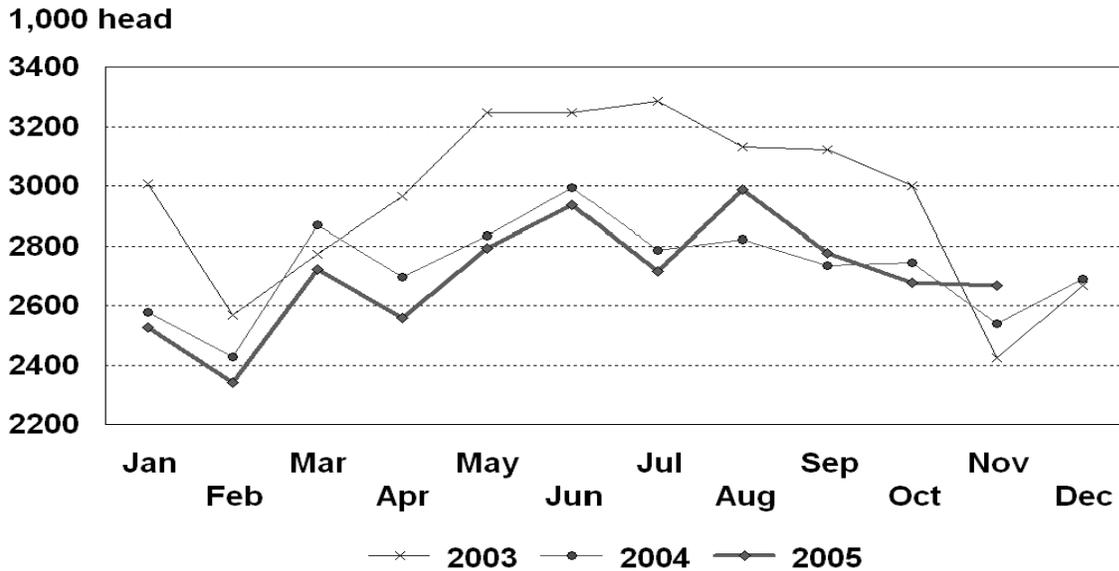
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				2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.0	98.0	98.3	98.3	98.3
Calves	97.4	96.5	97.6	97.7	97.7
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.0	98.9	99.0
Sheep	94.3	94.8	94.9	94.2	94.6

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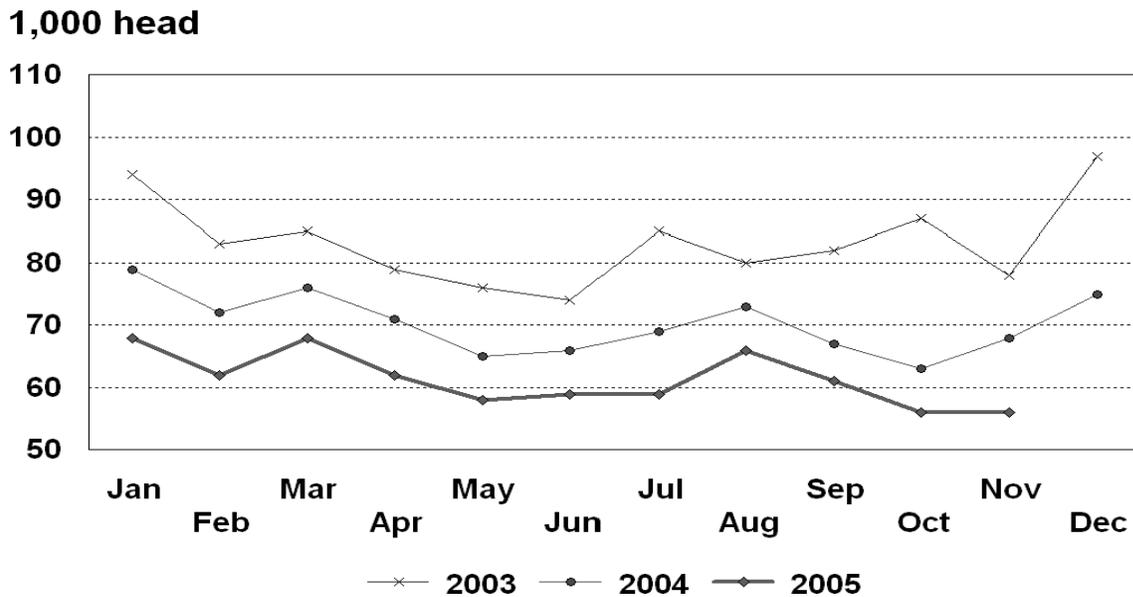
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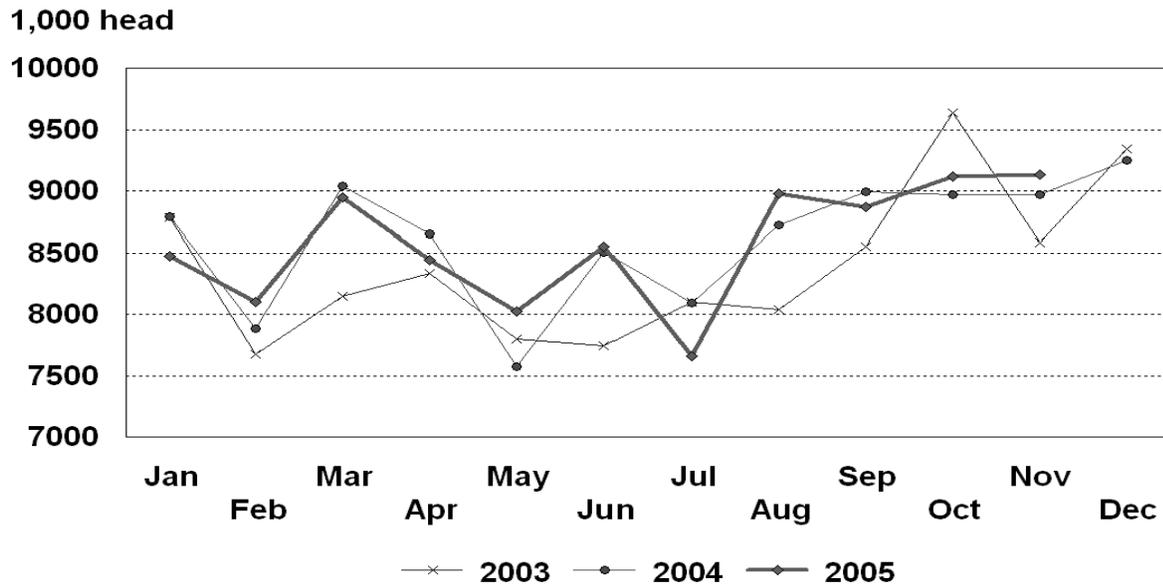
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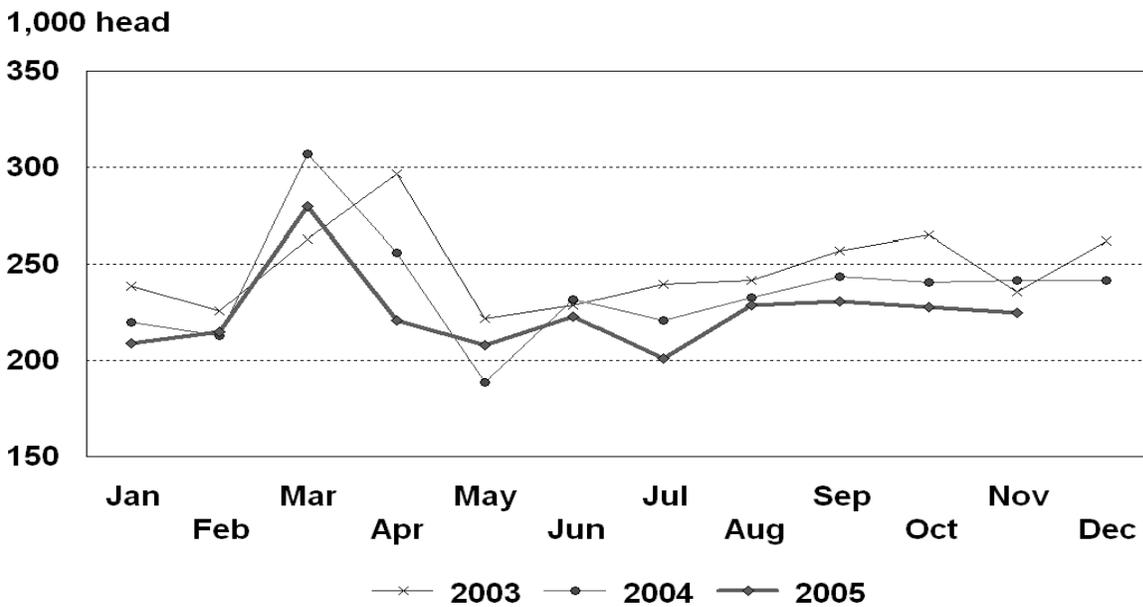
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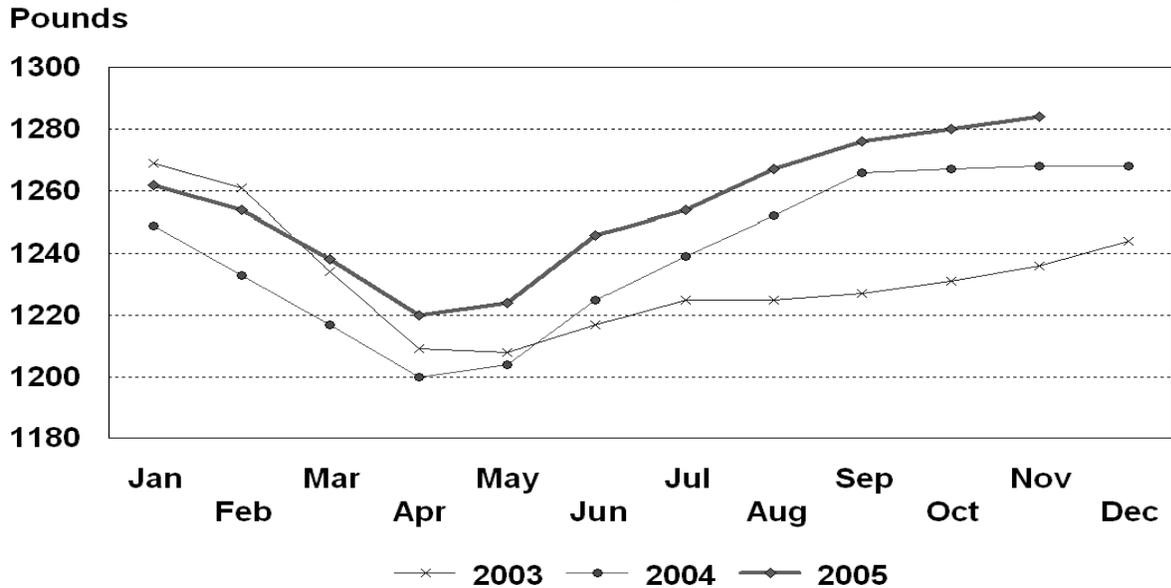
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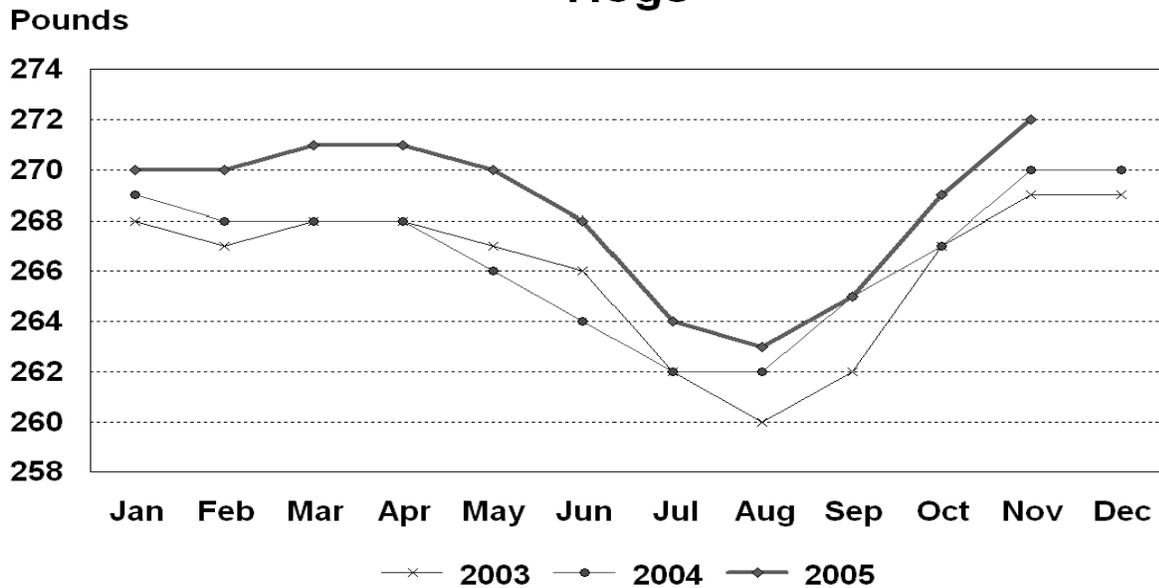
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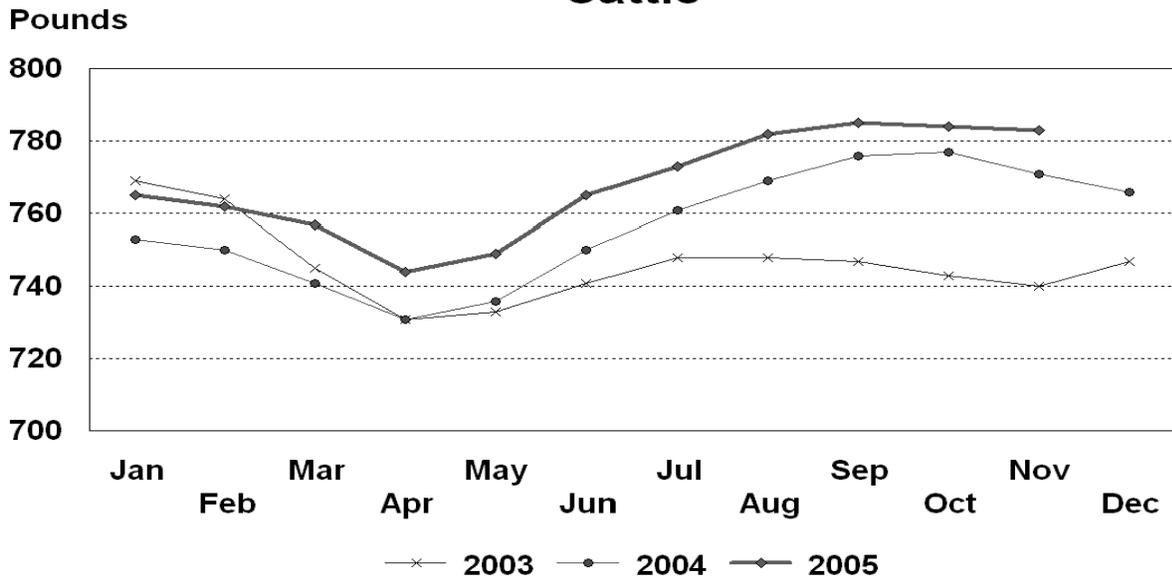
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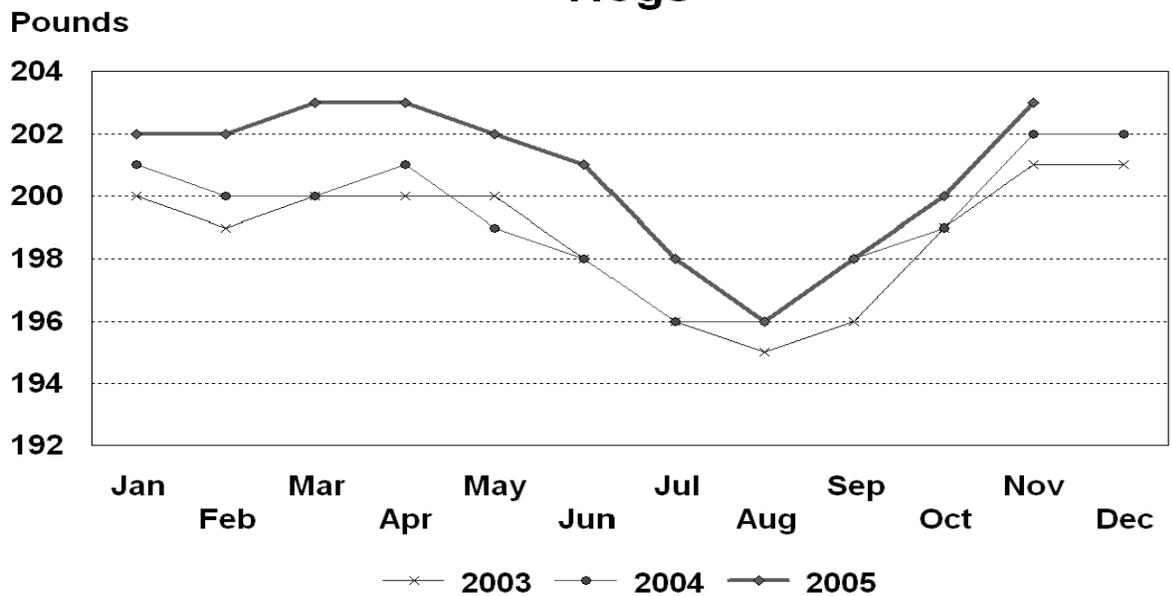
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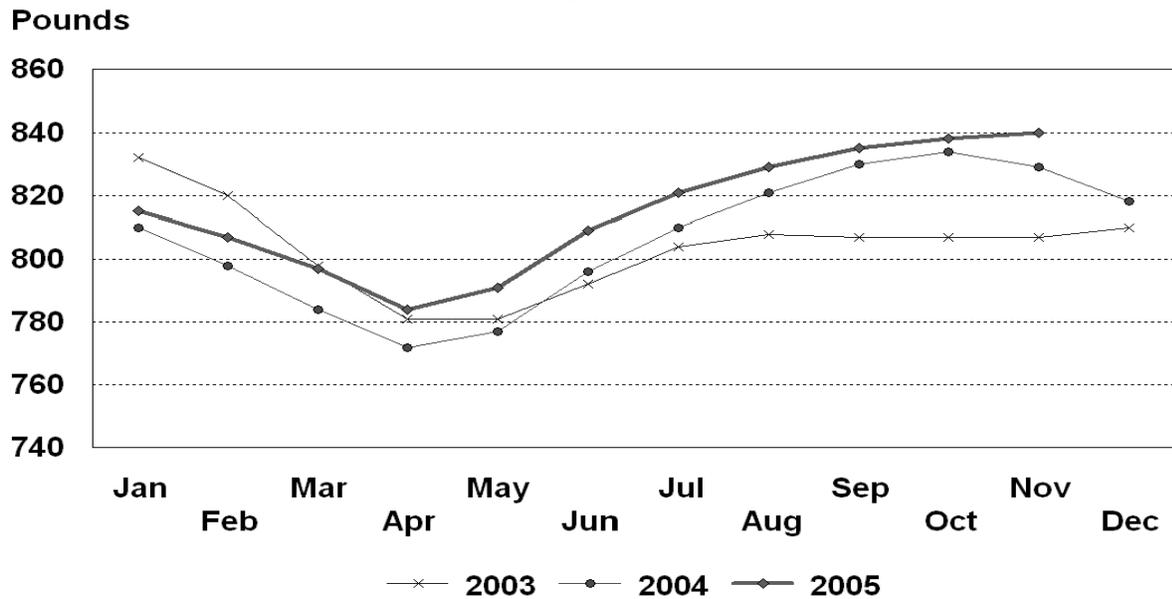
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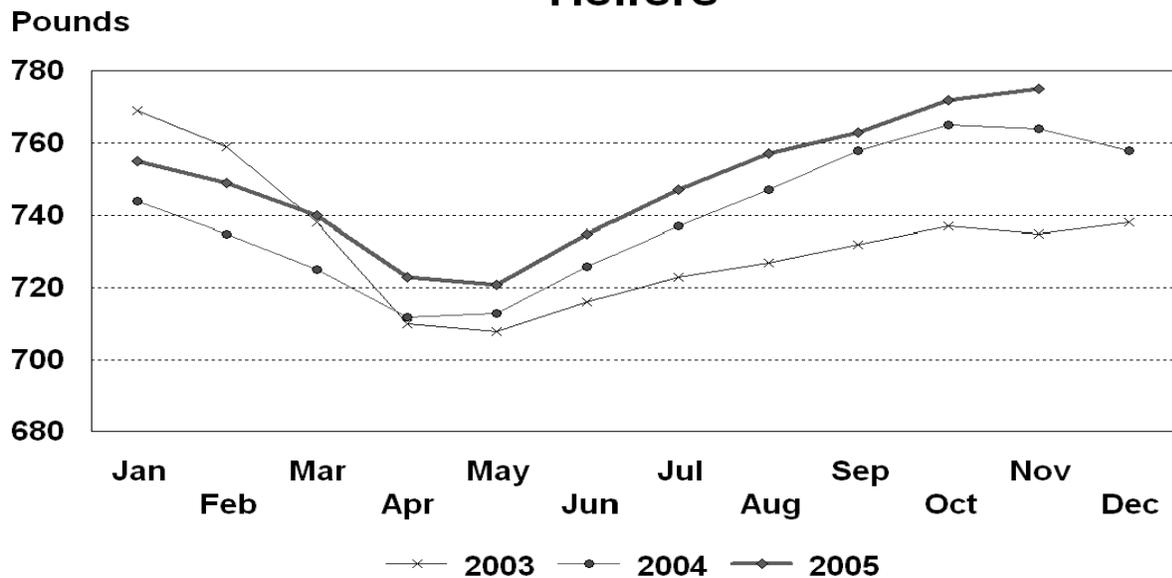
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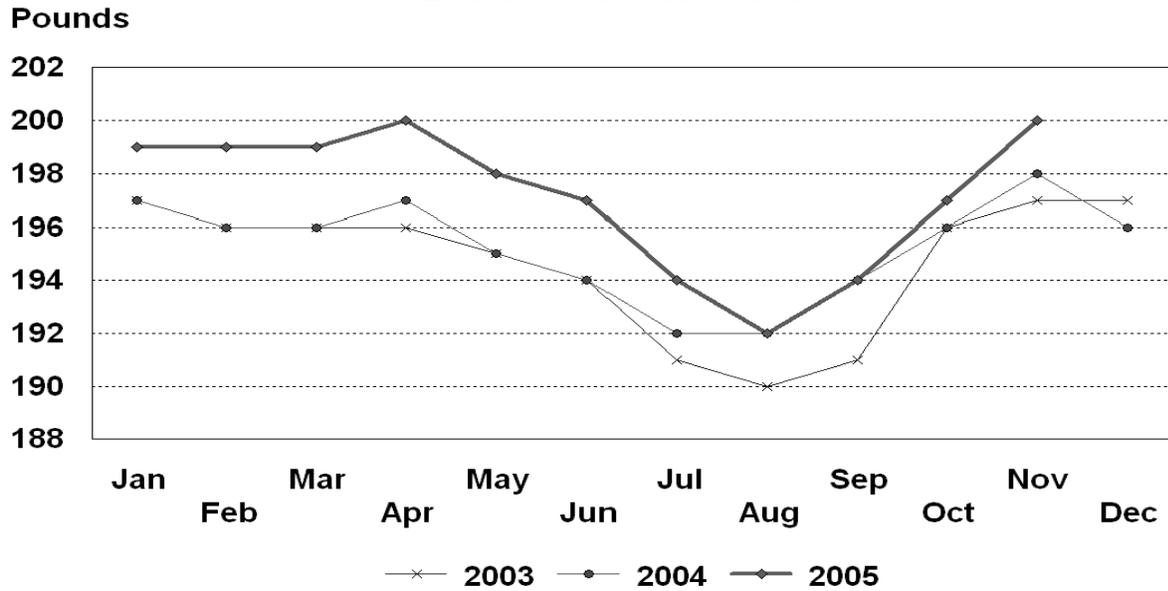
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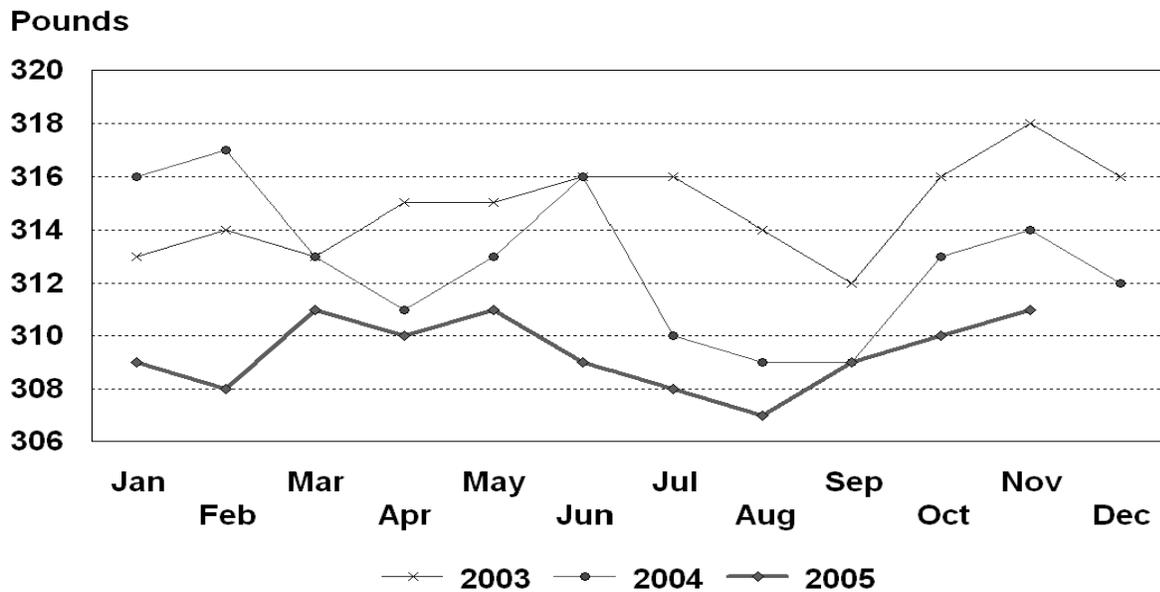
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 publishability.

Types of Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last five years; running about 1.90 head per 100 head for calves, .5 per 100 for cattle, .40 per 100 for hogs and .20 per 100 for sheep. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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