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Red Meat & Beef Production at Record Highs for June

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in June, up 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in June 2005.

Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 8 percent from June 2005. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,700 head, down slightly from June 2005. The average live weight was 4 pounds below last year, at 365 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.34 million head, 2 percent below June 2005. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 211,800 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2006 commercial red meat production was 23.3 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 06 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 2005	May 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,227	2,297	2,429	109	106	11,913	12,777	107
Veal	13.2	13.1	13.0	99	99	78.0	74.5	96
Pork	1,707	1,722	1,663	97	97	10,159	10,320	102
Lamb & Mutton	15.3	16.3	14.6	95	89	94.6	96.9	102
Total Red Meat	3,962	4,049	4,120	104	102	22,245	23,269	105

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 06 % of		Jan - Jun ²		
				Jun 2005	May 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	<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	2,199	2,268	2,401	109	106	11,739	12,603	107
Veal	12.9	12.8	12.8	99	100	76.1	72.9	96
Pork	1,693	1,709	1,649	97	97	10,074	10,238	102
Lamb & Mutton	14.6	15.7	13.9	95	89	90.9	93.1	102
Total Red Meat	3,919	4,006	4,077	104	102	21,980	23,007	105

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	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 06 % of		Jan - Jun ²		06 % of 05
					Jun 2005	May 2006	2005	2006	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,893.5	2,993.5	3,115.8	108	104	15,610.4	16,373.7	105
Other	Thou	44.1	45.2	43.2	98	95	276.9	271.5	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,937.6	3,038.7	3,159.0	108	104	15,887.3	16,645.2	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,247	1,243	1,261	101	101	1,242	1,265	102
Other	Lbs	1,112	1,124	1,128	101	100	1,112	1,130	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,245	1,241	1,259	101	101	1,239	1,263	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	57.7	56.0	57.8	100	103	368.4	324.4	88
Other	Thou	1.2	1.1	0.9	75	85	8.2	6.6	81
Comm'l. ³	Thou	58.9	57.0	58.7	100	103	376.6	331.0	88
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	366	378	364	100	96	345	371	108
Other	Lbs	428	405	415	97	103	401	413	103
Comm'l.	Lbs	369	378	365	99	96	346	370	107
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,470.2	8,452.5	8,256.4	97	98	50,068.6	50,551.0	101
Other	Thou	83.6	84.5	85.8	103	102	499.6	488.4	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,553.8	8,537.0	8,342.2	98	98	50,568.2	51,039.4	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	269	272	269	100	99	270	272	101
Other	Lbs	224	224	223	99	99	234	232	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	268	271	268	100	99	270	272	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	209.6	214.8	200.0	95	93	1,283.5	1,292.2	101
Other	Thou	12.1	11.0	11.8	98	108	70.6	69.8	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	221.7	225.8	211.8	96	94	1,354.1	1,362.0	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	139	146	139	100	95	141	144	102
Other	Lbs	108	110	104	96	95	107	108	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	138	144	137	100	95	140	142	102

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Jun 2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jun 06 as % of ²	
				Jun 2005	May 2006
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.4	2.7	2.5	103	93
AK	0.1	0.1			
AZ	30.2	33.0	31.7	105	96
AR	4.9	4.0	4.9	99	121
CA	128.5	138.1	146.2	114	106
CO	166.6	170.0	178.2	107	105
DE-MD	3.1	3.4	3.3	107	97
FL	4.8	5.4	5.0	104	93
GA	12.4	12.1	11.2	91	93
HI	0.8	0.9	0.9	110	100
ID	34.0	22.7	26.2	77	115
IL	223.7	222.8	227.2	102	102
IN	117.1	123.7	114.4	98	92
IA	537.2	532.6	511.5	95	96
KS	527.3	545.6	573.9	109	105
KY	35.5	40.0	39.1	110	98
LA	0.9	0.7	0.7	71	92
MI	33.8	38.9	42.7	126	110
MN	187.4	197.0	200.3	107	102
MS	23.1	24.3	23.9	103	98
MO	38.9	70.7	71.6	184	101
MT	1.4	1.3	1.3	91	103
NE	645.4	635.6	659.6	102	104
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	65	52
N ENG ³	1.0	1.0	1.0	99	96
NJ	4.2	4.4	4.2	100	95
NM	0.6	0.5	0.4	71	79
NY	3.3	3.5	3.7	111	105
NC	175.6	190.7	186.3	106	98
ND	3.0	3.1	2.8	95	93
OH	23.8	23.2	23.6	99	101
OK	91.7	87.2	86.2	94	99
OR	3.8	4.2	4.1	109	99
PA	98.0	100.0	101.4	103	101
SC	20.3	21.4	21.0	104	98
SD	84.5	76.6	70.0	83	91
TN	16.9	15.7	16.1	95	103
TX	429.3	450.3	470.2	110	104
UT	38.1	38.9	45.3	119	116
VA	56.0	32.2	29.7	53	92
WA	45.5	55.8	57.2	126	103
WV	0.3	0.3	0.3	91	82
WI	105.9	113.8	119.1	112	105
WY	0.5	0.5	0.5	97	110
US	3,962.0	4,049.1	4,119.6	104	102

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

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

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

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 2005 and 2006 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	363	289	851	851
AK	0.1		81		1,186	
AZ						
AR	0.8	0.9	705	822	939	937
CA	119.0	137.9	158,362	191,688	1,330	1,390
CO	204.2	213.5	253,679	271,202	1,242	1,270
DE-MD	3.5	3.7	4,608	4,921	1,308	1,315
FL						
GA	21.7	20.6	18,694	16,766	863	813
HI	0.8	0.9	905	976	1,070	1,057
ID	42.3	31.0	54,233	38,378	1,282	1,237
IL						
IN	3.2	2.7	3,326	2,860	1,042	1,044
IA						
KS	672.0	717.2	827,358	894,903	1,231	1,248
KY	1.1	1.1	1,029	1,002	924	950
LA	1.1	0.9	906	661	799	769
MI	38.3	47.3	51,570	65,621	1,347	1,386
MN	51.2	65.0	71,559	89,605	1,397	1,378
MS		0.1		63		769
MO	6.8	7.0	8,991	9,131	1,317	1,304
MT	1.7	1.6	1,987	1,817	1,145	1,138
NE	662.0	679.2	842,681	879,685	1,273	1,295
NV	0.1	0.1	129	82	1,230	1,241
N ENG ²	1.0	1.0	1,082	1,022	1,032	1,039
NJ	2.0	2.2	2,531	2,659	1,238	1,227
NM	0.9	0.7	955	720	1,007	1,018
NY	3.1	2.9	3,790	3,557	1,210	1,235
NC	14.2	15.4	14,602	15,883	1,032	1,032
ND	1.1	1.1	1,280	1,284	1,189	1,179
OH	7.4	8.3	8,510	9,267	1,148	1,123
OK	2.3	2.3	2,465	2,567	1,080	1,101
OR	1.6	2.2	1,963	2,771	1,246	1,268
PA	71.9	70.9	87,946	86,730	1,223	1,224
SC		13.3		15,190		1,140
SD						
TN	1.1	1.1	997	1,051	930	956
TX	575.0	633.0	689,228	754,072	1,199	1,191
UT	50.3	58.4	59,712	71,201	1,188	1,219
VA	0.6	0.8	586	887	1,026	1,075
WA	59.0	72.5	73,247	93,011	1,242	1,283
WV	0.4	0.3	389	349	1,066	1,124
WI	119.1	136.0	161,304	184,142	1,355	1,354
WY	0.6	0.6	803	773	1,241	1,204
US ³	2,937.6	3,159.0	3,656,128	3,977,593	1,245	1,259

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 2005 and 2006 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR	0.1		30		545	
CA	6.9	8.2	1,210	1,236	174	151
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.2	38	61	302	337
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	55	53	468	460
HI						
ID						
IL	6.7	3.8	2,960	1,603	439	424
IN	0.2	0.3	30	32	130	126
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.3	0.2	158	79	516	455
MI	1.9	3.2	806	1,252	422	393
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1		24		406	
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.4	0.3	53	69	140	240
NJ	6.7	6.6	2,877	2,866	429	433
NM						
NY	6.5	7.8	1,257	1,655	194	212
NC	0.1	0.1	28	21	489	380
ND						
OH	4.7		1,911		407	
OK						
OR						
PA	13.1	15.0	5,337	6,539	408	437
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	55	37	587	407
TX	0.6	0.8	332	442	560	573
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	9.6	11.4	4,353	5,309	456	464
WY						
US ³	58.9	58.7	21,754	21,415	369	365

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
June 2005 and 2006 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	8.2	8.8	3,869	4,058	474	462
AK	0.1	0.1	18	15	303	232
AZ	0.2	0.2	42	34	171	187
AR	14.4	14.1	7,270	7,118	506	506
CA	219.1	221.3	52,433	53,343	239	241
CO	0.8	0.9	222	232	274	270
DE-MD	1.5	1.6	307	320	206	202
FL	8.4	7.2	1,080	975	129	135
GA	11.3	10.9	2,511	2,504	223	229
HI	1.9	2.2	415	469	215	216
ID	13.4	12.6	4,403	4,131	328	328
IL	780.9	761.6	216,835	212,199	278	279
IN	581.5	571.8	152,975	149,060	263	261
IA	2,452.4	2,315.8	666,641	624,682	272	270
KS		18.1		7,647		423
KY	174.4	193.5	46,500	51,360	267	265
LA	1.7	1.2	320	236	186	191
MI	10.8	11.2	3,660	4,278	340	382
MN	762.8	774.7	200,080	202,372	262	261
MS						
MO						
MT	1.1	1.1	297	277	260	245
NE	607.5	561.3	163,497	150,309	269	268
NV						
N ENG ²	2.2	1.8	422	364	191	198
NJ	10.7	9.1	1,055	923	98	102
NM	0.1	0.1	44	22	437	311
NY	3.2	4.0	697	983	220	243
NC	882.8	940.4	223,835	236,958	254	252
ND	14.3	12.6	3,409	3,032	239	241
OH	91.9	95.5	25,051	25,971	272	272
OK	426.7	404.1	120,358	111,835	282	277
OR	17.8	17.5	4,265	4,243	240	243
PA	235.2	249.4	57,187	60,773	243	244
SC						
SD	405.1	314.6	105,530	83,156	261	264
TN	50.5	47.8	24,472	23,240	485	486
TX	28.2	29.3	6,856	6,993	243	238
UT	3.9	4.1	919	920	238	223
VA	289.2	148.4	73,433	38,666	254	261
WA	2.2	2.3	559	584	253	256
WV	0.5	0.4	99	98	218	233
WI	52.1	51.6	23,496	23,594	451	457
WY	0.3	0.3	79	72	262	266
US ³	8,553.8	8,342.2	2,295,391	2,237,832	268	268

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,
June 2005 and 2006 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	10	109	99
AR						
CA						
CO	85.7	86.3	13,208	13,717	154	159
DE-MD	2.8	2.6	276	267	98	101
FL	0.2	0.5	12	28	68	62
GA	0.2	0.3	24	31	101	111
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	42	33	124	121
IL	18.1	13.1	2,589	1,771	143	135
IN	2.4	2.0	264	224	109	110
IA	27.3	28.0	3,905	3,946	143	141
KS	0.2	0.2	21	22	103	108
KY	1.2	1.1	171	123	137	117
LA	0.2	0.1	17	10	83	83
MI	14.5	13.9	1,831	1,794	126	129
MN	0.2	0.2	23	27	124	116
MS						
MO	0.6	0.5	49	42	87	87
MT	0.1	0.2	20	20	157	118
NE	0.1	0.1	8	12	112	117
NV	0.1		9		111	
N ENG ²	1.8	2.6	170	241	96	93
NJ	9.1	9.8	747	793	82	81
NM	1.2	0.5	149	67	125	126
NY	2.5	2.5	214	195	86	79
NC	0.4	0.5	32	46	79	85
ND						
OH	0.7	1.1	77	119	113	106
OK	0.1	0.1	8	7	106	129
OR	1.7	1.8	216	226	130	126
PA	5.1	4.8	508	470	100	98
SC						
SD	1.3	1.1	158	132	123	121
TN	0.9	1.0	75	74	83	71
TX	2.7	5.2	269	583	98	111
UT	2.3	2.7	328	373	144	140
VA	1.0	0.9	113	89	111	103
WA	0.2	0.1	26	8	150	122
WV						
WI	0.6	0.8	75	113	135	141
WY	0.1	0.1	15	11	150	130
US ³	221.7	211.8	30,509	29,078	138	137

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

Item	Jun	May	Jun	Jan - Jun ¹		Jun	May	Jun	Jan - Jun ¹	
	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006
	<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	1,607	1,650	1,739	8,158	8,713	55.5	55.1	55.8	52.3	53.2
Heifers	859	885	889	4,862	4,927	29.7	29.6	28.5	31.1	30.1
All Cows	383	416	443	2,335	2,485	13.2	13.9	14.2	15.0	15.2
Dairy Cows	165	177	181	1,101	1,107	5.7	5.9	5.8	7.1	6.8
Other Cows	218	239	262	1,234	1,378	7.5	8.0	8.4	7.9	8.4
Bulls & Stags	45	42	46	255	248	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5
Total ¹	2,894	2,994	3,116	15,610	16,374	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,176	8,144	7,943	48,382	48,808	96.5	96.3	96.2	96.6	96.6
Sows	270	282	285	1,547	1,595	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.2
Stags & Boars	24	26	28	140	148	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,470	8,452	8,256	50,069	50,551	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	11	10	66	58	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	198	204	190	1,217	1,234	94.3	94.8	94.8	94.8	95.5
Total ¹	210	215	200	1,284	1,292	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	764	761	774	756	772					
Heifers ⁴	810	805	823	801	818					
All Cows ⁴	735	736	745	737	755					
All Cows ⁴	617	623	619	623	632					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	923	919	932	915	927					
Calves & Vealers	226	233	224	211	227					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁵	201	202	200	202	203					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	197	199	196	199	199					
Sows ⁵	309	311	310	310	310					
Sows ⁵	211	210	204	211	214					
Stags & Boars ⁵										
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁶	70	73	70	71	72					
Mature Sheep ⁶	71	68	67	69	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	70	74	70	71	72					

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

² Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

³ Based on packer reports.

⁴ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁶ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
June 2006 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	0.9	0.4	0.2					0.3
2	4.9	1.5	0.3	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.3	14.4
3	74.0	36.7	6.5	28.4	22.7	5.7	2.4	15.2
4	57.6	0.9	0.4	49.1	9.7	39.4	7.3	
5	328.1	155.1	40.8	123.2	64.5	58.8	9.0	18.6
6	631.9	328.9	210.5	82.9	9.6	73.4	9.5	0.6
7	1,453.4	879.4	507.1	58.4	1.5	56.9	8.5	
8	283.1	174.0	91.7					
9	177.4	92.1	7.0	73.1	59.2	13.9	5.2	8.0
10	104.6	70.1	24.3	9.5	6.3	3.2	0.7	
US ²	3,115.8	1,739.0	888.6	442.6	180.8	261.9	45.6	57.8
	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	1.6	1.6						
2	12.8	12.6	0.1	0.1	11.5	1.6	9.9	
3	398.1	396.9	1.1		8.1	0.4	7.7	
4	1,376.0	1,302.3	72.3	1.4	3.4	1.4	2.1	
5	2,231.0	2,102.9	124.4	3.7	27.0	3.2	23.7	
6	442.3	420.8	21.4	0.1	2.8	0.1	2.7	
7	3,217.3	3,135.7			28.4	0.8	27.6	
8	329.2	322.6	6.6		89.5	2.0	87.5	
9	217.1	217.0						
10	31.1	31.0	0.1		1.8	0.1	1.7	
US ²	8,256.4	7,943.2	285.1	28.1	200.0	10.3	189.7	

¹ 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.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - June 2006 * ¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1	5.3	2.1	1.1					1.7
2	27.6	9.2	1.8	15.1	14.5	0.6	1.6	83.9
3	430.6	196.3		184.7	149.3	35.4		85.4
4	334.9	6.2	2.3	282.3	63.1	219.2	44.1	
5	1,741.9	767.9	212.1	715.2	374.3	340.9	46.7	104.2
6	3,219.1	1,710.5	1,028.0	421.7	63.8	357.9	59.0	3.6
7	7,555.8	4,391.0	2,810.2	310.0	8.9	301.1	44.6	0.2
8	1,460.6	786.6						0.1
9	965.7	486.2	37.9	419.3	363.9	55.4	22.3	40.1
10	632.2	357.4	215.7	55.7	40.6	15.1	3.3	
US ²	16,373.7	8,713.4	4,927.3	2,484.8	1,106.6	1,378.2	248.2	324.4
	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	7.0	6.7	0.2	0.1				
2	67.9	66.6	0.9	0.4	70.7	7.7	63.0	
3	2,480.6	2,474.4	6.0	0.2	49.0	2.9	46.1	
4	8,264.5	7,810.8	445.0	8.7	17.4	6.4	11.0	
5	13,536.5	12,855.9	661.0	19.6	178.8	18.8	160.0	
6	2,644.6	2,523.9	120.0	0.8	40.3	1.4	39.0	
7	19,838.9	19,399.3			201.3	4.0	197.2	
8	2,275.1	2,235.7	39.3	0.1	554.5	11.6	542.9	
9	1,254.2	1,253.7						
10	181.8	181.0	0.6	0.1	10.4	0.6	9.8	
US ²	50,551.0	48,807.8	1,595.1	148.1	1,292.2	57.8	1,234.4	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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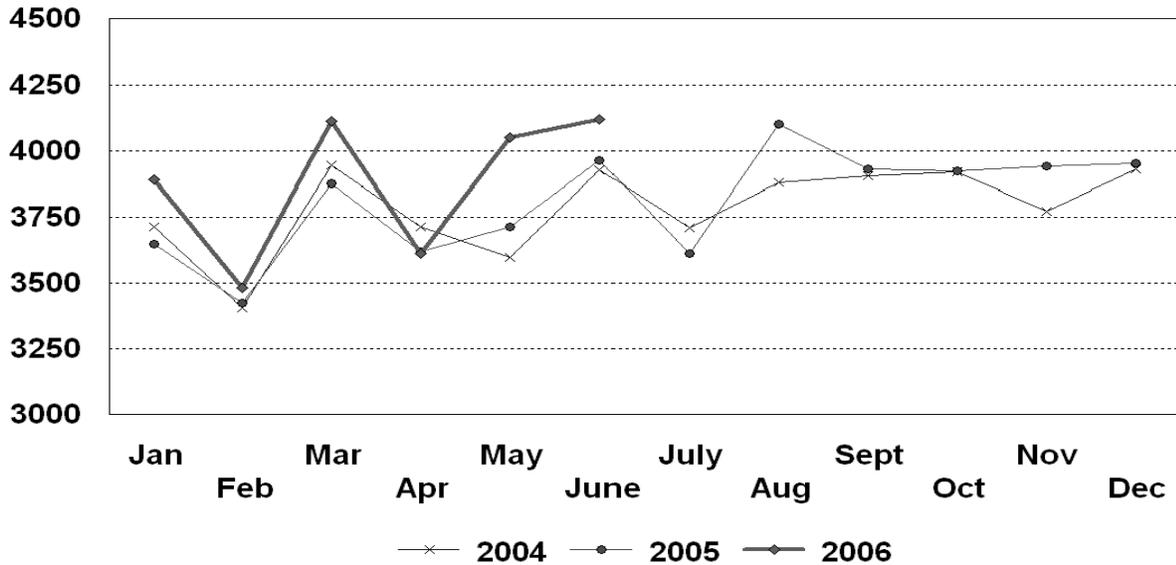
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

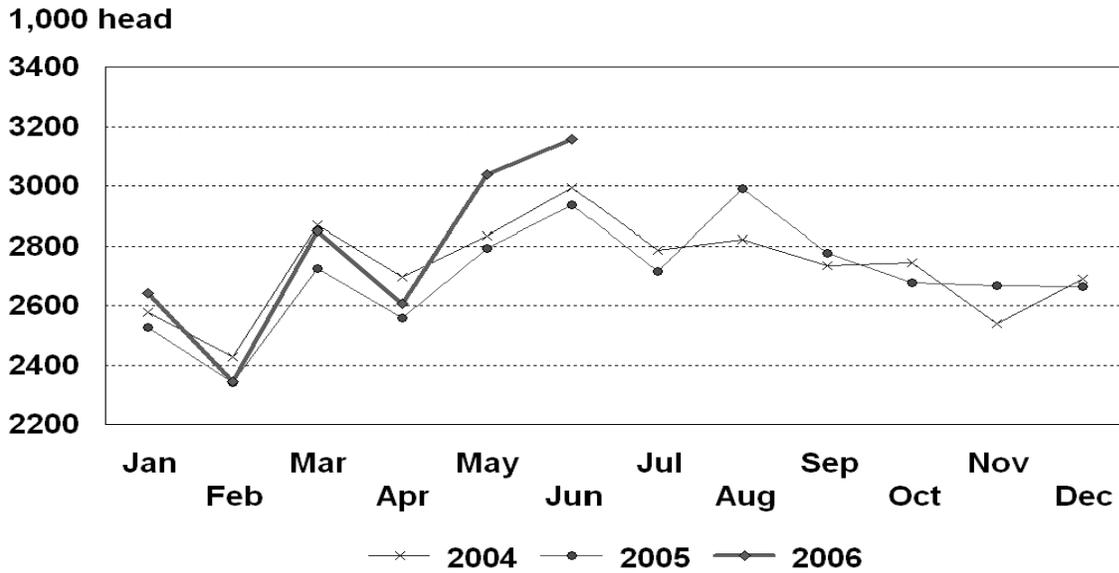
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	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.0	98.1	98.5	97.8	98.0
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
Sheep	94.5	95.1	94.4	94.8	94.9

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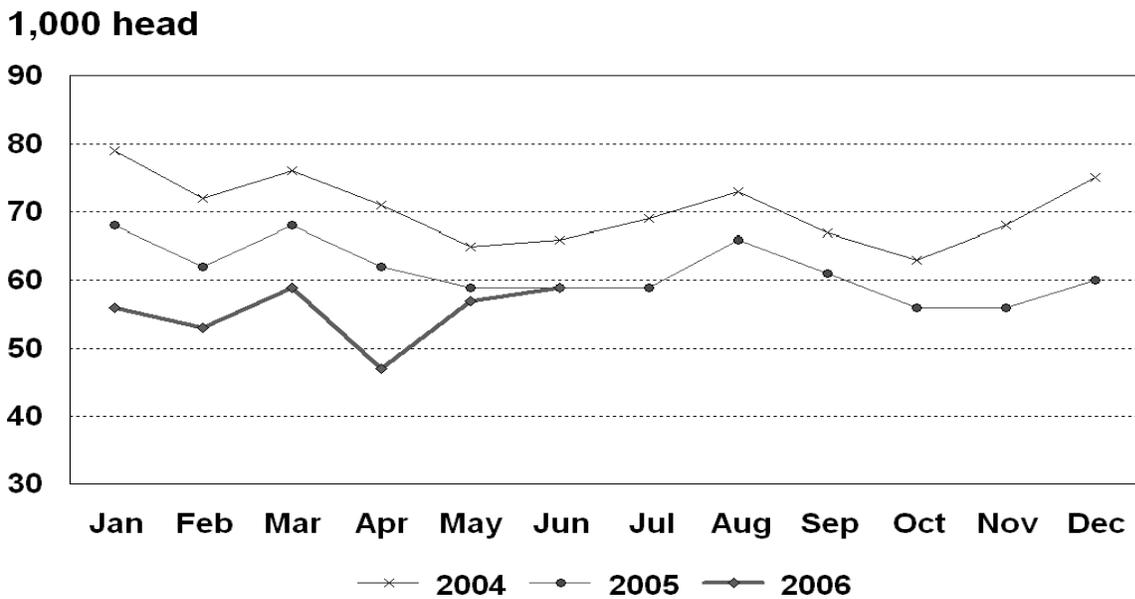
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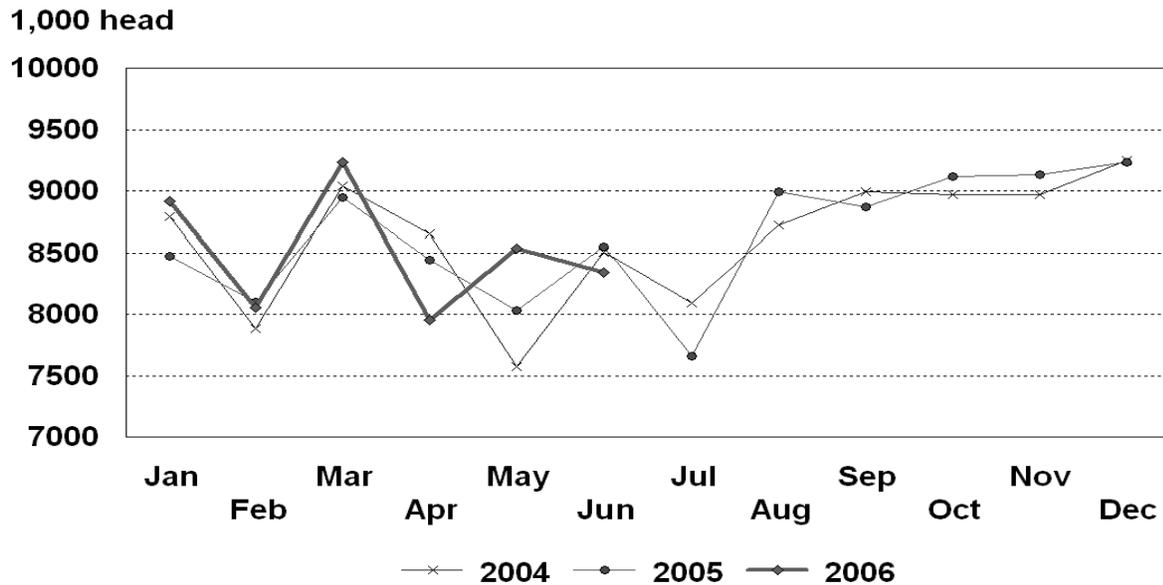
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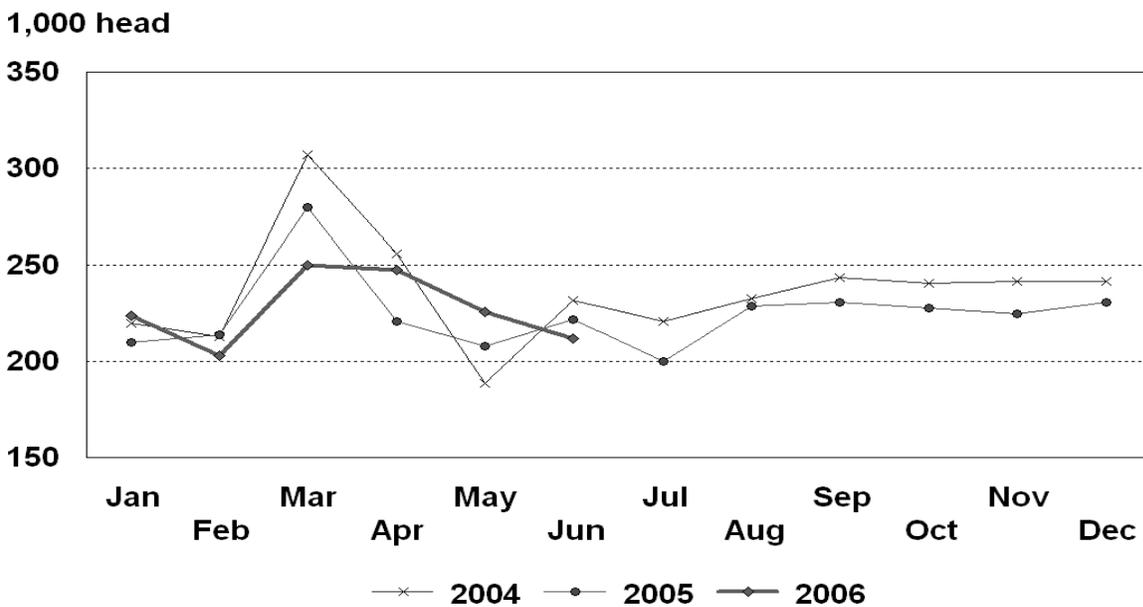
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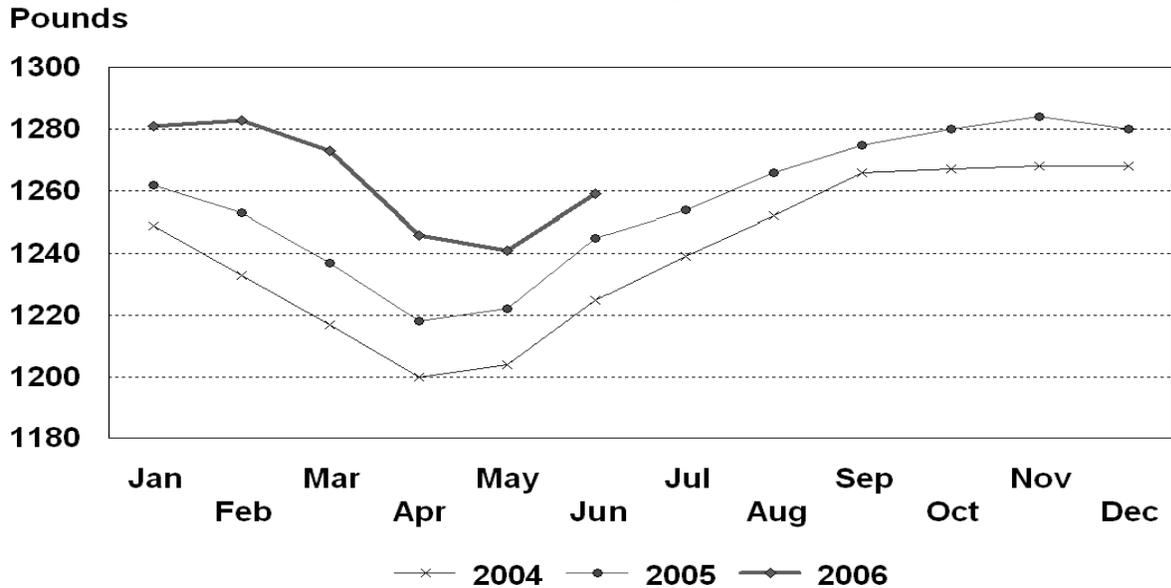
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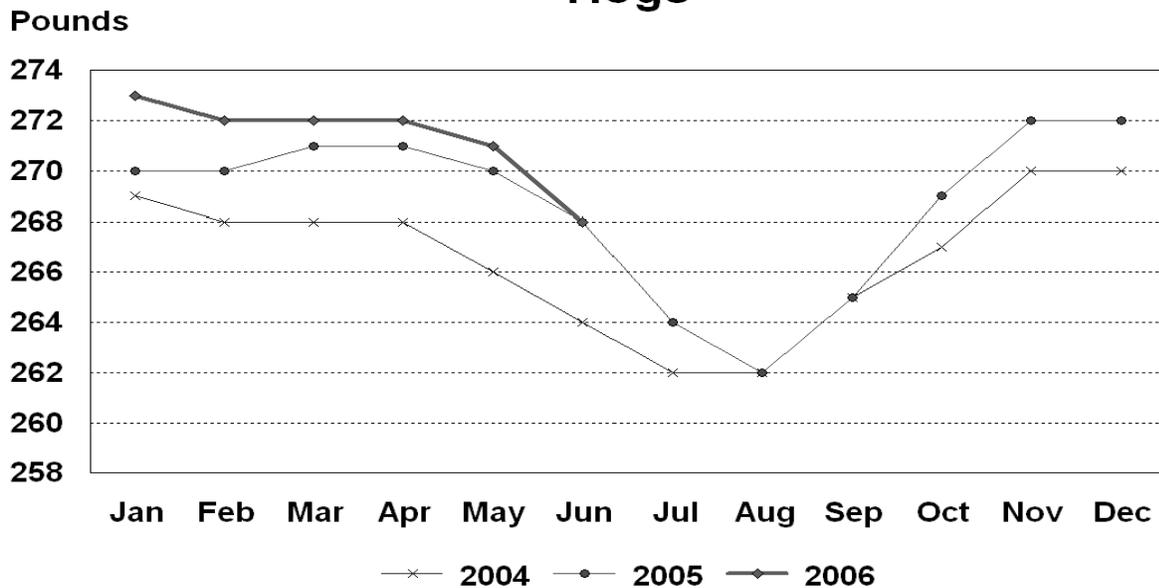
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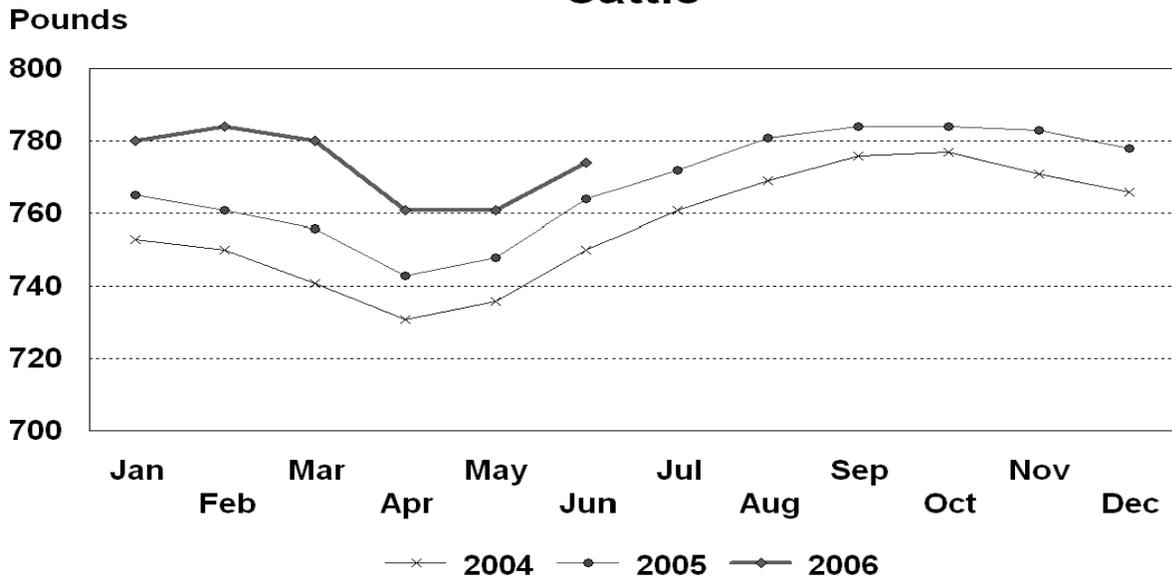
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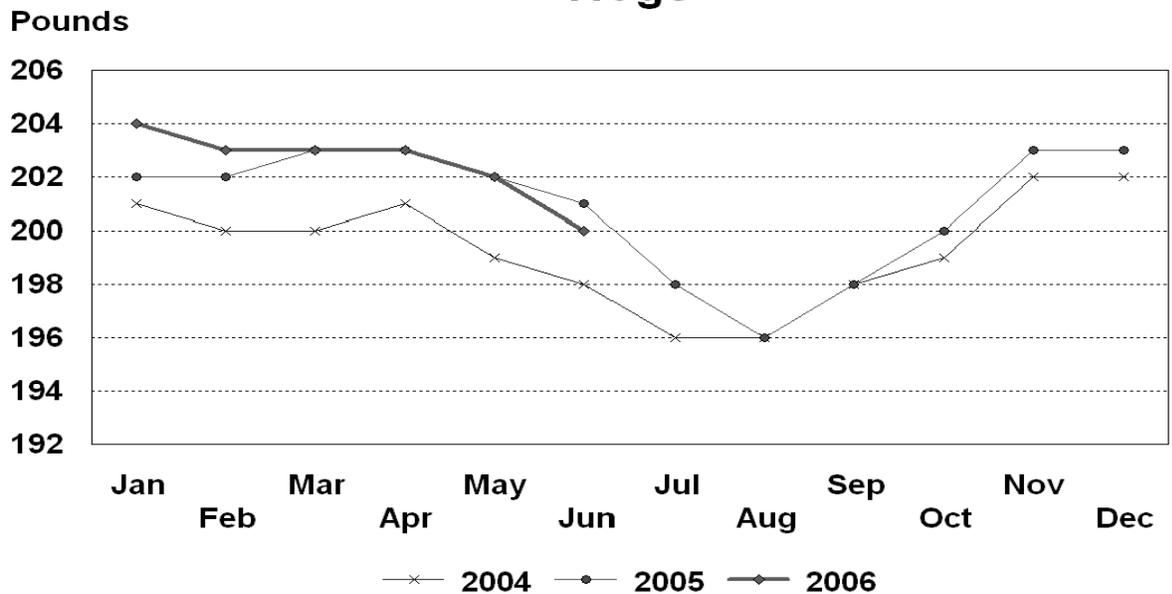
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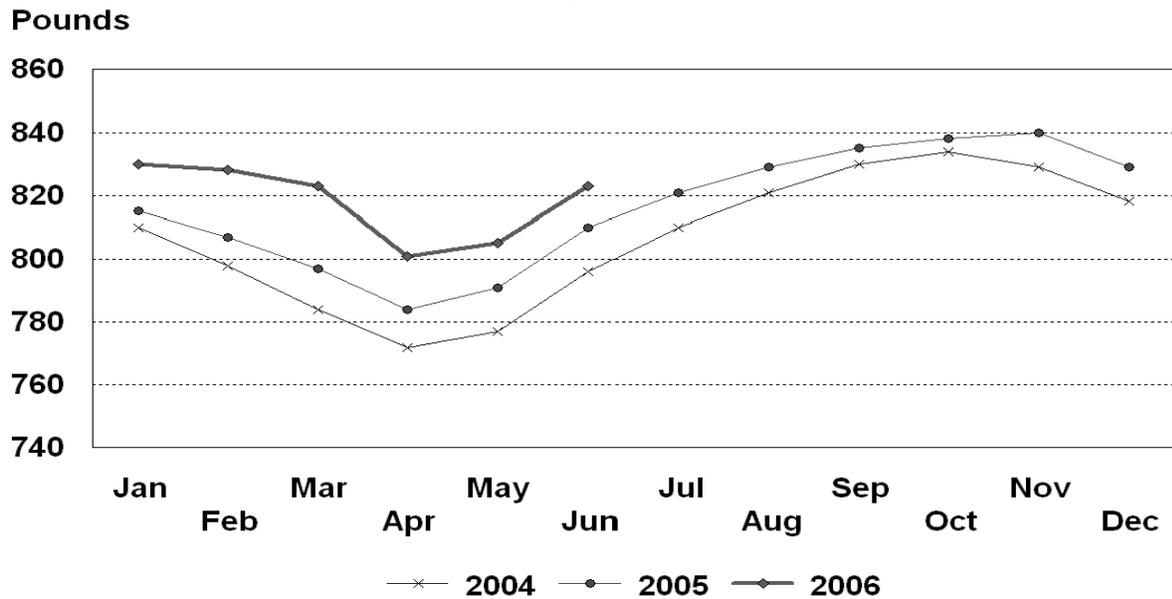
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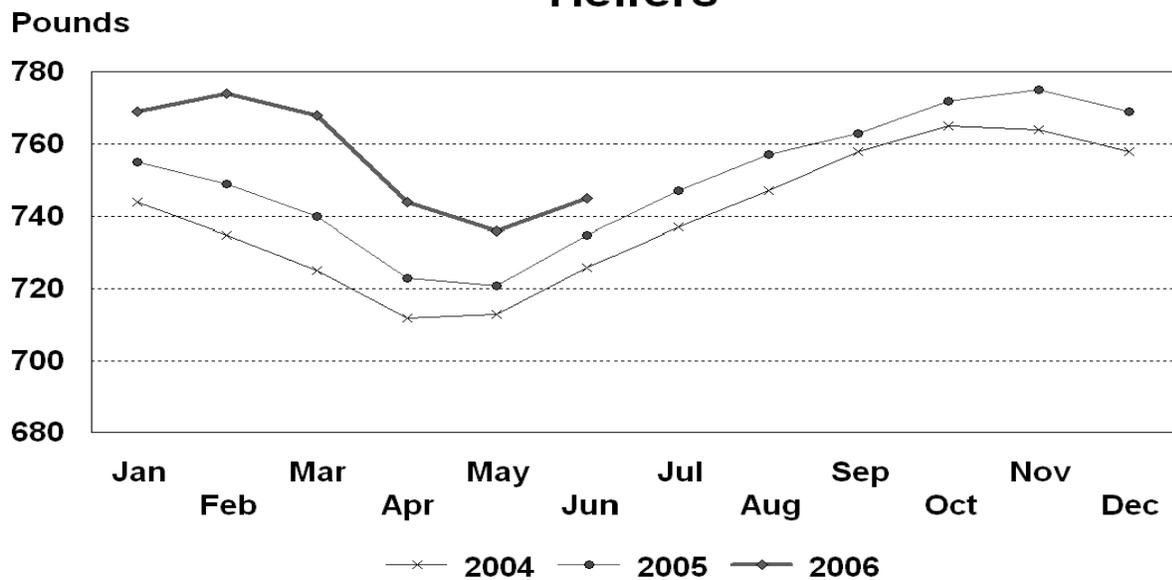
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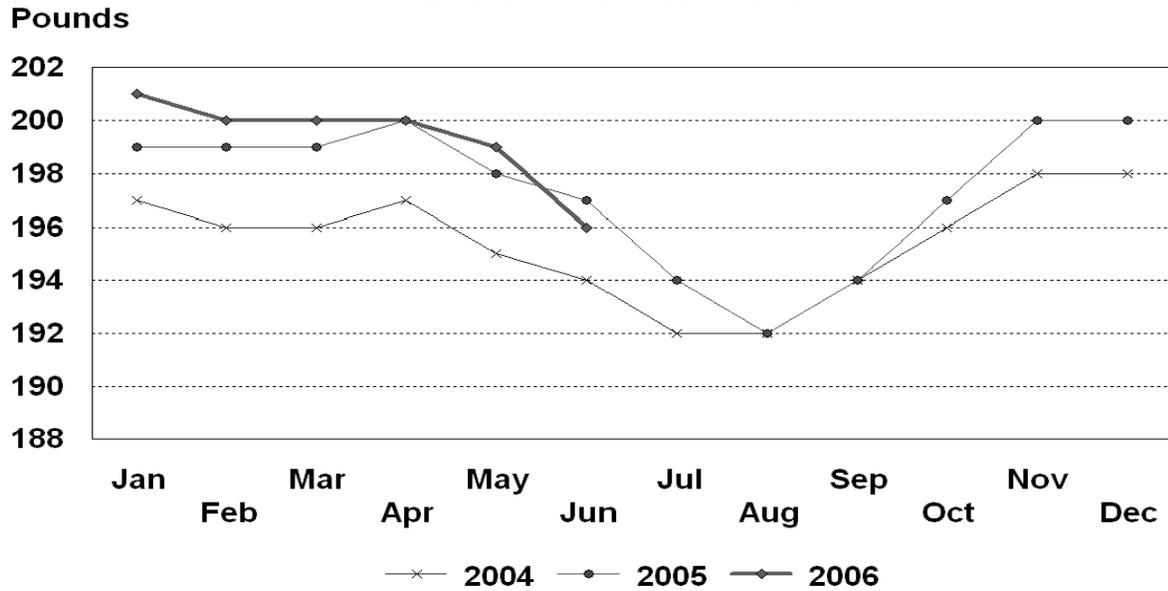
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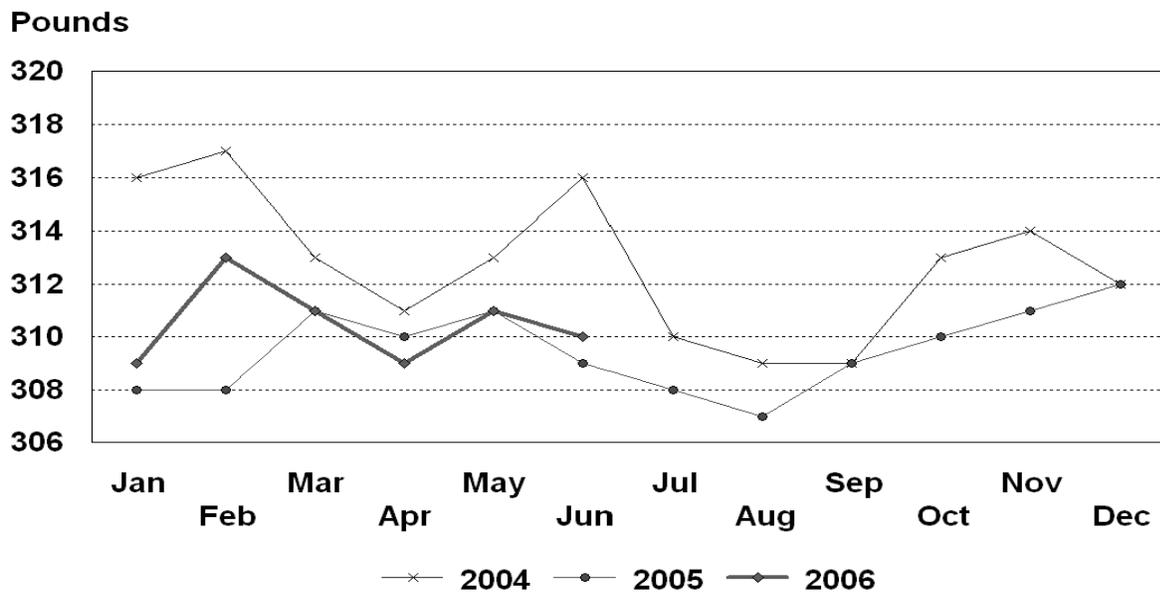
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, these data are included in US totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

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.

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