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Red Meat Production Down From Previous Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in July 2005.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 4 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,900 head, down 1 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was 10 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.88 million head, 3 percent above July 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 265 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from July 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2006 commercial red meat production was 27.1 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	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Jul 06 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 2005	Jun 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	2,083	2,429	2,204	106	91	13,996	14,981	107
Veal	12.4	13.0	12.0	96	92	90.5	86.5	96
Pork	1,505	1,663	1,553	103	93	11,664	11,873	102
Lamb & Mutton	13.4	*14.5	13.2	99	91	108.1	110.1	102
Total Red Meat	3,614	4,120	3,782	105	92	25,859	27,051	105

* Revised.

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	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Jul 06 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 2005	Jun 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	2,057	2,401	2,178	106	91	13,795	14,781	107
Veal	12.1	12.8	11.7	97	92	88.1	84.6	96
Pork	1,492	1,649	1,540	103	93	11,566	11,778	102
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	13.9	12.6	99	91	103.7	105.7	102
Total Red Meat	3,573	4,077	3,743	105	92	25,554	26,749	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	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Jul 06 % of		Jan - Jul ²		06 % of 05
					Jul 2005	Jun 2006	2005	2006	
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,676.8	*3,115.9	2,795.0	104	90	18,287.2	19,168.7	105
Other	Thou	40.7	43.2	39.4	97	91	317.6	310.9	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,717.5	3,159.0	2,834.3	104	90	18,604.8	19,479.6	105
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,255	1,261	1,274	101	101	1,244	1,266	102
Other	Lbs	1,127	1,128	1,136	101	101	1,114	1,131	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,254	1,259	1,272	101	101	1,241	1,264	102
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	57.2	57.8	57.0	100	99	425.6	381.3	90
Other	Thou	1.4	0.9	0.9	65	105	9.7	7.6	78
Comm'l. ³	Thou	58.6	58.7	57.9	99	99	435.2	388.9	89
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	349	364	339	96	93	346	366	106
Other	Lbs	424	415	402	95	97	405	412	102
Comm'l.	Lbs	350	365	340	97	93	347	366	105
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,582.0	8,256.4	7,805.5	103	95	57,650.6	58,356.5	101
Other	Thou	80.2	85.8	79.3	99	92	579.8	567.7	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,662.2	8,342.2	7,884.8	103	95	58,230.4	58,924.2	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	265	269	265	100	99	270	271	101
Other	Lbs	224	223	225	101	101	232	231	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	264	268	265	100	99	269	271	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	188.0	200.0	191.2	102	96	1,471.5	1,483.4	101
Other	Thou	11.9	11.8	10.9	92	92	82.5	80.7	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	199.9	211.8	202.1	101	95	1,554.0	1,564.1	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	135	*138	132	98	95	141	142	101
Other	Lbs	109	104	108	100	104	107	108	101
Comm'l.	Lbs	134	137	131	98	96	139	140	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	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Jul 06 as % of ²	
				Jul 2005	Jun 2006
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.3	2.5	2.3	100	90
AK					
AZ	29.3	31.7	33.9	116	107
AR	4.1	4.9	3.5	86	72
CA	115.3	146.2	132.6	115	91
CO	158.5	178.2	167.0	105	94
DE-MD	2.7	3.3	2.8	104	84
FL	4.3	5.0	5.3	122	106
GA	9.7	11.2	11.3	117	101
HI	0.8	0.9	0.8	109	92
ID	27.7	26.2	21.7	78	83
IL	202.2	227.2	203.8	101	90
IN	105.3	114.4	109.9	104	96
IA	474.6	511.5	479.6	101	94
KS	510.1	573.9	523.0	103	91
KY	33.8	39.1	39.3	116	100
LA	0.8	0.7	0.6	74	89
MI	31.1	42.7	37.1	119	87
MN	173.6	200.3	185.9	107	93
MS	20.2	23.9	20.2	100	85
MO	36.2	71.6	66.8	185	93
MT	1.6	1.3	1.5	91	113
NE	578.3	659.6	607.7	105	92
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	82	135
N ENG ³	0.9	1.0	0.8	94	82
NJ	3.5	4.2	3.8	106	90
NM	0.6	0.4	0.3	59	84
NY	3.5	3.7	3.0	86	82
NC	162.3	186.3	168.9	104	91
ND	2.6	2.8	2.4	92	84
OH	22.6	23.6	21.4	94	91
OK	79.7	86.2	79.3	99	92
OR	3.4	4.1	3.6	105	86
PA	89.9	101.4	95.4	106	94
SC	18.2	21.0	18.9	104	90
SD	72.8	70.0	70.2	96	100
TN	13.2	16.1	15.8	120	98
TX	392.9	470.2	415.9	106	88
UT	35.8	45.3	40.3	113	89
VA	45.3	29.7	30.6	68	103
WA	45.7	57.2	50.0	109	87
WV	0.2	0.3	0.3	125	117
WI	97.3	119.1	104.0	107	87
WY	0.6	0.5	0.5	87	95
US	3,613.6	4,119.6	3,782.0	105	92

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,
July 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	0.3	0.3	272	297	946	885
AK						
AZ						
AR	0.6	0.8	557	763	961	907
CA	107.5	128.9	142,871	175,562	1,329	1,362
CO	188.7	195.3	238,957	253,830	1,266	1,300
DE-MD	3.1	3.1	3,994	4,113	1,305	1,307
FL						
GA	17.7	21.1	14,634	17,219	825	814
HI	0.7	0.9	796	931	1,072	1,024
ID	33.2	24.4	43,324	30,891	1,305	1,266
IL						
IN	2.9	3.0	3,085	3,125	1,049	1,044
IA						
KS	635.9	640.6	797,629	812,263	1,254	1,268
KY	1.0	1.0	918	934	913	968
LA	0.7	0.8	678	579	922	767
MI	35.4	41.6	47,880	57,348	1,352	1,378
MN	49.9	58.8	69,089	81,531	1,384	1,386
MS		0.1		77		882
MO	6.3	6.3	8,317	8,031	1,328	1,277
MT	1.8	1.6	2,170	1,910	1,191	1,181
NE	594.2	613.3	755,967	803,577	1,272	1,310
NV	0.1	0.1	116	94	1,247	1,225
N ENG ²	0.9	0.8	906	869	1,039	1,052
NJ	1.9	1.9	2,313	2,389	1,241	1,228
NM	1.0	0.6	1,014	598	997	1,004
NY	2.8	2.1	3,328	2,563	1,204	1,249
NC	14.0	15.0	14,401	15,879	1,032	1,058
ND	0.9	0.9	1,114	1,081	1,202	1,195
OH	7.9	7.4	9,091	8,330	1,156	1,127
OK	1.8	1.8	1,887	1,957	1,026	1,059
OR	1.7	1.9	2,062	2,360	1,212	1,232
PA	68.6	68.8	82,837	83,245	1,208	1,211
SC		12.8		14,177		1,107
SD						
TN	1.1	1.1	1,055	1,010	976	961
TX	522.7	552.3	630,029	665,340	1,205	1,205
UT	46.4	51.2	56,116	63,402	1,210	1,237
VA	0.5	0.7	546	811	1,025	1,108
WA	58.9	62.1	73,962	81,890	1,255	1,318
WV	0.3	0.3	313	390	1,091	1,204
WI	111.0	120.2	149,942	162,313	1,350	1,351
WY	0.7	0.6	814	719	1,188	1,184
US ³	2,717.5	2,834.3	3,406,482	3,604,618	1,254	1,272

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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		29		580	
CA	7.2	9.7	1,114	1,293	156	133
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.1	27	45	304	306
FL						
GA	0.2	0.1	80	45	466	449
HI						
ID						
IL	5.3	3.8	2,331	1,628	436	433
IN	0.4	0.2	44	29	126	135
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.6	0.2	284	112	514	496
MI	1.6	2.1	672	817	421	385
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.5	0.2	85	64	162	283
NJ	5.6	6.2	2,372	2,641	427	427
NM						
NY	10.6	9.6	2,050	1,759	194	182
NC		0.1		33		492
ND						
OH	3.9	0.1	1,589	26	408	350
OK	0.1		38		458	
OR						
PA	11.5	13.6	4,793	5,856	418	429
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	32	34	534	351
TX	0.7	0.9	366	519	553	575
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI	9.6	10.0	4,400	4,600	457	459
WY						
US ³	58.6	57.9	20,549	19,663	350	340

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	7.9	8.2	3,748	3,698	473	454
AK	0.1	0.1	29	14	299	233
AZ	0.1	0.2	25	26	180	154
AR	12.1	10.5	6,040	5,010	500	479
CA	203.1	204.0	47,580	47,701	234	234
CO	1.0	0.9	265	237	258	254
DE-MD	1.3	1.4	259	284	207	203
FL	8.0	7.8	1,053	1,039	131	133
GA	8.4	9.7	1,907	2,240	228	230
HI	1.9	1.9	424	409	219	220
ID	12.7	11.8	4,151	3,861	327	327
IL	685.1	703.1	186,650	194,046	272	276
IN	525.4	554.2	137,325	142,642	261	257
IA	2,170.7	2,196.8	580,912	584,441	268	266
KS		14.4		6,449		447
KY	166.3	195.0	44,426	51,489	267	264
LA	1.2	1.0	227	182	182	183
MI	9.7	10.4	3,317	3,967	343	383
MN	708.7	729.2	183,886	189,574	259	260
MS						
MO						
MT	1.5	1.7	387	401	257	236
NE	539.8	542.1	143,331	143,202	266	264
NV						
N ENG ²	1.7	1.5	334	273	193	188
NJ	8.0	7.9	818	776	102	98
NM	0.1	0.1	16	21	284	312
NY	2.6	2.8	567	628	216	223
NC	829.6	864.8	206,187	214,135	249	248
ND	12.7	10.6	2,979	2,607	234	246
OH	87.7	87.2	23,329	23,575	266	270
OK	381.1	377.9	105,018	103,450	276	274
OR	14.9	16.3	3,613	3,667	242	225
PA	210.0	228.2	50,832	56,228	242	246
SC						
SD	349.0	325.0	90,618	84,782	260	261
TN	39.4	45.7	18,986	22,862	482	500
TX	25.4	27.1	5,876	6,949	231	256
UT	3.0	3.5	714	673	238	194
VA	236.8	156.2	59,359	39,958	251	256
WA	1.9	2.2	484	557	253	255
WV	0.5	0.5	109	115	232	216
WI	44.6	46.3	19,953	20,585	447	445
WY	0.4	0.3	99	76	261	260
US ³	7,662.2	7,884.8	2,025,470	2,090,113	264	265

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,
July 2005 and 2006¹**

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	7	5	97	101
AR						
CA						
CO	76.0	81.0	11,405	11,759	150	145
DE-MD	2.6	2.5	253	247	98	98
FL	0.2	0.1	12	7	69	62
GA	0.2	0.5	21	40	104	89
HI						
ID	0.4	0.5	53	56	120	122
IL	15.3	10.9	1,929	1,327	126	122
IN	2.0	2.4	222	263	109	108
IA	33.7	34.6	4,843	4,799	144	139
KS	0.2	0.3	23	31	100	102
KY	1.0	0.9	153	111	148	131
LA	0.1	0.1	8	10	73	79
MI	12.9	13.2	1,716	1,707	133	129
MN	0.2	0.2	21	23	125	121
MS						
MO	0.5	0.4	38	35	84	87
MT	0.3	0.3	38	41	145	131
NE	0.1	0.1	12	13	113	117
NV	0.1	0.1	15	9	113	107
N ENG ²	2.0	2.3	175	211	85	91
NJ	8.6	8.7	724	717	84	83
NM	1.1	0.5	126	68	115	126
NY	2.1	2.3	194	197	91	84
NC	0.5	0.5	34	49	73	89
ND						
OH	1.2	1.0	132	109	114	105
OK	0.1		10		127	
OR	1.5	1.7	184	203	126	121
PA	4.2	4.5	425	439	100	97
SC						
SD	0.8	0.8	100	97	124	120
TN	0.8	0.9	62	66	74	71
TX	2.6	1.3	256	95	100	73
UT	2.0	2.5	295	326	146	132
VA	0.8	0.8	95	87	116	106
WA	0.2	0.1	25	7	146	132
WV						
WI	0.9	1.3	125	173	134	134
WY	0.1	0.1	13	19	137	141
US ³	199.9	202.1	26,801	26,465	134	131

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

Item	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul ¹		Jul	Jun	Jul	Jan - Jul 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	1,476	1,739	1,551	9,635	10,265	55.2	55.8	55.5	52.7	53.5
Heifers	812	889	789	5,674	5,716	30.3	28.5	28.2	31.0	29.8
All Cows	351	443	416	2,687	2,900	13.2	14.2	14.8	14.7	15.1
Dairy Cows	162	181	175	1,264	1,281	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.9	6.7
Other Cows	189	262	241	1,423	1,619	7.1	8.4	8.6	7.8	8.4
Bulls & Stags	37	46	39	292	287	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5
Total ¹	2,677	3,116	2,795	18,287	19,169	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,327	7,943	7,530	55,709	56,338	96.6	96.2	96.5	96.6	96.5
Sows	234	285	252	1,781	1,847	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.2
Stags & Boars	20	28	23	160	171	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	7,582	8,256	7,806	57,651	58,357	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	10	9	75	67	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.1	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	179	190	182	1,396	1,416	95.0	94.8	95.2	94.9	95.5
Total ¹	188	200	191	1,472	1,483	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	772	774	782	758	774					
Steers ⁴	821	823	837	803	821					
Heifers ⁴	747	745	757	738	755					
All Cows ⁴	617	619	611	622	628					
Bulls & Stags ⁴	903	932	915	913	925					
Calves & Vealers	219	224	209	212	224					
Hogs	198	200	198	201	202					
Barrow Gilts ⁵	194	196	194	198	198					
Sows ⁵	308	310	312	309	311					
Stags & Boars ⁵	219	204	206	212	213					
Sheep	68	*69	66	71	71					
Mature Sheep ⁶	70	67	67	69	68					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁶	68	70	66	71	71					

* Revised.

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,
July 2006¹**

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	0.7	0.3	0.1					0.2
2	3.9	1.3	0.3	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2	15.8
3	71.6	34.5	6.0	29.1	23.2	5.9	2.1	13.8
4	57.8	0.8	0.3	50.0	10.3	39.8	6.8	
5	287.1	131.5	34.3	113.8	60.9	52.9	7.6	16.0
6	551.6	286.3	180.0	76.8	9.4	67.4	8.4	0.8
7	1,307.0	795.7	451.7	52.4	1.2	51.2	7.2	
8	256.8	154.3	87.0					
9	171.1	91.3	6.8	68.9	56.7	12.1	4.1	9.5
10	87.3	55.2	22.2	9.3	6.4	2.8	0.7	
US ²	2,795.0	1,551.2	788.7	415.8	174.6	241.2	39.3	57.0
	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	1.2	1.1						
2	10.5	10.3	0.1	0.1	10.3	1.3	9.0	
3	384.8	383.9	0.8		7.7	0.4	7.3	
4	1,279.1	1,209.9	67.7	1.4	2.9	1.0	1.9	
5	2,093.0	1,980.3	109.4	3.3	24.3	3.2	21.0	
6	413.4	394.2	19.0	0.1	0.2		0.2	
7	3,057.8	2,992.0			35.0	0.7	34.3	
8	338.1	331.0	7.1		83.6	1.6	82.0	
9	198.7	198.6						
10	29.0	28.9	0.1		1.9	0.1	1.8	
US ²	7,805.5	7,530.3	252.2	23.0	191.2	9.2	182.1	

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² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - July 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	6.0	2.4	1.2					1.9
2	31.6	10.5	2.0	17.2	16.5	0.7	1.8	99.7
3	502.2	230.8		213.8	172.4	41.4		99.3
4	392.6	7.0	2.5	332.3	73.4	258.9	50.8	
5	2,029.0	899.4	246.3	829.0	435.2	393.8	54.3	120.2
6	3,770.7	1,996.8	1,208.0	498.5	73.2	425.3	67.4	4.4
7	8,862.8	5,186.7	3,261.9	362.5	10.1	352.4	51.8	0.2
8	1,717.4	941.0						0.1
9	1,136.9	577.5	44.7	488.2	420.6	67.5	26.5	49.6
10	719.5	412.6	237.9	64.9	47.0	17.9	4.0	
US ²	19,168.7	10,264.6	5,716.0	2,900.6	1,281.2	1,619.4	287.5	381.3
	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	8.2	7.8	0.2	0.1				
2	78.3	76.9	1.0	0.5	81.0	9.1	72.0	
3	2,865.4	2,858.3	6.8	0.3	56.8	3.3	53.5	
4	9,543.5	9,020.7	512.7	10.1	20.3	7.5	12.8	
5	15,629.5	14,836.2	770.4	22.9	203.1	22.0	181.0	
6	3,058.0	2,918.1	139.0	0.9	40.5	1.4	39.1	
7	22,896.7	22,391.3			236.2	4.7	231.5	
8	2,613.2	2,566.7	46.3	0.1	638.1	13.2	624.9	
9	1,452.9	1,452.3						
10	210.8	209.8	0.7	0.2	12.2	0.7	11.6	
US ²	58,356.5	56,338.1	1,847.3	171.1	1,483.4	67.0	1,416.4	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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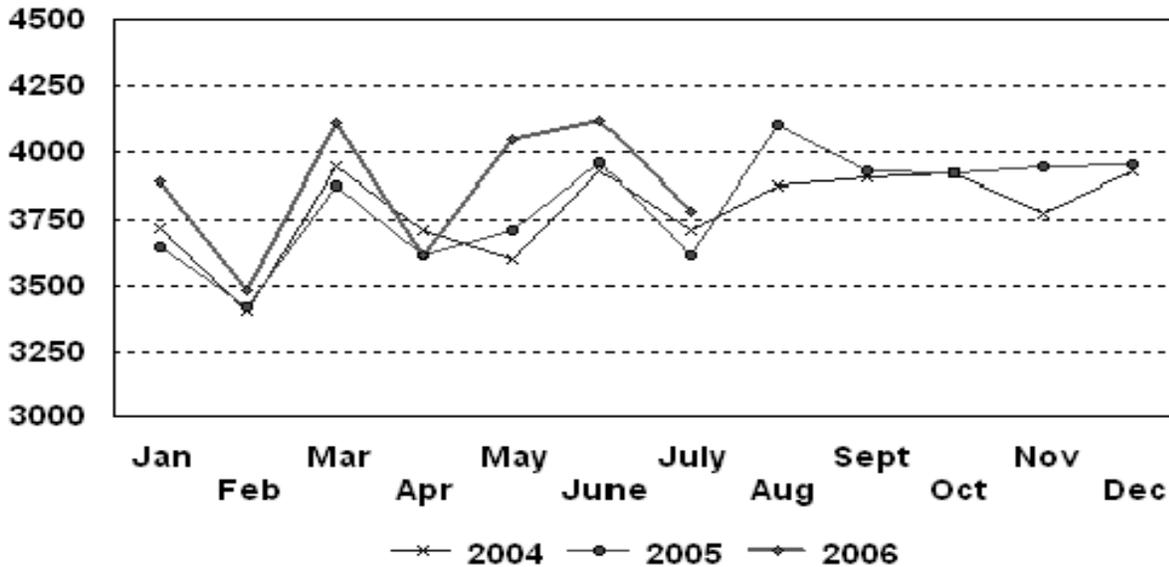
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

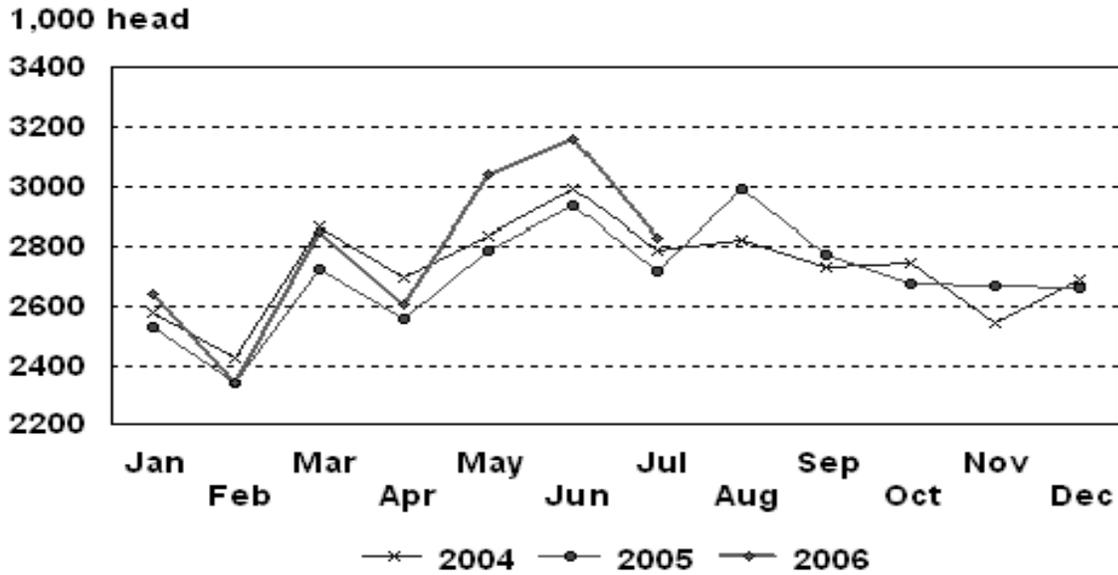
Species	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Jan - Jul	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	2005	2006
Cattle	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.3	98.4
Calves	97.5	98.5	98.4	97.8	98.1
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
Sheep	94.1	94.4	94.6	94.7	94.8

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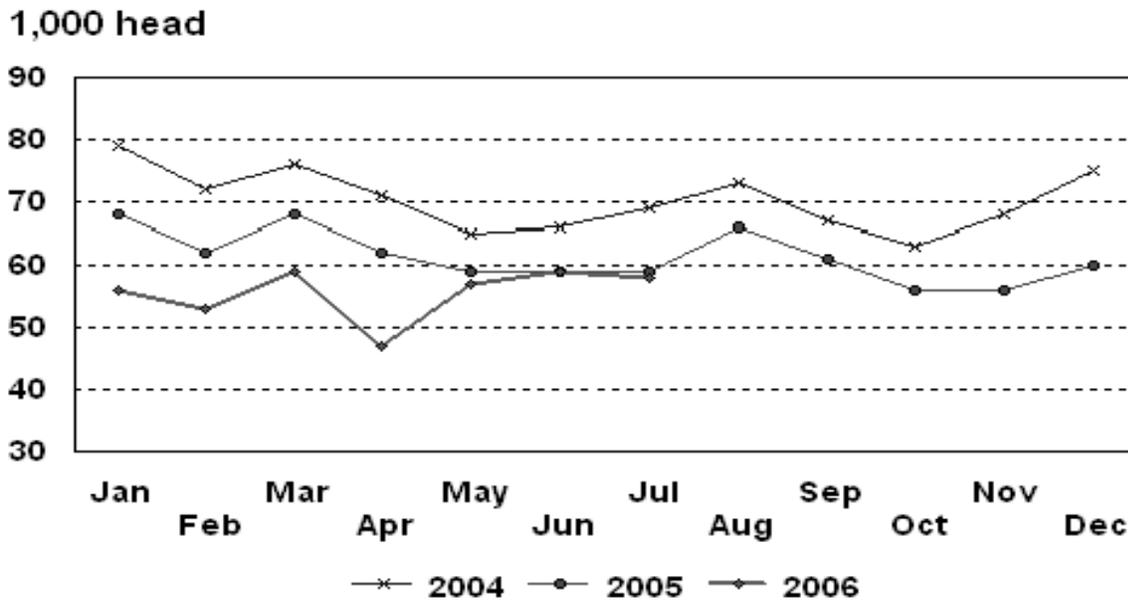
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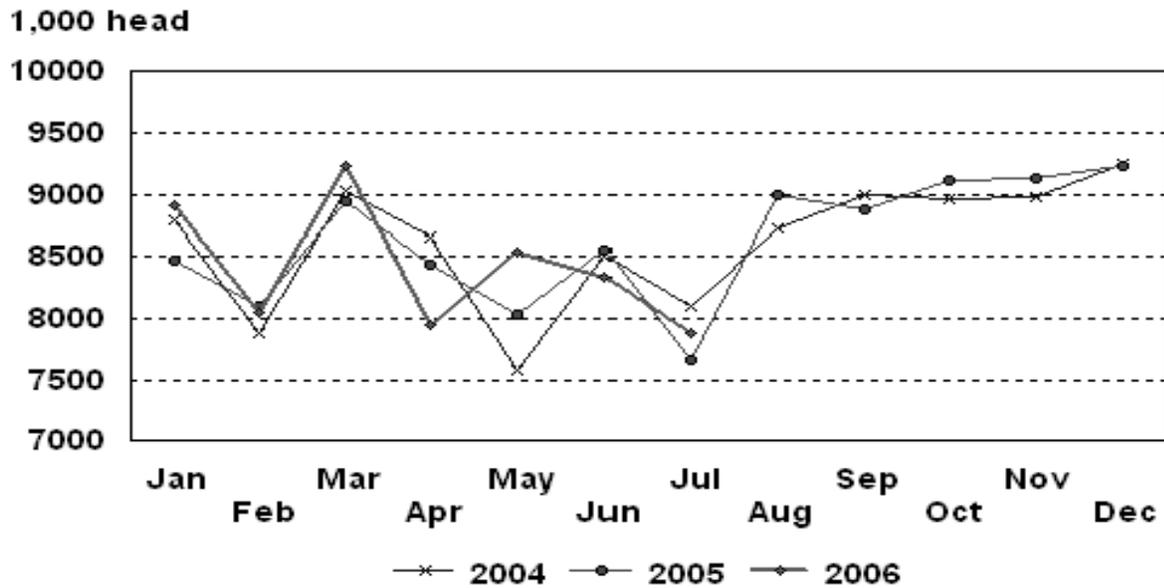
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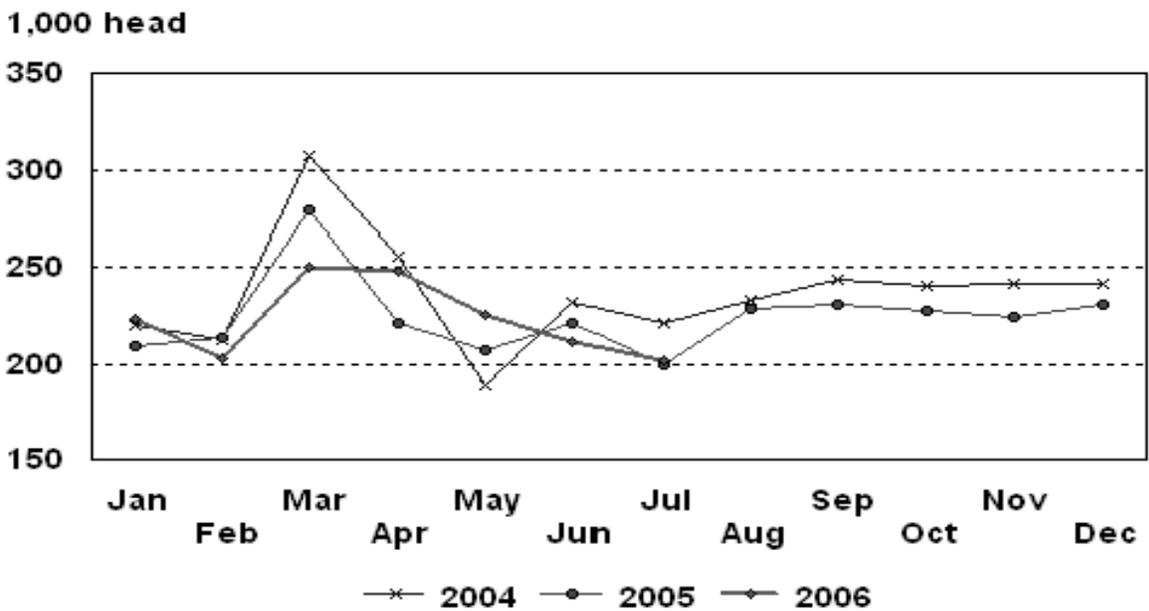
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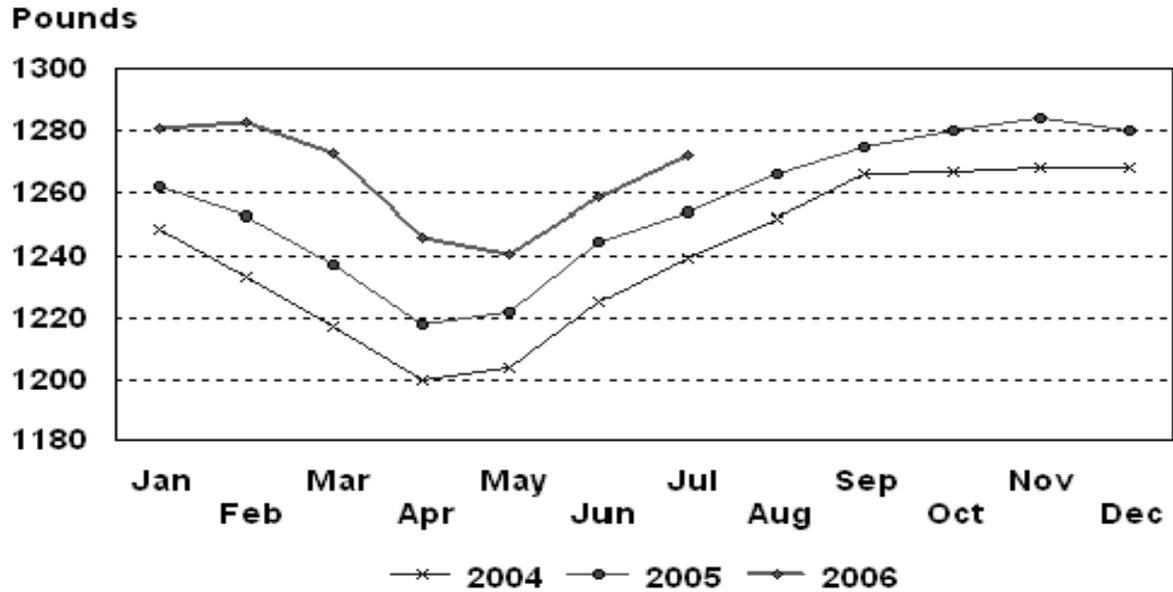
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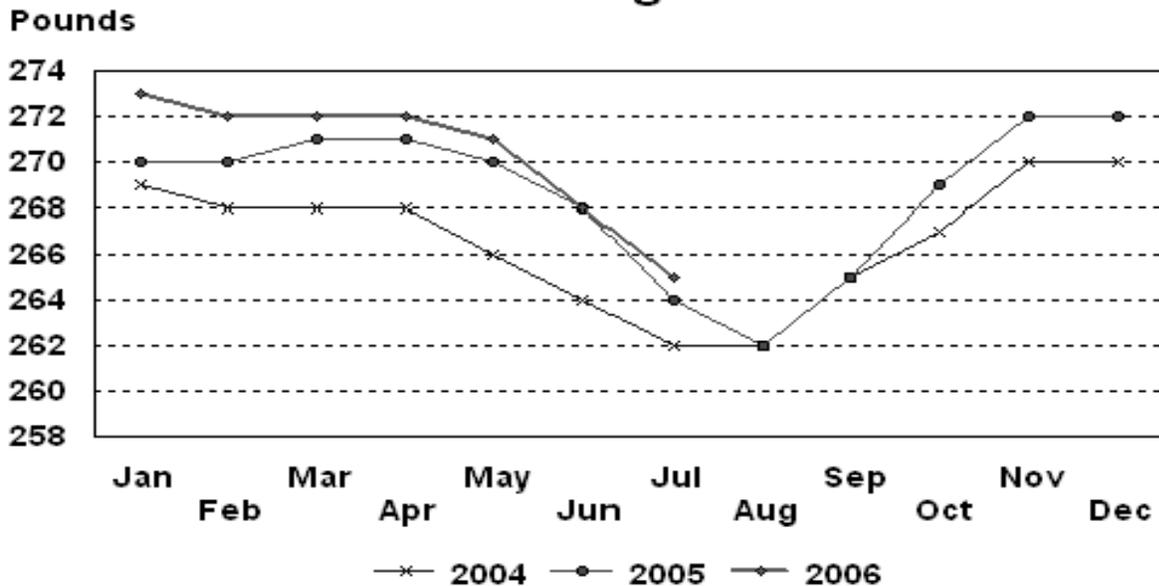
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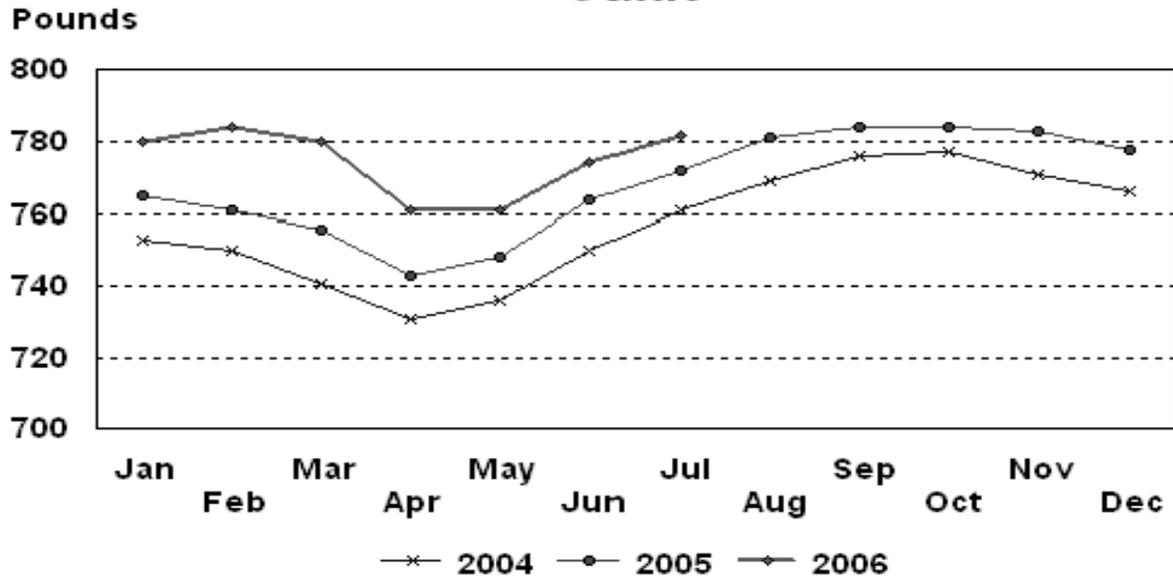
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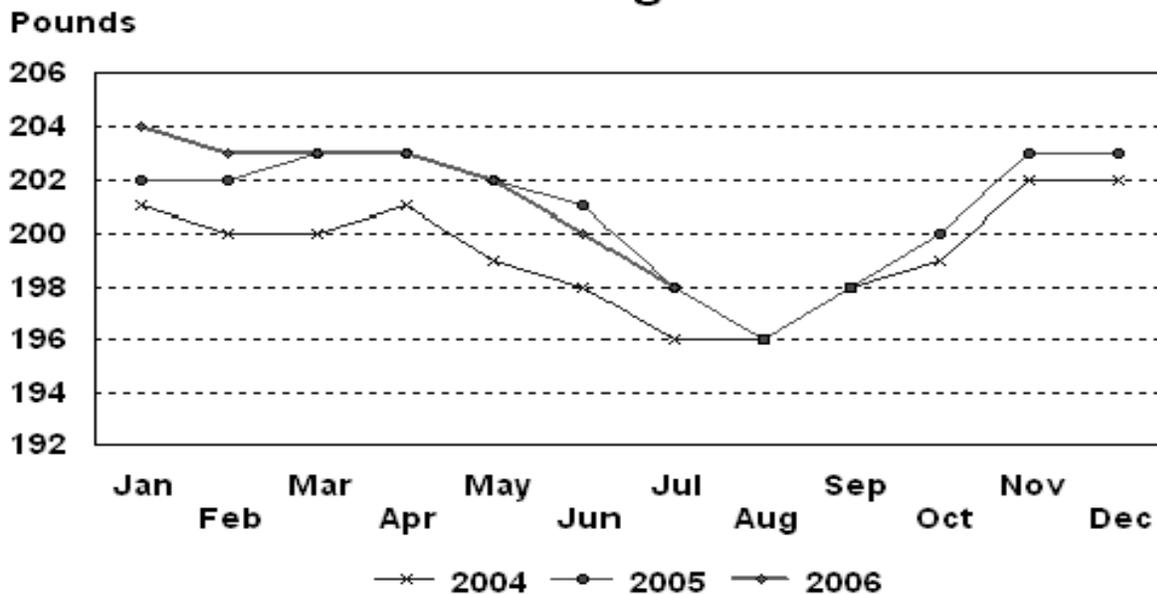
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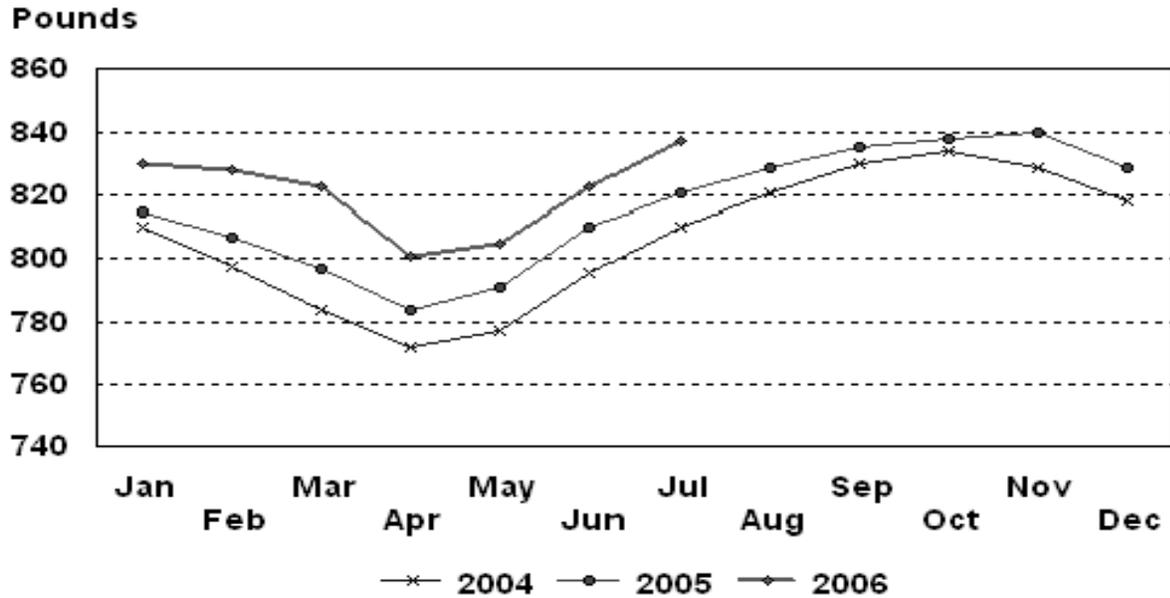
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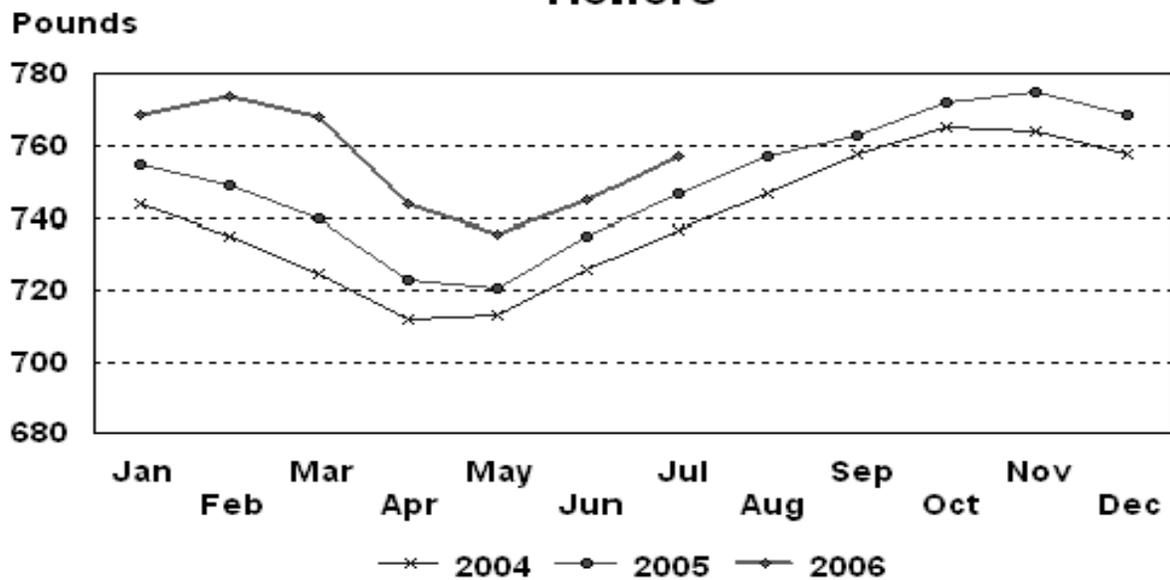
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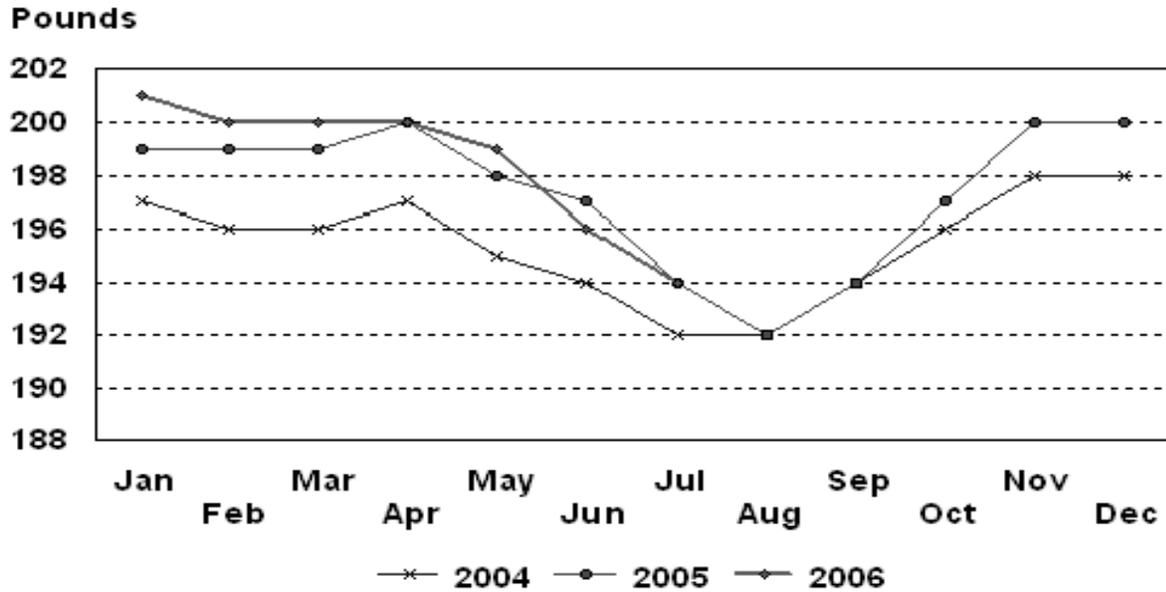
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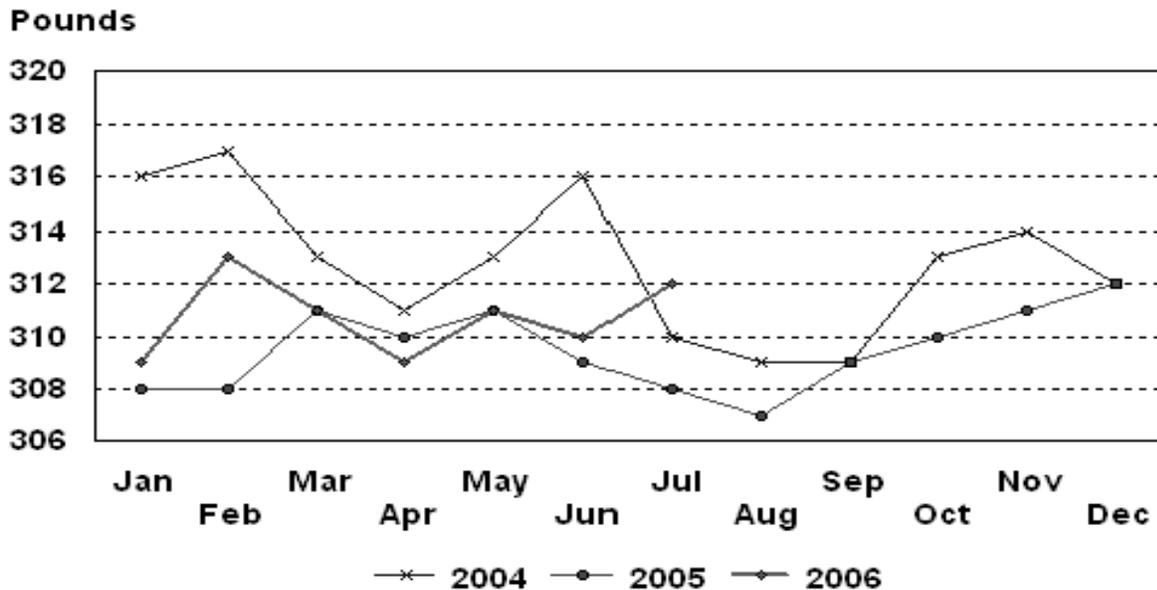
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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