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Red Meat Production Up from Previous Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds in April, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 14 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,900 head, up 19 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,900 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2007 commercial red meat production was 15.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

April 2006 contained 20 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

April 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 07 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 2006	Mar 2007	2006	2007	07 as % of 06
	<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	1,969.2	2,117.9	2,015.2	102	95	8,050.8	8,250.4	102
Veal	10.4	13.5	11.8	114	87	46.2	51.8	112
Pork	1,618.3	1,860.9	1,710.9	106	92	6,953.4	7,106.5	102
Lamb & Mutton	16.9	19.6	15.1	89	77	66.1	64.1	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,614.8	4,011.9	3,753.0	104	94	15,116.5	15,472.8	102

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

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Class	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 07 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
				Apr 2006	Mar 2007	2006	2007	07 as % of 06
	<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	1,941.3	2,088.5	1,988.2	102	95	7,929.7	8,132.5	103
Veal	10.1	13.3	11.6	115	88	45.2	50.8	113
Pork	1,605.5	1,846.5	1,697.7	106	92	6,897.7	7,051.7	102
Lamb & Mutton	16.2	19.0	14.3	88	75	63.5	61.7	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,573.2	3,967.3	3,711.9	104	94	14,936.1	15,296.7	102

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	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 07 % of		Jan - Apr ²		
					Apr 2006	Mar 2007	2006	2007	07 % of 06
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,566.0	2,747.4	2,659.9	104	97	10,265.2	10,672.7	104
Other	Thou	42.6	45.2	41.8	98	92	186.6	181.8	97
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,608.6	2,792.6	2,701.6	104	97	10,451.8	10,854.5	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,241	1,261	1,236	100	98	1,271	1,266	100
Other	Lbs	1,142	1,146	1,134	99	99	1,139	1,144	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,240	1,259	1,235	100	98	1,269	1,264	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	46.7	69.6	55.8	120	80	210.6	264.3	126
Other	Thou	1.0	1.2	1.1	104	90	4.5	4.6	104
Comm'l. ³	Thou	47.7	70.8	56.9	119	80	215.0	268.9	125
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	360	319	346	96	108	357	323	91
Other	Lbs	410	413	394	96	95	410	391	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	361	321	347	96	108	358	324	91
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,883.6	9,118.9	8,387.3	106	92	33,843.0	34,827.4	103
Other	Thou	75.7	84.2	78.0	103	93	323.8	323.5	100
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,959.3	9,203.2	8,465.3	106	92	34,166.9	35,150.9	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	272	271	270	99	100	272	271	99
Other	Lbs	232	237	234	101	99	236	234	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	272	270	270	99	100	272	270	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	234.3	267.2	202.6	87	76	876.4	868.3	99
Other	Thou	12.9	11.5	14.3	111	124	48.0	48.3	101
Comm'l. ³	Thou	247.1	278.6	216.9	88	78	924.4	916.7	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	138	142	141	102	99	144	142	99
Other	Lbs	101	101	105	105	105	107	102	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	136	140	139	102	99	142	140	98
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	49.9	50.8	51.8	104	102	175.1	189.2	108
Other	Thou	8.4	15.5	15.5	185	100	51.6	58.3	113
Comm'l. ³	Thou	58.3	66.3	67.3	116	102	226.7	247.5	109
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	61	60	60	99	100	64	61	96
Other	Lbs	74	63	71	97	113	72	66	93
Comm'l.	Lbs	62	61	63	100	103	66	63	95
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2.8	4.3	3.9	139	91	13.7	15.7	114
Other	Thou	1.1	1.7	1.5	136	87	5.4	6.7	124
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3.9	6.1	5.4	138	90	19.1	22.4	117

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	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 07 as % of ²	
				Apr 2006	Mar 2007
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.7	2.7	2.4	92	89
AK					
AZ	28.8	33.7	30.4	106	90
AR	4.0	4.5	4.1	103	91
CA	121.7	142.1	136.4	112	96
CO	142.2	148.1	133.7	94	90
DE-MD	2.8	3.5	2.8	98	81
FL	4.8	7.0	7.1	147	102
GA	10.8	12.6	13.3	124	106
HI	0.8	0.8	0.8	103	95
ID	22.2	15.6	15.6	70	100
IL	212.5	245.1	218.0	103	89
IN	118.3	133.2	122.1	103	92
IA	502.8	552.2	512.0	102	93
KS	469.3	504.4	500.7	107	99
KY	36.5	47.7	46.6	128	98
LA	0.7	0.9	0.7	96	81
MI	34.6	40.8	35.4	102	87
MN	173.3	210.1	195.4	113	93
MS	23.1	19.2	1.1	5	6
MO	65.7	116.1	119.9	182	103
MT	1.0	1.1	1.2	113	105
NE	541.0	550.3	517.9	96	94
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	118	109
N ENG ³	1.0	0.9	0.9	90	97
NJ	3.7	5.0	4.6	124	92
NM	0.5	0.5	0.4	89	79
NY	2.5	2.8	2.6	103	93
NC	173.6	190.5	175.2	101	92
ND	2.7	2.5	2.6	94	102
OH	21.6	25.0	23.2	107	93
OK	88.2	96.4	84.0	95	87
OR	3.7	4.4	4.2	112	95
PA	91.5	110.4	105.9	116	96
SC	19.5	21.5	20.7	106	96
SD	70.6	84.4	77.6	110	92
TN	12.5	18.3	14.6	117	80
TX	374.6	383.2	361.1	96	94
UT	36.0	39.4	35.0	97	89
VA	32.8	38.8	36.2	110	93
WA	60.8	76.0	71.0	117	93
WV	0.4	0.5	0.4	107	82
WI	98.7	119.4	114.9	116	96
WY	0.4	0.5	0.5	110	98
US	3,614.8	4,011.9	3,753.0	104	94

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,
April 2006 and 2007 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	0.5	461	463	929	985
AK		0.1		59		1,131
AZ		37.8		51,883		1,377
AR	1.0	0.8	980	861	1,003	1,030
CA	111.4	131.2	147,403	167,251	1,352	1,297
CO	170.8	162.4	212,789	201,555	1,247	1,242
DE-MD	3.1	3.1	4,189	4,139	1,344	1,325
FL						
GA	19.5	25.1	18,056	22,641	935	908
HI	0.8	0.9	829	926	1,070	1,070
ID		19.6		24,188		1,248
IL						
IN	2.5	2.7	2,583	2,836	1,034	1,046
IA						
KS	603.6	650.2	727,104	780,692	1,205	1,201
KY	1.3	1.4	1,279	1,265	953	937
LA	0.7	0.7	644	619	874	860
MI	38.5	41.1	52,464	55,078	1,366	1,351
MN	47.6	62.4	66,201	84,837	1,404	1,371
MS	0.1	0.1	101	90	919	960
MO	6.6	6.9	7,985	8,236	1,221	1,208
MT	1.2	1.5	1,486	1,730	1,199	1,186
NE	548.6	516.3	691,894	648,457	1,263	1,258
NV	0.1	0.1	77	90	1,026	1,005
N ENG ²	0.9	0.8	986	933	1,085	1,111
NJ	1.9	2.3	2,187	2,804	1,172	1,233
NM	0.9	0.8	784	647	961	954
NY	2.2	2.2	2,376	2,478	1,119	1,133
NC	14.2	16.8	16,640	19,638	1,176	1,172
ND	0.9	1.1	1,066	1,269	1,207	1,182
OH	7.6	8.8	8,954	10,302	1,193	1,187
OK	2.5	2.2	2,878	2,457	1,160	1,128
OR	1.8	2.0	2,099	2,329	1,182	1,187
PA	65.2	77.8	80,114	96,113	1,241	1,243
SC	12.1	12.4	13,852	14,561	1,149	1,183
SD						
TN	1.1	1.7	979	1,467	923	884
TX	502.8	488.4	594,024	575,729	1,185	1,182
UT	47.0	45.0	58,204	55,899	1,239	1,245
VA	0.9	0.9	982	924	1,061	1,019
WA	77.4	89.9	98,559	115,559	1,279	1,291
WV	0.5	0.5	545	527	1,087	1,074
WI	116.6	135.8	155,751	180,702	1,351	1,344
WY	0.5	0.6	587	653	1,167	1,181
US ³	2,608.6	2,701.6	3,222,245	3,324,260	1,240	1,235

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

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

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2006 and 2007 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	6.0	7.7	932	1,132	155	148
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.2	52	43	321	268
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	48	53	429	451
HI						
ID						
IL	3.3	3.4	1,364	1,533	410	449
IN	0.1		10		125	
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.3	0.3	167	166	531	506
MI	3.3	1.9	1,396	792	422	431
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.3	0.1	46	38	177	275
NJ	6.0	7.8	2,593	3,444	430	444
NM						
NY	5.2	8.2	878	1,348	172	168
NC		0.1		39		435
ND						
OH		0.1		25		351
OK	0.1		32		467	
OR						
PA	12.1	14.3	5,023	5,651	416	396
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	41	40	545	450
TX	0.6	0.9	380	553	594	601
UT						
VA		0.1		23		334
WA						
WV						
WI	9.1		4,002		443	
WY						
US ³	47.7	56.9	17,156	19,674	361	347

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2006 and 2007 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	9.1	8.2	4,212	3,757	463	457
AK	0.1		26		232	
AZ	0.9	0.5	206	116	229	252
AR	11.1	12.1	5,185	5,468	469	454
CA	201.3	210.8	48,813	51,293	243	244
CO	0.9	0.6	233	166	266	262
DE-MD	0.9	1.0	218	240	244	243
FL	7.3	6.7	970	1,049	134	157
GA	9.6	11.3	2,202	2,472	230	218
HI	1.7	1.7	392	351	233	211
ID	11.9	13.9	3,074	3,580	259	257
IL	736.4	760.5	208,428	213,921	283	282
IN	575.2	605.7	153,248	159,017	267	263
IA	2,278.5	2,320.4	623,517	628,806	274	271
KS		18.8		8,589		457
KY	179.8	230.0	47,704	60,605	266	264
LA	1.5	1.6	287	305	190	186
MI	8.8	9.4	3,321	3,462	379	371
MN	698.2	758.7	182,711	198,734	262	262
MS						
MO		542.8		152,165		280
MT	1.0	1.0	253	251	253	254
NE	549.3	588.8	149,115	159,159	272	271
NV						
N ENG ²	1.3	1.0	263	206	203	216
NJ	7.2	7.6	718	754	100	99
NM	0.1	0.1	38	12	382	235
NY	3.6	2.1	520	371	147	175
NC	840.1	848.3	219,237	219,122	261	259
ND	12.9	11.1	3,215	2,790	249	251
OH	82.6	88.2	22,638	23,913	274	272
OK	405.0	398.1	114,044	108,784	282	273
OR	14.8	15.9	3,555	3,755	240	237
PA	218.6	241.6	53,808	61,070	247	253
SC						
SD	324.9	360.8	85,280	92,643	263	257
TN	37.9	42.4	18,357	20,339	485	480
TX	25.2	32.7	6,390	7,601	254	233
UT	2.4	4.7	544	912	223	195
VA	164.6	181.8	42,673	47,267	259	260
WA	1.9	2.0	408	404	216	201
WV	0.4	0.5	100	135	237	266
WI	39.6	46.9	17,733	21,237	455	461
WY	0.3	0.3	73	85	262	265
US ³	7,959.3	8,465.3	2,160,169	2,284,018	272	270

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 2006 and 2007¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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		20		116	
AR						
CA						
CO	91.7	83.4	14,679	13,467	160	161
DE-MD	3.1	3.1	336	316	108	102
FL	0.5	0.3	32	18	60	61
GA	0.2	0.6	26	82	107	129
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	33	33	130	128
IL	20.0		2,312		116	
IN	3.2	2.5	324	259	101	104
IA	34.3	27.3	5,403	4,358	158	160
KS	0.3	0.3	31	29	112	114
KY	1.0	0.8	119	110	124	132
LA	0.1	0.3	10	23	92	86
MI	14.5	15.7	1,844	2,060	128	132
MN	0.2	0.2	23	26	117	127
MS						
MO	0.5	0.4	65	49	126	126
MT	0.2	0.2	18	19	90	106
NE						
NV		0.1		8		127
N ENG ²	4.9	3.1	315	281	64	91
NJ	12.6	13.9	971	1,036	77	74
NM	0.5	1.0	60	132	125	133
NY	8.6	4.1	540	294	63	71
NC	0.4	0.4	38	35	88	86
ND						
OH	1.6	1.6	161	167	103	106
OK	0.1	0.1	9	11	118	132
OR	2.1	1.8	306	249	149	141
PA	7.3	5.4	618	482	85	90
SC						
SD	0.9	0.7	119	100	126	137
TN	0.9	1.2	66	92	78	76
TX	4.9	2.8	550	257	112	93
UT	2.7	2.8	356	394	134	142
VA	0.9	0.8	97	82	105	99
WA	0.1	0.7	16	98	130	142
WV						
WI	0.9	0.9	132	122	141	137
WY	0.1	0.1	16	13	151	160
US ³	247.1	216.9	33,477	30,004	136	139

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

Item	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Jan - Apr ¹		Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Jan - Apr ¹	
				2006	2007				2006	2007
	<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	1,380	1,393	1,387	5,325	5,401	53.8	50.7	52.2	51.9	50.6
Heifers	763	820	768	3,153	3,211	29.7	29.9	28.9	30.7	30.1
All Cows	386	488	460	1,626	1,895	15.0	17.8	17.3	15.8	17.8
Dairy Cows	170	230	213	749	873	6.6	8.4	8.0	7.3	8.2
Other Cows	216	258	247	877	1,021	8.4	9.4	9.3	8.5	9.6
Bulls	37	46	44	161	166	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Total ¹	2,566	2,747	2,660	10,265	10,673	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	47	70	56	211	264	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	7,615	8,790	8,087	32,723	33,588	96.6	96.4	96.4	96.7	96.4
Sows	246	284	261	1,027	1,078	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1
Boars	23	45	40	93	161	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Total ¹	7,884	9,119	8,387	33,843	34,827	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	9	10	36	36	4.3	3.4	4.8	4.1	4.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	224	258	193	840	833	95.7	96.6	95.2	95.9	95.9
Total ¹	234	267	203	876	868	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight										
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>					
Cattle	759	763	750	775	765					
Steers ³	800	808	796	819	813					
Heifers ³	740	752	733	762	755					
All Cows ³	631	635	623	641	630					
Bulls ³	925	920	904	927	910					
Calves & Vealers	218	192	209	216	194					
Hogs	204	203	203	204	203					
Barrow Gilts ⁴	200	199	199	201	199					
Sows ⁴	309	308	310	311	308					
Boars ⁴	231	215	214	234	213					
Sheep	69	71	71	73	71					
Mature Sheep ⁵	66	68	67	67	67					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	69	71	71	73	71					

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

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

³ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

⁴ Included in hog average dressed weight.

⁵ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
April 2007¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	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					0.1
2	4.4	1.5	0.2	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.3	15.9
3	80.3	37.9	5.1	34.8	27.6	7.2	2.5	14.5
4	66.6	1.0	0.3	56.7	11.8	44.9	8.5	
5	308.6	134.8	34.3	132.7	70.3	62.4	6.8	15.8
6	487.3	266.9	148.9	62.0	16.0	45.9	9.6	0.8
7	1,214.3	704.0	442.2	60.4	2.7	57.7	7.8	
8	218.1	106.5	94.9					
9	169.2	83.7	9.9	71.6	61.8	9.8	3.9	7.5
10	110.4	50.8	32.6	24.5	15.4	9.2	2.6	
US ²	2,659.9	1,387.3	768.5	460.1	213.4	246.6	44.0	55.8
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	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	0.7	0.7						
2	9.6	9.4	0.2	0.1	17.3	1.3	16.0	
3	423.3	410.6	1.0	11.7	9.0	0.9	8.2	
4	1,203.8	1,141.9	60.7	1.2	2.9	0.9	1.9	
5	2,241.1	2,116.6	121.2	3.4	30.6	2.7	27.9	
6	433.9	415.2	18.5	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.5	
7	3,463.9	3,382.0			27.6	0.4	27.2	
8	374.5	374.1	0.4		86.4	1.9	84.5	
9	205.8	205.6						
10	30.8	30.7	0.1		1.9	0.3	1.6	
US ²	8,387.3	8,086.7	260.7	39.9	202.6	9.7	193.0	

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 - April 2007 ¹**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total ²	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	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	3.2	1.5	0.5					0.5
2	17.3	6.3	1.2	8.9	8.1	0.8	1.0	81.0
3	314.5	139.3	28.4	138.5	110.2	28.3	8.2	62.4
4	269.6	4.7	1.3	232.0	53.0	179.0	31.6	
5	1,285.2	564.3	146.7	547.1	294.0	253.1	27.2	68.0
6	1,926.0	1,010.9	604.0	272.1	67.6	204.4	39.0	7.8
7	4,859.4	2,722.8	1,856.0	250.1	6.3	243.9	30.5	0.1
8	893.2	421.1	403.3					
9	696.8	336.0	39.7	307.3	268.5	38.8	13.9	39.1
10	407.4	194.4	129.7	76.2	44.9	31.3	7.1	
US ²	10,672.7	5,401.2	3,210.7	1,894.6	873.5	1,021.1	166.1	264.3
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total ²	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	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	3.4	3.4						
2	41.5	40.5	0.6	0.4	49.9	4.9		45.1
3	1,711.0	1,654.0	4.4	52.6	30.7	1.8		28.9
4	5,372.4	5,083.5	281.8	7.1	10.0	3.2		6.8
5	9,239.9	8,761.3	465.5	13.1	121.8	11.9		109.8
6	1,801.5	1,719.8	81.3	0.4	3.2	1.4		1.8
7	14,208.2	13,895.7			139.6	1.0		138.7
8	1,489.0	1,470.6	18.4		393.5	7.6		385.9
9	836.1	835.7						
10	124.4	124.0	0.3	0.1	7.7	0.6		7.2
US ²	34,827.4	33,588.3	1,078.4	160.8	868.3	35.6		832.7

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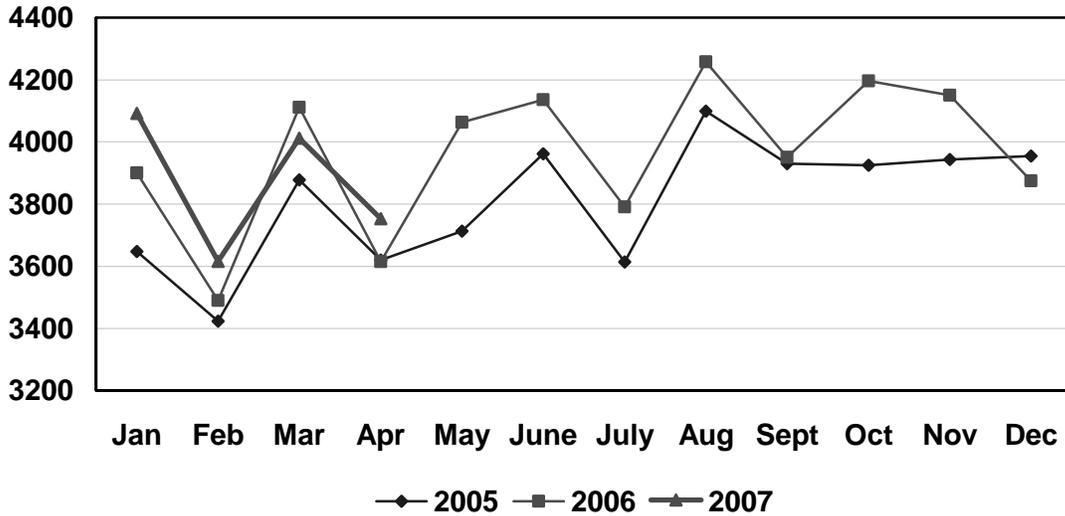
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

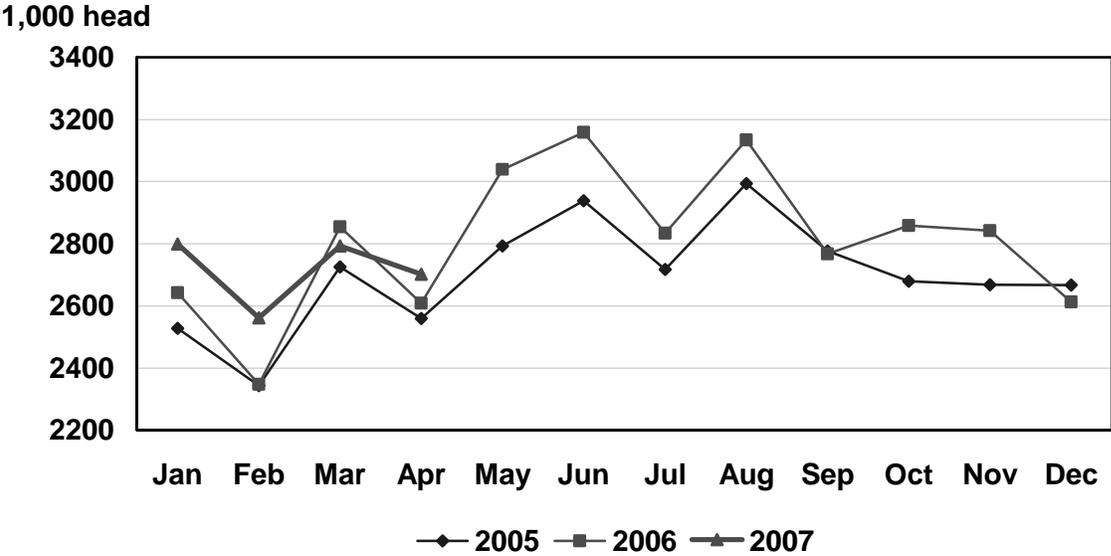
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				2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.2	98.3
Calves	97.8	98.3	98.1	97.9	98.3
Hogs	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1
Sheep	94.8	95.9	93.4	94.8	94.7

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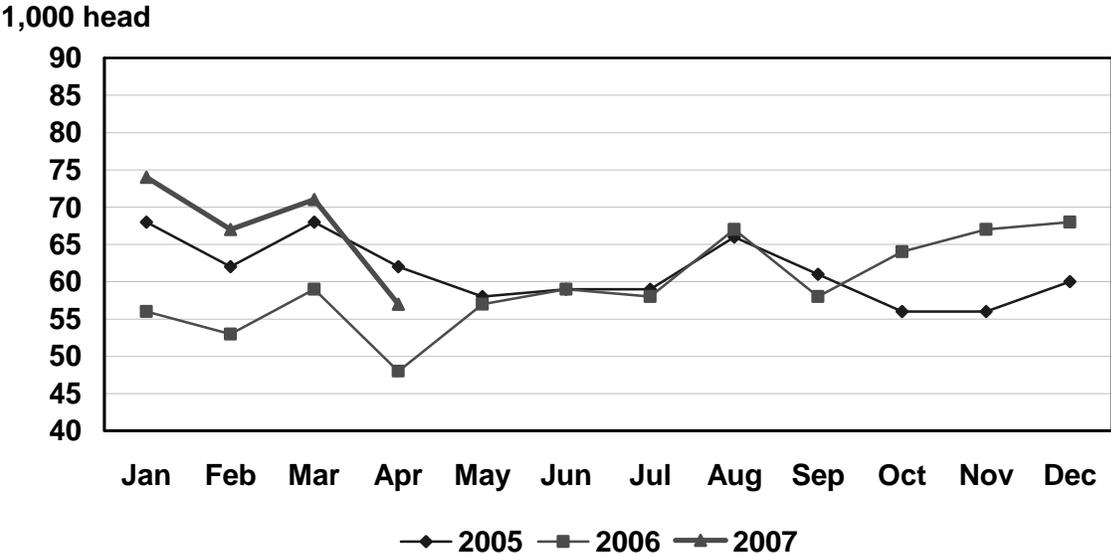
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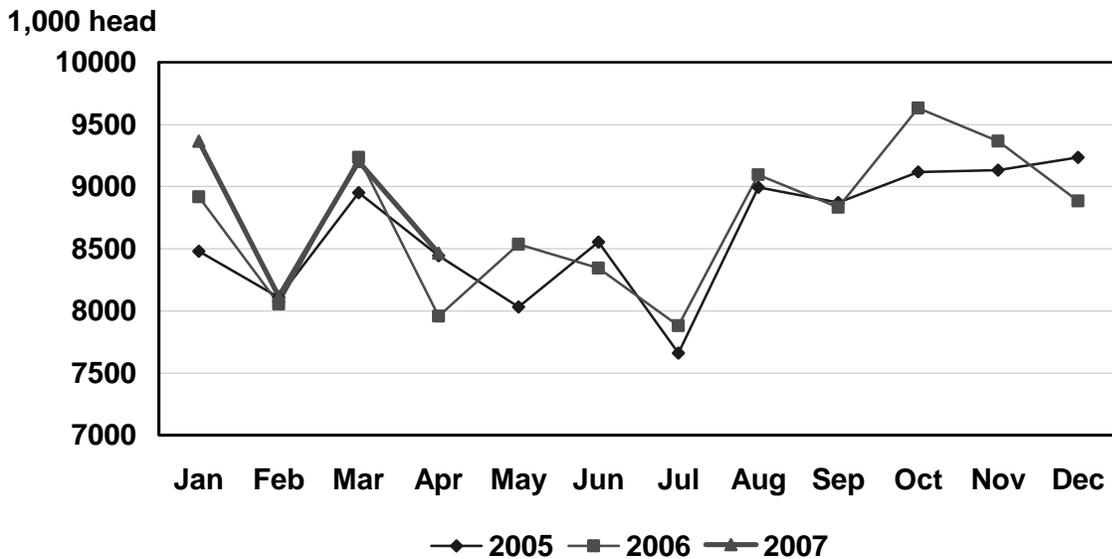
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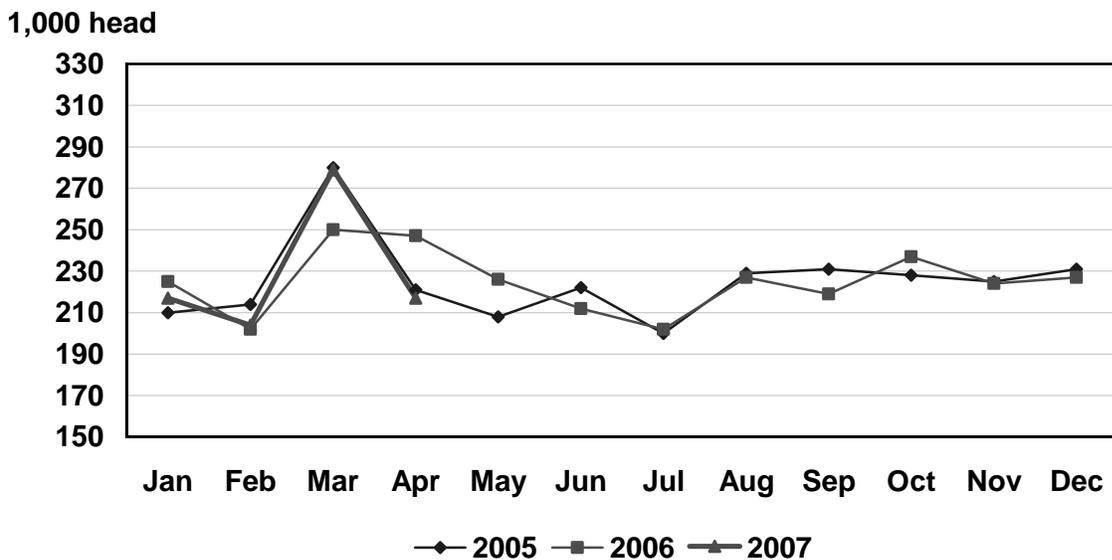
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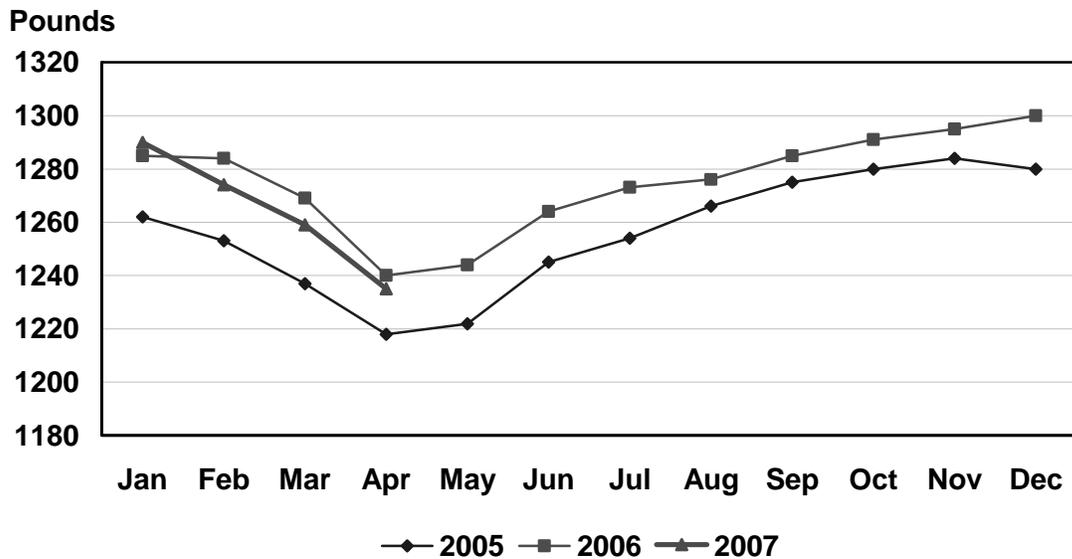
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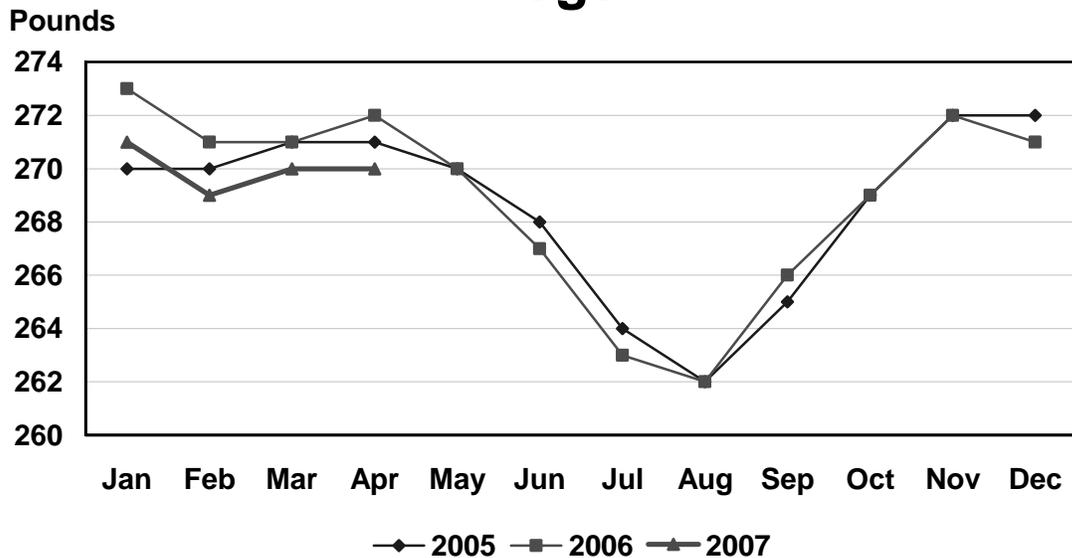
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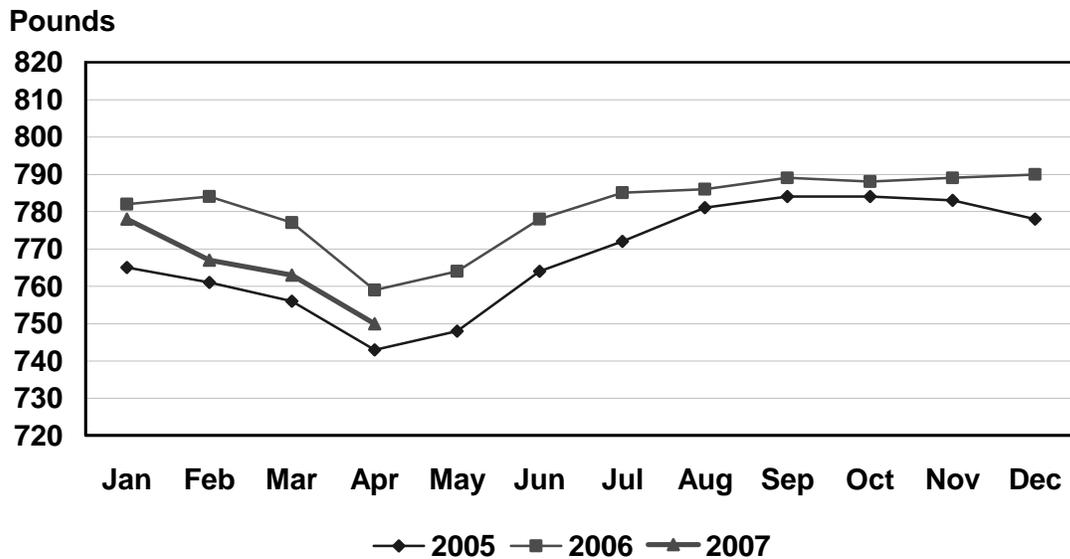
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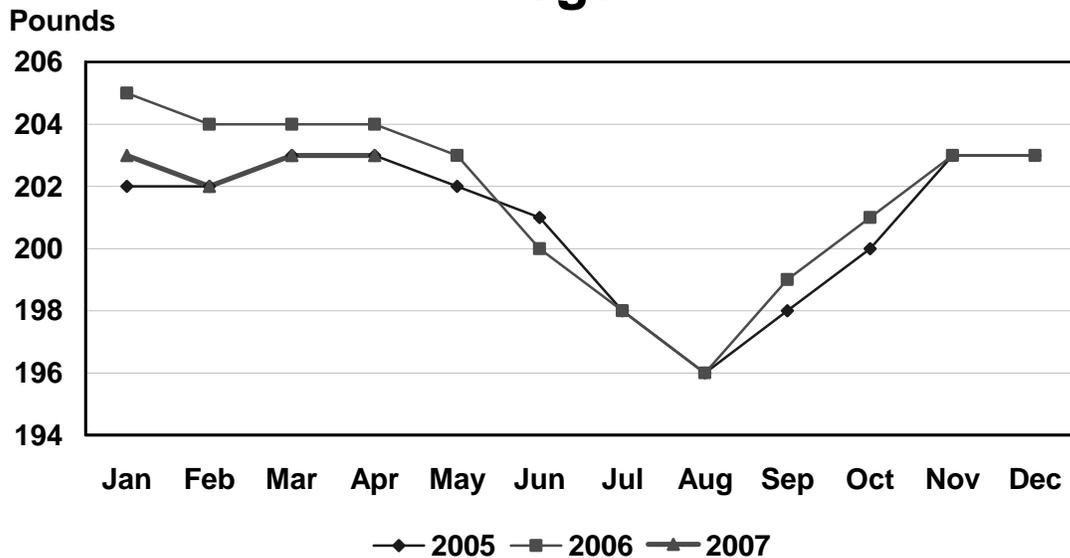
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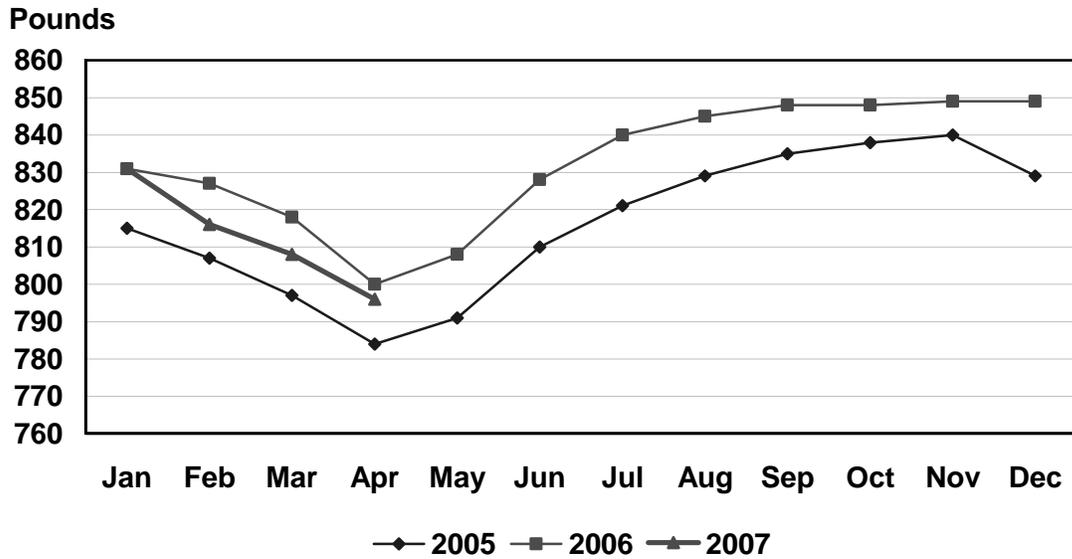
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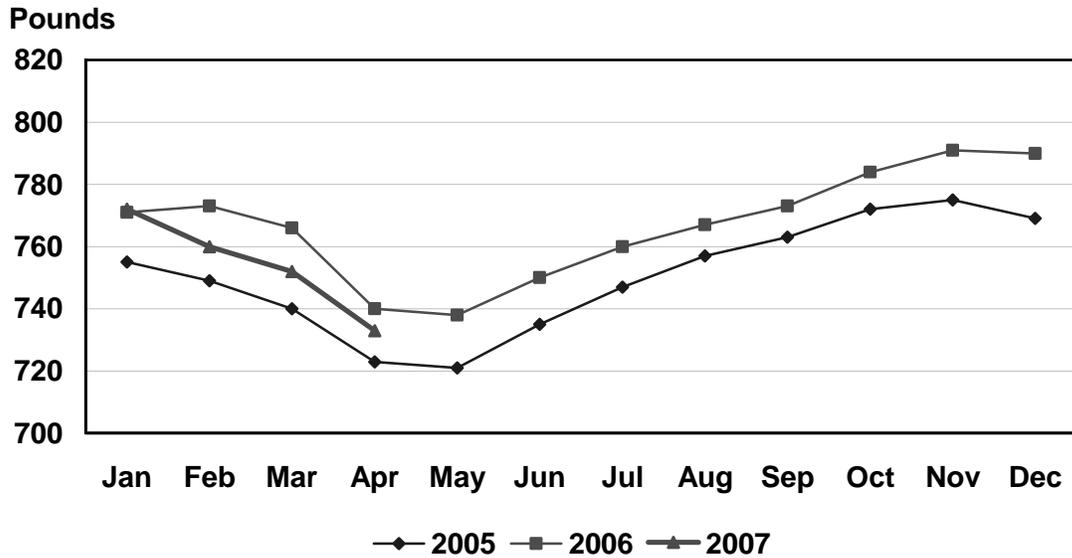
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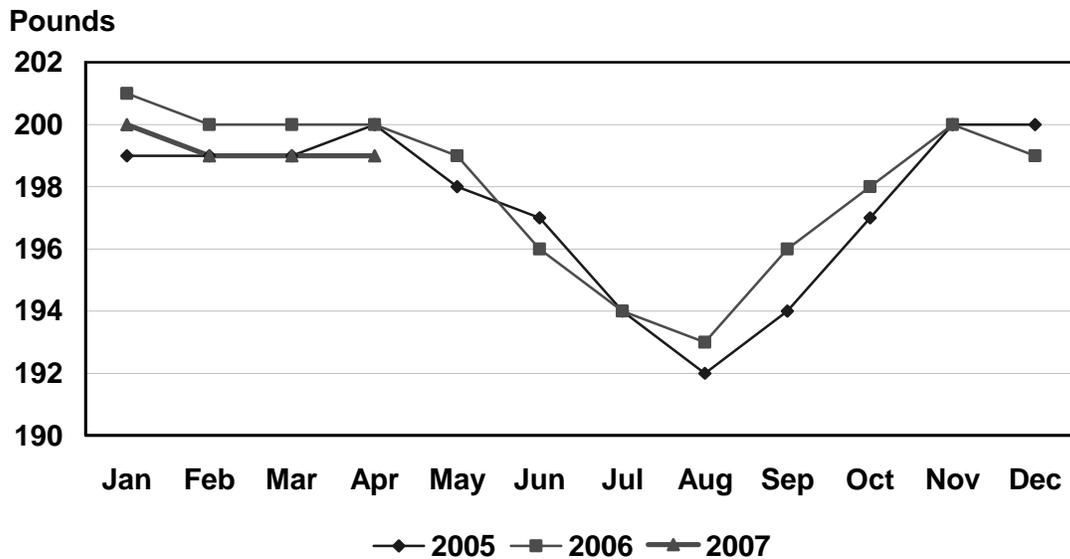
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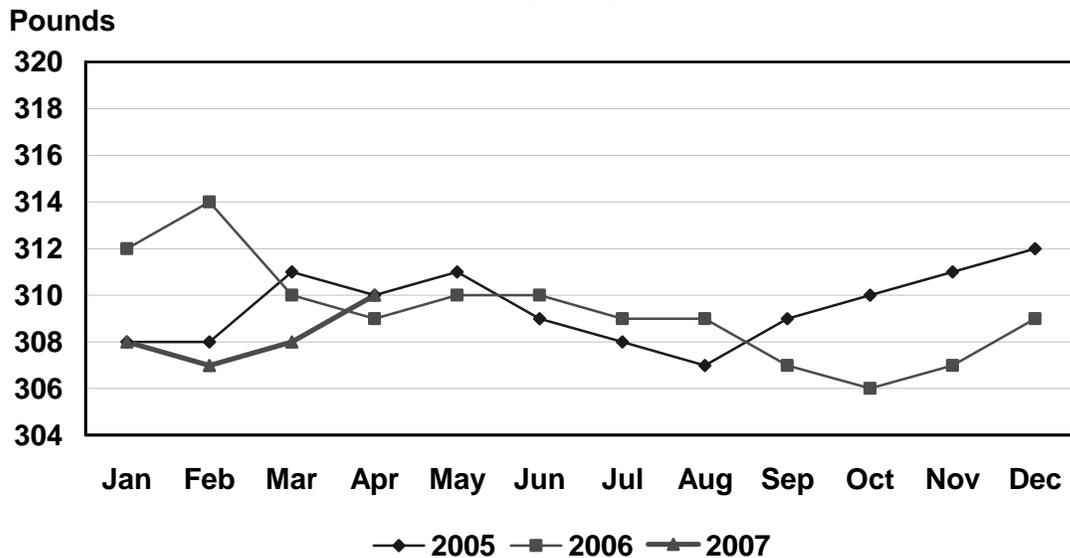
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Reliability of Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. More than 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection.

There are nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the U.S. operating under Federal Inspection and over 2,000 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 20). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored

Revision Policy: Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each March which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in March.

Procedures and Reliability: The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. An edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the edit provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics and are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

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 still included in US and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

Types of Livestock Slaughter 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 Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

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 excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = NFI red meat production.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

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

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

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