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Total Red Meat Production at Record High for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in May, up slightly from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in May 2006.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up slightly from May 2006. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,232 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 3 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,000 head, up 4 percent from May 2006. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 349 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, up 3 percent from May 2006. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

January to May 2007 commercial red meat production was 19.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

May 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	May 07 % of		Jan - May ²		
				May 2006	Apr 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	2,309.0	*2,015.3	2,284.9	99	113	10,359.8	10,535.3	102
Veal	12.7	11.8	12.4	97	104	58.9	64.2	109
Pork	1,726.0	*1,711.2	1,762.4	102	103	8,679.3	8,869.2	102
Lamb & Mutton	16.1	15.1	15.5	96	103	82.2	79.6	97
Total Red Meat ³	4,063.8	*3,753.4	4,075.1	100	109	19,180.2	19,548.2	102

* Revised.

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

Type	May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	May 07 % of		Jan - May ²		
				May 2006	Apr 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	2,278.9	*1,988.3	2,257.2	99	114	10,208.6	10,389.7	102
Veal	12.5	11.6	12.1	97	105	57.6	62.9	109
Pork	1,711.7	*1,698.1	1,749.3	102	103	8,609.4	8,801.4	102
Lamb & Mutton	15.6	14.3	14.9	96	104	79.1	76.6	97
Total Red Meat ³	4,018.6	*3,712.2	4,033.5	100	109	18,954.7	19,330.6	102

* Revised.

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

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Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States ¹

Species	Unit	May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	May 07 % of		Jan - May ²		
					May 2006	Apr 2007	2006	2007	07 % of 06
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,993.0	*2,661.8	3,008.3	101	113	13,258.2	13,682.8	103
Other	Thou	46.1	41.8	42.7	93	102	232.7	224.5	96
Comm'l. ³	Thou	3,039.1	*2,703.5	3,051.0	100	113	13,490.9	13,907.4	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,246	*1,235	1,234	99	100	1,265	1,259	99
Other	Lbs	1,132	1,134	1,136	100	100	1,138	1,143	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,244	*1,234	1,232	99	100	1,263	1,257	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	55.9	55.8	58.0	104	104	266.5	322.3	121
Other	Thou	1.0	1.1	1.0	98	89	5.4	5.6	103
Comm'l. ³	Thou	56.9	56.9	59.0	104	104	271.9	327.9	121
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	371	346	348	94	101	360	327	91
Other	Lbs	404	394	396	98	101	409	392	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	372	347	349	94	101	361	329	91
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,449.8	*8,388.8	8,680.4	103	103	42,292.9	43,509.4	103
Other	Thou	86.7	78.0	79.5	92	102	410.5	403.0	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,536.5	*8,466.8	8,760.0	103	103	42,703.4	43,912.4	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	271	270	269	99	100	272	270	99
Other	Lbs	227	234	226	100	97	234	233	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	270	270	269	99	100	272	270	99
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	214.8	202.6	205.1	95	101	1,091.2	1,073.4	98
Other	Thou	10.8	14.3	13.2	122	92	58.7	61.5	105
Comm'l. ³	Thou	225.6	216.9	218.2	97	101	1,150.0	1,134.9	99
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	144	141	145	101	103	144	142	99
Other	Lbs	108	105	96	89	91	107	101	94
Comm'l.	Lbs	142	139	142	100	103	142	140	99
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	48.2	51.8	55.4	115	107	223.3	244.6	110
Other	Thou	9.1	15.5	17.1	188	110	60.7	75.4	124
Comm'l. ³	Thou	57.3	67.3	72.5	127	108	283.9	320.0	113
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	62	60	61	99	101	63	61	96
Other	Lbs	72	71	87	121	122	72	71	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	63	63	67	106	107	65	64	97
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3.3	3.9	5.0	151	126	17.0	20.6	121
Other	Thou	1.2	1.5	1.3	106	86	6.6	8.0	121
Comm'l. ³	Thou	4.5	5.4	6.2	139	115	23.6	28.6	121

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

² Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	May 07 as % of ²	
				May 2006	Apr 2007
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.8	2.4	2.5	91	102
AK					
AZ	33.0	30.4	33.1	100	109
AR	3.9	4.1	4.4	115	108
CA	136.0	136.4	142.1	105	104
CO	171.2	133.7	158.1	92	118
DE-MD	3.4	2.8	3.4	99	120
FL	5.4	7.1	7.9	145	111
GA	12.0	13.3	15.0	125	113
HI	0.9	0.8	0.9	100	115
ID	22.6	15.6	16.7	74	107
IL	223.2	218.0	221.1	99	101
IN	123.4	122.1	124.8	101	102
IA	532.2	*512.4	525.8	99	103
KS	549.4	500.7	560.4	102	112
KY	39.5	46.6	47.4	120	102
LA	0.7	0.7	0.5	74	77
MI	38.9	35.4	43.7	112	124
MN	196.7	195.4	201.3	102	103
MS	24.3	1.1	1.2	5	111
MO	69.8	119.9	124.1	178	104
MT	1.1	1.2	1.2	108	101
NE	639.7	517.9	606.6	95	117
NV	0.1	0.1	0.2	161	239
N ENG ³	1.1	0.9	1.1	102	125
NJ	4.4	4.6	4.9	112	107
NM	0.5	0.4	0.4	87	104
NY	3.0	2.6	2.9	96	111
NC	194.4	175.2	188.5	97	108
ND	3.0	2.6	2.8	95	109
OH	24.1	23.2	23.7	99	103
OK	87.2	84.0	86.5	99	103
OR	4.3	4.2	4.6	107	110
PA	101.3	105.9	109.1	108	103
SC	21.4	20.7	22.6	106	109
SD	76.5	77.6	78.8	103	102
TN	15.7	14.6	16.3	104	112
TX	454.2	361.1	419.4	92	116
UT	39.1	35.0	34.7	89	99
VA	32.3	36.2	38.1	118	105
WA	56.4	71.0	73.8	131	104
WV	0.3	0.4	0.3	106	87
WI	113.9	114.9	123.6	109	108
WY	0.5	0.5	0.5	98	103
US	4,063.8	*3,753.4	4,075.1	100	109

* Revised.

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

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

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

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	437	462	899	986
AK	0.1		75		1,150	
AZ		40.9		56,079		1,374
AR	1.0	0.9	959	887	953	1,008
CA	124.7	135.2	165,340	172,178	1,349	1,294
CO	206.9	195.4	259,048	238,374	1,252	1,220
DE-MD	3.8	3.8	5,071	5,082	1,322	1,336
FL						
GA	21.5	29.3	19,933	25,923	933	888
HI	1.0	1.0	1,012	1,061	1,027	1,085
ID		21.3		25,861		1,231
IL						
IN	3.0	3.0	3,113	3,108	1,042	1,053
IA						
KS	700.2	722.4	854,530	872,885	1,221	1,209
KY	1.5	1.3	1,426	1,238	963	945
LA	0.8	0.6	657	492	784	792
MI	43.2	50.6	58,988	68,264	1,369	1,359
MN	57.6	63.4	78,603	84,998	1,376	1,349
MS	0.1	0.1	87	127	835	878
MO	7.2	7.3	8,607	8,798	1,207	1,205
MT	1.4	1.5	1,594	1,803	1,160	1,190
NE	653.3	625.0	831,215	782,633	1,274	1,253
NV	0.1	0.2	119	240	1,075	1,119
N ENG ²	1.1	1.1	1,211	1,251	1,085	1,096
NJ	2.4	2.5	2,860	3,053	1,179	1,241
NM	0.9	0.8	814	690	1,012	983
NY	2.9	2.6	3,076	2,835	1,108	1,144
NC	14.8	18.8	17,389	22,187	1,180	1,184
ND	1.0	1.2	1,177	1,445	1,195	1,157
OH	8.1	8.4	9,369	9,939	1,169	1,196
OK	2.6	2.2	2,775	2,457	1,088	1,123
OR	2.2	2.3	2,636	2,636	1,250	1,213
PA	72.0	78.5	87,657	96,608	1,228	1,238
SC	13.0	13.9	15,176	16,229	1,179	1,174
SD						
TN	1.3	1.8	1,203	1,672	954	926
TX	609.5	565.2	720,845	668,337	1,186	1,185
UT	51.2	45.3	62,696	55,361	1,228	1,223
VA	1.1	0.9	1,133	840	1,059	974
WA	72.8	94.2	91,718	119,710	1,266	1,276
WV	0.4	0.4	442	473	1,109	1,127
WI	130.7	145.1	175,624	192,823	1,358	1,344
WY	0.6	0.6	695	698	1,198	1,235
US ³	3,039.1	3,051.0	3,768,689	3,747,840	1,244	1,232

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,
May 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	7.0	8.7	1,096	1,221	157	140
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.1	64	39	325	283
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	47	59	443	447
HI						
ID						
IL	4.2	3.6	1,779	1,630	426	453
IN	0.1		9		135	
IA						
KS						
KY		0.1		31		503
LA	0.2	0.2	121	121	498	500
MI	4.1	1.8	1,719	790	425	429
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.4	0.1	58	28	148	273
NJ	7.1	8.4	3,031	3,704	430	443
NM						
NY	6.0	8.0	1,160	1,434	200	182
NC		0.1		45		467
ND						
OH		0.1		18		348
OK	0.1		26		390	
OR						
PA	14.5	15.0	6,224	6,111	429	407
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	43	46	484	471
TX	0.9	0.7	499	400	587	598
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	16	17	296	323
WA						
WV						
WI	11.1		4,982		452	
WY						
US ³	56.9	59.0	21,051	20,485	372	349

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	9.5	8.5	4,403	3,865	463	456
AK	0.1	0.1	19	14	234	218
AZ	0.3	0.4	65	95	255	215
AR	11.1	13.2	5,024	5,992	451	455
CA	220.5	221.8	53,921	54,348	246	245
CO	1.0	0.7	265	188	256	253
DE-MD	1.4	1.3	292	273	209	213
FL	7.3	7.8	1,030	1,120	142	145
GA	11.1	12.2	2,607	2,570	235	211
HI	2.0	1.9	444	421	227	219
ID	13.0	14.4	3,345	3,682	258	258
IL	757.9	767.5	213,679	214,855	282	280
IN	606.9	622.2	160,030	162,782	264	262
IA	2,399.0	2,366.2	652,783	638,716	272	270
KS		20.2		9,415		468
KY	195.4	232.2	51,570	61,823	264	267
LA	1.5	1.2	299	238	194	197
MI	9.9	10.2	3,652	3,702	368	364
MN	783.6	790.7	204,183	205,417	261	260
MS						
MO		571.6		157,273		275
MT	1.0	0.9	245	231	245	251
NE	595.8	605.1	161,174	162,516	271	269
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.4	296	290	193	205
NJ	8.9	8.9	898	883	101	99
NM	0.2	0.1	42	16	250	249
NY	3.9	2.4	652	409	167	170
NC	951.4	910.3	245,972	234,788	259	258
ND	14.1	12.0	3,452	2,972	245	249
OH	93.7	92.9	25,741	25,064	275	270
OK	400.6	412.8	113,279	112,068	283	272
OR	16.8	17.0	3,944	4,071	236	240
PA	244.7	254.9	59,925	63,998	245	251
SC						
SD	351.8	363.8	92,219	92,764	262	255
TN	47.1	47.7	22,847	22,722	485	477
TX	30.8	33.9	8,013	7,573	260	224
UT	4.2	5.5	966	1,075	230	196
VA	160.1	190.4	41,972	49,874	262	262
WA	2.2	2.1	451	452	207	219
WV	0.4	0.5	102	110	238	229
WI	49.6	51.5	22,457	23,629	459	465
WY	0.3	0.2	78	59	269	264
US ³	8,536.5	8,760.0	2,306,430	2,352,965	270	269

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
May 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	0.1		12		86	
AR						
CA						
CO	91.2	89.2	14,798	14,780	162	166
DE-MD	2.9	2.8	289	276	100	99
FL	0.2	0.2	11	13	57	58
GA	0.5	0.6	54	83	116	132
HI						
ID	0.3	0.4	36	57	137	135
IL	12.3		1,666		135	
IN	2.1	2.2	224	241	109	108
IA	25.2	23.5	3,848	3,673	153	156
KS	0.2	0.2	20	23	108	116
KY	1.1	1.0	151	133	132	132
LA	0.1	0.2	11	18	80	75
MI	15.1	15.6	1,932	2,062	128	133
MN	0.2	0.2	25	24	125	121
MS						
MO	0.6	0.5	72	66	129	122
MT	0.2	0.2	21	21	100	118
NE	0.1		9		119	
NV	0.1	0.1	15	17	129	119
N ENG ²	2.6	2.4	202	247	78	103
NJ	10.4	10.7	846	866	82	81
NM	0.7	0.8	85	113	127	136
NY	2.5	3.6	202	295	82	82
NC	0.5	0.5	44	45	89	88
ND		0.1		8		114
OH	0.9	1.1	99	120	105	111
OK	0.1	0.1	9	10	132	121
OR	1.9	2.0	254	286	136	146
PA	4.5	5.0	412	473	92	94
SC						
SD	1.1	1.7	165	232	153	139
TN	1.1	1.0	81	80	76	79
TX	10.0	3.2	1,383	180	139	55
UT	3.0	3.0	444	409	147	138
VA	0.8	0.9	82	82	106	96
WA	0.2	0.4	21	50	138	112
WV						
WI	0.8	0.8	108	112	137	136
WY	0.1	0.1	11	13	146	148
US ³	225.6	218.2	32,055	30,949	142	142

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

Item	May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	Jan - May ¹		May 2006	Apr 2007	May 2007	Jan - May ¹	
	<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	1,650	*1,389	1,601	6,975	7,004	55.1	52.2	53.2	52.6	51.2
Heifers	885	768	878	4,039	4,089	29.6	28.9	29.2	30.5	29.9
All Cows	416	460	477	2,042	2,372	13.9	17.3	15.9	15.4	17.3
Dairy Cows	177	213	191	926	1,065	5.9	8.0	6.4	7.0	7.8
Other Cows	239	247	286	1,116	1,307	8.0	9.3	9.5	8.4	9.6
Bulls	42	44	52	203	218	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6
Total ¹	2,993	*2,662	3,008	13,258	13,683	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	56	56	58	267	322	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	8,141	*8,088	8,356	40,864	41,945	96.3	96.4	96.3	96.6	96.4
Sows	282	261	283	1,309	1,362	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1
Boars	26	40	42	119	203	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Total ¹	8,450	*8,389	8,680	42,293	43,509	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	10	11	48	46	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.3
Lambs & Yrlngs	204	193	194	1,044	1,027	94.8	95.2	94.8	95.6	95.7
Total ¹	215	203	205	1,091	1,073	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	764	750	753	773	762					
Steers ³	808	*795	800	816	810					
Heifers ³	738	733	730	757	749					
All Cows ³	625	623	618	638	628					
Bulls ³	916	904	905	925	909					
Calves & Vealers	224	209	210	218	197					
Hogs	203	203	202	204	203					
Barrow Gilts ⁴	199	199	198	200	199					
Sows ⁴	310	310	309	311	308					
Boars ⁴	231	*213	213	233	213					
Sheep	73	71	73	73	71					
Mature Sheep ⁵	69	67	67	68	67					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	73	71	73	73	72					

* Revised.

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,
May 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	1.0	0.4	0.2					0.1
2	4.9	1.7	0.3	2.5	2.3	0.2	0.4	16.4
3	81.7	37.8	8.3	32.3	25.5	6.9	3.2	15.2
4	75.8	1.1	0.4	64.5	10.5	54.0	9.8	
5	330.6	153.3	34.0	134.7	66.5	68.2	8.6	15.9
6	564.3	296.3	187.6	69.0	11.8	57.2	11.5	0.6
7	1,404.1	829.3	503.7	62.6	1.3	61.3	8.4	
8	252.8	131.8	102.9					
9	176.6	90.4	11.3	70.5	56.2	14.4	4.3	8.5
10	116.7	59.2	29.7	24.8	12.5	12.3	3.0	
US ²	3,008.3	1,601.3	878.2	477.2	191.3	285.9	51.6	58.0
	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	1.1	1.1						
2	11.1	10.8	0.1	0.1	13.5	1.4		12.0
3	445.6	432.3	1.2	12.1	8.6	0.4		8.2
4	1,279.8	1,211.0	67.5	1.2	2.9	1.1		1.9
5	2,304.5	2,171.4	128.9	4.2	29.5	4.0		25.5
6	454.0	433.0	20.8	0.1	0.6	0.2		0.4
7	3,556.2	3,468.3			24.0	0.6		23.5
8	378.7	378.2	0.5		93.2	2.0		91.3
9	217.1	217.0						
10	32.4	32.3	0.1		2.4	0.2		2.3
US ²	8,680.4	8,355.5	283.0	41.9	205.1	10.8		194.3

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 - May 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	4.2	1.9	0.7					0.6
2	22.2	8.0	1.5	11.5	10.5	1.0	1.3	97.4
3	396.1	177.2	36.7	170.8	135.7	35.2	11.4	77.7
4	345.4	5.8	1.7	296.6	63.6	233.0	41.4	
5	1,615.8	717.6	180.6	681.8	360.5	321.3	35.8	83.9
6	2,490.3	1,307.2	791.6	341.1	79.4	261.6	50.5	8.4
7	6,263.5	3,552.2	2,359.7	312.7	7.5	305.2	38.9	0.2
8	1,147.8	554.7	506.2					
9	873.4	426.3	51.0	377.9	324.7	53.2	18.2	47.7
10	524.1	253.6	159.3	101.1	57.4	43.6	10.1	
US ²	13,682.8	7,004.4	4,088.9	2,371.8	1,064.8	1,307.0	217.7	322.3
	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	4.6	4.5	0.1					
2	52.6	51.3	0.7	0.5	63.4	6.3	57.1	
3	2,156.6	2,086.3	5.6	64.7	39.3	2.3	37.0	
4	6,652.2	6,294.5	349.4	8.3	12.9	4.3	8.6	
5	11,544.5	10,932.7	594.4	17.4	151.2	15.9	135.3	
6	2,255.4	2,152.8	102.1	0.6	3.8	1.6	2.2	
7	17,765.9	17,364.9			163.7	1.5	162.1	
8	1,867.7	1,848.8	18.9	0.1	486.7	9.6	477.1	
9	1,053.2	1,052.6						
10	156.7	156.3	0.4	0.1	10.2	0.7	9.5	
US ²	43,509.4	41,944.7	1,361.6	203.1	1,073.4	46.3	1,027.0	

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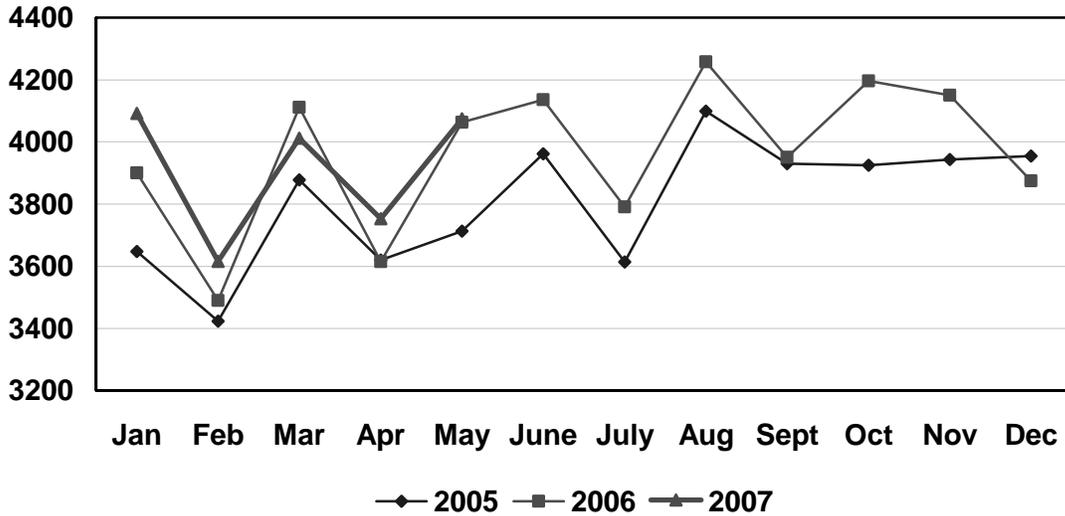
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

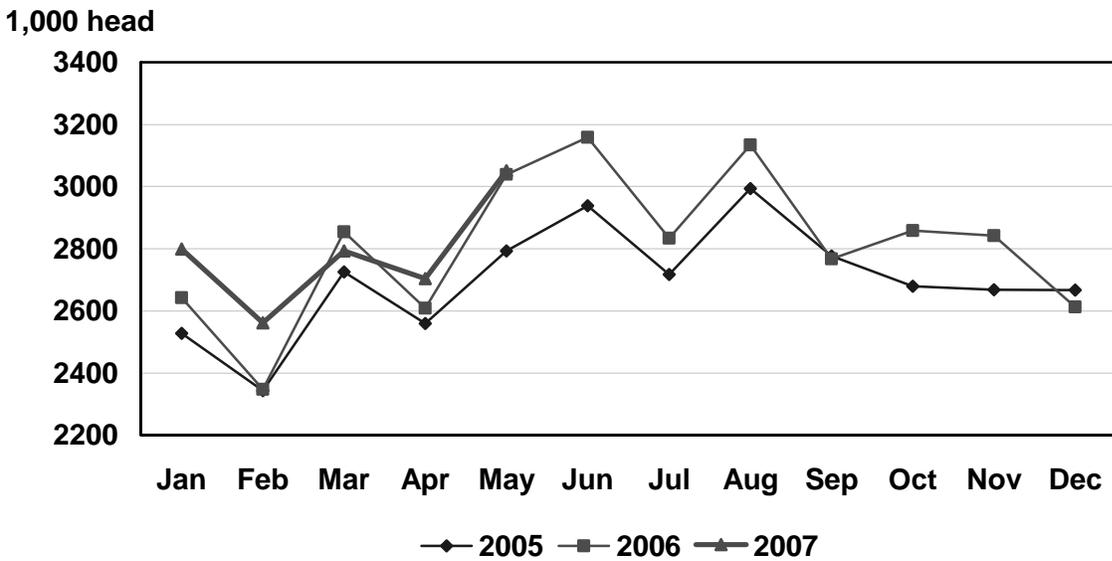
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				2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.1	98.4	98.0	98.3
Hogs	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.0	99.1
Sheep	95.2	93.4	94.0	94.9	94.6

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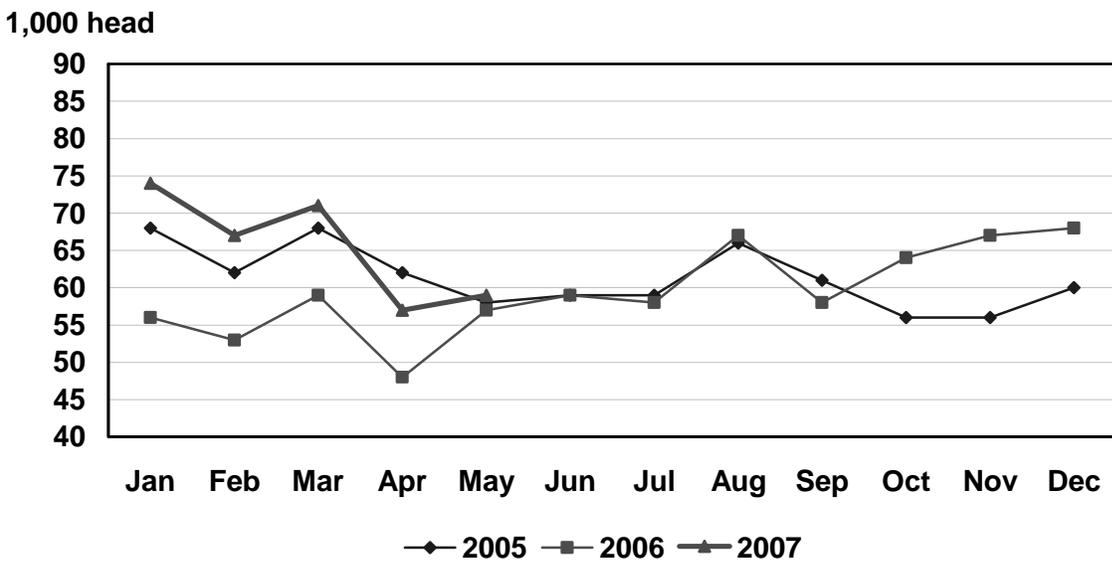
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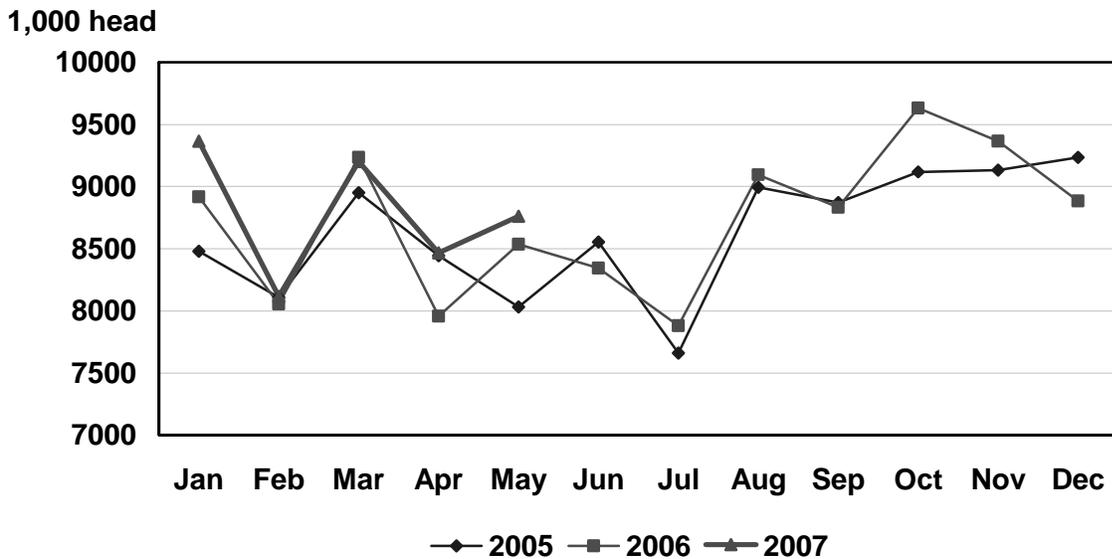
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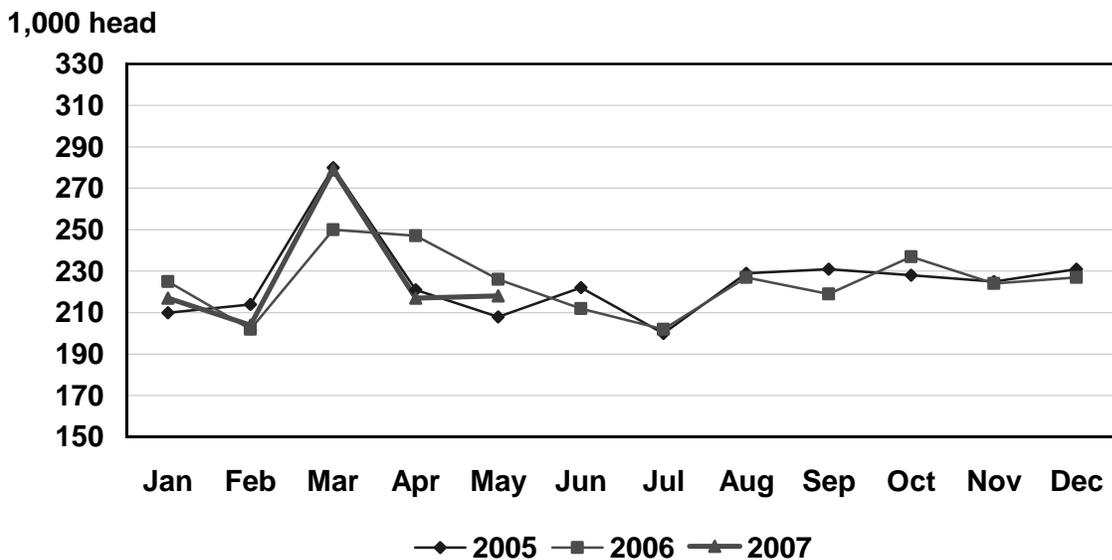
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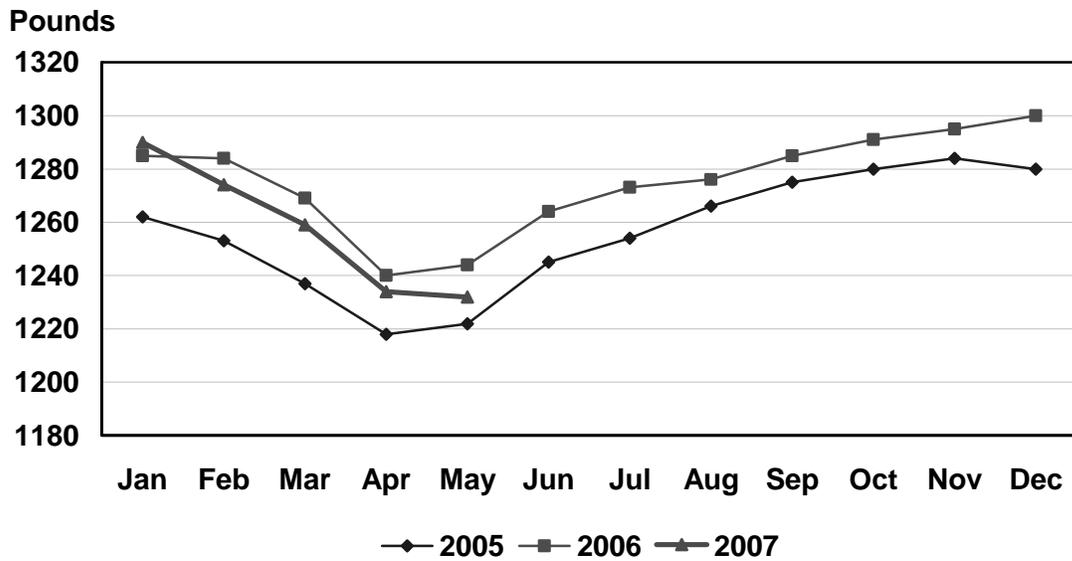
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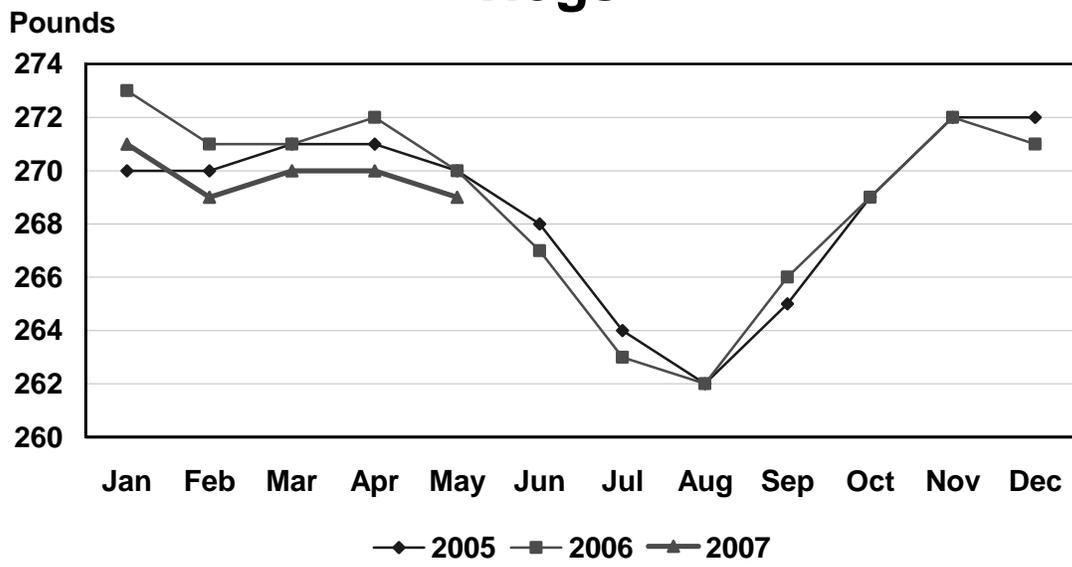
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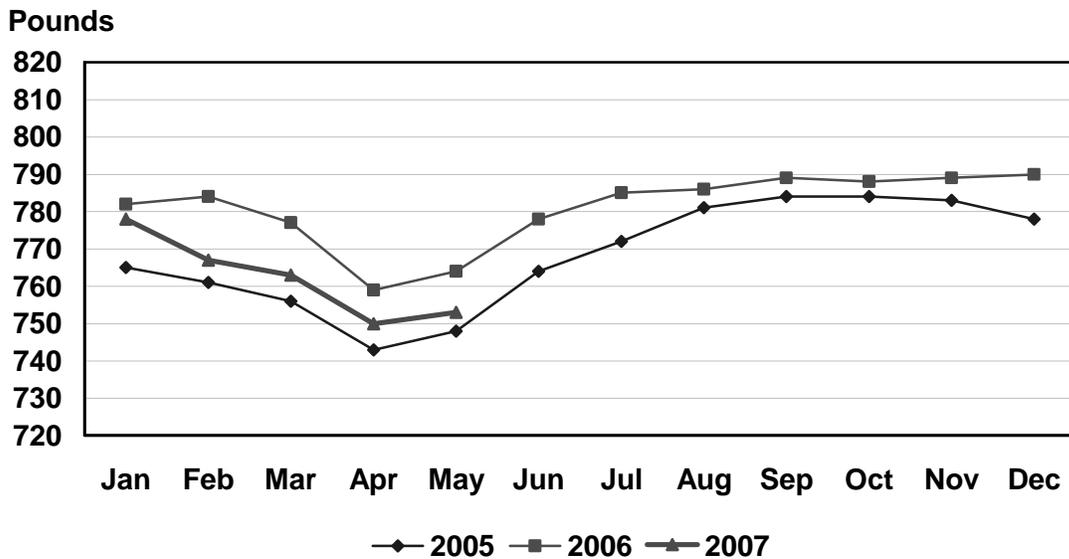
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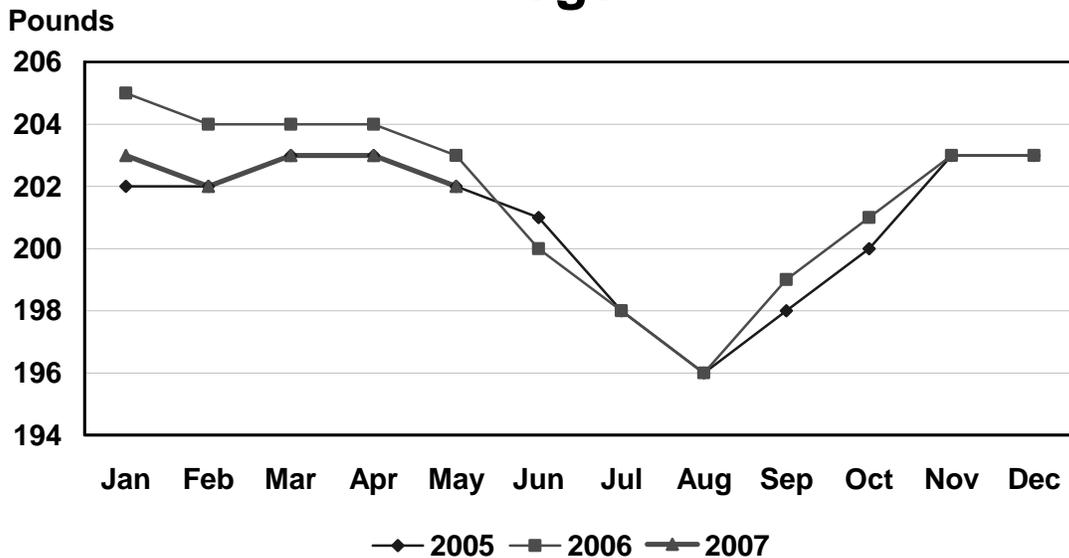
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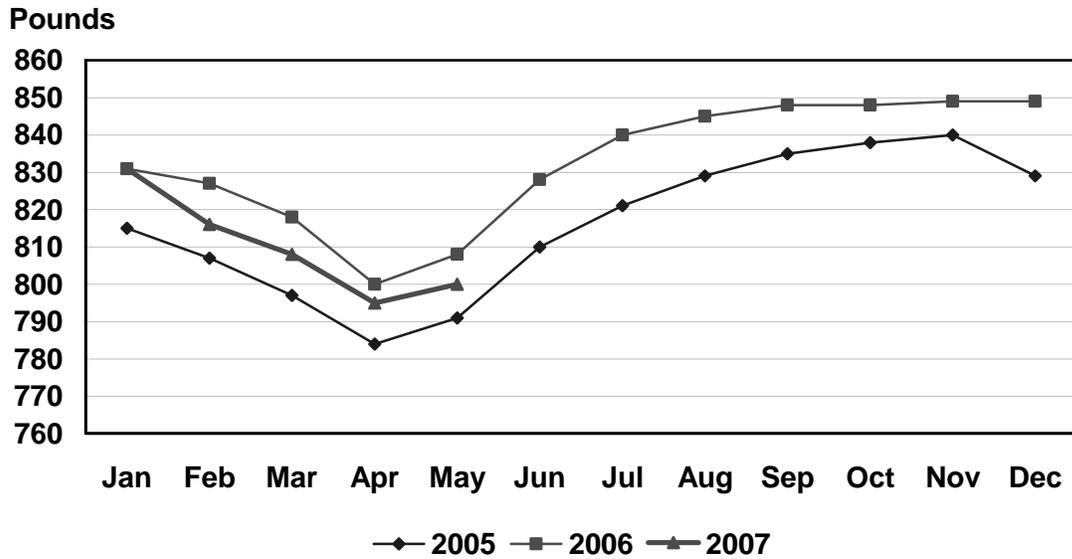
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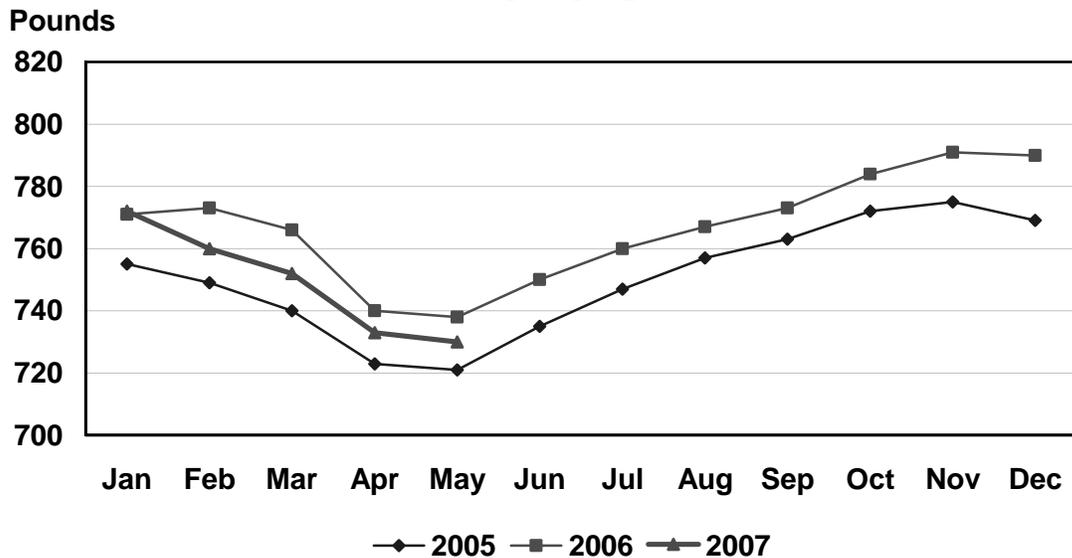
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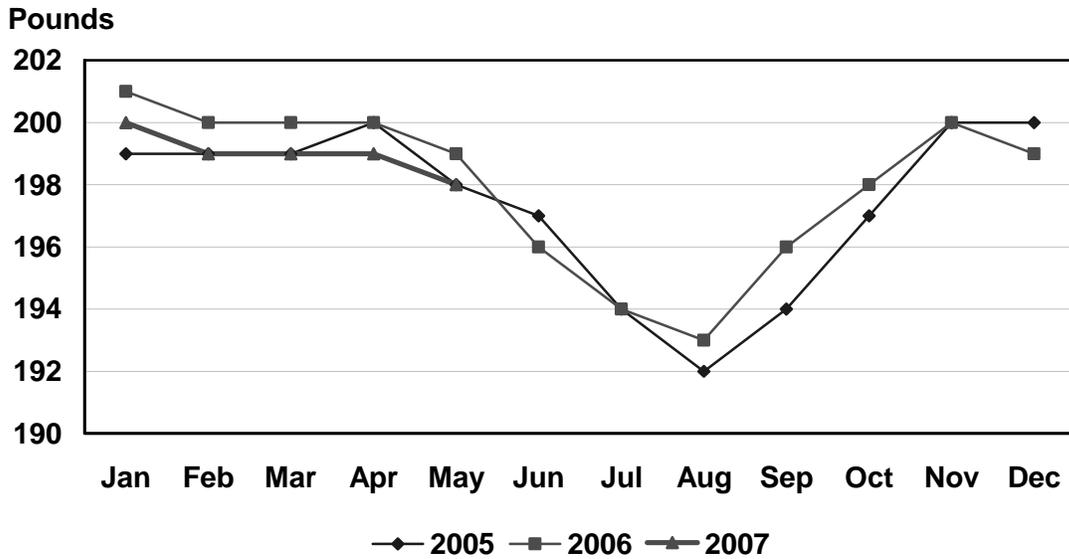
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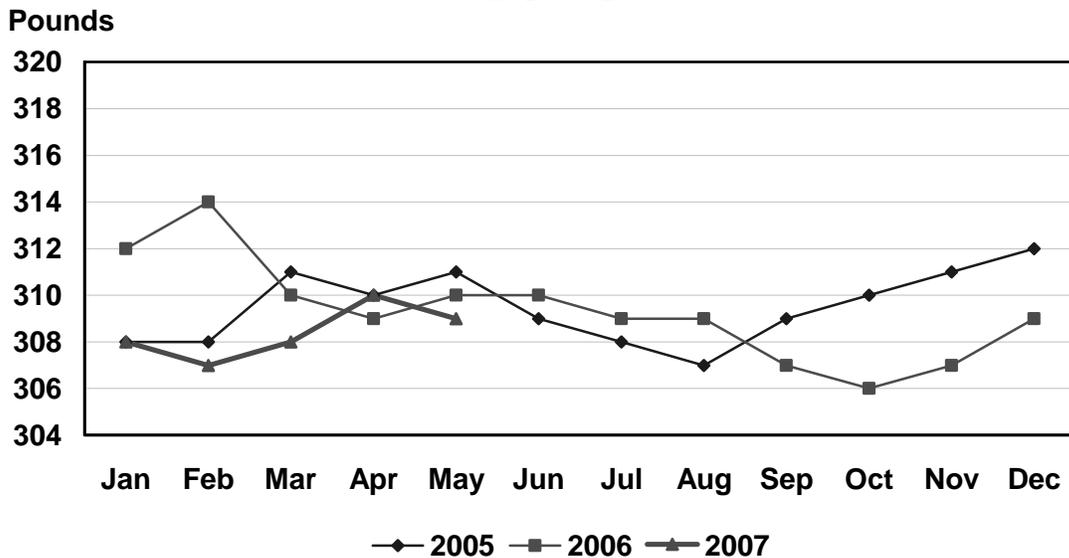
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



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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