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Total Red Meat Production Up from Previous Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,600 head, up 8 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,700 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2007 commercial red meat production was 27.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

July 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jul 07 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 2006	Jun 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	2,213.6	2,348.7	2,255.7	102	96	15,019.5	15,139.7	101
Veal	11.2	11.2	10.7	95	95	82.5	86.0	104
Pork	1,552.6	*1,654.2	1,659.0	107	100	11,895.2	12,182.4	102
Lamb & Mutton	13.2	13.7	13.5	102	98	109.8	106.8	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,790.6	*4,027.8	3,938.9	104	98	27,107.0	27,514.8	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	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jul 07 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
				Jul 2006	Jun 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	2,187.9	*2,321.8	2,228.6	102	96	14,814.2	14,940.0	101
Veal	11.0	11.0	10.5	95	95	80.8	84.4	104
Pork	1,540.1	*1,641.2	1,644.9	107	100	11,798.7	12,087.5	102
Lamb & Mutton	12.6	13.1	12.8	101	97	105.5	102.5	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,751.6	*3,987.0	3,896.7	104	98	26,799.2	27,214.4	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	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jul 07 % of		Jan - Jul ²		
					Jul 2006	Jun 2007	2006	2007	07 % of 06
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,794.9	3,034.9	2,859.9	102	94	19,168.9	19,577.6	102
Other	Thou	39.1	41.7	41.8	107	100	315.3	308.0	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,834.0	3,076.6	2,901.6	102	94	19,484.2	19,885.6	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,275	1,251	1,271	100	102	1,267	1,260	99
Other	Lbs	1,140	1,132	1,135	100	100	1,137	1,140	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,273	1,250	1,269	100	102	1,265	1,258	99
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	57.0	*60.3	61.7	108	102	381.2	444.3	117
Other	Thou	1.0	0.9	0.9	92	96	7.3	7.4	102
Comm'l. ³	Thou	57.9	*61.2	62.6	108	102	388.5	451.7	116
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	324	*306	288	89	94	353	319	90
Other	Lbs	394	382	380	97	100	406	389	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	325	*307	289	89	94	354	320	90
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	7,805.1	*8,217.9	8,311.8	106	101	58,354.4	60,039.0	103
Other	Thou	76.9	79.8	84.8	110	106	574.2	567.5	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	7,882.0	*8,297.7	8,396.6	107	101	58,928.5	60,606.5	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	264	267	265	100	99	270	269	100
Other	Lbs	225	226	232	103	103	231	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	263	267	264	100	99	270	269	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	191.2	188.3	191.1	100	101	1,482.4	1,452.8	98
Other	Thou	11.2	12.1	13.6	121	112	81.5	87.2	107
Comm'l. ³	Thou	202.4	200.4	204.7	101	102	1,563.9	1,539.9	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	131	139	133	101	96	141	141	100
Other	Lbs	107	99	104	97	105	106	101	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	130	137	131	101	96	140	138	99
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	43.9	53.2	52.9	120	99	315.2	350.8	111
Other	Thou	10.8	16.8	15.2	141	90	85.6	107.3	125
Comm'l. ³	Thou	54.7	70.0	68.1	124	97	400.7	458.1	114
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	61	61	61	99	99	63	61	97
Other	Lbs	55	52	54	99	105	68	66	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	60	59	59	99	100	64	62	97
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3.6	4.3	4.4	121	103	24.0	29.3	122
Other	Thou	1.1	1.4	1.2	105	83	9.0	10.5	117
Comm'l. ³	Thou	4.7	5.7	5.6	117	98	33.0	39.9	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	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jul 07 as % of ²	
				Jul 2006	Jun 2007
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.2	2.3	2.2	98	97
AK					
AZ	33.9	35.8	36.2	107	101
AR	3.6	4.8	4.5	125	94
CA	130.5	142.2	133.2	102	94
CO	167.7	172.4	161.6	96	94
DE-MD	2.8	3.2	3.0	105	92
FL	5.2	7.1	6.7	128	94
GA	11.3	13.0	12.9	114	99
HI	0.9	0.9	0.8	93	95
ID	21.6	16.7	16.2	75	97
IL	203.9	215.4	222.6	109	103
IN	109.9	118.0	121.3	110	103
IA	479.8	492.8	489.8	102	99
KS	525.1	573.2	546.4	104	95
KY	38.9	43.5	45.4	117	104
LA	0.6	0.5	0.5	77	103
MI	36.9	45.1	42.2	114	93
MN	185.7	191.4	187.4	101	98
MS	20.2	1.1	1.0	5	87
MO	66.7	119.8	119.4	179	100
MT	1.0	1.3	1.4	138	108
NE	609.5	632.6	616.9	101	98
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	124	125
N ENG ³	0.8	1.1	1.0	117	94
NJ	3.8	4.3	4.2	113	98
NM	0.3	0.4	0.4	118	110
NY	2.7	2.5	2.7	99	105
NC	170.5	173.8	178.6	105	103
ND	2.4	*2.5	2.4	101	97
OH	22.0	22.6	23.4	106	103
OK	79.2	84.4	78.1	99	93
OR	4.0	4.5	4.5	112	101
PA	95.4	103.1	103.9	109	101
SC	18.9	20.7	20.0	106	97
SD	70.1	74.9	76.3	109	102
TN	15.2	14.5	16.3	108	113
TX	423.3	410.2	390.9	92	95
UT	40.2	41.0	38.9	97	95
VA	30.6	38.5	35.1	115	91
WA	49.8	72.5	76.2	153	105
WV	0.3	0.3	0.5	150	153
WI	102.8	122.5	113.3	110	92
WY	0.5	0.4	0.5	99	114
US	3,790.6	*4,027.8	3,938.9	104	98

* 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,
July 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	0.3	0.4	297	376	885	1,002
AK						
AZ		44.4		61,039		1,376
AR	0.8	0.9	758	900	946	1,008
CA	128.8	130.2	167,193	165,045	1,322	1,288
CO	195.3	190.4	254,175	245,680	1,302	1,291
DE-MD	3.1	3.3	4,110	4,283	1,306	1,307
FL						
GA	21.1	24.7	19,304	21,687	919	880
HI	0.9	0.9	982	939	1,069	1,023
ID		21.7		25,181		1,172
IL						
IN	3.0	3.1	3,122	3,309	1,043	1,054
IA						
KS	640.6	671.5	812,100	847,025	1,268	1,262
KY	1.0	1.1	926	1,088	961	980
LA	0.8	0.6	629	462	777	739
MI	41.6	49.1	56,959	66,175	1,372	1,355
MN	58.8	56.5	81,005	76,449	1,385	1,363
MS	0.1	0.1	77	68	882	832
MO	6.4	7.2	7,842	8,810	1,231	1,226
MT	1.0	1.6	1,265	1,909	1,235	1,186
NE	613.4	624.5	803,011	807,237	1,311	1,294
NV	0.1	0.1	81	96	1,048	1,009
N ENG ²	0.8	0.9	915	1,061	1,112	1,119
NJ	1.9	2.4	2,385	2,925	1,230	1,214
NM	0.6	0.8	571	629	980	877
NY	2.1	2.1	2,223	2,388	1,121	1,164
NC	15.0	17.3	17,422	20,169	1,164	1,169
ND	0.9	0.9	1,096	1,087	1,201	1,200
OH	7.4	9.2	8,545	10,838	1,166	1,184
OK	1.8	1.6	1,958	1,722	1,060	1,068
OR	1.9	2.4	2,255	2,762	1,203	1,185
PA	68.9	79.8	82,569	98,546	1,208	1,243
SC	12.8	12.4	14,081	13,867	1,105	1,123
SD						
TN	1.1	2.0	978	1,667	942	873
TX	552.3	501.1	669,915	617,484	1,216	1,236
UT	51.2	48.8	64,737	61,981	1,268	1,272
VA	0.7	0.8	826	851	1,108	1,096
WA	62.1	94.2	80,625	122,885	1,305	1,310
WV	0.3	0.5	390	585	1,207	1,188
WI	119.7	133.3	159,871	176,184	1,350	1,337
WY	0.6	0.6	718	680	1,184	1,121
US ³	2,834.0	2,901.6	3,598,226	3,672,121	1,273	1,269

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

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

³ States with no data printed are still included in the US total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	9.7	12.2	1,204	1,511	124	124
CO						
DE-MD	0.1	0.2	44	52	300	265
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	46	32	467	397
HI						
ID						
IL	3.8	2.7	1,631	1,098	434	408
IN	0.2		29		135	
IA						
KS						
KY		0.1		40		534
LA	0.2	0.1	115	65	494	469
MI	2.1	1.8	879	755	418	421
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.2	0.1	37	35	164	266
NJ	6.2	6.5	2,647	2,754	429	427
NM						
NY	9.6	13.1	1,616	1,491	174	118
NC	0.1	0.1	33	65	496	494
ND						
OH	0.1		26		352	
OK						
OR						
PA	13.7	14.0	5,195	5,253	381	375
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	41	27	414	424
TX	0.9	0.6	516	339	578	602
UT						
VA		0.1		20		327
WA						
WV						
WI	10.0		4,456		447	
WY						
US ³	57.9	62.6	18,674	17,910	325	289

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

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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	8.2	7.8	3,658	3,555	449	455
AK	0.1		18		297	
AZ	0.2	0.1	26	23	156	196
AR	10.4	13.1	4,757	6,002	456	457
CA	203.1	206.1	47,081	48,119	233	234
CO	1.0	0.9	239	233	247	247
DE-MD	1.4	1.5	295	333	211	217
FL	7.8	6.8	1,004	1,024	129	152
GA	9.7	11.4	2,201	2,532	226	221
HI	1.9	1.8	430	388	232	211
ID	11.5	13.2	2,841	3,264	247	248
IL	703.1	765.4	193,392	210,787	275	276
IN	554.2	616.5	142,433	157,899	257	256
IA	2,197.0	2,241.4	580,585	594,068	265	265
KS		18.2		8,142		450
KY	195.0	226.3	50,868	59,253	261	262
LA	1.1	1.0	204	187	190	193
MI	10.4	11.2	3,568	3,863	345	347
MN	729.2	748.9	187,332	192,879	257	258
MS						
MO		562.2		150,983		269
MT	1.3	1.3	307	315	238	239
NE	542.0	566.6	142,893	149,118	264	263
NV						
N ENG ²	1.5	1.6	278	317	191	198
NJ	7.9	8.9	763	911	97	103
NM	0.1		21		312	
NY	2.8	3.1	529	500	190	160
NC	864.6	873.8	214,639	222,533	248	255
ND	10.6	10.9	2,597	2,667	245	244
OH	87.2	89.8	23,509	23,926	270	267
OK	377.9	386.4	103,257	102,119	273	264
OR	16.4	17.2	3,719	3,923	228	230
PA	228.4	225.7	56,630	56,470	248	250
SC						
SD	325.0	364.1	83,154	91,526	256	252
TN	45.7	48.1	22,040	22,866	483	476
TX	27.1	33.8	7,840	8,066	289	239
UT	2.8	5.5	495	1,034	176	188
VA	156.2	179.1	39,866	45,919	255	257
WA	2.2	2.1	418	422	192	202
WV	0.5	0.8	116	208	215	254
WI	45.4	48.6	19,984	21,456	446	447
WY	0.3	0.4	75	99	260	262
US ³	7,882.0	8,396.6	2,074,519	2,216,567	263	264

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
July 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		5		102	
AR						
CA						
CO	81.0	71.5	11,625	10,480	144	147
DE-MD	2.5	2.8	247	288	98	101
FL	0.1	0.2	7	15	64	64
GA	0.5	0.6	40	78	88	130
HI						
ID	0.5	1.1	59	128	127	116
IL	10.9		1,315		120	
IN	2.4	2.2	264	240	109	107
IA	34.7	31.9	4,800	4,581	138	144
KS	0.3	0.2	35	27	109	114
KY	0.9	1.2	112	153	132	130
LA	0.1	0.2	10	21	79	91
MI	13.2	16.1	1,653	2,011	126	126
MN	0.2	0.2	23	33	118	133
MS						
MO	0.4	0.5	46	58	114	110
MT	0.2	0.2	20	30	122	128
NE	0.1		16		120	
NV	0.1	0.2	10	21	119	112
N ENG ²	2.3	2.4	196	252	84	104
NJ	8.7	9.8	723	814	84	83
NM	0.5	1.0	68	132	126	133
NY	2.5	3.0	217	260	88	88
NC	0.5	0.6	50	44	91	76
ND						
OH	1.0	1.4	109	152	105	106
OK						
OR	1.7	2.1	218	289	126	135
PA	4.5	4.4	421	437	94	99
SC						
SD	0.8	0.8	98	96	122	117
TN	0.9	1.1	67	86	72	78
TX	1.3	2.9	98	207	75	71
UT	2.4	2.4	317	332	131	137
VA	0.8	1.1	88	110	107	102
WA	0.1	0.3	7	43	140	133
WV		0.1		8		143
WI	1.4	1.3	194	176	134	134
WY	0.1	0.2	19	23	141	151
US ³	202.4	204.7	26,303	26,821	130	131

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

Item	Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jan - Jul ¹		Jul 2006	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Jan - Jul 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>
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,551	1,621	1,556	10,265	10,181	55.5	53.4	54.4	53.5	52.0
Heifers	789	927	842	5,716	5,858	28.2	30.5	29.4	29.8	29.9
All Cows	416	438	416	2,901	3,227	14.9	14.4	14.6	15.1	16.5
Dairy Cows	175	174	180	1,282	1,419	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.7	7.2
Other Cows	241	265	236	1,619	1,808	8.6	8.7	8.3	8.4	9.2
Bulls	39	49	45	287	312	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
Total ¹	2,795	3,035	2,860	19,169	19,578	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	57	60	62	381	444	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	7,530	*7,912	8,008	56,337	57,864	96.5	96.3	96.3	96.5	96.4
Sows	252	266	266	1,847	1,894	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Boars	23	40	38	170	281	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Total ¹	7,805	*8,218	8,312	58,354	60,039	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	9	9	67	65	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	182	179	182	1,415	1,388	95.2	95.2	95.1	95.5	95.5
Total ¹	191	188	191	1,482	1,453	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										
Steers ³	785	767	782	775	766					
Heifers ³	840	816	836	822	815					
All Cows ³	760	743	757	756	749					
Bulls ³	613	617	613	631	624					
Bulls ³	915	917	900	926	909					
Calves & Vealers	195	*183	172	213	191					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁴	198	200	198	202	202					
Sows ⁴	194	196	194	199	198					
Sows ⁴	309	310	309	310	309					
Boars ⁴	223	216	218	231	214					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁵	66	70	67	71	71					
Mature Sheep ⁵	67	69	67	67	67					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	66	70	67	71	71					

* 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,
July 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	0.8	0.4	0.1					0.1
2	4.4	1.6	0.3	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.3	19.5
3	83.1	42.2	5.5	32.6	25.6	6.9	2.8	14.3
4	66.3	1.0	0.3	56.8	9.3	47.4	8.2	
5	316.1	150.8	39.5	118.0	63.1	54.8	7.9	14.1
6	500.0	267.6	168.7	54.5	11.5	43.0	9.2	0.5
7	1,348.3	786.9	499.2	54.1	0.9	53.3	8.1	
8	248.6	145.6	88.1					
9	175.1	96.9	12.3	62.3	53.1	9.2	3.6	12.0
10	117.2	63.1	28.1	23.0	10.5	12.5	3.0	
US ²	2,859.9	1,556.0	842.2	416.5	180.2	236.3	45.2	61.7
	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	1.3	1.2						
2	11.8	11.5	0.2	0.1	11.8	1.2		10.6
3	405.6	392.1	0.9	12.6	8.2	0.4		7.9
4	1,230.4	1,162.9	65.8	1.7	3.2	1.2		2.1
5	2,243.5	2,122.4	117.4	3.7	29.5	3.4		26.1
6	427.3	406.2	21.0	0.1	0.9	0.4		0.4
7	3,380.1	3,300.1			32.1	0.3		31.8
8	378.8	378.4	0.4		74.0	1.4		72.6
9	201.7	201.7						
10	31.3	31.3	0.1		3.1	0.2		3.0
US ²	8,311.8	8,007.7	266.3	37.8	191.1	9.4		181.7

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 - July 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	6.0	2.8	0.9					0.9
2	30.8	11.2	2.0	15.7	14.1	1.6	1.9	134.6
3	562.2	259.8	50.2	235.3	186.2	49.1	17.0	106.6
4	481.5	7.7	2.4	412.7	82.3	330.4	58.7	
5	2,266.0	1,031.4	259.7	923.0	485.9	437.1	51.9	113.2
6	3,531.5	1,853.5	1,152.7	456.1	101.1	354.9	69.3	10.3
7	9,043.7	5,160.8	3,402.6	424.7	9.3	415.4	55.6	0.2
8	1,668.9	852.9	698.7					
9	1,231.9	621.9	77.7	506.2	428.3	77.9	26.2	69.5
10	755.1	379.2	211.3	148.0	77.5	70.5	16.7	
US ²	19,577.6	10,181.1	5,858.2	3,226.6	1,418.7	1,807.9	311.8	444.3
	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>	
1	7.2	7.1	0.1	0.1				
2	76.3	74.6	1.0	0.8	87.1	8.8	78.4	
3	2,980.6	2,883.8	7.6	89.1	55.8	3.0	52.8	
4	9,069.5	8,582.7	475.5	11.3	18.8	6.5	12.3	
5	15,963.4	15,105.9	832.8	24.7	207.2	22.2	185.0	
6	3,132.8	2,988.1	143.8	0.8	5.4	2.4	3.0	
7	24,517.4	23,951.6			220.2	2.2	218.0	
8	2,611.5	2,591.7	19.8	0.1	643.8	12.7	631.1	
9	1,460.9	1,460.2						
10	219.3	218.6	0.6	0.1	15.9	1.1	14.8	
US ²	60,039.0	57,864.3	1,894.1	280.6	1,452.8	64.8	1,387.9	

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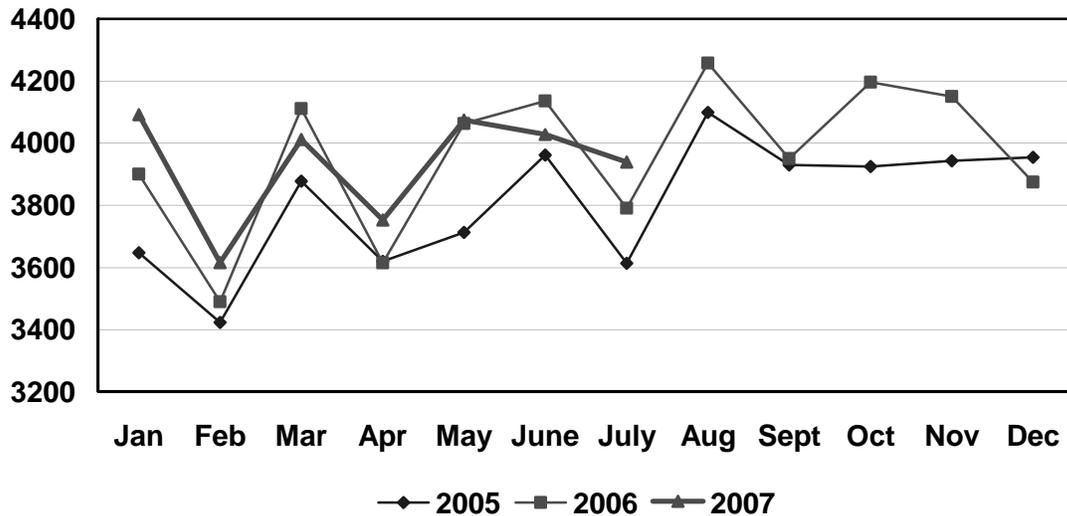
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

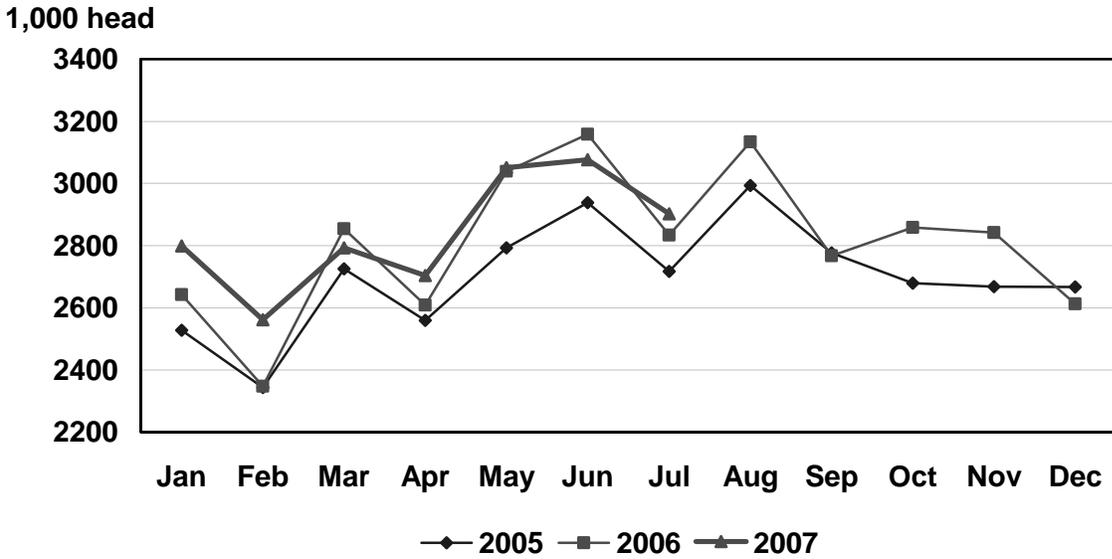
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				2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.5
Calves	98.4	98.5	98.6	98.1	98.4
Hogs	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.1
Sheep	94.5	94.0	93.4	94.8	94.3

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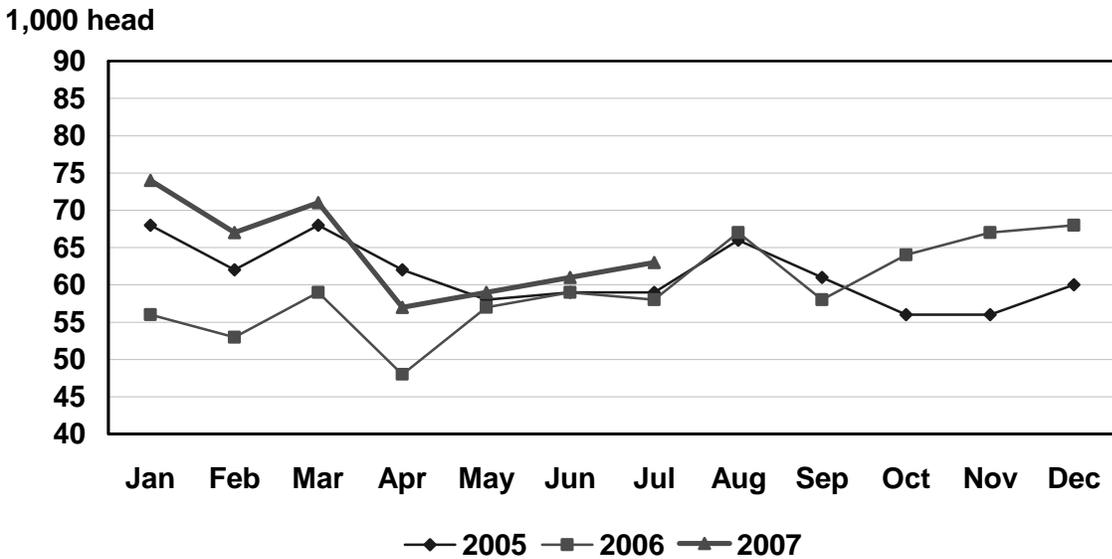
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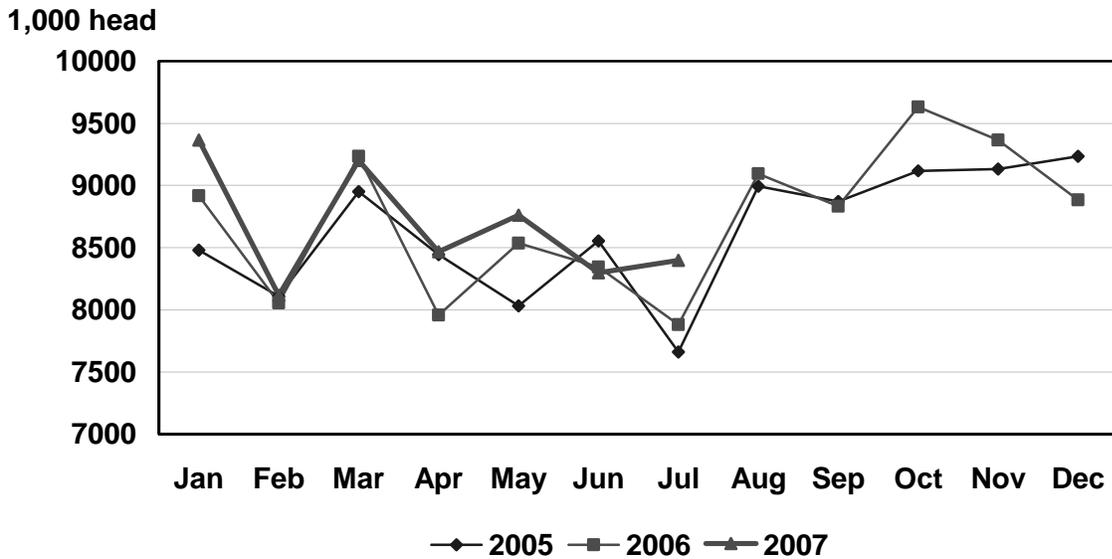
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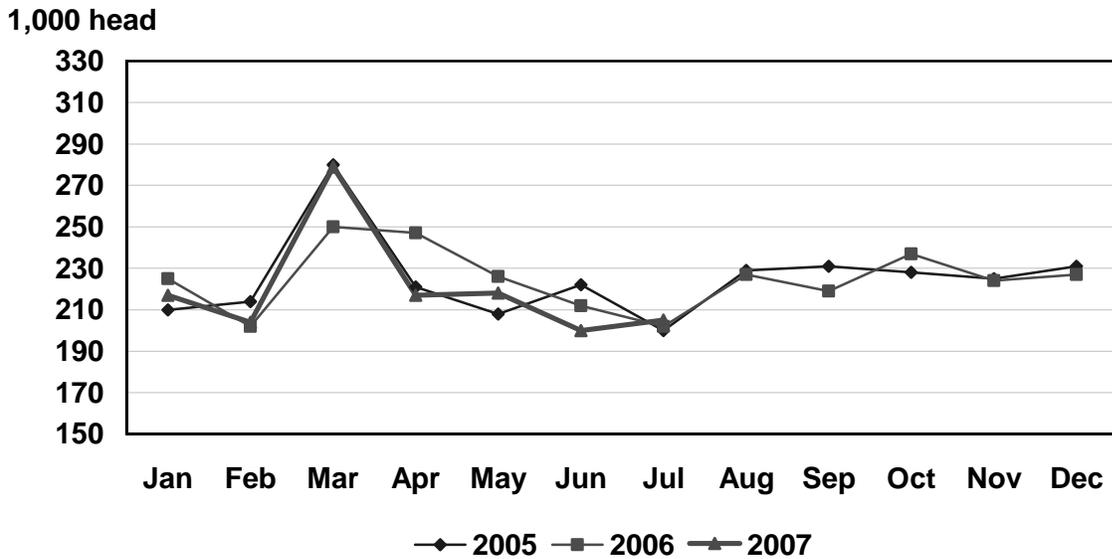
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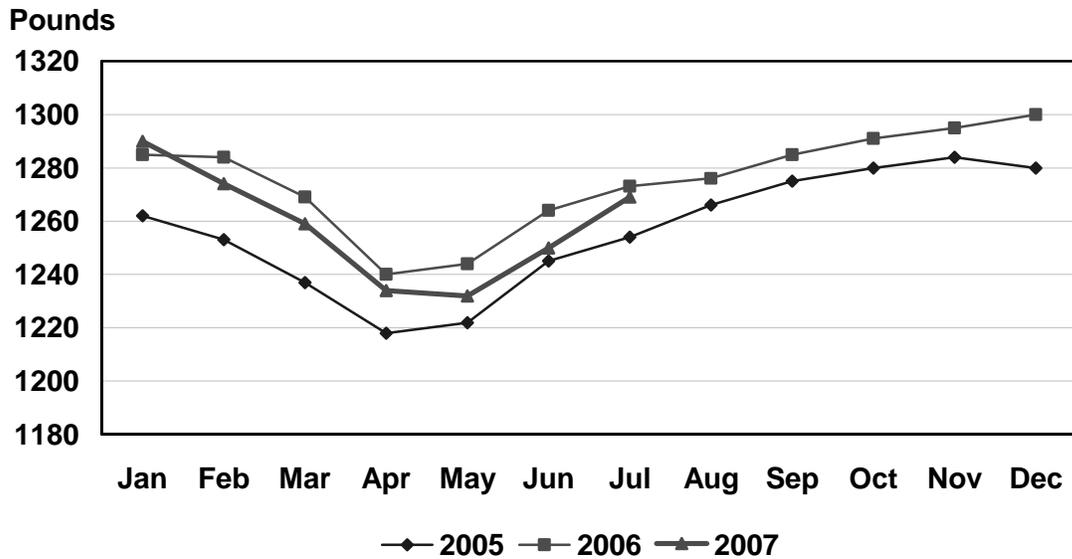
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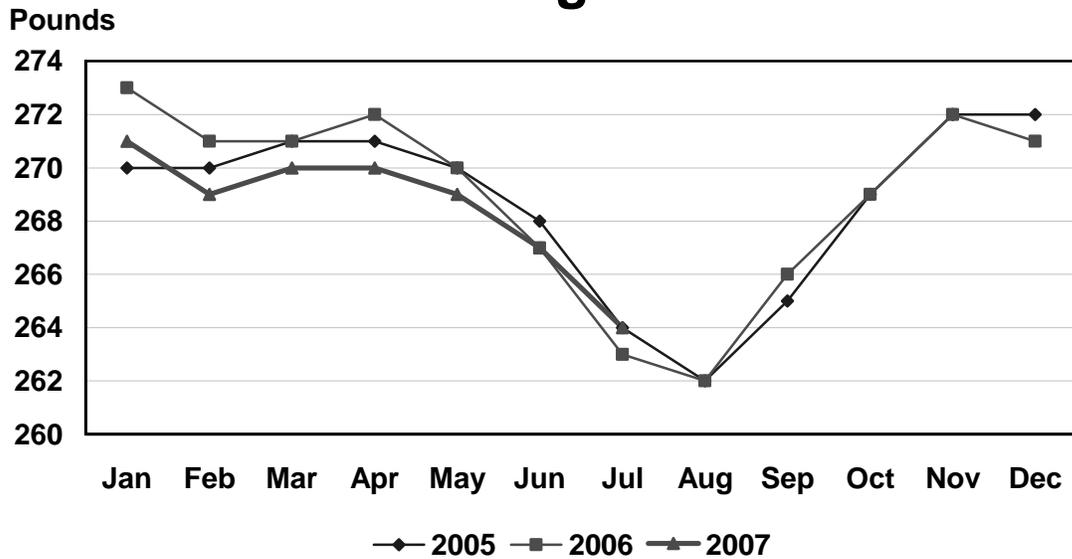
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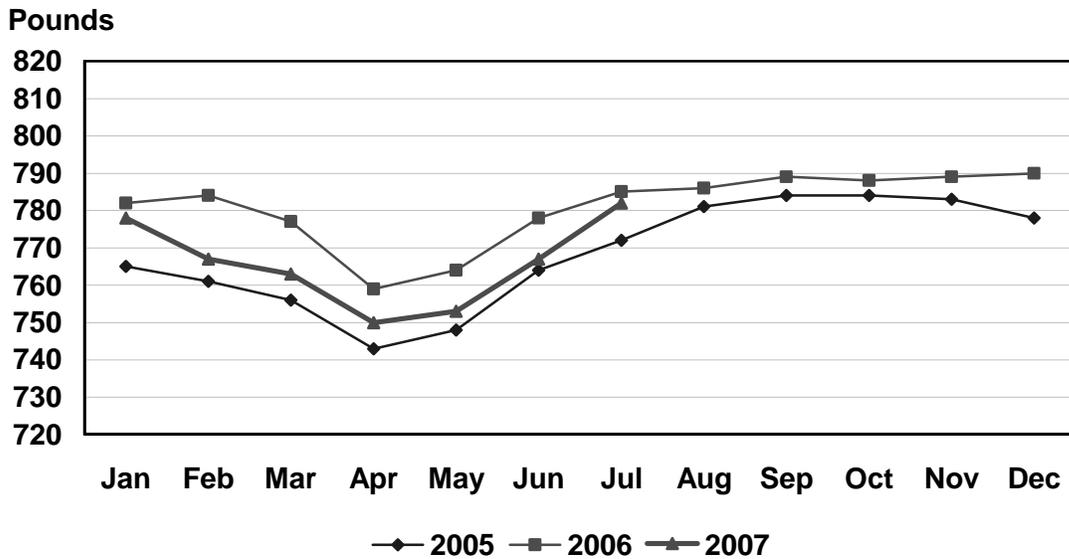
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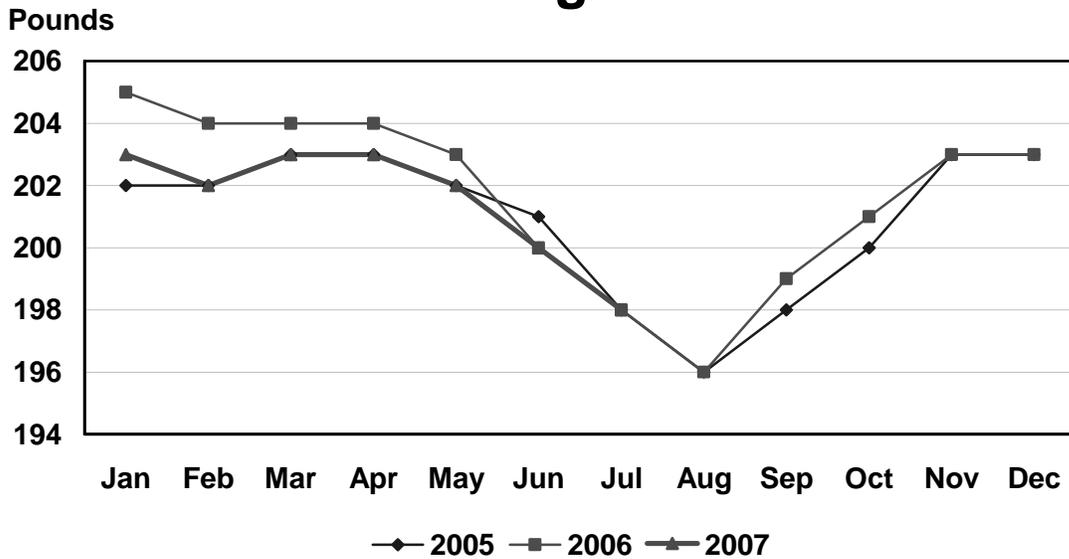
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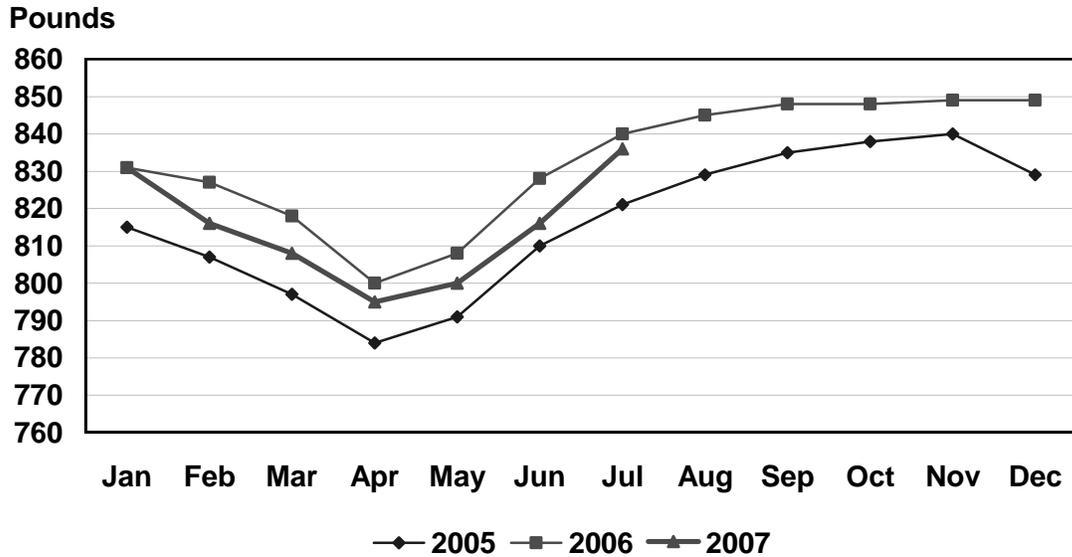
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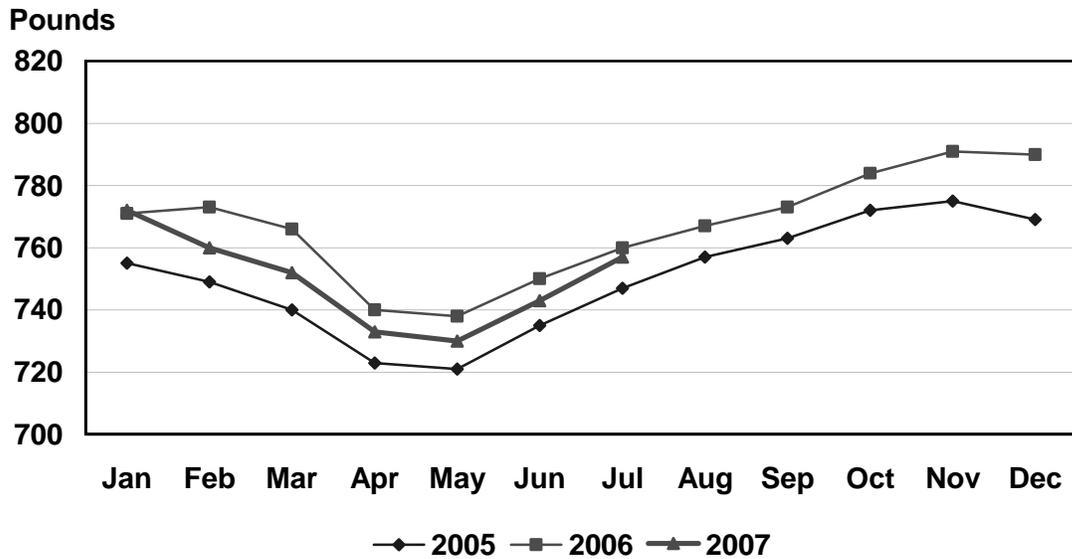
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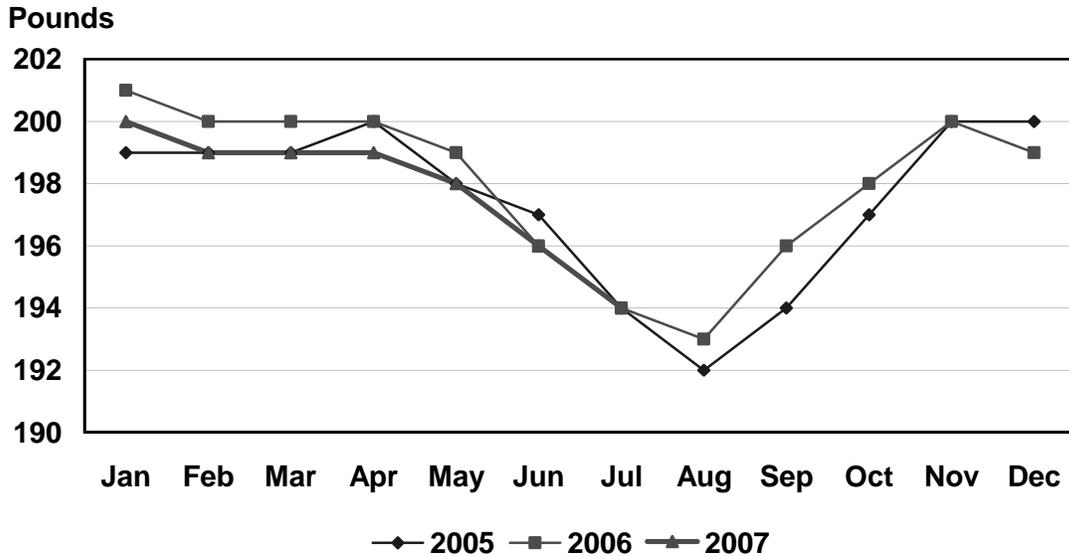
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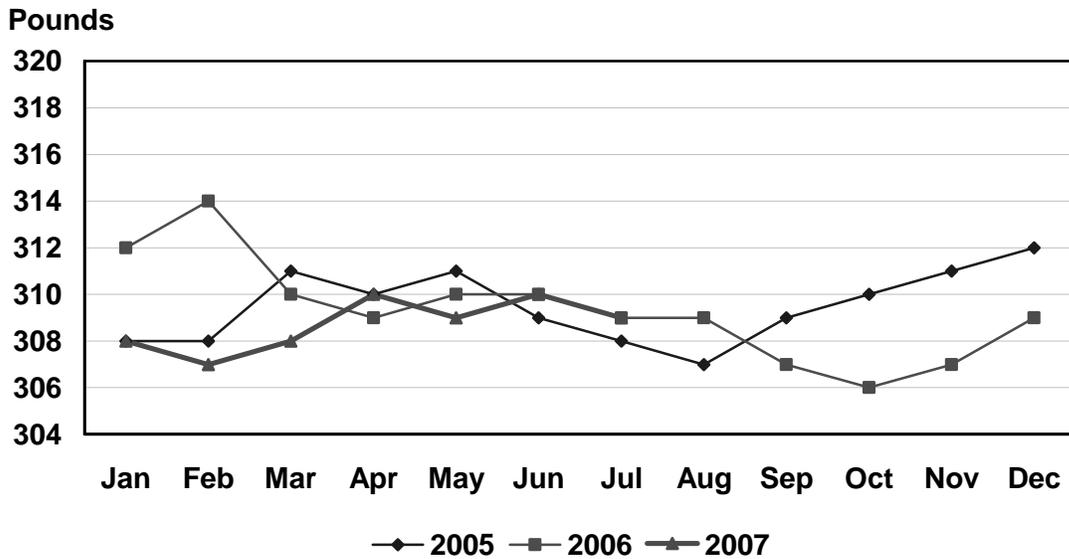
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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October 29, 2007

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at www.nass.usda.gov/forum/ or contact Marjorie Taylor (NASS) at (202) 690-8141 or at marjorie_taylor@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 30, 2007. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at www.lmic.info or contact Jim Robb at (720) 544-2941 or at robb@lmic.info.