



Livestock Slaughter

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Veal Production Sets All Time Record Low

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, 22 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 3 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was down 68 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2007 commercial red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

September 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.
September 2007 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 07 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 2006	Aug 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	2,169.9	*2,450.6	2,094.9	97	85	19,638.0	19,685.1	100
Veal	12.1	10.3	9.4	78	91	107.4	105.7	98
Pork	1,753.7	1,849.9	1,746.3	100	94	15,429.0	15,778.6	102
Lamb & Mutton	14.3	14.7	13.6	95	92	138.7	135.1	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,949.9	*4,325.6	3,864.1	98	89	35,313.0	35,704.5	101

* 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	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 07 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
				Sep 2006	Aug 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	2,140.1	2,421.6	2,066.7	97	85	19,374.2	19,428.3	100
Veal	11.8	10.1	9.1	77	90	105.3	103.7	98
Pork	1,737.8	1,833.6	1,731.1	100	94	15,299.3	15,652.1	102
Lamb & Mutton	13.5	13.9	12.8	95	92	132.9	129.2	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,903.3	4,279.2	3,819.7	98	89	34,911.7	35,313.3	101

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	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 07 % of		Jan - Sep ²		
					Sep 2006	Aug 2007	2006	2007	07 % of 06
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,720.9	3,087.9	2,621.2	96	85	24,978.8	25,286.8	101
Other	Thou	45.6	44.0	43.8	96	99	406.4	395.8	97
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,766.6	3,131.9	2,665.0	96	85	25,385.2	25,682.5	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,287	1,281	1,292	100	101	1,270	1,266	100
Other	Lbs	1,143	1,151	1,137	100	99	1,139	1,141	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,285	1,279	1,290	100	101	1,268	1,264	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	56.5	64.5	54.8	97	85	503.5	563.7	112
Other	Thou	1.1	0.9	1.1	107	125	9.2	9.4	102
Comm'l. ³	Thou	57.6	65.4	56.0	97	86	512.7	573.1	112
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	350	267	281	80	105	349	309	89
Other	Lbs	400	374	389	97	104	404	388	96
Comm'l.	Lbs	351	268	283	81	106	350	311	89
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	8,738.1	9,295.6	8,683.4	99	93	76,083.3	78,018.0	103
Other	Thou	94.6	99.1	90.9	96	92	773.6	757.5	98
Comm'l. ³	Thou	8,832.7	*9,394.7	8,774.4	99	93	76,856.9	78,775.5	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	267	264	267	100	101	269	268	100
Other	Lbs	232	230	233	100	101	231	231	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	266	263	266	100	101	268	268	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	204.9	211.9	196.7	96	93	1,899.9	1,861.4	98
Other	Thou	14.2	15.5	14.0	98	90	110.2	116.7	106
Comm'l. ³	Thou	219.1	227.5	210.6	96	93	2,010.1	1,978.0	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	131	130	130	99	100	139	138	100
Other	Lbs	107	108	106	99	99	106	103	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	129	129	129	99	100	137	136	99
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	52.5	55.5	54.1	103	97	418.1	460.4	110
Other	Thou	17.8	15.6	17.0	95	108	119.1	139.9	117
Comm'l. ³	Thou	70.2	71.2	71.1	101	100	537.2	600.3	112
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	60	62	61	102	100	62	61	98
Other	Lbs	50	47	48	96	101	62	62	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	58	58	58	101	100	62	61	99
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3.6	4.6	4.4	121	95	30.9	38.4	124
Other	Thou	1.2	1.3	1.0	83	78	11.5	12.8	112
Comm'l. ³	Thou	4.8	5.9	5.4	112	92	42.4	51.2	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	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Sep 07 as % of ²	
				Sep 2006	Aug 2007
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.4	2.1	1.9	81	94
AK	0.1	0.1			
AZ	31.5	35.6	34.8	111	98
AR	4.4	5.1	5.0	115	99
CA	129.7	144.8	122.2	94	84
CO	133.3	167.6	157.7	118	94
DE-MD	3.3	3.2	2.6	79	81
FL	5.5	7.3	7.2	130	98
GA	13.5	14.5	12.8	95	88
HI	0.9	0.9	0.8	93	87
ID	19.0	16.4	15.9	84	97
IL	227.6	263.4	232.0	102	88
IN	121.0	131.7	117.3	97	89
IA	546.6	552.5	532.4	97	96
KS	515.5	589.3	477.5	93	81
KY	42.2	45.6	44.3	105	97
LA	0.6	0.6	0.5	84	94
MI	39.1	46.3	39.1	100	84
MN	198.8	201.2	186.7	94	93
MS	21.3	1.3	1.2	6	100
MO	88.7	124.5	122.0	138	98
MT	1.0	1.5	1.4	133	91
NE	597.2	680.1	586.2	98	86
NV		0.1	0.1		89
N ENG ³	1.2	1.1	1.2	94	103
NJ	4.3	4.4	3.9	92	89
NM	0.6	0.5	0.3	45	54
NY	2.7	3.0	2.7	97	90
NC	186.7	206.1	183.8	98	89
ND	2.4	2.3	2.0	83	89
OH	24.0	25.8	21.7	90	84
OK	86.8	82.6	81.0	93	98
OR	4.3	5.2	4.5	105	86
PA	102.1	111.7	100.9	99	90
SC	19.7	21.4	19.9	101	93
SD	77.3	93.6	86.0	111	92
TN	19.9	19.4	19.3	97	100
TX	419.0	425.8	369.9	88	87
UT	43.8	43.9	42.9	98	98
VA	35.0	38.2	42.0	120	110
WA	67.8	80.9	72.6	107	90
WV	0.5	0.5	0.6	121	119
WI	108.1	122.7	106.7	99	87
WY	0.5	0.9	0.5	95	51
US	3,949.9	*4,325.6	3,864.1	98	89

* 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,
September 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	0.2	0.3	212	257	877	867
AK	0.1		70		1,213	
AZ		43.0		59,846		1,395
AR	0.9	1.0	843	1,011	998	1,053
CA	127.7	118.3	165,024	149,254	1,318	1,283
CO	151.7	181.0	200,077	239,087	1,320	1,322
DE-MD	3.6	2.9	4,829	3,726	1,324	1,271
FL						
GA	25.4	23.3	23,307	21,733	920	938
HI	0.9	0.9	974	977	1,064	1,051
ID		19.9		25,142		1,284
IL						
IN	3.3	3.3	3,434	3,531	1,051	1,055
IA						
KS	624.0	574.3	798,450	738,949	1,280	1,287
KY	1.1	1.3	1,051	1,191	973	935
LA	0.9	0.6	704	475	789	822
MI	44.3	46.9	60,308	61,990	1,368	1,333
MN	55.0	54.8	75,997	75,203	1,392	1,381
MS	0.1	0.1	69	74	814	824
MO	7.2	6.6	8,590	7,955	1,204	1,208
MT	1.1	1.6	1,354	1,951	1,210	1,188
NE	567.8	557.6	756,869	743,584	1,335	1,335
NV	0.1	0.1	65	102	1,058	1,022
N ENG ²	1.3	1.2	1,312	1,293	1,039	1,050
NJ	2.3	2.5	2,792	2,920	1,231	1,195
NM	1.0	0.3	866	293	942	1,025
NY	2.5	2.4	2,705	2,663	1,131	1,118
NC	16.7	18.8	19,375	21,226	1,165	1,133
ND	0.9	0.8	1,049	903	1,157	1,178
OH	8.8	8.4	10,299	9,728	1,178	1,165
OK	2.0	1.8	2,204	1,920	1,127	1,055
OR	2.5	2.8	2,959	3,225	1,221	1,198
PA	72.6	77.0	88,412	95,264	1,228	1,247
SC	13.3	13.2	14,547	14,101	1,101	1,074
SD						
TN	1.3	2.1	1,112	1,813	884	876
TX	545.8	467.1	663,373	583,593	1,219	1,253
UT	54.0	52.7	70,098	68,442	1,301	1,302
VA	1.1	1.5	1,105	1,536	1,043	1,043
WA	81.2	88.9	109,347	117,200	1,354	1,325
WV	0.7	0.9	684	901	978	974
WI	130.1	133.5	172,099	172,117	1,337	1,302
WY	0.5	0.5	600	588	1,182	1,197
US ³	2,766.6	2,665.0	3,542,417	3,426,441	1,285	1,290

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,
September 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	7.2	9.7	1,131	1,205	158	125
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.2	65	47	318	279
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	60	23	441	397
HI						
ID						
IL	3.6	2.5	1,608	1,015	441	412
IN	0.1		16		126	
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.3	0.3	140	141	485	514
MI	3.0	2.2	1,306	916	430	424
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.3	0.2	66	47	229	291
NJ	6.6	5.2	2,889	2,169	435	414
NM						
NY	8.6	13.5	1,226	1,254	147	96
NC	0.1	0.2	47	85	531	467
ND						
OH	0.1	0.1	19	26	350	349
OK	0.1		25		422	
OR						
PA	14.8	12.0	5,881	4,925	399	412
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	80	32	569	461
TX	0.8	0.9	458	465	607	535
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	21	21	333	334
WA						
WV						
WI	10.6		4,871		460	
WY						
US ³	57.6	56.0	20,075	15,728	351	283

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,
September 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	8.5	7.2	3,962	3,258	467	451
AK	0.1	0.1	24	13	233	266
AZ	0.3	0.3	71	57	228	214
AR	13.0	15.0	5,912	6,808	455	455
CA	205.4	201.5	48,191	47,277	235	235
CO	1.2	1.0	294	268	253	259
DE-MD	1.5	1.4	338	336	224	238
FL	7.8	8.7	1,016	1,060	131	122
GA	10.9	10.7	2,430	2,460	223	230
HI	1.8	1.5	425	337	233	220
ID	11.8	12.6	2,941	3,128	249	250
IL	795.0	829.4	219,231	227,589	276	275
IN	603.5	587.8	157,699	152,432	261	259
IA	2,496.4	2,441.6	668,204	651,594	268	267
KS		16.4		6,977		428
KY	212.1	218.3	55,424	57,775	262	265
LA	1.2	1.0	245	197	200	194
MI	10.4	9.4	3,816	3,303	367	353
MN	797.8	741.9	209,278	193,767	263	262
MS						
MO		572.9		155,916		272
MT	1.1	1.2	274	281	245	244
NE	624.5	611.1	166,925	163,079	268	267
NV						
N ENG ²	2.0	1.7	420	353	213	206
NJ	8.6	8.6	914	852	107	99
NM	0.3	0.1	84	32	250	244
NY	2.9	2.8	558	496	192	176
NC	945.3	901.6	235,031	229,359	249	255
ND	11.3	9.0	2,775	2,287	245	255
OH	93.1	83.8	25,075	22,397	270	268
OK	418.5	392.6	112,802	105,562	270	269
OR	15.3	15.0	3,471	3,539	229	235
PA	242.2	225.9	61,789	57,194	255	254
SC						
SD	362.1	413.9	93,618	105,217	259	254
TN	60.5	57.9	28,827	27,108	477	469
TX	33.6	35.0	8,488	9,098	253	260
UT	4.5	5.3	959	958	212	182
VA	177.4	211.0	45,527	54,477	257	258
WA	2.2	2.1	423	426	193	207
WV	0.9	0.9	210	223	240	249
WI	43.9	43.1	18,863	18,390	437	433
WY	0.5	0.4	137	122	265	285
US ³	8,832.7	8,774.4	2,348,584	2,334,741	266	266

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
September 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	0.2		18		102	
AR	0.1	0.1	12	7	108	103
CA						
CO	82.1	74.6	11,635	10,620	142	142
DE-MD	3.2	2.8	317	281	100	101
FL	0.2	0.3	13	22	66	69
GA	0.3	0.5	34	75	104	137
HI						
ID	0.6	0.5	79	70	130	128
IL	13.2		1,599		121	
IN	2.4	2.2	258	240	108	108
IA	37.2	32.9	5,310	4,628	143	141
KS	0.3	0.3	38	33	109	110
KY	0.8	1.1	103	134	122	125
LA	0.1	0.3	9	28	74	81
MI	14.8	17.1	1,913	2,172	129	127
MN	0.3	0.2	30	26	116	122
MS						
MO	0.6	0.5	71	57	119	104
MT	0.5	0.4	49	46	108	122
NE	0.1		18		129	
NV	0.1	0.1	10	16	128	124
N ENG ²	2.9	2.4	255	240	89	99
NJ	10.6	11.7	836	979	79	83
NM	0.9	0.9	117	128	125	143
NY	2.9	3.0	249	269	86	88
NC	0.8	0.9	63	74	83	82
ND	0.1	0.1	10	8	123	119
OH	1.4	1.4	150	144	106	105
OK		0.1		10		108
OR	2.0	2.1	270	284	134	133
PA	4.3	4.7	413	469	95	99
SC						
SD	1.2	0.7	142	78	115	104
TN	1.2	1.3	81	94	70	72
TX	2.6	2.4	260	199	101	82
UT	2.6	2.6	359	350	136	137
VA	1.2	1.1	118	107	96	98
WA	0.2	1.0	28	138	137	142
WV	0.1	0.1	8	7	110	101
WI	1.2	1.4	160	181	129	125
WY	0.2	0.1	25	16	142	135
US ³	219.1	210.6	28,320	27,045	129	129

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

Item	Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Jan - Sep ¹		Sep 2006	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Jan - Sep 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	1,461	1,646	1,360	13,416	13,187	53.7	53.3	51.9	53.7	52.1
Heifers	767	924	782	7,337	7,565	28.2	29.9	29.8	29.4	29.9
All Cows	448	465	432	3,845	4,124	16.5	15.1	16.5	15.4	16.3
Dairy Cows	206	212	200	1,705	1,830	7.6	6.9	7.6	6.8	7.2
Other Cows	242	254	232	2,140	2,293	8.9	8.2	8.8	8.6	9.1
Bulls	45	52	48	381	412	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
Total ¹	2,721	3,088	2,621	24,979	25,287	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	57	65	55	504	564	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	8,434	8,960	8,390	73,455	75,215	96.5	96.4	96.6	96.5	96.4
Sows	267	293	257	2,397	2,444	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1
Boars	37	42	36	232	359	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Total ¹	8,738	9,296	8,683	76,083	78,018	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	10	9	87	84	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	195	202	188	1,812	1,777	95.2	95.2	95.4	95.4	95.5
Total ¹	205	212	197	1,900	1,861	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	789	787	791	778	771					
Heifers ³	848	845	853	828	822					
All Cows ³	773	766	780	759	755					
Bulls ³	609	608	606	625	620					
Bulls ³	903	890	871	922	902					
Calves & Vealers	211	159	168	211	185					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁴	199	197	200	201	201					
Sows ⁴	196	194	196	198	197					
Sows ⁴	307	306	306	310	308					
Boars ⁴	222	213	210	229	213					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁵	66	66	65	70	69					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	66	68	68	67	67					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	66	66	65	70	70					

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,
September 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	0.5	0.2					0.2
2	4.7	1.7	0.3	2.4	2.0	0.3	0.4	18.7
3	79.5	35.7	5.0	35.8	28.1	7.7	2.9	12.2
4	68.7	1.0	0.3	57.7	9.9	47.9	9.7	
5	304.9	134.0	34.7	128.6	72.4	56.2	7.6	12.4
6	466.4	249.5	150.0	57.0	11.7	45.3	9.9	0.7
7	1,181.9	679.2	444.4	49.6	0.8	48.8	8.7	
8	242.3	122.6	105.8					
9	161.5	80.8	11.0	66.4	59.2	7.2	3.3	9.5
10	110.3	54.7	30.7	21.9	10.8	11.1	2.9	
US ²	2,621.2	1,359.8	782.4	431.5	199.6	231.9	47.5	54.8
	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	1.3	1.3						
2	11.1	10.9	0.1	0.1	13.9	1.3	12.5	
3	436.8	423.4	1.0	12.4	8.4	0.4	8.0	
4	1,259.4	1,182.1	76.2	1.1	3.8	1.0	2.8	
5	2,255.5	2,151.1	101.2	3.2	30.9	3.3	27.6	
6	434.3	410.3	23.6	0.4	1.2	0.7	0.5	
7	3,634.2	3,560.7			33.3	0.4	33.0	
8	426.2	425.9	0.3		77.1	1.3	75.7	
9	196.4	196.4						
10	28.3	28.2	0.1		2.8	0.2	2.6	
US ²	8,683.4	8,390.2	256.9	36.3	196.7	9.1	187.6	

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.

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - September 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	7.9	3.8	1.2					1.1
2	40.5	14.7	2.5	20.6	18.4	2.3	2.7	177.1
3	731.2	339.5	61.6	307.3	243.0	64.3	22.8	133.0
4	625.2	9.6	3.0	534.4	103.3	431.1	78.2	
5	2,927.1	1,333.1	338.8	1,186.2	635.6	550.6	69.0	138.7
6	4,536.7	2,389.7	1,483.0	574.8	125.6	449.2	89.2	11.7
7	11,682.0	6,681.9	4,394.7	530.8	11.2	519.6	74.5	0.3
8	2,170.2	1,116.1	907.2					
9	1,579.2	800.9	98.8	645.7	550.4	95.3	33.8	90.3
10	986.8	497.3	274.2	192.6	98.4	94.2	22.7	
US ²	25,286.8	13,186.6	7,565.0	4,123.5	1,830.2	2,293.3	411.6	563.7
	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	10.1	9.9	0.1	0.1				
2	100.4	98.1	1.3	1.0	113.3	11.5	101.8	
3	3,862.5	3,736.7	9.8	116.0	73.1	3.7	69.4	
4	11,714.9	11,072.4	628.9	13.6	26.0	8.5	17.5	
5	20,716.9	19,627.0	1,058.1	31.8	270.7	28.9	241.7	
6	4,018.0	3,826.8	189.8	1.3	8.0	3.8	4.1	
7	31,923.6	31,194.3			291.1	3.1	288.0	
8	3,506.7	3,486.1	20.5	0.1	804.3	15.8	788.5	
9	1,883.6	1,882.8						
10	281.3	280.5	0.7	0.1	21.4	1.6	19.8	
US ²	78,018.0	75,214.6	2,444.3	359.1	1,861.4	84.1	1,777.3	

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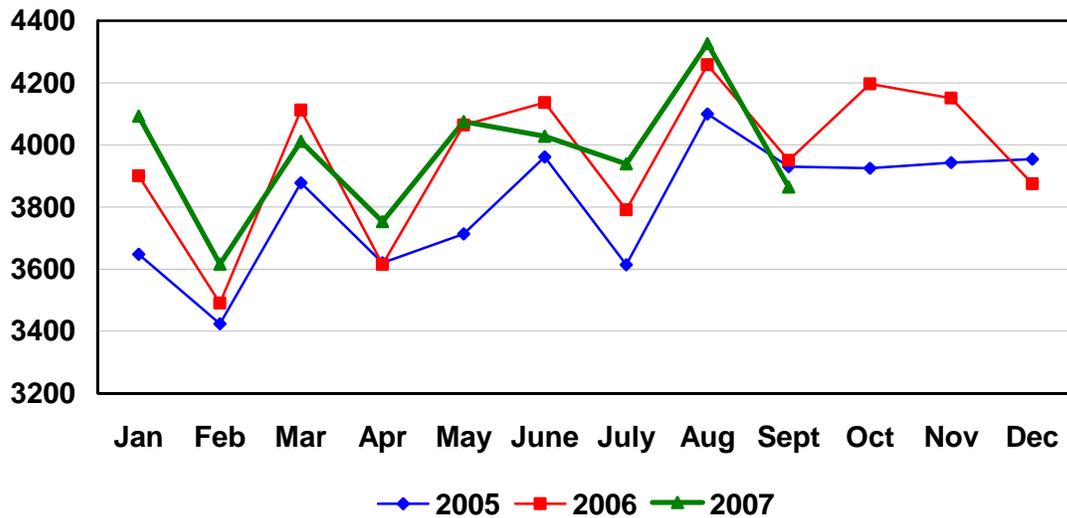
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

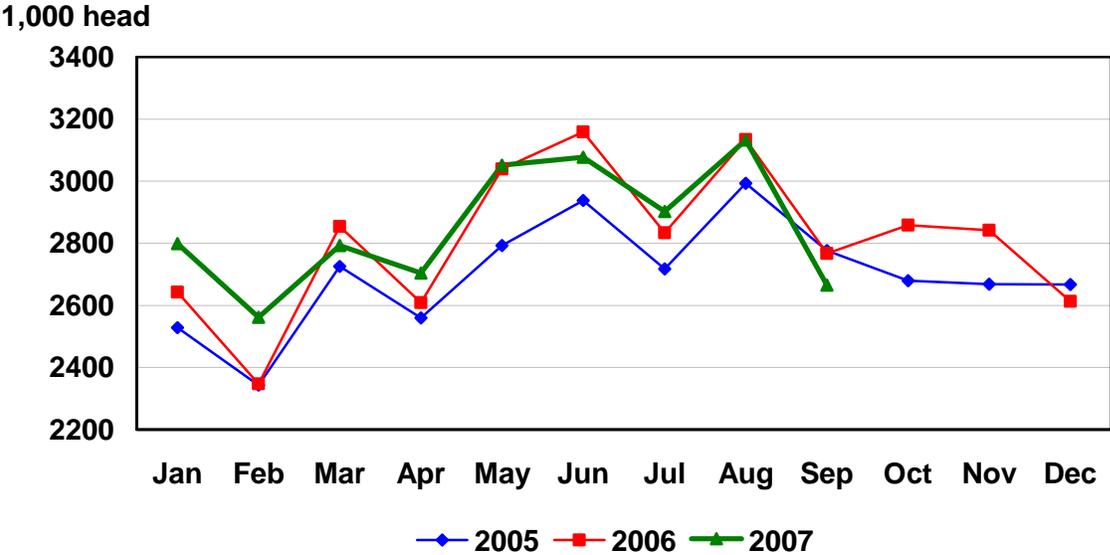
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				2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.4	98.6	98.4	98.4	98.5
Calves	98.1	98.6	98.0	98.2	98.4
Hogs	98.9	98.9	99.0	99.0	99.0
Sheep	93.5	93.2	93.4	94.5	94.1

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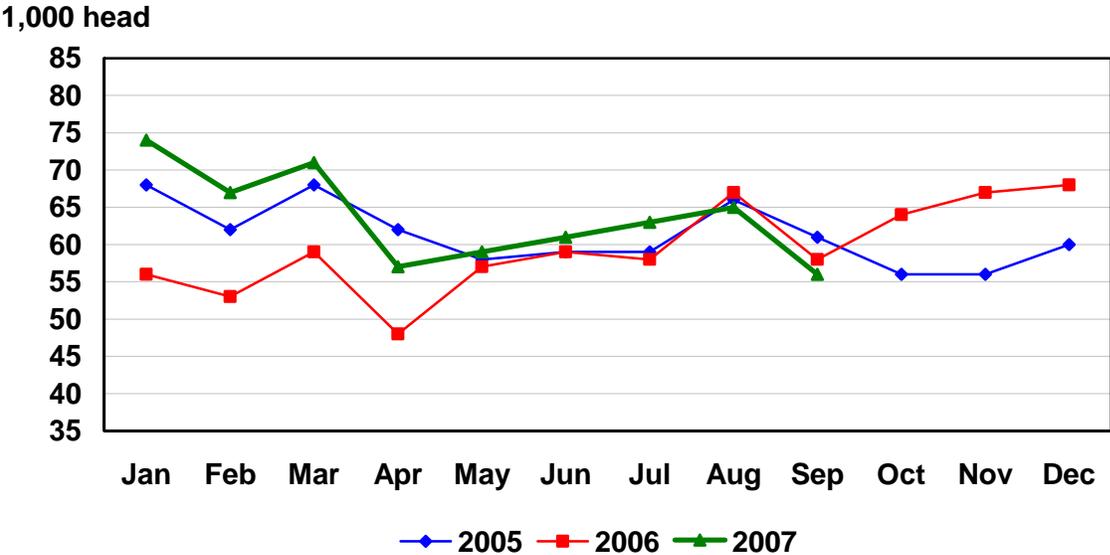
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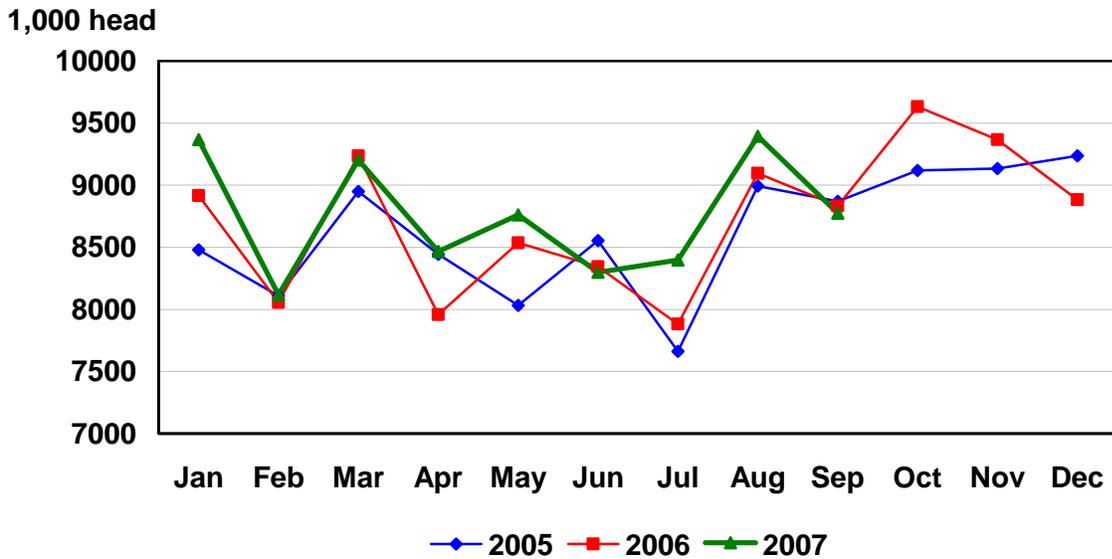
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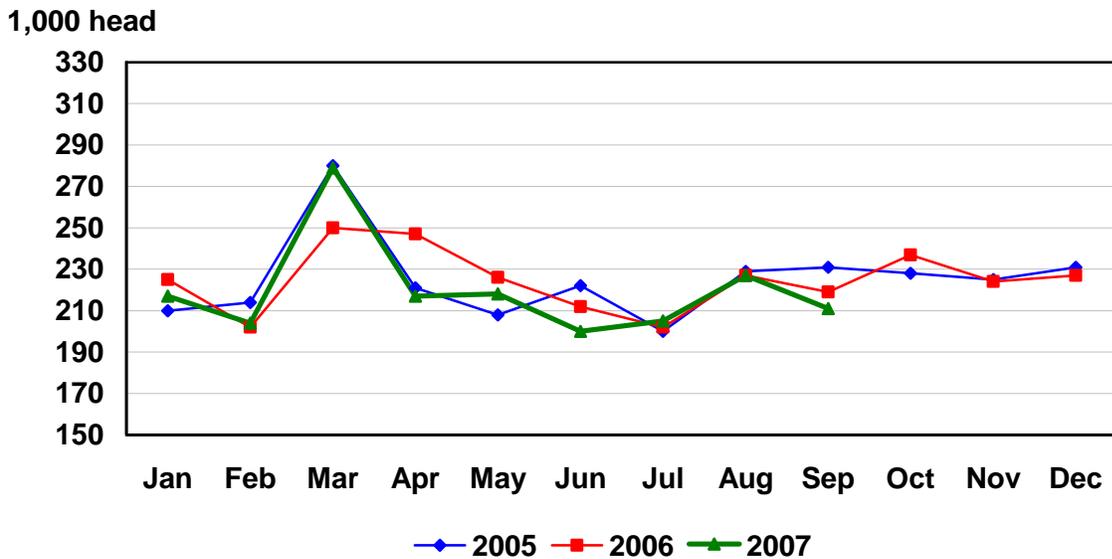
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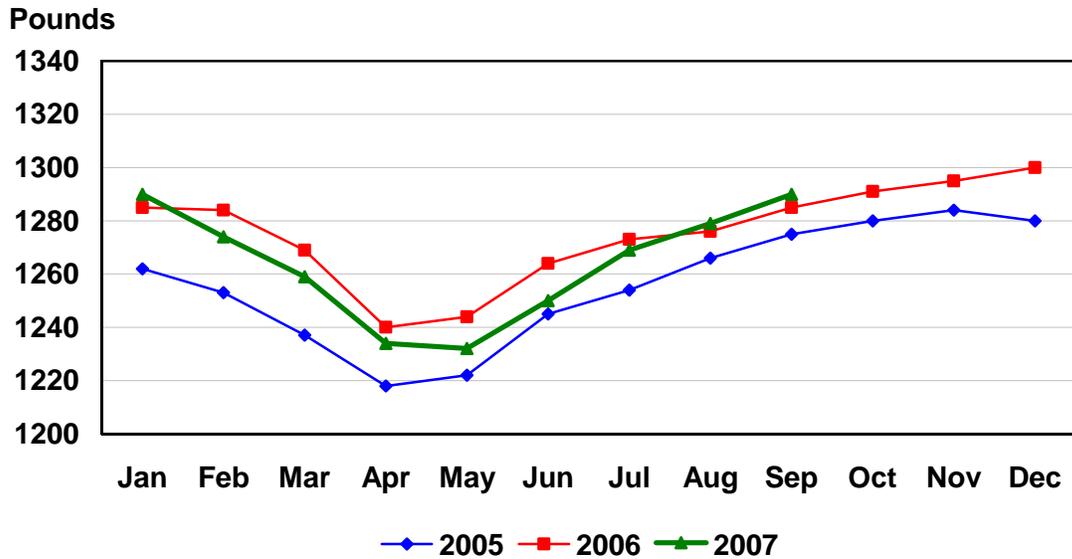
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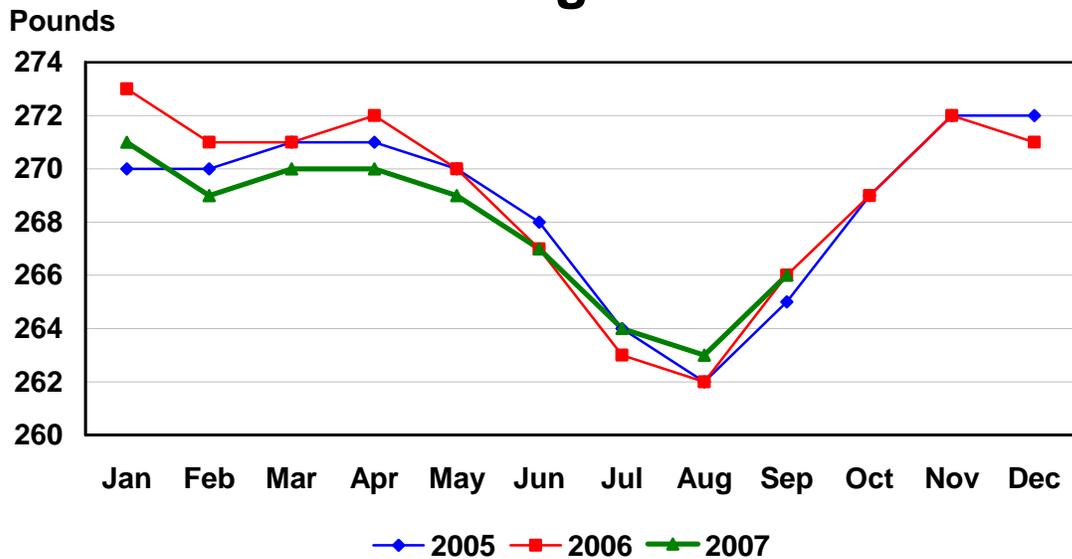
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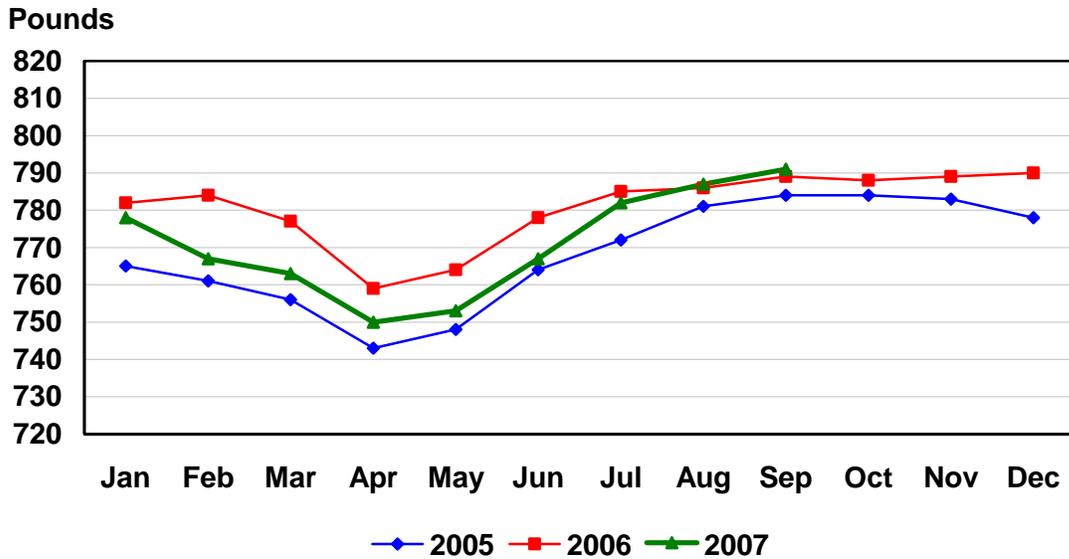
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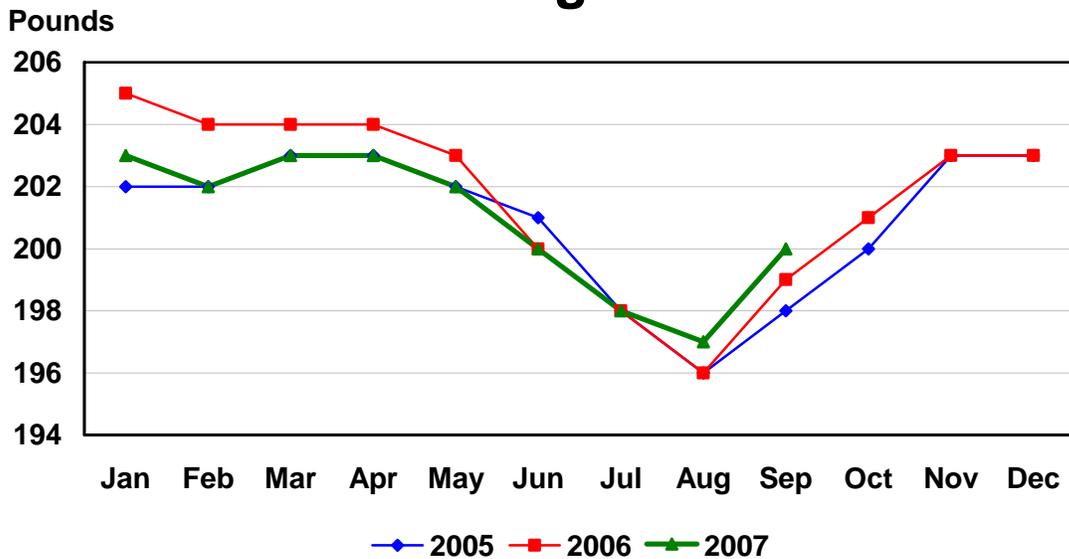
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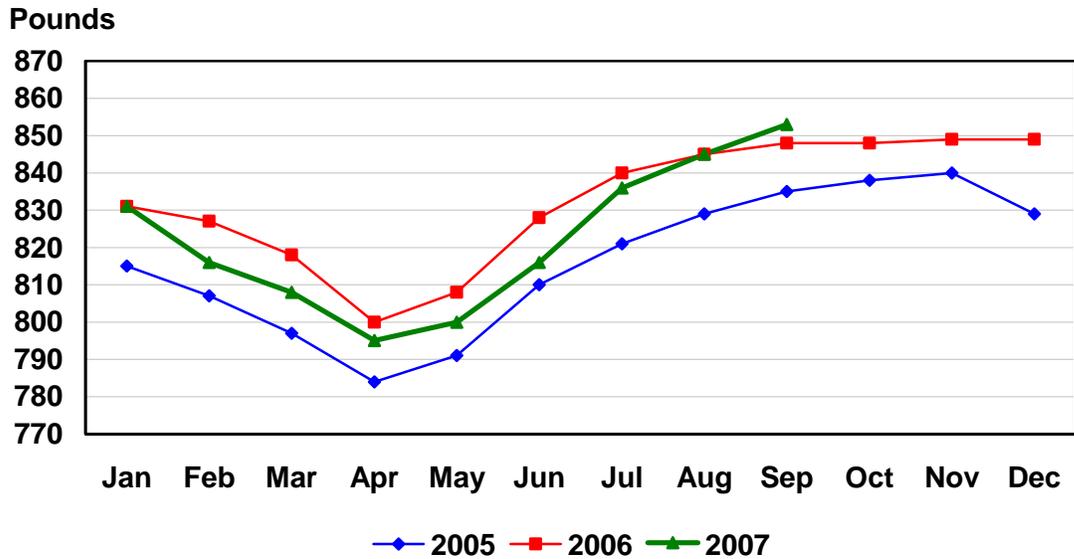
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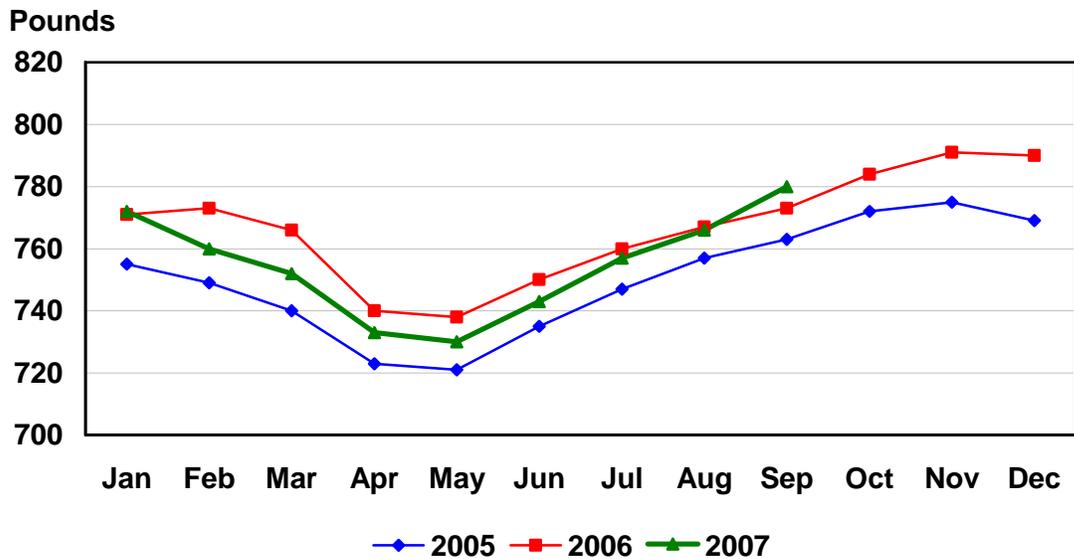
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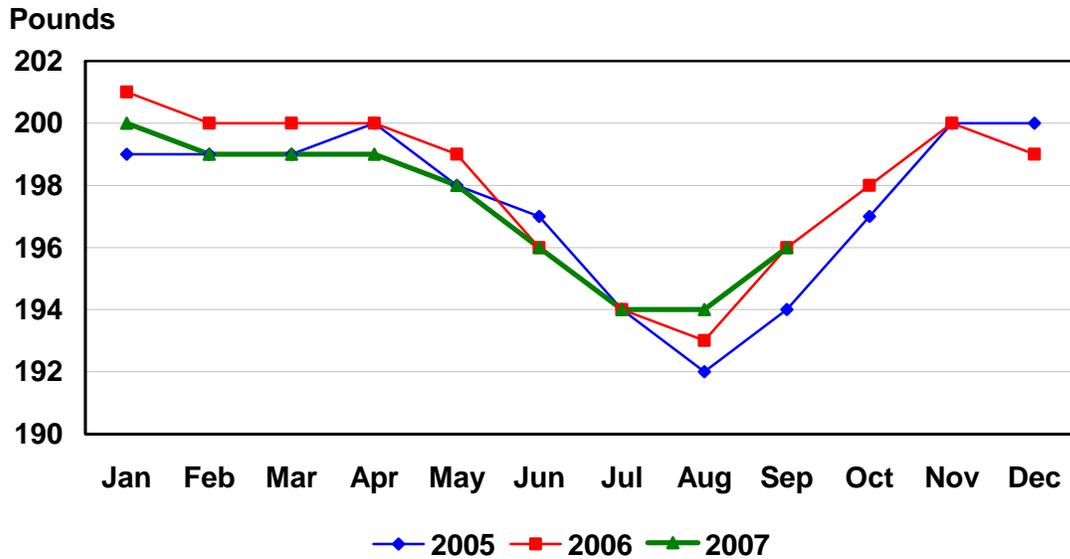
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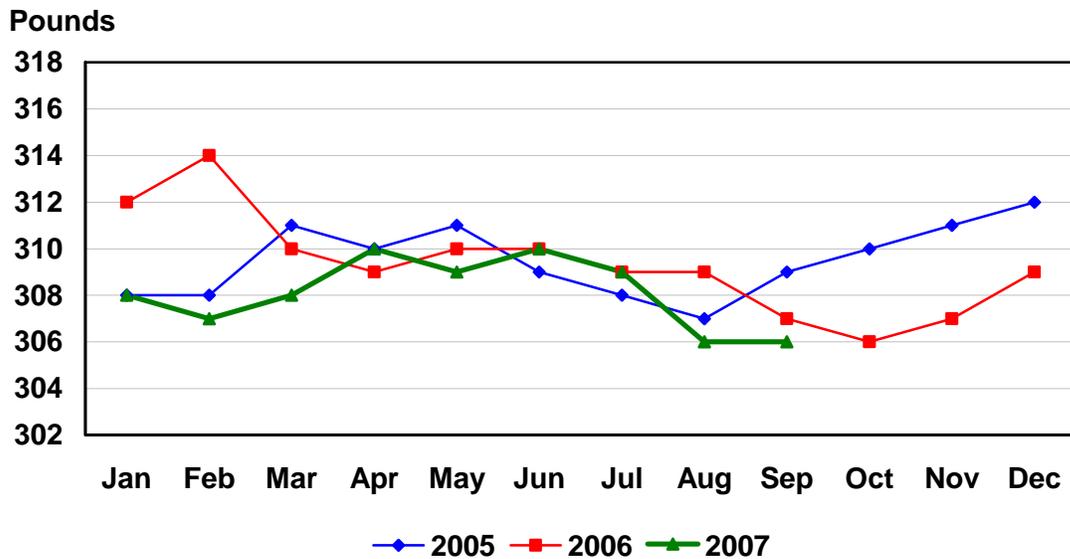
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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.