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Beef, Pork and Red Meat Production Set November Record Highs

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in November 2006.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2007 commercial red meat production was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

November 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.
November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 07 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2006	Oct 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	2,226.6	*2,441.8	2,229.1	100	91	24,102.2	24,356.0	101
Veal	12.9	11.1	10.1	78	91	133.5	126.8	95
Pork	1,896.4	*2,144.8	2,045.4	108	95	19,257.4	19,968.7	104
Lamb & Mutton	15.4	16.4	16.1	105	99	169.7	167.6	99
Total Red Meat ³	4,151.4	*4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93	43,662.8	44,619.2	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	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 07 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
				Nov 2006	Oct 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	2,197.7	*2,407.3	2,201.5	100	91	23,772.3	24,037.2	101
Veal	12.7	10.7	9.7	77	90	130.9	124.1	95
Pork	1,880.9	*2,127.9	2,030.7	108	95	19,096.7	19,810.6	104
Lamb & Mutton	14.8	15.5	15.4	104	99	162.6	160.1	98
Total Red Meat ³	4,106.1	*4,561.4	4,257.4	104	93	43,162.5	44,132.1	102

* Revised.

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

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Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States¹

Species	Unit	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 07 % of		Jan - Nov ²		
					Nov 2006	Oct 2007	2006	2007	07 % of 06
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prct</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,797.2	*3,045.8	2,787.3	100	92	30,578.7	31,119.9	102
Other	Thou	45.2	54.3	43.9	97	81	507.1	494.0	97
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,842.4	*3,100.2	2,831.2	100	91	31,085.7	31,613.9	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,297	1,303	1,307	101	100	1,275	1,273	100
Other	Lbs	1,132	1,131	1,114	98	98	1,139	1,138	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,295	1,300	1,304	101	100	1,273	1,271	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	65.6	63.7	57.5	88	90	631.5	684.9	108
Other	Thou	1.0	1.5	1.4	134	93	11.5	12.3	107
Comm'l. ³	Thou	66.6	65.2	58.9	88	90	642.9	697.2	108
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	325	285	287	88	101	346	305	88
Other	Lbs	415	401	430	104	107	407	394	97
Comm'l.	Lbs	327	288	291	89	101	347	307	88
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,276.4	*10,555.2	9,964.4	107	94	94,900.9	98,537.6	104
Other	Thou	88.5	99.3	86.3	97	87	952.9	943.1	99
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,364.9	*10,654.5	10,050.7	107	94	95,853.8	99,480.7	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	272	270	273	100	101	269	269	100
Other	Lbs	242	237	236	98	100	233	232	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	272	270	272	100	101	269	268	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	212.3	232.2	222.5	105	96	2,335.4	2,316.1	99
Other	Thou	11.9	15.8	14.2	120	90	136.2	146.7	108
Comm'l. ³	Thou	224.2	248.0	236.7	106	95	2,471.5	2,462.8	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	139	134	138	99	103	139	138	100
Other	Lbs	104	109	105	101	97	105	103	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	137	132	136	99	103	137	136	99
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	50.5	*60.8	55.7	110	92	523.3	577.1	110
Other	Thou	14.7	16.9	15.2	103	90	148.9	172.0	116
Comm'l. ³	Thou	65.3	*77.7	70.9	109	91	672.1	749.1	111
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	62	62	62	99	100	62	61	99
Other	Lbs	57	47	52	92	111	61	59	98
Comm'l.	Lbs	61	58	60	98	102	62	61	98
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	4.4	3.7	4.2	97	114	38.7	46.3	120
Other	Thou	1.4	1.5	1.5	106	103	14.4	15.8	109
Comm'l. ³	Thou	5.8	5.2	5.8	99	111	53.1	62.1	117

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Nov 07 as % of ²	
				Nov 2006	Oct 2007
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.4	2.3	2.1	89	91
AK	0.1	0.1	0.1	67	103
AZ	33.8	36.1	34.1	101	94
AR	5.3	6.0	5.6	107	94
CA	137.7	145.9	140.6	102	96
CO	151.1	185.7	165.5	110	89
DE-MD	3.4	3.5	3.1	91	89
FL	6.9	8.2	8.2	118	100
GA	15.0	14.2	13.5	90	95
HI	0.8	0.9	0.8	107	93
ID	3.9	18.4	18.9	478	102
IL	246.4	278.3	268.1	109	96
IN	137.6	153.4	147.0	107	96
IA	590.2	651.8	625.7	106	96
KS	503.6	555.1	505.6	100	91
KY	45.9	55.3	51.8	113	94
LA	0.9	0.6	0.6	72	107
MI	38.9	42.3	42.1	108	99
MN	212.7	231.0	217.8	102	94
MS	24.9	1.5	1.2	5	79
MO	110.2	144.4	139.5	127	97
MT	1.9	1.5	1.4	75	94
NE	632.4	*679.8	626.3	99	92
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	75	52
N ENG ³	1.2	1.4	1.3	103	90
NJ	4.8	4.1	3.7	78	92
NM	0.6	0.3	0.3	49	97
NY	3.2	3.4	2.9	88	84
NC	195.4	229.8	217.0	111	94
ND	2.5	2.7	2.1	83	77
OH	24.6	27.3	24.0	97	88
OK	90.9	94.8	89.4	98	94
OR	4.4	5.3	4.7	105	88
PA	104.6	119.6	108.5	104	91
SC	21.8	23.2	22.1	102	95
SD	85.6	106.1	101.6	119	96
TN	20.6	22.5	22.3	108	99
TX	404.4	*452.6	404.7	100	89
UT	46.0	49.4	43.4	94	88
VA	37.8	50.3	43.9	116	87
WA	71.8	*78.1	72.5	101	93
WV	0.7	1.0	0.8	116	77
WI	124.1	125.3	115.4	93	92
WY	0.5	0.3	0.4	95	162
US	4,151.4	*4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93

* 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,
November 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	0.3	0.4	287	325	877	843
AK	0.1	0.1	166	108	1,124	982
AZ		42.9		60,123		1,404
AR	0.7	0.7	719	710	1,009	1,076
CA	133.8	130.6	174,465	166,190	1,330	1,295
CO	171.3	186.9	227,349	250,480	1,328	1,341
DE-MD	3.6	3.3	4,782	4,348	1,319	1,312
FL						
GA	28.1	24.4	26,138	23,021	935	945
HI	0.7	0.9	798	902	1,067	1,030
ID		25.6		31,018		1,228
IL						
IN	3.5	2.9	3,677	3,060	1,056	1,057
IA						
KS	606.7	599.8	783,281	786,185	1,291	1,311
KY	1.1	1.4	980	1,319	883	925
LA	1.0	0.6	876	463	864	798
MI	44.2	49.3	60,091	66,341	1,365	1,356
MN	70.3	68.9	96,213	92,882	1,381	1,357
MS	0.1	0.1	118	64	794	798
MO	5.9	6.1	7,152	7,338	1,228	1,209
MT	2.4	1.7	2,711	1,984	1,145	1,139
NE	600.8	586.5	808,180	792,218	1,348	1,353
NV	0.1	0.1	93	79	1,024	1,047
N ENG ²	1.3	1.4	1,320	1,413	1,002	1,038
NJ	2.3	2.5	2,724	3,011	1,202	1,215
NM	1.2	0.4	1,124	353	981	998
NY	2.9	2.4	3,146	2,829	1,117	1,184
NC	18.7	18.0	22,061	20,634	1,186	1,152
ND	0.7	0.8	810	964	1,155	1,212
OH	9.6	8.5	11,306	9,935	1,188	1,177
OK	1.8	1.4	2,065	1,552	1,120	1,079
OR	2.3	2.9	2,679	3,246	1,186	1,177
PA	73.1	77.4	90,828	98,009	1,251	1,275
SC	13.1	13.2	14,342	14,161	1,106	1,078
SD						
TN	1.4	2.3	1,226	1,914	897	863
TX	527.7	514.7	642,712	645,260	1,222	1,258
UT	56.4	53.4	73,809	69,329	1,311	1,302
VA	1.3	1.3	1,340	1,008	1,045	803
WA	88.1	90.3	116,838	117,741	1,332	1,309
WV	1.0	1.3	1,061	1,298	1,082	1,019
WI	151.4	143.0	201,669	187,022	1,348	1,322
WY	0.6	0.6	656	644	1,139	1,164
US ³	2,842.4	2,831.2	3,666,824	3,677,910	1,295	1,304

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**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	8.9	9.6	1,291	1,208	145	126
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.2	63	48	336	248
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	40	26	425	444
HI						
ID						
IL	3.3	2.3	1,442	966	440	418
IN	0.5		59		125	
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.3	0.4	146	186	492	500
MI	1.8	1.5	749	615	428	412
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.3	0.2	58	65	191	268
NJ	8.6	4.6	3,765	1,860	439	409
NM						
NY	13.1	14.7	1,772	1,528	138	108
NC	0.1	0.2	34	77	438	490
ND						
OH		0.1		22		347
OK						
OR						
PA	16.5	12.4	6,205	5,102	377	411
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1	0.1	69	29	517	409
TX	1.5	1.5	920	816	641	569
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	23	31	344	323
WA						
WV						
WI	10.6		4,813		457	
WY						
US ³	66.6	58.9	21,623	16,891	327	291

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	8.2	7.7	3,820	3,465	468	450
AK	0.1		16		215	
AZ	0.2	0.2	38	44	163	212
AR	16.1	17.4	7,352	7,965	458	458
CA	216.2	235.0	51,887	57,791	240	246
CO	0.8	0.8	206	200	257	261
DE-MD	1.9	1.7	487	458	263	274
FL	10.0	8.3	1,309	1,137	132	138
GA	12.4	12.0	2,785	2,721	225	227
HI	1.8	1.7	401	401	227	232
ID	13.2	13.2	3,351	3,432	254	262
IL	853.5	961.8	239,219	270,615	281	282
IN	672.9	720.6	179,313	191,924	267	267
IA	2,638.6	2,839.8	720,400	772,741	273	272
KS		15.3		6,832		449
KY	225.9	250.0	60,496	67,398	268	270
LA	2.0	1.7	323	305	164	183
MI	10.3	10.9	4,101	4,359	398	400
MN	812.3	849.3	215,004	224,373	265	265
MS						
MO		640.4		179,467		280
MT	1.6	1.3	414	327	256	256
NE	649.9	671.9	176,284	182,051	272	271
NV						
N ENG ²	2.0	1.8	432	422	218	228
NJ	9.6	9.7	965	892	101	92
NM	0.1	0.1	25	30	238	258
NY	2.5	2.4	496	447	197	186
NC	957.4	1,043.8	246,374	274,537	258	263
ND	12.7	9.1	3,123	2,326	247	255
OH	91.5	90.1	25,361	25,502	278	284
OK	426.4	427.3	119,000	117,614	279	275
OR	16.9	15.0	3,953	3,857	235	258
PA	248.8	256.4	63,789	66,110	257	258
SC						
SD	389.9	474.5	101,980	122,625	262	259
TN	62.8	66.5	29,861	31,376	476	473
TX	39.2	40.5	10,737	11,173	274	276
UT	4.9	5.0	971	870	197	173
VA	189.3	215.5	49,080	57,420	259	267
WA	2.0	2.5	445	483	217	192
WV	0.6	0.9	171	204	269	223
WI	44.3	44.3	19,540	19,621	448	449
WY	0.3	0.3	92	73	270	261
US ³	9,364.9	10,050.7	2,542,375	2,735,130	272	272

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	0.1		8		94	
AR	0.1		9		104	
CA						
CO	91.4	95.9	13,922	14,559	152	152
DE-MD	3.2	2.7	322	272	100	100
FL	0.2	0.1	14	11	61	78
GA	0.2	0.6	25	56	106	101
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	38	42	129	129
IL	13.1		1,710		131	
IN	2.4	1.9	263	205	111	111
IA	35.0	36.0	5,236	5,151	150	143
KS	0.3	0.2	29	20	111	108
KY	0.7	1.0	91	120	125	125
LA	0.1	0.2	12	12	88	76
MI	15.7	16.1	2,039	2,108	130	132
MN	0.2	0.3	28	39	113	131
MS						
MO	0.4	0.4	53	43	124	116
MT	0.4	0.3	34	33	88	97
NE						
NV	0.1	0.1	8	6	130	118
N ENG ²	3.1	2.5	273	229	88	90
NJ	8.9	9.4	717	790	81	84
NM	0.9	1.1	116	161	132	144
NY	3.1	3.3	258	254	84	78
NC	0.6	0.7	49	56	84	79
ND	0.1	0.1	6	12	104	122
OH	1.2	1.3	127	145	107	108
OK		0.1		11		87
OR	1.6	1.9	219	244	136	131
PA	4.2	4.5	398	431	96	97
SC						
SD	1.6	1.0	200	118	126	121
TN	1.1	0.9	86	68	76	78
TX	1.7	3.9	136	396	82	101
UT	2.8	3.0	377	400	133	133
VA	0.9	1.3	92	128	98	98
WA	0.3	0.7	44	102	142	142
WV						
WI	1.1	1.3	143	158	133	126
WY	0.1	0.1	16	15	128	149
US ³	224.2	236.7	30,744	32,193	137	136

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

Item	Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov ¹		Nov	Oct	Nov	Jan - Nov ¹	
	2006	2007	2007			2006	2007	2007		
				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	1,365	1,481	1,340	16,198	16,008	48.8	48.6	48.1	53.0	51.4
Heifers	874	*970	873	9,049	9,408	31.2	31.8	31.3	29.6	30.2
All Cows	515	541	527	4,860	5,192	18.4	17.8	18.9	15.9	16.7
Dairy Cows	219	245	217	2,142	2,292	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.0	7.4
Other Cows	296	297	310	2,718	2,899	10.6	9.7	11.1	8.9	9.3
Bulls	44	54	47	472	513	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6
Total ¹	2,797	*3,046	2,787	30,579	31,120	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	66	64	58	631	685	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	8,954	10,203	9,634	91,629	95,051	96.5	96.7	96.7	96.6	96.5
Sows	283	311	290	2,961	3,045	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Boars	40	41	41	311	442	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total ¹	9,276	10,555	9,964	94,901	98,538	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	11	10	107	105	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	203	221	213	2,228	2,211	95.8	95.3	95.7	95.4	95.5
Total ¹	212	232	222	2,335	2,316	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	793	793	780	775					
Heifers ³	849	858	858	831	829					
All Cows ³	791	792	801	765	763					
Bulls ³	612	607	603	622	617					
Bulls ³	892	865	865	916	895					
Calves & Vealers	195	170	171	209	183					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁴	203	202	204	201	201					
Sows ⁴	200	199	201	198	198					
Sows ⁴	307	306	307	309	308					
Boars ⁴	227	215	214	229	213					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁵	70	67	69	70	69					
Mature Sheep ⁵	64	67	66	67	67					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	70	67	69	70	69					

* 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,
November 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	0.6	0.2					0.2
2	4.7	1.8	0.3	2.3	1.9	0.4	0.3	19.2
3	79.9	34.7	5.5	37.3	29.5	7.8	2.4	12.7
4	70.9	1.0	0.4	60.6	10.9	49.7	8.9	
5	334.7	131.7	43.6	150.8	79.1	71.7	8.6	13.6
6	512.3	254.9	161.8	85.0	13.6	71.3	10.8	1.1
7	1,239.0	657.6	504.9	68.5	1.3	67.2	8.0	
8	253.4	122.2	111.9					
9	173.7	88.0	9.0	74.0	64.5	9.6	2.7	9.5
10	117.6	47.9	35.5	31.0	11.5	19.5	3.1	
US ²	2,787.3	1,340.3	873.2	527.0	217.4	309.6	46.8	57.5
	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	1.4	1.3						
2	11.8	11.5	0.1	0.1	11.5	1.4	10.2	
3	472.2	457.9	1.4	12.8	8.3	0.3	8.0	
4	1,450.8	1,363.2	85.7	2.0	3.1	1.0	2.0	
5	2,644.6	2,525.8	115.0	3.9	30.2	3.1	27.1	
6	476.7	447.6	26.4	2.6	1.5	0.8	0.8	
7	4,161.0	4,080.8			36.3	0.3	36.0	
8	486.3	486.1	0.1		99.1	1.6	97.5	
9	230.1	230.0						
10	29.6	29.4	0.1		2.2	0.1	2.1	
US ²	9,964.4	9,633.7	289.5	41.2	222.5	9.6	212.9	

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 Regions with no data printed are still included in the US and Region total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - November 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	10.2	5.1	1.6					1.5
2	51.0	18.7	3.1	25.7	22.6	3.1	3.5	217.7
3	903.3	411.8	72.2	390.6	308.7	81.9	28.7	160.6
4	772.8	12.1	3.9	659.8	124.4	535.3	97.1	
5	3,614.9	1,609.1	426.2	1,492.6	799.3	693.4	87.0	167.7
6	5,622.7	2,914.1	1,854.6	742.5	160.6	581.9	111.5	14.1
7	14,275.6	8,078.4	5,441.6	663.0	13.7	649.3	92.5	0.4
8	2,706.5	1,376.4	1,145.7					
9	1,936.8	977.7	118.5	800.5	685.7	114.8	40.1	109.2
10	1,226.2	604.4	340.5	252.1	122.1	130.1	29.1	
US ²	31,119.9	16,007.6	9,407.9	5,191.7	2,292.2	2,899.5	512.7	684.9
	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	12.8	12.5	0.2	0.1				
2	124.6	121.8	1.6	1.2	138.9	14.4	124.6	
3	4,855.7	4,700.6	12.5	142.7	90.8	4.3	86.5	
4	14,718.0	13,897.5	803.6	17.0	32.7	10.5	22.2	
5	26,161.6	24,822.1	1,299.7	39.8	334.4	35.6	298.8	
6	5,004.1	4,755.2	243.4	5.4	11.2	5.6	5.6	
7	40,453.9	39,557.4			366.1	3.7	362.4	
8	4,513.6	4,492.5	21.0	0.1	1,000.3	19.1	981.3	
9	2,348.8	2,347.8						
10	344.5	343.5	0.9	0.2	26.6	2.0	24.7	
US ²	98,537.6	95,050.9	3,045.0	441.8	2,316.1	104.7	2,211.5	

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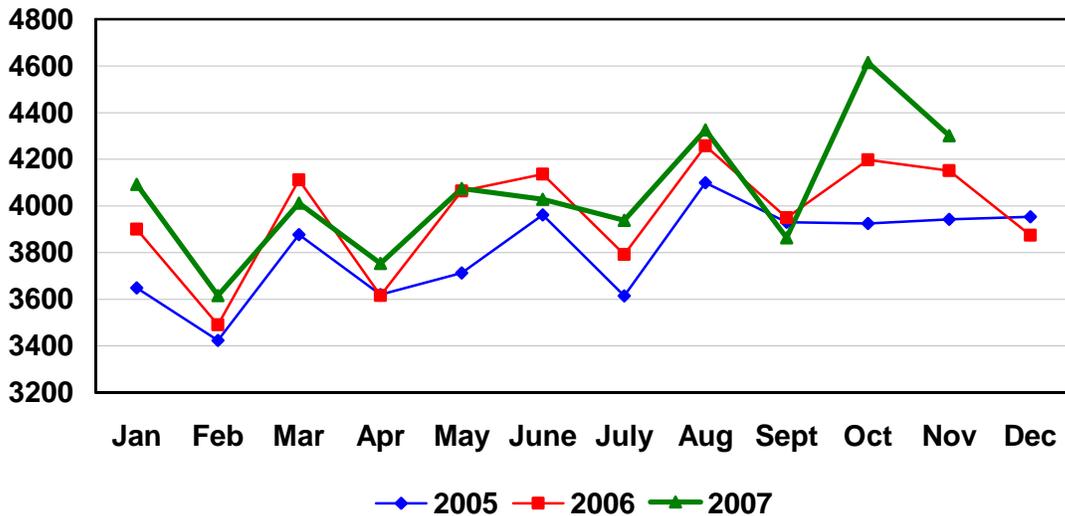
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Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

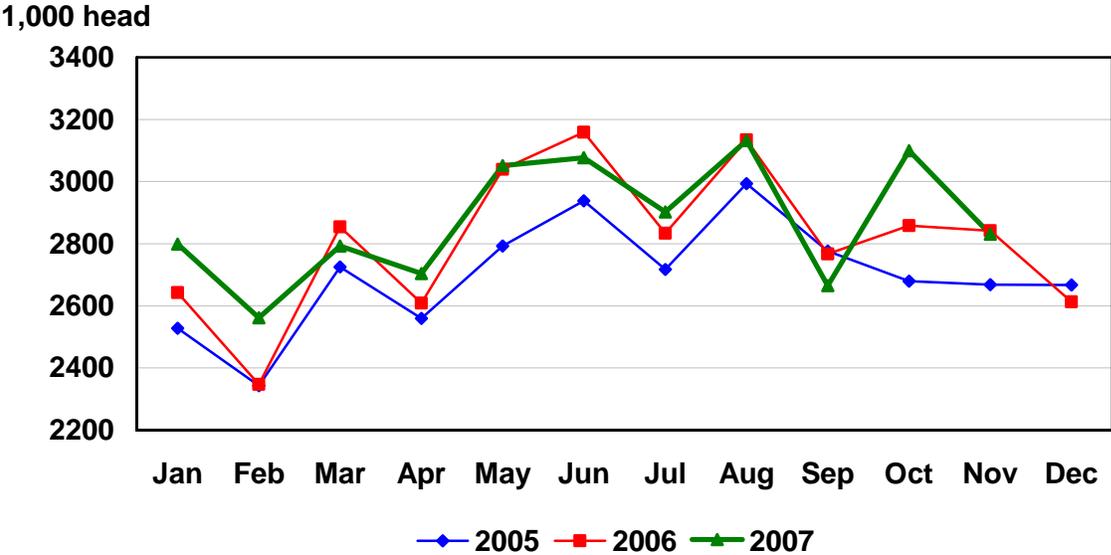
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				2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.4	98.2	98.4	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.5	97.7	97.7	98.2	98.2
Hogs	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.0	99.1
Sheep	94.7	93.6	94.0	94.5	94.0

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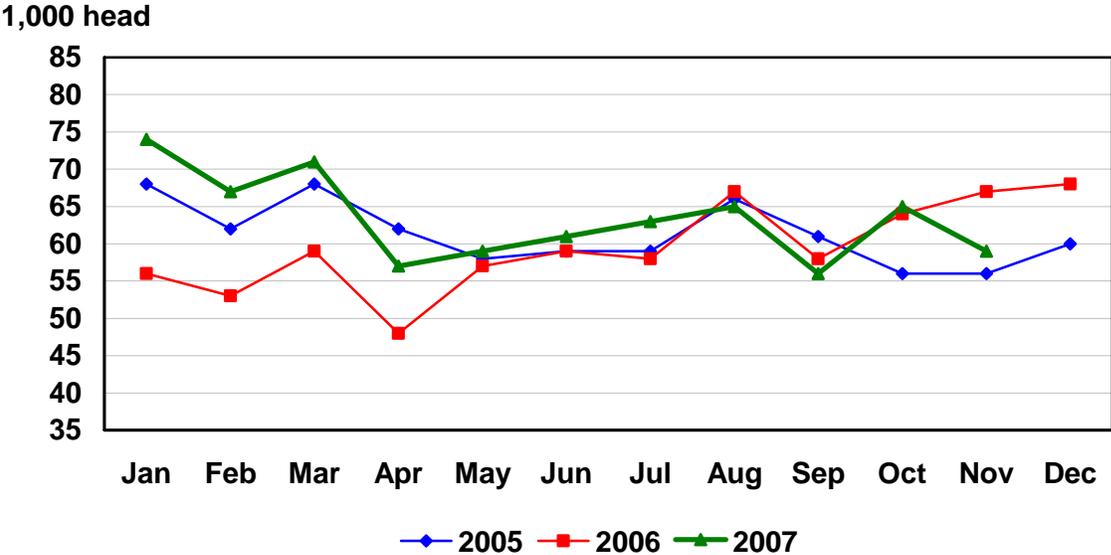
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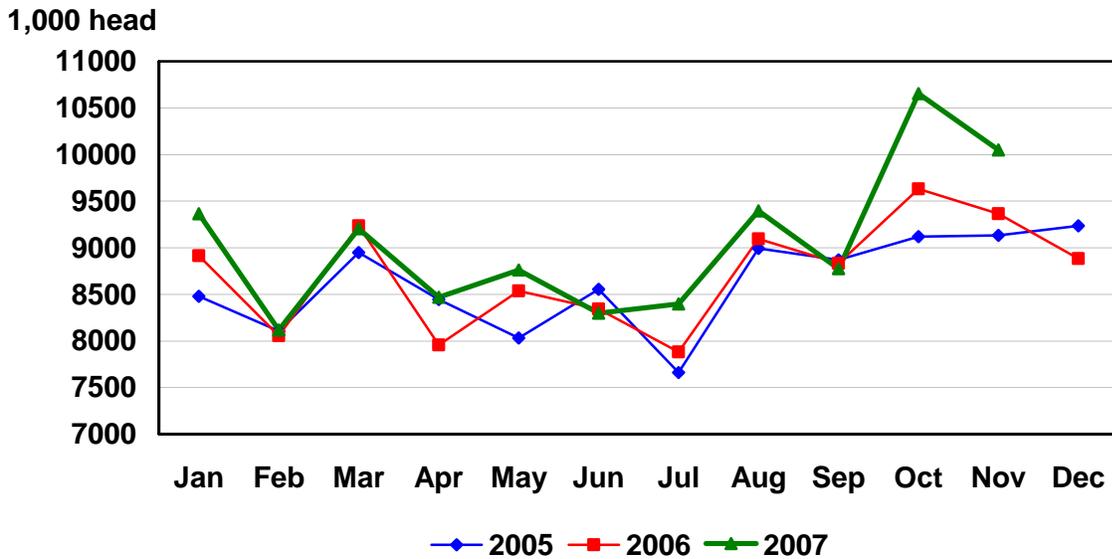
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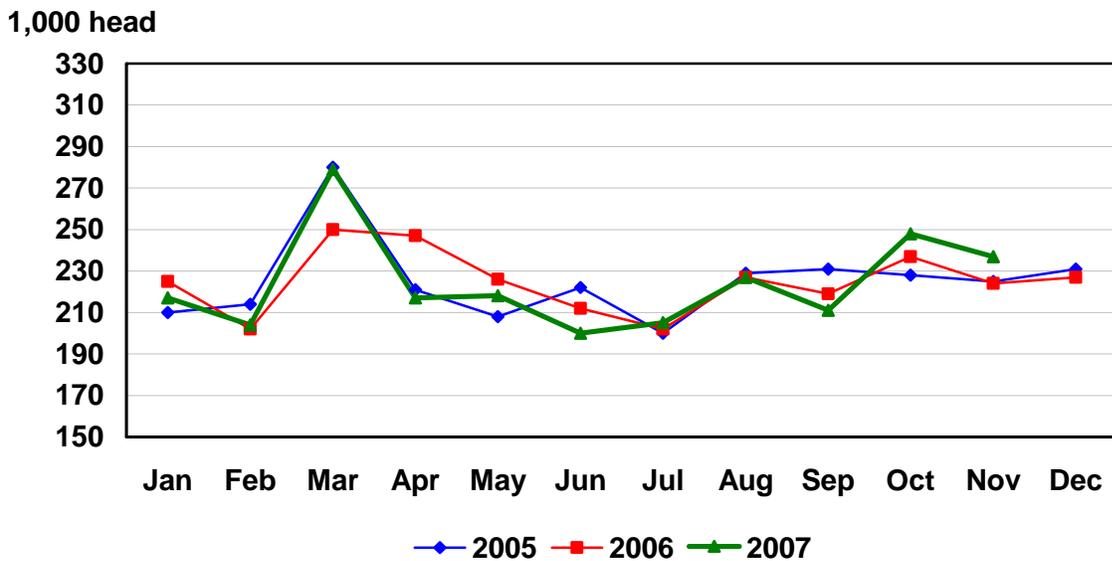
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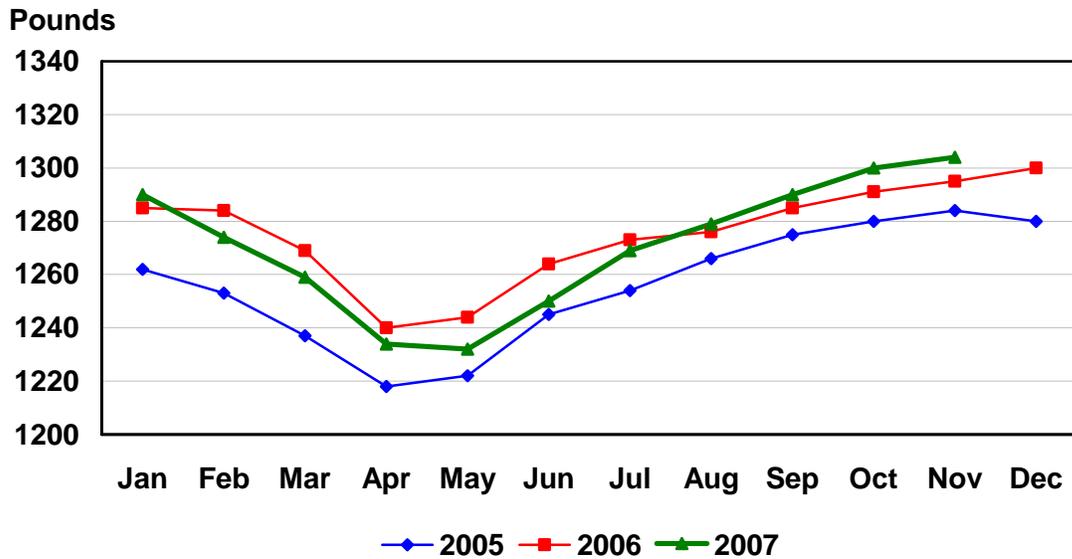
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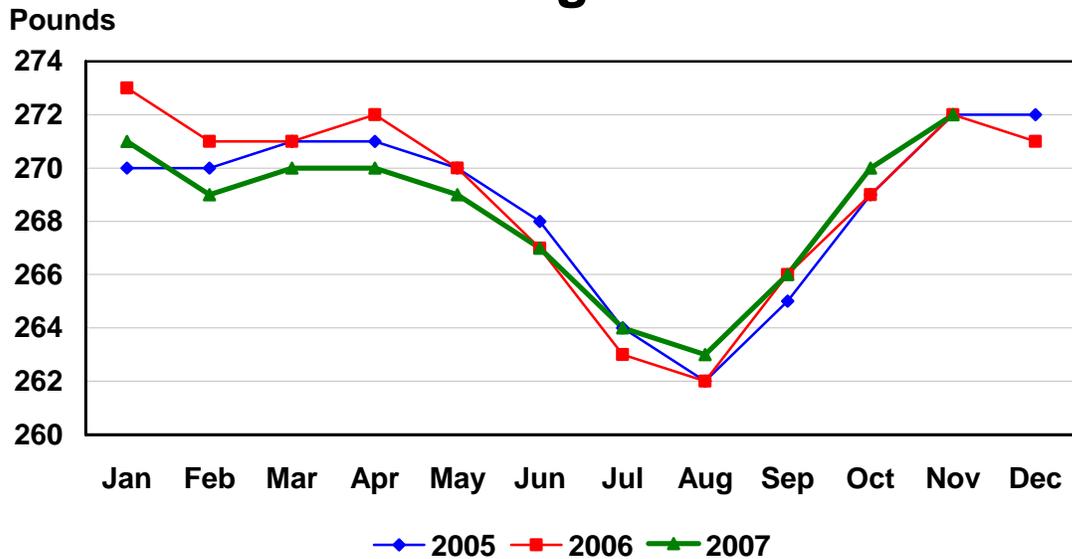
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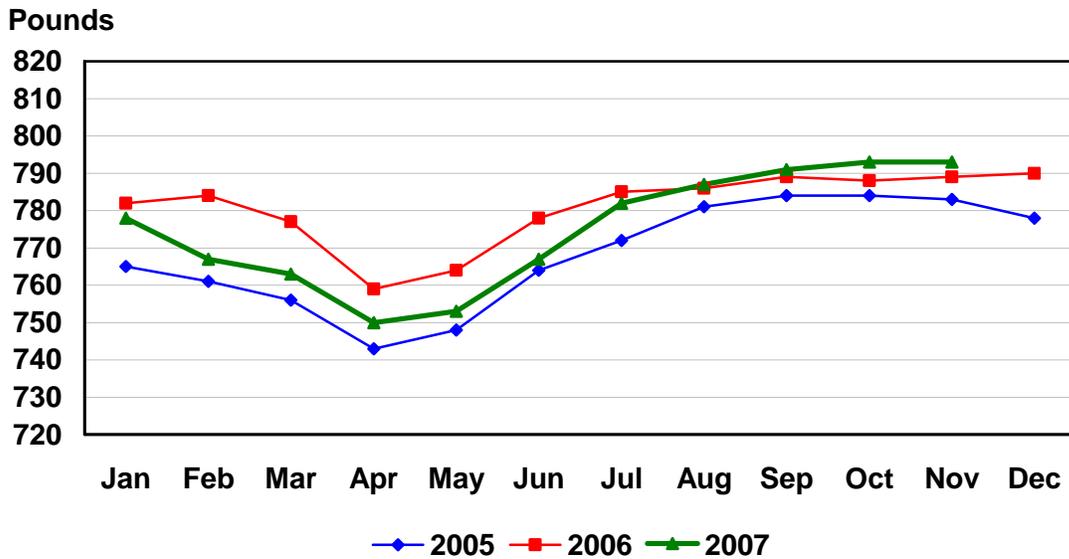
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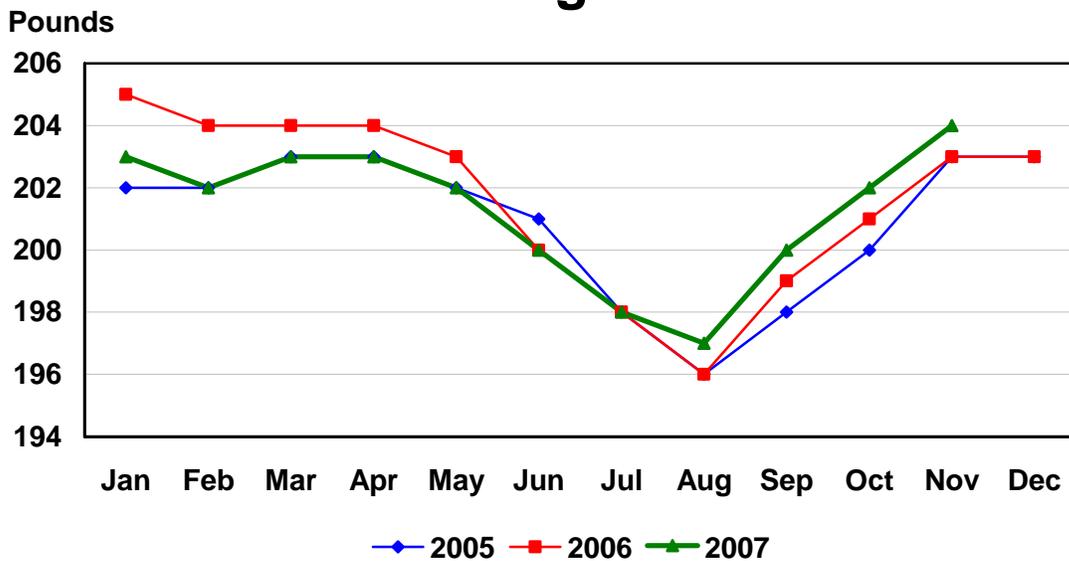
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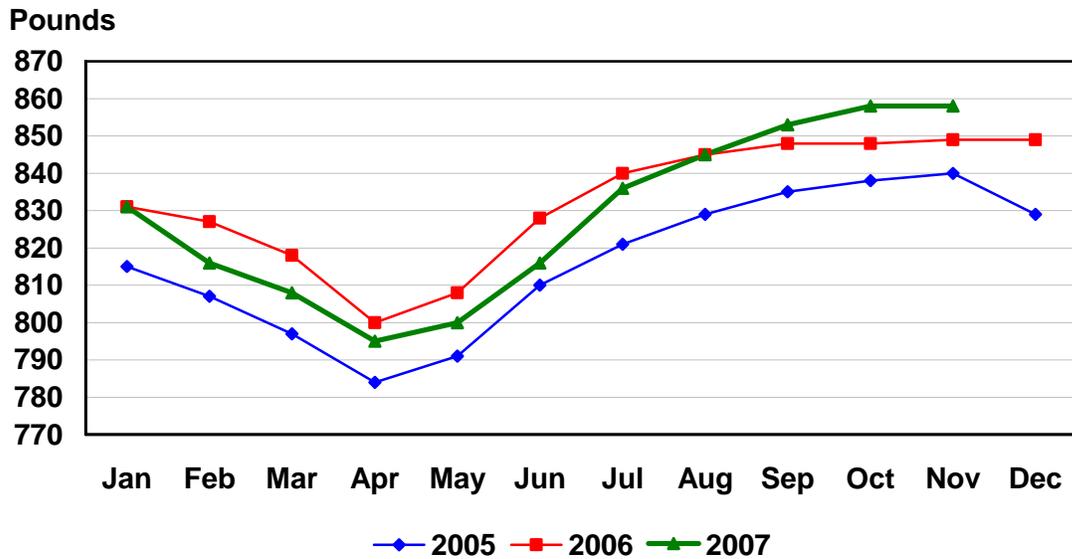
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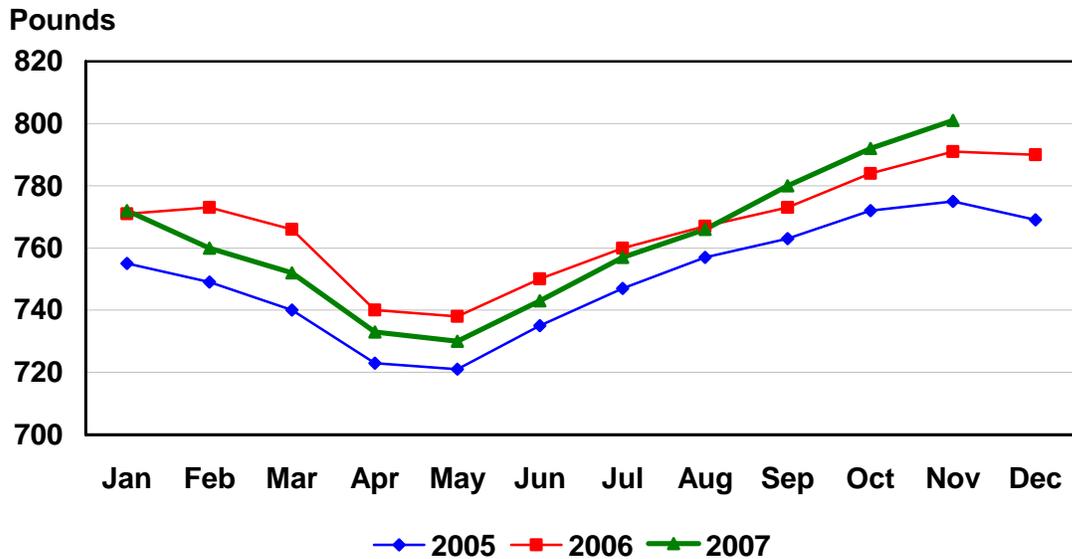
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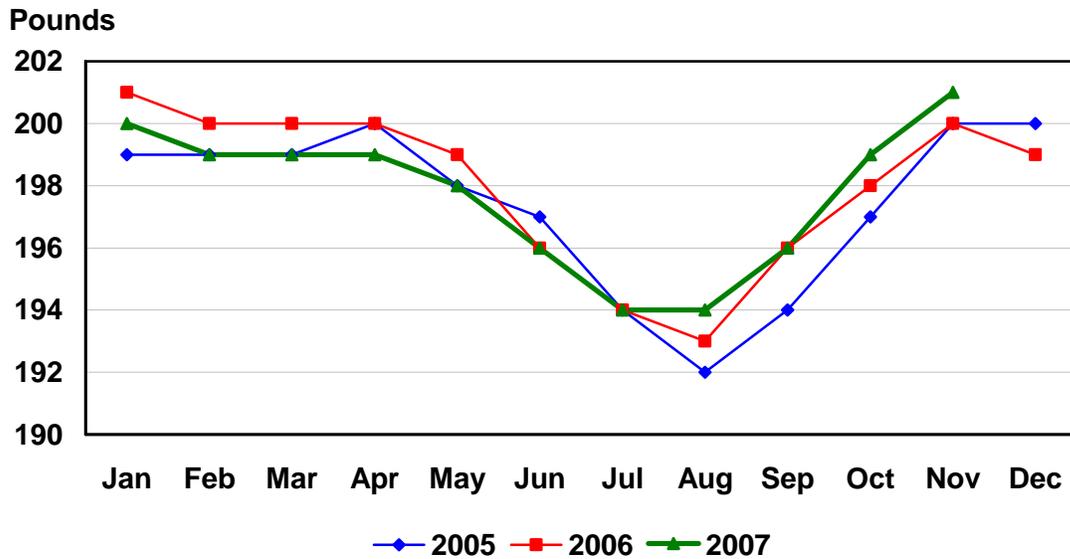
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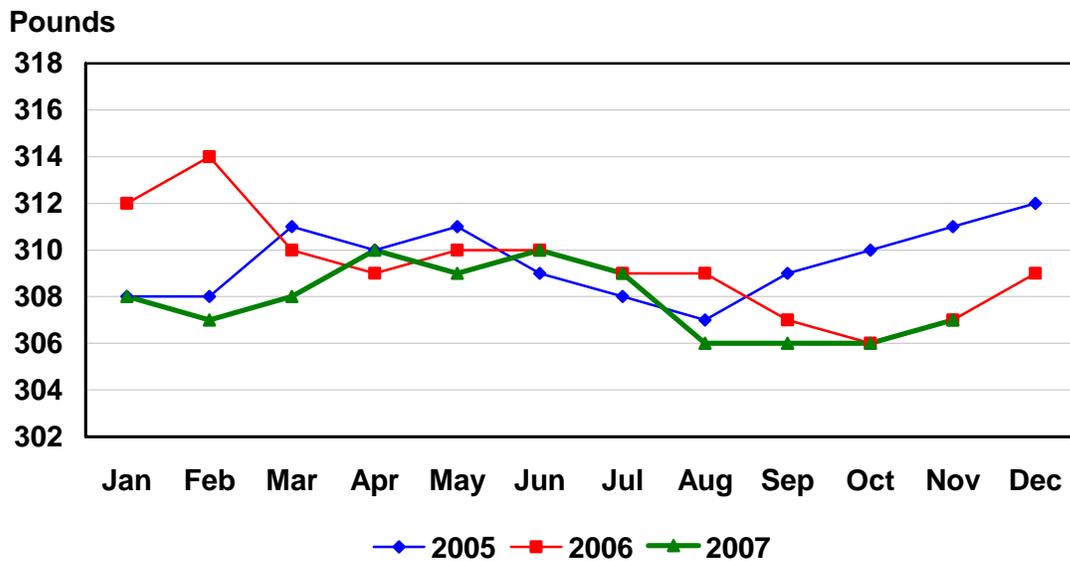
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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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