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Record High Pork Production for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in August, down slightly from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2008.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 4 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.6 million pounds, 6 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,700 head, down 3 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, up 1 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2009 commercial red meat production was 32.5 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

August 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ¹

Type	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 09 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	<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	2,266.8	2,270.5	2,184.2	96	96	17,909.1	17,304.4	97
Veal	11.2	10.8	10.6	94	97	92.2	89.5	97
Pork	1,803.9	1,828.3	1,868.4	104	102	15,272.9	14,995.7	98
Lamb & Mutton	13.3	13.9	13.3	100	95	116.0	111.6	96
Total Red Meat ³	4,095.2	*4,123.5	4,076.6	100	99	33,390.3	32,501.1	97

* 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	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 09 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	<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	2,238.8	2,243.3	2,155.4	96	96	17,671.2	17,065.8	97
Veal	11.0	10.6	10.3	94	97	90.3	87.5	97
Pork	1,787.9	1,814.1	1,853.5	104	102	15,155.1	14,888.4	98
Lamb & Mutton	12.5	13.1	12.6	100	96	111.1	105.8	95
Total Red Meat ³	4,050.2	4,081.0	4,031.8	100	99	33,027.6	32,147.4	97

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	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 09 % of		Jan - Aug ²		
					Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	09 % of 08
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,865.5	2,878.1	2,737.9	96	95	22,931.9	21,910.1	96
Other	Thou	42.8	42.5	44.0	103	104	366.7	371.0	101
Comm'l. ³	Thou	2,908.3	2,920.6	2,781.9	96	95	23,298.6	22,281.1	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,286	1,284	1,296	101	101	1,274	1,290	101
Other	Lbs	1,150	1,125	1,147	100	102	1,143	1,137	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,284	1,282	1,293	101	101	1,272	1,288	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	78.1	78.9	75.6	97	96	589.5	597.2	101
Other	Thou	1.1	1.0	1.1	100	111	8.9	8.4	95
Comm'l. ³	Thou	79.2	79.9	76.7	97	96	598.4	605.6	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	243	228	231	95	102	262	251	95
Other	Lbs	425	419	397	93	95	408	408	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	245	230	234	95	102	265	253	96
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	9,170.4	*9,061.6	9,250.3	101	102	75,586.2	73,405.0	97
Other	Thou	93.3	85.1	86.7	93	102	682.2	630.1	92
Comm'l. ³	Thou	9,263.7	9,146.7	9,337.0	101	102	76,268.3	74,035.0	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	261	268	268	103	100	268	271	101
Other	Lbs	238	233	240	101	103	239	237	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	261	267	268	103	100	268	270	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	186.1	189.0	186.6	100	99	1,584.6	1,497.7	95
Other	Thou	14.2	18.4	16.3	115	89	98.5	120.9	123
Comm'l. ³	Thou	200.2	207.4	202.9	101	98	1,683.2	1,618.6	96
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	134	139	135	100	97	140	141	101
Other	Lbs	107	96	95	89	98	102	97	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	132	135	132	99	98	138	138	100
Goats No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	58.2	56.9	60.5	104	106	425.9	427.4	100
Other	Thou	16.3	13.1	13.2	81	101	120.8	105.1	87
Comm'l. ³	Thou	74.4	70.1	73.8	99	105	546.8	532.6	97
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	62	60	62	100	103	62	61	99
Other	Lbs	54	72	72	134	100	65	71	109
Comm'l.	Lbs	60	62	64	106	102	63	63	101
Bison No.									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	3.8	4.6	3.9	102	83	37.8	34.9	92
Other	Thou	1.0	1.0	1.1	117	109	10.4	10.1	97
Comm'l. ³	Thou	4.7	5.7	5.0	105	88	48.2	45.0	93

* Revised.

¹ Excludes slaughter on farms.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

State	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 09 as % of ²	
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1.9	1.9	1.9	98	99
AK	0.1		0.1	101	
AZ	33.9	32.2	30.7	91	95
AR	5.4	5.1	5.2	96	102
CA	133.2	144.6	137.4	103	95
CO	180.7	178.8	176.8	98	99
DE-MD	3.1	3.0	3.4	110	113
FL	9.1	9.1	9.0	98	98
GA	13.7	11.2	9.7	71	87
HI	0.9	0.9	0.9	92	94
ID	20.0	20.1	18.3	92	91
IL	236.4	223.0	236.1	100	106
IN	131.4	144.6	142.1	108	98
IA	558.3	565.9	586.1	105	104
KS	467.0	476.2	450.6	96	95
KY	44.5	43.4	43.4	97	100
LA	0.5	0.5	0.5	90	94
MI	44.1	44.9	43.7	99	97
MN	206.3	215.2	212.4	103	99
MS	1.2	1.9	2.2	185	115
MO	123.8	135.5	145.0	117	107
MT	1.3	1.3	1.4	104	107
NE	624.9	624.9	593.6	95	95
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	109	108
N ENG ³	1.1	1.4	1.4	119	96
NJ	3.7	4.0	4.1	109	102
NM	0.5	0.3	0.4	77	118
NY	3.0	2.5	2.7	90	105
NC	195.3	202.5	198.2	101	98
ND	2.2	2.4	2.4	106	98
OH	26.6	26.5	24.7	93	93
OK	82.6	93.8	89.6	109	96
OR	4.8	4.8	4.9	102	104
PA	109.2	103.4	100.5	92	97
SC	19.8	18.8	18.2	92	97
SD	73.7	59.2	75.4	102	127
TN	17.4	17.9	22.8	131	127
TX	441.6	442.2	430.7	98	97
UT	46.8	35.0	36.1	77	103
VA	37.1	30.6	32.8	89	107
WA	66.8	73.9	66.6	100	90
WV	0.5	0.4	0.6	115	144
WI	119.6	118.9	113.4	95	95
WY	0.9	0.6	0.9	99	155
US	4,095.2	*4,123.5	4,076.6	100	99

* 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,
August 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	0.4	0.5	406	509	953	936
AK	0.1	0.1	75	67	1,103	1,152
AZ	45.9	45.4	62,376	57,325	1,367	1,268
AR	0.8	0.6	778	651	991	1,008
CA	125.0	134.0	157,343	170,290	1,277	1,287
CO	209.0	202.4	276,240	269,830	1,322	1,334
DE-MD	3.4	3.6	4,305	4,732	1,275	1,300
FL						
GA		17.6		17,525		1,002
HI	1.0	0.9	1,113	1,080	1,134	1,145
ID	27.5	25.2	33,972	31,289	1,251	1,262
IL						
IN	3.5	3.5	3,704	3,712	1,057	1,059
IA						
KS	558.2	536.8	721,364	694,317	1,293	1,294
KY	1.1	1.3	1,038	1,243	952	948
LA	0.6	0.6	487	418	753	691
MI	52.0	51.1	69,340	69,324	1,340	1,364
MN	71.0	69.3	97,716	97,595	1,383	1,417
MS	0.1	0.1	49	42	722	652
MO	7.1	6.7	8,424	8,111	1,198	1,218
MT	1.4	1.5	1,743	1,790	1,234	1,201
NE	605.5	564.1	801,691	755,809	1,325	1,341
NV	0.2	0.2	158	173	1,054	953
N ENG ²	1.1	1.3	1,221	1,322	1,106	1,025
NJ	2.8	2.8	3,028	3,199	1,088	1,147
NM	0.4	0.5	460	528	1,034	1,113
NY	2.2	2.6	2,633	3,131	1,200	1,222
NC	19.6	17.9	22,542	21,168	1,157	1,188
ND	1.0	1.1	1,181	1,380	1,229	1,222
OH	10.3	8.2	12,099	9,843	1,182	1,204
OK	2.0	2.0	2,121	2,087	1,082	1,048
OR	3.4	3.5	4,078	4,051	1,224	1,203
PA	85.2	73.6	104,815	89,659	1,240	1,233
SC	14.1	13.1	15,147	14,551	1,077	1,119
SD						
TN	2.4	2.6	2,001	2,209	853	865
TX	571.5	552.8	703,806	686,832	1,235	1,245
UT	56.6		74,089		1,311	
VA	0.7	0.7	693	754	985	1,036
WA	84.1	83.3	108,356	107,617	1,294	1,297
WV	0.6	0.6	715	717	1,282	1,172
WI	142.0	135.9	186,481	181,816	1,327	1,349
WY	0.8	0.8	1,015	1,031	1,299	1,226
US ³	2,908.3	2,781.9	3,723,750	3,587,090	1,284	1,293

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,
August 2008 and 2009¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	17.0	21.9	1,982	2,267	118	105
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.3	55	69	269	270
FL	0.1		33		500	
GA	0.1	0.1	39	32	501	488
HI						
ID						
IL	4.8	1.4	1,109	604	235	445
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	0.3	0.4	161	180	528	504
MI	1.1	1.3	456	570	424	430
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1	0.1	20	19	400	328
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ²	0.2	3.3	50	315	283	96
NJ	4.5	5.4	1,863	2,324	418	430
NM	2.2		191		87	
NY	18.8	8.9	1,857	826	103	94
NC	0.1	0.1	72	61	494	454
ND						
OH	4.6	10.3	2,082	2,198	452	213
OK						
OR						
PA	13.3	10.6	4,536	4,534	342	427
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1		49		471	
TX	1.1	3.6	377	407	354	114
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	79.2	76.7	19,148	17,772	245	234

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	7.2	6.7	3,159	2,891	440	432
AK	0.1	0.1	28	33	217	227
AZ	0.1		16		257	
AR	16.5	15.8	7,607	7,305	461	463
CA	231.5	214.5	54,581	51,960	236	242
CO	1.7	1.7	433	431	253	253
DE-MD	1.8	1.8	431	440	241	242
FL	6.9	8.2	769	951	111	116
GA	8.9	5.6	2,098	1,459	235	259
HI	1.7	1.3	398	314	228	234
ID	11.4	8.3	2,808	2,103	246	253
IL	828.4	787.5	222,702	216,848	269	276
IN	670.9	708.7	170,887	184,763	255	261
IA	2,664.4	2,722.2	689,484	729,355	259	268
KS						
KY						
LA	1.0	0.8	181	148	191	193
MI	11.8	12.1	4,156	4,289	352	354
MN	788.5	798.8	203,081	210,199	258	264
MS	5.6	10.0	1,665	3,122	295	313
MO	597.2	673.3	158,183	186,619	265	277
MT	1.5	1.5	342	359	235	240
NE	649.4	617.4	168,579	163,479	260	265
NV						
N ENG ²	2.2	2.0	440	401	202	204
NJ	8.4	8.3	829	793	98	95
NM	0.4	0.3	101	60	251	239
NY	2.9	2.9	535	523	182	181
NC	988.7	987.0	244,238	249,100	247	253
ND	9.2	9.1	2,315	2,316	252	255
OH	97.1	91.6	25,629	24,754	265	271
OK	400.7	433.7	107,670	116,998	269	270
OR	14.4	14.1	3,482	3,531	243	252
PA	243.9	240.9	61,689	61,585	253	256
SC						
SD	343.8	344.3	85,823	89,413	250	260
TN	51.6	69.2	24,224	31,775	471	461
TX	34.8	34.1	8,119	8,423	233	247
UT	6.3	5.5	1,288	1,159	205	213
VA	184.9	163.6	48,242	42,669	261	261
WA	2.4	2.1	464	441	192	208
WV	0.9	0.8	199	184	230	219
WI	55.8	44.2	24,574	19,127	446	438
WY	1.2	1.1	317	292	258	262
US ³	9,263.7	9,337.0	2,414,624	2,499,544	261	268

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
August 2008 and 2009 ¹**

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	0.3	5	24	76	94
AR	0.1	0.1	5	13	95	101
CA						
CO	65.4	64.8	9,855	10,059	151	155
DE-MD	3.9	4.4	374	426	97	96
FL	0.3	0.3	17	14	57	55
GA	0.3	0.2	27	17	86	70
HI						
ID	0.6	0.7	72	90	126	139
IL						
IN	2.5	3.6	266	381	107	105
IA	31.4	35.1	4,397	5,201	140	148
KS	0.3	0.4	38	42	120	112
KY	1.1	1.1	143	109	126	103
LA	0.4	0.4	25	25	64	60
MI	16.6	17.9	2,072	2,315	125	130
MN	1.2	1.4	149	194	126	138
MS		0.1		5		59
MO	0.6	0.6	65	75	117	120
MT	0.4	0.4	43	51	116	134
NE	0.2	0.1	31	17	138	143
NV	0.1	0.1	17	13	121	126
N ENG ²	2.2	3.2	197	276	90	86
NJ	10.7	12.2	896	989	84	81
NM	1.0	0.9	128	123	133	138
NY	2.9	2.9	259	279	89	96
NC	0.9	1.0	74	78	80	76
ND						
OH	1.7	1.1	180	117	106	107
OK	0.1	0.1	10	11	102	113
OR	2.2	2.1	293	280	132	135
PA	4.8	4.1	492	404	103	99
SC		0.1		10		79
SD	0.3	0.3	31	43	123	131
TN	1.2	1.4	89	100	78	74
TX	3.0	7.0	281	523	93	75
UT	3.3	3.3	449	431	137	131
VA	1.2	1.4	119	133	100	98
WA	0.6	0.7	88	113	159	159
WV	0.4		61		142	
WI	1.3	1.2	178	166	138	137
WY	0.4	0.4	52	52	139	134
US ³	200.2	202.9	26,445	26,668	132	132

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

Item	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Jan - Aug ¹		Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Jan - Aug ¹	
				2008	2009				2008	2009
	<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	1,449	1,499	1,386	11,722	11,049	50.6	52.1	50.6	51.1	50.4
Heifers	836	814	800	6,784	6,477	29.2	28.3	29.2	29.6	29.6
All Cows	521	513	501	4,020	4,011	18.2	17.8	18.3	17.5	18.3
Dairy Cows	226	228	239	1,695	1,912	7.9	7.9	8.7	7.4	8.7
Other Cows	295	285	262	2,325	2,100	10.3	9.9	9.6	10.1	9.6
Bulls	59	52	50	406	373	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
Total ¹	2,866	2,878	2,738	22,932	21,910	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	78	79	76	589	597	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	8,845	8,742	8,929	72,894	70,995	96.4	96.5	96.5	96.4	96.7
Sows	286	282	288	2,375	2,128	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9
Boars	40	38	33	318	282	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total ¹	9,170	9,062	9,250	75,586	73,405	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	14	13	81	86	5.7	7.2	7.0	5.1	5.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	176	175	173	1,504	1,412	94.3	92.8	93.0	94.9	94.3
Total ¹	186	189	187	1,585	1,498	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	784	782	790	773	782					
Heifers ³	850	845	856	829	842					
All Cows ³	774	769	784	762	776					
Bulls ³	600	604	604	614	613					
Bulls ³	892	882	890	894	884					
Calves & Vealers	143	135	137	155	148					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts ⁴	195	200	201	201	203					
Sows ⁴	192	197	197	197	200					
Sows ⁴	306	310	305	308	305					
Boars ⁴	203	195	199	208	198					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep ⁵	67	69	67	70	71					
Mature Sheep ⁵	67	63	61	67	65					
Lamb & Yrlngs ⁵	67	70	68	70	71					

¹ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

² Species totals and classification reported by food 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,
August 2009¹**

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	1.1	0.5	0.2					3.3
2	5.3	1.7	0.3	2.8	2.6	0.3	0.5	14.3
3	76.9	29.4	5.6	40.6	32.2	8.4	1.3	11.0
4	66.0	1.5	0.6	53.9	11.3	42.5	10.0	0.2
5	342.8	156.5	46.7	129.6	70.2	59.4	9.9	19.8
6	551.1	288.3	166.6	85.7	20.4	65.3	10.5	3.5
7	1,146.1	630.6	451.5	55.9	2.4	53.5	8.2	
8	257.5	153.2	87.6					
9	179.9	77.3	11.0	88.1	76.1	12.0	3.6	21.7
10	111.1	47.0	30.2	30.1	17.1	13.1	3.8	
US ²	2,737.9	1,386.1	800.3	501.2	238.9	262.4	50.3	75.6
	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	1.6	1.6			3.0	0.4	2.6	
2	10.9	10.8	0.1	0.1	14.4	1.8	12.6	
3	404.8	392.3	1.1	11.5	10.8	0.3	10.5	
4	1,336.0	1,246.4	88.3	1.2	4.0	1.2	2.8	
5	2,404.5	2,293.2	107.8	3.5	23.4	3.3	20.1	
6	478.4	454.2	24.2					
7	4,023.3	3,940.9	65.7	16.7	35.7	0.5	35.2	
8	357.1	356.6	0.6		67.3	2.4	64.9	
9	209.9	209.9	0.1					
10	23.7	23.6			2.7	0.2	2.5	
US ²	9,250.3	8,929.4	287.9	33.0	186.6	13.1	173.5	

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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - August 2009¹**

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	8.2	3.5	1.6					22.4
2	41.3	13.6	2.4	22.0	19.0	3.0	3.4	135.0
3	636.3	253.5	58.6	313.2	249.2	64.0	11.1	88.3
4	532.5	13.3	4.9	438.1	102.0	336.1	76.3	2.4
5	2,665.4	1,192.2	353.9	1,052.9	571.6	481.2	66.4	154.2
6	4,481.8	2,354.4	1,355.2	687.1	171.5	515.6	85.1	24.4
7	9,113.3	5,081.1	3,518.9	454.9	13.7	441.1	58.5	
8	2,057.5	1,101.5	814.4					
9	1,451.5	678.4	91.0	656.9	574.9	81.9	25.3	161.0
10	922.2	357.5	276.0	259.3	156.4	103.0	29.4	
US ²	21,910.1	11,048.9	6,476.9	4,011.5	1,911.9	2,099.6	372.8	597.2
	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	9.9	9.5	0.2	0.1	23.1	3.0	20.1	
2	79.3	77.8	0.8	0.7	108.4	11.6	96.8	
3	3,303.3	3,210.1	9.8	83.3	75.7	3.3	72.5	
4	10,693.3	10,104.9	576.1	12.3	27.6	8.2	19.3	
5	19,077.9	18,178.2	871.1	28.5	184.5	23.1	161.4	
6	3,840.4	3,667.4	171.7	1.3				
7	31,475.6	30,826.1	493.8	155.7	244.5	3.3	241.2	
8	3,036.3	3,033.0	3.2	0.1	614.1	16.0	598.1	
9	1,695.6	1,694.9	0.6	0.2				
10	193.6	193.1	0.4	0.1	16.8	1.5	15.3	
US ²	73,405.0	70,995.1	2,127.6	282.3	1,497.7	85.6	1,412.2	

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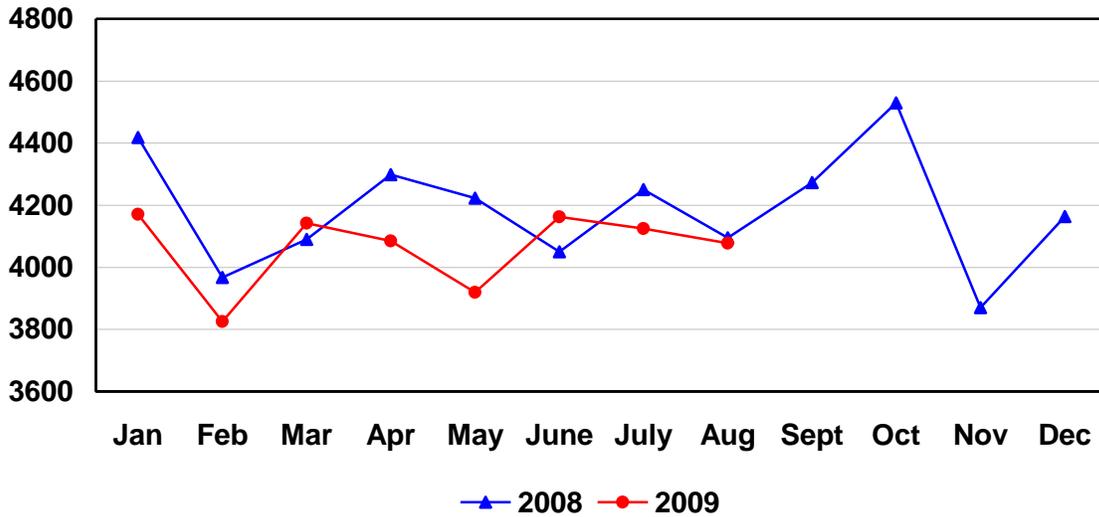
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial
Slaughter by Species, United States**

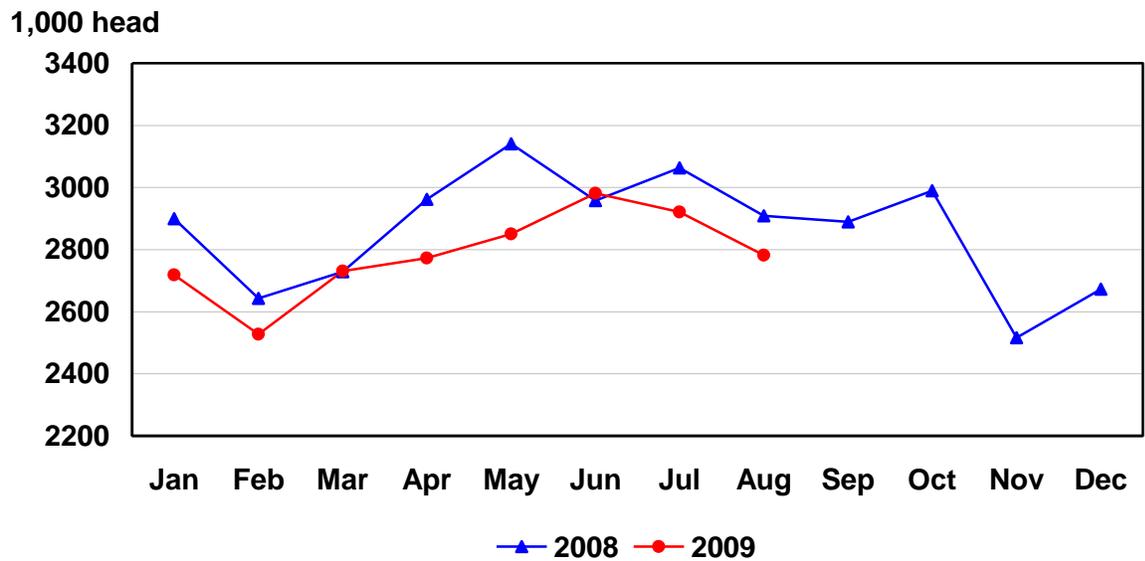
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				2008	2009
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.4	98.4	98.3
Calves	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1
Sheep	92.9	91.1	92.0	94.1	92.5

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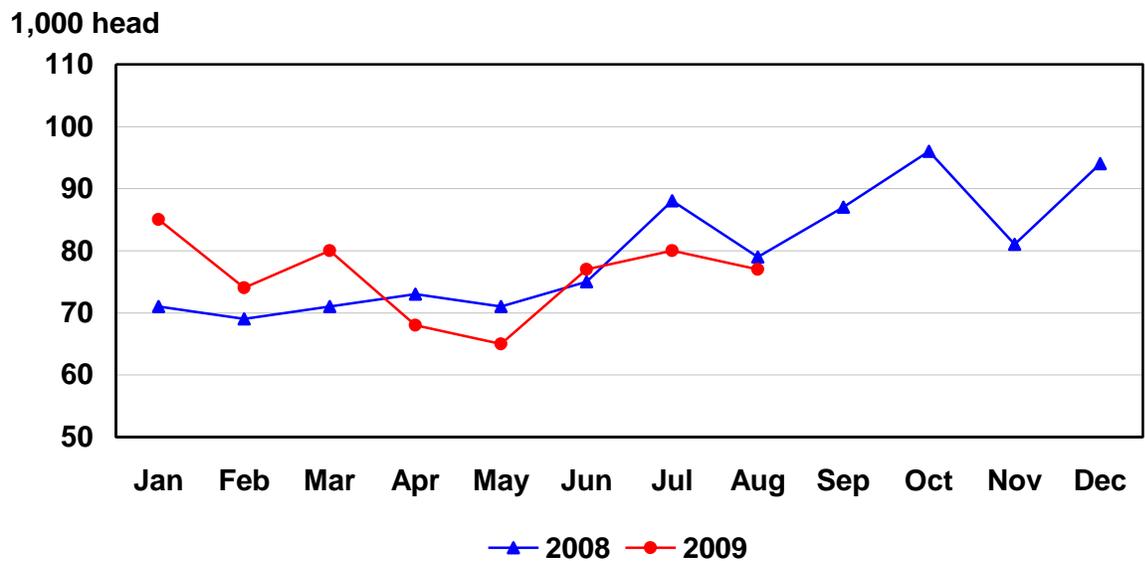
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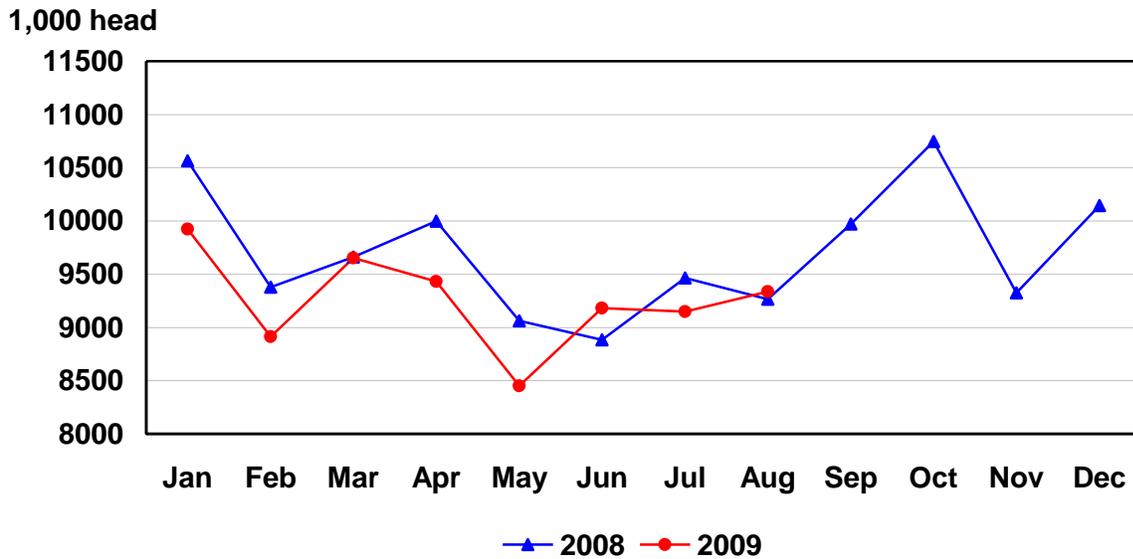
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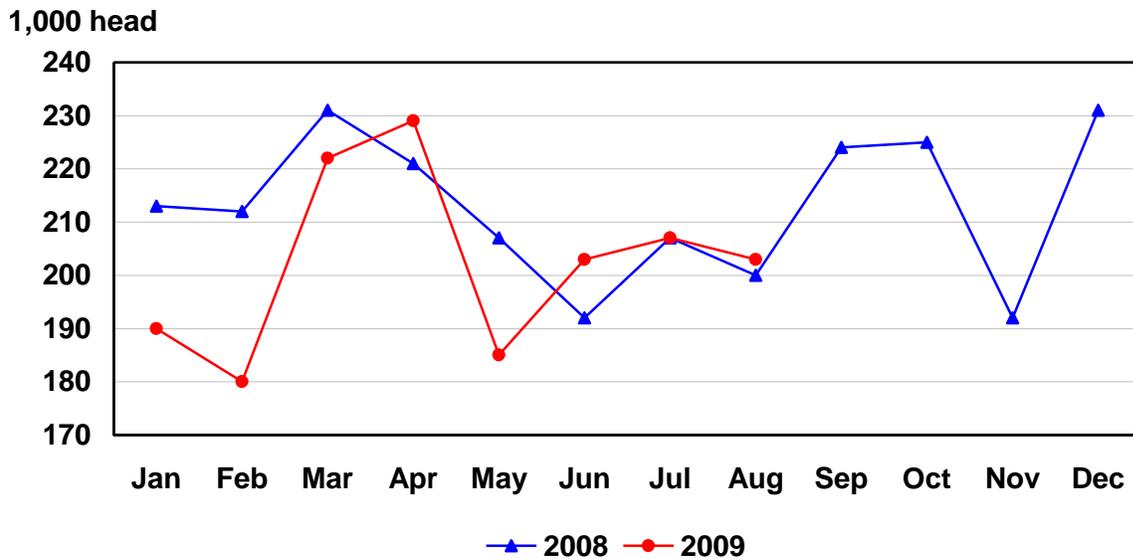
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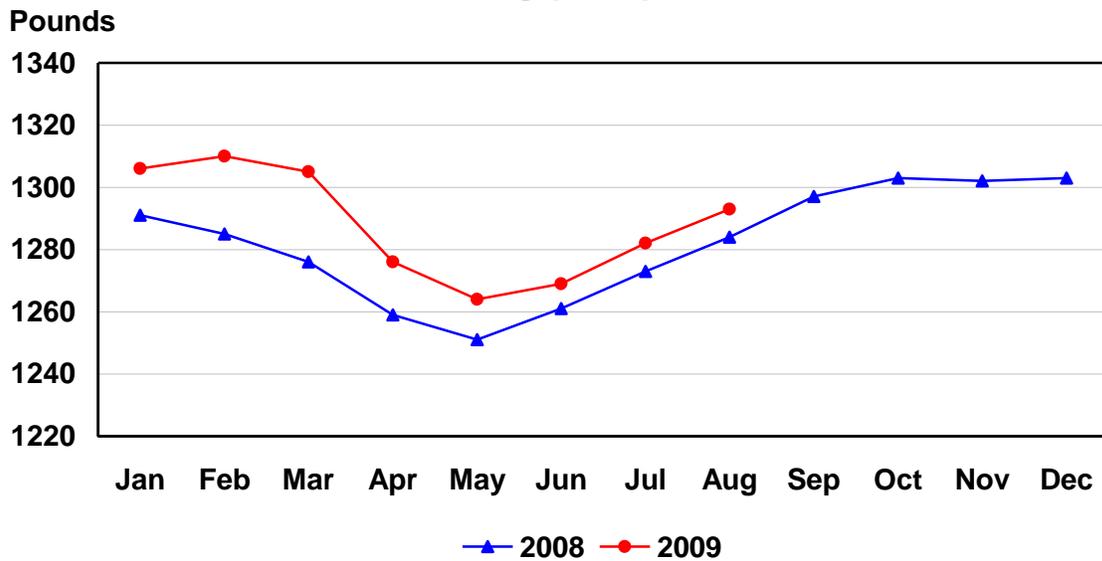
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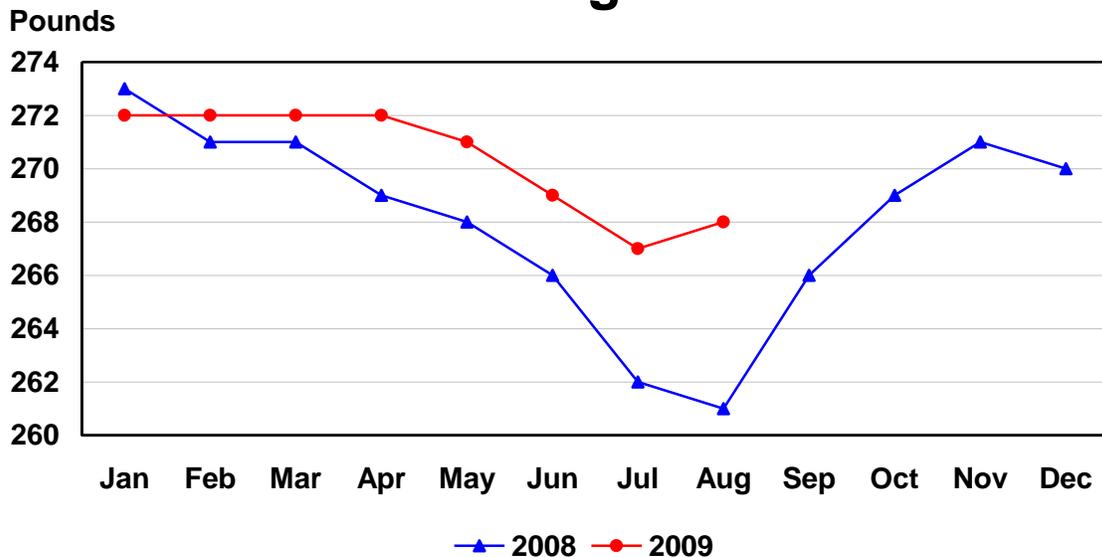
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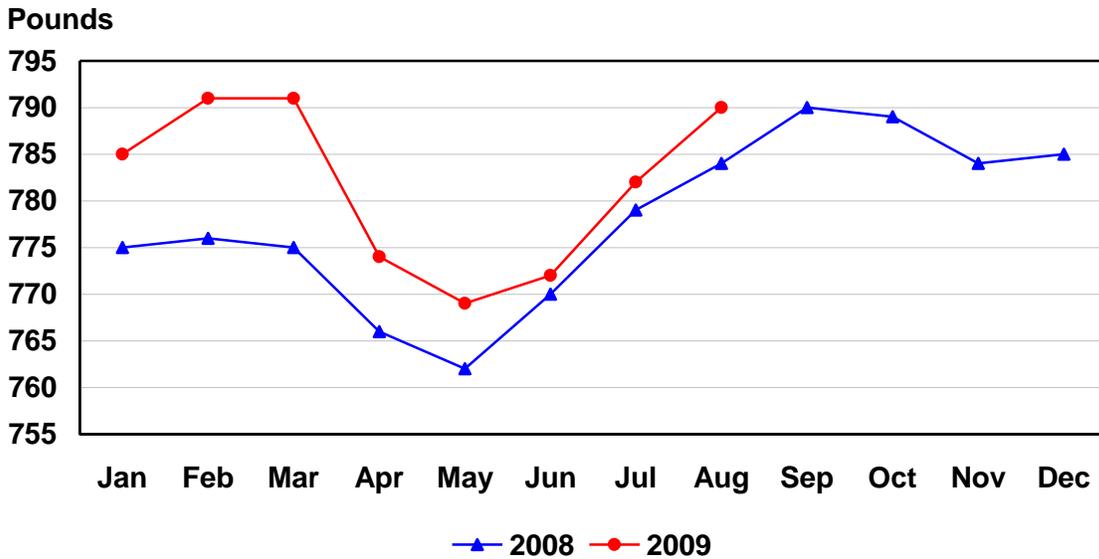
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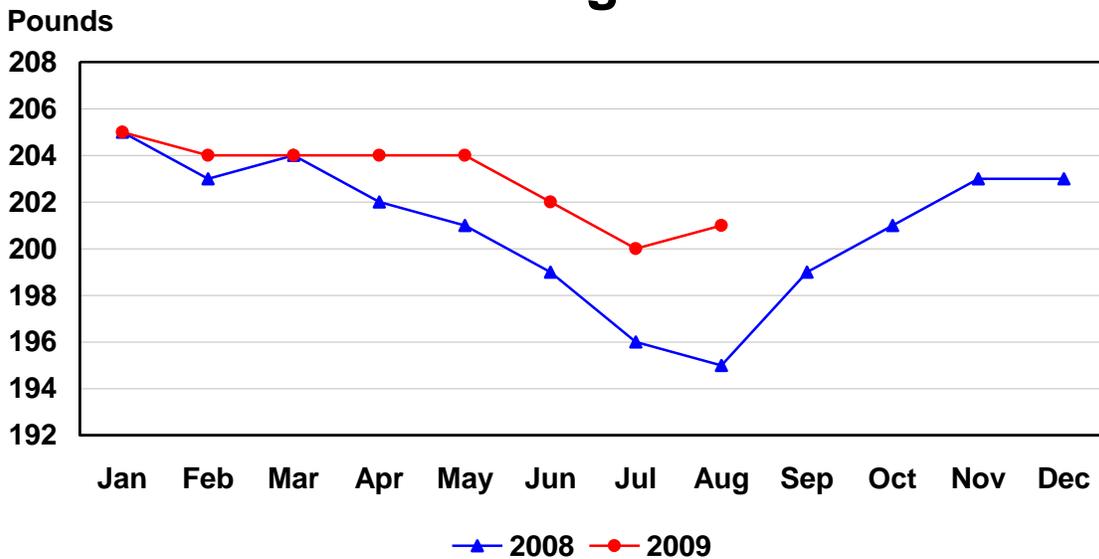
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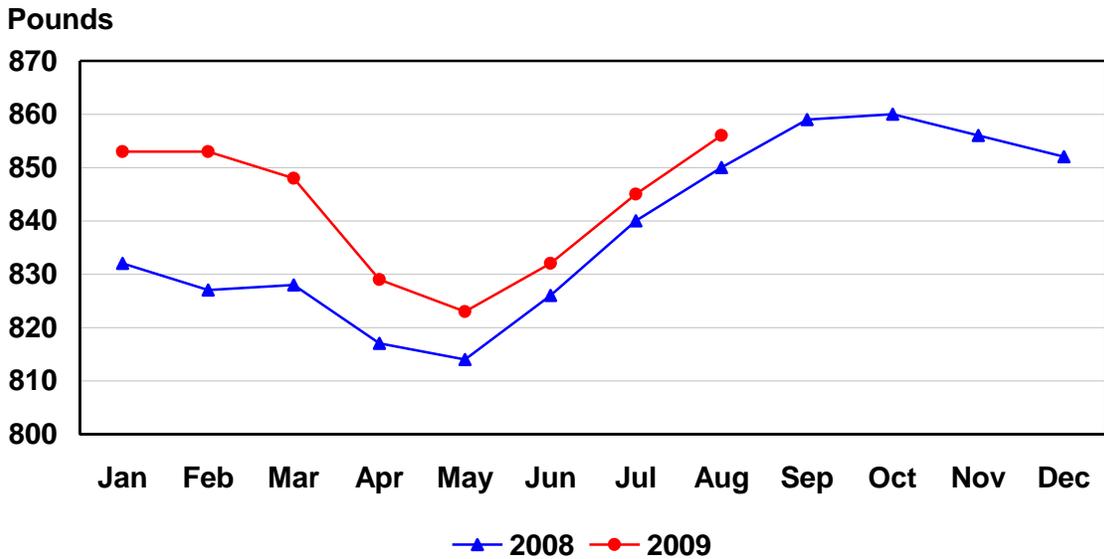
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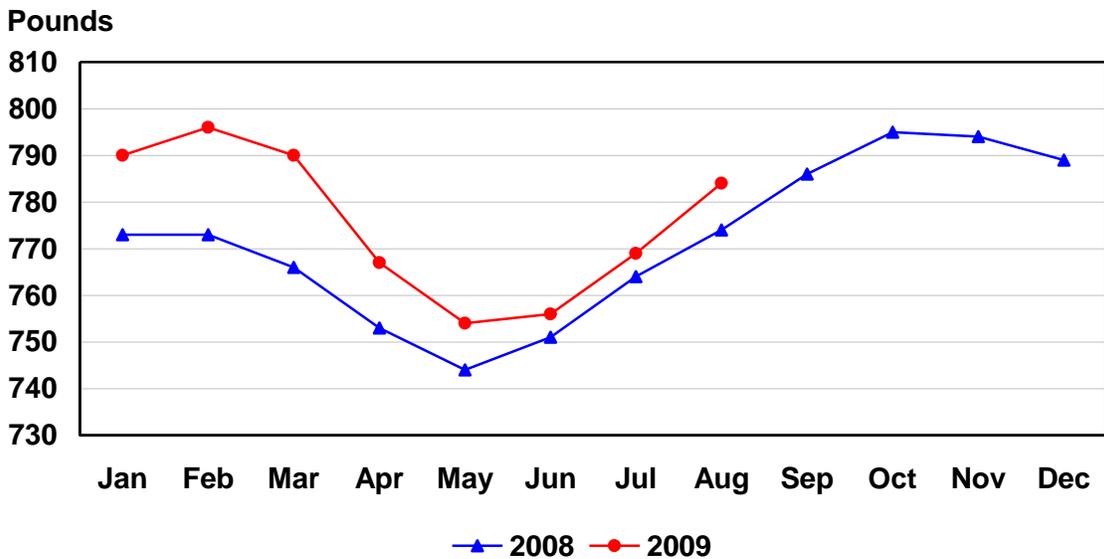
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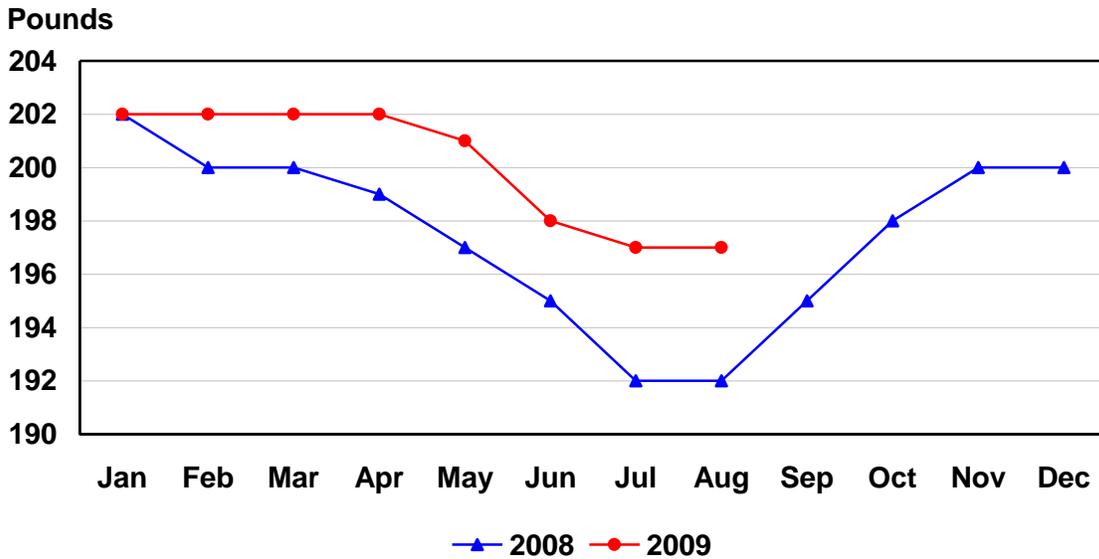
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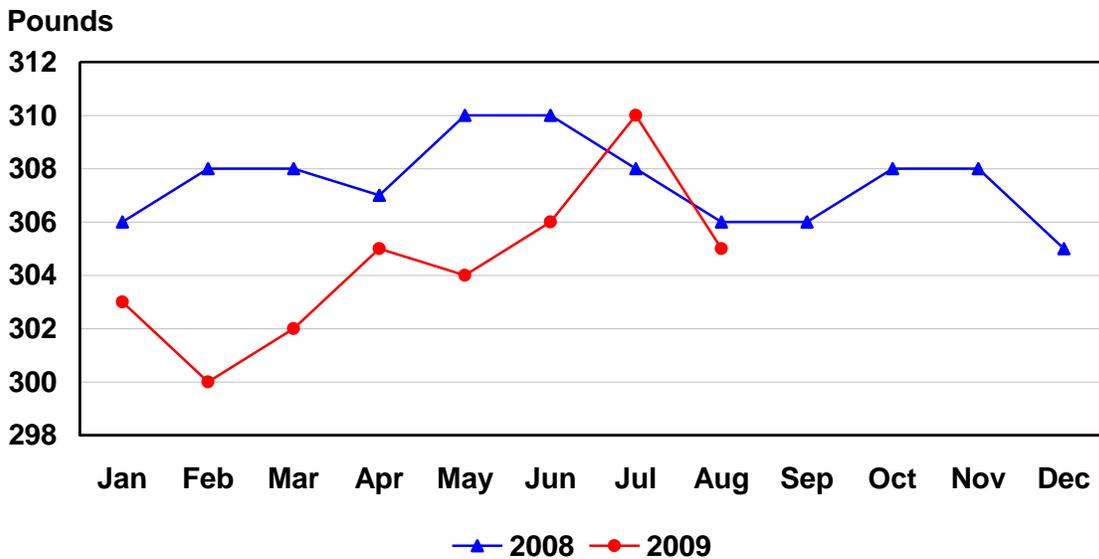
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



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 18). 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

Average Live Weight: Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

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.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

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.

Total Live Weight: Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

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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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 Conference that will be held at the same location on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The Outlook Conference 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.