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## Lamb and Mutton Production a Record Low for October

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008.

**Beef production**, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,312 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83,600 head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2009 commercial red meat production** was 41.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

**October 2008** contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**October 2009** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.



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**Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1</sup>**

Type	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 09 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	2,340.9	*2,234.1	2,275.4	97	102	22,519.8	21,813.8	97
Veal	13.5	11.7	12.2	90	105	118.5	113.4	96
Pork	2,159.9	2,001.3	2,089.1	97	104	19,408.6	19,086.1	98
Lamb & Mutton	15.0	14.8	14.3	95	97	145.6	140.7	97
Total Red Meat <sup>3</sup>	4,529.3	*4,261.9	4,391.1	97	103	42,192.5	41,154.1	98

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

**Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1</sup>**

Type	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 09 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	2,305.4	*2,202.4	2,239.2	97	102	22,215.6	21,507.4	97
Veal	13.2	11.4	11.9	91	105	115.9	110.8	96
Pork	2,144.1	1,986.4	2,073.6	97	104	19,259.4	18,948.4	98
Lamb & Mutton	14.2	13.9	13.4	95	97	138.9	133.2	96
Total Red Meat <sup>3</sup>	4,476.9	*4,214.2	4,338.2	97	103	41,729.8	40,699.8	98

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

**Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States <sup>1</sup>**

Species	Unit	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 09 % of		Jan - Oct <sup>2</sup>		
					Oct 2008	Sep 2009	2008	2009	09 % of 08
					<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Prcnt</i>
<b>Cattle No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,933.4	*2,766.1	2,829.0	96	102	28,707.1	27,505.2	96
Other	Thou	55.6	48.5	56.6	102	117	470.0	476.0	101
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	2,989.1	*2,814.6	2,885.6	97	103	29,177.0	27,981.2	96
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,306	1,313	1,315	101	100	1,280	1,295	101
Other	Lbs	1,138	1,147	1,135	100	99	1,143	1,138	100
Comm'l.	Lbs	1,303	1,311	1,312	101	100	1,278	1,292	101
<b>Calves No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	93.9	79.9	82.2	87	103	769.5	759.3	99
Other	Thou	1.7	1.2	1.4	83	111	11.8	11.1	94
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	95.6	81.2	83.6	87	103	781.3	770.3	99
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	241	242	246	102	102	258	249	97
Other	Lbs	424	432	403	95	93	412	410	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	244	244	249	102	102	261	251	97
<b>Hogs No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	10,653.5	9,848.4	10,229.7	96	104	96,117.8	93,483.1	97
Other	Thou	92.5	87.1	89.7	97	103	866.2	806.9	93
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	10,746.1	9,935.6	10,319.4	96	104	96,984.0	94,290.0	97
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	270	270	272	101	101	268	271	101
Other	Lbs	236	238	241	102	101	239	238	99
Comm'l.	Lbs	269	270	272	101	101	268	271	101
<b>Sheep&amp;Lambs No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	209.4	206.6	201.3	96	97	2,001.0	1,905.6	95
Other	Thou	15.9	18.8	17.5	110	93	131.2	157.2	120
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	225.3	225.4	218.8	97	97	2,132.2	2,062.8	97
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	135	134	133	99	100	139	140	100
Other	Lbs	103	94	104	100	110	103	97	95
Comm'l.	Lbs	133	130	131	99	100	137	136	100
<b>Goats No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	57.0	60.1	54.3	95	90	546.2	541.9	99
Other	Thou	18.1	15.0	17.5	97	116	158.8	137.6	87
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	75.1	75.1	71.8	96	96	705.0	679.5	96
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	61	62	62	101	100	62	61	99
Other	Lbs	71	71	70	99	99	67	71	106
Comm'l.	Lbs	64	64	64	100	100	63	63	100
<b>Bison No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	4.1	4.3	4.9	118	113	46.3	44.1	95
Other	Thou	1.4	1.0	1.2	86	126	12.8	12.3	96
Comm'l. <sup>3</sup>	Thou	5.5	5.3	6.1	110	115	59.2	56.4	95

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes slaughter on farms.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

**Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Oct 09 as % of <sup>2</sup>	
				Oct 2008	Sep 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1.9	2.2	2.0	111	94
AK	0.1		0.1	149	
AZ	32.6	29.0	27.6	85	95
AR	5.8	5.5	4.8	83	88
CA	148.3	140.1	144.4	97	103
CO	177.1	173.3	180.3	102	104
DE-MD	3.2	3.3	3.5	111	106
FL	9.3	8.7	9.9	107	114
GA	14.8	10.1	11.3	76	111
HI	1.0	0.8	0.8	83	95
ID	22.8	19.5	19.3	85	99
IL	279.3	248.2	256.3	92	103
IN	160.2	154.6	159.9	100	103
IA	650.5	615.5	637.8	98	104
KS	462.5	454.6	445.1	96	98
KY	56.7	49.5	55.9	99	113
LA	0.7	0.5	0.5	75	96
MI	44.3	46.1	46.6	105	101
MN	239.1	228.5	239.6	100	105
MS	1.6	2.0	2.4	151	117
MO	152.2	148.9	151.2	99	102
MT	1.6	1.3	1.6	98	125
NE	665.7	628.5	660.9	99	105
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	68	78
N ENG <sup>3</sup>	1.5	1.7	1.8	123	107
NJ	4.0	4.5	4.2	104	92
NM	0.6	0.4	0.5	86	127
NY	3.7	2.9	3.1	82	105
NC	232.0	217.5	236.8	102	109
ND	3.0	2.5	2.5	83	99
OH	28.2	26.5	29.0	103	109
OK	103.8	97.5	98.8	95	101
OR	5.4	4.9	5.4	99	109
PA	123.4	113.2	115.8	94	102
SC	22.5	20.4	20.8	92	102
SD	99.3	78.6	77.6	78	99
TN	24.7	22.0	24.0	97	109
TX	453.9	428.7	424.7	94	99
UT	44.6	33.4	38.6	87	116
VA	43.2	42.9	46.7	108	109
WA	75.1	*73.2	72.0	96	98
WV	1.2	1.0	1.2	98	124
WI	127.9	118.8	125.4	98	106
WY	0.3	0.5	0.3	91	52
US	4,529.3	*4,261.9	4,391.1	97	103

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>3</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2008 and 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

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	0.6	0.7	477	562	856	835
AK	0.1	0.1	84	132	1,030	1,210
AZ	46.9	41.1	60,258	51,137	1,290	1,252
AR	0.9	0.9	840	853	991	968
CA	137.3	140.2	175,281	177,840	1,294	1,285
CO	201.1	205.3	270,869	275,820	1,348	1,344
DE-MD	3.6	3.9	4,581	5,085	1,290	1,302
FL						
GA		20.0		20,598		1,032
HI	1.0	0.9	1,176	948	1,169	1,115
ID	31.0	26.6	38,334	32,640	1,251	1,248
IL						
IN	4.7	4.0	5,012	4,247	1,056	1,057
IA						
KS	548.1	523.5	718,227	691,478	1,311	1,321
KY	1.9	2.0	1,743	1,882	933	953
LA	0.8	0.6	553	395	716	705
MI	52.6	54.3	70,176	74,187	1,344	1,374
MN	79.4	78.1	109,671	109,256	1,389	1,404
MS	0.1	0.1	79	49	829	537
MO	9.3	8.2	11,035	9,692	1,187	1,196
MT	2.0	2.0	2,364	2,324	1,159	1,168
NE	614.2	610.7	840,135	841,954	1,369	1,380
NV	0.2	0.1	181	116	1,130	1,080
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	1.6	1.8	1,642	1,831	1,033	1,010
NJ	2.8	2.9	3,055	3,246	1,105	1,138
NM	0.6	0.7	620	767	1,052	1,133
NY	3.0	3.2	3,507	3,735	1,173	1,165
NC	20.7	20.0	23,885	23,440	1,159	1,177
ND	1.5	1.4	1,813	1,808	1,243	1,278
OH	9.7	12.3	11,704	14,422	1,209	1,177
OK	2.4	2.4	2,655	2,435	1,091	997
OR	4.0	4.3	4,706	4,876	1,206	1,181
PA	92.8	83.0	115,904	102,364	1,262	1,246
SC	14.1	12.9	15,379	13,967	1,094	1,097
SD						
TN	3.0	3.1	2,427	2,707	836	885
TX	586.6	545.9	729,052	684,117	1,247	1,257
UT	54.6		71,032		1,305	
VA	1.2	1.2	1,255	1,210	1,065	1,045
WA	93.3	89.3	122,309	116,946	1,316	1,315
WV	1.8	1.6	1,892	1,779	1,048	1,090
WI	156.2	152.3	206,026	204,406	1,333	1,355
WY	0.3	0.4	410	403	1,181	1,144
US <sup>3</sup>	2,989.1	2,885.6	3,882,244	3,772,461	1,303	1,312

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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

**Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2008 and 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

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	18.9	19.8	2,150	2,116	116	109
CO						
DE-MD	0.2	0.3	54	75	275	298
FL						
GA	0.1		48		452	
HI						
ID						
IL	6.4	1.9	1,415	833	224	443
IN						
IA	0.1		20		335	
KS						
KY	0.1		28		532	
LA	0.6	0.4	309	221	512	494
MI	1.3	1.5	581	666	436	434
MN						
MS						
MO	0.1		22		381	
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	0.3	3.4	72	322	274	95
NJ	5.7	6.0	2,357	2,616	414	434
NM	2.6		223		88	
NY	23.7	10.2	2,275	930	99	94
NC	0.1	0.1	73	50	513	491
ND						
OH	5.4	12.5	2,426	2,710	454	218
OK		0.1		38		477
OR						
PA	15.5	10.9	5,104	4,669	330	430
SC						
SD						
TN	0.1		47		534	
TX	2.1	5.4	796	965	377	179
UT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	95.6	83.6	23,003	20,594	244	249

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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**Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2008 and 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

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	6.7	7.2	2,911	3,191	438	442
AK		0.1		14		242
AZ	0.1	0.1	34	32	248	255
AR	18.0	14.5	8,175	6,612	456	458
CA	253.0	226.0	61,326	55,189	243	244
CO	1.0	0.8	265	216	258	258
DE-MD	1.5	1.5	370	355	254	244
FL	6.2	8.3	936	1,103	150	133
GA	7.3	6.0	1,850	1,549	253	259
HI	1.6	1.4	375	327	231	233
ID	14.5	10.6	3,666	2,685	254	255
IL	1,002.8	870.4	275,712	240,974	275	277
IN	791.7	789.9	208,399	208,674	263	264
IA	3,020.2	2,941.9	809,486	797,786	268	271
KS						
KY						
LA	1.4	1.1	249	205	183	184
MI	11.1	11.2	4,243	4,341	382	390
MN	912.3	905.7	239,956	241,060	264	267
MS	7.2	11.7	2,171	3,336	300	284
MO	710.9	693.2	194,181	194,616	273	281
MT	1.1	1.1	270	270	255	246
NE	726.8	704.0	195,876	189,971	270	270
NV						
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.1	2.3	494	562	239	240
NJ	8.9	8.3	847	766	95	93
NM	0.3	0.3	79	70	274	264
NY	3.0	2.5	591	480	198	193
NC	1,132.1	1,152.4	293,447	298,793	259	259
ND	11.1	8.0	2,863	2,069	258	260
OH	101.9	96.7	27,869	26,676	274	277
OK	488.1	465.3	134,808	129,000	276	277
OR	14.4	14.0	3,640	3,539	253	254
PA	275.8	273.2	72,006	71,767	261	263
SC						
SD	459.8	351.6	118,283	91,871	257	262
TN	73.7	71.3	34,442	33,283	469	468
TX	39.7	34.7	10,358	8,866	262	256
UT	5.6	4.2	1,106	784	199	189
VA	210.7	226.6	56,086	60,542	266	267
WA	2.3	2.0	518	439	223	217
WV	0.9	0.8	223	205	244	260
WI	50.2	43.4	22,055	18,956	446	441
WY	0.2	0.1	47	21	257	264
US <sup>3</sup>	10,746.1	10,319.4	2,892,531	2,800,158	269	272

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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**Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,  
October 2008 and 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

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		0.1		5		75
AK						
AZ	0.1	0.3	14	26	102	103
AR	0.1	0.1	11	5	118	91
CA						
CO	87.5	79.9	13,054	11,790	149	148
DE-MD	3.1	3.9	295	367	94	95
FL	0.3	0.2	15	10	58	57
GA	0.4	0.2	37	14	95	76
HI						
ID	0.5	0.4	62	56	117	129
IL						
IN	2.1	4.0	239	461	112	115
IA	35.3	37.8	4,953	5,302	140	140
KS	0.4	0.4	44	38	111	109
KY	1.0	0.8	121	90	123	110
LA	0.3	0.3	23	17	69	60
MI	16.6	15.9	2,073	2,034	125	128
MN	1.4	0.8	183	89	127	114
MS		0.1		5		57
MO	0.6	0.6	70	60	115	106
MT	0.5	0.5	55	51	101	108
NE	0.1		14		144	
NV		0.1		9		107
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	2.9	3.7	265	331	92	89
NJ	10.1	10.0	836	810	83	81
NM	1.2	1.1	160	151	139	131
NY	3.0	3.1	253	295	85	96
NC	0.8	0.8	62	59	82	74
ND	0.1	0.1	11	14	118	119
OH	1.4	2.4	144	264	106	109
OK	0.2	0.1	14	13	92	106
OR	2.2	2.0	297	275	135	135
PA	4.5	3.4	449	337	101	100
SC		0.1		9		77
SD	0.2	0.2	29	30	120	126
TN	1.2	1.2	102	88	82	72
TX	4.8	8.3	455	796	95	97
UT	3.0	3.2	405	426	135	133
VA	1.5	1.1	147	110	100	96
WA	0.9	0.9	120	125	131	145
WV	0.6		94		147	
WI	1.3	1.6	165	201	128	125
WY	0.1	0.1	12	9	143	131
US <sup>3</sup>	225.3	218.8	29,903	28,624	133	131

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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

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

Item	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Jan - Oct <sup>1</sup>		Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Jan - Oct <sup>1</sup>	
				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 <sup>2</sup>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,397	1,388	1,360	14,541	13,797	47.6	50.2	48.1	50.7	50.2
Heifers	898	817	869	8,517	8,163	30.6	29.5	30.7	29.7	29.7
All Cows	583	*508	547	5,129	5,066	19.9	18.4	19.3	17.9	18.4
Dairy Cows	236	*237	227	2,154	2,375	8.1	8.6	8.0	7.5	8.6
Other Cows	347	271	320	2,975	2,691	11.8	9.8	11.3	10.4	9.8
Bulls	55	54	53	520	479	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,933	2,766	2,829	28,707	27,505	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	94	80	82	770	759	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrow & Gilts	10,304	9,519	9,904	92,741	90,418	96.7	96.7	96.8	96.5	96.7
Sows	310	294	290	2,983	2,711	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.9
Boars	40	35	36	394	354	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total <sup>1</sup>	10,654	9,848	10,230	96,118	93,483	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	15	23	103	124	4.8	7.3	11.6	5.1	6.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	199	191	178	1,898	1,782	95.2	92.7	88.4	94.9	93.5
Total <sup>1</sup>	209	207	201	2,001	1,906	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 <sup>3</sup>	789	799	794	776	785					
Heifers <sup>3</sup>	860	867	863	835	846					
All Cows <sup>3</sup>	795	797	800	768	780					
Bulls <sup>3</sup>	597	606	603	611	611					
Bulls <sup>3</sup>	866	880	866	891	881					
Calves & Vealers	142	144	146	153	148					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts <sup>4</sup>	201	202	203	201	203					
Sows <sup>4</sup>	198	199	200	197	200					
Boars <sup>4</sup>	308	309	309	308	305					
Boars <sup>4</sup>	211	198	200	208	198					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep <sup>5</sup>	68	67	67	70	70					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>5</sup>	66	65	61	67	64					
Lamb & Yrlngs <sup>5</sup>	68	68	68	70	70					

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Total and percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>2</sup> Species totals and classification reported by food inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

<sup>3</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>4</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>5</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

**Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,  
October 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	1.4	0.7	0.3					3.4
2	5.9	2.0	0.4	3.0	2.7	0.4	0.4	16.2
3	85.5	35.2	6.2	42.4	33.7	8.7	1.7	11.3
4	73.1	2.0	0.7	59.1	12.3	46.8	11.3	0.2
5	371.7	161.0	51.1	149.1	74.9	74.1	10.6	25.1
6	544.2	270.5	166.2	96.7	16.2	80.5	10.8	5.4
7	1,181.8	632.8	482.4	58.7	1.8	56.9	7.9	
8	264.9	131.3	114.9					
9	181.6	78.8	11.0	88.3	66.4	22.0	3.4	19.5
10	118.9	46.1	36.0	32.6	12.3	20.3	4.3	
US <sup>2</sup>	2,829.0	1,360.4	869.3	546.6	226.8	319.8	52.8	82.2
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	1.7	1.7			3.5	0.4	3.1	
2	10.4	10.3	0.1		12.4	1.3	11.1	
3	499.9	486.1	1.5	12.3	9.2	0.6	8.6	
4	1,571.2	1,480.5	89.3	1.5	3.3	0.9	2.4	
5	2,678.7	2,565.1	110.0	3.6	21.2	3.8	17.4	
6	508.5	484.9	23.5	0.1				
7	4,350.7	4,267.3	65.0	18.4	38.4	1.6	36.8	
8	361.8	361.5	0.3		82.5	10.5	72.0	
9	221.1	221.0	0.1					
10	25.6	25.5	0.1		2.5	0.1	2.4	
US <sup>2</sup>	10,229.7	9,903.9	289.9	35.9	201.3	23.3	177.9	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - October 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves
	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	11.0	4.9	2.2					29.5
2	53.1	17.6	3.2	28.1	24.3	3.8	4.3	166.1
3	805.5	324.0	71.0	396.2	315.2	81.0	14.2	111.2
4	673.3	16.9	6.4	551.6	126.5	425.1	98.5	2.8
5	3,394.8	1,517.9	453.7	1,334.7	720.6	614.2	88.5	202.4
6	5,573.4	2,902.5	1,691.0	873.5	207.8	665.6	106.5	33.8
7	11,452.8	6,355.5	4,450.2	571.7	17.9	553.7	75.5	
8	2,570.5	1,366.3	1,026.9					
9	1,810.9	836.7	113.1	829.0	712.5	116.5	32.1	201.2
10	1,160.1	455.1	345.3	322.4	184.0	138.3	37.3	
US <sup>2</sup>	27,505.2	13,797.3	8,162.9	5,065.8	2,375.2	2,690.5	479.2	759.3
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total <sup>2</sup>	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	13.4	13.0	0.3	0.1	30.4	3.7	26.6	
2	101.5	99.7	1.0	0.8	136.2	14.4	121.7	
3	4,285.0	4,166.0	12.6	106.3	95.5	4.3	91.2	
4	13,722.0	12,955.7	751.0	15.3	35.0	10.2	24.8	
5	24,327.1	23,193.7	1,097.7	35.8	228.3	30.0	198.3	
6	4,857.1	4,635.4	220.3	1.4				
7	40,029.2	39,212.5	623.2	193.4	321.9	5.4	316.5	
8	3,770.8	3,766.7	4.0	0.1	779.3	32.8	746.5	
9	2,133.7	2,132.8	0.7	0.2				
10	243.5	242.8	0.6	0.1	22.1	1.9	20.1	
US <sup>2</sup>	93,483.1	90,418.3	2,711.3	353.6	1,905.6	124.0	1,781.5	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

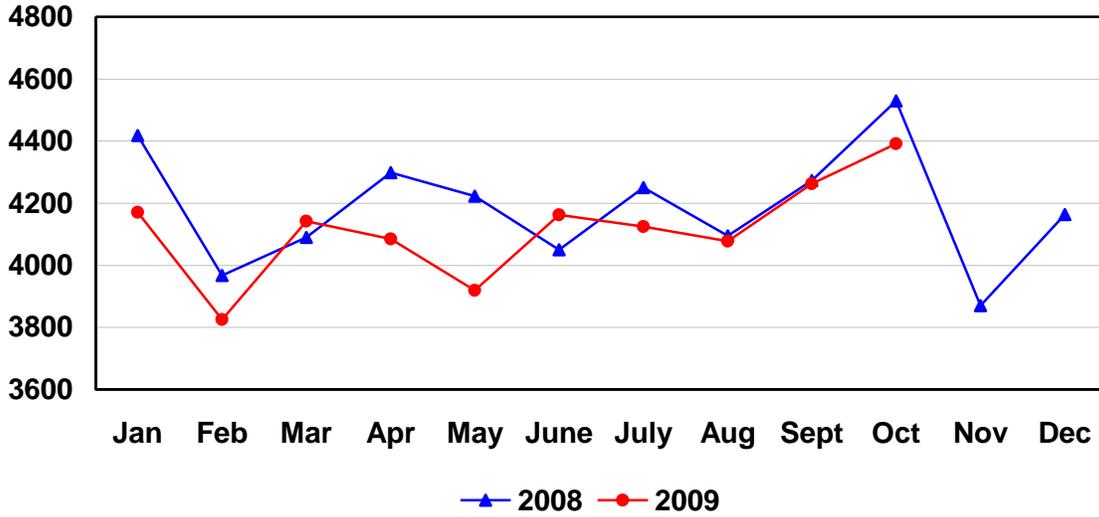
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**Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial  
Slaughter by Species, United States**

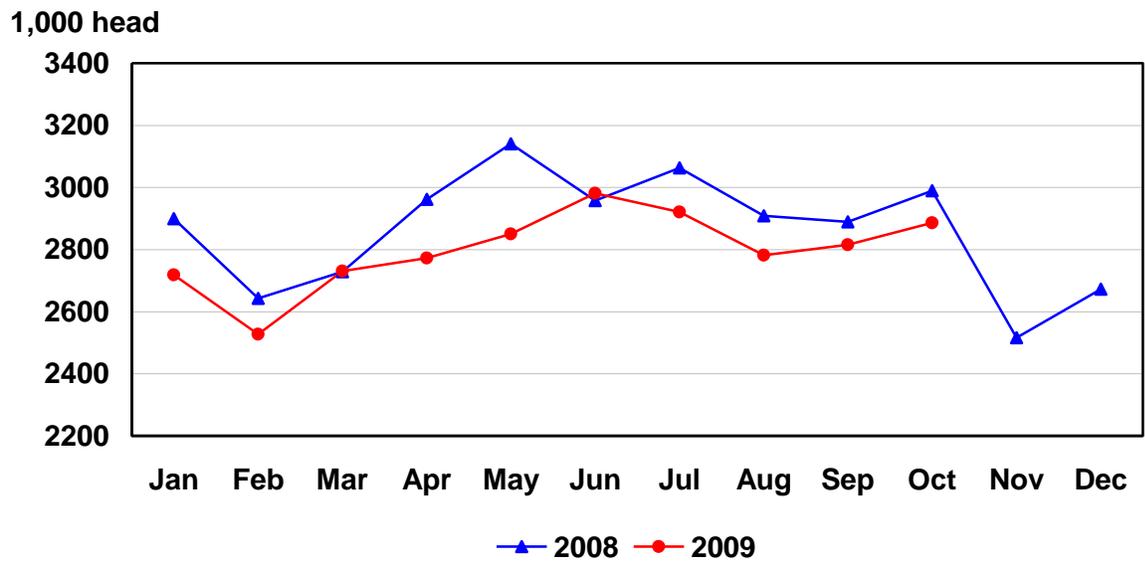
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				2008	2009
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	98.1	98.3	98.0	98.4	98.3
Calves	98.3	98.5	98.4	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1
Sheep	93.0	91.7	92.0	93.8	92.4

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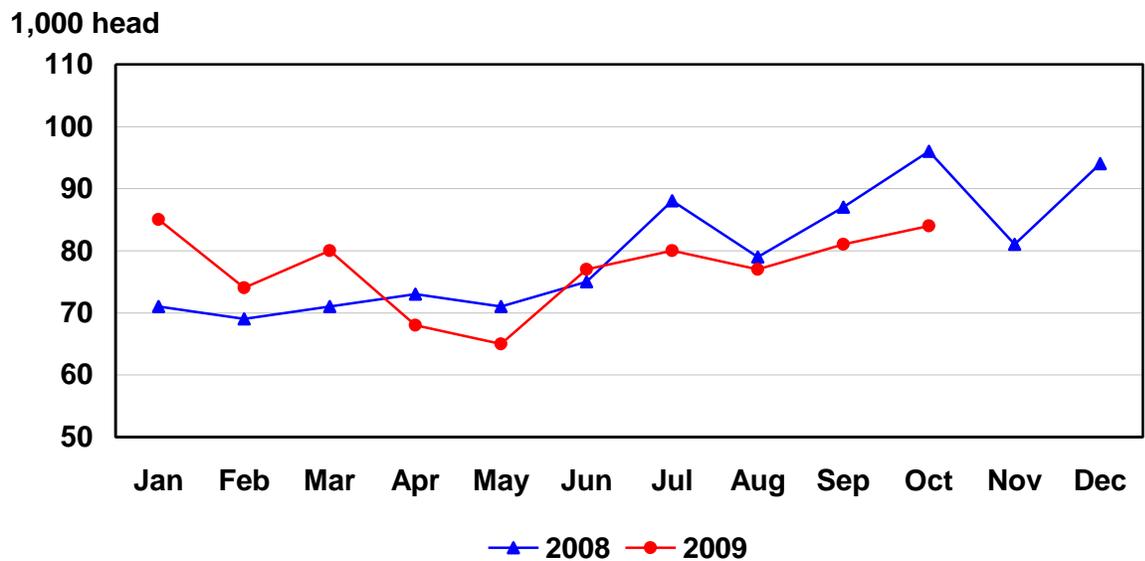
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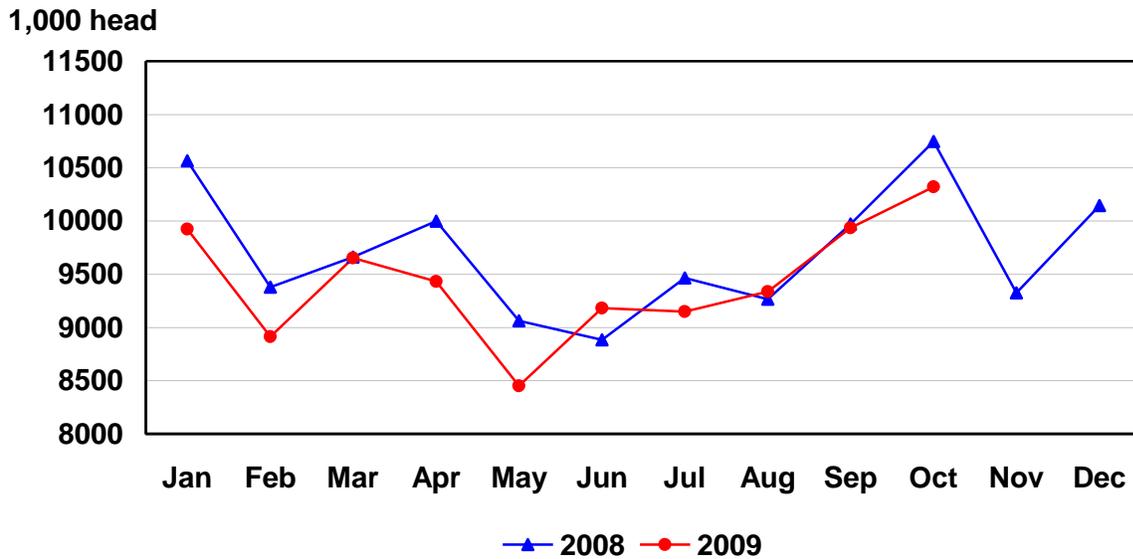
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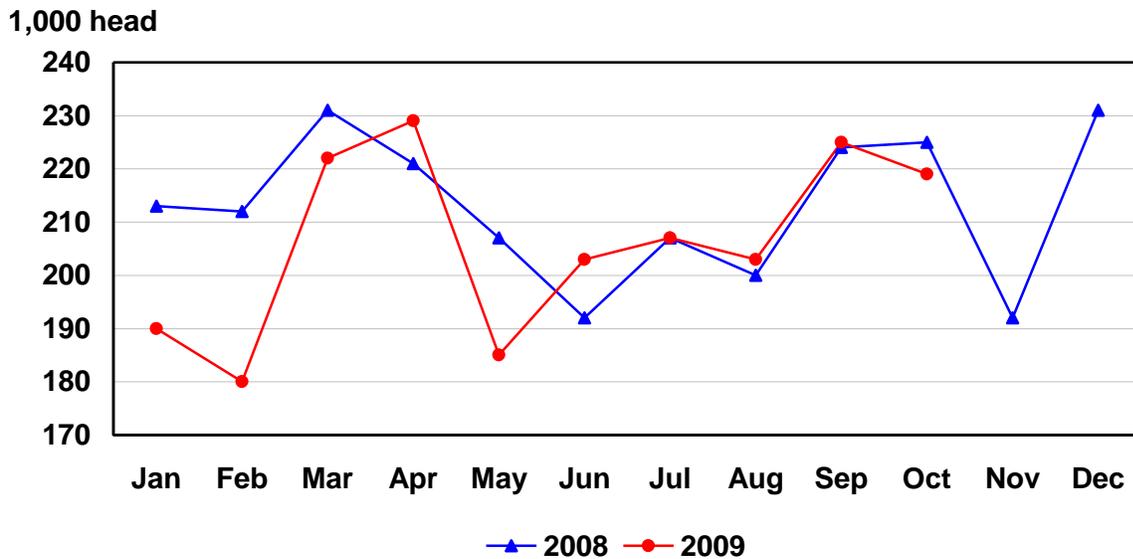
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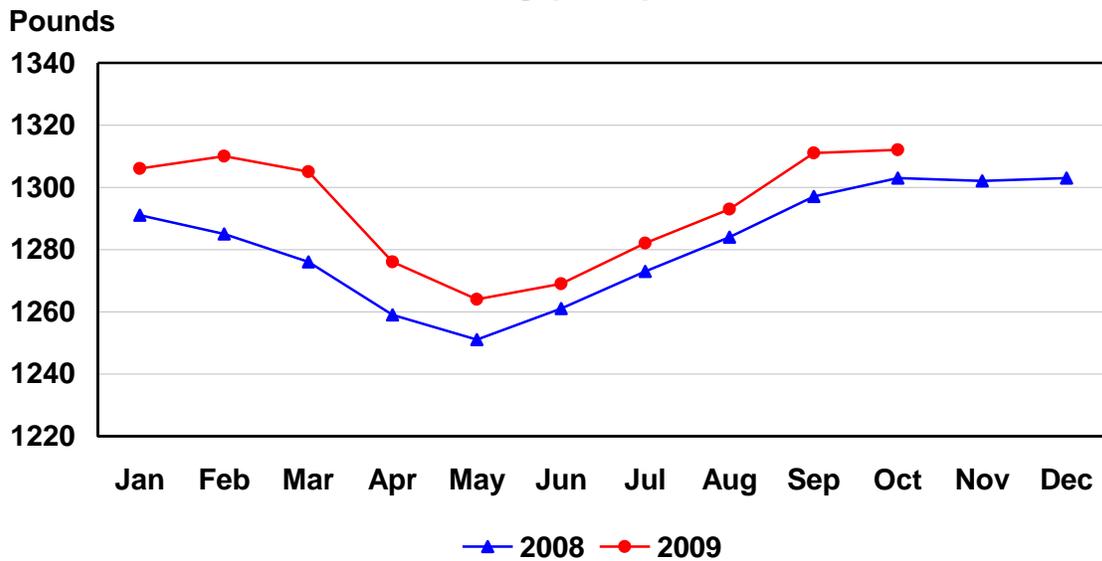
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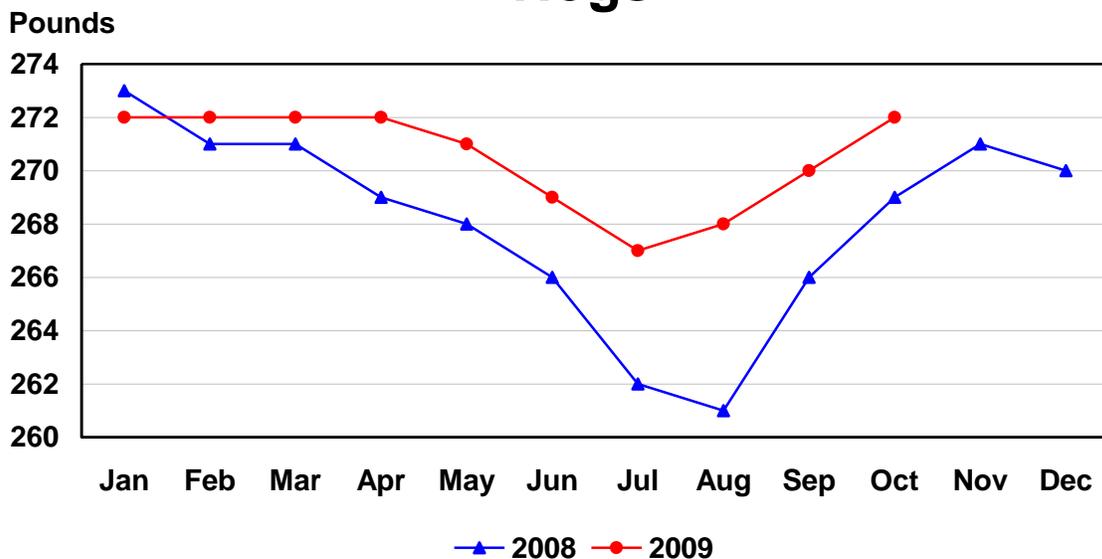
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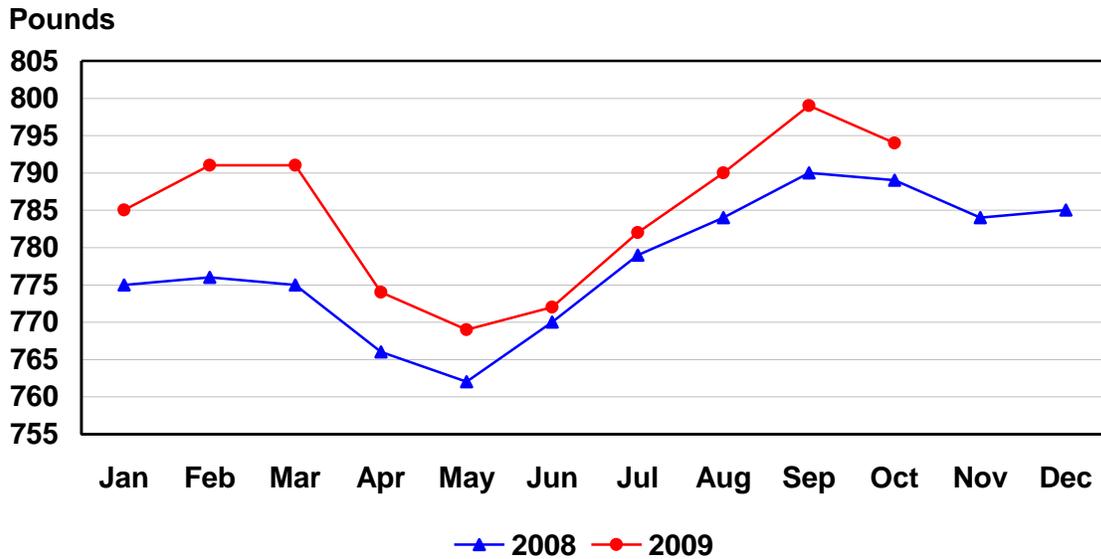
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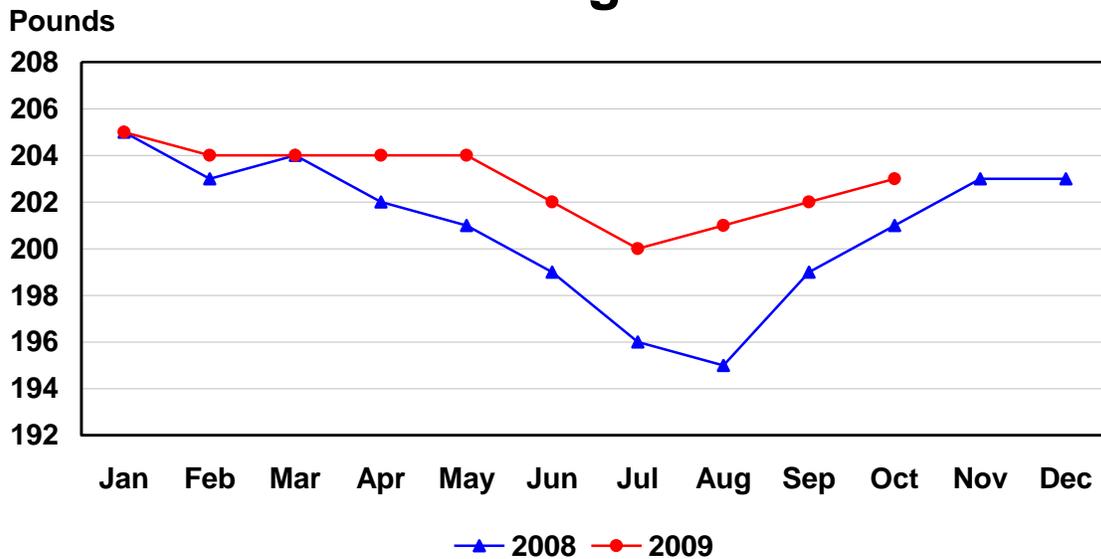
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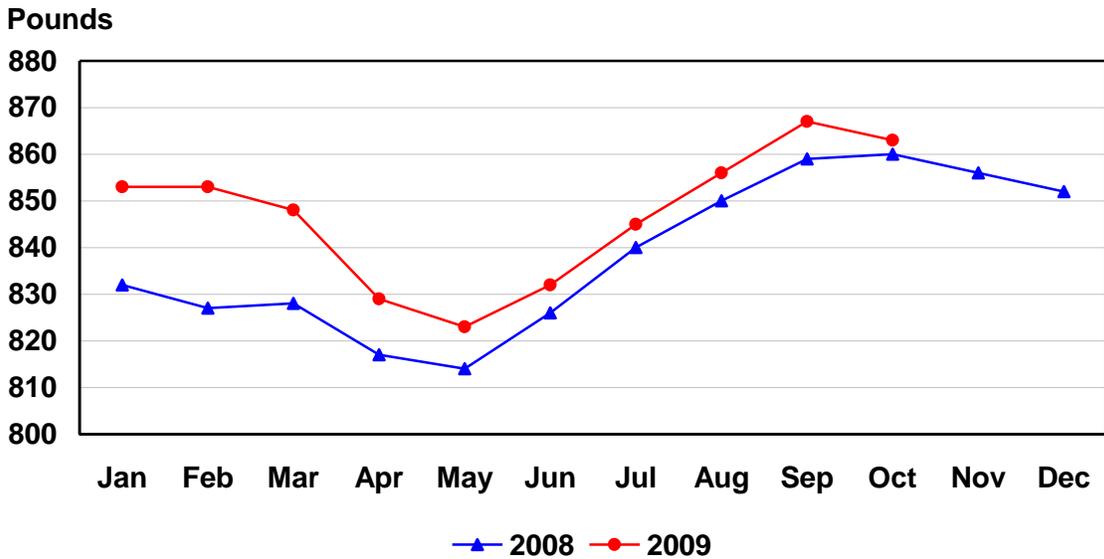
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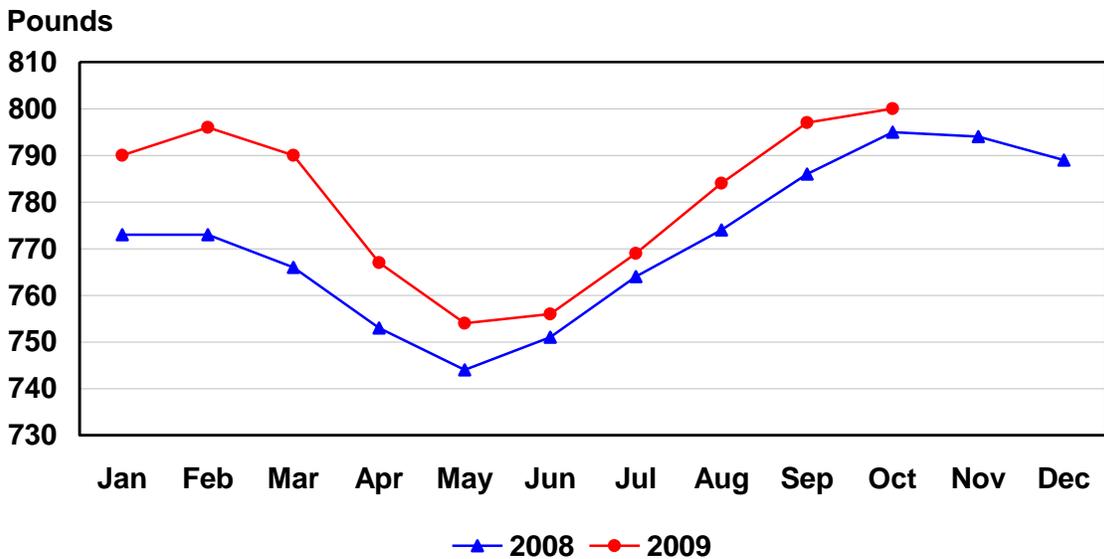
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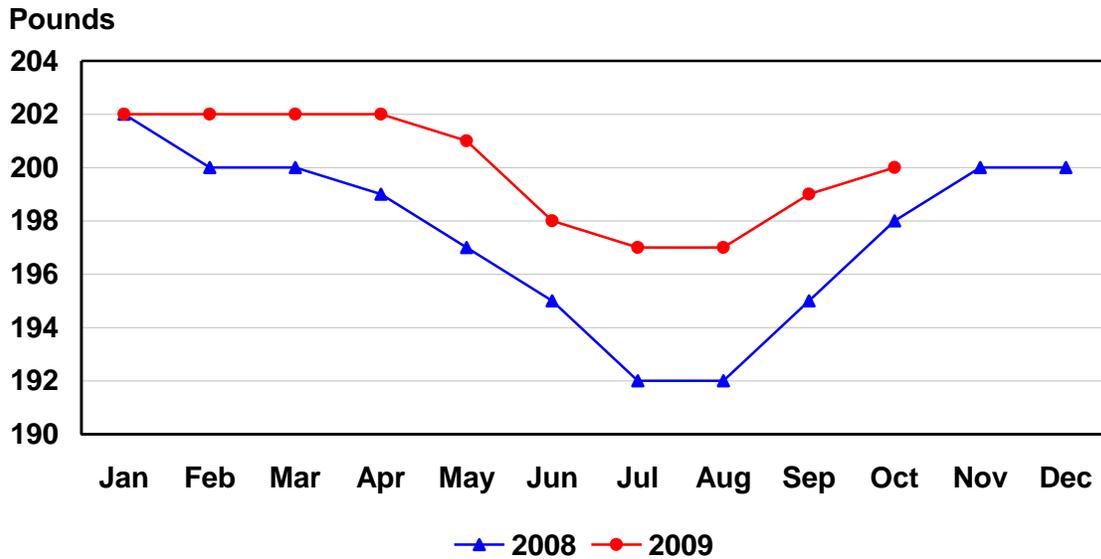
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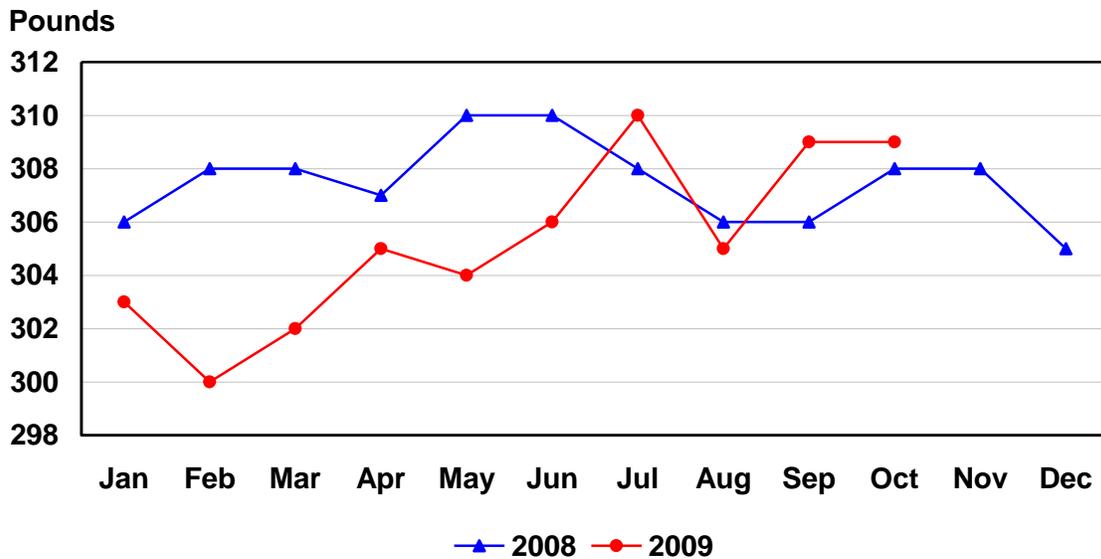
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## U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



## 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 19). 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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