

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



MARCH 1965

April 30, 1965

## MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

Commercial production of red meat during March in the 48 States totaled 2,778 million pounds, 7 percent more than March 1964 and 18 percent above February 1965, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes farm slaughter.

## JANUARY-MARCH RED MEAT OUTPUT SAME AS LAST YEAR

There were 7,821 million pounds of red meat produced during the first three months of 1965, about the same as the 7,809 million pounds produced during the corresponding period of 1964. Of the January-March total, 4,469 million pounds were beef, up 6 percent from a year earlier; 228 million pounds were veal, up 9 percent; 2,962 million were pork, down 7 percent; and 162 million pounds were lamb and mutton, down 12 percent. Lard production for January-March was 556 million pounds, down 12 percent from a year earlier.

During the three month period, the number of cattle slaughtered was 11 percent greater than in the same period of 1964; calves up 8 percent; hogs down 7 percent; and sheep and lambs down 14 percent.

## BEEF PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Beef production during March was 1,568 million pounds, 11 percent above March 1964 and 15 percent greater than February 1965. The number of cattle slaughtered during March totaled 2,714,300 head, 17 percent greater than a year earlier and 16 percent more than the previous month. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,012 pounds, 40 pounds less than March 1964 and 9 pounds less than February 1965.

## VEAL PRODUCTION 16 PERCENT ABOVE MARCH 1964

There were 80 million pounds of veal produced during March, 16 percent greater than both a year earlier and a month earlier. The 685,200 head of calves

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March commercial meat and lard production, 48 States with comparisons 1/

Month and year	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total red meat 2/	Poultry 3/	Lard 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
March 1964	1,414	69	1,052	59	2,594	494	210
February 1965	1,365	69	871	47	2,352	469	167
March 1965	1,568	80	1,075	55	2,778	526	196
Jan.-Mar. 1964 5/	4,227	210	3,187	185	7,809	1,505	635
Jan.-Mar. 1965 5/	4,469	228	2,962	162	7,821	1,555	556

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 3/ Chicken and turkey meat ready-to-cook basis, excludes slaughter on farms for home use and non-farm production. Estimates of monthly poultry meat production based on available indications of marketings developed from information on inventories, number raised, intentions to raise and market poultry as well as data on chick placements and current monthly marketings. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

March commercial livestock slaughter, 48 States, with comparisons 1/

Species, month and year	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total	Average live weight	Total live weight
	head	head	head	Pounds	million pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>					
March 1964	1,877.5	442.5	2,320.0	1,052	2,441
February 1965	1,918.8	422.0	2,340.8	1,021	2,389
March 1965	2,225.8	488.5	2,714.3	1,012	2,746
Jan.-Mar. 1964 2/	5,600.6	1,354.0	6,954.6	1,050	7,299
Jan.-Mar. 1965 2/	6,310.7	1,377.4	7,688.1	1,018	7,830
<b>CALVES</b>					
March 1964	400.0	189.8	589.8	208	123
February 1965	384.2	182.6	566.8	219	124
March 1965	472.8	212.4	685.2	209	143
Jan.-Mar. 1964 2/	1,154.3	564.2	1,718.5	217	373
Jan.-Mar. 1965 2/	1,260.8	597.4	1,858.2	220	409
<b>HOGS</b>					
March 1964	6,419.8	989.7	7,409.5	236	1,749
February 1965	5,301.3	859.6	6,160.9	233	1,438
March 1965	6,533.8	992.3	7,526.1	233	1,756
Jan.-Mar. 1964 2/	19,273.9	2,970.7	22,244.6	238	5,302
Jan.-Mar. 1965 2/	17,882.5	2,800.2	20,682.7	235	4,869
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>					
March 1964	1,034.6	140.2	1,174.8	102	120
February 1965	849.6	86.6	936.2	103	97
March 1965	986.2	104.6	1,090.8	103	113
Jan.-Mar. 1964 2/	3,311.0	388.0	3,699.0	102	377
Jan.-Mar. 1965 2/	2,897.7	299.4	3,197.1	103	330

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated total based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	18.4	18.1	18,664	20,065	54.1	54.5	54,737	60,057
N.Y.....	33.0	35.0	37,092	38,570	105.5	101.5	118,984	112,115
N.J.....	37.0	35.0	46,065	43,855	109.5	96.0	135,098	120,459
PA.....	70.5	81.5	77,832	88,264	217.0	230.0	240,448	250,574
OHIO.....	97.5	106.0	100,620	105,894	292.5	301.5	298,977	300,937
IND.....	58.0	75.0	61,538	76,500	177.5	206.0	186,948	210,232
ILL.....	109.0	129.0	115,976	132,741	327.0	355.0	345,922	368,717
MICH.....	55.0	62.0	58,355	65,658	175.0	176.5	186,438	186,594
WIS.....	82.5	98.0	93,885	110,250	247.0	285.0	280,738	320,478
MINN.....	132.0	124.0	146,388	130,820	393.0	388.0	433,077	411,716
IOWA.....	278.0	311.0	310,804	327,172	839.0	924.0	933,920	985,376
MO.....	98.0	105.0	103,586	105,000	290.5	285.5	307,780	288,372
N.DAK....	11.1	14.1	12,388	15,059	31.3	38.9	34,750	41,495
S.DAK....	44.0	49.5	49,236	53,757	129.5	142.0	144,796	154,397
NEBR.....	217.0	254.0	235,879	263,144	649.0	728.0	705,640	765,886
KANS.....	112.0	136.0	117,936	137,768	334.0	382.0	351,632	388,590
DEL.-MD..	10.2	11.8	11,507	12,940	31.0	34.0	34,709	37,259
VA.....	14.6	19.5	15,155	19,948	45.9	53.3	47,686	54,939
W.VA.....	5.1	5.5	5,319	5,594	15.2	15.7	15,798	15,762
N.C.....	11.2	15.2	10,718	14,805	35.9	41.3	34,671	39,815
S.C.....	7.1	8.9	6,042	7,182	20.6	25.4	17,788	20,631
GA.....	26.5	32.5	21,544	26,098	78.8	91.5	64,193	73,227
FLA.....	27.5	34.0	26,372	30,906	84.5	95.5	81,092	86,719
KY.....	14.0	18.6	13,272	17,056	45.5	51.9	43,801	48,066
TENN.....	37.0	44.5	34,447	39,516	111.5	123.5	105,469	111,746
ALA.....	18.1	20.3	16,543	18,128	53.0	55.5	48,567	49,005
MISS.....	23.1	32.5	19,450	26,228	67.5	95.0	57,782	76,950
ARK.....	10.0	12.4	8,340	10,218	30.6	33.5	25,880	27,985
LA.....	9.4	12.1	7,539	9,014	27.3	33.4	22,115	25,246
OKLA.....	34.0	43.0	31,042	37,281	97.5	115.5	88,630	99,517
TEXAS....	147.0	205.0	133,035	182,245	419.0	557.0	375,087	497,273
MONT.....	10.0	15.4	10,390	16,062	29.9	44.1	30,590	45,462
IDAHO....	20.0	22.3	21,160	22,880	58.2	67.6	61,276	70,337
WYO.....	1.5	1.7	1,503	1,669	4.4	5.1	4,506	5,206
COLO.....	98.0	134.0	105,252	138,288	294.0	355.0	312,909	368,234
N.MEX....	14.5	17.9	13,790	16,898	41.6	48.4	39,549	46,072
ARIZ.....	18.4	21.2	16,523	19,525	55.0	59.5	49,508	55,041
UTAH.....	21.2	23.4	22,239	23,657	63.1	67.8	66,329	69,281
NEV.....	2.0	2.5	2,082	2,535	5.4	6.5	5,537	6,545
WASH.....	39.5	44.0	42,739	45,672	118.5	134.0	125,965	137,922
OREG.....	22.1	24.9	23,006	25,099	66.3	70.7	68,026	71,162
CALIF....	225.0	258.0	235,575	262,128	683.0	713.0	711,391	724,735
48 STATES	2,320.0	2,714.3	2,440,828	2,746,089	6,954.6	7,688.1	7,299,147	7,830,140
HAWAII...	4.2	4.3	4,066	4,094	12.5	11.5	12,222	10,751
U. S.....	2,324.2	2,718.6	2,444,894	2,750,183	6,967.1	7,699.6	7,311,369	7,840,891

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	39.6	39.5	3,423	3,466	91.8	89.7	8,500	8,297
N.Y.....	103.0	108.0	11,639	11,988	262.0	256.0	30,786	30,624
N.J.....	27.5	35.0	5,418	7,560	74.2	92.0	14,409	20,040
PA.....	60.0	62.0	7,320	7,874	165.5	159.0	20,353	20,484
OHIO.....	11.1	11.1	2,153	2,109	31.2	30.3	5,934	5,731
IND.....	8.9	7.2	1,824	1,361	27.4	20.0	6,054	3,831
ILL.....	27.0	32.5	3,726	5,395	79.7	90.0	11,063	14,856
MICH.....	19.6	25.5	2,901	3,774	82.6	69.5	13,835	10,218
WIS.....	66.5	86.0	8,046	10,148	209.0	235.5	25,184	28,012
MINN.....	17.3	19.9	3,304	3,622	57.8	66.5	10,572	12,122
IOWA.....	32.5	41.5	5,525	6,598	99.5	112.5	16,959	18,881
MO.....	5.5	7.2	1,375	1,951	16.6	23.6	4,377	6,864
N.DAK.....	--	.1	--	35	--	.1	--	35
S.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NEBR.....	.6	3.1	271	1,516	1.6	6.5	703	3,222
KANS.....	4.1	3.0	1,779	1,188	12.4	9.1	5,506	3,515
DEL.-MD..	4.1	4.1	666	720	11.9	11.8	1,898	2,014
VA.....	15.2	19.7	3,511	4,630	45.0	53.2	10,988	13,206
W.VA.....	.7	.7	137	141	1.9	2.1	389	430
N.C.....	1.1	1.7	220	345	3.4	4.4	705	934
S.C.....	7.8	9.6	2,660	3,494	23.9	29.4	8,519	10,776
GA.....	3.3	4.7	1,577	2,190	11.6	11.4	5,633	5,290
FLA.....	11.4	17.7	4,047	5,452	40.1	55.1	13,348	15,772
KY.....	1.5	2.2	352	473	5.0	6.8	1,154	1,507
TENN.....	14.4	18.1	3,629	4,471	37.8	53.3	9,810	13,797
ALA.....	2.9	4.7	1,482	2,326	8.5	12.9	4,196	6,240
MISS.....	5.4	7.5	2,770	3,728	19.0	25.0	9,618	12,328
ARK.....	1.6	1.4	597	631	4.1	4.4	1,610	1,773
LA.....	16.6	23.3	7,254	10,858	50.3	67.7	22,587	30,875
OKLA.....	3.8	2.9	2,101	1,604	12.8	7.6	6,970	4,202
TEXAS....	44.5	42.5	25,098	23,162	138.0	136.5	77,239	74,396
MONT.....	.1	.1	36	32	.4	.3	129	92
IDAH.....	.2	.2	50	50	.6	.6	153	146
WYO.....	.1	--	28	--	.1	.1	28	30
COLO.....	.3	.4	129	200	1.1	1.2	497	549
N.MEX....	--	.1	--	40	.1	.3	43	129
ARIZ.....	.6	.8	278	389	1.9	2.1	866	1,000
UTAH.....	.6	.7	227	275	1.7	1.8	634	692
NEV.....	.2	.2	78	62	.6	.7	217	238
WASH.....	1.4	1.8	445	598	4.2	5.1	1,255	1,696
OREG.....	1.8	2.0	567	588	4.9	5.6	1,547	1,725
CALIF....	27.0	36.5	6,183	8,176	78.3	98.5	18,721	22,436
48 STATES	589.8	685.2	122,821	143,220	1,718.5	1,858.2	372,989	409,005
HAWAII...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.....	589.8	685.2	122,821	143,220	1,718.5	1,858.2	372,989	409,005

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COMMERCIAL HCG SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	50.6	25.8	11,604	5,794	163.6	105.1	37,853	23,666
N.Y.....	90.0	93.5	20,070	20,570	272.0	269.5	60,665	59,958
N.J.....	122.0	154.0	25,742	31,878	352.0	406.0	73,522	84,546
PA.....	262.0	294.0	58,950	66,150	840.0	812.0	188,208	183,850
OHIO.....	418.0	480.0	92,796	105,600	1,220.0	1,286.0	272,094	284,580
IND.....	423.0	436.0	101,943	101,588	1,302.0	1,130.0	319,689	268,428
ILL.....	498.0	508.0	121,512	122,936	1,471.0	1,353.0	361,000	329,305
MICH.....	180.0	203.0	41,400	46,284	532.0	540.0	120,982	122,944
WIS.....	326.0	327.0	75,306	74,883	981.0	910.0	228,334	208,774
MINN.....	500.0	523.0	122,500	126,043	1,502.0	1,495.0	371,857	363,931
IOWA.....	1,475.0	1,517.0	354,000	361,046	4,462.0	4,270.0	1,088,397	1,033,470
MO.....	339.0	315.0	84,411	75,600	997.0	870.0	249,725	211,473
N.DAK.....	1.2	1.6	270	354	4.0	4.8	938	1,071
S.DAK.....	231.0	222.0	58,674	55,278	696.0	611.0	178,809	151,874
NEBR.....	387.0	388.0	97,524	96,612	1,181.0	1,013.0	301,430	254,992
KANS.....	248.0	196.0	60,512	46,060	767.0	517.0	190,624	122,582
DEL.-MD..	53.0	61.8	11,256	12,913	163.3	163.7	34,905	34,242
VA.....	216.0	230.0	47,304	51,290	626.0	623.0	138,958	139,920
W.VA.....	10.3	9.2	2,472	2,190	28.1	25.9	6,681	6,264
N.C.....	124.0	128.0	28,024	28,672	357.0	334.0	81,390	75,024
S.C.....	40.0	39.0	9,200	9,009	119.5	114.0	28,225	26,132
GA.....	173.0	144.0	37,195	30,816	510.0	429.0	109,831	91,825
FLA.....	48.0	47.5	9,888	9,880	146.5	133.0	30,914	28,253
KY.....	142.0	142.0	31,808	31,950	425.0	397.0	96,479	89,982
TENN.....	248.0	250.0	58,776	59,250	731.0	656.0	173,551	156,114
ALA.....	81.0	75.0	17,901	16,725	237.0	212.0	51,519	47,361
MISS.....	76.0	74.5	17,176	16,688	224.0	208.5	50,850	47,575
ARK.....	28.5	30.5	6,698	7,228	82.5	86.0	19,467	20,385
LA.....	16.4	15.8	3,477	3,286	49.4	46.2	10,403	9,684
OKLA.....	56.5	52.0	14,182	12,948	167.5	146.0	43,198	37,213
TEXAS....	158.0	162.0	37,920	38,880	492.0	456.0	117,261	109,756
MONT.....	24.6	26.0	5,510	5,850	74.5	68.1	16,760	15,304
IDAHO....	10.9	10.6	2,376	2,311	32.8	30.1	7,189	6,595
WYO.....	3.1	3.2	728	742	9.3	9.4	2,163	2,178
COLO.....	59.0	54.5	13,511	12,262	175.0	153.0	40,277	34,745
N.MEX....	8.4	9.0	1,949	2,061	25.2	25.4	5,885	5,833
ARIZ.....	13.6	11.3	3,155	2,576	38.6	32.6	8,941	7,475
UTAH.....	26.5	22.1	5,910	4,840	75.6	59.3	16,984	13,212
NEV.....	.4	.2	84	41	1.2	.6	259	124
WASH.....	62.5	61.0	14,000	13,542	193.5	169.0	43,630	37,577
OREG.....	35.0	34.0	7,770	7,548	99.5	90.5	22,130	20,037
CALIF....	144.0	149.0	33,840	35,611	418.0	422.0	99,222	100,871
48 STATES	7,409.5	7,526.1	1,749,324	1,755,785	22,244.6	20,682.7	5,301,599	4,869,125
HAWAII...	4.7	5.2	827	962	13.8	15.0	2,401	2,696
U. S.....	7,414.2	7,531.3	1,750,151	1,756,747	22,258.4	20,697.7	5,304,000	4,871,821

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

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	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	2.5	1.4	157	104	4.4	3.1	314	257
N.Y.....	48.0	18.5	4,560	1,868	147.5	95.5	14,510	9,626
N.J.....	85.5	89.5	8,636	9,040	266.5	263.5	26,838	26,440
PA.....	15.6	16.8	1,310	1,596	43.1	52.0	3,853	4,886
OHIO.....	11.4	8.8	992	810	32.1	25.5	2,844	2,364
IND.....	9.6	5.6	1,008	571	30.6	19.1	3,204	1,904
ILL.....	50.5	69.0	5,100	7,314	171.5	199.0	17,518	20,834
MICH.....	22.6	29.5	2,328	3,098	117.1	77.6	12,195	7,908
WIS.....	2.1	1.7	189	163	6.1	5.0	547	488
MINN.....	61.5	46.5	6,458	5,022	236.0	201.0	24,404	21,299
IOWA.....	87.5	72.0	9,012	7,416	284.0	235.5	29,055	24,328
MO.....	40.0	26.5	4,040	2,730	137.5	93.0	13,736	9,446
N.DAK.....	13.5	8.8	1,404	968	42.8	29.2	4,451	3,200
S.DAK.....	36.5	31.0	4,015	3,472	102.5	96.5	10,976	10,575
NEBR.....	88.5	70.0	9,292	7,420	304.5	234.0	31,726	24,544
KANS.....	21.3	42.5	2,194	4,335	70.2	89.1	7,098	9,041
DEL.-MD..	5.4	3.6	522	339	15.0	11.6	1,444	1,108
VA.....	.1	--	10	--	.3	.2	30	20
W.VA.....	.7	.4	62	38	1.7	1.1	158	104
N.C.....	--	--	--	--	.2	.1	20	8
S.C.....	--	--	--	--	.1	.1	10	10
GA.....	--	--	--	--	.1	--	9	--
FLA.....	--	.1	--	8	.2	.2	14	16
KY.....	5.8	7.4	615	829	22.2	31.1	2,259	3,269
TENN.....	3.2	4.8	291	485	8.5	12.9	757	1,300
ALA.....	.1	--	10	--	.2	.1	20	10
MISS.....	.1	--	10	--	.1	--	10	--
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LA.....	.1	.2	10	15	.3	.4	26	35
OKLA.....	.5	.2	56	19	1.2	.5	134	52
TEXAS.....	107.0	82.0	9,737	7,790	320.5	202.0	29,103	19,068
MTNT.....	.5	.2	48	21	1.7	.6	170	63
IDAHO.....	.7	.8	74	82	2.3	2.2	243	232
WYO.....	.2	.2	23	22	.6	.6	67	69
COLO.....	174.0	148.0	18,618	15,392	515.0	405.0	53,896	41,722
N.MEX.....	3.3	3.3	356	346	9.2	9.3	949	958
ARIZ.....	1.6	1.6	187	174	3.5	4.0	406	432
UTAH.....	47.5	66.5	4,988	7,049	184.5	196.5	19,456	20,900
NEV.....	.3	.1	32	10	.9	.4	93	42
WASH.....	11.5	12.4	1,265	1,376	31.1	35.7	3,312	3,968
OREG.....	12.6	7.9	1,336	806	35.2	25.9	3,700	2,624
CALIF.....	203.0	213.0	20,909	21,939	548.0	538.0	57,614	56,714
48 STATES	1,174.8	1,090.8	119,854	112,667	3,699.0	3,197.1	377,169	329,864
HAWAII...	--	.1	--	10	--	.4	--	46
U. S.....	1,174.8	1,090.9	119,854	112,677	3,699.0	3,197.5	377,169	329,910

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
MARCH 1964 AND 1965 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,014	1,109	86	88	229	225	63	74
N.Y.....	1,124	1,102	113	111	223	220	95	101
N.J.....	1,245	1,253	197	216	211	207	101	101
PA.....	1,104	1,083	122	127	225	225	84	95
OHIO.....	1,032	999	194	190	222	220	87	92
IND.....	1,061	1,020	205	189	241	233	105	102
ILL.....	1,064	1,029	138	166	244	242	101	106
MICH.....	1,061	1,059	148	148	230	228	103	105
WIS.....	1,138	1,125	121	118	231	229	90	96
MINN.....	1,109	1,055	191	182	245	241	105	108
IOWA.....	1,118	1,052	170	159	240	238	103	103
MO.....	1,057	1,000	250	271	249	240	101	103
N.DAK.....	1,116	1,068	--	350	225	221	104	110
S.DAK.....	1,119	1,086	--	--	254	249	110	112
NEBR.....	1,087	1,036	452	489	252	249	105	106
KANS.....	1,053	1,013	434	396	244	235	103	102
DEL.-MD..	1,128	1,097	162	176	212	209	97	94
VA.....	1,038	1,023	231	235	219	223	99	--
W.VA.....	1,043	1,017	196	201	240	238	88	95
N.C.....	957	974	200	203	226	224	--	--
S.C.....	851	807	341	364	230	231	--	--
GA.....	813	803	478	466	215	214	--	--
FLA.....	959	909	355	308	206	208	--	83
KY.....	948	917	235	215	224	225	106	112
TENN.....	931	888	252	247	237	237	91	101
ALA.....	914	893	511	495	221	223	103	--
MISS.....	842	807	513	497	226	224	98	--
ARK.....	834	824	373	451	235	237	--	--
LA.....	802	745	437	466	212	208	100	76
OKLA.....	913	867	553	553	251	249	112	94
TEXAS....	905	889	564	545	240	240	91	95
MONT.....	1,039	1,043	364	323	224	225	96	105
IDAHO....	1,058	1,026	251	248	218	218	105	103
WYO.....	1,002	982	282	--	235	232	116	110
COLD.....	1,074	1,032	431	499	229	225	107	104
N.MEX....	951	944	--	398	232	229	108	105
ARIZ.....	898	921	463	486	232	228	117	109
UTAH.....	1,049	1,011	379	393	223	219	105	106
NEV.....	1,041	1,014	389	311	209	206	107	100
WASH.....	1,082	1,038	318	332	224	222	110	111
OREG.....	1,041	1,008	312	294	222	222	106	102
CALIF....	1,047	1,016	229	224	235	239	103	103
48 STATES	1,052	1,012	208	209	236	233	102	103
HAWAII...	968	952	--	--	176	185	--	100
U. S.....	1,052	1,012	208	209	236	233	102	103

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## CATTLE SLAUGHTER BY CLASSES IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED ESTABLISHMENTS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, through the Meat Inspection Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, is now collecting data on classes of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants. Beginning on December 28, 1964, Federal Meat Inspectors started reporting current data on the classes of cattle slaughtered. The percentages of cattle slaughtered by classes on a weekly basis are shown in Table 1.

Also shown in Table 2 are the monthly series of data on classes of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants. These data have been published for a number of years. This monthly series is based on reports voluntarily submitted by the meat packing plants.

The weekly series based on reports from the Federal meat inspectors differs somewhat from the monthly tabulations of reports from packing plants.

This difference results from several factors:

1. Difference in reporting period. Some plants report on a calendar month, while others report on a four or five week fiscal reporting period.
2. The monthly series is based on a sample of reports, while the weekly data are a complete tabulation. The monthly series is based on reports representing about three-fourths of the number of head slaughtered.
3. There are some differences in classification between calves and cattle and heifers and cows that are inherent in the two series.

To provide the industry with current weekly data and also data that are comparable with previous data, the Department will publish both series during 1965. The monthly estimates of cattle slaughter will be based on the monthly reports from packing plants as in the past. The weekly data will be based on the reports from the Meat Inspection Division and will be released first in the weekly report, "Livestock Meat & Wool Market News, Weekly Summary and Statistics," Livestock Division, C. & M. S. Both the monthly series and the weekly series will be included in this report each month.

There will be a lag of approximately one week in the release of the weekly data from the Meat Inspection Division because of the time required for transmission and summarization of the reports.

These reports are made possible through the combined efforts of the Consumer and Marketing Service and the Statistical Reporting Service.



Table 1.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 1965 1/

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
<u>1965</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Jan. 2	24.1	1.3	22.8	51.8
Jan. 9	26.7	1.5	22.4	49.4
Jan. 16	24.4	1.4	22.2	52.0
Jan. 23	23.8	1.4	23.0	51.8
Jan. 30	23.6	1.5	23.2	51.7
Feb. 6	23.0	1.5	22.8	52.7
Feb. 13	22.7	1.6	22.2	53.5
Feb. 20	21.9	1.6	23.4	53.1
Feb. 27	20.9	1.4	23.0	54.7
Mar. 6	19.2	1.4	23.0	56.4
Mar. 13	22.8	1.6	22.4	53.2
Mar. 20	20.5	1.5	23.1	54.9
Mar. 27	18.9	1.4	23.7	56.0
April 3	21.5	1.5	23.7	53.3
April 10	21.1	1.6	23.1	54.2
April 17	20.7	1.5	23.2	54.6

1/ As reported by Meat Inspectors, M.I.D., C&MS.

Table 2.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments by classes, by months, 1/

Month and Year	Percentages of total slaughter				Total number slaughtered <u>1,000 head</u>
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers	
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	
March 1964	17.2	0.9	21.8	60.1	1,877
Jan. 1965	23.1	1.2	20.4	55.3	2,166
Feb. 1965	21.6	1.2	20.9	56.3	1,919
March 1965	20.4	1.3	22.3	56.0	2,226

1/ Based on voluntary reports from Federally Inspected slaughtering plants.

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slaughtered during the month was 16 percent greater than March 1964 and 21 percent more than February 1965. Calves slaughtered during March averaged 209 pounds per head, 1 pound heavier than a year ago, but 10 pounds lighter than the previous month.

#### PORK PRODUCTION 2 PERCENT GREATER THAN A YEAR EARLIER

Pork production during March totaled 1,075 million pounds, 2 percent above March 1964 and 23 percent more than February 1965. The hog kill during March was 7,526,100 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier and 22 percent greater than a month earlier. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during the month was 233 pounds per head, 3 pounds lighter than a year ago but the same as the previous month. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight of hogs was 11.1 pounds compared with 12.0 pounds in March 1964 and 11.6 in February 1965.

#### LAMB AND MUTTON OUTPUT DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

There were 55 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during March, 7 percent less than a year earlier, but 17 percent more than a month earlier. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during March was 1,090,800 head, 7 percent fewer than March 1964, but 17 percent more than February 1965. Sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month averaged 103 pounds per head, 1 pound heavier than a year earlier, but the same as the previous month.

#### POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1964

Production of poultry meat during March amounted to 526 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 6 percent more than March 1964 and 12 percent greater than February 1965.

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