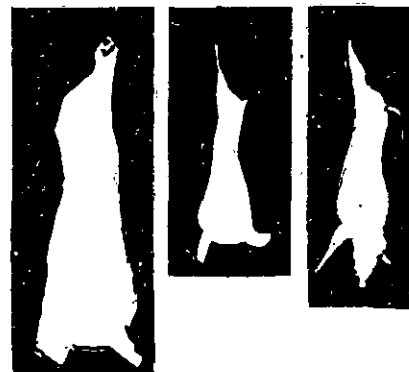


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



DECEMBER 1965

January 31, 1966

DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

Commercial production of red meat during December in the 48 States totaled 2,570 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 9 percent less than December 1964 and 3 percent less than November 1965. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes farm slaughter.

TOTAL RED MEAT OUTPUT DURING 1965 DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 1964

There were 30,625 million pounds of red meat produced during 1965, 3 percent below 1964. Of the 1965 total, 18,315 million pounds were beef, up 2 percent from a year earlier; 936 million pounds were veal, up 1 percent; 10,736 million pounds were pork, down 11 percent; and 638 million pounds were lamb and mutton, down 9 percent. Lard production for the entire year was 1,979 million pounds, down 17 percent from 1964.

The number of cattle slaughtered during 1965 was 5 percent greater than in 1964; calves were up 2 percent; hogs down 11 percent; and sheep and lambs down 11 percent.

BEEF PRODUCTION IN DECEMBER UP 2 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Beef production during December was 1,584 million pounds, 2 percent above December 1964 and 1 percent more than November 1965. The number of cattle slaughtered during December totaled 2,775,000 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier, but 1 percent less than the previous month. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,017 pounds, 3 pounds less than December 1964, but 17 pounds more than November 1965.

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December 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
December 1964	1,560	77	1,118	59	2,814	640	217
November 1965	1,568	83	6/ 935	52	6/2,638	819	176
December 1965	1,584	72	863	51	2,570	695	157
Jan.-Dec. 1964 5/	18,037	928	12,019	703	31,687	7,551	2,388
Jan.-Dec. 1965 5/	18,315	936	10,736	638	30,625	7,998	1,979

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. 6/ Revised.

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

Species, month and year	Number slaughtered			Average live weight	Total live weight
	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total		
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
CATTLE					
December 1964	2,253.8	463.7	2,717.5	1,020	2,773
November 1965	2,334.4	474.5	2,808.9	1,000	2,808
December 1965	2,314.3	460.7	2,775.0	1,017	2,823
Jan.-Dec. 1964 2/	25,133.0	5,685.0	30,818.0	1,020	31,440
Jan.-Dec. 1965 2/	26,613.8	5,710.0	32,323.8	999	32,295
CALVES					
December 1964	449.4	210.8	660.2	212	140
November 1965	469.6	201.1	670.7	223	150
December 1965	432.6	190.9	623.5	211	131
Jan.-Dec. 1964 2/	4,819.9	2,433.8	7,253.7	230	1,665
Jan.-Dec. 1965 2/	5,075.9	2,334.2	7,410.1	228	1,686
HOGS					
December 1964	6,647.9	1,042.9	7,690.8	241	1,857
November 1965	5,502.9	830.8	6,333.7	242	1,535
December 1965	5,009.6	803.3	5,812.9	243	1,411
Jan.-Dec. 1964 2/	71,666.7	11,351.8	83,018.5	241	20,001
Jan.-Dec. 1965 2/	63,707.7	10,072.4	73,780.1	238	17,583
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
December 1964	1,053.1	126.6	1,179.7	101	120
November 1965	942.8	104.8	1,047.6	102	107
December 1965	909.6	96.2	1,005.8	103	104
Jan.-Dec. 1964 2/	12,947.3	1,647.3	14,594.6	99	1,440
Jan.-Dec. 1965 2/	11,709.6	1,289.6	12,999.2	100	1,301

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	23.1	22.0	24,941	23,901	226.9	230.6	234,805	252,271
N.Y.....	38.0	40.5	41,534	44,145	428.5	444.0	471,176	482,343
N.J.....	38.0	33.5	47,804	42,545	412.5	392.0	514,385	488,294
PA.....	82.5	73.0	88,935	80,519	941.0	897.0	1,016,364	958,065
OHIO.....	106.0	106.0	103,350	105,364	1,251.5	1,269.5	1,231,187	1,233,081
IND.....	70.5	68.5	70,500	70,760	799.0	850.0	816,004	854,035
ILL.....	130.0	131.0	136,760	132,703	1,459.0	1,544.0	1,520,241	1,550,466
MICH.....	63.0	62.0	66,087	64,232	744.5	715.5	779,455	746,891
WIS.....	108.0	113.0	119,016	121,814	1,075.0	1,221.0	1,184,109	1,320,294
MINN.....	159.0	139.0	166,950	149,147	1,696.0	1,605.0	1,816,208	1,688,736
IOWA.....	334.0	370.0	358,382	393,680	3,630.0	3,987.0	3,907,067	4,152,633
MO.....	103.0	101.0	104,648	102,717	1,215.5	1,152.0	1,240,063	1,142,020
N.DAK.....	14.1	13.4	14,918	14,191	153.9	157.2	164,103	163,657
S.DAK.....	50.5	53.5	54,641	57,406	560.5	575.0	609,935	614,246
NEBR.....	253.0	267.0	268,939	280,617	2,802.0	2,879.0	2,973,002	2,960,782
KANS.....	123.0	129.0	124,845	131,838	1,419.0	1,477.0	1,445,987	1,479,584
DEL.-MD..	10.7	9.5	11,566	10,393	135.4	130.1	146,308	139,778
VA.....	18.0	18.0	18,126	18,342	207.2	231.0	211,609	232,013
W.VA.....	5.1	5.5	5,069	5,522	65.4	68.7	64,795	67,016
N.C.....	14.7	15.4	13,671	14,722	172.7	185.4	160,057	174,637
S.C.....	9.0	9.3	7,353	7,208	101.4	124.6	82,953	97,680
GA.....	32.0	31.0	25,344	24,211	374.3	409.5	301,524	320,242
FLA.....	32.0	34.5	29,056	30,946	363.0	410.0	332,216	368,297
KY.....	18.1	20.1	17,032	19,015	206.4	235.5	190,367	216,135
TENN.....	43.0	44.5	38,356	39,783	537.0	588.5	482,211	513,271
ALA.....	20.6	18.2	17,572	16,344	241.3	256.1	209,069	223,315
MISS.....	36.0	33.0	28,584	26,004	395.0	455.0	322,305	362,838
ARK.....	10.9	13.8	9,091	11,647	146.6	163.6	121,341	136,124
LA.....	11.9	12.2	8,866	9,809	133.3	157.7	103,087	118,082
OKLA.....	41.0	37.5	35,629	32,588	469.0	482.0	412,254	411,437
TEXAS....	186.0	185.0	164,052	164,465	2,180.0	2,383.0	1,935,532	2,114,142
MONT.....	17.0	22.9	17,323	23,358	160.5	219.6	163,370	223,446
IDAHO.....	25.0	25.0	25,675	25,575	262.9	284.3	271,886	290,221
WYO.....	1.6	1.8	1,646	1,818	26.5	24.4	26,622	24,528
COLO.....	109.0	121.0	111,398	123,783	1,322.0	1,430.0	1,377,605	1,453,528
N.MEX.....	15.6	20.8	14,976	19,802	186.0	231.6	177,643	220,276
ARIZ.....	20.1	20.3	18,512	19,102	227.4	239.5	203,716	218,898
UTAH.....	26.0	29.0	26,650	29,754	280.7	293.6	288,984	296,797
NEV.....	1.6	1.8	1,605	1,845	23.1	25.7	23,696	25,825
WASH.....	43.5	47.5	44,196	48,972	535.5	564.5	555,762	574,558
OREG.....	24.4	27.0	24,424	26,595	293.6	330.1	294,625	326,519
CALIF....	249.0	248.0	264,687	255,936	2,957.0	3,004.0	3,056,384	3,057,510
48 STATES	2,717.5	2,775.0	2,772,709	2,823,118	30,818.0	32,323.8	31,440,012	32,294,511
HAWAII...	4.0	4.4	3,716	4,167	49.7	50.7	47,504	47,962
U. S.....	2,721.5	2,779.4	2,776,425	2,827,285	30,867.7	32,374.5	31,487,516	32,342,473

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2/ NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	28.3	27.3	2,777	2,837	342.5	321.2	33,211	31,476
N.Y.....	88.5	86.5	11,062	10,380	986.5	929.0	123,741	113,687
N.J.....	31.0	29.5	6,789	5,841	365.7	410.5	76,041	86,076
PA.....	58.0	55.5	7,192	6,938	656.5	638.5	85,827	84,034
OHIO.....	8.9	10.4	1,682	1,872	122.0	128.1	23,366	24,794
IND.....	5.7	5.1	1,077	1,010	88.5	81.8	18,300	16,126
ILL.....	32.0	31.0	5,184	5,611	344.3	363.5	55,847	66,073
MICH.....	24.7	26.0	3,606	3,900	267.5	251.7	41,664	37,958
WIS.....	95.5	84.0	10,696	9,492	803.0	859.5	98,455	102,941
MINN.....	30.5	23.9	5,185	3,896	230.3	232.7	43,928	42,433
IOWA.....	42.0	43.5	6,678	6,699	377.1	430.5	64,752	69,716
MO.....	10.3	6.4	2,977	1,818	119.2	90.0	35,393	25,522
N.DAK....	.1	--	35	--	.3	.3	107	109
S.DAK....	--	--	--	--	.1	.1	30	30
NEBR.....	1.1	.8	538	352	11.9	13.3	5,387	6,273
KANS.....	4.1	2.7	1,492	1,072	55.3	38.8	22,642	14,280
DEL.-MD..	4.2	4.0	705	647	49.6	46.5	8,500	8,117
VA.....	16.7	16.0	4,375	4,080	221.2	237.4	55,618	58,242
W.VA.....	.6	.6	118	117	8.7	9.0	1,788	1,880
N.C.....	1.4	1.5	339	326	19.6	28.3	4,437	6,826
S.C.....	7.1	7.1	2,556	2,655	107.2	116.6	36,924	41,345
GA.....	2.6	2.4	1,136	1,049	43.9	43.2	19,507	18,826
FLA.....	18.0	21.8	4,554	6,322	208.3	259.8	59,970	74,637
KY.....	2.7	2.6	602	611	24.7	27.2	5,748	6,268
TENN.....	18.2	20.0	4,495	5,540	236.1	296.4	63,395	82,056
ALA.....	4.1	2.2	1,906	1,036	55.2	54.5	25,204	25,704
MISS.....	9.3	7.2	4,427	3,557	116.5	118.2	54,055	55,102
ARK.....	1.6	1.0	645	434	22.7	18.8	8,571	7,780
LA.....	20.5	20.7	8,876	9,356	258.5	274.4	113,409	121,503
OKLA.....	3.7	2.2	1,917	1,208	49.1	32.0	25,956	17,391
TEXAS....	51.0	44.0	27,489	23,892	640.0	594.0	346,659	320,025
MONT.....	.2	.2	53	70	2.1	1.8	636	570
IDAHO....	.3	.2	59	54	3.0	2.4	735	575
WYO.....	--	--	--	--	.5	.5	143	179
COLO.....	.3	.2	127	88	4.6	3.6	2,004	1,610
N.MEX....	.1	.1	43	43	.8	1.1	365	488
ARIZ.....	.6	.7	281	344	6.5	7.5	3,033	3,617
UTAH.....	.6	.5	220	154	7.2	6.8	2,587	2,376
NEV.....	.2	.1	78	40	2.5	2.3	889	753
WASH.....	2.2	2.1	748	716	22.3	24.8	7,443	8,355
OREG.....	1.8	2.0	601	716	23.9	26.5	7,998	8,394
CALIF....	31.5	31.5	6,584	6,646	348.3	387.0	80,958	92,065
48 STATES	660.2	623.5	139,904	131,419	7,253.7	7,410.1	1,665,223	1,686,212
HAWAII...	--	--	--	--	.1	--	26	--
U. S.....	660.2	623.5	139,904	131,419	7,253.8	7,410.1	1,665,249	1,686,212

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2/ NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	51.9	9.4	11,754	2,270	572.8	300.3	130,730	67,692
N.Y.....	104.0	86.5	23,296	19,462	1,044.5	981.5	232,511	219,329
N.J.....	149.0	123.0	30,545	25,461	1,410.0	1,501.0	296,350	313,308
PA.....	288.0	250.0	66,528	57,750	3,169.0	2,910.0	721,218	661,201
OHIO.....	443.0	370.0	99,675	84,360	4,768.0	4,699.0	1,070,910	1,056,525
IND.....	405.0	309.0	102,870	77,868	4,617.0	4,073.0	1,142,888	988,215
ILL.....	501.0	344.0	127,755	88,064	5,536.0	4,641.0	1,400,382	1,162,068
MICH.....	184.0	154.0	42,504	34,958	2,101.0	1,890.0	483,060	429,208
WIS.....	328.0	219.0	77,080	52,560	3,482.0	2,996.0	825,702	701,411
MINN.....	594.0	382.0	147,906	98,556	5,792.0	5,210.0	1,467,660	1,307,068
IDWA.....	1,625.0	1,289.0	404,625	324,828	16,571.0	15,406.0	4,093,324	3,768,026
MO.....	325.0	209.0	81,900	52,250	3,697.0	3,028.0	932,739	741,013
N.DAK....	1.6	1.1	366	262	16.7	17.1	3,954	3,992
S.DAK....	251.0	184.0	63,754	48,208	2,588.0	2,250.0	681,150	579,301
NEBR.....	405.0	255.0	104,895	66,300	4,501.0	3,444.0	1,168,947	882,882
KANS.....	190.0	148.0	46,360	36,260	2,584.0	1,971.0	643,854	470,197
DEL.-MD..	59.3	51.2	12,412	10,856	663.8	609.2	141,033	129,009
VA.....	215.0	183.0	48,805	40,809	2,411.0	2,283.0	536,318	512,263
M.VA.....	9.7	6.5	2,338	1,618	106.0	92.8	25,302	22,534
N.C.....	113.0	101.0	25,312	22,523	1,302.0	1,226.5	292,587	273,058
S.C.....	45.0	36.0	10,080	8,460	467.5	420.5	108,241	98,082
GA.....	161.0	119.0	35,098	25,347	1,733.0	1,412.5	369,643	303,120
FLA.....	57.5	38.5	11,730	8,278	503.5	436.5	107,138	92,783
KY.....	146.0	120.0	33,580	27,240	1,626.0	1,462.0	369,491	334,326
TENN.....	222.0	184.0	53,724	46,000	2,648.0	2,354.0	632,466	564,400
ALA.....	78.5	55.5	17,741	12,598	867.0	744.0	192,091	166,743
MISS.....	71.5	67.5	16,445	15,795	842.0	806.0	191,827	183,848
ARK.....	30.0	23.3	7,110	5,545	333.5	312.6	78,281	74,155
LA.....	19.1	16.5	3,973	3,482	189.9	176.3	40,133	36,850
OKLA.....	62.0	44.5	16,368	11,837	673.5	567.5	172,740	144,617
TEXAS....	169.0	136.0	41,405	33,456	1,794.0	1,666.0	433,015	399,712
MTNT.....	22.5	26.0	5,062	5,980	275.5	311.6	62,104	71,203
IDAHO....	10.7	7.3	2,375	1,664	131.5	109.4	28,797	24,307
WYO.....	3.1	2.4	704	571	36.6	34.9	8,490	8,100
COLO.....	58.5	46.5	13,455	10,928	638.0	521.0	146,157	119,114
N.MEX....	9.6	7.3	2,218	1,723	102.9	96.7	23,811	22,362
ARIZ.....	11.7	10.0	2,691	2,320	134.6	123.3	31,098	28,698
UTAH.....	21.9	8.7	4,928	2,010	270.8	173.4	61,060	38,671
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	46	3.9	2.0	859	419
WASH.....	56.0	43.0	12,488	9,890	712.5	586.5	159,927	132,006
OREG.....	31.5	24.0	7,024	5,304	371.5	341.0	83,130	75,859
CALIF....	161.0	122.0	38,318	27,328	1,730.0	1,593.0	409,661	374,875
48 STATES	7,690.8	5,812.9	1,857,238	1,411,025	83,018.5	73,780.1	20,000,779	17,582,550
HAWAII...	7.9	8.3	1,382	1,461	65.2	68.8	11,586	12,581
U. S.....	7,698.7	5,821.2	1,858,620	1,412,486	83,083.7	73,848.9	20,012,365	17,595,131

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE _{2/}	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	1.6	1.8	142	163	19.0	19.5	1,584	1,641
N.Y.....	53.0	20.4	5,300	2,020	584.5	264.1	57,262	25,497
N.J.....	98.5	73.0	9,653	7,154	1,108.5	1,011.5	105,704	96,312
PA.....	20.4	14.5	1,897	1,334	202.2	195.8	17,684	17,496
OHIO.....	8.9	26.0	810	2,548	125.3	209.2	10,961	19,551
IND.....	8.9	.7	863	64	108.6	37.1	10,676	3,636
ILL.....	77.0	58.5	7,854	5,967	773.5	780.0	77,072	79,099
MICH.....	34.5	31.0	3,622	3,317	418.1	337.4	43,490	35,106
WIS.....	1.9	1.5	186	141	23.7	24.5	2,220	2,373
MINN.....	89.5	81.0	9,218	8,505	875.5	772.5	88,213	79,968
IOWA.....	96.0	80.5	9,696	8,130	976.0	917.5	96,827	91,123
MO.....	33.5	36.0	3,316	3,672	461.5	344.0	44,833	33,928
N.DAK....	13.3	12.6	1,396	1,336	111.5	72.0	11,334	7,666
S.DAK....	30.0	34.0	3,120	3,672	370.5	367.0	38,906	39,363
NEBR.....	80.0	62.0	8,240	6,572	1,033.0	790.5	106,223	82,224
KANS.....	20.6	28.0	1,998	2,772	274.0	375.4	26,325	36,877
DEL.-MD..	5.3	4.0	473	376	66.7	62.6	6,142	5,787
VA.....	.2	.2	20	21	2.7	3.3	254	319
W.VA.....	.4	.4	38	38	6.3	5.2	587	493
N.C.....	.1	.1	8	8	.8	.9	79	84
S.C.....	--	--	--	--	.5	.3	49	28
GA.....	--	--	--	--	.3	.1	27	10
FLA.....	--	--	--	--	.8	.9	61	70
KY.....	20.8	17.8	2,142	1,833	190.8	204.0	18,655	20,200
TENN.....	4.4	4.2	427	403	74.6	74.4	7,154	6,994
ALA.....	.1	--	9	--	1.5	1.2	149	117
MISS.....	--	--	--	--	.3	.1	30	10
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	.1	.1	10	10
LA.....	.1	.2	7	17	1.6	1.8	133	155
OKLA....	.1	.2	11	22	2.7	2.4	291	259
TEXAS....	91.0	47.0	8,372	4,371	1,675.5	1,231.5	148,151	108,931
MONT.....	.3	.4	33	38	6.2	4.5	614	448
IDAHO....	1.0	.8	110	86	13.1	11.3	1,374	1,207
WYO.....	.3	.3	33	33	2.8	2.9	308	323
COLO.....	148.0	136.0	15,244	14,416	1,712.5	1,570.5	171,512	158,085
N.MEX....	2.6	2.4	263	245	36.6	32.6	3,701	3,406
ARIZ.....	.8	1.0	82	108	13.8	14.0	1,558	1,550
UTAH.....	70.0	70.0	7,420	7,630	794.5	860.5	81,432	90,586
NEV.....	.3	.2	31	19	4.0	1.8	411	177
WASH.....	9.2	14.7	1,040	1,690	175.7	205.0	18,375	22,308
OREG.....	9.1	9.4	919	968	190.8	151.3	18,597	15,232
CALIF....	148.0	135.0	15,688	14,310	2,154.0	2,038.0	221,441	212,174
48 STATES	1,179.7	1,005.8	119,681	103,999	14,594.6	12,999.2	1,440,409	1,300,823
HAWAII...	.1	.1	9	10	.1	1.2	9	127
U. S.....	1,179.8	1,005.9	119,690	104,009	14,594.7	13,000.4	1,440,418	1,300,950

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
DECEMBER 1964 AND 1965 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,080	1,086	98	104	226	241	89	91
N.Y.....	1,093	1,090	125	120	224	225	100	99
N.J.....	1,258	1,270	219	198	205	207	98	98
PA.....	1,078	1,103	124	125	231	231	93	92
OHIO.....	975	994	189	180	225	228	91	98
IND.....	1,000	1,033	189	198	254	252	97	91
ILL.....	1,052	1,013	162	181	255	256	102	102
MICH.....	1,049	1,036	146	150	231	227	105	107
WIS.....	1,102	1,078	112	113	235	240	98	94
MINN.....	1,050	1,073	170	163	249	258	103	105
IOWA.....	1,073	1,064	159	154	249	252	101	101
MO.....	1,016	1,017	289	284	252	250	99	102
N.DAK.....	1,058	1,059	350	--	229	238	105	106
S.DAK.....	1,082	1,073	--	--	254	262	104	108
NEBR.....	1,063	1,051	489	440	259	260	103	106
KANS.....	1,015	1,022	364	397	244	245	97	99
DEL.-MD..	1,081	1,094	168	162	209	212	89	94
VA.....	1,007	1,019	262	255	227	223	98	107
W.VA.....	994	1,004	197	195	241	249	95	95
N.C.....	930	956	242	217	224	223	75	83
S.C.....	817	775	360	374	224	235	--	--
GA.....	792	781	437	437	218	213	--	--
FLA.....	908	897	253	290	204	215	--	--
KY.....	941	946	223	235	230	227	103	103
TENN.....	892	894	247	277	242	250	97	96
ALA.....	853	898	465	471	226	227	89	--
MISS.....	794	788	476	494	230	234	--	--
ARK.....	834	844	403	434	237	238	--	--
LA.....	745	804	433	452	208	211	73	87
OKLA.....	869	869	518	549	264	266	107	111
TEXAS....	882	889	539	543	245	246	92	93
MONT.....	1,019	1,020	265	348	225	230	109	95
IDAHO....	1,027	1,023	197	271	222	228	110	108
WYO.....	1,029	1,010	--	--	227	238	111	109
COLOR.....	1,022	1,023	423	439	230	235	103	106
N.MEX....	960	952	427	431	231	236	101	102
ARIZ.....	921	941	468	491	230	232	103	108
UTAH.....	1,025	1,026	367	307	225	231	106	109
NEV.....	1,003	1,025	388	400	205	228	104	93
WASH.....	1,016	1,031	340	341	223	230	113	115
OREG.....	1,001	985	334	358	223	221	101	103
CALIF....	1,063	1,032	209	211	238	224	106	106
48 STATES	1,020	1,017	212	211	241	243	101	103
HAWAII...	929	947	--	--	175	176	94	100
U. S.....	1,020	1,017	212	211	241	243	101	103

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 72 million pounds of veal produced during December, 6 percent below December 1964 and 13 percent below November 1965. The 623,500 head of calves slaughtered during the month was 6 percent less than December 1964 and 7 percent less than November 1965.

PORK PRODUCTION 23 PERCENT LESS THAN A YEAR EARLIER

Pork production during December totaled 863 million pounds, 23 percent less than December 1964 and 8 percent less than November 1965. The hog kill during December was 5,812,900 head, 24 percent less than December 1964 and 8 percent less than November 1965. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight of hogs was 11.1 pounds compared with 11.7 pounds in December 1964 and 11.4 pounds in November 1965.

LAMB AND MUTTON OUTPUT DOWN 14 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

The 51 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during December was 14 percent less than a year earlier and 2 percent less than a month earlier. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during December was 1,005,800 head, 15 percent fewer than December 1964 and 4 percent less than November 1965.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 9 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1964

Production of poultry meat during December amounted to 695 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 9 percent more than December 1964, but 15 percent less than November 1965.

Beginning with the January 1966 report, to be issued February 28, 1966 the commercial slaughter and meat production estimates will include custom slaughtering in plants for farmers. Comparable data for 1965 will not be available. It is expected that this change will result in a shift of about one to two percent of the total slaughter from farm to commercial slaughter.

Table 1.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1965 1/

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
Dec. 4	30.0	1.6	23.6	44.8
Dec. 11	29.8	1.6	23.5	45.1
Dec. 18	29.2	1.6	2/23.2	2/46.0
Dec. 25	2/27.2	1.6	22.4	2/48.8
Jan. 1	2/23.8	1.3	22.9	2/52.0
Jan. 8	27.9	1.5	23.4	47.2
Jan. 15	26.5	1.5	23.7	48.3

1/ As reported by Meat Inspectors, MID, C&MS. 2/ Revised.

Table 2.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, monthly, 48 States 1/

Month	Percentages of total slaughter				Total number slaughtered
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers	
Dec. 1964	25.2	1.3	20.3	53.2	2,254
Nov. 1965	30.0	1.6	24.1	44.3	2,334
Dec. 1965	28.3	1.6	23.1	47.0	2,314

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

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