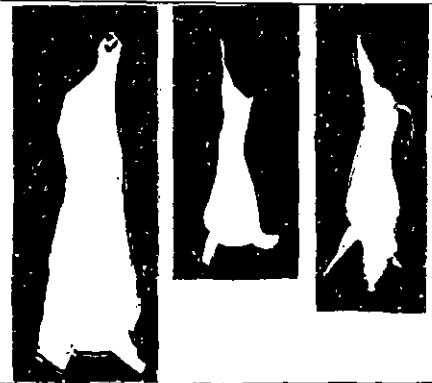


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



FEBRUARY 1966

March 31, 1966

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial production of red meat during February in the 48 States totaled 2,387 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 9 percent less than the January 1966 total of 2,609 million pounds. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes animals slaughtered on a farm or ranch.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY RED MEAT OUTPUT

There were 4,996 million pounds of red meat produced during the first two months of 1966. Of the January-February total, 3,120 million pounds were beef, 144 million pounds were veal, 1,636 million pounds were pork, and 96 million pounds were lamb and mutton. Lard production for January-February was 274 million pounds.

During the two-month period, the number of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants was 6 percent greater than in the same period of 1965; calves were down 4 percent; hogs down 17 percent; and sheep and lambs down 11 percent.

BEEF PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY 1966

Beef production during February was 1,465 million pounds, 11 percent less than January 1966. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,019 pounds, 2 pounds less than February 1965 and 4 pounds below January 1966. The total commercial cattle kill during February was 2,544,800 head. The number of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants was 2,036,800 head, 6 percent above February 1965.

VEAL PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY 1966

There were 69 million pounds of veal produced during February, 8 percent below January 1966. Commercial calf slaughter during February totaled 555,000 head. Federally inspected calf slaughter was 375,800 head in February, 2 percent less than February 1965.

FEBRUARY PORK PRODUCTION

Pork production during February totaled 808 million pounds, 2 percent less than January 1966. The commercial hog kill during February totaled 5,406,300 head.

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February 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
February 1965	1,365	69	871	47	2,352	469	167
January 1966 5/	1,655	75	828	51	2,609	589	145
February 1966 5/	1,465	69	808	45	2,387	522	129
Jan.-Feb. 1965 6/	2,901	148	1,887	106	5,042	1,029	360
Jan.-Feb. 1966 5/ 6/	3,120	144	1,636	96	4,996	1,111	274

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, numbers raised, intentions to raise and market poultry as well as data on chick placements and current monthly marketings. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Data for 1966 not comparable with previous year due to change in definition to include custom slaughtering in plants for farmers as part of the commercial meat production estimates beginning with January 1966. 6/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

February 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					
February 1965	1,918.8	422.0	2,340.8	1,021	2,389
January 1966 2/	2,304.5	577.9	2,862.4	1,023	2,929
February 1966 2/	2,036.8	508.0	2,544.8	1,019	2,593
Jan.-Feb. 1965	4,084.9	888.9	4,973.8	1,022	5,084
Jan.-Feb. 1966 2/	4,341.3	1,065.9	5,407.2	1,021	5,522
CALVES					
February 1965	384.2	182.6	566.8	219	124
January 1966 2/	381.5	194.6	576.1	235	136
February 1966 2/	375.8	179.2	555.0	224	124
Jan.-Feb. 1965	788.0	385.0	1,173.0	227	266
Jan.-Feb. 1966 2/	757.3	373.8	1,131.1	230	260
HOGS					
February 1965	5,301.3	859.6	6,160.9	233	1,438
January 1966 2/	4,718.6	808.9	5,527.5	242	1,336
February 1966 2/	4,650.0	756.3	5,406.3	238	1,285
Jan.-Feb. 1965	11,348.7	1,807.9	13,156.6	237	3,113
Jan.-Feb. 1966 2/	9,368.6	1,565.2	10,933.8	240	2,621
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
February 1965	849.6	86.6	936.2	103	97
January 1966 2/	906.7	84.3	991.0	105	104
February 1966 2/	785.1	73.3	858.4	106	91
Jan.-Feb. 1965	1,911.5	194.8	2,106.3	103	217
Jan.-Feb. 1966 2/	1,691.8	157.6	1,849.4	106	196

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Data for 1966 not comparable with previous year due to change in definition.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/
	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..	17.1	18.5	18,765	20,321	36.4	37.9	39,992	41,637
N.Y.....	31.0	35.0	34,286	39,130	66.5	73.0	73,549	81,614
N.J.....	29.0	27.0	36,540	33,642	61.0	57.5	76,604	71,980
PA.....	70.5	70.0	77,056	76,370	148.5	147.0	162,310	161,224
OHIO.....	89.5	98.0	89,679	99,764	195.5	207.0	195,043	209,418
IND.....	60.5	61.0	61,892	62,281	131.0	133.5	133,732	136,521
ILL.....	105.0	120.0	109,410	122,760	226.0	254.0	235,976	259,708
MICH.....	52.5	56.0	55,650	59,360	114.5	117.0	120,936	124,081
WIS.....	87.5	106.0	98,788	117,766	187.0	217.0	210,228	242,308
MINN.....	121.0	132.0	128,744	140,316	264.0	280.0	280,896	299,120
IOWA.....	290.0	310.0	310,010	328,290	613.0	676.0	658,204	720,276
MO.....	84.5	92.0	85,260	93,196	180.5	191.5	183,372	194,586
N.DAK.....	10.6	11.0	11,384	11,517	24.8	24.2	26,436	25,588
S.DAK.....	40.5	45.5	44,064	49,140	92.5	100.0	100,640	108,436
NEBR.....	224.0	253.0	236,992	266,662	474.0	536.0	502,742	563,812
KANS.....	118.0	124.0	120,006	126,852	246.0	262.0	250,822	268,854
DEL.-MD..	10.8	9.8	11,815	10,694	22.2	19.9	24,319	21,520
VA.....	15.1	17.5	15,749	17,938	33.8	36.2	34,991	37,180
W.VA.....	4.7	5.6	4,564	5,790	10.2	11.8	10,168	11,984
N.C.....	11.9	14.7	11,364	14,112	26.1	30.2	25,010	28,558
S.C.....	7.9	10.1	6,320	7,989	16.5	20.4	13,449	15,920
GA.....	27.5	32.0	21,835	27,200	59.0	66.5	47,129	53,592
FLA.....	29.0	34.0	26,303	31,654	61.5	70.0	55,813	64,342
KY.....	15.7	18.3	14,554	17,476	33.3	40.1	31,010	38,382
TENN.....	36.5	41.5	33,470	38,886	79.0	84.5	72,230	78,317
ALA.....	16.5	18.7	14,421	16,606	35.2	37.0	30,877	32,747
MISS.....	28.5	28.0	23,284	22,820	62.5	58.5	50,722	47,250
ARK.....	9.7	12.5	8,100	10,750	21.1	26.3	17,767	22,811
LA.....	9.5	11.0	7,087	8,272	21.3	23.1	16,232	17,468
OKLA.....	34.5	36.0	29,670	31,536	72.5	74.5	62,236	64,877
TEXAS....	170.0	181.0	152,320	159,099	352.0	382.0	315,028	339,798
MONT.....	13.0	17.3	13,260	18,200	28.7	39.4	29,400	41,427
IDAHO....	20.4	23.4	21,461	24,313	45.3	50.4	47,457	52,069
WYO.....	1.6	2.1	1,706	2,222	3.4	4.2	3,537	4,316
COLOR.....	112.0	113.0	116,368	116,051	221.0	234.0	229,946	240,439
N.MEX....	15.1	21.9	14,405	20,958	30.5	44.6	29,174	42,909
ARIZ.....	18.5	20.0	16,983	18,760	38.3	41.4	35,516	38,919
UTAH.....	20.1	24.5	20,522	25,064	44.4	54.0	45,624	56,304
NEV.....	2.0	2.1	2,004	2,140	4.0	4.3	4,010	4,366
WASH.....	41.0	40.5	42,025	42,080	90.0	89.5	92,250	92,991
OREG.....	22.1	23.3	22,387	23,533	45.8	50.8	46,063	51,033
CALIF....	216.0	227.0	218,592	231,313	455.0	500.0	462,611	513,322
48 STATES	2,340.8	2,544.8	2,389,095	2,592,823	4,973.8	5,407.2	5,084,051	5,522,004
HAWAII...	3.6	4.2	3,316	4,145	7.2	8.7	6,657	8,546
U. S.....	2,344.4	2,549.0	2,392,411	2,596,968	4,981.0	5,415.9	5,090,708	5,530,550

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/
	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..	25.1	21.6	2,321	2,201	50.2	43.5	4,831	4,468
N.Y.....	75.5	72.0	9,211	8,856	148.0	137.5	18,636	17,109
N.J.....	29.0	26.5	6,264	5,194	57.0	55.5	12,480	11,284
PA.....	48.5	47.5	6,208	6,128	97.0	94.0	12,610	12,266
OHIO.....	9.1	9.0	1,693	1,647	19.2	18.7	3,622	3,441
IND.....	6.1	5.5	1,190	1,084	12.8	10.8	2,470	2,123
ILL.....	28.0	26.5	4,564	4,426	57.5	52.5	9,461	9,132
MICH.....	22.2	20.1	3,152	2,894	44.0	41.3	6,444	6,095
WIS.....	75.5	75.5	8,984	8,682	149.5	148.5	17,864	17,004
MINN.....	22.3	21.5	4,126	3,784	46.6	42.1	8,500	7,368
IOWA.....	35.5	35.0	6,035	5,495	71.0	74.0	12,283	11,540
MO.....	7.5	5.5	2,190	1,644	16.4	11.2	4,913	3,274
N.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
S.DAK.....	--	.3	--	105	--	.7	--	245
NEBR.....	1.0	.7	496	326	3.4	1.6	1,706	721
KANS.....	2.8	1.4	1,123	566	6.1	3.4	2,327	1,388
DEL.-MD..	3.7	3.5	615	619	7.7	6.6	1,294	1,164
VA.....	14.4	15.9	3,629	3,959	33.5	32.2	8,576	8,393
W.VA.....	.7	.9	141	176	1.4	1.7	289	335
N.C.....	1.2	2.0	257	498	2.7	3.4	589	830
S.C.....	8.8	9.6	3,212	3,456	19.8	20.0	7,282	7,377
GA.....	3.2	4.7	1,472	1,993	6.7	9.1	3,100	3,973
FLA.....	17.1	18.2	4,839	5,333	37.4	38.0	10,320	11,431
KY.....	2.1	2.1	479	502	4.6	4.9	1,034	1,171
TENN.....	15.2	16.7	3,906	4,075	35.2	35.3	9,326	9,153
ALA.....	3.9	2.9	1,880	1,476	8.2	6.2	3,914	2,987
MISS.....	8.2	9.9	4,108	5,069	17.5	19.5	8,600	9,907
ARK.....	1.5	1.7	568	758	3.0	4.0	1,142	1,738
LA.....	21.1	19.9	9,579	9,094	44.4	43.9	20,017	20,086
OKLA.....	2.4	2.1	1,354	1,147	4.7	4.7	2,598	2,533
TEXAS....	39.5	43.5	21,804	24,534	94.0	96.5	51,234	53,631
MONT.....	.1	.1	30	39	.2	.2	60	74
IDAHO....	.2	.1	49	25	.4	.3	96	80
WYO.....	.1	--	30	--	.1	--	30	--
COLO.....	.3	.3	127	132	.8	.6	349	274
N.MEX....	.1	.1	42	46	.2	.1	89	46
ARIZ.....	.7	.7	332	334	1.3	1.3	611	618
UTAH.....	.5	.5	198	171	1.1	1.0	417	338
NEV.....	.2	.2	68	65	.5	.4	176	139
WASH.....	1.3	1.6	436	502	3.3	3.4	1,098	1,114
OREG.....	1.7	2.2	529	708	3.6	4.5	1,137	1,462
CALIF....	30.5	27.0	7,046	6,669	62.0	58.0	14,260	13,706
48 STATES	566.8	555.0	124,287	124,412	1,173.0	1,131.1	265,785	260,018
HAWAII...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.....	566.8	555.0	124,287	124,412	1,173.0	1,131.1	265,785	260,018

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/	1965	1966 3/
	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..	33.1	9.1	7,363	2,161	79.3	17.7	17,872	4,246
N.Y.....	80.5	74.0	17,710	16,724	176.0	149.5	39,388	33,862
N.J.....	116.0	107.0	24,244	22,149	252.0	219.0	52,668	45,333
PA.....	240.0	235.0	53,760	53,815	518.0	457.0	117,700	104,431
DHIO.....	391.0	331.0	86,020	74,144	806.0	687.0	178,980	154,600
IND.....	319.0	291.0	74,965	69,840	694.0	589.0	166,840	142,850
ILL.....	391.0	346.0	94,231	85,808	845.0	700.0	206,369	175,724
MICH.....	161.0	140.0	36,708	31,500	337.0	280.0	76,660	63,560
WIS.....	273.0	215.0	61,971	49,880	583.0	433.0	133,891	101,764
MINN.....	460.0	377.0	110,400	93,119	972.0	754.0	237,888	190,385
IOWA.....	1,290.0	1,184.0	309,600	287,712	2,753.0	2,361.0	672,424	577,254
MO.....	258.0	205.0	61,920	50,840	555.0	409.0	135,873	103,676
N.DAK....	1.6	1.2	352	292	3.2	2.7	717	644
S.DAK....	179.0	156.0	43,676	40,092	389.0	326.0	96,596	84,972
NEBR.....	287.0	240.0	71,176	61,200	625.0	476.0	158,380	123,032
KANS.....	145.0	124.0	33,930	29,512	321.0	264.0	76,522	64,232
DEL.-MD..	48.8	44.8	10,159	9,591	101.9	88.2	21,329	19,007
VA.....	188.0	174.0	42,300	38,802	393.0	355.0	88,630	79,527
W.VA.....	8.0	7.6	1,960	1,892	16.7	15.7	4,074	3,949
N.C.....	102.0	96.5	22,848	21,616	206.0	195.0	46,352	43,976
S.C.....	34.5	37.5	7,970	8,888	75.0	74.0	17,123	17,575
GA.....	133.0	108.0	28,329	22,896	285.0	231.0	61,009	49,710
FLA.....	40.5	28.5	8,788	6,298	85.5	61.5	18,373	13,426
KY.....	121.0	111.0	27,346	25,530	255.0	231.0	58,032	54,090
TENN.....	192.0	186.0	45,504	44,826	406.0	365.0	96,864	89,039
ALA.....	63.0	49.0	13,986	11,172	137.0	99.0	30,636	22,672
MISS.....	67.0	59.5	15,477	13,923	134.0	122.5	30,887	28,413
ARK.....	27.0	21.4	6,345	5,243	55.5	44.2	13,157	10,715
LA.....	13.7	12.8	2,891	2,701	30.4	27.4	6,398	5,723
OKLA.....	43.5	44.0	10,832	11,264	94.0	82.5	24,265	21,351
TEXAS....	136.0	123.0	32,640	29,520	294.0	254.0	70,876	61,484
MONT.....	20.2	18.8	4,505	4,380	42.1	44.3	9,454	10,270
IDAHO....	9.0	6.8	1,953	1,537	19.5	14.6	4,284	3,401
WYO.....	2.9	2.0	667	474	6.2	4.5	1,436	1,066
COLO.....	43.0	47.0	9,718	10,857	98.5	91.0	22,483	21,241
N.MEX....	8.1	6.2	1,855	1,457	16.4	13.9	3,772	3,243
ARIZ.....	10.6	9.3	2,427	2,204	21.3	18.6	4,899	4,362
UTAH.....	17.7	7.2	3,965	1,620	37.2	15.2	8,372	3,404
NEV.....	.2	.1	42	21	.4	.3	83	69
WASH.....	49.0	40.5	10,878	9,194	108.0	83.0	24,035	19,012
OREG.....	27.0	22.5	5,940	5,355	56.5	47.5	12,489	11,130
CALIF....	130.0	107.0	30,940	24,610	273.0	230.0	65,260	52,285
48 STATES	6,160.9	5,406.3	1,438,291	1,284,659	13,156.6	10,933.8	3,113,340	2,620,705
HAWAII...	4.9	4.8	872	845	9.8	9.7	1,734	1,703
U. S.....	6,165.8	5,411.1	1,439,163	1,285,504	13,166.4	10,943.5	3,115,074	2,622,408

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 ^{3/}	1965	1966 ^{3/}	1965	1966 ^{3/}	1965	1966 ^{3/}
	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..	.7	.8	64	68	1.7	1.9	153	163
N.Y.....	29.0	14.6	2,958	1,518	77.0	33.1	7,758	3,405
N.J.....	80.0	63.5	8,000	6,414	174.0	137.5	17,400	13,740
PA.....	16.5	12.1	1,551	1,150	35.2	24.2	3,290	2,275
OHIO.....	7.7	19.7	708	1,793	16.7	41.8	1,554	3,981
IND.....	5.2	.6	520	59	13.5	1.4	1,333	132
ILL.....	59.0	51.5	6,136	5,304	130.0	105.0	13,520	10,868
MICH.....	20.6	21.6	1,978	2,441	48.1	46.6	4,810	5,116
WIS.....	1.5	1.5	150	148	3.3	3.1	325	297
MINN.....	54.5	68.0	5,777	7,412	154.5	146.5	16,277	15,733
IOWA.....	72.0	67.5	7,488	7,088	163.5	150.0	16,912	15,668
MO.....	28.0	27.0	2,828	2,835	66.5	63.5	6,716	6,631
N.DAK.....	8.1	12.5	867	1,350	20.4	24.6	2,232	2,645
S.DAK.....	31.5	31.0	3,465	3,503	65.5	68.5	7,103	7,665
NEBR.....	68.5	66.0	7,192	7,128	164.0	137.0	17,124	14,725
KANS.....	23.2	23.9	2,366	2,462	46.6	47.7	4,706	4,866
DEL.-MD..	3.3	3.6	323	338	8.0	7.5	769	708
VA.....	--	.1	--	10	.2	.3	20	30
W.VA.....	.3	.4	29	41	.7	.8	66	82
N.C.....	.1	.1	8	10	.1	.1	8	10
S.C.....	--	--	--	--	.1	--	10	--
GA.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FLA.....	.1	--	8	--	.1	--	8	--
KY.....	7.5	10.5	788	1,124	23.7	24.5	2,440	2,608
TENN.....	4.4	3.2	449	326	8.1	6.3	815	630
ALA.....	.1	.1	10	9	.1	.1	10	9
MISS.....	--	.1	--	6	--	.1	--	6
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LA.....	.1	.1	11	8	.2	.2	20	15
OKLA.....	.2	.2	22	21	.3	.5	33	52
TEXAS.....	58.5	39.5	5,558	3,832	120.0	76.5	11,278	7,347
MONT.....	.1	.3	11	31	.4	.6	42	59
IDAHO.....	.6	.6	64	66	1.4	1.2	150	131
WYO.....	.2	.1	25	12	.4	.3	47	34
COLO.....	116.0	146.0	11,948	15,914	257.0	316.0	26,330	34,274
N.MEX.....	3.0	3.0	300	315	6.0	6.0	612	630
ARIZ.....	1.3	1.2	140	142	2.4	2.2	258	253
UTAH.....	58.5	47.5	6,201	5,368	130.0	106.5	13,851	11,917
NEV.....	.1	.1	11	11	.3	.2	32	21
WASH.....	9.0	10.4	990	1,165	23.3	20.7	2,592	2,349
OREG.....	8.8	6.5	898	702	18.0	14.4	1,818	1,532
CALIF.....	158.0	103.0	16,906	11,227	325.0	232.0	34,775	25,159
48 STATES	936.2	858.4	96,748	91,351	2,106.3	1,849.4	217,197	195,766
HAWAII...	.3	.2	36	21	.3	.4	36	43
U. S.....	936.5	858.6	96,784	91,372	2,106.6	1,849.8	217,233	195,809

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

^{3/} DATA FOR 1966 NOT COMPARABLE WITH PREVIOUS YEAR DUE TO CHANGE IN DEFINITION TO INCLUDE CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING IN PLANTS FOR FARMERS AS PART OF THE COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER ESTIMATES.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
FEBRUARY 1965 AND 1966 ^{1/}

STATE <u>2/</u>	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>
NEW ENG..	1,097	1,098	92	102	222	237	91	85
N.Y.....	1,106	1,118	122	123	220	226	102	104
N.J.....	1,260	1,246	216	196	209	207	100	101
PA.....	1,093	1,091	128	129	224	229	94	95
OHIO.....	1,002	1,018	186	183	220	224	92	91
IND.....	1,023	1,021	195	197	235	240	100	98
ILL.....	1,042	1,023	163	167	241	248	104	103
MICH.....	1,060	1,060	142	144	228	225	96	113
WIS.....	1,129	1,111	119	115	227	232	100	99
MINN.....	1,064	1,063	185	176	240	247	106	109
IOWA.....	1,069	1,059	170	157	240	243	104	105
MO.....	1,009	1,013	292	299	240	248	101	105
N.DAK....	1,074	1,047	--	--	220	243	107	108
S.DAK....	1,088	1,080	--	350	244	257	110	113
NEBR.....	1,058	1,054	496	466	248	255	105	108
KANS.....	1,017	1,023	401	404	234	238	102	103
DEL.-MD..	1,094	1,091	166	177	208	214	98	94
VA.....	1,043	1,025	252	249	225	223	--	100
W.VA.....	971	1,034	201	196	245	249	97	103
N.C.....	955	960	214	249	224	224	83	100
S.C.....	800	791	365	360	231	237	--	--
GA.....	794	850	460	424	213	212	--	--
FLA.....	907	931	283	293	217	221	80	--
KY.....	927	955	228	239	226	230	105	107
TENN.....	917	937	257	244	237	241	102	102
ALA.....	874	888	482	509	222	228	100	94
MISS.....	817	815	501	512	231	234	--	65
ARK.....	835	860	379	446	235	245	--	--
LA.....	746	752	454	457	211	211	114	75
OKLA.....	860	876	564	546	249	256	112	104
TEXAS....	896	879	552	564	240	240	95	97
MONT.....	1,020	1,052	300	386	223	233	107	104
IDAHO....	1,052	1,039	246	246	217	226	107	110
WYO.....	1,066	1,058	295	--	230	237	123	119
COLO.....	1,039	1,027	424	440	226	231	103	109
N.MEX....	954	957	418	462	229	235	100	105
ARIZ.....	918	938	475	477	229	237	108	118
UTAH.....	1,021	1,023	397	342	224	225	106	113
NEV.....	1,002	1,019	341	325	212	209	107	111
WASH.....	1,025	1,039	335	314	222	227	110	112
OREG.....	1,013	1,010	311	322	220	238	102	108
CALIF....	1,012	1,019	231	247	238	230	107	109
48 STATES	1,021	1,019	219	224	233	238	103	106
HAWAII...	921	987	--	--	178	176	119	107
U. S.....	1,020	1,019	219	224	233	238	103	106

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Hogs slaughtered in Federally inspected plants totaled 4,650,000 head, down 12 percent from February a year ago. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight was 10.0 pounds compared with 11.6 pounds in February 1965 and 10.8 pounds in January 1966.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY

There were 45 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during February, 12 percent less than a month earlier. Total commercial slaughter of sheep and lambs was 858,400 head in February. Federally inspected sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 785,100 head in February, 8 percent below February 1965.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY 1965

Production of poultry meat during February amounted to 522 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 11 percent above February 1965 but 11 percent below January 1966.

Beginning with January 1966 the commercial slaughter and meat production estimates include custom slaughtering in plants for farmers. Comparable data for 1965 and earlier years are not available; therefore, comparisons with the previous year are shown only for the number slaughtered in Federally inspected plants.

Table 1.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1966 1/

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
Feb. 5	22.9	1.4	25.2	50.5
Feb. 12	2/ 26.2	1.4	23.7	2/ 48.7
Feb. 19	24.9	1.5	24.7	48.9
Feb. 26	23.5	1.5	24.8	50.2
Mar. 5	23.5	1.6	24.3	50.6
Mar. 12	21.8	1.4	25.5	51.3
Mar. 19	24.0	1.5	24.8	49.7

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	
Feb. 1965	21.6	1.2	20.9	56.3	1,919
Jan. 1966	24.8	1.4	23.9	49.9	2,305
Feb. 1966	24.6	1.4	24.4	49.6	2,037

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

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