

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



MARCH 1966

April 29, 1966

MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Commercial production of red meat during March in the 48 States totaled 2,749 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 15 percent above the February 1966 total of 2,387 million pounds. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes animals slaughtered on a farm or ranch.

JANUARY-MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION: There were 7,744 million pounds of red meat produced during the first three months of 1966. Of the January-March total, 4,724 million pounds were beef, 223 million pounds were veal, 2,642 million pounds were pork, and 155 million pounds were lamb and mutton. Lard production during this period was 437 million pounds.

During the three month period, the number of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants was 4 percent greater than in the same period of 1965; calves were down 4 percent; hogs down 15 percent; and sheep and lambs down 6 percent.

BEEF PRODUCTION DURING MARCH 1966: Beef production during March was 1,604 million pounds, 9 percent more than February 1966. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,012 pounds, the same as March 1965 but 7 pounds less than February 1966. The total commercial cattle kill during March was 2,788,000 head. The number of cattle slaughtered in Federally inspected plants was 2,231,800 head, less than 1 percent above the 2,225,800 head slaughtered in March 1965.

VEAL PRODUCTION IN MARCH 1966: There were 80 million pounds of veal produced during March, 16 percent above February 1966. Commercial calf slaughter during March totaled 657,600 head. Federally inspected calf slaughter was 459,300 head in March, 3 percent less than March 1965.

MARCH PORK PRODUCTION: Pork production during March totaled 1,006 million pounds, 25 percent more than February 1966. The commercial hog kill during March totaled 6,715,700 head. Hogs slaughtered in Federally inspected plants totaled 5,806,400 head, down 11 percent from March a year ago. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight was 10.2 pounds compared with 10.0 pounds in February 1966 and 11.1 pounds in March 1965.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DURING MARCH: There were 59 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during March, 31 percent more than a month earlier. Total commercial slaughter of sheep and lambs was 1,130,700 head in March. Federally inspected sheep and lambs slaughtered in March totaled 1,033,200 head, 5 percent above March 1965.

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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 1965	1,568	80	1,075	55	2,778	526	196
February 1966 5/	1,465	69	808	45	2,387	522	129
March 1966 5/	1,604	80	1,006	59	2,749	554	163
Jan.-March 1966 5/	4,472	228	2,961	162	7,821	1,555	556
Jan.-March 1966 5/	4,724	223	2,642	155	7,744	1,665	437

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. 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. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

March 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					
March 1965	2,225.8	490.0	2,715.8	1,012	2,747
February 1966	2,036.8	508.0	2,544.8	1,019	2,593
March 1966	2,231.8	556.2	2,788.0	1,012	2,822
Jan.-March 1965 2/	6,310.7	1,383.9	7,694.6	1,018	7,835
Jan.-March 1966 2/	6,573.1	1,622.1	8,195.2	1,018	8,344
CALVES					
March 1965	472.8	213.2	686.0	209	143
February 1966	375.8	179.2	555.0	224	124
March 1966	459.3	198.3	657.6	220	145
Jan.-March 1965 2/	1,260.8	598.3	1,859.1	220	409
Jan.-March 1966 2/	1,216.6	572.1	1,788.7	226	405
HOGS					
March 1965	6,533.8	992.3	7,526.1	233	1,756
February 1966	4,650.0	756.3	5,406.3	238	1,285
March 1966	5,806.4	909.3	6,715.7	239	1,603
Jan.-March 1965 2/	17,882.5	2,801.2	20,683.7	235	4,869
Jan.-March 1966 2/	15,175.0	2,474.5	17,649.5	239	4,224
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
March 1965	986.2	105.1	1,091.3	103	113
February 1966	785.1	73.3	858.4	106	91
March 1966	1,033.2	97.4	1,130.7	106	120
Jan.-March 1965 2/	2,897.7	301.0	3,198.7	103	330
Jan.-March 1966 2/	2,725.0	255.1	2,980.1	106	316

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data. Data for 1966 not comparable with previous year due to change in definition.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	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..	18.4	20.5	20,364	22,626	55.3	58.4	60,090	64,263
N.Y.....	35.0	38.5	38,570	42,119	101.5	111.5	112,119	123,733
N.J.....	35.0	31.0	43,855	38,750	96.0	88.5	120,459	110,730
PA.....	81.5	78.5	88,264	86,036	230.0	225.5	250,574	247,260
OHIO.....	106.0	107.0	105,894	108,284	301.5	314.0	300,937	317,702
IND.....	75.5	67.0	77,010	69,412	208.0	200.5	212,141	205,933
ILL.....	129.0	132.0	132,741	132,792	355.0	386.0	368,717	392,500
MICH.....	62.0	60.5	65,658	64,977	176.5	177.5	186,594	189,058
WIS.....	98.0	105.0	110,250	117,915	285.0	322.0	320,478	360,223
MINN.....	124.0	132.0	130,820	139,656	388.0	412.0	411,716	438,776
IOWA.....	311.0	309.0	327,172	324,759	924.0	985.0	985,376	1,045,035
MO.....	105.0	121.0	105,000	122,331	285.5	312.5	288,372	316,917
N.DAK.....	14.1	10.4	15,059	10,941	38.9	34.6	41,495	36,529
S.DAK.....	49.5	49.5	53,757	52,668	142.0	149.5	154,397	161,104
NEBR.....	254.0	278.0	263,144	287,452	728.0	814.0	765,886	851,264
KANS.....	136.0	136.0	137,768	137,904	382.0	398.0	388,590	406,758
DEL.-MD..	11.8	11.2	12,929	12,388	33.8	31.1	36,988	33,908
VA.....	19.5	19.4	19,948	19,827	53.3	55.6	54,939	57,007
W.VA.....	5.5	6.3	5,594	6,401	15.7	18.1	15,762	18,385
N.C.....	15.2	17.8	14,805	17,266	41.3	48.0	39,815	45,824
S.C.....	8.9	11.1	7,182	8,802	25.4	31.5	20,631	24,722
GA.....	32.5	36.5	26,098	29,820	91.5	103.0	73,227	83,412
FLA.....	34.0	35.5	30,906	32,021	95.5	105.5	86,719	96,363
KY.....	18.6	22.2	17,056	20,579	51.9	62.3	48,066	58,961
TENN.....	44.5	47.0	39,516	43,428	123.5	131.5	111,746	121,745
ALA.....	20.3	20.6	18,128	18,149	55.5	57.6	49,005	50,896
MISS.....	32.5	32.5	26,228	25,740	95.0	91.0	76,950	72,990
ARK.....	12.4	14.0	10,218	12,068	33.5	40.3	27,985	34,879
LA.....	12.1	12.2	9,014	8,918	33.4	35.3	25,246	26,386
OKLA.....	43.0	44.0	37,281	38,720	115.5	118.5	99,517	103,597
TEXAS.....	205.0	203.0	182,245	178,234	557.0	585.0	497,273	518,032
MONT.....	15.4	16.6	16,062	17,330	44.1	56.0	45,462	58,757
IDAHO.....	22.3	26.0	22,880	26,884	67.6	76.4	70,337	78,953
WYO.....	1.7	2.4	1,669	2,378	5.1	6.6	5,206	6,694
COLO.....	134.0	135.0	138,288	140,130	355.0	369.0	368,234	380,569
N.MEX.....	18.6	24.7	17,484	23,786	50.0	69.3	47,456	66,695
ARIZ.....	21.2	22.0	19,525	20,108	59.5	63.4	55,041	59,027
UTAH.....	23.4	27.0	23,657	27,486	67.8	81.0	69,281	83,790
NEV.....	2.5	2.5	2,535	2,498	6.5	6.8	6,545	6,864
WASH.....	44.0	46.0	45,672	47,702	134.0	135.5	137,922	140,693
OREG.....	24.9	24.6	25,099	24,772	73.0	75.4	73,356	75,805
CALIF.....	258.0	252.0	262,128	257,544	713.0	752.0	724,739	770,866
48 STATES	2,715.8	2,747,473	2,747,473	2,821,601	7,694.6	8,195.2	7,835,389	8,343,605
HAWAII...	4.3	4.8	4,094	4,598	11.5	13.5	10,751	13,144
U. S.....	2,720.1	2,751,567	2,751,567	2,826,199	7,706.1	8,208.7	7,846,140	8,356,749

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	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..	40.3	36.5	3,569	3,515	90.7	80.0	8,441	7,983
N.Y.....	108.0	109.0	11,988	12,753	256.0	246.5	30,624	29,862
N.J.....	35.0	28.0	7,560	5,348	92.0	83.5	20,040	16,632
PA.....	62.0	60.0	7,874	7,680	159.0	154.0	20,484	19,946
OHIO.....	11.1	10.3	2,109	1,813	30.3	29.0	5,731	5,254
IND.....	7.2	5.7	1,361	1,106	20.0	16.5	3,831	3,229
ILL.....	32.5	28.0	5,395	5,012	90.0	80.5	14,856	14,144
MICH.....	25.5	21.7	3,774	3,472	69.5	63.0	10,218	9,567
WIS.....	86.0	79.0	10,148	9,085	235.5	227.5	28,012	26,089
MINN.....	19.9	21.8	3,622	3,815	66.5	63.9	12,122	11,183
IOWA.....	41.5	37.5	6,598	5,625	112.5	111.5	18,881	17,165
MO.....	7.2	5.3	1,951	1,622	23.6	16.5	6,864	4,896
N.DAK.....	.1	.1	35	40	.1	.1	35	40
S.DAK.....	--	.2	--	70	--	.9	--	315
NEBR.....	3.1	1.1	1,516	498	6.5	2.7	3,222	1,219
KANS.....	3.0	1.6	1,188	626	9.1	5.0	3,515	2,014
DEL.-MD..	4.1	4.2	720	713	11.7	10.8	2,008	1,877
VA.....	19.7	17.2	4,630	4,266	53.2	49.4	13,206	12,659
W.VA.....	.7	.9	141	179	2.1	2.6	430	514
N.C.....	1.7	3.2	345	813	4.4	6.6	934	1,643
S.C.....	9.6	10.6	3,494	3,922	29.4	30.6	10,776	11,299
GA.....	4.7	8.6	2,190	3,896	11.4	17.7	5,290	7,869
FLA.....	17.7	15.4	5,452	5,005	55.1	53.4	15,772	16,436
KY.....	2.2	2.8	473	815	6.8	7.7	1,507	1,986
TENN.....	18.1	18.6	4,471	4,706	53.3	53.9	13,797	13,859
ALA.....	4.7	4.5	2,326	2,236	12.9	10.7	6,240	5,223
MISS.....	7.5	11.6	3,728	5,823	25.0	31.1	12,328	15,730
ARK.....	1.4	2.1	631	878	4.4	6.1	1,773	2,616
LA.....	23.3	24.0	10,858	10,896	67.7	67.9	30,875	30,982
OKLA.....	2.9	2.4	1,604	1,294	7.6	7.1	4,202	3,827
TEXAS....	42.5	47.5	23,162	26,600	136.5	144.0	74,396	80,231
MT.....	.1	.1	32	36	.3	.3	92	110
IDAHO....	.2	.1	50	27	.6	.4	146	107
WYO.....	--	--	--	--	.1	--	30	--
COLO.....	.4	.2	200	86	1.2	.8	549	360
N.MEX....	.1	.1	40	48	.3	.2	129	94
ARIZ.....	.8	.5	389	238	2.1	1.8	1,000	856
UTAH.....	.7	.6	275	218	1.8	1.6	692	556
NEV.....	.2	.2	62	78	.7	.6	238	217
WASH.....	1.8	1.8	598	610	5.1	5.2	1,696	1,724
OREG.....	2.0	2.1	588	628	5.6	6.6	1,725	2,090
CALIF....	36.5	32.5	8,176	8,482	98.5	90.5	22,436	22,188
48 STATES	686.0	657.6	143,323	144,573	1,859.1	1,788.7	409,143	404,591
HAWAII...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.....	686.0	657.6	143,323	144,573	1,859.1	1,788.7	409,143	404,591

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE <u>2/</u>	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>	1965	1966 <u>3/</u>
	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..	25.8	9.1	5,794	2,201	105.1	26.8	23,666	6,447
N.Y.....	93.5	85.0	20,570	19,040	269.5	234.5	59,958	52,902
N.J.....	154.0	135.0	31,878	27,810	406.0	354.0	84,546	73,143
PA.....	294.0	288.0	66,150	65,376	812.0	745.0	183,850	169,807
OHIO.....	480.0	424.0	105,600	96,248	1,286.0	1,111.0	284,580	250,848
IND.....	436.0	340.0	101,588	82,620	1,130.0	929.0	268,428	225,470
ILL.....	508.0	416.0	122,936	103,584	1,353.0	1,116.0	329,305	279,308
MICH.....	203.0	170.0	46,284	38,080	540.0	450.0	122,944	101,640
WIS.....	327.0	288.0	74,883	67,680	910.0	721.0	208,774	169,444
MINN.....	523.0	417.0	126,043	103,833	1,495.0	1,171.0	363,931	294,218
IOWA.....	1,517.0	1,468.0	361,046	359,660	4,270.0	3,829.0	1,033,470	936,914
MO.....	315.0	281.0	75,600	70,531	870.0	690.0	211,473	174,207
N.DAK.....	1.6	1.7	354	400	4.8	4.4	1,071	1,044
S.DAK.....	222.0	204.0	55,278	52,020	611.0	530.0	151,874	136,992
NEBR.....	388.0	313.0	96,612	80,441	1,013.0	789.0	254,992	203,473
KANS.....	196.0	175.0	46,060	42,875	517.0	439.0	122,582	107,107
DEL.-MD..	61.8	49.7	12,913	10,736	164.2	137.9	34,346	29,743
VA.....	230.0	211.0	51,290	46,631	623.0	566.0	139,920	126,158
W.VA.....	9.2	8.5	2,190	2,032	25.9	24.2	6,264	5,981
N.C.....	128.0	120.0	28,672	26,880	334.0	315.0	75,024	70,856
S.C.....	39.0	48.0	9,009	11,568	114.0	122.0	26,132	29,143
GA.....	144.0	136.0	30,816	29,240	429.0	367.0	91,825	78,950
FLA.....	47.5	34.5	9,880	7,486	133.0	96.0	28,253	20,912
KY.....	142.0	138.0	31,950	31,602	397.0	369.0	89,982	85,692
TENN.....	250.0	226.0	59,250	54,692	656.0	591.0	156,114	143,731
ALA.....	75.0	63.5	16,725	14,351	212.5	162.5	47,472	37,023
MISS.....	74.5	72.5	16,688	16,675	208.5	195.0	47,575	45,088
ARK.....	30.5	26.5	7,228	6,334	86.0	70.7	20,385	17,049
LA.....	15.8	15.9	3,286	3,371	46.2	43.3	9,684	9,094
OKLA.....	52.0	60.5	12,948	15,004	146.0	143.0	37,213	36,355
TEXAS.....	162.0	148.0	38,880	35,224	456.0	402.0	109,756	96,708
MONT.....	26.0	26.5	5,850	6,228	68.1	70.8	15,304	16,498
IDAHO.....	10.6	9.4	2,311	2,106	30.1	24.0	6,595	5,507
WYO.....	3.2	2.4	742	586	9.4	6.9	2,178	1,652
COLO.....	54.5	59.5	12,262	13,626	153.0	150.5	34,745	34,867
N.MEX.....	9.0	7.7	2,061	1,863	25.4	21.6	5,833	5,106
ARIZ.....	11.3	11.7	2,576	2,691	32.6	30.3	7,475	7,053
UTAH.....	22.1	9.0	4,840	2,025	59.3	24.2	13,212	5,429
NEV.....	.2	.1	41	18	.6	.4	124	87
WASH.....	61.0	50.5	13,542	11,413	169.0	133.5	37,577	30,425
OREG.....	34.0	28.5	7,548	6,498	90.5	76.0	20,037	17,628
CALIF.....	149.0	137.0	35,611	31,647	422.0	367.0	100,871	83,932
48 STATES	7,526.1		1,755,785		20,683.7		4,869,340	
		6,715.7		1,602,926		17,649.5		4,223,631
HAWAII...	5.2	5.4	962	961	15.0	15.1	2,696	2,664
U. S.....	7,531.3		1,756,747		20,698.7		4,872,036	
		6,721.1		1,603,887		17,664.6		4,226,295

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NEW ENG..	1.5	1.1	115	90	3.4	3.0	282	253
N.Y.....	18.5	19.8	1,868	1,881	95.5	52.9	9,626	5,286
N.J.....	89.5	73.0	9,040	7,373	263.5	210.5	26,440	21,113
PA.....	16.8	14.4	1,596	1,397	52.0	38.6	4,886	3,672
OHIO.....	8.8	23.5	810	2,397	25.5	65.3	2,364	6,378
IND.....	5.6	.7	571	63	19.1	2.1	1,904	195
ILL.....	69.0	65.0	7,314	6,955	199.0	170.0	20,834	17,823
MICH.....	29.5	27.5	3,098	2,942	77.6	74.1	7,908	8,058
WIS.....	1.7	1.2	163	113	5.0	4.3	488	410
MINN.....	46.5	71.0	5,022	7,739	201.0	217.5	21,299	23,472
IOWA.....	72.0	88.5	7,416	9,204	235.5	238.5	24,328	24,872
MO.....	26.5	35.5	2,730	3,728	93.0	99.0	9,446	10,359
N.DAK.....	8.8	8.8	968	959	29.2	33.4	3,200	3,604
S.DAK.....	31.0	37.0	3,472	4,181	96.5	105.5	10,575	11,846
NEBR.....	70.0	91.0	7,420	9,737	234.0	228.0	24,544	24,462
KANS.....	42.5	28.5	4,335	2,878	89.1	76.2	9,041	7,744
DEL.-MD..	3.6	3.8	339	412	11.7	11.3	1,122	1,120
VA.....	--	.1	--	10	.2	.4	20	40
W.VA.....	.4	.4	38	40	1.1	1.2	104	122
N.C.....	--	.1	--	10	.1	.2	8	20
S.C.....	--	--	--	--	.1	--	10	--
GA.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FLA.....	.1	.1	8	10	.2	.1	16	10
KY.....	7.4	11.7	829	1,299	31.1	36.2	3,269	3,907
TENN.....	4.8	4.5	485	441	12.9	10.8	1,300	1,071
ALA.....	--	--	--	--	.1	.1	10	9
MISS.....	--	--	--	--	--	.1	--	6
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LA.....	.2	.2	15	18	.4	.4	35	33
OKLA.....	.2	.6	19	66	.5	1.1	52	118
TEXAS.....	82.0	86.5	7,790	8,044	202.0	163.0	19,068	15,391
MONT.....	.2	.3	21	34	.6	.9	63	93
IDAHO.....	.8	.7	82	78	2.2	1.9	232	209
WYO.....	.2	.2	22	20	.6	.5	69	54
COLO.....	148.0	200.0	15,392	22,200	405.0	516.0	41,722	56,474
N.MEX.....	3.7	3.1	392	316	10.5	9.1	1,089	946
ARIZ.....	1.6	1.6	174	146	4.0	3.8	432	399
UTAH.....	66.5	50.5	7,049	5,606	196.5	157.0	20,900	17,523
NEV.....	.1	--	10	--	.4	.2	42	21
WASH.....	12.4	12.6	1,376	1,462	35.7	33.3	3,968	3,811
OREG.....	7.9	9.2	806	994	25.9	23.6	2,624	2,526
CALIF.....	213.0	158.0	21,939	17,064	538.0	390.0	56,714	42,223
48 STATES	1,091.3		112,724		3,198.7		330,034	
		1,130.7		119,907		2,980.1		315,673
HAWAII...	.1	.2	10	20	.4	.6	46	63
U. S.....	1,091.4		112,734		3,199.1		330,080	
		1,130.9		119,927		2,980.7		315,736

^{1/} INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

^{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,
MARCH 1965 AND 1966 ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,107	1,104	89	96	225	242	77	82
N.Y.....	1,102	1,094	111	117	220	224	101	95
N.J.....	1,253	1,250	216	191	207	206	101	101
PA.....	1,083	1,096	127	128	225	227	95	97
OHIO.....	999	1,012	190	176	220	227	92	102
IND.....	1,020	1,036	189	194	233	243	102	90
ILL.....	1,029	1,006	166	179	242	249	106	107
MICH.....	1,059	1,074	148	160	228	224	105	107
WIS.....	1,125	1,123	118	115	229	235	96	94
MINN.....	1,055	1,058	182	175	241	249	108	109
IOWA.....	1,052	1,051	159	150	238	245	103	104
MO.....	1,000	1,011	271	306	240	251	103	105
N.DAK.....	1,068	1,052	350	400	221	235	110	109
S.DAK.....	1,086	1,064	--	350	249	255	112	113
NEBR.....	1,036	1,034	489	453	249	257	106	107
KANS.....	1,013	1,014	396	391	235	245	102	101
DEL.-MD..	1,096	1,106	176	170	209	216	94	108
VA.....	1,023	1,022	235	248	223	221	--	101
W.VA.....	1,017	1,016	201	199	238	239	95	100
N.C.....	974	970	203	254	224	224	--	100
S.C.....	807	793	364	370	231	241	--	--
GA.....	803	817	466	453	214	215	--	--
FLA.....	909	902	308	325	208	217	83	100
KY.....	917	927	215	291	225	229	112	111
TENN.....	888	924	247	253	237	242	101	98
ALA.....	893	881	495	497	223	226	--	--
MISS.....	807	792	497	502	224	230	--	--
ARK.....	824	862	451	418	237	239	--	--
LA.....	745	731	466	454	208	212	76	89
OKLA.....	867	880	553	539	249	248	94	110
TEXAS.....	889	878	545	560	240	238	95	93
MONT.....	1,043	1,044	323	364	225	235	105	115
IDAHO.....	1,026	1,034	248	268	218	224	103	112
WYO.....	982	991	--	--	232	244	110	99
COLO.....	1,032	1,038	499	432	225	229	104	111
N.MEX.....	940	963	398	475	229	242	106	102
ARIZ.....	921	914	486	477	228	230	109	91
UTAH.....	1,011	1,018	393	364	219	225	106	111
NEV.....	1,014	999	311	388	206	185	100	--
WASH.....	1,038	1,037	332	339	222	226	111	116
OREG.....	1,008	1,007	294	299	222	228	102	108
CALIF.....	1,016	1,022	224	261	239	231	103	108
48 STATES	1,012	1,012	209	220	233	239	103	106
HAWAII...	952	958	--	--	185	178	100	102
U. S.....	1,012	1,012	209	220	233	239	103	106

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1965: Production of poultry meat during March amounted to 554 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 5 percent above March 1965 and 6 percent above February 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
Mar. 5	23.5	1.6	24.3	50.6
Mar. 12	21.8	1.4	25.5	51.3
Mar. 19	2/ 24.1	1.5	24.8	2/ 49.6
Mar. 26	22.8	1.6	24.9	50.7
Apr. 2	22.9	1.6	25.3	50.2
Apr. 9	22.2	1.5	25.5	50.8
Apr. 16	21.6	1.4	25.5	51.5

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	
Mar. 1965	20.4	1.3	22.3	56.0	2,226
Feb. 1966	24.6	1.4	24.4	49.6	2,037
Mar. 1966	22.9	1.5	25.0	50.6	2,232

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

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Page 18 - February calves total live weight in Ohio should read 1,693 instead of 1,692.

Page 25 - August hogs total live weight in the 48 States should read 1,302,246 instead of 1,032,246.