

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



APRIL 1966

May 31, 1966

**APRIL RED MEAT PRODUCTION:** Commercial production of red meat during April in the 48 States totaled 2,552 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 7 percent less than the March 1966 total of 2,749 million pounds. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other commercial plants but excludes animals slaughtered on a farm or ranch.

**JANUARY-APRIL RED MEAT PRODUCTION:** There were 10,298 million pounds of red meat produced during the first four months of 1966. Of the January-April total, 6,230 million pounds were beef, 292 million pounds were veal, 3,565 million pounds were pork, and 211 million pounds were lamb and mutton. Lard production during this period was 602 million pounds.

During the four-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 5 percent; hogs down 14 percent; and sheep and lambs down 5 percent.

**BEEF PRODUCTION DURING APRIL 1966:** Beef production during April was 1,506 million pounds, 6 percent less than March 1966. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,011 pounds, 4 pounds more than in April 1965 but 1 pound less than March 1966. The total commercial cattle kill during April was 2,601,000 head, 7 percent less than March 1966. The April number of cattle slaughtered in federally inspected plants was 2,103,100 head, 4 percent above April a year ago.

**VEAL PRODUCTION IN APRIL 1966:** There were 69 million pounds of veal produced during April, 14 percent less than March 1966. Commercial calf slaughter during April totaled 544,100 head, 17 percent less than a month earlier. Federally inspected calf slaughter was 369,500 head in April, 10 percent less than April 1965.

**APRIL PORK PRODUCTION:** Pork production during April totaled 922 million pounds, 8 percent less than March 1966. The commercial hog kill during April totaled 6,137,400 head, 9 percent less than the preceding month. Hogs slaughtered in federally inspected plants totaled 5,303,300 head, down 9 percent from April a year ago. Lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight was 11.1 pounds compared with 10.2 in March 1966 and 11.2 pounds in April 1965.

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April 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
April 1965	1,423	73	972	55	2,523	541	178
March 1966 5/	1,604	80	1,006	59	2,749	554	163
April 1966 5/	1,506	69	922	55	2,552	605	166
Jan.-April 1965 6/	5,895	301	3,933	217	10,346	2,096	734
Jan.-April 1966 6/	6,230	292	3,565	211	10,298	2,270	602

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. 6/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

April 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	Pounds	Million pounds
	1,000	1,000	1,000		
	head	head	head	Pounds	pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>					
April 1965	2,021.4	454.7	2,476.1	1,007	2,493
March 1966	2,231.8	556.2	2,788.0	1,012	2,822
April 1966	2,103.1	497.9	2,601.0	1,011	2,630
Jan.-April 1965 2/	8,332.1	1,838.6	10,170.7	1,016	10,329
Jan.-April 1966 2/	8,676.2	2,120.0	10,796.2	1,016	10,973
<b>CALVES</b>					
April 1965	411.1	187.2	598.3	219	131
March 1966	459.3	198.3	657.6	220	145
April 1966	369.5	174.6	544.1	228	124
Jan.-April 1965 2/	1,671.9	785.5	2,457.4	220	540
Jan.-April 1966 2/	1,586.1	746.7	2,332.8	227	529
<b>HOGS</b>					
April 1965	5,802.3	888.5	6,690.8	237	1,588
March 1966	5,806.4	909.3	6,715.7	239	1,603
April 1966	5,303.3	834.1	6,137.4	243	1,493
Jan.-April 1965 2/	23,684.8	3,689.7	27,374.5	236	6,457
Jan.-April 1966 2/	20,478.3	3,308.6	23,786.9	240	5,717
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS</b>					
April 1965	989.0	121.3	1,110.3	100	111
March 1966	1,033.2	97.5	1,130.7	106	120
April 1966	972.1	109.8	1,081.9	103	112
Jan.-April 1965 2/	3,886.7	422.3	4,309.0	102	441
Jan.-April 1966 2/	3,697.1	364.9	4,062.0	105	427

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/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	17.0	17.1	18,980	18,803	72.3	75.5	79,070	83,066
N.Y.....	35.5	34.0	39,014	38,046	137.0	145.5	151,133	161,779
N.J.....	33.5	24.5	42,143	30,748	129.5	113.0	162,602	141,478
PA.....	71.0	69.0	76,893	75,072	301.0	294.5	327,467	322,332
OHIO.....	96.5	96.5	95,728	96,596	398.0	410.5	396,665	414,298
IND.....	69.5	59.0	70,473	61,065	277.5	259.5	282,614	266,998
ILL.....	113.0	119.0	112,887	120,071	468.0	505.0	481,604	512,571
MICH.....	59.5	52.5	62,951	55,125	236.0	230.0	249,545	244,183
WIS.....	92.5	98.5	101,750	107,759	377.5	420.5	422,228	467,982
MINN.....	118.0	128.0	126,260	136,320	506.0	540.0	537,975	575,096
IOWA.....	296.0	306.0	308,136	322,830	1,220.0	1,291.0	1,293,512	1,367,865
MO.....	93.5	112.0	93,313	113,456	379.0	424.5	381,685	430,373
N.DAK.....	12.3	8.8	13,050	9,170	51.2	43.4	54,545	45,699
S.DAK.....	44.5	44.0	47,882	46,992	186.5	193.5	202,279	208,096
NEBR.....	221.0	281.0	228,514	292,521	949.0	1,095.0	994,400	1,143,785
KANS.....	115.0	126.0	115,575	128,520	497.0	524.0	504,165	535,278
DEL.-MD..	10.3	9.4	11,123	10,168	44.1	40.5	48,111	44,076
VA.....	18.3	17.4	18,465	17,087	71.6	73.0	73,404	74,094
W.VA.....	5.2	5.7	5,179	5,689	20.9	23.8	20,941	24,074
N.C.....	14.0	16.8	13,356	15,809	55.3	64.8	53,171	61,633
S.C.....	9.2	9.8	7,194	7,575	34.6	41.3	27,825	32,297
GA.....	30.5	31.5	24,614	25,610	122.0	134.5	97,841	109,022
FLA.....	33.5	33.0	31,088	29,799	129.0	138.5	117,807	126,162
KY.....	18.0	19.8	16,524	18,315	69.9	82.1	64,590	77,276
TENN.....	41.5	42.5	36,728	38,590	165.0	174.0	148,474	160,335
ALA.....	20.4	19.1	17,891	16,732	75.9	76.7	66,896	67,628
MISS.....	31.0	31.0	25,327	24,831	126.0	122.0	102,277	97,821
ARK.....	11.0	13.4	9,185	11,283	44.5	53.7	37,170	46,162
LA.....	10.8	11.3	8,014	8,418	44.2	46.6	33,260	34,804
OKLA.....	37.0	40.0	31,376	35,680	152.5	158.5	130,893	139,277
TEXAS....	190.0	190.0	168,720	165,680	747.0	775.0	665,993	683,712
MONT.....	14.8	15.5	15,170	15,996	58.9	71.5	60,632	74,753
IDAHO....	20.5	20.3	21,238	21,031	88.1	96.7	91,575	99,984
WYO.....	2.0	2.1	1,998	2,186	7.1	8.7	7,204	8,880
COLO.....	117.0	122.0	121,212	125,904	472.0	491.0	489,446	506,473
N.MEX....	16.5	22.8	15,477	21,797	66.5	92.1	62,933	88,492
ARIZ.....	19.0	19.4	17,062	18,023	78.5	82.8	72,103	77,050
UTAH.....	20.9	24.6	21,214	24,821	88.7	105.6	90,495	108,611
NEV.....	2.1	2.4	2,190	2,381	8.6	9.2	8,735	9,245
WASH.....	41.5	44.0	42,870	45,936	175.5	179.5	180,792	186,629
OREG.....	22.8	23.3	22,846	23,393	95.8	98.7	96,202	99,198
CALIF....	230.0	238.0	233,680	243,712	943.0	990.0	958,419	1,014,578
48 STATES	2,476.1	2,601.0	2,493,290	2,629,540	10,170.7	10,796.2	10,328,679	10,973,145
HAWAII...	3.9	4.6	3,666	4,517	15.4	18.1	14,417	17,661
U. S.....	2,480.0	2,605.6	2,496,956	2,634,057	10,186.1	10,814.3	10,343,096	10,990,806

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	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..	27.6	28.9	2,565	2,843	118.3	108.9	11,006	10,826
N.Y.....	83.5	84.5	10,104	9,718	339.5	331.0	40,728	39,580
N.J.....	36.5	28.5	7,373	5,415	128.5	112.0	27,413	22,047
PA.....	48.5	45.5	6,450	6,324	207.5	199.5	26,934	26,270
OHIO.....	10.2	9.0	1,877	1,701	40.5	38.0	7,608	6,955
IND.....	6.9	6.0	1,297	1,128	26.9	22.5	5,128	4,357
ILL.....	29.0	25.0	5,162	4,300	119.0	105.5	20,018	18,444
MICH.....	20.8	17.2	3,141	2,683	90.3	80.2	13,359	12,250
WIS.....	79.0	61.5	9,638	7,380	314.5	289.0	37,650	33,469
MINN.....	17.1	15.0	3,232	2,925	83.6	78.9	15,354	14,108
IOWA.....	34.5	29.0	5,624	4,495	147.0	140.5	24,505	21,660
MO.....	6.9	4.3	1,711	1,135	30.5	20.8	8,575	6,031
N.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	.1	.1	35	40
S.DAK.....	--	.2	--	70	--	1.1	--	385
NEBR.....	.9	.8	422	382	7.4	3.5	3,644	1,601
KANS.....	2.9	1.2	1,058	445	12.0	6.2	4,573	2,459
DEL.-MD..	3.7	3.0	620	549	15.4	13.8	2,628	2,426
VA.....	20.4	17.0	4,835	4,114	73.6	66.4	18,041	16,773
W.VA.....	.7	.8	144	154	2.8	3.4	574	668
N.C.....	1.9	3.7	403	984	6.3	10.3	1,337	2,627
S.C.....	9.6	9.4	3,379	3,440	39.0	40.0	14,155	14,739
GA.....	4.0	5.7	1,816	2,599	15.4	23.4	7,106	10,468
FLA.....	15.4	14.2	4,682	4,118	70.5	67.6	20,454	20,554
KY.....	1.8	1.3	396	292	8.6	9.0	1,903	2,278
TENN.....	19.5	16.8	4,700	4,318	72.8	70.7	18,497	18,177
ALA.....	4.3	3.7	2,193	1,772	17.2	14.4	8,433	6,995
MISS.....	6.7	10.6	3,263	5,289	31.7	41.7	15,591	21,019
ARK.....	.9	2.1	482	872	5.3	8.2	2,255	3,488
LA.....	23.0	21.6	10,695	10,130	90.7	89.5	41,570	41,112
OKLA.....	2.0	1.6	1,112	797	9.6	8.7	5,314	4,624
TEXAS....	43.5	45.5	23,577	25,844	180.0	189.5	97,973	106,075
MONT.....	.1	.1	31	39	.4	.4	123	149
IDAHO....	.2	.1	50	30	.8	.5	196	137
WYO.....	--	.1	--	40	.1	.1	30	40
COLO.....	.4	.3	185	129	1.6	1.1	734	489
N.MEX....	.1	.1	45	43	.4	.3	174	137
ARIZ.....	.6	.4	293	184	2.7	2.2	1,293	1,040
UTAH.....	.6	.5	206	179	2.4	2.1	898	735
NEV.....	.1	.2	32	69	.8	.8	270	286
WASH.....	1.7	1.6	551	542	6.8	6.8	2,247	2,266
OREG.....	1.8	1.6	533	485	7.4	8.2	2,258	2,575
CALIF....	31.0	25.5	7,161	6,273	129.5	116.0	29,597	28,461
48 STATES	598.3	544.1	131,038	124,229	2,457.4	2,332.8	540,181	528,820
HAWAII...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U. S.....	598.3	544.1	131,038	124,229	2,457.4	2,332.8	540,181	528,820

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
2/	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS	HEAD	HEAD	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	25.3	8.8	5,676	2,156	130.4	35.6	29,342	8,603
N.Y.....	84.5	78.0	18,674	17,784	354.0	312.5	78,632	70,686
N.J.....	145.0	114.0	30,305	23,826	551.0	468.0	114,851	96,969
PA.....	249.0	259.0	56,025	59,311	1,061.0	1,004.0	239,875	229,118
OHIO.....	423.0	373.0	95,175	85,044	1,709.0	1,484.0	379,755	335,892
IND.....	386.0	286.0	92,254	71,214	1,516.0	1,215.0	360,682	296,684
ILL.....	439.0	377.0	108,872	92,365	1,792.0	1,493.0	438,177	371,673
MICH.....	167.0	151.0	38,243	34,428	707.0	601.0	161,187	136,068
WIS.....	289.0	263.0	67,337	64,172	1,199.0	984.0	276,111	233,616
MINN.....	504.0	386.0	126,000	100,360	1,999.0	1,557.0	489,931	394,578
IOWA.....	1,306.0	1,369.0	319,970	347,726	5,576.0	5,198.0	1,353,440	1,284,640
MO.....	287.0	252.0	69,741	64,260	1,157.0	942.0	281,214	238,467
N.DAK.....	1.4	1.5	322	363	6.2	5.9	1,393	1,407
S.DAK.....	204.0	182.0	51,612	47,866	815.0	712.0	203,486	184,858
NEBR.....	322.0	288.0	81,788	76,608	1,335.0	1,077.0	336,780	280,081
KANS.....	179.0	172.0	42,244	41,452	696.0	611.0	164,826	148,559
DEL.-MD..	52.8	44.8	11,035	9,674	217.0	182.7	45,381	39,417
VA.....	210.0	210.0	47,040	47,040	833.0	776.0	186,960	173,198
W.VA.....	7.6	8.3	1,870	2,025	33.5	32.5	8,134	8,006
N.C.....	116.0	104.0	25,404	23,504	450.0	419.0	100,428	94,360
S.C.....	40.0	43.0	9,480	10,277	154.0	165.0	35,612	39,420
GA.....	127.0	122.0	27,305	26,474	556.0	489.0	119,130	105,424
FLA.....	40.5	32.5	8,302	6,825	173.5	128.5	36,555	27,737
KY.....	131.0	128.0	29,999	29,696	528.0	497.0	119,981	115,388
TENN.....	227.0	209.0	53,118	50,787	883.0	800.0	209,232	194,518
ALA.....	69.5	58.5	15,638	13,338	282.0	221.0	63,110	50,361
MISS.....	68.0	68.5	15,572	15,755	276.5	263.5	63,147	60,843
ARK.....	28.0	24.0	6,636	5,736	114.0	94.7	27,021	22,785
LA.....	14.5	14.8	3,074	3,049	60.7	58.1	12,758	12,143
OKLA.....	45.0	56.5	11,205	14,746	191.0	199.5	48,418	51,101
TEXAS.....	146.0	137.0	35,332	32,743	602.0	539.0	145,088	129,451
MONT.....	25.0	26.5	5,725	6,228	93.1	97.3	21,029	22,726
IDAHO.....	9.9	8.7	2,168	1,966	40.0	32.7	8,763	7,473
WYO.....	3.0	2.7	705	626	12.4	9.6	2,883	2,278
COLO.....	49.5	55.0	11,236	12,870	202.5	205.5	45,981	47,737
N.MEX.....	8.8	7.2	2,024	1,670	34.2	28.8	7,857	6,776
ARIZ.....	10.5	9.6	2,426	2,304	43.1	39.9	9,901	9,357
UTAH.....	19.8	9.4	4,415	2,115	79.1	33.6	17,627	7,544
NEV.....	.2	.1	42	20	.8	.5	166	107
WASH.....	54.5	51.0	12,099	11,679	223.5	184.5	49,676	42,104
OREG.....	29.5	27.0	6,520	6,237	120.0	103.0	26,557	23,865
CALIF.....	146.0	119.0	35,332	26,775	568.0	486.0	136,203	110,707
48 STATES	6,690.8		1,587,940		27,374.5		6,457,280	
		6,137.4		1,493,094		23,786.9		5,716,725
HAWAII...	5.6	5.6	1,036	1,008	20.6	20.7	3,732	3,672
U. S.....	6,696.4		1,588,976		27,395.1		6,461,012	
		6,143.0		1,494,102		23,807.6		5,720,397

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	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..	3.4	2.9	242	229	6.8	5.9	524	482
N.Y.....	24.9	21.9	2,141	2,015	120.4	74.8	11,767	7,301
N.J.....	87.5	65.0	8,488	6,240	351.0	275.5	34,928	27,353
PA.....	19.8	16.1	1,643	1,401	71.8	54.7	6,529	5,073
OHIO.....	10.7	22.4	910	2,061	36.2	87.7	3,274	8,439
IND.....	5.8	.8	574	72	24.9	2.9	2,478	267
ILL.....	64.5	57.5	6,514	6,095	263.5	227.5	27,348	23,918
MICH.....	29.5	27.5	2,980	2,915	107.1	101.6	10,888	10,973
WIS.....	4.1	2.2	398	211	9.1	6.5	886	621
MINN.....	41.5	49.5	4,482	5,445	242.5	267.0	25,781	28,917
IOWA.....	77.0	77.5	7,623	7,982	312.5	316.0	31,951	32,854
MO.....	23.4	34.0	2,317	3,604	116.4	133.0	11,763	13,963
N.DAK.....	5.1	1.8	546	187	34.3	35.2	3,746	3,791
S.DAK.....	30.0	31.5	3,300	3,528	126.5	137.0	13,875	15,374
NEBR.....	65.0	68.0	6,955	7,208	299.0	296.0	31,499	31,670
KANS.....	44.5	28.0	4,494	2,828	133.6	104.2	13,535	10,572
DEL.-MD..	4.6	4.0	410	368	16.3	15.3	1,532	1,488
VA.....	.2	.3	16	27	.4	.7	36	67
W.VA.....	.6	.4	53	35	1.7	1.6	157	157
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	10	.2	.3	18	30
S.C.....	--	.1	--	10	.1	.1	10	10
GA.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FLA.....	.3	.1	22	8	.5	.2	38	18
KY.....	6.7	6.3	777	718	37.8	42.5	4,046	4,625
TENN.....	6.8	3.8	694	380	19.7	14.6	1,994	1,451
ALA.....	.1	.1	9	9	.2	.2	19	18
MISS.....	--	--	--	--	--	.1	--	6
ARK.....	--	.1	--	10	--	.1	--	10
LA.....	.1	.2	9	16	.5	.6	44	49
OKLA.....	.2	.4	19	43	.7	1.5	71	161
TEXAS....	140.0	140.0	12,600	12,880	342.0	303.0	31,668	28,271
MONT.....	.1	.2	10	20	.7	1.1	73	113
IDAHO....	.9	.8	96	87	3.1	2.7	328	296
WYO.....	.2	.2	24	23	.8	.7	93	77
COLO.....	129.0	150.0	13,416	16,800	534.0	666.0	55,138	73,274
N.MEX....	3.6	2.9	389	316	14.1	12.0	1,478	1,262
ARIZ.....	1.8	1.6	198	173	5.8	5.4	630	572
UTAH.....	48.5	66.0	5,092	6,930	245.0	223.0	25,992	24,453
NEV.....	.1	.1	10	10	.5	.3	52	31
WASH.....	13.2	12.1	1,518	1,392	48.9	45.4	5,486	5,203
OREG.....	9.5	11.5	998	1,219	35.4	35.1	3,622	3,745
CALIF....	207.0	174.0	21,114	18,270	745.0	564.0	77,828	60,493
48 STATES	1,110.3		111,091		4,309.0		441,125	
	/	1,081.9		111,775		4,062.0		427,448
HAWAII...	.2	.2	21	18	.6	.8	67	81
U. S.....	1,110.5		111,112		4,309.6		441,192	
		1,082.1		111,793		4,062.8		427,529

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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,  
APRIL 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..	1,116	1,100	93	98	224	245	71	79
N.Y.....	1,099	1,119	121	115	221	228	86	92
N.J.....	1,258	1,255	202	190	209	209	97	96
PA.....	1,083	1,088	133	139	225	229	83	87
OHIO.....	992	1,001	184	189	225	228	85	92
IND.....	1,014	1,035	188	188	239	249	99	90
ILL.....	999	1,009	178	172	248	245	101	106
MICH.....	1,058	1,050	151	156	229	228	101	106
WIS.....	1,100	1,094	122	120	233	244	97	96
MINN.....	1,070	1,065	189	195	250	260	108	110
IOWA.....	1,041	1,055	163	155	245	254	99	103
MO.....	998	1,013	248	264	243	255	99	106
N.DAK.....	1,061	1,042	--	--	230	242	107	104
S.DAK.....	1,076	1,068	--	350	253	263	110	112
NEBR.....	1,034	1,041	469	478	254	266	107	106
KANS.....	1,005	1,020	365	371	236	241	101	101
DEL.-MD..	1,080	1,082	168	183	209	216	89	92
VA.....	1,009	982	237	242	224	224	79	90
W.VA.....	996	998	206	192	246	244	88	88
N.C.....	954	941	212	266	219	226	100	100
S.C.....	782	773	352	366	237	239	--	95
GA.....	807	813	454	456	215	217	--	--
FLA.....	928	903	304	290	205	210	73	78
KY.....	918	925	220	225	229	232	116	114
TENN.....	885	908	241	257	234	243	102	100
ALA.....	877	876	510	479	225	228	91	86
MISS.....	817	801	487	499	229	230	--	--
ARK.....	835	842	536	415	237	239	--	100
LA.....	742	745	465	469	212	206	90	82
OKLA.....	848	892	556	498	249	261	94	107
TEXAS....	888	872	542	568	242	239	90	92
MONT.....	1,025	1,032	308	388	229	235	100	100
IDAHO....	1,036	1,036	248	301	219	226	107	109
WYO.....	999	1,041	--	400	235	232	118	115
COLD.....	1,036	1,032	462	429	227	234	104	112
N.MEX....	938	956	452	432	230	232	108	109
ARIZ.....	898	929	489	461	231	240	110	108
UTAH.....	1,015	1,009	344	358	223	225	105	105
NEV.....	1,043	992	325	344	212	200	100	100
WASH.....	1,033	1,044	324	339	222	229	115	115
OREG.....	1,002	1,004	296	303	221	231	105	106
CALIF....	1,016	1,024	231	246	242	225	102	105
48 STATES	1,007	1,011	219	228	237	243	100	103
HAWAII...	940	982	--	--	185	180	103	89
U. S.....	1,007	1,011	219	228	237	243	100	103

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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**LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DURING APRIL:** There were 55 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during April, 7 percent less than a month earlier. Total commercial slaughter of sheep and lambs was 1,081,900 head, 4 percent less than March 1966. Federally inspected sheep and lambs slaughtered in April totaled 972,100 head, 2 percent less than April 1965.

**POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 12 PERCENT FROM APRIL 1965:** Production of poultry meat during April amounted to 605 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 12 percent above April 1965 and 9 percent above March 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
Apr. 2	22.9	1.6	2/ 25.4	2/ 50.1
Apr. 9	2/ 22.4	1.5	25.5	2/ 50.6
Apr. 16	2/ 21.7	1.4	25.5	2/ 51.4
Apr. 23	22.4	1.7	24.0	51.9
Apr. 30	2/ 21.2	1.6	24.5	2/ 52.7
May 7	20.1	1.5	25.0	53.4
May 14	19.9	1.5	25.2	53.4

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	
Apr. 1965	20.8	1.5	22.5	55.2	2,021
Mar. 1966	22.9	1.5	25.0	50.6	2,232
Apr. 1966	22.0	1.5	25.0	51.5	2,103

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

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