

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



DECEMBER 1967

January 29, 1968

DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 1966: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States during December totaled 2,792 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was down 2 percent from the December 1966 total of 2,863 million pounds and 3 percent below November 1967. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DURING 1967 UP 5 PERCENT: There were 33,756 million pounds of red meat produced during 1967, an increase of 5 percent from 1966. Of the 1967 total, 19,996 million pounds were beef, up 3 percent from a year earlier; 750 million pounds were veal, down 13 percent; 12,375 million pounds were pork, up 11 percent; and 635 million pounds were lamb and mutton, down 1 percent from 1966. Lard production during 1967 was 2,045 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1966.

The number of cattle slaughtered during 1967 was slightly greater than in 1966; calves were down 11 percent; hogs up 11 percent, and sheep and lambs about the same as a year earlier.

BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1966: December beef production totaled 1,593 million pounds, down 3 percent from December 1966 and 2 percent below November 1967. The number of cattle slaughtered totaled 2,691,200 head, down 3 percent from December 1966 and November 1967. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,030 pounds, 5 pounds lighter than a year earlier but 13 pounds heavier than in November 1967.

DECEMBER VEAL PRODUCTION 14 PERCENT BELOW 1966: There were 55 million pounds of veal produced during December, 14 percent below a year earlier and November 1967. The 463,000 head of calves slaughtered was down 13 percent from December 1966. Average liveweight per head, at 215 pounds, was 3 pounds lighter than a year earlier.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1966: Pork production during December totaled 1,095 million pounds, down 1 percent from December 1966 and 4 percent below November 1967. The hog kill during December was 7,129,400 head, 2 percent less than a year earlier and 5 percent less than in November 1967. The average liveweight of hogs slaughtered during December was 244 pounds, the same as a year earlier but 1 pound heavier than in November. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of liveweight of hogs was 9.9 pounds, compared with 10.4 in December 1966 and 10.3 in November 1967.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION 4 PERCENT BELOW DECEMBER 1966: There were 49 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during December, 4 percent below a year earlier

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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 and red meat 2/	Poultry 3/	Lard 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
December 1966	1,642	64	1,106	51	2,863	790	183
November 1967	1,618	64	1,144	50	2,876	897	187
December 1967	1,593	55	1,095	49	2,792	730	172
Jan.-Dec. 1966 5/	19,493	862	11,130	639	32,124	8,786	1,897
Jan.-Dec. 1967 5/	19,996	750	12,375	635	33,756	9,342	2,045

- 1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.
 3/ Chicken and turkey meat ready-to-cook basis, excludes slaughter on farms for home use.
 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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 1966	2,256.9	506.3	2,763.2	1,035	2,860
November 1967	2,253.5	529.0	2,782.5	1,017	2,828
December 1967	2,213.9	477.3	2,691.2	1,030	2,771
Jan.-Dec. 1966 2/	27,318.6	6,408.1	33,726.7	1,011	34,085
Jan.-Dec. 1967 2/	27,770.8	6,105.2	33,876.0	1,020	34,545
CALVES					
December 1966	366.3	168.9	535.2	218	116
November 1967	357.1	168.5	525.6	219	115
December 1967	322.7	141.1	463.8	215	100
Jan.-Dec. 1966 2/	4,431.6	2,215.2	6,646.8	235	1,563
Jan.-Dec. 1967 2/	4,001.6	1,926.2	5,927.8	229	1,355
HOGS					
December 1966	6,215.2	1,039.9	7,255.1	244	1,772
November 1967	6,431.0	1,060.7	7,491.7	243	1,823
December 1967	6,100.0	1,029.4	7,129.4	244	1,739
Jan.-Dec. 1966 2/	63,728.8	10,281.8	74,010.6	242	17,906
Jan.-Dec. 1967 2/	70,890.0	11,246.4	82,136.4	241	19,777
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
December 1966	905.0	86.5	991.5	104	103
November 1967	899.4	99.9	999.3	103	103
December 1967	869.0	88.4	957.4	105	100
Jan.-Dec. 1966 2/	11,552.7	1,183.9	12,736.6	102	1,303
Jan.-Dec. 1967 2/	11,495.3	1,272.7	12,768.0	101	1,294

- 1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE <i>2/</i>	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	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..	15.4	15.5	16,924	16,908	207.1	171.1	224,757	188,053
N.Y.....	32.5	30.5	36,498	34,099	410.5	378.5	453,978	420,474
N.J.....	31.0	25.0	39,556	31,250	347.0	342.5	434,020	431,912
PA.....	73.0	66.5	80,154	72,020	886.0	843.0	955,852	906,244
OHIO.....	102.0	89.5	104,856	89,948	1,311.0	1,264.5	1,308,941	1,267,107
IND.....	55.5	43.5	57,054	41,890	717.5	619.5	732,258	632,549
ILL.....	123.0	119.0	126,936	120,190	1,557.0	1,491.0	1,565,484	1,501,724
MICH.....	57.0	56.0	60,762	57,512	704.0	687.0	741,389	718,215
WISC.....	105.0	101.0	117,495	114,433	1,222.0	1,185.5	1,332,047	1,324,794
MINN.....	166.0	173.0	180,442	186,321	1,717.0	1,900.0	1,825,913	2,019,845
IOWA.....	356.0	368.0	384,836	393,760	4,046.0	4,222.0	4,268,302	4,471,198
MO.....	129.0	119.0	131,838	124,831	1,423.0	1,502.0	1,435,830	1,541,651
N.DAK....	16.2	17.7	17,123	18,886	157.5	183.4	164,296	194,853
S.DAK....	61.5	64.5	66,543	69,402	625.0	726.5	663,583	776,017
NEBR.....	296.0	297.0	318,200	318,681	3,442.0	3,552.0	3,589,423	3,770,412
KANS.....	131.0	112.0	137,943	115,584	1,609.0	1,617.0	1,635,705	1,675,104
DEL.-MD..	9.7	9.1	10,212	9,724	121.6	121.7	129,676	130,179
VA.....	16.4	12.4	16,679	12,586	222.4	179.1	223,112	180,819
W.VA.....	5.5	5.0	5,533	4,935	71.4	63.7	70,288	63,846
N.C.....	14.7	12.5	13,950	11,688	198.1	174.1	184,118	164,683
S.C.....	8.0	5.4	6,552	4,444	120.1	82.2	94,143	67,133
GA.....	29.5	24.5	24,220	20,360	404.5	356.5	325,903	296,741
FLA.....	32.0	30.0	28,832	27,780	411.5	406.0	371,037	374,316
KY.....	21.2	19.8	20,119	18,077	257.7	236.2	238,692	220,813
TENN.....	42.5	41.0	39,440	38,376	585.0	572.0	534,519	534,545
ALA.....	17.8	15.9	15,700	14,405	246.5	237.7	216,287	213,669
MISS.....	30.0	25.5	24,300	21,012	421.0	395.5	339,912	329,417
ARK.....	13.8	12.4	11,758	10,800	185.4	179.3	156,883	154,707
LA.....	12.3	12.4	9,410	9,746	157.6	157.4	122,214	122,849
OKLA.....	39.0	47.5	34,749	43,890	502.5	535.0	441,225	482,294
TEXAS....	183.0	180.0	163,968	157,320	2,427.0	2,573.0	2,140,588	2,257,671
MONT.....	20.4	15.7	21,012	16,328	242.5	243.4	246,893	246,174
IDAHO....	23.8	29.5	24,919	31,064	311.0	333.1	318,975	344,057
WYO.....	2.1	2.0	2,098	2,090	29.0	29.7	29,395	30,460
COLO.....	114.0	120.0	120,042	126,360	1,540.0	1,558.0	1,601,766	1,624,609
N.MEX....	22.0	21.2	21,318	20,310	285.3	288.2	272,799	277,289
ARIZ.....	19.2	19.6	18,528	18,796	243.2	245.4	228,882	235,074
UTAH.....	24.7	21.3	24,576	21,449	321.8	271.0	325,615	271,364
NEV.....	1.9	1.7	1,968	1,525	27.2	27.1	27,530	27,190
WASH.....	43.0	46.5	45,580	48,872	567.5	558.5	587,216	578,171
OREG.....	24.6	24.6	24,674	24,748	324.3	316.7	321,643	317,239
CALIF....	242.0	238.0	252,648	248,472	3,121.0	3,050.0	3,203,921	3,159,640
48 STATES	2,763.2	2,691.2	2,859,945	2,770,872	33,726.7	33,876.0	34,085,010	34,545,101
HAWAII...	4.5	4.7	4,284	4,709	56.7	59.6	54,889	58,674
U. S.....	2,767.7	2,695.9	2,864,229	2,775,581	33,783.4	33,935.6	34,139,899	34,603,775

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	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	22.4	2,310	2,222	298.3	274.2	30,905	28,082
N.Y.....	76.0	65.5	8,360	6,616	903.5	835.5	107,316	92,090
N.J.....	26.0	29.0	5,070	7,221	362.0	357.3	72,508	75,215
PA.....	52.5	42.5	6,720	5,398	579.5	548.0	77,869	75,058
OHIO.....	7.0	7.7	1,337	1,401	104.3	105.7	19,916	20,111
IND.....	4.1	4.0	787	772	61.1	53.8	12,135	10,680
ILL.....	27.0	18.9	4,347	3,345	310.9	268.3	57,145	43,128
MICH.....	20.1	15.6	2,914	2,278	224.5	198.9	34,881	30,064
WISC.....	72.0	55.0	8,064	6,490	733.5	622.5	87,667	76,014
MINN.....	18.7	21.4	3,123	3,424	190.4	200.4	34,776	33,581
IOWA.....	26.0	32.0	4,160	4,800	331.5	313.5	52,211	48,701
MO.....	4.3	3.4	1,221	935	60.6	50.5	16,572	14,181
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.3	123	126
S.DAK.....	.1	---	33	---	.3	.5	106	177
NEBR.....	.9	.7	377	254	9.7	9.7	4,208	4,111
KANS.....	1.0	.4	361	188	16.5	7.4	6,117	2,926
DEL.-MD..	2.7	2.0	520	361	37.4	35.5	6,852	6,779
VA.....	13.6	12.8	3,563	3,366	197.5	189.6	48,866	47,498
W.VA.....	.6	.3	120	64	11.0	6.6	2,255	1,391
N.C.....	1.1	.7	282	140	27.7	10.6	7,104	2,304
S.C.....	11.9	10.7	4,736	4,291	131.5	140.8	49,245	54,609
GA.....	4.2	2.1	1,781	932	61.1	63.5	26,342	26,987
FLA.....	20.4	18.3	5,630	4,996	262.8	252.0	77,192	76,019
KY.....	2.3	.3	508	66	27.8	18.5	6,659	4,181
TENN.....	16.3	12.2	4,597	3,672	222.1	150.0	60,921	43,202
ALA.....	3.1	2.6	1,516	1,347	48.9	54.3	23,547	26,721
MISS.....	9.8	7.5	4,743	3,518	136.4	125.6	66,036	61,134
ARK.....	1.7	1.4	813	739	22.5	17.9	10,493	9,198
LA.....	17.7	17.0	8,089	7,565	257.7	227.2	114,354	101,684
OKLA.....	1.8	1.5	898	746	27.0	24.1	13,905	12,200
TEXAS....	38.0	30.0	21,128	14,610	584.5	420.5	325,107	227,877
MONT.....	.1	.1	31	31	1.6	1.4	576	479
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	36	31	1.7	1.2	524	383
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.3	113	103
COLO.....	.3	.2	119	77	3.3	2.6	1,397	1,095
N.MEX....	.2	.1	100	49	1.1	1.3	512	632
ARIZ.....	.4	.4	185	192	5.5	5.3	2,600	2,542
UTAH.....	.4	.3	149	109	6.0	5.8	2,041	2,033
NEV.....	.2	.2	79	72	2.4	2.4	867	890
WASH.....	1.5	1.5	459	456	20.8	18.4	7,059	6,053
OREG.....	1.5	1.1	518	371	24.3	18.7	7,823	6,043
CALIF.....	26.5	21.9	6,652	6,395	337.0	287.2	86,041	78,632
48 STATES	535.2	463.8	116,436	99,540	6,646.8	5,927.8	1,562,886	1,354,921
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.1	.5	29	109
U. S.....	535.2	463.8	116,436	99,540	6,646.9	5,928.3	1,562,915	1,355,030

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	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..	22.0	11.5	5,084	2,811	197.9	142.5	46,344	34,256
N.Y.....	106.0	93.5	24,380	21,692	1,021.5	1,079.5	232,766	248,705
N.J.....	45.0	45.5	8,820	8,281	966.5	492.5	197,824	92,265
PA.....	331.0	371.0	75,137	85,701	3,222.0	4,031.0	732,929	910,962
OHIO.....	453.0	394.0	105,096	89,438	4,513.0	4,769.0	1,027,032	1,080,432
IND.....	260.0	249.0	65,780	60,507	3,167.0	2,959.0	786,788	734,345
ILL.....	465.0	400.0	117,645	100,000	4,704.0	4,825.0	1,207,427	1,225,079
MICH.....	179.0	196.0	41,707	44,884	1,856.0	2,238.0	422,964	513,603
WISC.....	293.0	261.0	70,613	64,206	2,980.0	3,044.0	713,032	723,736
MINN.....	527.0	523.0	133,858	132,319	5,157.0	5,881.0	1,324,783	1,473,126
IOWA.....	1,692.0	1,714.0	424,692	431,928	16,530.0	19,488.0	4,100,609	4,824,913
MO.....	246.0	260.0	63,960	65,520	2,784.0	3,002.0	709,050	749,258
N.DAK.....	2.7	3.0	624	687	21.5	26.5	5,143	6,374
S.DAK.....	247.0	217.0	65,455	58,373	2,356.0	2,440.0	620,522	638,334
NEBR.....	353.0	357.0	93,192	96,747	3,417.0	3,905.0	889,166	1,018,676
KANS.....	212.0	203.0	52,788	50,344	2,070.0	2,420.0	505,618	588,029
DEL.-MD..	48.3	51.5	10,440	11,319	562.7	553.7	120,115	118,649
VA.....	228.0	230.0	51,528	51,750	2,486.0	2,904.0	557,051	650,913
W.VA.....	10.2	9.9	2,591	2,465	101.2	110.6	24,949	26,706
N.C.....	112.0	118.0	24,976	26,668	1,262.0	1,519.0	282,393	337,772
S.C.....	47.5	54.0	10,498	13,716	483.5	538.0	113,648	129,866
GA.....	147.0	150.0	32,487	34,350	1,475.0	1,692.0	319,833	374,581
FLA.....	43.5	49.0	8,352	9,898	395.0	471.0	83,620	101,035
KY.....	151.0	105.0	36,089	26,040	1,536.0	1,339.0	355,855	317,263
TENN.....	234.0	253.0	57,798	61,479	2,455.0	3,033.0	597,776	724,800
ALA.....	71.5	75.5	16,302	17,440	719.5	849.5	163,924	193,660
MISS.....	82.0	86.5	18,450	18,944	848.0	988.0	194,635	217,874
ARK.....	31.0	30.5	7,533	7,350	319.9	359.0	76,124	85,929
LA.....	19.4	23.1	4,113	5,128	182.1	211.2	38,549	45,250
OKLA.....	59.5	58.0	15,886	15,138	644.0	717.5	166,033	181,020
TEXAS....	171.0	163.0	41,382	39,120	1,666.0	1,912.0	398,287	456,435
MONT.....	30.5	28.0	7,168	6,636	343.8	364.0	79,780	84,609
IDAHO....	10.7	11.4	2,418	2,588	108.0	132.2	24,323	29,074
WYO.....	3.3	2.5	812	590	33.1	34.5	7,721	8,020
COLOR.....	52.0	65.5	12,220	15,262	624.5	686.0	145,243	159,815
N.MEX....	8.5	8.7	1,980	2,001	91.3	99.3	21,246	22,868
ARIZ.....	15.2	13.3	3,542	3,112	130.6	154.7	30,602	35,944
UTAH.....	22.0	11.1	4,862	2,575	152.7	142.9	34,217	32,491
NEV.....	.2	.2	46	41	1.8	2.3	380	489
WASH.....	57.5	71.0	13,052	16,117	610.5	664.0	138,266	149,950
OREG.....	22.6	21.2	5,130	4,855	295.0	266.0	66,950	59,986
CALIF....	143.0	141.0	33,748	31,161	1,520.0	1,650.0	342,413	369,635
48 STATES	7,255.1	7,129.4	1,772,234	1,739,181	74,010.6	82,136.4	17,905,930	19,776,727
HAWAII...	7.4	7.1	1,295	1,214	65.5	60.6	11,397	10,508
U. S.....	7,262.5	7,136.5	1,773,529	1,740,395	74,076.1	82,197.0	17,917,327	19,787,235

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NEW ENG..	1.6	1.6	128	132	19.5	18.4	1,666	1,563
N.Y.....	17.0	6.4	1,666	646	207.2	146.7	20,097	14,252
N.J.....	78.0	78.5	7,566	7,693	874.0	912.0	83,460	87,117
PA.....	13.6	12.6	1,224	1,134	179.6	187.2	15,978	16,469
OHIO.....	28.0	24.4	2,660	2,294	307.2	283.5	29,325	26,596
IND.....	.8	.8	74	75	12.5	12.6	1,148	1,159
ILL.....	66.5	62.5	6,783	6,562	726.5	715.5	75,389	73,692
MICH.....	29.5	27.0	3,156	2,754	354.1	370.5	37,753	38,187
WISC.....	1.2	1.1	124	111	15.7	15.8	1,546	1,570
MINN.....	88.5	77.0	9,558	8,239	854.0	750.5	90,394	79,483
IOWA.....	46.0	47.0	4,600	4,747	792.5	519.5	80,190	51,192
MO.....	34.5	25.5	3,588	2,678	383.5	352.9	39,319	36,086
N.DAK....	16.0	16.1	1,712	1,771	85.8	119.6	9,208	12,972
S.DAK....	40.0	35.0	4,240	3,710	425.0	444.5	46,105	47,517
NEBR.....	69.5	70.5	7,506	7,544	854.5	838.0	90,475	87,944
KANS.....	18.5	18.2	1,887	1,820	297.5	244.1	29,236	23,778
DEL.-MD..	4.6	3.8	423	376	57.5	55.6	5,333	5,146
VA.....	.2	.1	20	11	3.2	3.1	306	318
W.VA.....	.4	.4	39	39	5.3	5.7	517	549
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	9	1.3	1.6	124	159
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.3	31	28
GA.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.1	20	7
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	.6	.7	48	51
KY.....	15.9	11.8	1,654	1,215	175.9	176.5	18,303	18,563
TENN.....	3.4	2.0	330	184	59.7	41.5	5,619	3,855
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.8	.5	78	51
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.4	.3	30	26
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.2	20	16
LA.....	.1	.1	8	8	2.8	2.3	207	180
OKLA.....	.2	.2	24	17	3.8	2.3	419	256
TEXAS....	77.0	65.0	7,546	6,175	1,322.0	1,625.0	120,867	147,071
MONT.....	.3	.4	28	42	4.5	5.1	446	535
IDAHO....	.9	1.1	104	121	15.1	13.1	1,666	1,428
WYO.....	.2	.4	21	47	2.5	3.4	270	379
COLO.....	118.0	131.0	12,744	14,148	1,627.5	1,583.5	172,268	166,673
N.MEX....	2.5	2.9	255	296	32.7	38.0	3,466	4,015
ARIZ.....	1.1	1.0	116	110	14.8	16.6	1,590	1,823
UTAH.....	61.5	76.0	6,704	8,284	826.0	914.5	88,721	97,189
NEV.....	.2	.1	21	10	2.4	2.2	242	221
WASH.....	15.2	17.0	1,733	1,853	205.5	234.2	22,582	24,865
OREG.....	8.5	7.8	901	850	138.5	147.4	14,373	15,368
CALIF....	132.0	132.0	14,256	14,388	1,844.0	1,963.0	194,563	206,151
48 STATES	991.5	957.4	103,409	100,093	12,736.6	12,768.0	1,303,398	1,294,500
HAWAII...	.1	---	10	---	1.7	.4	157	39
U. S.....	991.6	957.4	103,419	100,093	12,738.3	12,768.4	1,303,555	1,294,539

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
DECEMBER 1966 AND 1967 ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,099	1,091	100	99	231	244	80	82
N.Y.....	1,123	1,118	110	101	230	232	98	101
N.J.....	1,276	1,250	195	249	196	182	97	98
PA.....	1,098	1,083	128	127	227	231	90	90
OHIO.....	1,028	1,005	191	182	232	227	95	94
IND.....	1,028	963	192	193	253	243	93	94
ILL.....	1,032	1,010	161	177	253	250	102	105
MICH.....	1,066	1,027	145	146	233	229	107	102
WISC.....	1,119	1,133	112	118	241	246	103	101
MINN.....	1,087	1,077	167	160	254	253	108	107
IOWA.....	1,081	1,070	160	150	251	252	100	101
MO.....	1,022	1,049	284	275	260	252	104	105
N.DAK.....	1,057	1,067	---	---	231	229	107	110
S.DAK.....	1,082	1,076	333	---	265	269	106	106
NEBR.....	1,075	1,073	419	363	264	271	108	107
KANS.....	1,053	1,032	361	469	249	248	102	100
DEL.-MD..	1,053	1,069	193	180	216	220	92	99
VA.....	1,017	1,015	262	263	226	225	98	107
W.VA.....	1,006	987	200	212	254	249	97	97
N.C.....	949	935	256	200	223	226	100	89
S.C.....	819	823	398	401	221	254	---	---
GA.....	821	831	424	444	221	229	---	---
FLA.....	901	926	276	273	192	202	---	---
KY.....	949	913	221	221	239	248	104	103
TENN.....	928	936	282	301	247	243	97	92
ALA.....	882	906	489	518	228	231	---	---
MISS.....	810	824	484	469	225	219	---	---
ARK.....	852	871	478	528	243	241	---	---
LA.....	765	786	457	445	212	222	85	85
OKLA.....	891	924	499	497	267	261	119	85
TEXAS.....	896	874	556	487	242	240	98	95
MONT.....	1,030	1,040	310	308	235	237	94	106
IDAHO.....	1,047	1,053	356	314	226	227	115	110
WYO.....	999	1,045	---	---	246	236	105	118
COLO.....	1,053	1,053	398	386	235	233	108	108
N.MEX.....	969	958	500	491	233	230	102	102
ARIZ.....	965	959	463	480	233	234	105	110
UTAH.....	995	1,007	372	362	221	232	109	109
NEV.....	1,036	897	395	362	231	206	105	100
WASH.....	1,060	1,051	306	304	227	227	114	109
OREG.....	1,003	1,006	345	337	227	229	106	109
CALIF.....	1,044	1,044	251	292	236	221	108	109
48 STATES	1,035	1,030	218	215	244	244	104	105
HAWAII...	952	1,002	---	---	175	171	100	---
U. S.....	1,035	1,030	218	215	244	244	104	105

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and 2 percent less than in November 1967. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month totaled 957,400 head, 3 percent fewer than in December 1966 and 4 percent less than November 1967. Average liveweight in December was 105 pounds per head, 1 pound heavier than a year earlier and 2 pounds heavier than in November 1967.

POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1966: Production of poultry meat during December totaled 730 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 8 percent below December 1966 and 19 percent less than the November 1967 total.

Table 1.--Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1967 ^{1/}

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
Dec. 2	22.5	1.3	25.8	50.4
Dec. 9	24.3	1.4	25.8	48.5
Dec. 16	22.7	1.4	25.5	50.4
Dec. 23	20.7	1.3	25.7	52.3
Dec. 30	17.0	1.0	28.0	54.0
Jan. 6	20.3	1.1	26.6	52.0
Jan. 13	21.4	1.1	26.0	51.5

^{1/} As reported by Meat Inspectors, LSID, 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 (000)
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers	
Dec. 1966	22.4	1.3	25.4	50.9	2,257
Nov. 1967	22.9	1.4	26.1	49.6	2,253
Dec. 1967	21.6	1.3	26.2	50.9	2,214

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

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