

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 1968



February 29, 1968

RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Commercial production of red meat during January in the 48 States totaled 3,068 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was up 4 percent from the January 1967 total of 2,961 million pounds and 10 percent above December 1967. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF: Production of beef during January was 1,796 million pounds, up 4 percent from January 1967 and 13 percent above December 1967. The number of cattle slaughtered during January totaled 3,027,800 head, 4 percent greater than a year earlier and 13 percent more than the previous month. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,029 pounds, 7 pounds less than January 1967 and 1 pound less than December 1967.

VEAL: There were 63 million pounds of veal produced during January, 6 percent less than a year earlier but 15 percent more than in December 1967. The 519,200 head of calves slaughtered was 5 percent less than January 1967 but 12 percent more than December 1967. Calves slaughtered during January averaged 219 pounds per head, 5 pounds less than a year earlier but 4 pounds heavier than a month earlier.

PORK: Pork production during January totaled 1,150 million pounds, 4 percent above January 1967 and 5 percent greater than December 1967. The hog kill during January was 7,563,800 head, 4 percent more than a year earlier and 6 percent above December 1967. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 240 pounds per head, 3 pounds less than a year earlier and 4 pounds less than in December 1967. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight of hogs was 9.7 pounds compared with 10.5 in January 1967 and 9.9 in December 1967.

LAMB AND MUTTON: There were 59 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during January, 2 percent less than a year earlier but 20 percent above the previous month. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during January was 1,150,400 head, slightly more than in January 1967 and 20 percent more than in December 1967. Sheep and lambs slaughtered averaged 105 pounds per head, the same as both a year earlier and a month earlier.

POULTRY: Production of poultry meat during January totaled 687 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 1 percent more than in January 1967 but 6 percent less than in December 1967.

January commercial meat and lard production, 48 States with comparisons 1/

Month and year	Beef	Veal	Pork <u>2/</u>	Lamb and mutton	Total red meat <u>2/</u>	Poultry <u>3/</u>	Lard <u>4/</u>
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
January 1967	1,728	67	1,106	60	2,961	682	186
December 1967	1,593	55	1,095	49	2,792	730	172
January 1968	1,796	63	1,150	59	3,068	687	176

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.

January 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		
<u>CATTLE</u>	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
January 1967	2,365.4	534.9	2,900.3	1,036	3,005
December 1967	2,213.9	477.3	2,691.2	1,030	2,771
January 1968	2,493.2	534.6	3,027.8	1,029	3,115
<u>CALVES</u>					
January 1967	372.5	175.3	547.8	224	123
December 1967	322.7	141.1	463.8	215	100
January 1968	364.5	154.7	519.2	219	114
<u>HOES</u>					
January 1967	6,280.5	1,012.7	7,293.2	243	1,770
December 1967	6,100.0	1,029.4	7,129.4	244	1,739
January 1968	6,496.1	1,067.7	7,563.8	240	1,813
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>					
January 1967	1,053.0	95.9	1,148.9	105	121
December 1967	869.0	88.4	957.4	105	100
January 1968	1,050.0	100.4	1,150.4	105	121

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

CATTLE AND CALVES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1967-68

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	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..	15.7	15.9	17,241	17,411	22.1	21.7	2,188	2,195
N.Y.....	33.0	33.5	36,828	37,822	68.0	67.0	6,936	8,040
N.J.....	31.0	27.0	39,587	34,263	24.8	32.5	4,886	7,118
PA.....	75.0	74.0	81,825	80,734	50.0	46.5	6,750	5,766
OHIO.....	112.0	105.0	115,136	107,100	9.1	8.4	1,774	1,579
IND.....	56.0	51.0	58,128	50,796	4.6	4.5	883	850
ILL.....	123.0	122.0	127,920	123,708	28.0	21.8	4,872	3,444
MICH.....	56.0	62.0	59,304	65,472	19.4	19.9	3,046	2,886
WISC.....	105.0	109.0	119,385	124,914	77.0	64.5	9,086	7,804
MINN.....	162.0	179.0	177,876	194,752	19.0	23.4	3,192	3,627
IOWA.....	353.0	405.0	382,652	432,135	29.0	37.0	4,785	5,735
MO.....	126.0	139.0	129,276	144,004	5.0	3.7	1,595	1,029
N.DAK.....	15.2	19.1	16,705	20,475	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	63.0	72.0	68,796	78,120	.3	---	104	---
NEBR.....	304.0	329.0	323,760	351,043	1.1	.7	492	299
KANS.....	150.0	136.0	157,050	140,896	.9	.5	361	232
DEL.-MD..	11.2	10.2	12,086	11,071	3.0	3.0	549	485
VA.....	19.5	15.7	20,046	16,140	15.4	16.4	4,112	4,543
W.VA.....	5.8	6.0	5,783	6,252	.6	.4	130	79
N.C.....	14.4	15.0	13,982	14,400	1.1	.9	286	151
S.C.....	8.1	6.2	6,456	5,301	13.3	13.4	5,187	5,266
GA.....	34.0	29.5	27,914	25,193	7.1	4.6	3,039	2,038
FLA.....	35.0	36.0	32,095	33,660	22.2	22.0	6,349	6,600
KY.....	20.9	22.8	20,022	21,797	2.2	.4	486	90
TENN.....	44.5	47.5	41,563	45,172	14.0	12.6	3,878	3,578
ALA.....	18.6	22.0	17,093	19,734	3.8	2.5	1,908	1,212
MISS.....	32.5	27.0	27,300	23,193	10.1	9.0	5,030	4,365
ARK.....	14.7	15.3	12,598	13,540	1.5	1.3	771	666
LA.....	12.6	12.8	10,004	10,202	18.2	18.6	8,317	8,816
OKLA.....	43.5	55.5	39,933	49,506	2.3	1.7	1,187	843
TEXAS.....	210.0	221.0	187,740	192,049	39.0	31.5	21,216	15,844
MONT.....	22.0	16.7	22,660	17,168	.1	.1	34	35
IDAHO.....	28.0	32.0	29,372	33,344	.1	.1	33	30
WYO.....	2.4	2.6	2,695	2,678	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	127.0	136.0	135,255	140,624	.3	.2	141	93
N.MEX.....	24.4	24.9	23,473	23,829	.1	.1	45	48
ARIZ.....	20.4	22.4	20,012	21,750	.5	.4	244	196
UTAH.....	27.5	24.2	27,802	24,345	.5	.4	169	145
NEV.....	2.4	2.5	2,537	2,290	.2	.1	72	39
WASH.....	44.5	53.5	46,725	55,586	1.3	1.3	458	376
OREG.....	26.5	29.0	26,898	29,725	1.6	1.6	501	517
CALIF.....	270.0	263.0	281,880	272,468	31.0	24.5	7,564	7,154
48 STATES	2,900.3	3,027.8	3,005,393	3,114,662	547.8	519.2	122,656	113,813
HAWAII...	5.1	5.5	4,906	5,467	.5	---	109	---
U. S.....	2,905.4	3,033.3	3,010,299	3,120,129	548.3	519.2	122,765	113,813

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HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1967-68

STATE	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
2/	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..	18.8	9.8	4,323	2,383	1.0	.9	97	77
N.Y.....	103.0	97.0	24,720	22,019	16.8	6.8	1,646	680
N.J.....	42.0	47.5	7,896	8,930	79.0	86.0	7,900	8,514
PA.....	326.0	393.0	73,350	88,425	14.6	13.6	1,358	1,156
OHIO.....	439.0	437.0	100,092	99,199	27.5	27.0	2,612	2,511
IND.....	261.0	245.0	65,511	60,515	.8	.8	76	65
ILL.....	472.0	444.0	118,000	112,332	53.5	76.0	5,564	8,132
MICH.....	184.0	200.0	42,136	46,000	29.5	31.0	3,068	3,162
WISC.....	294.0	283.0	69,972	67,637	1.4	1.0	144	104
MINN.....	514.0	542.0	130,042	133,332	86.0	86.5	9,288	9,169
IOWA.....	1,743.0	1,831.0	432,264	446,764	45.0	52.0	4,545	5,304
MO.....	246.0	262.0	63,714	65,238	35.0	32.0	3,605	3,296
N.DAK.....	2.3	2.2	559	521	17.9	22.8	1,951	2,485
S.DAK.....	215.0	210.0	56,545	54,600	41.5	45.0	4,440	4,995
NEBR.....	344.0	351.0	92,192	93,015	89.0	85.5	9,434	9,148
KANS.....	217.0	206.0	54,250	49,028	19.0	19.0	1,938	1,919
DEL.-MD..	48.4	54.1	10,367	11,925	4.8	4.3	437	391
VA.....	246.0	256.0	55,350	57,600	.1	.2	9	21
W.VA.....	10.8	10.2	2,560	2,632	.4	.5	41	48
N.C.....	130.0	144.0	29,120	32,400	.1	.1	9	10
S.C.....	45.0	61.0	10,755	15,616	---	---	---	---
GA.....	157.0	166.0	34,854	37,018	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	42.5	48.0	9,435	10,368	---	---	---	---
KY.....	148.0	114.0	35,224	29,070	17.2	11.7	1,823	1,228
TENN.....	247.0	277.0	60,021	62,879	3.9	2.7	374	248
ALA.....	66.5	81.0	15,162	18,387	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	80.0	90.0	17,760	20,340	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	31.5	33.0	7,560	8,052	---	---	---	---
LA.....	17.0	21.1	3,621	4,558	.1	.1	8	8
OKLA.....	61.5	64.0	16,052	16,256	.1	.3	11	33
TEXAS....	172.0	175.0	41,452	43,575	124.0	95.0	12,400	9,215
MONT.....	33.5	31.0	7,772	7,192	.4	.3	46	32
IDAHO....	11.3	13.1	2,588	2,882	.8	.9	88	101
WYO.....	3.0	3.0	693	699	.2	.3	22	29
COLO.....	53.5	70.5	12,680	16,286	172.0	172.0	18,748	18,576
N.MEX....	8.0	9.4	1,864	2,153	2.8	4.6	297	492
ARIZ.....	15.3	14.6	3,550	3,416	1.2	1.7	124	185
UTAH.....	22.6	12.2	5,130	2,806	85.0	83.0	9,350	9,213
NEV.....	.2	.2	40	42	.3	.2	30	20
WASH.....	51.0	75.5	11,577	17,214	15.4	13.1	1,679	1,402
OREG.....	24.5	23.4	5,537	5,382	8.6	9.5	955	1,026
CALIF....	146.0	156.0	33,872	34,008	154.0	164.0	16,940	17,876
48 STATES	7,293.2	7,563.8	1,770,162	1,812,694	1,148.9	1,150.4	121,057	120,871
HAWAII...	4.6	4.4	814	770	.3	---	32	---
U. S.....	7,297.8	7,568.2	1,770,976	1,813,464	1,149.2	1,150.4	121,089	120,871

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1967 AND 1968 ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,098	1,095	99	101	230	243	97	86
N.Y.....	1,116	1,129	102	120	240	227	98	100
N.J.....	1,277	1,269	197	219	188	188	100	99
PA.....	1,091	1,091	135	124	225	225	93	85
OHIO.....	1,028	1,020	195	188	228	227	95	93
IND.....	1,038	996	192	189	251	247	95	81
ILL.....	1,040	1,014	174	158	250	253	104	107
MICH.....	1,059	1,056	157	145	229	230	104	102
WISC.....	1,137	1,146	118	121	238	239	103	104
MINN.....	1,098	1,088	168	155	253	246	108	106
IOWA.....	1,084	1,067	165	155	248	244	101	102
MO.....	1,026	1,036	319	278	259	249	103	103
N.DAK.....	1,099	1,072	---	---	243	237	109	109
S.DAK.....	1,092	1,085	348	---	263	260	107	111
NEBR.....	1,065	1,067	447	427	268	265	106	107
KANS.....	1,047	1,036	401	463	250	238	102	101
DEL.-MD..	1,079	1,085	183	162	214	220	91	91
VA.....	1,028	1,028	267	277	225	225	88	104
W.VA.....	997	1,042	216	198	237	258	102	96
N.C.....	971	960	260	168	224	225	88	100
S.C.....	797	855	390	393	239	256	---	---
GA.....	821	854	428	443	222	223	---	---
FLA.....	917	935	286	300	222	216	---	---
KY.....	958	956	221	224	238	255	106	105
TENN.....	934	951	277	284	243	227	96	92
ALA.....	919	897	502	485	228	227	---	---
MISS.....	840	859	498	485	222	226	---	---
ARK.....	857	885	514	512	240	244	---	---
LA.....	794	797	457	474	213	216	83	75
OKLA.....	918	892	516	496	261	254	112	109
TEXAS.....	894	869	544	503	241	249	100	97
MONT.....	1,030	1,028	340	350	232	232	114	106
IDAHO.....	1,049	1,042	326	300	229	220	110	112
WYO.....	1,123	1,030	---	---	231	233	108	96
COLO.....	1,065	1,034	469	464	237	231	109	108
N.MEX.....	962	957	450	482	233	229	106	107
ARIZ.....	981	971	487	491	232	234	103	109
UTAH.....	1,011	1,006	338	363	227	230	110	111
NEV.....	1,057	916	362	393	200	211	100	100
WASH.....	1,050	1,039	352	289	227	228	109	107
OREG.....	1,015	1,025	313	323	226	230	111	108
CALIF.....	1,044	1,036	244	292	232	218	110	109
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Table 1. -- Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1968 1/

Week ending	Percentages of total slaughter			
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers
Jan. 6	20.3	1.1	26.6	52.0
Jan. 13	21.4	1.1	26.0	51.5
Jan. 20	21.2	1.1	25.7	52.0
Jan. 27	19.6	1.2	26.6	52.6
Feb. 3	20.1	1.3	26.8	51.8
Feb. 10	19.6	1.2	26.8	52.4
Feb. 17	17.8	1.1	27.7	53.4

1/ As reported by Meat Inspectors, LSID, C&MS.

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	
Jan. 1967	21.9	1.3	24.8	52.0	2,368
Dec. 1967	21.6	1.3	26.2	50.9	2,214
Jan. 1968	20.5	1.2	26.2	52.1	2,493

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

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