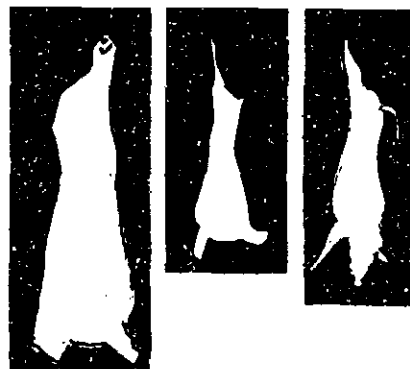


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

APRIL 1968



May 29, 1968

APRIL 1968 RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM 1967: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States during April totaled 2,856 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 5 percent above the April 1967 total of 2,721 million pounds, and 3 percent more than in March 1968. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM APRIL 1967: Beef production during April was 1,638 million pounds, up 3 percent from April 1967 and 1 percent above March 1968. The number of cattle slaughtered during April totaled 2,742,000 head, 3 percent more than a year earlier. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,024 pounds, 5 pounds lighter than a year earlier and 4 pounds lighter than in March 1968.

APRIL VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM 1967: There were 55 million pounds of veal produced during April, 4 percent less than both a year earlier and the previous month. The 462,600 head of calves slaughtered during the month was down slightly from April 1967. Calves slaughtered during April averaged 213 pounds per head, 8 pounds lighter than a year earlier but 2 pounds heavier than in March 1968.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 9 PERCENT FROM APRIL 1967: Pork production during April totaled 1,114 million pounds, up 9 percent from April 1967 and 5 percent above March 1968. The hog kill during April was 7,365,900 head, 9 percent more than a year earlier. The average liveweight of hogs slaughtered during April was 240 pounds, 1 pound more than a year earlier and 6 pounds heavier than in March 1968. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of liveweight of hogs was 10.1 pounds compared with 10.0 in April 1967 and 9.7 in March 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION THE SAME AS IN APRIL 1967: There were 49 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during April, the same as a year earlier but 7 percent above March 1968. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during April was 980,700 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier and 11 percent more than in March 1968. Sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month averaged 102 pounds per head, the same as in April 1967 but 3 pounds lighter than in March 1968.

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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/	Foultry 3/	Lard 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
April 1967	1,595	57	1,020	49	2,721	605	162
March 1968	1,622	57	1,061	46	2,786	6/582	163
April 1968	1,638	55	1,114	49	2,856	620	178
Jan.-Apr. 1967 5/	6,555	248	4,244	228	11,275	2,428	693
Jan.-Apr. 1968 5/	6,689	229	4,311	202	11,431	2,455	669

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. 6/ Revised.

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		
CATTLE	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
April 1967	2,184.8	476.1	2,660.9	1,029	2,737
March 1968	2,240.9	473.7	2,714.6	1,028	2,790
April 1968	2,286.5	455.5	2,742.0	1,024	2,809
Jan.-Apr. 1967 2/	8,999.3	1,990.4	10,989.7	1,033	11,348
Jan.-Apr. 1968 2/	9,278.1	1,939.2	11,217.3	1,028	11,528
CALVES					
April 1967	316.3	148.0	464.3	221	102
March 1968	342.4	139.9	482.3	211	102
April 1968	332.4	130.2	462.6	213	98
Jan.-Apr. 1967 2/	1,402.2	634.3	2,036.5	221	450
Jan.-Apr. 1968 2/	1,341.6	561.4	1,903.0	216	412
HOGS					
April 1967	5,866.7	901.3	6,768.0	239	1,616
March 1968	6,237.7	892.0	7,129.7	234	1,671
April 1968	6,483.2	882.7	7,365.9	240	1,765
Jan.-Apr. 1967 2/	24,547.3	3,795.1	28,342.4	239	6,760
Jan.-Apr. 1968 2/	24,914.3	3,776.7	28,691.0	237	6,806
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
April 1967	871.7	103.0	974.7	102	99
March 1968	796.3	88.1	884.4	105	93
April 1968	864.8	115.9	980.7	102	100
Jan.-Apr. 1967 2/	4,006.4	396.1	4,402.5	104	460
Jan.-Apr. 1968 2/	3,551.6	391.7	3,943.3	104	411

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	12.3	14.1	13,774	15,513	54.7	59.0	60,726	65,027
N.Y.....	30.0	29.5	33,630	34,014	122.5	118.5	136,503	134,548
N.J.....	26.5	25.0	33,310	31,100	114.5	99.3	147,096	124,724
PA.....	67.0	66.5	73,164	72,352	279.0	273.5	306,653	298,650
OHIO.....	99.0	93.0	99,594	94,302	406.0	384.5	413,380	391,266
IND.....	50.5	52.0	52,672	52,676	208.5	203.5	216,321	205,563
ILL.....	115.0	109.0	115,920	112,052	465.0	437.0	476,108	446,430
MICH.....	54.0	55.5	57,726	58,053	221.0	227.0	233,916	238,772
WISC.....	87.0	92.5	97,875	103,508	381.0	392.0	431,413	447,027
MINN.....	144.0	155.0	153,792	167,865	592.0	641.0	632,666	695,561
IOWA.....	326.0	350.0	345,886	371,000	1,325.0	1,474.0	1,420,005	1,565,596
MO.....	121.0	129.0	126,929	134,547	495.0	500.0	513,287	520,705
N.DAK....	12.8	15.7	13,670	17,380	55.0	67.5	58,903	73,642
S.DAK....	59.5	42.0	63,844	44,646	241.0	229.5	258,964	247,018
NEBR.....	299.0	305.0	326,508	326,655	1,179.0	1,245.0	1,272,044	1,332,090
KANS.....	135.0	121.0	141,075	125,356	576.0	513.0	613,641	531,378
DEL.-MD..	9.5	10.0	10,057	10,819	38.9	39.3	41,855	42,315
VA.....	14.6	14.4	14,483	14,515	65.8	57.4	67,387	58,851
W.VA.....	4.9	5.3	4,964	5,395	20.5	21.1	20,954	21,653
N.C.....	14.0	13.0	13,482	12,337	56.5	54.3	54,386	52,405
S.C.....	7.0	7.0	5,474	5,936	30.5	26.0	24,610	22,327
GA.....	29.0	28.0	24,302	23,604	123.5	112.0	103,292	95,886
FLA.....	32.0	34.5	29,824	32,223	133.0	137.5	123,208	128,663
KY.....	18.3	19.9	17,184	18,825	76.2	81.3	72,909	77,542
TENN.....	42.5	44.5	39,780	42,320	174.0	175.0	163,783	167,089
ALA.....	20.4	22.4	18,666	20,003	75.8	86.7	68,655	77,689
MISS.....	28.5	26.0	23,228	20,826	119.0	104.5	100,179	87,285
ARK.....	12.4	14.4	10,676	12,614	54.0	57.6	46,477	50,844
LA.....	11.9	13.0	9,199	10,075	48.6	50.2	38,311	40,275
OKLA.....	39.5	57.5	35,471	54,510	166.0	233.0	150,207	216,796
TEXAS....	198.0	211.0	175,428	180,616	815.0	841.0	726,049	727,066
MONT.....	18.6	14.0	18,470	14,322	78.8	63.5	80,144	65,209
IDAHO....	25.0	26.0	25,900	26,988	108.5	119.5	113,564	124,509
WYO.....	2.2	2.6	2,189	2,696	9.4	9.7	9,737	10,135
COLO.....	137.0	133.0	143,165	140,448	524.0	532.0	548,177	557,976
N.MEX....	22.5	25.5	21,600	24,556	93.0	100.2	89,601	95,722
ARIZ.....	19.0	31.5	18,240	31,311	81.0	94.1	78,610	92,408
UTAH.....	21.0	22.2	21,126	22,000	93.4	91.7	94,330	92,483
NEV.....	2.3	2.5	2,413	2,335	9.5	10.0	10,070	9,254
WASH.....	43.0	47.5	44,720	49,970	178.5	193.5	186,995	202,317
OREG.....	23.2	25.5	23,455	25,934	97.1	103.9	98,678	106,195
CALIF....	226.0	236.0	234,136	242,844	1,004.0	958.0	1,044,456	987,155
48 STATES	2,660.9	2,742.0	2,737,001	2,809,041	10,989.7	11,217.3	11,348,250	11,528,046
HAWAII...	4.9	5.3	4,782	5,114	19.6	21.2	19,038	20,721
U. S.....	2,665.8	2,747.3	2,741,783	2,814,155	11,009.3	11,238.5	11,367,288	11,548,767

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AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	23.8	24.5	2,364	2,425	100.1	95.2	10,136	9,397
N.Y.....	76.0	91.5	9,500	10,522	306.5	308.5	34,984	35,561
N.J.....	25.0	32.5	5,000	6,825	96.8	124.0	19,051	26,291
PA.....	40.0	42.0	5,560	5,628	188.5	176.0	25,103	22,329
OHIO.....	8.2	7.4	1,566	1,369	33.2	30.9	6,327	5,830
IND.....	4.7	4.5	926	904	17.4	17.1	3,328	3,307
ILL.....	21.4	16.5	3,317	2,822	101.0	69.3	15,894	11,398
MICH.....	15.7	14.6	2,182	1,956	70.8	68.1	10,691	9,712
WISC.....	52.5	50.5	6,352	6,565	254.5	216.5	30,562	26,905
MINN.....	21.1	12.5	3,418	2,200	74.6	65.6	12,488	10,772
IOWA.....	23.7	26.0	3,792	4,030	105.3	119.5	16,993	18,387
MO.....	3.3	3.2	894	800	16.8	15.2	4,944	4,076
N.DAK....	.1	---	43	---	.1	.1	43	38
S.DAK....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	33	33
NEBR.....	1.0	.6	455	237	4.2	2.7	1,798	1,059
KANS.....	.6	.6	228	259	3.2	2.1	1,262	950
DEL.-MD..	2.9	2.7	566	508	11.7	11.1	2,217	2,001
VA.....	13.7	14.3	3,206	3,604	58.1	60.1	14,420	15,606
W.VA.....	.6	.5	116	104	2.3	1.7	469	342
N.C.....	.8	.7	162	120	4.1	2.9	1,029	510
S.C.....	10.9	10.7	4,109	4,376	47.1	48.3	18,308	19,384
GA.....	4.4	5.0	1,962	2,160	25.4	21.6	10,987	9,282
FLA.....	13.9	13.7	4,240	4,137	72.8	69.0	22,066	21,037
KY.....	1.8	1.3	392	304	7.4	4.9	1,619	1,129
TENN.....	9.7	7.5	2,503	1,920	46.0	37.0	12,812	10,155
ALA.....	3.7	2.7	1,891	1,110	14.9	12.2	7,619	5,577
MISS.....	8.2	7.5	4,330	3,660	38.3	31.6	19,718	15,718
ARK.....	1.2	1.7	618	937	5.3	5.9	2,724	3,064
LA.....	18.4	17.0	8,262	8,160	70.8	69.2	32,466	33,189
OKLA.....	1.4	1.3	707	660	7.6	6.0	3,829	3,037
TEXAS....	29.0	23.2	16,066	12,134	131.0	105.7	72,719	53,496
MONT.....	.1	.1	37	36	.4	.4	143	144
IDAHO....	.1	.1	32	33	.4	.4	136	124
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	22	---
COLO.....	.2	.1	78	48	1.0	.5	420	234
N.MEX....	.1	.1	51	52	.5	.3	246	149
ARIZ.....	.4	.4	194	201	1.9	1.6	904	801
UTAH.....	.5	.5	166	186	1.9	1.8	647	664
NEV.....	.2	.2	81	80	.8	.7	292	269
WASH.....	1.3	1.3	411	417	4.9	5.0	1,634	1,645
OREG.....	1.3	1.5	381	454	5.6	5.5	1,667	1,713
CALIF....	22.4	21.6	6,272	6,480	103.1	88.7	26,770	26,670
48 STATES	464.3	462.6	102,430	98,423	2,036.5	1,903.0	449,520	411,985
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.5	---	109	---
U. S.....	464.3	462.6	102,430	98,423	2,037.0	1,903.0	449,629	411,985

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	10.6	9.9	2,536	2,388	53.3	39.2	12,503	9,489
N.Y.....	96.0	93.0	22,080	21,576	398.5	373.5	92,780	86,171
N.J.....	41.5	42.5	7,844	8,032	163.0	174.0	30,700	32,880
PA.....	321.0	359.0	72,546	81,134	1,260.0	1,458.0	282,595	329,087
OHIO.....	393.0	410.0	88,032	95,120	1,643.0	1,635.0	373,741	372,429
IND.....	243.0	254.0	57,834	62,484	1,016.0	969.0	242,711	236,281
ILL.....	379.0	457.0	95,508	115,621	1,796.0	1,703.0	450,703	421,672
MICH.....	183.0	171.0	41,724	38,988	742.0	743.0	170,503	169,987
WISC.....	271.0	252.0	63,956	59,976	1,156.0	1,057.0	270,710	249,551
MINN.....	466.0	529.0	115,102	130,663	1,983.0	2,060.0	487,789	499,734
IOWA.....	1,628.0	1,782.0	400,488	436,590	6,798.0	6,919.0	1,656,798	1,668,431
MO.....	254.0	272.0	62,992	67,184	1,010.0	970.0	253,144	237,722
N.DAK....	1.8	2.0	428	484	7.4	7.7	1,781	1,807
S.DAK....	188.0	202.0	49,068	52,520	814.0	774.0	208,147	198,155
NEBR.....	334.0	366.0	85,170	92,598	1,331.0	1,360.0	341,633	346,273
KANS.....	204.0	214.0	49,572	51,788	844.0	811.0	205,889	193,279
DEL.-MD..	43.3	50.1	9,265	10,782	184.2	202.6	38,974	43,610
VA.....	242.0	267.0	54,208	60,075	1,007.0	1,021.0	223,042	229,227
W.VA.....	9.3	9.0	2,372	2,277	38.2	36.3	9,764	9,286
N.C.....	121.0	131.0	26,983	28,951	507.0	539.0	113,604	120,219
S.C.....	41.5	61.5	10,002	15,068	171.0	235.0	40,785	58,416
GA.....	137.0	162.0	30,003	36,288	599.0	629.0	131,797	139,827
FLA.....	34.5	44.5	7,694	9,968	161.0	181.5	35,269	40,316
KY.....	137.0	125.0	30,825	30,375	572.0	458.0	132,901	111,811
TENN.....	247.0	276.0	58,786	64,860	999.0	1,050.0	238,455	244,289
ALA.....	70.5	81.0	15,862	18,306	277.5	310.5	62,923	70,623
MISS.....	78.0	85.0	17,316	18,785	322.0	344.5	71,087	76,670
ARK.....	28.0	33.5	6,776	7,772	118.5	126.5	28,531	30,220
LA.....	16.1	17.6	3,397	3,608	68.2	75.7	14,721	15,864
OKLA.....	57.5	63.0	14,490	15,561	235.0	243.0	59,398	60,202
TEXAS....	152.0	170.0	36,784	40,120	649.0	676.0	155,771	162,639
MONT.....	30.0	29.5	6,930	6,932	125.5	118.0	28,740	27,489
IDAHO....	10.8	11.5	2,365	2,472	43.9	46.4	9,738	10,139
WYO.....	2.9	3.0	673	705	11.6	11.4	2,697	2,767
COLO.....	56.0	69.0	13,104	15,939	222.0	271.5	52,203	62,585
N.MEX....	7.9	7.7	1,817	1,825	31.7	34.9	7,342	8,009
ARIZ.....	13.3	16.0	3,046	3,760	55.9	58.2	12,901	13,677
UTAH.....	10.8	12.6	2,462	2,885	55.6	47.0	12,498	10,795
NEV.....	.3	.2	73	43	.9	.8	196	168
WASH.....	52.0	68.5	11,596	15,892	224.5	273.0	50,391	62,393
OREG.....	21.4	21.3	4,858	4,835	91.0	87.8	20,656	19,871
CALIF....	134.0	135.0	29,346	29,430	556.0	560.0	123,507	122,209
48 STATES	6,768.0	7,365.9	1,615,913	1,764,660	28,342.4	28,691.0	6,760,018	6,806,269
HAWAII...	5.0	5.1	885	898	19.1	18.8	3,361	3,314
U. S.....	6,773.0	7,371.0	1,616,798	1,765,558	28,361.5	28,709.8	6,763,379	6,809,583

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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	
	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..	2.3	3.4	172	243	7.2	6.7	604	531
N.Y.....	16.6	14.3	1,627	1,058	72.6	33.8	6,956	3,001
N.J.....	58.5	73.0	5,733	7,154	282.0	300.5	28,083	29,960
PA.....	12.8	16.8	1,101	1,327	57.0	53.0	5,085	4,562
OHIO.....	13.8	10.5	1,214	882	78.9	64.8	7,435	5,952
IND.....	1.2	1.4	100	108	3.3	3.6	301	304
ILL.....	55.0	58.0	5,720	6,206	246.5	242.0	26,006	25,999
MICH.....	30.0	33.5	3,390	2,982	118.0	117.5	12,390	11,239
WISC.....	1.2	1.1	125	107	4.7	3.9	494	403
MINN.....	41.0	44.0	4,510	4,796	280.5	221.5	30,530	23,874
IOWA.....	35.5	43.0	3,656	4,429	169.0	180.0	17,363	18,616
MO.....	26.0	38.0	2,704	3,914	130.0	119.9	13,719	12,350
N.DAK.....	7.7	10.3	832	1,102	56.0	58.2	6,052	6,280
S.DAK.....	35.5	39.5	3,976	4,464	158.0	157.5	17,288	17,603
NEBR.....	50.0	53.5	5,250	5,564	293.0	274.0	31,008	29,226
KANS.....	24.6	20.5	2,411	2,030	85.1	77.6	8,547	7,739
DEL.-MD..	3.7	4.3	333	370	16.3	16.6	1,497	1,494
VA.....	.2	.2	20	22	.6	.7	58	73
W.VA.....	.4	.5	36	47	1.5	1.9	146	186
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	9	.4	.3	40	29
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	9	12
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.2	.1	16	10	.3	.2	24	20
KY.....	7.7	7.5	862	862	49.2	36.4	5,395	3,980
TENN.....	2.9	2.7	273	246	12.8	9.5	1,232	878
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	10	10
MISS.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	---	10	---
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10
LA.....	.2	.1	16	9	.7	.5	57	42
OKLA.....	.2	.3	23	31	.6	1.1	68	117
TEXAS.....	138.0	112.0	12,282	10,416	514.0	385.5	49,046	36,852
MONT.....	.3	.2	32	23	1.4	.9	159	98
IDAHO.....	.9	.8	98	85	3.2	3.0	353	327
WYO.....	.1	.3	11	34	.7	1.1	82	117
COLO.....	141.0	130.0	15,369	14,560	663.0	568.0	72,443	62,662
N.MEX.....	3.6	5.3	392	599	13.6	20.3	1,452	2,240
ARIZ.....	1.8	2.7	202	297	6.2	8.7	682	968
UTAH.....	57.0	41.0	6,042	4,387	285.0	241.5	31,095	26,642
NEV.....	.1	.2	10	20	.8	.5	81	50
WASH.....	14.7	12.6	1,632	1,323	67.9	49.4	7,449	5,306
OREG.....	9.8	13.0	1,000	1,365	41.2	39.4	4,403	4,275
CALIF.....	180.0	186.0	18,180	18,786	681.0	643.0	72,355	67,136
48 STATES	974.7	980.7	99,370	99,867	4,402.5	3,943.3	460,007	411,163
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.3	---	32	---
U. S.....	974.7	980.7	99,370	99,867	4,402.8	3,943.3	460,039	411,163

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
APRIL 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..	1,120	1,100	99	99	239	241	75	71
N.Y.....	1,121	1,153	125	115	230	232	98	74
N.J.....	1,257	1,244	200	210	189	189	98	98
PA.....	1,092	1,088	139	134	226	226	86	79
OHIO.....	1,006	1,014	191	185	224	232	88	84
IND.....	1,043	1,013	197	201	238	246	83	77
ILL.....	1,008	1,028	155	171	252	253	104	107
MICH.....	1,069	1,046	139	134	228	228	113	89
WISC.....	1,125	1,119	121	130	236	238	104	97
MINN.....	1,068	1,083	162	176	247	247	110	109
IOWA.....	1,061	1,060	160	155	246	245	103	103
MO.....	1,049	1,043	271	250	248	247	104	103
N.DAK....	1,068	1,107	433	---	238	242	108	107
S.DAK....	1,073	1,063	---	---	261	260	112	113
NEBR.....	1,092	1,071	455	395	255	253	105	104
KANS.....	1,045	1,036	380	431	243	242	98	99
DEL.-MD..	1,059	1,082	195	188	214	215	90	86
VA.....	992	1,008	234	252	224	225	100	111
W.VA.....	1,013	1,018	193	209	255	253	91	94
N.C.....	963	949	203	172	223	221	100	90
S.C.....	782	848	377	409	241	245	---	---
GA.....	838	843	446	432	219	224	---	---
FLA.....	932	934	305	302	223	224	80	100
KY.....	939	946	218	234	225	243	112	115
TENN.....	936	951	258	256	238	235	94	91
ALA.....	915	893	511	411	225	226	---	---
MISS.....	815	801	528	488	222	221	99	---
ARK.....	861	876	515	551	242	232	---	---
LA.....	773	775	449	480	211	205	78	90
OKLA.....	898	948	505	508	252	247	114	103
TEXAS....	886	856	554	523	242	236	89	93
MONT.....	993	1,023	373	364	231	235	107	115
IDAHO....	1,036	1,038	318	332	219	215	109	106
WYO.....	995	1,037	---	---	232	235	107	112
COLO.....	1,045	1,056	388	481	234	231	109	112
N.MEX....	960	963	511	521	230	237	109	113
ARIZ.....	960	994	484	503	229	235	112	110
UTAH.....	1,006	991	332	372	228	229	106	107
NEV.....	1,049	934	406	400	244	214	100	100
WASH.....	1,040	1,052	316	321	223	232	111	105
OREG.....	1,011	1,017	293	303	227	227	102	105
CALIF....	1,036	1,029	280	300	219	218	101	101
48 STATES	1,029	1,024	221	213	239	240	102	102
HAWAII...	976	965	---	---	177	176	---	---
U. S.....	1,029	1,024	221	213	239	240	102	102

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POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM APRIL 1967: Production of poultry meat during April totaled 620 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was up 2 percent from April 1967 and 7 percent above the revised total of 582 million pounds for March 1968.

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
April 6	17.8	1.3	26.8	54.1
April 13	16.1	1.2	27.3	55.4
April 20	17.2	1.5	26.4	54.9
April 27	18.6	1.5	26.2	53.7
May 4	18.2	1.5	25.9	54.4
May 11	16.4	1.5	26.0	56.1
May 18	16.5	1.6	26.4	55.5

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	
April 1967	17.0	1.3	26.9	54.8	2,185
March 1968	18.2	1.3	26.9	53.6	2,241
April 1968	17.5	1.4	26.6	54.5	2,286

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

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