

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

MAY 1968



June 27, 1968

MAY 1968 RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM 1967: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States during May totaled 3,015 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 8 percent above the May 1967 total of 2,801 million pounds, and 6 percent more than in April 1968. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM MAY 1967: Beef production during May was 1,797 million pounds, up 2 percent from May 1967 and 10 percent more than April 1968. The number of cattle slaughtered during May totaled 3,008,800 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered during the month was 1,021 pounds, 6 pounds lighter than a year earlier and 3 pounds lighter than in April 1968.

MAY VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM 1967: There were 56 million pounds of veal produced during May, 5 percent less than a year earlier but 2 percent more than in April 1968. The 424,500 head of calves slaughtered during the month was down 7 percent from May 1967. Calves slaughtered during May averaged 233 pounds per head, 4 pounds lighter than a year earlier but 20 pounds heavier than in April 1968.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT FROM MAY 1967: Pork production during May totaled 1,112 million pounds, up 20 percent from May 1967 and virtually the same as in April 1968. The hog kill during May was 7,261,300 head, 17 percent more than a year earlier. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during May was 244 pounds, 1 pound more than a year earlier and 4 pounds heavier than in April 1968. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight of hogs was 10.5 pounds compared with 10.9 in May 1967 and 10.1 in April 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM MAY 1967: There were 50 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during May, up 2 percent from a year earlier and 2 percent above April 1968. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during May was 1,010,100 head, up slightly from a year earlier and 3 percent more than in April 1968.

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Commercial Meat and Lard Production: 48 States, May with comparisons 1/

Kind	May	April	May	May 1968 as % of		January - May		5/
	1967	1968	1968	May 1967	April 1968	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent
Beef	1,763	1,638	1,797	102	110	8,318	8,486	102
Veal	59	55	56	95	102	308	285	93
Pork 2/	930	1,114	1,112	120	100	5,174	5,423	105
Lamb & Mutton	49	49	50	102	102	277	252	91
Total Red Meat	2,801	2,856	3,015	108	106	14,077	14,446	103
Poultry 3/	733	620	706	96	114	3,161	3,161	100
Lard 4/	165	178	186	113	104	858	855	100

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.

4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: 48 States, May with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	May	April	May	May 1968 as % of		January - May		2/	
		1967	1968	1968	May 1967	April 1968	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967	
					Pct.	Pct.			Pct.	
<b>CATTLE</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	:thou.	2,427.5	2,286.5	2,540.8	105	111	11,426.8	11,818.9	103	
Other	:thou.	514.5	455.5	468.0	91	103	2,504.9	2,407.2	96	
Total	:thou.	2,942.0	2,742.0	3,008.8	102	110	13,931.7	14,226.1	102	
Live Weight										
Per Head	:lb.	1,027	1,024	1,021	99	100	1,031	1,026	100	
Total	:mil.lb.	3,020	2,809	3,071	102	109	14,368	14,599	102	
<b>CALVES</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	:thou.	299.9	332.4	301.5	101	91	1,702.1	1,643.1	97	
Other	:thou.	155.1	130.2	123.0	79	94	789.4	684.4	87	
Total	:thou.	455.0	462.6	424.5	93	92	2,491.5	2,327.5	93	
Live Weight										
Per Head	:lb.	237	213	233	98	109	224	219	98	
Total	:mil.lb.	108	98	99	92	101	557	511	92	
<b>HOGS</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	:thou.	5,310.2	6,483.2	6,406.6	121	99	29,857.5	31,320.9	105	
Other	:thou.	895.2	882.7	854.7	95	97	4,690.3	4,631.4	99	
Total	:thou.	6,205.4	7,365.9	7,261.3	117	99	34,547.8	35,952.3	104	
Live Weight										
Per Head	:lb.	243	240	244	100	102	239	239	100	
Total	:mil.lb.	1,510	1,765	1,774	117	101	8,270	8,580	104	
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	:thou.	890.6	864.8	920.1	103	106	4,897.0	4,471.7	91	
Other	:thou.	115.7	115.9	90.0	78	78	511.8	481.7	94	
Total	:thou.	1,006.3	980.7	1,010.1	100	103	5,408.8	4,953.4	92	
Live Weight										
Per Head	:lb.	99	102	100	101	98	103	103	100	
Total	:mil.lb.	100	100	101	101	101	560	513	92	

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COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE  2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	13.6	13.8	15,113	15,201	68.3	72.8	75,839	80,228
N.Y.....	32.5	32.0	36,562	36,896	155.0	150.5	173,065	171,444
N.J.....	29.0	27.0	36,395	32,238	143.5	126.3	183,491	156,962
PA.....	73.5	70.5	79,968	76,492	352.5	344.0	386,621	375,142
OHIO.....	111.0	105.0	111,777	106,575	517.0	489.5	525,157	497,841
IND.....	52.0	53.5	53,196	53,232	260.5	257.0	269,517	258,795
ILL.....	128.0	121.0	129,280	123,420	593.0	558.0	605,388	569,850
MICH.....	57.0	60.0	60,420	61,740	278.0	287.0	294,336	300,512
WISC.....	92.0	101.0	104,052	113,221	473.0	493.0	535,465	560,248
MINN.....	157.0	171.0	168,775	186,048	749.0	812.0	801,441	881,609
IOWA.....	371.0	398.0	395,115	423,472	1,696.0	1,872.0	1,815,120	1,989,068
MO.....	137.0	138.0	141,795	142,968	632.0	638.0	655,082	663,673
N.DAK....	11.2	15.8	11,939	17,285	66.2	83.3	70,842	90,927
S.DAK....	61.0	62.0	66,063	66,898	302.0	291.5	325,027	313,916
NEBR.....	315.0	331.0	338,940	352,184	1,494.0	1,576.0	1,610,984	1,684,274
KANS.....	146.0	132.0	150,672	136,488	722.0	645.0	764,313	667,866
DEL.-MD..	10.1	10.3	10,774	10,916	49.0	49.6	52,629	53,231
VA.....	14.7	14.6	14,700	14,717	80.5	72.0	82,087	73,568
W.VA.....	5.2	5.1	5,294	5,294	25.7	26.2	26,248	26,947
N.C.....	15.1	14.8	14,511	14,223	71.6	69.1	68,897	66,628
S.C.....	6.6	6.9	5,069	5,865	37.1	32.9	29,679	28,192
GA.....	31.0	29.5	26,040	24,750	154.5	141.5	129,332	120,636
FLA.....	36.0	35.0	33,984	33,180	169.0	172.5	157,192	161,843
KY.....	20.2	20.7	19,049	19,768	96.4	102.0	91,958	97,310
TENN.....	47.5	46.0	45,078	44,252	221.5	221.0	208,861	211,341
ALA.....	21.4	23.7	19,003	20,548	97.2	110.4	87,658	98,237
MISS.....	35.0	33.5	29,085	27,403	154.0	138.0	129,264	114,688
ARK.....	15.0	16.5	12,780	14,619	69.0	74.1	59,257	65,463
LA.....	13.5	13.4	10,490	10,546	62.1	63.6	48,801	50,821
OKLA.....	43.5	58.5	38,758	54,639	209.5	291.5	188,965	271,435
TEXAS....	242.0	250.0	217,800	211,500	1,057.0	1,091.0	943,849	938,566
MONT.....	19.5	15.4	19,052	15,539	98.3	78.9	99,196	80,748
IDAHO....	24.2	27.5	25,071	28,352	132.7	147.0	138,635	152,861
WYO.....	2.6	2.6	2,626	2,592	12.0	12.3	12,363	12,727
COLO.....	146.0	130.0	156,804	137,540	670.0	662.0	704,981	695,516
N.MEX....	26.5	28.0	25,308	26,992	119.5	128.2	114,909	122,714
ARIZ.....	21.6	38.5	20,412	37,961	102.6	132.6	99,022	130,369
UTAH.....	23.5	23.3	23,758	23,277	116.9	115.0	118,088	115,760
NEV.....	2.5	2.4	2,412	2,539	12.0	12.4	12,482	11,793
WASH.....	46.5	51.0	48,081	53,091	225.0	244.5	235,076	255,408
OREG.....	25.5	29.0	25,449	29,087	122.6	132.9	124,127	135,282
CALIF....	260.0	251.0	268,580	257,526	1,264.0	1,209.0	1,313,036	1,244,681
48 STATES	2,942.0	3,008.8	3,020,030	3,071,074	13,931.7	14,226.1	14,368,280	14,599,120
HAWAII...	5.1	5.2	4,922	5,184	24.7	26.4	23,960	25,905
U. S.....	2,947.1	3,014.0	3,024,952	3,076,258	13,956.4	14,252.5	14,392,240	14,625,025

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	19.7	16.2	2,073	1,664	119.8	111.4	12,209	11,061
N.Y.....	64.0	69.5	7,360	8,548	370.5	378.0	42,344	44,109
N.J.....	28.5	35.0	5,814	7,805	125.3	159.0	24,865	34,096
PA.....	38.5	37.0	5,890	5,180	227.0	213.0	30,993	27,509
OHIO.....	8.9	7.0	1,736	1,295	42.1	37.9	8,063	7,125
IND.....	4.5	4.3	909	851	21.9	21.4	4,237	4,158
ILL.....	22.1	17.9	3,381	3,097	123.1	87.2	19,275	14,495
MICH.....	15.3	13.2	2,173	1,861	86.1	81.3	12,864	11,573
WISC.....	44.0	41.0	5,544	5,494	298.5	257.5	36,106	32,399
MINN.....	14.0	10.3	2,534	1,967	88.6	75.9	15,022	12,739
IOWA.....	23.7	24.2	3,792	3,751	129.0	143.7	20,785	22,138
MO.....	4.0	3.9	1,024	952	20.8	19.1	5,968	5,028
N.DAK....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	43	38
S.DAK....	.1	---	35	---	.2	.1	68	33
NEBR.....	.8	.6	363	231	5.0	3.3	2,161	1,290
KANS.....	.6	.6	254	217	3.8	2.7	1,516	1,167
DEL.-MD..	2.7	2.3	550	462	14.4	13.4	2,767	2,463
VA.....	17.7	16.9	4,248	4,394	75.8	77.0	18,668	20,000
W.VA.....	.5	.4	106	87	2.8	2.1	575	429
N.C.....	.8	.8	152	150	4.9	3.7	1,181	660
S.C.....	11.1	11.8	3,996	4,661	58.2	60.1	22,304	24,045
GA.....	5.6	4.4	2,330	1,918	31.0	26.0	13,317	11,200
FLA.....	17.5	14.8	5,495	4,203	90.3	83.8	27,561	25,240
KY.....	2.1	.3	454	64	9.5	5.2	2,073	1,193
TENN.....	9.8	7.5	2,597	2,018	55.8	44.5	15,409	12,173
ALA.....	3.7	2.9	1,857	1,322	18.6	15.1	9,476	6,899
MISS.....	11.3	9.6	5,853	4,771	49.6	41.2	25,571	20,489
ARK.....	1.4	1.5	741	796	6.7	7.4	3,465	3,860
LA.....	18.5	17.7	8,473	8,354	89.3	86.9	40,939	41,543
OKLA.....	1.9	2.3	954	1,106	9.5	8.3	4,783	4,143
TEXAS....	34.5	25.0	19,389	13,100	165.5	130.7	92,108	66,596
MONT.....	.1	.1	37	37	.5	.5	180	181
IDAHO....	.1	.1	30	36	.5	.5	166	160
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	22	---
COLO.....	.3	---	131	---	1.3	.5	551	234
N.MEX....	.1	.1	49	47	.6	.4	295	196
ARIZ.....	.4	.4	196	205	2.3	2.0	1,100	1,006
UTAH.....	.5	.5	191	194	2.4	2.3	838	858
NEV.....	.2	.2	74	80	1.0	.9	366	349
WASH.....	1.3	1.3	421	422	6.2	6.3	2,055	2,067
OREG.....	1.4	1.2	413	362	7.0	6.7	2,080	2,075
CALIF....	22.8	21.7	6,019	7,074	125.9	110.4	32,789	33,744
48 STATES	455.0	424.5	107,638	98,776	2,491.5	2,327.5	557,158	510,761
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.5	---	109	---
U. S.....	455.0	424.5	107,638	98,776	2,492.0	2,327.5	557,267	510,761

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	12.6	9.6	3,037	2,369	65.9	48.8	15,540	11,858
N.Y.....	98.0	96.0	22,834	22,272	496.5	469.5	115,614	108,443
N.J.....	45.0	45.0	8,550	8,505	208.0	219.0	39,250	41,385
PA.....	326.0	386.0	73,676	87,236	1,586.0	1,844.0	356,271	416,323
OHIO.....	377.0	423.0	86,333	96,867	2,020.0	2,058.0	460,074	469,296
IND.....	222.0	242.0	54,834	63,162	1,238.0	1,211.0	297,545	299,443
ILL.....	322.0	483.0	83,398	127,512	2,118.0	2,186.0	534,101	549,184
MICH.....	172.0	180.0	40,076	41,400	914.0	923.0	210,579	211,387
WISC.....	208.0	241.0	50,128	59,768	1,364.0	1,298.0	320,838	309,319
MINN.....	400.0	495.0	102,800	126,720	2,383.0	2,555.0	590,589	626,454
IOWA.....	1,407.0	1,701.0	357,378	423,549	8,205.0	8,620.0	2,014,176	2,091,980
MO.....	218.0	257.0	55,372	66,049	1,228.0	1,227.0	308,516	303,771
N.DAK....	1.4	1.7	344	396	8.8	9.4	2,125	2,203
S.DAK....	167.0	202.0	46,593	55,954	981.0	976.0	254,740	254,109
NEBR.....	266.0	317.0	70,490	82,420	1,597.0	1,677.0	412,123	428,693
KANS.....	181.0	212.0	43,983	51,940	1,025.0	1,023.0	249,872	245,219
DEL.-MD..	46.1	52.8	9,866	11,306	230.3	255.4	48,840	54,916
VA.....	238.0	270.0	53,550	61,830	1,245.0	1,291.0	276,592	291,057
W.VA.....	8.2	8.2	2,148	2,099	46.4	44.5	11,912	11,385
N.C.....	127.0	141.0	28,321	31,161	634.0	680.0	141,925	151,380
S.C.....	46.0	56.5	10,948	14,520	217.0	291.5	51,733	72,936
GA.....	134.0	154.0	29,614	34,804	733.0	783.0	161,411	174,631
FLA.....	33.5	44.5	7,136	9,968	194.5	226.0	42,405	50,284
KY.....	135.0	131.0	32,130	33,536	707.0	589.0	165,031	145,347
TENN.....	250.0	266.0	60,000	62,776	1,249.0	1,316.0	298,455	307,065
ALA.....	72.0	85.0	16,488	19,210	349.5	395.5	79,411	89,833
MISS.....	85.5	94.5	18,896	20,884	407.5	439.0	89,983	97,554
ARK.....	30.5	35.5	7,350	8,484	149.0	162.0	35,881	38,704
LA.....	17.0	15.4	3,587	3,450	85.2	91.1	18,308	19,314
OKLA.....	58.5	63.0	14,625	15,624	293.5	306.0	74,023	75,826
TEXAS....	161.0	171.0	38,640	41,211	810.0	847.0	194,411	203,850
MONT.....	30.5	31.0	7,290	7,347	156.0	149.0	36,030	34,836
IDAHO....	10.9	11.3	2,387	2,520	54.8	57.7	12,125	12,659
WYO.....	3.1	2.8	713	655	14.7	14.2	3,410	3,422
COLOR....	53.0	71.0	12,508	16,543	275.0	342.5	64,711	79,128
N.MEX....	8.0	9.9	1,848	2,356	39.7	44.8	9,190	10,365
ARIZ.....	13.9	16.4	3,225	3,854	69.8	74.6	16,126	17,531
UTAH.....	10.5	12.1	2,415	2,807	66.1	59.1	14,913	13,602
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	43	1.1	1.0	237	211
WASH.....	54.0	66.5	12,366	15,162	278.5	339.5	62,757	77,555
OREG.....	22.0	21.4	4,972	4,922	113.0	109.2	25,628	24,793
CALIF....	134.0	139.0	29,078	30,441	690.0	699.0	152,585	152,650
48 STATES	6,205.4	7,261.3	1,509,968	1,773,632	34,547.8	35,952.3	8,269,986	8,579,901
HAWAII...	5.1	5.1	892	892	24.2	23.9	4,253	4,206
U. S.....	6,210.5	7,266.4	1,510,860	1,774,524	34,572.0	35,976.2	8,274,239	8,584,107

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NEW ENG..	1.1	1.1	96	101	8.3	7.8	700	632
N.Y.....	16.0	6.8	1,568	646	88.6	40.6	8,524	3,647
N.J.....	63.5	76.0	6,032	7,372	345.5	376.5	34,115	37,332
PA.....	15.0	12.4	1,305	1,091	72.0	65.4	6,390	5,653
OHIO.....	14.8	8.9	1,347	783	93.7	73.7	8,782	6,735
IND.....	1.0	1.1	88	110	4.3	4.7	389	414
ILL.....	54.5	58.5	5,559	6,201	301.0	300.5	31,565	32,200
MICH.....	34.0	31.0	3,604	2,945	152.0	148.5	15,994	14,184
WISC.....	1.1	1.1	108	109	5.8	5.0	602	512
MINN.....	35.5	41.0	3,763	4,428	316.0	262.5	34,293	28,302
IOWA.....	38.5	42.5	3,658	4,208	207.5	222.5	21,021	22,824
MO.....	26.5	36.0	2,676	3,708	156.5	155.9	16,395	16,058
N.DAK....	1.3	---	142	---	57.3	58.2	6,194	6,280
S.DAK....	38.0	35.0	4,256	3,815	196.0	192.5	21,544	21,418
NEBR.....	51.5	56.0	5,408	5,768	344.5	330.0	36,416	34,994
KANS.....	28.0	20.3	2,632	1,969	113.1	97.9	11,179	9,708
DEL.-MD..	4.2	3.7	393	336	20.5	20.3	1,890	1,830
VA.....	.4	.4	45	48	1.0	1.1	103	121
W.VA.....	.5	.5	48	47	2.0	2.4	194	233
N.C.....	.1	.1	11	10	.5	.4	51	39
S.C.....	.1	---	9	---	.2	.1	18	12
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.2	---	15	---	.5	.2	39	20
KY.....	12.1	10.3	1,319	1,102	61.3	46.7	6,714	5,082
TENN.....	4.0	3.7	380	333	16.8	13.2	1,612	1,211
ALA.....	.1	---	10	---	.2	.1	20	10
MISS.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.1	10	10
ARK.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	.1	10	10
LA.....	.2	.2	17	13	.9	.7	74	55
OKLA.....	.2	.6	23	57	.8	1.7	91	174
TEXAS....	172.0	189.0	14,448	16,821	686.0	574.5	63,494	53,673
MONT.....	.2	.1	20	11	1.6	1.0	179	109
IDAHO....	1.0	.9	106	100	4.2	3.9	459	427
WYO.....	.2	.2	23	22	.9	1.3	105	139
COLO.....	109.0	109.0	11,336	11,881	772.0	677.0	83,779	74,543
N.MEX....	3.8	5.8	410	621	17.4	26.1	1,862	2,861
ARIZ.....	2.1	2.4	220	269	8.3	11.1	902	1,237
UTAH.....	56.0	43.0	5,768	4,601	341.0	284.5	36,863	31,243
NEV.....	.1	.2	10	20	.9	.7	91	70
WASH.....	14.6	15.8	1,591	1,643	82.5	65.2	9,040	6,949
OREG.....	12.8	14.4	1,306	1,498	54.0	53.8	5,709	5,773
CALIF....	192.0	182.0	19,776	18,746	873.0	825.0	92,131	85,882
48 STATES	1,006.3	1,010.1	99,536	101,443	5,408.8	4,953.4	559,543	512,606
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.3	---	32	---
U. S.....	1,006.3	1,010.1	99,536	101,443	5,409.1	4,953.4	559,575	512,606

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES SLAUGHTER IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED AND OTHER SLAUGHTER PLANTS. EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS.

<sup>2/</sup> NEW ENGLAND INCLUDES MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
MAY 1967 AND 1968 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,111	1,102	105	103	241	247	87	92
N.Y.....	1,125	1,153	115	123	233	232	98	95
N.J.....	1,255	1,194	204	223	190	189	95	97
PA.....	1,088	1,085	153	140	226	226	87	88
OHIO.....	1,007	1,015	195	185	229	229	91	88
IND.....	1,023	995	202	198	247	261	88	100
ILL.....	1,010	1,020	153	173	259	264	102	106
MICH.....	1,060	1,029	142	141	233	230	106	95
WISC.....	1,131	1,121	126	134	241	248	98	99
MINN.....	1,075	1,088	181	191	257	256	106	108
IOWA.....	1,065	1,064	160	155	254	249	95	99
MO.....	1,035	1,036	256	244	254	257	101	103
N.DAK....	1,066	1,094	---	---	246	233	109	---
S.DAK....	1,083	1,079	350	---	279	277	112	109
NEBR.....	1,076	1,064	454	385	265	260	105	103
KANS.....	1,032	1,034	424	361	243	245	94	97
DEL.-MD..	1,067	1,060	204	201	214	214	94	91
VA.....	1,000	1,008	240	260	225	229	112	120
W.VA.....	1,018	1,038	213	217	262	256	96	94
N.C.....	961	961	190	188	223	221	108	100
S.C.....	768	850	360	395	238	257	90	---
GA.....	840	839	416	436	221	226	---	---
FLA.....	944	948	314	284	213	224	76	---
KY.....	943	955	216	212	238	256	109	107
TFNN.....	949	962	265	269	240	236	95	90
ALA.....	888	867	502	456	229	226	101	---
MISS.....	831	818	518	497	221	221	---	100
ARK.....	852	886	529	531	241	239	100	---
LA.....	777	787	458	472	211	224	84	64
OKLA.....	891	934	502	481	250	248	117	95
TEXAS....	900	846	562	524	240	241	84	89
MONT.....	977	1,009	370	371	239	237	100	108
IDAHO....	1,036	1,031	298	357	219	223	106	111
WYO.....	1,010	997	---	---	230	234	114	110
COLO.....	1,074	1,058	438	---	236	233	104	109
N.MEX....	955	964	486	471	231	238	108	107
ARIZ.....	945	986	489	513	232	235	105	112
UTAH.....	1,011	999	382	388	230	232	103	107
NEV.....	965	1,058	368	400	205	217	100	100
WASH.....	1,034	1,041	324	325	229	228	109	104
OREG.....	998	1,003	295	302	226	230	102	104
CALIF....	1,033	1,026	264	326	217	219	103	103
48 STATES	1,027	1,021	237	233	243	244	99	100
HAWAII...	965	997	---	---	175	175	---	---
U. S.....	1,026	1,021	237	233	243	244	99	100

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POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM MAY 1967: Production of poultry meat during May totaled 706 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was down 4 percent from May 1967 but 14 percent above the total for April 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
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
May 25 .....	18.1	1.7	26.1	54.1
June 1 .....	17.5	1.5	25.4	55.6
June 8 .....	17.9	1.9	25.9	54.3
June 15 .....	17.9	1.6	25.4	55.1

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	
May 1967 .....	17.8	1.3	25.7	55.2	2,428
April 1968 .....	17.5	1.4	26.6	54.5	2,286
May 1968 .....	17.4	1.6	25.9	55.1	2,541

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



## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER PLANTS

The number of slaughter plants operating in the 48 States as of March 1, 1968 totaled 9,142 plants, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number under Federal inspection was 570 and all other slaughter plants totaled 8,572 which may be compared with 584 plants under Federal inspection and 8,979 other slaughter plants a year earlier.

The number of plants not under Federal inspection as shown for March 1, 1967 and March 1, 1968 includes plants of all sizes and are not comparable with data published in 1965 and earlier which excludes plants slaughtering less than 300,000 pounds liveweight annually. Beginning with January 1966, the estimates of commercial slaughter and meat production include custom slaughter in plants for farmers. At that time the slaughter plant universe was expanded to include all operations doing custom slaughter for farmers. Prior to 1966, custom slaughter for farmers was included in farm slaughter.

## INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1968

Passage of the Wholesome Meat Act in December 1967 and subsequent increased utilization of Talmadge-Aiken Act agreements has caused an increase in the number of slaughter plants under Federal inspection. During the period from January 1 to March 1, 1968, a total of 10 plants began slaughtering under Federal inspection. These changes are accounted for in the numbers of plants by States shown on page 10. Between March 1 and June 1, 1968 an additional 51 plants were granted Federal inspection. Most of these plants represent a corresponding decrease in the number of other slaughter plants.

During May 1968 the 61 plants granted Federal inspection since January 1, 1968 slaughtered 119,000 head cattle, 6,500 calves, 84,600 hogs and 21,000 sheep and lambs. Offsetting these increases was slaughter in plants for which Federal inspection has been withdrawn since January 1, 1968. These plants slaughtered about 30,000 cattle and 12,000 hogs during the last full month of operation under Federal inspection. In addition, a number of plants under suspension from Federal inspection are not included.

Since January 1, granting of Federal inspection to a number of slaughtering operations and the withdrawal of some plants from inspection has caused a redistribution of animals moving to slaughter thus prohibiting any direct measurement of the net change in animals slaughtered under Federal inspection. It can be noted, however, that of the total number of animals in commercial slaughter in May 1968 as shown on page 2, Federal inspection covered 84.4 percent of the cattle compared with 82.5 percent in May 1967; 71.0 percent of the calves compared with 65.9 percent; 88.2 percent of the hogs compared with 85.6 percent; and 91.1 percent of the sheep and lambs compared with 88.5 percent in May 1967.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING ESTABLISHMENTS, MARCH 1, 1967 AND 1968

STATE	UNDER		OTHER		TOTAL	
	FEDERAL INSPECTION					
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER
N. ENG.	13	12	202	180	215	192
N. Y.	31	30	148	139	179	169
N. J.	10	9	76	67	86	76
PA.	27	26	1,063	989	1,090	1,015
OHIO	35	33	463	456	498	489
IND.	13	10	299	245	312	255
ILL.	31	29	543	518	574	547
MICH.	6	6	260	239	266	245
WIS.	18	17	380	320	398	337
MINN.	17	18	425	410	442	428
IOWA	35	35	544	534	579	569
MO.	18	17	343	344	361	361
N. DAK.	2	2	95	90	97	92
S. DAK.	9	8	144	162	153	170
NEBR.	34	34	280	262	314	296
KANS.	20	20	264	276	284	296
DEL.-MD.	7	8	77	75	84	83
VA.	10	10	109	100	119	110
W. VA.	---	---	98	93	98	93
N. C.	4	4	139	135	143	139
S. C.	3	4	125	123	128	127
GA.	8	6	180	175	188	181
FLA.	9	8	92	92	101	100
KY.	10	10	144	137	154	147
TENN.	10	11	140	154	150	165
ALA.	6	6	107	100	113	106
MISS.	6	6	145	145	151	151
ARK.	4	4	164	156	168	160
LA.	2	2	351	339	353	341
OKLA.	5	8	180	174	185	182
TEXAS	48	53	790	767	838	820
MONTANA	5	4	64	64	69	68
IDAHO	8	8	68	67	76	75
WYO.	1	1	29	31	30	32
COLO.	19	18	86	79	105	97
N. MEX.	3	3	90	66	93	69
ARIZ.	1	2	41	39	42	41
UTAH	6	6	54	54	60	60
NEV.	1	1	5	5	6	6
WASH.	17	16	44	41	61	57
OREG.	9	9	85	87	94	96
CALIF.	63	56	43	43	106	99
48 STATES	584	570	8,979	8,572	9,563	9,142
HAWAII	1	1	37	34	38	35
U. S. TOTAL	585	571	9,016	8,606	9,601	9,177



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