

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

OCTOBER 1968



November 27, 1968

OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT FROM 1967: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,296 million pounds in October, up 10 percent from a year earlier. Nearly half of the increase came from one more slaughter day in October 1968. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION 11 PERCENT HIGHER THAN OCTOBER 1967: October beef production totaled 1,922 million pounds, 11 percent above both October 1967 and September 1968. Cattle slaughtered totaled 3.3 million head, up 11 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,004 pounds, 4 pounds lighter than a year earlier but 9 pounds heavier than in September.

VEAL PRODUCTION 4 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER: There were 67 million pounds of veal produced during October, down 4 percent from a year earlier but 14 percent above the preceding month. The 511,600 calves slaughtered was down 8 percent from October 1967. Live weight per head was 237 pounds, up 7 pounds from a year earlier.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM OCTOBER 1967: Pork production in October was 1,250 million pounds, up 8 percent from a year earlier and 18 percent more than in September. Hogs killed totaled 8.3 million, 8 percent more than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 239 pounds, 2 pounds less than a year earlier but 4 pounds heavier than in September. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.9 pounds compared with 10.3 in October 1967.

LAMB AND MUTTON 4 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER: There were 57 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in October, up 4 percent from a year earlier and 12 percent above the preceding month. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 1,148,400, up 3 percent from October 1967. Average live weight was 101 pounds, down 1 pound from a year earlier.

POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM OCTOBER 1967: Production of poultry meat in October was 984 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was slightly below a year earlier but 15 percent above the preceding month.

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

Kind	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct. 1968 as % of		January-October 5/		
	1967	1968	1968	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1968	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent
Beef	1,726	1,728	1,922	111	111	16,781	17,371	104
Veal	70	59	67	96	114	631	579	92
Pork 2/	1,154	1,060	1,250	108	118	10,139	10,568	104
Lamb & Mutton ...	55	51	57	104	112	537	501	93
Total Red Meat :	3,005	2,898	3,296	110	114	28,088	29,019	103
Poultry 3/	986	858	984	100	115	7,593	7,359	97
Lard 4/	190	165	195	103	118	1,684	1,679	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, October with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct. 1968 as % of		January-October 2/		1968 as % of 1967	
		1967	1968	1968	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1968	1967	1968		
					Pct.	Pct.			Pct.	
CATTLE										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.:	2,432.7	2,539.5	2,812.8	116	111	23,312.2	24,795.5	106	
Other	thou.:	542.7	442.8	437.6	90	110	5,083.3	4,631.5	91	
Total	thou.:	2,975.4	2,982.3	3,300.4	111	111	28,395.5	29,427.0	104	
Live Weight										
Per Head ...	lb. :	1,008	995	1,004	100	101	1,019	1,014	100	
Total	mil.lb:	2,999	2,968	3,314	111	112	28,939	29,827	103	
CALVES										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.:	383.2	322.8	373.2	97	116	3,321.8	3,194.8	96	
Other	thou.:	172.3	128.9	138.4	80	107	1,609.2	1,329.8	83	
Total	thou.:	555.5	451.7	511.6	92	113	4,931.0	4,524.6	92	
Live Weight										
Per Head ...	lb. :	230	236	237	103	100	231	230	100	
Total	mil.lb:	128	107	121	95	113	1,140	1,040	91	
HOGS										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.:	6,683.5	6,347.9	7,404.1	111	117	58,384.0	61,593.5	105	
Other	thou.:	992.3	781.9	898.9	91	115	9,126.0	8,596.6	94	
Total	thou.:	7,675.8	7,129.8	8,303.0	108	116	67,510.0	70,190.1	104	
Live Weight										
Per Head ...	lb. :	241	235	239	99	102	240	239	100	
Total	mil.lb:	1,847	1,676	1,980	107	118	16,219	16,749	103	
SHEEP & LAMBS										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.:	1,006.8	973.4	1,068.3	106	110	9,747.4	9,226.6	95	
Other	thou.:	112.8	75.8	80.1	71	106	1,087.8	880.0	81	
Total	thou.:	1,119.6	1,049.2	1,148.4	103	109	10,835.2	10,106.6	93	
Live Weight										
Per Head ...	lb. :	102	99	101	99	102	101	101	100	
Total	mil.lb:	114	104	117	103	113	1,094	1,024	94	

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE _{2/}	OCTOBER				JANUARY-OCTOBER			
	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..	17.3	17.2	18,869	18,636	138.8	144.1	152,699	157,567
N.Y.....	34.5	35.5	38,606	38,944	314.0	309.5	348,669	348,395
N.J.....	26.0	29.5	32,370	35,312	290.5	272.3	367,236	333,296
PA.....	73.0	75.5	77,234	81,918	704.0	687.0	757,882	746,691
OHIO.....	112.0	113.0	111,328	111,079	1,065.0	1,014.5	1,067,439	1,016,858
IND.....	55.5	59.5	55,611	58,072	528.0	532.5	542,803	530,525
ILL.....	133.0	128.0	132,335	127,104	1,252.0	1,182.0	1,260,454	1,195,963
MICH.....	60.5	70.5	62,012	72,474	573.0	592.0	600,325	617,389
WISC.....	105.0	117.0	113,610	130,455	966.5	1,021.0	1,079,153	1,143,623
MINN.....	178.0	193.0	188,858	203,229	1,547.0	1,661.0	1,643,444	1,775,074
IOWA.....	371.0	424.0	388,437	435,448	3,509.0	3,870.0	3,709,933	4,036,190
MO.....	128.0	141.0	130,304	141,000	1,272.0	1,319.0	1,303,600	1,341,338
N.DAK....	17.0	17.5	18,020	18,305	147.2	164.8	155,487	176,739
S.DAK....	65.5	68.5	69,102	70,760	601.0	603.5	640,572	638,287
NEBR.....	303.0	356.0	316,029	364,900	2,967.0	3,202.0	3,148,179	3,354,128
KANS.....	124.0	129.0	125,240	130,548	1,386.0	1,279.0	1,439,449	1,311,480
DEL.-MD..	10.4	10.7	10,912	11,241	98.1	100.0	104,875	106,428
VA.....	14.6	16.4	14,454	16,302	151.9	147.4	153,374	149,139
W.VA.....	6.1	6.9	6,027	6,624	52.7	54.8	53,157	54,985
N.C.....	16.7	18.4	15,564	16,799	145.2	142.0	137,762	134,544
S.C.....	7.0	8.1	5,712	6,626	70.6	69.5	57,599	57,402
GA.....	30.0	30.5	24,450	25,772	304.0	286.0	252,889	243,876
FLA.....	34.5	36.5	31,774	34,164	342.5	346.0	315,796	322,034
KY.....	16.3	26.0	14,849	24,206	197.9	215.5	186,068	202,243
TENN.....	56.5	64.5	52,206	60,050	482.0	503.0	450,550	473,160
ALA.....	21.9	26.0	19,403	21,814	203.5	229.2	182,581	199,634
MISS.....	37.0	42.0	30,895	34,776	337.0	326.5	280,718	268,381
ARK.....	16.9	18.8	14,652	15,961	150.9	162.2	130,102	141,451
LA.....	14.5	16.1	11,310	12,478	131.4	134.8	102,645	105,861
OKLA.....	55.0	66.5	49,885	61,246	438.0	588.0	393,633	545,400
TEXAS....	228.0	270.0	197,676	240,300	2,184.0	2,349.0	1,919,566	2,031,685
MONT.....	21.7	18.2	22,026	18,418	207.6	159.9	209,143	162,039
IDAHO....	30.0	31.0	30,780	31,961	275.2	297.0	283,576	306,353
WYO.....	2.6	3.1	2,636	2,970	26.2	28.4	26,742	28,231
COLD.....	127.0	141.0	129,921	142,692	1,319.0	1,321.0	1,375,798	1,376,472
N.MEX....	25.0	29.5	24,225	28,674	244.1	265.2	234,583	255,377
ARIZ.....	21.4	47.0	20,202	47,235	206.1	336.1	197,642	332,962
UTAH.....	22.7	24.6	22,518	24,575	227.4	233.5	228,239	233,437
NEV.....	2.3	2.4	2,362	2,465	23.1	23.4	23,363	22,886
WASH.....	49.5	56.5	51,034	58,534	469.0	505.0	485,505	522,750
OREG.....	30.5	35.0	30,317	34,755	264.1	291.4	264,351	291,914
CALIF....	274.0	280.0	285,508	294,840	2,583.0	2,458.0	2,671,405	2,534,412
48 STATES	2,975.4	3,300.4	2,999,263	3,313,662	28,395.5	29,427.0	28,938,986	29,826,599
HAWAII...	5.0	5.7	4,960	5,404	50.1	53.8	49,134	52,482
U. S.....	2,980.4	3,306.1	3,004,223	3,319,066	28,445.6	29,480.8	28,988,120	29,879,081

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE <u>2/</u>	OCTOBER				JANUARY-OCTOBER			
	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..	23.9	22.2	2,582	2,437	228.9	207.5	23,884	21,423
N.Y.....	77.5	72.5	7,905	7,758	696.5	676.5	77,168	76,982
N.J.....	35.5	37.0	7,526	8,362	295.3	339.0	60,965	74,891
PA.....	51.0	52.0	6,885	6,864	457.0	437.0	63,161	57,238
OHIO.....	8.4	8.1	1,596	1,563	82.4	74.0	15,840	14,036
IND.....	4.4	5.0	862	1,005	46.1	43.8	9,198	8,723
ILL.....	22.8	19.8	3,762	3,307	227.8	169.2	36,262	28,813
MICH.....	17.3	14.7	2,803	2,249	164.3	147.9	24,974	22,093
WISC.....	57.5	50.5	7,015	6,161	506.0	436.0	62,641	55,927
MINN.....	21.1	14.8	3,334	2,634	155.6	124.8	26,483	22,227
IOWA.....	31.5	27.0	4,725	4,185	248.0	253.9	38,876	39,619
MO.....	6.0	5.7	1,752	1,556	43.5	42.0	12,333	11,211
N.DAK.....	.1	---	40	---	.3	.2	126	85
S.DAK.....	.1	---	40	---	.3	.2	108	68
NEBR.....	.7	.8	289	298	8.4	6.4	3,624	2,449
KANS.....	.5	.1	212	37	6.2	3.9	2,386	1,580
DEL.-MD..	2.8	2.1	528	413	28.4	24.4	5,477	4,670
VA.....	19.1	17.5	5,042	4,725	161.8	162.3	40,337	42,431
W.VA.....	.6	.5	134	118	5.7	4.4	1,197	941
N.C.....	.9	.7	181	154	9.3	7.1	2,031	1,359
S.C.....	13.5	13.5	5,440	5,319	118.1	120.4	45,487	47,758
GA.....	4.8	1.3	1,944	563	58.9	38.5	25,007	16,451
FLA.....	26.0	21.4	7,826	6,655	213.2	181.5	64,765	53,839
KY.....	.3	.4	67	86	17.8	6.9	4,027	1,561
TENN.....	17.9	18.2	5,603	5,842	123.8	112.9	35,344	32,322
ALA.....	6.8	3.6	3,216	1,595	47.8	38.6	23,418	17,174
MISS.....	12.5	11.7	5,712	5,487	107.5	95.8	52,655	46,016
ARK.....	2.0	1.9	1,048	973	14.8	15.8	7,629	8,188
LA.....	21.4	22.0	9,459	9,856	190.0	188.6	85,110	87,873
OKLA.....	2.0	2.3	1,026	1,150	20.6	19.1	10,452	9,596
TEXAS.....	37.5	36.5	20,288	19,856	353.0	286.7	194,667	147,638
MONT.....	.2	.1	69	34	1.2	1.0	415	353
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	30	38	1.0	1.0	320	330
WYO.....	.1	---	37	---	.2	---	59	---
COLO.....	.2	.2	93	78	2.3	1.3	978	577
N.MEX.....	.1	.1	50	50	1.1	.7	533	350
ARIZ.....	.4	.4	198	197	4.4	3.7	2,117	1,837
UTAH.....	.5	.5	168	181	5.1	4.6	1,787	1,691
NEV.....	.2	.1	78	41	2.0	1.6	747	607
WASH.....	1.9	2.4	650	842	15.4	15.2	5,102	5,018
OREG.....	2.2	2.2	755	840	16.0	14.5	5,090	4,772
CALIF.....	23.2	21.7	6,589	7,617	245.0	215.7	66,722	69,469
48 STATES	555.5	511.6	127,559	121,126	4,931.0	4,524.6	1,139,502	1,040,186
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.5	---	109	---
U. S.....	555.5	511.6	127,559	121,126	4,931.5	4,524.6	1,139,611	1,040,186

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	OCTOBER				JANUARY-OCTOBER			
	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..	11.5	9.8	2,813	2,425	119.7	93.0	28,632	22,768
N.Y.....	70.0	101.0	16,100	23,129	900.5	893.0	207,433	206,063
N.J.....	42.5	40.5	8,032	7,695	400.5	406.0	75,330	76,400
PA.....	389.0	414.0	89,470	94,806	3,265.0	3,594.0	733,640	809,987
OHIO.....	439.0	452.0	100,092	102,604	3,959.0	4,013.0	899,001	907,203
IND.....	259.0	273.0	64,750	69,615	2,448.0	2,366.0	608,076	595,528
ILL.....	427.0	513.0	104,615	132,867	4,010.0	4,350.0	1,022,159	1,104,159
MICH.....	199.0	206.0	46,168	48,410	1,823.0	1,827.0	418,184	421,077
WISC.....	287.0	307.0	68,306	71,531	2,503.0	2,514.0	591,052	599,228
MINN.....	588.0	647.0	146,412	158,515	4,774.0	5,107.0	1,193,061	1,253,804
IOWA.....	1,925.0	2,172.0	471,625	514,764	15,992.0	16,962.0	3,954,602	4,101,801
MO.....	299.0	313.0	74,451	77,624	2,450.0	2,457.0	609,858	604,329
N.DAK.....	2.2	2.4	524	612	17.5	19.4	4,231	4,656
S.DAK.....	267.0	314.0	67,818	78,500	1,980.0	2,059.0	515,714	536,096
NEBR.....	413.0	297.0	105,315	73,062	3,154.0	2,904.0	817,519	736,046
KANS.....	219.0	202.0	53,217	49,490	2,002.0	1,900.0	484,568	456,259
DEL.-MD..	54.3	55.2	11,736	11,768	452.1	493.2	96,435	106,059
VA.....	255.0	289.0	58,395	67,048	2,428.0	2,536.0	541,845	574,921
W.VA.....	10.0	9.7	2,590	2,367	90.3	85.9	23,133	21,881
N.C.....	131.0	141.0	29,082	31,302	1,267.0	1,324.0	280,679	292,159
S.C.....	45.5	43.5	11,420	11,440	427.5	543.0	102,163	135,612
GA.....	149.0	155.0	33,525	34,100	1,386.0	1,479.0	304,819	326,796
FLA.....	42.0	43.0	8,988	9,116	377.5	410.5	82,276	90,337
KY.....	30.0	130.0	7,710	30,810	1,171.5	1,161.0	275,285	280,251
TENN.....	269.0	288.0	64,560	70,560	2,510.0	2,546.0	597,981	601,661
ALA.....	74.0	82.5	16,872	18,728	696.0	781.0	158,264	176,429
MISS.....	85.0	94.0	18,955	20,962	808.5	860.5	177,912	190,395
ARK.....	32.0	36.0	7,744	8,748	295.5	325.5	70,560	77,892
LA.....	18.7	20.8	4,020	4,576	164.9	176.8	35,111	37,916
OKLA.....	65.5	73.5	16,637	18,008	593.5	618.5	149,124	152,669
TEXAS....	178.0	165.0	42,542	39,270	1,574.0	1,644.0	374,615	391,073
MONT.....	32.5	33.5	7,540	7,705	306.5	303.5	71,011	70,663
IDAHO....	12.2	13.2	2,708	2,930	109.1	116.7	23,935	25,653
WYO.....	3.3	2.7	756	621	29.5	28.4	6,847	6,656
COLO.....	69.0	76.0	15,939	17,632	551.5	680.5	127,993	156,546
N.MEX....	9.3	8.9	2,120	2,092	82.0	88.1	18,898	20,372
ARIZ.....	14.5	15.4	3,393	3,665	127.7	149.5	29,640	35,236
UTAH.....	12.3	12.7	2,841	2,921	120.0	116.4	27,202	26,834
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	42	1.9	1.9	404	401
WASH.....	63.0	73.0	14,175	16,644	555.0	666.5	125,266	151,900
OREG.....	23.3	25.5	5,266	6,018	222.3	227.3	50,046	52,021
CALIF....	160.0	152.0	37,600	35,720	1,364.0	1,362.0	304,559	311,508
48 STATES	7,675.8	8,303.0	1,846,863	1,980,442	67,510.0	70,190.1	16,219,063	16,749,245
HAWAII...	4.7	4.8	813	840	48.9	48.6	8,495	8,521
U. S.....	7,680.5	8,307.8	1,847,676	1,981,282	67,558.9	70,238.7	16,227,558	16,757,766

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	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..	1.8	1.9	162	167	14.8	13.9	1,270	1,184
N.Y.....	6.6	6.8	634	660	133.4	72.9	12,902	6,800
N.J.....	80.5	85.5	7,567	8,037	752.5	780.0	71,741	74,872
PA.....	14.4	14.4	1,195	1,253	153.4	133.9	13,445	11,630
OHIO.....	28.5	9.1	2,679	828	232.2	118.2	21,771	10,589
IND.....	1.2	1.1	115	100	10.7	10.3	980	898
ILL.....	62.5	67.5	6,438	6,885	606.0	595.5	62,302	61,884
MICH.....	32.5	31.0	3,282	3,069	319.0	308.5	32,901	29,881
WISC.....	1.4	.8	141	82	12.9	10.1	1,295	1,028
MINN.....	84.0	88.5	8,736	9,116	597.5	544.0	63,264	57,077
IOWA.....	48.5	55.0	4,704	5,390	426.5	451.5	41,937	44,828
MO.....	28.0	35.5	2,828	3,656	300.4	339.4	30,654	34,511
N.DAK....	16.5	21.6	1,683	2,441	88.1	97.1	9,584	10,675
S.DAK....	38.5	39.0	3,966	4,017	373.5	365.0	39,991	39,118
NEBR....	91.0	86.5	9,737	8,996	689.0	649.5	72,000	67,587
KANS.....	19.5	.1	1,892	9	206.9	133.9	20,077	13,094
DEL.-MD..	4.9	4.9	524	412	45.7	43.5	4,212	3,889
VA.....	.2	.2	19	18	2.8	2.7	287	275
W.VA.....	.5	.6	49	58	4.9	5.1	474	492
N.C.....	.2	.1	18	9	1.4	1.1	140	103
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.1	28	12
GA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	7	10
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	.8	1.2	61	90
KY.....	18.2	23.1	1,820	2,218	149.2	149.4	15,767	15,155
TENN.....	3.0	2.8	258	238	36.6	31.4	3,407	2,787
ALA.....	.1	.1	10	10	.5	.6	51	61
MISS.....	---	.1	---	9	.2	.2	17	19
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.2	16	20
LA.....	.2	.4	17	28	2.0	2.3	156	171
OKLA....	.3	.3	33	30	1.8	3.2	207	332
TEXAS....	133.0	140.0	12,635	12,880	1,456.0	1,251.5	131,016	113,554
MONT.....	.6	.3	62	31	4.2	2.5	442	266
IDAHO....	1.3	1.2	146	119	10.9	10.1	1,185	1,084
WYO.....	.5	.5	51	53	2.6	3.9	289	415
COLOR....	131.0	134.0	13,362	14,070	1,332.5	1,206.5	139,685	128,544
N.MEX....	4.3	5.8	417	644	36.7	53.9	3,910	5,920
ARIZ....	.9	.2	105	19	14.5	13.2	1,591	1,458
UTAH....	63.0	84.5	6,615	9,126	771.0	741.0	81,480	79,410
NEV.....	.2	.2	20	20	1.9	1.6	191	161
WASH....	21.8	20.3	2,311	2,274	200.8	180.6	21,205	19,112
OREG....	12.0	11.5	1,284	1,230	130.8	132.0	13,576	13,660
CALIF....	168.0	173.0	18,144	18,338	1,710.0	1,645.0	178,811	171,028
48 STATES	1,119.6	1,148.4	113,659	116,540	10,835.2	10,106.6	1,094,325	1,023,684
HAWAII...	.1	---	7	---	.4	.1	39	10
U. S.....	1,119.7	1,148.4	113,666	116,540	10,835.6	10,106.7	1,094,364	1,023,694

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
OCTOBER 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..	1,091	1,083	108	110	245	247	90	88
N.Y.....	1,119	1,097	102	107	230	229	96	97
N.J.....	1,245	1,197	212	226	189	190	94	94
PA.....	1,058	1,085	135	132	230	229	83	87
OHIO.....	994	983	190	193	228	227	94	91
IND.....	1,002	976	196	201	250	255	96	91
ILL.....	995	993	165	167	245	259	103	102
MICH.....	1,025	1,028	162	153	232	235	101	99
WISC.....	1,082	1,115	122	122	238	233	101	103
MINN.....	1,061	1,053	158	178	249	245	104	103
IOWA.....	1,047	1,027	150	155	245	237	97	98
MO.....	1,018	1,000	292	273	249	248	101	103
N.DAK....	1,060	1,046	400	---	238	255	102	113
S.DAK....	1,055	1,033	400	---	254	250	103	103
NEBR.....	1,043	1,025	413	373	255	246	107	104
KANS.....	1,010	1,012	424	371	243	245	97	93
DEL.-MD..	1,049	1,051	189	197	216	213	107	84
VA.....	990	994	264	270	229	232	95	91
W.VA.....	988	960	224	235	259	244	98	97
N.C.....	932	913	201	220	222	222	88	93
S.C.....	816	818	403	394	251	263	---	---
GA.....	815	845	405	433	225	220	---	---
FLA.....	921	936	301	311	214	212	---	---
KY.....	911	931	224	215	257	237	100	96
TENN.....	924	931	313	321	240	245	86	85
ALA.....	886	839	473	443	228	227	100	100
MISS.....	835	828	457	469	223	223	---	89
ARK.....	867	849	524	512	242	243	---	---
LA.....	780	775	442	448	215	220	83	69
OKLA.....	907	921	513	500	254	245	111	100
TEXAS....	867	890	541	544	239	238	95	92
MONT.....	1,015	1,012	346	345	232	230	103	103
IDAHO....	1,026	1,031	305	381	222	222	112	99
WYO.....	1,014	958	366	---	229	230	102	106
COLO.....	1,023	1,012	463	388	231	232	102	105
N.MEX....	969	972	500	500	228	235	97	111
ARIZ.....	944	1,005	495	492	234	238	117	95
UTAH.....	992	999	336	362	231	230	105	108
NEV.....	1,027	1,027	389	407	206	211	100	100
WASH.....	1,031	1,036	342	351	225	228	106	112
OREG.....	994	993	343	382	226	236	107	107
CALIF....	1,042	1,053	284	351	235	235	108	106
48 STATES	1,008	1,004	230	237	241	239	102	101
HAWAII...	992	948	---	---	173	175	67	---
U. S.....	1,008	1,004	230	237	241	238	102	101

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1968

Between January 1 and October 31, 1968, a total of 136 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In October these plants slaughtered 220,000 cattle; 18,000 calves; 126,000 hogs; and 39,000 sheep. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since January 1 slaughtered about 49,000 cattle; 600 calves; 57,000 hogs; and 58,000 sheep during the last full month of operation under Federal inspection. Animals slaughtered in plants withdrawn from Federal inspection cannot be used to obtain a net change in slaughter since these animals may be diverted to existing or new plants under Federal inspection. Plants under suspension from Federal inspection are not included in the data for plants withdrawn from Federal inspection.

Federally inspected slaughter as a percent of total commercial slaughter in October 1968 compared with October 1967 is as follows: Cattle, 85.2 percent and 81.8 percent; calves, 72.9 and 69.0 percent; hogs, 89.2 and 87.1 percent; sheep and lambs, 93.0 and 89.9 percent.

The number of slaughter days during October 1968 included 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. There were 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays in October 1967.

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
October 5	21.4	1.8	28.2	48.6
October 12	21.7	1.7	28.7	47.9
October 19	21.6	1.7	28.1	48.6
October 26	21.3	1.7	28.3	48.7
November 2	22.5	1.7	27.5	48.3
November 9	21.8	1.6	28.1	48.5
November 16	21.9	1.6	28.4	48.1

^{1/} As reported by Meat Inspectors, SID, 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	
October 1967	21.3	1.4	26.6	50.7	2,433
September 1968	20.1	1.8	28.3	49.8	2,540
October 1968	21.6	1.7	28.2	48.5	2,813

^{1/} As reported by Meat Inspectors, SID, C&MS.

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