

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



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DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM 1967: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,914 million pounds in December, the same as a month earlier but up 4 percent from a year earlier. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

TOTAL 1968 RED MEAT PRODUCTION 3 PERCENT ABOVE 1967: There were 34,845 million pounds of red meat produced in 1968, up 3 percent from 1967. Of the 1968 total, 20,683 million pounds were beef, up 3 percent; 694 million pounds were veal, down 7 percent; 12,877 million pounds were pork, up 4 percent; and 591 million pounds were lamb and mutton, down 7 percent from 1967. Lard production in 1968 was 2,030 million pounds, down 1 percent from 1967.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1968 was up 3 percent from 1967; calves were down 8 percent; hogs up 4 percent; and sheep and lambs down 7 percent.

DECEMBER BEEF PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM YEAR EARLIER: Beef output in December was 1,649 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Cattle slaughtered numbered 2,787,600 head, up 4 percent. Live weight per head was 1,021 pounds, 9 pounds lighter than a year earlier.

VEAL PRODUCTION THE SAME AS IN DECEMBER 1967: There were 54 million pounds of veal produced during December, the same as a year earlier. The 449,300 calves slaughtered was 3 percent fewer than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 216 pounds, up 2 pounds from the December 1967 average.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1967: Pork production in December totaled 1,166 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Hogs killed totaled 7,568,500 head, up 6 percent from December 1967. Live weight per head was 241 pounds, 3 pounds lighter than a year earlier and 2 pounds lighter than in November.

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

Kind	December			Dec. 1968 as % of		January-December 5/		
	December 1967	November 1968	December 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1968	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent
Beef .....	1,593	1,664	1,649	104	99	19,991	20,683	103
Veal .....	54	61	54	100	89	749	694	93
Pork 2/.....	1,095	1,144	1,166	106	102	12,377	12,877	104
Lamb & Mutton ...	49	45	45	92	100	636	591	93
Total Red Meat	2,791	2,914	2,914	104	100	33,753	34,845	103
Poultry 3/.....	741	795	765	103	96	9,218	8,919	97
Lard 4/.....	172	177	174	101	98	2,043	2,030	99

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, December with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	December			Dec. 1968 as % of		January-December 2/		
		Dec. 1967	Nov. 1968	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1968	1967	1968	1968 as % of 1967
					Percent	Percent			Percent
<b>CATTLE</b>									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,213.9	2,416.4	2,380.0	108	98	27,779.6	29,591.9	107
Other .....	thou.	478.5	420.8	407.6	85	97	6,089.0	5,459.9	90
Total .....	thou.	2,692.4	2,837.2	2,787.6	104	98	33,868.6	35,051.8	103
Live Weight									
Per Head ...	lb.	1,030	1,012	1,021	99	101	1,020	1,014	99
Total .....	mil.lb.	2,773	2,871	2,847	103	99	34,538	35,545	103
<b>CALVES</b>									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	322.7	343.7	337.3	105	98	4,001.6	3,875.8	97
Other .....	thou.	139.5	125.7	112.0	80	89	1,917.2	1,567.5	82
Total .....	thou.	462.2	469.4	449.3	97	96	5,918.8	5,443.3	92
Live Weight									
Per Head ...	lb.	214	234	216	101	92	229	229	100
Total .....	mil.lb.	99	110	97	98	88	1,354	1,247	92
<b>HOGS</b>									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,100.0	6,570.9	6,619.1	109	101	70,915.0	74,783.5	105
Other .....	thou.	1,032.2	860.4	949.4	92	110	11,208.6	10,406.4	93
Total .....	thou.	7,132.2	7,431.3	7,568.5	106	102	82,123.6	85,189.9	104
Live Weight									
Per Head ...	lb.	244	243	241	99	99	241	239	99
Total .....	mil.lb.	1,739	1,805	1,824	105	101	19,779	20,379	103
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	869.0	834.7	831.8	96	100	11,515.8	10,893.1	95
Other .....	thou.	88.0	63.9	57.0	65	89	1,274.7	1,000.9	79
Total .....	thou.	957.0	898.6	888.8	93	99	12,790.5	11,894.0	93
Live Weight									
Per Head ...	lb.	105	103	105	100	102	101	102	101
Total .....	mil.lb.	100	93	93	93	100	1,297	1,210	93

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER, 1/

STATE <u>2/</u>	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	15.6	15.1	17,015	16,587	172.0	175.4	188,945	191,686
N.Y.....	30.5	31.5	34,099	34,492	378.5	373.0	420,474	419,559
N.J.....	25.0	29.0	31,250	34,539	342.5	327.8	431,912	399,529
PA.....	66.5	64.0	72,020	71,296	843.0	817.5	906,244	890,937
OHIO.....	90.0	95.0	90,540	95,570	1,259.0	1,203.0	1,262,395	1,205,460
IND.....	43.5	54.0	41,890	54,594	619.5	639.0	632,549	636,517
ILL.....	119.0	115.0	120,190	115,000	1,491.0	1,407.0	1,501,724	1,420,853
MICH.....	56.0	54.0	57,512	56,268	687.0	700.0	718,215	729,763
WISC.....	101.0	99.5	114,433	111,241	1,166.5	1,220.5	1,305,456	1,367,364
MINN.....	173.0	161.0	186,321	171,787	1,900.0	1,985.0	2,019,845	2,119,967
IOWA.....	368.0	352.0	393,760	370,656	4,229.0	4,588.0	4,477,869	4,788,218
MO.....	119.0	126.0	124,831	128,268	1,502.0	1,567.0	1,541,651	1,592,216
N.DAK.....	17.7	15.0	18,886	16,230	183.4	196.4	194,853	210,698
S.DAK.....	64.5	59.0	69,402	61,891	729.5	724.5	778,646	764,906
NEBR.....	297.0	321.0	318,681	340,260	3,552.0	3,847.0	3,770,412	4,033,292
KANS.....	112.0	112.0	115,584	117,040	1,617.0	1,504.0	1,675,104	1,543,780
DEL.-MD..	9.4	9.8	10,074	10,424	117.8	119.4	125,702	126,977
VA.....	12.4	14.7	12,586	14,994	179.1	177.2	180,819	179,384
W.VA.....	5.3	5.8	5,215	5,678	64.0	67.0	64,126	66,794
N.C.....	13.0	11.9	12,077	11,210	175.1	168.6	165,353	159,352
S.C.....	5.4	6.6	4,444	5,207	82.5	83.2	67,341	68,225
GA.....	24.5	25.0	20,360	21,575	356.5	337.5	296,741	287,685
FLA.....	29.5	31.5	27,848	29,736	406.5	409.5	375,936	381,722
KY.....	19.8	20.4	18,077	18,890	236.2	259.5	220,813	242,562
TENN.....	41.0	47.0	38,376	44,697	572.0	604.0	534,545	568,239
ALA.....	16.0	19.0	14,416	16,397	239.1	269.5	214,696	234,029
MISS.....	25.5	28.0	21,012	23,072	395.5	389.5	329,417	320,223
ARK.....	12.2	13.8	10,638	12,061	178.3	191.8	153,812	167,068
LA.....	12.4	12.2	9,746	9,589	157.4	160.7	122,849	126,204
OKLA.....	47.5	55.5	43,890	52,503	534.5	697.5	481,966	648,285
TEXAS....	180.0	209.0	157,320	183,502	2,573.0	2,782.0	2,257,671	2,411,187
MONT.....	15.7	14.8	16,328	15,348	243.4	190.6	246,174	194,003
IDAHO....	29.5	30.0	31,064	31,020	334.2	356.5	345,025	368,023
WYO.....	2.1	2.7	2,182	2,646	30.7	33.6	31,403	33,289
COLO.....	120.0	128.0	126,360	130,688	1,558.0	1,574.0	1,624,609	1,634,285
N.MEX....	21.2	25.5	20,310	24,327	288.2	315.3	277,289	304,181
ARIZ.....	19.6	42.5	18,796	43,520	245.4	418.6	235,074	417,122
UTAH.....	21.3	21.9	21,449	21,988	271.0	277.1	271,364	277,299
NEV.....	1.7	1.9	1,525	1,963	27.1	27.2	27,190	26,783
WASH.....	46.5	47.5	48,872	50,018	564.5	601.0	584,602	623,160
OREG.....	24.6	26.5	24,748	26,632	316.7	346.9	317,239	347,430
CALIF....	238.0	233.0	248,472	243,252	3,050.0	2,919.0	3,159,640	3,016,380
48 STATES	2,692.4	2,787.6	2,772,599	2,846,656	33,868.6	35,051.8	34,537,690	35,544,636
HAWAII...	4.7	5.2	4,709	4,898	59.9	64.1	58,948	62,200
U. S.....	2,697.1	2,792.8	2,777,308	2,851,554	33,928.5	35,115.9	34,596,638	35,606,836

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sub>2/</sub>	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	22.0	20.4	2,175	2,083	274.9	249.8	28,518	25,846
N.Y.....	65.5	67.5	6,616	6,750	835.5	813.0	92,090	92,150
N.J.....	29.0	31.5	7,221	7,150	357.3	404.0	75,215	89,445
PA.....	42.5	42.5	5,398	5,185	548.0	525.5	75,058	68,587
OHIO.....	7.1	6.0	1,299	1,062	97.6	86.5	18,637	16,352
IND.....	4.0	3.4	772	649	53.8	51.4	10,680	10,216
ILL.....	18.9	15.6	3,345	2,387	268.3	202.4	43,128	33,928
MICH.....	15.6	15.0	2,278	2,295	198.9	177.8	30,064	26,727
WISC.....	55.0	55.0	6,490	6,270	620.5	539.5	75,795	68,114
MINN.....	21.4	15.2	3,424	2,402	200.4	155.0	33,581	27,089
IOWA.....	32.0	31.5	4,800	4,882	313.5	311.9	48,701	48,609
MO.....	3.6	4.2	1,012	1,172	51.6	51.2	14,619	13,778
N.DAK.....	---	.1	---	40	.3	.3	126	125
S.DAK.....	---	.1	---	35	.3	.3	108	103
NEBR.....	.7	.7	254	253	9.7	7.8	4,111	2,948
KANS.....	.4	---	188	---	7.1	4.2	2,788	1,694
DEL.-MD..	2.2	2.1	411	371	33.9	28.6	6,521	5,448
VA.....	12.8	11.8	3,366	3,221	189.6	187.9	47,498	49,378
W.VA.....	.3	.4	64	81	6.5	5.2	1,369	1,108
N.C.....	.7	.5	140	103	10.6	8.3	2,304	1,621
S.C.....	10.7	9.2	4,291	3,570	141.1	141.8	54,710	56,123
GA.....	2.1	1.0	932	397	63.5	39.9	26,987	17,008
FLA.....	18.7	20.2	5,049	5,777	253.3	222.7	76,148	66,042
KY.....	.3	.3	66	64	18.5	7.5	4,181	1,690
TENN.....	12.2	12.4	3,672	3,621	150.0	141.3	43,202	40,983
ALA.....	2.6	2.9	1,347	1,299	55.1	45.2	27,035	20,112
MISS.....	7.5	6.6	3,518	3,333	125.6	113.2	61,134	54,468
ARK.....	1.5	1.4	792	704	18.1	19.0	9,332	9,806
LA.....	17.0	17.5	7,565	8,208	227.2	226.3	101,684	105,232
OKLA.....	1.5	1.7	746	845	24.5	22.6	12,405	11,328
TEXAS.....	28.5	27.0	13,822	13,554	419.0	345.2	227,089	177,761
MONT.....	.1	.1	31	34	1.4	1.2	479	424
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	31	35	1.2	1.2	383	400
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.1	103	30
COLO.....	.2	.2	77	64	2.6	1.7	1,095	715
N.MEX.....	.1	.1	49	47	1.3	.9	632	441
ARIZ.....	.4	.3	192	150	5.3	4.4	2,542	2,186
UTAH.....	.3	.4	109	136	5.8	5.4	2,033	1,963
NEV.....	.2	.1	72	40	2.4	1.8	890	688
WASH.....	1.5	1.8	456	668	18.4	19.0	6,053	6,398
OREG.....	1.1	1.0	371	339	18.7	16.9	6,043	5,600
CALIF.....	21.9	21.5	6,395	7,697	287.2	255.4	78,639	84,209
48 STATES	462.2	449.3	98,836	96,973	5,918.8	5,443.3	1,353,710	1,246,873
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.5	---	109	---
U. S.....	462.2	449.3	98,836	96,973	5,919.3	5,443.3	1,353,819	1,246,873

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	11.7	11.5	2,869	2,778	142.6	115.6	34,291	28,312
N.Y.....	93.5	102.0	21,692	23,664	1,079.5	1,089.5	248,705	251,367
N.J.....	45.5	43.5	8,281	7,960	488.0	486.0	91,423	91,222
PA.....	375.0	372.0	86,625	85,188	4,015.0	4,326.0	907,640	979,055
OHIO.....	392.0	428.0	88,984	97,584	4,757.0	4,820.0	1,080,959	1,091,199
IND.....	249.0	261.0	60,507	66,816	2,959.0	2,882.0	734,345	727,369
ILL.....	400.0	495.0	100,000	123,750	4,825.0	5,311.0	1,225,079	1,350,467
MICH.....	196.0	196.0	44,884	45,080	2,215.0	2,216.0	508,736	510,547
WISC.....	260.0	274.0	63,960	65,760	3,040.0	3,048.0	722,600	727,388
MINN.....	523.0	566.0	132,319	139,802	5,875.0	6,232.0	1,471,614	1,532,797
IOWA.....	1,714.0	1,884.0	431,928	461,580	19,493.0	20,799.0	4,826,132	5,041,866
MO.....	260.0	286.0	65,520	70,928	2,998.0	3,030.0	748,242	747,294
N.DAK.....	2.7	2.9	618	682	23.6	25.5	5,679	6,096
S.DAK.....	218.0	234.0	58,642	60,840	2,454.0	2,569.0	641,940	668,420
NEBR.....	357.0	253.0	96,747	65,780	3,905.0	3,417.0	1,018,676	869,166
KANS.....	203.0	170.0	50,344	41,990	2,423.0	2,232.0	588,758	537,777
DEL.-MD..	52.1	47.1	11,352	10,222	559.2	588.4	119,695	126,822
VA.....	230.0	276.0	51,750	63,204	2,904.0	3,076.0	650,913	699,373
W.VA.....	10.2	10.9	2,652	2,823	111.0	107.1	28,525	27,423
N.C.....	118.0	142.0	26,668	31,950	1,520.0	1,597.0	338,127	354,239
S.C.....	54.0	36.5	13,716	9,125	536.5	613.0	129,464	153,213
GA.....	150.0	169.0	34,350	37,180	1,692.0	1,800.0	374,581	397,264
FLA.....	49.0	57.0	9,506	10,545	472.5	514.0	101,212	110,275
KY.....	105.0	143.0	26,040	34,463	1,339.0	1,433.0	317,263	346,190
TENN.....	253.0	267.0	61,479	65,949	3,033.0	3,076.0	724,800	732,045
ALA.....	75.5	86.0	17,440	19,436	850.5	950.5	194,032	214,987
MISS.....	86.5	92.5	18,944	20,905	988.0	1,049.5	217,874	233,109
ARK.....	29.5	33.5	7,080	8,442	358.5	391.0	85,780	94,302
LA.....	23.1	22.8	5,128	4,651	211.2	220.0	45,250	47,055
OKLA.....	58.5	67.5	15,210	16,875	718.5	750.0	181,225	185,672
TEXAS.....	163.0	175.0	39,120	42,700	1,912.0	1,978.0	456,435	473,046
MONT.....	28.0	28.0	6,636	6,356	364.0	359.5	84,609	83,543
IDAHO.....	11.5	11.7	2,622	2,574	132.3	140.1	29,108	30,813
WYO.....	2.6	2.9	616	679	35.2	34.2	8,185	8,017
COLD.....	65.5	65.0	15,262	15,080	686.0	796.5	159,815	183,458
N.MEX.....	9.0	9.2	2,079	2,180	100.1	105.6	23,061	24,494
ARIZ.....	13.3	15.5	3,112	3,642	154.7	179.4	35,944	42,291
UTAH.....	11.1	12.4	2,575	2,889	142.9	140.9	32,491	32,530
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	41	2.3	2.3	489	485
WASH.....	71.0	61.5	16,117	14,022	692.5	793.0	156,345	180,937
OREG.....	21.2	21.4	4,855	5,179	266.0	268.3	59,986	61,767
CALIF.....	141.0	136.0	31,161	32,776	1,649.0	1,628.0	369,416	374,834
48 STATES	7,132.2	7,568.5	1,739,431	1,824,070	82,123.6	85,189.9	19,779,444	20,378,526
HAWAII...	7.1	6.7	1,214	1,119	60.9	60.1	10,552	10,461
U. S.....	7,139.3	7,575.2	1,740,645	1,825,189	82,184.5	85,250.0	19,789,996	20,388,987

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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..	1.5	1.1	122	90	18.2	16.6	1,546	1,414
N.Y.....	6.4	6.2	646	601	146.7	85.5	14,252	8,022
N.J.....	78.5	78.5	7,693	7,693	913.0	933.0	87,224	89,643
PA.....	11.2	10.8	1,008	983	179.9	156.5	15,830	13,699
OHIO.....	24.3	8.1	2,284	745	282.5	133.9	26,499	12,018
IND.....	.8	.8	75	72	12.6	11.9	1,159	1,044
ILL.....	62.5	57.5	6,562	6,095	728.0	707.0	74,992	73,595
MICH.....	27.0	26.0	2,754	2,444	376.0	361.5	38,715	34,890
WISC.....	1.1	.7	111	71	15.3	11.4	1,537	1,160
MINN.....	77.0	58.5	8,239	6,142	750.5	672.0	79,483	70,377
IOWA.....	47.0	42.0	4,747	4,242	519.5	536.0	51,192	53,362
MO.....	25.5	30.0	2,678	3,210	352.9	397.4	36,086	40,661
N.DAK.....	16.1	16.5	1,771	1,832	119.6	133.3	12,972	14,753
S.DAK.....	35.0	32.5	3,710	3,412	444.5	430.0	47,517	45,878
NEBR.....	70.5	65.5	7,544	7,074	838.0	780.0	87,944	81,616
KANS.....	18.2	.2	1,820	20	244.1	134.4	23,778	13,142
DEL.-MD..	3.9	4.1	382	357	54.5	52.9	5,025	4,708
VA.....	.2	.1	22	10	3.2	3.0	329	303
W.VA.....	.4	.4	39	37	5.7	6.0	549	577
N.C.....	.1	.1	9	10	1.6	1.3	159	122
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.1	28	12
GA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	7	10
FLA.....	---	.1	---	6	.9	1.3	66	96
KY.....	11.8	15.5	1,215	1,550	176.5	182.2	18,563	18,435
TENN.....	2.0	1.8	184	167	41.5	35.2	3,855	3,136
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.5	.7	51	73
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.2	26	19
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.2	16	20
LA.....	.1	.2	8	14	2.3	2.9	180	216
OKLA.....	.2	.2	17	21	2.3	3.7	256	386
TEXAS....	65.0	67.5	6,175	6,412	1,625.0	1,404.0	147,071	127,786
MONT.....	.4	.2	42	23	5.1	2.9	535	308
IDAHO....	1.1	.9	121	95	13.1	11.7	1,428	1,254
WYO.....	.4	.2	47	24	3.4	5.0	379	535
COLO.....	131.0	128.0	14,148	14,336	1,583.5	1,444.5	166,673	154,870
N.MEX....	3.9	5.1	402	556	44.5	64.2	4,698	7,032
ARIZ.....	1.0	.2	110	20	16.6	13.6	1,823	1,498
UTAH.....	76.0	76.0	8,284	8,436	914.5	890.0	97,189	95,876
NEV.....	.1	.1	10	10	2.2	1.9	221	191
WASH.....	17.0	14.3	1,853	1,573	238.0	208.8	25,280	22,242
OREG.....	7.8	6.9	850	718	147.4	147.2	15,368	15,250
CALIF....	132.0	132.0	14,388	14,256	1,966.0	1,910.0	206,467	199,382
48 STATES	957.0	888.8	100,070	93,357	12,790.5	11,894.0	1,296,968	1,209,611
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.4	.1	39	10
U. S.....	957.0	888.8	100,070	93,357	12,790.9	11,894.1	1,297,007	1,209,621

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
DECEMBER 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	1,098	99	102	245	242	81	82
N.Y.....	1,118	1,095	101	100	232	232	101	97
N.J.....	1,250	1,191	249	227	182	183	98	98
PA.....	1,083	1,114	127	122	231	229	90	91
OHIO.....	1,006	1,006	183	177	227	228	94	92
IND.....	963	1,011	193	191	243	256	94	90
ILL.....	1,010	1,000	177	153	250	250	105	106
MICH.....	1,027	1,042	146	153	229	230	102	94
WISC.....	1,133	1,118	118	114	246	240	101	101
MINN.....	1,077	1,067	160	158	253	247	107	105
IOWA.....	1,070	1,053	150	155	252	245	101	101
MO.....	1,049	1,018	281	279	252	248	105	107
N.DAK.....	1,067	1,082	---	400	229	235	110	111
S.DAK.....	1,076	1,049	---	350	269	260	106	105
NEBR.....	1,073	1,060	363	362	271	260	107	108
KANS.....	1,032	1,045	469	---	248	247	100	99
DEL.-MD..	1,072	1,064	187	177	218	217	98	87
VA.....	1,015	1,020	263	273	225	229	112	95
W.VA.....	984	979	212	203	260	259	97	92
N.C.....	929	942	200	206	226	225	89	100
S.C.....	823	789	401	388	254	250	---	---
GA.....	831	863	444	397	229	220	---	---
FLA.....	944	944	270	286	194	185	---	57
KY.....	913	926	221	213	248	241	103	100
TENN.....	936	951	301	292	243	247	92	93
ALA.....	901	863	518	448	231	226	---	---
MISS.....	824	824	469	505	219	226	---	---
ARK.....	872	874	528	503	240	252	---	---
LA.....	786	786	445	469	222	204	85	71
OKLA.....	924	946	497	497	260	250	85	105
TEXAS....	874	878	485	502	240	244	95	95
MONT.....	1,040	1,037	308	344	237	227	106	116
IDAHO....	1,053	1,034	314	348	228	220	110	106
WYO.....	1,039	980	---	---	237	234	118	119
COLO.....	1,053	1,021	386	318	233	232	108	112
N.MEX....	958	954	491	471	231	237	103	109
ARIZ.....	959	1,024	480	499	234	235	110	101
UTAH.....	1,007	1,004	362	339	232	233	109	111
NEV.....	897	1,033	362	400	206	205	100	100
WASH.....	1,051	1,053	304	371	227	228	109	110
OREG.....	1,006	1,005	337	339	229	242	109	104
CALIF....	1,044	1,044	292	358	221	241	109	108
48 STATES	1,030	1,021	214	216	244	241	105	105
HAWAII...	1,002	942	---	---	171	167	---	---
U. S.....	1,030	1,021	214	216	244	241	105	105

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.5 pounds compared with 9.9 in December 1967.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 45 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in December, the same as in November but down 8 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 888,800, down 7 percent from December 1967. Average live weight was 105 pounds, the same as a year earlier, but 2 pounds heavier than in November.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1967: Production of poultry meat in December totaled 765 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 3 percent more than a year earlier but 4 percent less than in November. Total production in 1968 was 8,919 million pounds, 3 percent less than in 1967.

Increase in Federal Inspection Since January 1, 1968

Between January 1 and December 31, 1968, a total of 147 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In December these plants slaughtered 218,000 cattle; 18,000 calves; 119,000 hogs; and 32,000 sheep. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since January 1, 1968 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 December 1968 compared with December 1967 is as follows: Cattle, 85.4 percent and 82.2 percent; calves, 75.1 and 69.8 percent; hogs, 87.5 and 85.5 percent; sheep and lambs, 93.6 and 90.8 percent.

The number of slaughter days during December 1968 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. There were 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays in December 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
December 7 .....	20.5	1.5	27.3	50.7
December 14 .....	22.1	1.5	26.6	49.8
December 21 .....	21.4	1.5	26.1	51.0
December 28 .....	16.0	1.2	26.5	56.3
January 4 .....	18.6	1.2	26.8	53.4
January 11 .....	22.6	1.4	25.5	50.5
January 18 .....	20.4	1.4	26.7	51.5

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	
December 1967	21.6	1.3	26.2	50.9	2,214
November 1968	22.2	1.6	27.4	48.8	2,416
December 1968	20.0	1.4	26.6	52.0	2,380

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