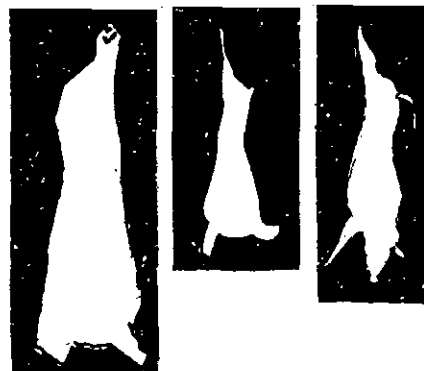


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 1969



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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM 1968: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,143 million pounds in January, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1968: Beef production in January was 1,858 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Cattle slaughtered numbered 3,129,200, up 3 percent. Live weight per head was 1,025 pounds, 4 pounds lighter than a year earlier.

VEAL PRODUCTION 5 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER: There were 60 million pounds of veal produced during January, down 5 percent from 1968. The 478,600 calves slaughtered were 8 percent fewer than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 225 pounds, up 6 pounds from the January 1968 average.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1968: Pork production in January totaled 1,170 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Hogs killed totaled 7,705,400, up 2 percent from January 1968. Live weight per head was 238 pounds, 2 pounds lighter than a year earlier and 3 pounds lighter than in December. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.4 pounds compared with 9.7 in January 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 55 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January, 7 percent less than in January 1968. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 1,055,000, down 8 percent. Average live weight was 106 pounds, 1 pound heavier than a year earlier.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1968: Production of poultry meat in January totaled 726 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 6 percent more than a year earlier, but 5 percent less than in December.

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

| Kind | January 1968 | December 1968 | January 1969 | January 1969 as % of | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Million pounds | Million pounds | Million pounds | January 1968 | December 1968 |
| | | | | Percent | Percent |
| Beef | 1,796 | 1,649 | 1,858 | 103 | 113 |
| Veal | 63 | 54 | 60 | 95 | 111 |
| Pork 2/..... | 1,150 | 1,166 | 1,170 | 102 | 100 |
| Lamb & Mutton | 59 | 45 | 55 | 93 | 122 |
| Total Red Meat | 3,068 | 2,914 | 3,143 | 102 | 108 |
| Poultry 3/..... | 687 | 765 | 726 | 106 | 95 |
| Lard 4/..... | 176 | 174 | 173 | 98 | 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.

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

| Species | Unit | January 1968 | December 1968 | January 1969 | January 1969 as % of | |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | January 1968 | December 1968 |
| | | | | | Percent | Percent |
| CATTLE | | | | | | |
| Number | | | | | | |
| Fed. Insp. ... | thou. | 2,493.2 | 2,380.0 | 2,676.2 | 107 | 112 |
| Other | thou. | 534.6 | 407.6 | 453.0 | 85 | 111 |
| Total | thou. | 3,027.8 | 2,787.6 | 3,129.2 | 103 | 112 |
| Live Weight | | | | | | |
| Per Head | lb. | 1,029 | 1,021 | 1,025 | 100 | 100 |
| Total | mil. lb. | 3,115 | 2,847 | 3,208 | 103 | 113 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| Number | | | | | | |
| Fed. Insp. ... | thou. | 364.5 | 337.3 | 364.2 | 100 | 108 |
| Other | thou. | 154.7 | 112.0 | 114.4 | 74 | 102 |
| Total | thou. | 519.2 | 449.2 | 478.6 | 92 | 107 |
| Live Weight | | | | | | |
| Per Head | lb. | 219 | 216 | 225 | 103 | 104 |
| Total | mil. lb. | 114 | 97 | 108 | 95 | 111 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| Number | | | | | | |
| Fed. Insp. ... | thou. | 6,496.1 | 6,619.1 | 6,814.1 | 105 | 103 |
| Other | thou. | 1,067.7 | 949.4 | 891.3 | 83 | 94 |
| Total | thou. | 7,563.8 | 7,568.5 | 7,705.4 | 102 | 102 |
| Live Weight | | | | | | |
| Per Head | lb. | 240 | 241 | 238 | 99 | 99 |
| Total | mil. lb. | 1,813 | 1,824 | 1,837 | 101 | 101 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| Number | | | | | | |
| Fed. Insp. ... | thou. | 1,050.0 | 831.8 | 1,006.6 | 96 | 121 |
| Other | thous | 100.4 | 57.0 | 48.4 | 48 | 85 |
| Total | thou. | 1,150.4 | 888.8 | 1,055.0 | 92 | 119 |
| Live Weight | | | | | | |
| Per Head | lb. | 105 | 105 | 106 | 101 | 101 |
| Total | mil. lb. | 121 | 93 | 112 | 93 | 120 |

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

CATTLE AND CALVES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1968-69

| STATE <u>2/</u> | CATTLE SLAUGHTER <u>1/</u> | | | | CALF SLAUGHTER <u>1/</u> | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED | | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT | | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED | | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT | |
| | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 |
| | 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.. | 15.9 | 16.6 | 17,411 | 18,709 | 21.7 | 19.7 | 2,195 | 2,005 |
| N.Y..... | 33.5 | 34.0 | 37,822 | 37,366 | 67.0 | 65.0 | 8,040 | 6,890 |
| N.J..... | 27.0 | 30.0 | 34,263 | 35,850 | 32.5 | 34.5 | 7,118 | 7,797 |
| PA..... | 74.0 | 72.5 | 80,734 | 81,925 | 46.5 | 44.5 | 5,766 | 5,785 |
| OHIO..... | 105.0 | 105.0 | 107,100 | 106,680 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 1,579 | 1,176 |
| IND..... | 51.0 | 59.0 | 50,796 | 61,183 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 850 | 746 |
| ILL..... | 122.0 | 123.0 | 123,708 | 124,599 | 21.8 | 18.8 | 3,444 | 3,685 |
| MICH..... | 62.0 | 60.5 | 65,472 | 63,102 | 19.9 | 17.4 | 2,886 | 2,767 |
| WISC..... | 109.0 | 109.0 | 124,914 | 124,151 | 64.5 | 59.0 | 7,804 | 6,903 |
| MINN..... | 179.0 | 165.0 | 194,752 | 177,705 | 23.4 | 18.4 | 3,627 | 2,926 |
| IOWA..... | 405.0 | 372.0 | 432,135 | 389,484 | 37.0 | 33.0 | 5,735 | 5,115 |
| MO..... | 139.0 | 147.0 | 144,004 | 150,969 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 1,029 | 1,187 |
| N.DAK..... | 19.1 | 15.3 | 20,475 | 17,779 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| S.DAK..... | 72.0 | 64.5 | 78,120 | 66,564 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NEBR..... | 329.0 | 381.0 | 351,043 | 401,193 | .7 | .7 | 299 | 264 |
| KANS..... | 136.0 | 132.0 | 140,896 | 138,468 | .5 | --- | 232 | --- |
| DEL.-MD.. | 10.2 | 10.3 | 11,071 | 10,772 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 485 | 488 |
| VA..... | 15.7 | 16.8 | 16,140 | 17,388 | 16.4 | 13.6 | 4,543 | 3,862 |
| W.VA..... | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6,252 | 6,460 | .4 | .4 | 79 | 78 |
| N.C..... | 15.0 | 17.9 | 14,400 | 17,810 | .9 | .7 | 151 | 153 |
| S.C..... | 6.2 | 8.6 | 5,301 | 6,846 | 13.4 | 12.0 | 5,266 | 4,872 |
| GA..... | 29.5 | 30.5 | 25,193 | 26,504 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 2,038 | 802 |
| FLA..... | 36.0 | 38.0 | 33,660 | 36,784 | 22.0 | 20.9 | 6,600 | 6,312 |
| KY..... | 22.8 | 21.9 | 21,797 | 21,134 | .4 | .3 | 90 | 65 |
| TENN..... | 47.5 | 53.0 | 45,172 | 51,145 | 12.6 | 11.5 | 3,578 | 3,370 |
| ALA..... | 22.0 | 22.0 | 19,734 | 19,052 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 1,212 | 1,334 |
| MISS..... | 27.0 | 30.0 | 23,193 | 26,160 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 4,365 | 3,884 |
| ARK..... | 15.3 | 15.1 | 13,540 | 13,771 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 666 | 806 |
| LA..... | 12.8 | 13.7 | 10,202 | 11,028 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 8,816 | 8,965 |
| OKLA..... | 55.5 | 62.5 | 49,506 | 58,875 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 843 | 889 |
| TEXAS..... | 221.0 | 251.0 | 192,049 | 223,390 | 31.5 | 27.0 | 15,844 | 14,256 |
| MONT..... | 16.7 | 16.4 | 17,168 | 16,597 | .1 | --- | 35 | --- |
| IDAHO..... | 32.0 | 35.0 | 33,344 | 36,610 | .1 | .1 | 30 | 36 |
| WYO..... | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2,678 | 3,290 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| COLO..... | 136.0 | 141.0 | 140,624 | 149,319 | .2 | .2 | 93 | 62 |
| N.MEX..... | 24.9 | 28.0 | 23,829 | 27,524 | .1 | --- | 48 | --- |
| ARIZ..... | 22.4 | 41.0 | 21,750 | 40,877 | .4 | .4 | 196 | 199 |
| UTAH..... | 24.2 | 23.7 | 24,345 | 24,008 | .4 | .4 | 145 | 150 |
| NEV..... | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2,290 | 2,494 | .1 | .1 | 39 | 38 |
| WASH..... | 53.5 | 55.5 | 55,586 | 57,332 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 376 | 695 |
| OREG..... | 29.0 | 30.0 | 29,725 | 30,780 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 517 | 338 |
| CALIF..... | 263.0 | 269.0 | 272,468 | 275,994 | 24.5 | 24.8 | 7,154 | 9,002 |
| 48 STATES | 3,027.8 | 3,129.2 | 3,114,662 | 3,207,671 | 519.2 | 478.6 | 113,813 | 107,902 |
| HAWAII... | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5,467 | 5,148 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U. S..... | 3,033.3 | 3,134.7 | 3,120,129 | 3,212,819 | 519.2 | 478.6 | 113,813 | 107,902 |

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HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1968-69

| STATE 2/ | HOG SLAUGHTER 1/ | | | | SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/ | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED | | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT | | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED | | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT | |
| | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 |
| | HEAD | HEAD | POUNDS | POUNDS | HEAD | HEAD | POUNDS | POUNDS |
| NEW ENG.. | 9.8 | 10.2 | 2,383 | 2,445 | .9 | .9 | 77 | 79 |
| N.Y..... | 97.0 | 106.0 | 22,019 | 23,744 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 680 | 676 |
| N.J..... | 47.5 | 38.5 | 8,930 | 7,276 | 86.0 | 86.0 | 8,514 | 8,600 |
| PA..... | 393.0 | 364.0 | 88,425 | 85,176 | 13.6 | 12.2 | 1,156 | 1,122 |
| OHIO..... | 437.0 | 447.0 | 99,199 | 99,681 | 27.0 | 7.9 | 2,511 | 743 |
| IND..... | 245.0 | 290.0 | 60,515 | 73,660 | .8 | 1.0 | 65 | 91 |
| ILL..... | 444.0 | 496.0 | 112,332 | 125,488 | 76.0 | 67.5 | 8,132 | 7,222 |
| MICH..... | 200.0 | 214.0 | 46,000 | 49,220 | 31.0 | 27.0 | 3,162 | 2,781 |
| WISC..... | 283.0 | 286.0 | 67,637 | 67,782 | 1.0 | .9 | 104 | 92 |
| MINN..... | 542.0 | 553.0 | 133,332 | 132,167 | 86.5 | 72.0 | 9,169 | 7,704 |
| IOWA..... | 1,831.0 | 1,904.0 | 446,764 | 456,960 | 52.0 | 49.0 | 5,304 | 5,145 |
| MO..... | 262.0 | 290.0 | 65,238 | 71,050 | 32.0 | 35.0 | 3,296 | 3,710 |
| N.DAK..... | 2.2 | 2.0 | 521 | 472 | 22.8 | 20.4 | 2,485 | 2,264 |
| S.DAK..... | 210.0 | 224.0 | 54,600 | 56,896 | 45.0 | 38.5 | 4,995 | 4,081 |
| NEBR..... | 351.0 | 257.0 | 93,015 | 64,507 | 85.5 | 84.0 | 9,148 | 8,988 |
| KANS..... | 206.0 | 161.0 | 49,028 | 38,157 | 19.0 | .2 | 1,919 | 20 |
| DEL.-MD.. | 54.1 | 50.9 | 11,925 | 11,057 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 391 | 463 |
| VA..... | 256.0 | 299.0 | 57,600 | 68,770 | .2 | .2 | 21 | 20 |
| W.VA..... | 10.2 | 8.9 | 2,632 | 2,207 | .5 | .4 | 48 | 39 |
| N.C..... | 144.0 | 161.0 | 32,400 | 36,547 | .1 | .1 | 10 | 10 |
| S.C..... | 61.0 | 34.5 | 15,616 | 8,728 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GA..... | 166.0 | 170.0 | 37,018 | 38,760 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FLA..... | 48.0 | 51.0 | 10,368 | 10,761 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| KY..... | 114.0 | 139.0 | 29,070 | 34,055 | 11.7 | 15.0 | 1,228 | 1,545 |
| TENN..... | 277.0 | 279.0 | 62,879 | 67,797 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 248 | 196 |
| ALA..... | 81.0 | 86.0 | 18,387 | 19,694 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| MISS..... | 90.0 | 97.0 | 20,340 | 21,728 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ARK..... | 33.0 | 33.5 | 8,052 | 8,274 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LA..... | 21.1 | 20.1 | 4,558 | 4,402 | .1 | .2 | 8 | 15 |
| OKLA..... | 64.0 | 64.5 | 16,256 | 15,932 | .3 | .1 | 33 | 11 |
| TEXAS.... | 175.0 | 186.0 | 43,575 | 45,012 | 95.0 | 102.0 | 9,215 | 9,894 |
| MONT..... | 31.0 | 30.0 | 7,192 | 6,870 | .3 | .1 | 32 | 11 |
| IDAHO.... | 13.1 | 13.2 | 2,882 | 2,878 | .9 | .6 | 101 | 64 |
| WYO..... | 3.0 | 3.1 | 699 | 728 | .3 | .1 | 29 | 12 |
| COLO..... | 70.5 | 75.0 | 16,286 | 17,325 | 172.0 | 155.0 | 18,576 | 17,205 |
| N.MEX.... | 9.4 | 10.2 | 2,153 | 2,428 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 492 | 706 |
| ARIZ..... | 14.6 | 16.5 | 3,416 | 3,828 | 1.7 | .1 | 185 | 10 |
| UTAH..... | 12.2 | 12.2 | 2,806 | 2,818 | 83.0 | 83.5 | 9,213 | 9,352 |
| NEV..... | .2 | .2 | 42 | 41 | .2 | .1 | 20 | 11 |
| WASH..... | 75.5 | 65.5 | 17,214 | 14,672 | 13.1 | 16.8 | 1,402 | 1,882 |
| OREG..... | 23.4 | 20.4 | 5,382 | 4,733 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 1,026 | 707 |
| CALIF.... | 156.0 | 136.0 | 34,008 | 32,232 | 164.0 | 151.0 | 17,876 | 16,610 |
| 48 STATES | 7,563.8 | 7,705.4 | 1,812,694 | 1,836,958 | 1,150.4 | 1,055.0 | 120,871 | 112,081 |
| HAWAII... | 4.4 | 4.3 | 770 | 727 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U. S..... | 7,568.2 | 7,709.7 | 1,813,464 | 1,837,685 | 1,150.4 | 1,055.0 | 120,871 | 112,081 |

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1968 AND 1969 ^{1/}

| STATE ^{2/} | CATTLE | | CALVES | | HOGS | | SHEEP AND LAMBS | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 | 1968 | 1969 |
| | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS | POUNDS |
| NEW ENG.. | 1,095 | 1,127 | 101 | 102 | 243 | 240 | 86 | 88 |
| N.Y..... | 1,129 | 1,099 | 120 | 106 | 227 | 224 | 100 | 98 |
| N.J..... | 1,269 | 1,195 | 219 | 226 | 188 | 189 | 99 | 100 |
| PA..... | 1,091 | 1,130 | 124 | 130 | 225 | 234 | 85 | 92 |
| OHIO..... | 1,020 | 1,016 | 188 | 173 | 227 | 223 | 93 | 94 |
| IND..... | 996 | 1,037 | 189 | 182 | 247 | 254 | 81 | 91 |
| ILL..... | 1,014 | 1,013 | 158 | 196 | 253 | 253 | 107 | 107 |
| MICH..... | 1,056 | 1,043 | 145 | 159 | 230 | 230 | 102 | 103 |
| WISC..... | 1,146 | 1,139 | 121 | 117 | 239 | 237 | 104 | 102 |
| MINN..... | 1,088 | 1,077 | 155 | 159 | 246 | 239 | 106 | 107 |
| IOWA..... | 1,067 | 1,047 | 155 | 155 | 244 | 240 | 102 | 105 |
| MO..... | 1,036 | 1,027 | 278 | 276 | 249 | 245 | 103 | 106 |
| N.DAK.... | 1,072 | 1,162 | --- | --- | 237 | 236 | 109 | 111 |
| S.DAK.... | 1,085 | 1,032 | --- | --- | 260 | 254 | 111 | 106 |
| NEBR..... | 1,067 | 1,053 | 427 | 377 | 265 | 251 | 107 | 107 |
| KANS..... | 1,036 | 1,049 | 463 | --- | 238 | 237 | 101 | 102 |
| DEL.-MD.. | 1,085 | 1,046 | 162 | 188 | 220 | 217 | 91 | 89 |
| VA..... | 1,028 | 1,035 | 277 | 284 | 225 | 230 | 104 | 100 |
| W.VA..... | 1,042 | 1,042 | 198 | 195 | 258 | 248 | 96 | 97 |
| N.C..... | 960 | 995 | 168 | 218 | 225 | 227 | 100 | 98 |
| S.C..... | 855 | 796 | 393 | 406 | 256 | 253 | --- | --- |
| GA..... | 854 | 869 | 443 | 401 | 223 | 228 | --- | --- |
| FLA..... | 935 | 968 | 300 | 302 | 216 | 211 | --- | --- |
| KY..... | 956 | 965 | 224 | 218 | 255 | 245 | 105 | 103 |
| TENN..... | 951 | 965 | 284 | 293 | 227 | 243 | 92 | 98 |
| ALA..... | 897 | 866 | 485 | 460 | 227 | 229 | --- | --- |
| MISS..... | 859 | 872 | 485 | 532 | 226 | 224 | --- | --- |
| ARK..... | 885 | 912 | 512 | 504 | 244 | 247 | --- | --- |
| LA..... | 797 | 805 | 474 | 482 | 216 | 219 | 75 | 73 |
| OKLA..... | 892 | 942 | 496 | 494 | 254 | 247 | 109 | 110 |
| TEXAS.... | 869 | 890 | 503 | 528 | 249 | 242 | 97 | 97 |
| MONT..... | 1,028 | 1,012 | 350 | --- | 232 | 229 | 106 | 106 |
| IDAHO.... | 1,042 | 1,046 | 300 | 355 | 220 | 218 | 112 | 106 |
| WYO..... | 1,030 | 997 | --- | --- | 233 | 235 | 96 | 115 |
| COLO..... | 1,034 | 1,059 | 464 | 311 | 231 | 231 | 108 | 111 |
| N.MEX.... | 957 | 983 | 482 | --- | 229 | 238 | 107 | 112 |
| ARIZ..... | 971 | 997 | 491 | 497 | 234 | 232 | 109 | 100 |
| UTAH..... | 1,006 | 1,013 | 363 | 375 | 230 | 231 | 111 | 112 |
| NEV..... | 916 | 1,039 | 393 | 385 | 211 | 205 | 100 | 111 |
| WASH..... | 1,039 | 1,033 | 289 | 316 | 228 | 224 | 107 | 112 |
| OREG..... | 1,025 | 1,026 | 323 | 338 | 230 | 232 | 108 | 104 |
| CALIF.... | 1,036 | 1,026 | 292 | 363 | 218 | 237 | 109 | 110 |
| 48 STATES | 1,029 | 1,025 | 219 | 225 | 240 | 238 | 105 | 106 |
| HAWAII... | 994 | 936 | --- | --- | 175 | 169 | --- | --- |
| U. S..... | 1,029 | 1,025 | 219 | 225 | 240 | 238 | 105 | 106 |

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Table 1. -- Cattle: Percentages of number slaughtered in Federally inspected establishments, by classes, by weeks, 48 States, 1969 1/

| Week ending | Percentages of total slaughter | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| | Cows | Bulls | Heifers | Steers |
| 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 |
| January 25 | 18.0 | 1.2 | 26.9 | 53.9 |
| February 1 | 18.3 | 1.2 | 27.4 | 53.1 |
| February 8 | 20.8 | 1.4 | 25.8 | 52.0 |
| February 15 | 19.7 | 1.4 | 27.3 | 51.6 |

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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 | |
| January 1968 | 20.5 | 1.2 | 26.2 | 52.1 | 2,493 |
| December 1968 | 20.0 | 1.4 | 26.6 | 52.0 | 2,380 |
| January 1969 | 19.9 | 1.3 | 26.7 | 52.1 | 2,676 |

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Increase in Federal Inspection Since February 1, 1968

Between February 1, 1968 and January 31, 1969, a total of 147 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In January these plants slaughtered 232,000 cattle; 24,000 calves; 144,000 hogs; and 41,000 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since February 1, 1968 slaughtered about 40,000 cattle; 600 calves; 80,000 hogs; and 58,000 sheep and lambs 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 January 1969 compared with January 1968 is as follows: Cattle, 85.5 percent and 82.3 percent; calves, 76.1 and 70.2 percent; hogs, 88.4 and 85.9 percent; sheep and lambs, 95.4 and 91.3 percent.

The number of slaughter days during January 1969 included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, the same as in January 1968.

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