

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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**FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM 1968:** Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,776 million pounds in February, up 2 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

**BEEF PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY BELOW A YEAR EARLIER:** Beef production in February was 1,630 million pounds, down slightly from the 1,633 million in February 1968. Lighter average weights more than offset the small increase in the number slaughtered. Cattle killed totaled 2,736,200, up only 3,300 head from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,021 pounds, 9 pounds lighter than in February 1968.

**VEAL OUTPUT 2 PERCENT BELOW FEBRUARY 1968:** There were 53 million pounds of veal produced during February, down 2 percent from 1968. The 416,300 calves slaughtered were 5 percent fewer than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 228 pounds, up 5 pounds from the February 1968 average.

**PORK PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER:** Pork production in February totaled 1,051 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year earlier. Hogs killed totaled 7,004,200, up 6 percent from February 1968. Live weight per head was 233 pounds, 2 pounds lighter than a year earlier and 5 pounds lighter than in January. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.1 pounds compared with 9.8 in February 1968.

**LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY 1968:** There were 42 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in February, 12 percent less than a year earlier. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 807,900, down 13 percent. Average live weight was 108 pounds, 3 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

**POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY 1968:** Production of poultry meat in February totaled 579 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was 2 percent more than a year earlier but 20 percent less than in January.

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Commercial meat and lard production: 48 States, February with comparisons 1/

KIND	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb. 1969 as %		January-February 5/		
	1968	1969	1969	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	- - Million pounds - -			- - Percent - -		Million pounds		Percent
Beef .....	1,633	1,858	1,630	100	88	3,429	3,488	102
Veal .....	54	60	53	98	88	117	112	96
Pork 2/ .....	986	1,170	1,051	107	90	2,136	2,221	104
Lamb and Mutton .....	48	55	42	88	76	107	97	91
Total Red Meat ....	2,721	3,143	2,776	102	88	5,789	5,918	102
Poultry 3/ .....	566	726	579	102	80	1,253	1,305	104
Lard 4/ .....	152	173	149	98	86	328	322	98

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, February with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb. 1969 as % of		January-February 2/			
		1968	1969	1969	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	
					Percent		Percent			
<b>CATTLE</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	2,257.5	2,676.2	2,356.5	104	88	4,750.7	5,032.7	106	
Other .....	thou.	475.4	453.0	379.7	80	84	1,010.0	832.7	82	
Total .....	thou.	2,732.9	3,129.2	2,736.2	100	87	5,760.7	5,865.4	102	
Live Weight										
Per Head .....	lb.	1,030	1,025	1,021	99	100	1,029	1,023	99	
Total .....	mil. lb.	2,814	3,208	2,794	99	87	5,929	6,001	101	
<b>CALVES</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	302.3	364.2	317.1	105	87	666.8	681.3	102	
Other .....	thou.	136.6	114.4	99.2	73	87	291.3	213.6	73	
Total .....	thou.	438.9	478.6	416.3	95	87	958.1	894.9	93	
Live Weight										
Per Head .....	lb.	223	225	228	102	101	221	226	102	
Total .....	mil. lb.	98	108	95	97	88	212	203	96	
<b>HOGS</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	5,697.3	6,814.1	6,244.9	110	92	12,193.4	13,059.0	107	
Other .....	thou.	934.3	891.3	759.3	81	85	2,002.0	1,650.6	82	
Total .....	thou.	6,631.6	7,705.4	7,004.2	106	91	14,195.4	14,709.6	104	
Live Weight										
Per Head .....	lb.	235	238	233	99	98	237	236	100	
Total .....	mil. lb.	1,558	1,837	1,632	105	89	3,370	3,469	103	
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>										
Number										
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	840.5	1,006.6	768.5	91	76	1,890.5	1,775.1	94	
Other .....	thou.	87.3	48.4	39.4	45	81	187.7	87.8	47	
Total .....	thou.	927.8	1,055.0	807.9	87	77	2,078.2	1,862.9	90	
Live Weight										
Per Head .....	lb.	105	106	108	103	102	105	107	102	
Total .....	mil. lb.	97	112	87	90	78	218	199	91	

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	14.2	12.5	15,742	14,263	30.1	29.1	33,153	32,972
N.Y.....	28.0	27.0	31,472	29,916	61.5	61.0	69,294	67,282
N.J.....	23.6	24.8	29,736	30,479	50.6	54.8	63,999	66,329
PA.....	65.0	60.5	71,240	68,123	139.0	133.0	151,974	150,048
OHIO.....	91.5	87.5	92,964	90,300	196.5	192.5	200,064	196,980
IND.....	51.0	51.0	51,255	51,408	102.0	110.0	102,051	112,591
ILL.....	110.0	109.0	112,750	112,924	232.0	232.0	236,458	237,523
MICH.....	54.5	52.0	57,552	54,808	116.5	112.5	123,024	117,910
WISC.....	99.5	98.0	115,320	112,210	208.5	207.0	240,234	236,361
MINN.....	154.0	147.0	167,398	154,644	333.0	312.0	362,150	332,349
IOWA.....	365.0	319.0	385,805	329,208	770.0	691.0	817,940	718,692
MO.....	107.0	129.0	112,029	134,031	246.0	276.0	256,033	285,000
N.DAK....	16.7	13.0	18,203	13,936	35.8	28.3	38,678	31,715
S.DAK....	61.0	56.5	65,392	58,082	133.0	121.0	143,512	124,646
NEBR.....	311.0	353.0	333,392	369,238	640.0	734.0	684,435	770,431
KANS.....	130.0	124.0	135,850	128,092	266.0	256.0	276,746	266,560
DEL.-MD..	9.3	9.6	10,082	10,218	19.5	19.9	21,153	20,990
VA.....	13.9	13.6	14,595	13,994	29.6	30.4	30,735	31,382
W.VA.....	4.9	5.0	4,949	5,255	10.9	11.2	11,201	11,715
N.C.....	13.1	12.2	12,851	11,907	28.1	30.1	27,251	29,717
S.C.....	6.2	7.4	5,394	6,061	12.4	16.0	10,695	12,907
GA.....	27.0	26.0	23,301	22,724	56.5	56.5	48,494	49,228
FLA.....	33.0	29.5	30,888	28,851	69.0	67.5	64,548	65,635
KY.....	20.5	18.7	19,598	17,952	43.3	40.6	41,395	39,086
TENN.....	42.0	46.5	40,278	44,547	89.5	99.5	85,450	95,692
ALA.....	20.8	18.9	18,408	16,897	42.8	40.9	38,142	35,949
MISS.....	26.0	25.5	22,178	22,516	53.0	55.5	45,371	48,676
ARK.....	13.8	12.3	12,296	11,500	29.1	27.4	25,836	25,271
LA.....	11.7	11.9	9,559	9,925	24.5	25.6	19,761	20,953
OKLA.....	55.0	54.5	51,095	51,666	110.5	117.0	100,601	110,541
TEXAS....	204.0	224.0	176,256	201,152	425.0	475.0	368,305	424,542
MONT.....	16.3	14.1	16,675	14,608	33.0	30.5	33,843	31,205
IDAHO....	31.0	28.5	32,457	29,127	63.0	63.5	65,801	65,737
WYO.....	2.2	2.7	2,325	2,676	4.8	6.0	5,003	5,966
COLO.....	128.0	130.0	135,424	135,720	264.0	271.0	276,048	285,039
N.MEX....	23.3	25.5	22,321	24,735	48.2	53.5	46,150	52,259
ARIZ.....	19.8	40.0	19,008	40,320	42.2	81.0	40,758	81,197
UTAH.....	22.4	20.7	22,803	20,866	46.6	44.4	47,148	44,874
NEV.....	2.4	1.8	2,198	1,733	4.9	4.2	4,488	4,227
WASH.....	45.5	46.0	47,411	46,874	99.0	101.5	102,997	104,206
OREG.....	24.8	27.5	25,321	27,555	53.8	57.5	55,046	58,335
CALIF....	234.0	220.0	240,318	222,640	497.0	489.0	512,786	498,634
48 STATES	2,732.9	2,736.2	2,814,089	2,793,681	5,760.7	5,865.4	5,928,751	6,001,352
HAWAII...	5.2	4.8	5,080	4,378	10.7	10.3	10,547	9,526
U. S.....	2,738.1	2,741.0	2,819,169	2,798,059	5,771.4	5,875.7	5,939,298	6,010,878

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EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS.

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AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	20.1	20.7	2,017	2,021	41.8	40.4	4,212	4,026
N.Y.....	59.0	62.5	7,080	7,812	126.0	127.5	15,120	14,702
N.J.....	28.5	28.5	6,156	6,754	61.0	63.0	13,274	14,551
PA.....	42.5	40.5	5,355	5,103	89.0	85.0	11,121	10,888
OHIO.....	7.1	5.7	1,370	1,020	15.5	12.5	2,949	2,196
IND.....	3.3	3.9	617	737	7.8	8.0	1,467	1,483
ILL.....	18.3	16.7	2,910	3,023	40.1	35.5	6,354	6,708
MICH.....	16.9	14.4	2,298	2,506	36.8	31.8	5,184	5,273
WISC.....	50.5	46.5	6,212	5,812	115.0	105.5	14,016	12,715
MINN.....	14.9	13.9	2,429	2,446	38.3	32.3	6,056	5,372
IOWA.....	29.5	26.5	4,572	4,108	66.5	59.5	10,307	9,223
MO.....	4.0	4.1	1,112	1,168	7.7	8.4	2,141	2,355
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	.7	.9	256	332	1.4	1.6	555	596
KANS.....	.4	.1	180	33	.9	.1	412	33
DEL.-MD..	2.7	2.3	522	443	5.7	4.9	1,007	931
VA.....	14.0	13.6	3,640	3,740	30.4	27.2	8,183	7,602
W.VA.....	.4	.4	77	87	.8	.8	156	165
N.C.....	.6	.6	113	121	1.5	1.3	264	274
S.C.....	12.8	10.0	5,171	4,120	26.2	22.0	10,437	8,992
GA.....	5.6	1.8	2,402	778	10.2	3.8	4,440	1,580
FLA.....	17.3	17.5	5,276	5,460	39.3	38.4	11,876	11,772
KY.....	1.8	.3	396	68	2.2	.6	486	133
TENN.....	8.3	8.8	2,473	2,649	20.9	20.3	6,051	6,019
ALA.....	2.7	2.6	1,320	1,167	5.2	5.5	2,532	2,501
MISS.....	7.6	6.7	3,891	3,752	16.6	14.0	8,256	7,636
ARK.....	1.6	1.2	808	630	2.9	2.8	1,474	1,436
LA.....	16.6	17.2	7,985	8,514	35.2	35.8	16,801	17,479
OKLA.....	1.5	1.6	754	810	3.2	3.4	1,597	1,699
TEXAS....	25.0	21.4	12,700	11,192	56.5	48.4	28,544	25,448
MONT.....	.1	.1	36	31	.2	.1	71	31
IDAHO....	.1	.1	30	41	.2	.2	60	77
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	.1	.2	46	70	.3	.4	139	132
N.MEX....	.1	---	49	---	.2	---	97	---
ARIZ.....	.4	.3	203	145	.8	.7	399	344
UTAH.....	.4	.4	157	147	.8	.8	302	297
NEV.....	.2	.1	79	36	.3	.2	118	74
WASH.....	1.2	1.2	445	428	2.5	3.4	821	1,123
OREG.....	1.2	1.2	364	377	2.8	2.2	881	715
CALIF....	20.9	21.8	6,374	7,063	45.4	46.6	13,528	16,065
48 STATES	438.9	416.3	97,875	94,744	958.1	894.9	211,688	202,646
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	438.9	416.3	97,875	94,744	958.1	894.9	211,688	202,646

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	10.0	7.3	2,423	1,767	19.8	17.5	4,806	4,212
N.Y.....	93.5	85.5	21,786	19,750	190.5	191.5	43,805	43,494
N.J.....	42.0	35.0	7,980	6,405	89.5	73.5	16,910	13,681
PA.....	339.0	328.0	76,953	74,456	732.0	692.0	165,378	159,632
OHIO.....	383.0	394.0	86,175	87,862	820.0	841.0	185,374	187,543
IND.....	233.0	288.0	55,454	71,424	478.0	578.0	115,969	145,084
ILL.....	389.0	469.0	93,360	115,374	833.0	965.0	205,692	240,862
MICH.....	183.0	190.0	41,907	44,270	383.0	404.0	87,907	93,490
WISC.....	244.0	276.0	56,608	63,756	527.0	562.0	124,245	131,538
MINN.....	467.0	524.0	112,547	122,092	1,009.0	1,077.0	245,879	254,259
IOWA.....	1,555.0	1,760.0	370,090	410,080	3,386.0	3,664.0	816,854	867,040
MO.....	212.0	238.0	51,092	56,406	474.0	528.0	116,330	127,456
N.DAK.....	1.7	2.2	366	515	3.9	4.2	887	987
S.DAK.....	173.0	198.0	43,596	48,510	383.0	422.0	98,196	105,406
NEBR.....	299.0	231.0	75,348	55,209	650.0	488.0	168,363	119,716
KANS.....	187.0	146.0	44,319	35,186	393.0	307.0	93,347	73,343
DEL.-MD..	48.1	44.3	10,269	9,459	102.2	95.2	22,194	20,516
VA.....	246.0	276.0	55,104	62,928	502.0	575.0	112,704	131,698
W.VA.....	8.5	7.3	2,184	1,832	18.7	16.2	4,816	4,039
N.C.....	131.0	140.0	29,475	31,220	275.0	301.0	61,875	67,767
S.C.....	55.5	31.0	13,653	7,719	116.5	65.5	29,269	16,447
GA.....	156.0	149.0	34,476	31,886	322.0	319.0	71,494	70,646
FLA.....	45.5	44.0	10,192	8,580	93.5	95.0	20,560	19,341
KY.....	103.0	123.0	25,338	29,151	217.0	262.0	54,408	63,206
TENN.....	245.0	241.0	57,330	56,635	522.0	520.0	120,209	124,432
ALA.....	72.0	79.5	16,488	17,888	153.0	165.5	34,875	37,582
MISS.....	85.5	89.5	18,981	19,600	175.5	186.5	39,321	41,328
ARK.....	31.0	33.5	7,378	7,839	64.0	67.0	15,430	16,113
LA.....	19.1	18.1	4,011	3,910	40.2	38.2	8,569	8,312
OKLA.....	55.5	58.5	13,986	14,216	119.5	123.0	30,242	30,148
TEXAS.....	165.0	162.0	39,270	38,394	340.0	348.0	82,845	83,406
MONT.....	29.5	27.0	6,785	6,237	60.5	57.0	13,977	13,107
IDAHO.....	10.8	11.0	2,376	2,453	23.9	24.2	5,258	5,331
WYO.....	2.8	2.6	661	601	5.8	5.7	1,360	1,329
COLO.....	64.5	66.5	14,835	15,096	135.0	141.5	31,121	32,421
N.MEX.....	8.4	8.4	1,907	1,957	17.8	18.6	4,060	4,385
ARIZ.....	13.5	14.5	3,159	3,393	28.1	31.0	6,575	7,221
UTAH.....	10.7	10.9	2,482	2,496	22.9	23.1	5,280	5,314
NEV.....	.2	.2	41	51	.4	.4	83	92
WASH.....	62.5	60.5	14,125	13,492	138.0	126.0	31,339	28,164
OREG.....	21.8	17.9	4,840	4,081	45.2	38.3	10,222	8,814
CALIF.....	129.0	116.0	28,251	27,376	285.0	252.0	62,259	59,608
48 STATES	6,631.6	7,004.2	1,557,601	1,631,552	14,195.4	14,709.6	3,370,295	3,468,510
HAWAII...	4.5	4.2	796	718	8.9	8.5	1,566	1,445
U. S.....	6,636.1	7,008.4	1,558,397	1,632,270	14,204.3	14,718.1	3,371,861	3,469,955

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

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	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..	1.0	.7	91	63	1.9	1.6	168	142
N.Y.....	6.0	6.0	600	624	12.8	12.9	1,280	1,300
N.J.....	70.5	68.5	7,050	6,918	156.5	154.5	15,564	15,518
PA.....	11.3	9.8	1,028	931	24.9	22.0	2,184	2,053
OHIO.....	19.8	6.0	1,861	540	46.8	13.9	4,372	1,283
IND.....	.7	.7	66	68	1.5	1.7	131	159
ILL.....	65.5	56.0	6,943	6,048	141.5	123.5	15,075	13,270
MICH.....	26.0	26.0	2,314	2,704	57.0	53.0	5,476	5,485
MISC.....	1.0	.8	106	84	2.0	1.7	210	176
MINN.....	48.0	45.0	5,136	4,860	134.5	117.0	14,305	12,564
IOWA.....	42.5	41.0	4,378	4,305	94.5	90.0	9,682	9,450
MO.....	23.9	26.0	2,462	2,808	55.9	61.0	5,758	6,518
N.DAK....	14.5	15.2	1,580	1,672	37.3	35.6	4,065	3,936
S.DAK....	35.0	31.0	3,850	3,317	80.0	69.5	8,845	7,398
NEBR.....	66.0	58.5	7,062	6,376	151.5	142.5	16,210	15,364
KANS.....	17.7	.1	1,770	11	36.7	.3	3,689	31
DEL.-MD..	4.4	4.2	397	374	8.7	9.4	788	837
VA.....	.1	.1	10	10	.3	.3	31	30
W.VA.....	.4	.5	40	50	.9	.9	88	89
N.C.....	.1	---	10	---	.2	.1	20	10
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.1	.1	10	5	.1	.1	10	5
KY.....	10.5	10.3	1,113	1,092	22.2	25.3	2,341	2,637
TENN.....	2.2	1.0	209	97	4.9	3.0	457	293
ALA.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	---	10	---
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LA.....	.1	.2	8	12	.2	.4	16	27
OKLA.....	.2	.2	22	20	.5	.3	55	31
TEXAS....	85.0	80.0	8,245	8,000	180.0	182.0	17,460	17,894
MONT.....	.3	.1	31	11	.6	.2	63	22
IDAHO....	.6	.5	65	53	1.5	1.1	166	117
WYO.....	.2	.1	22	12	.5	.2	51	24
COLO.....	138.0	122.0	15,318	13,786	310.0	277.0	33,894	30,991
N.MEX....	5.2	5.2	551	572	9.8	11.5	1,043	1,278
ARIZ.....	2.0	.1	222	11	3.7	.2	407	21
UTAH.....	60.0	54.0	6,660	6,048	143.0	137.5	15,873	15,400
NEV.....	.1	.1	10	10	.3	.2	30	21
WASH.....	12.2	11.0	1,305	1,276	25.3	27.8	2,707	3,158
OREG.....	9.6	5.9	1,066	620	19.1	12.7	2,092	1,327
CALIF....	147.0	121.0	15,582	13,552	311.0	272.0	33,458	30,162
48 STATES	927.8	807.9	97,203	86,940	2,078.2	1,862.9	218,074	199,021
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	927.8	807.9	97,203	86,940	2,078.2	1,862.9	218,074	199,021

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
FEBRUARY 1968 AND 1969 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE <sup>2/</sup>	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,109	1,141	100	98	242	242	91	90
N.Y.....	1,124	1,108	120	125	233	231	100	104
N.J.....	1,260	1,229	216	237	190	183	100	101
PA.....	1,096	1,126	126	126	227	227	91	95
OHIO.....	1,016	1,032	193	179	225	223	94	90
IND.....	1,005	1,008	187	189	238	248	94	97
ILL.....	1,025	1,036	159	181	240	246	106	108
MICH.....	1,056	1,054	136	174	229	233	89	104
WISC.....	1,159	1,145	123	125	232	231	106	105
MINN.....	1,087	1,052	163	176	241	233	107	108
IOWA.....	1,057	1,032	155	155	238	233	103	105
MO.....	1,047	1,039	278	285	241	237	103	108
N.DAK.....	1,090	1,072	---	---	215	234	109	110
S.DAK.....	1,072	1,028	---	---	252	245	110	107
NEBR.....	1,072	1,046	366	369	252	239	107	109
KANS.....	1,045	1,033	450	333	237	241	100	107
DEL.-MD..	1,084	1,064	193	193	213	214	90	89
VA.....	1,050	1,029	260	275	224	228	100	100
W.VA.....	1,010	1,051	192	218	257	251	100	100
N.C.....	981	976	188	202	225	223	100	---
S.C.....	870	819	404	412	246	249	---	---
GA.....	863	874	429	432	221	214	---	---
FLA.....	936	978	305	312	224	195	100	50
KY.....	956	960	220	228	246	237	106	106
TENN.....	959	958	298	301	234	235	95	97
ALA.....	885	894	489	449	229	225	100	---
MISS.....	853	883	512	560	222	219	---	---
ARK.....	891	935	505	525	238	234	---	---
LA.....	817	834	481	495	210	216	75	62
OKLA.....	929	948	503	506	252	243	110	102
TEXAS....	864	898	508	523	238	237	97	100
MONT.....	1,023	1,036	362	314	230	231	104	111
IDAH.....	1,047	1,022	300	407	220	223	109	106
WYO.....	1,057	991	---	---	236	231	109	122
COLO.....	1,058	1,044	465	348	230	227	111	113
N.MEX....	958	970	490	---	227	233	106	110
ARIZ.....	960	1,008	508	484	234	234	111	110
UTAH.....	1,018	1,008	392	368	232	229	111	112
NEV.....	916	963	393	362	206	256	100	100
WASH.....	1,042	1,019	371	357	226	223	107	116
OREG.....	1,021	1,002	303	314	222	228	111	105
CALIF....	1,027	1,012	305	324	219	236	106	112
48 STATES	1,030	1,021	223	228	235	233	105	108
HAWAII...	977	912	---	---	177	171	---	---
U. S.....	1,030	1,021	223	228	235	233	105	108

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE MARCH 1, 1968

Between March 1, 1968 and February 28, 1969, a total of 144 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In February these plants slaughtered 206,000 cattle, 157,000 hogs, and 32,000 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since March 1, 1968 slaughtered about 37,000 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 February 1969 compared with February 1968 is as follows: Cattle, 86.1 percent and 82.6 percent; calves, 76.2 and 68.9 percent; hogs, 89.2 and 85.9 percent; sheep and lambs, 95.1 and 90.6 percent.

The number of slaughter days excluding 1 legal holiday during February 1969 included 20 weekdays and 3 Saturdays. In February 1968 there were 20 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

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
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
February 22	17.7	1.3	27.5	53.5
March 1	18.4	1.3	26.9	53.4
March 8	19.2	1.4	27.1	52.3
March 15	18.8	1.4	27.0	52.8

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 No. slaughtered (000)
	Cows	Bulls	Heifers	Steers	
February 1968	18.9	1.2	27.2	52.7	2,257
January 1969	19.9	1.3	26.7	52.1	2,676
February 1969	19.2	1.3	26.9	52.6	2,356

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