

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

March 1969



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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1968: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,889 million pounds in March, up 4 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 2 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production in March was 1,659 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The number of cattle slaughtered was up 4 percent but average live weight was down 13 pounds from March 1968.

MARCH VEAL OUTPUT DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM 1968: There were 53 million pounds of veal produced in March, the same as in February, but 7 percent below a year earlier. Calves slaughtered numbered 6 percent fewer than a year earlier while live weight per head was 213 pounds, up 2 pounds from 1968.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1968: Pork production in March totaled 1,132 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year earlier. The hog kill was 7,534,500, up 6 percent from March 1968. Live weight per head at 233 pounds was a pound lighter than a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.1 pounds compared with 9.7 in March 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1968: There were 45 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in March, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 863,800, down 2 percent. Average live weight was 106, 1 pound heavier than in 1968.

MARCH POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM 1968: Production of poultry meat in March totaled 631 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This was 8 percent more than a year earlier and 11 percent more than in February.

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

KIND	: March 1969 as % of:			January-March 5/				
	March 1968	February 1969	March 1969	March 1968	February 1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	-- Million pounds --			-- Percent --		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,620	1,630	1,659	102	102	5,050	5,147	102
Veal	57	53	53	93	100	174	166	95
Pork 2/	1,060	1,051	1,132	107	108	3,196	3,353	105
Lamb & Mutton	46	42	45	98	107	153	142	93
Total Red Meat	2,783	2,776	2,889	104	104	8,573	8,808	103
Poultry 3/	582	567	631	108	111	1,836	1,936	105
Lard 4/	163	149	160	98	107	492	482	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, March with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	: March 1969 as % of:			January-March 2/				
		March 1968	February 1969	March 1969	March 1968	February 1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
		Percent			Percent				
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	2,240.9	2,356.5	2,423.0	108	103	6,991.6	7,455.7	107
Other	thou.	470.5	379.7	385.4	82	102	1,485.7	1,218.1	82
Total	thou.	2,711.4	2,736.2	2,808.4	104	103	8,477.3	8,673.8	102
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,028	1,021	1,015	99	99	1,029	1,020	99
Total	mil.lb.	2,787	2,794	2,850	102	102	8,720	8,851	102
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	342.4	317.1	351.5	103	111	1,009.2	1,032.8	102
Other	thou.	139.4	99.2	100.0	72	101	431.1	313.6	73
Total	thou.	481.8	416.3	451.5	94	108	1,440.3	1,346.4	93
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	211	228	213	101	93	218	222	102
Total	mil.lb.	101	95	96	95	101	314	299	95
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	6,237.7	6,244.9	6,816.2	109	109	18,431.1	19,875.2	108
Other	thou.	891.9	759.3	718.3	81	95	2,898.9	2,368.9	82
Total	thou.	7,129.6	7,004.2	7,534.5	106	108	21,330.0	22,244.1	104
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	234	233	233	100	100	236	235	100
Total	mil.lb.	1,671	1,632	1,758	105	108	5,042	5,226	104
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	796.3	768.5	814.5	102	106	2,686.8	2,589.6	96
Other	thou.	87.6	39.4	49.3	56	125	275.1	137.1	50
Total	thou.	883.9	807.9	863.8	98	107	2,961.9	2,726.7	92
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	105	103	106	101	98	105	107	102
Total	mil.lb.	93	87	92	99	106	312	291	93

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	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..	14.8	15.2	16,361	17,055	44.9	44.3	49,514	50,027
N.Y.....	27.5	29.0	31,240	32,741	89.0	90.0	100,534	100,023
N.J.....	23.7	29.0	29,625	35,525	74.3	83.8	93,624	101,854
PA.....	68.0	63.0	74,324	71,190	207.0	196.0	226,298	221,238
OHIO.....	95.5	89.0	97,410	91,136	292.5	281.5	297,982	288,116
IND.....	49.5	50.0	50,836	51,950	151.5	160.0	152,887	164,541
ILL.....	96.0	111.0	97,920	111,888	328.0	343.0	334,378	349,411
MICH.....	50.0	51.5	52,550	55,208	166.5	164.0	175,574	173,118
WISC.....	91.0	98.0	103,285	110,642	299.5	305.0	343,519	347,003
MINN.....	153.0	142.0	165,546	151,372	486.0	454.0	527,696	483,721
IOWA.....	354.0	324.0	376,656	332,748	1,124.0	1,015.0	1,194,596	1,051,440
MO.....	125.0	133.0	130,125	134,596	371.0	409.0	386,158	419,596
N.DAK....	16.8	13.8	18,362	14,835	54.1	42.1	58,490	46,550
S.DAK....	54.0	53.0	58,428	54,961	187.0	174.0	201,940	179,607
NEBR.....	300.0	358.0	321,000	370,172	940.0	1,092.0	1,005,435	1,140,603
KANS.....	126.0	133.0	129,276	135,660	392.0	389.0	406,022	402,220
DEL.-MD..	10.1	10.1	10,930	10,962	30.2	30.0	32,763	31,952
VA.....	13.4	14.1	13,601	14,523	43.0	44.5	44,336	45,905
W.VA.....	4.9	5.4	5,057	5,524	15.8	16.6	16,258	17,239
N.C.....	13.0	13.1	12,610	13,152	40.7	43.2	39,517	42,869
S.C.....	7.6	7.7	6,422	6,283	21.6	23.7	18,322	19,190
GA.....	27.5	28.0	23,788	24,220	84.0	84.5	72,282	73,448
FLA.....	34.0	32.0	31,892	30,272	103.0	99.5	96,440	95,907
KY.....	18.1	18.9	17,322	17,936	61.4	59.5	58,717	57,022
TENN.....	41.0	47.5	39,319	45,838	130.5	147.0	124,769	141,530
ALA.....	22.6	20.4	20,204	18,074	66.6	61.3	58,930	54,023
MISS.....	25.5	27.0	21,088	23,544	78.5	82.5	66,459	72,220
ARK.....	13.9	12.8	12,218	11,635	43.0	40.2	38,054	36,906
LA.....	12.7	12.4	10,439	10,118	37.4	38.0	30,362	31,071
OKLA.....	65.5	60.5	62,094	57,233	176.0	177.5	162,695	167,774
TEXAS....	205.0	246.0	178,145	218,202	630.0	721.0	546,450	642,744
MONT.....	16.5	14.2	17,044	14,654	49.5	44.7	50,887	45,859
IDAHO....	30.5	28.5	31,720	29,412	93.5	92.0	97,521	95,149
WYO.....	2.3	2.5	2,436	2,490	7.1	8.5	7,439	8,456
COLO.....	135.0	133.0	141,480	139,650	399.0	404.0	417,528	424,689
N.MEX....	25.0	28.5	23,725	27,502	73.2	82.0	69,875	79,761
ARIZ.....	20.4	42.0	20,339	42,840	62.6	123.0	61,097	124,037
UTAH.....	22.9	21.7	23,335	21,917	69.5	66.1	70,483	66,791
NEV.....	2.6	1.6	2,431	1,566	7.5	5.8	6,919	5,793
WASH.....	47.0	47.0	49,350	48,222	146.0	148.5	152,347	152,428
OREG.....	24.6	26.0	25,215	26,208	78.4	83.5	80,261	84,543
CALIF....	225.0	215.0	231,525	219,860	722.0	704.0	744,311	714,494
48 STATES	2,711.4	2,808.4	2,786,673	2,849,516	8,477.3	8,673.8	8,719,669	8,850,868
HAWAII...	5.2	5.1	5,060	4,682	15.9	15.4	15,607	14,208
U. S.....	2,716.6	2,813.5	2,791,733	2,854,198	8,493.2	8,689.2	8,735,276	8,865,076

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

COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	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..	28.9	27.7	2,760	2,609	70.6	68.1	6,960	6,635
N.Y.....	91.0	99.0	9,919	11,484	217.0	226.5	25,039	26,186
N.J.....	30.5	31.0	6,192	6,696	91.5	94.0	19,466	21,247
PA.....	45.0	41.5	5,580	5,188	134.0	126.5	16,701	16,076
OHIO.....	8.0	6.2	1,512	1,085	23.2	18.7	4,404	3,281
IND.....	4.8	4.4	936	832	12.6	12.4	2,403	2,315
ILL.....	12.7	15.9	2,222	3,116	52.8	51.4	8,576	9,824
MICH.....	16.7	13.6	2,438	2,285	53.5	45.4	7,893	7,558
WISC.....	51.0	42.5	6,324	5,440	166.0	148.0	20,340	18,155
MINN.....	14.8	11.8	2,516	2,195	53.1	44.1	8,572	7,567
IOWA.....	27.0	24.8	4,050	3,844	93.5	84.3	14,357	13,067
MO.....	4.3	4.2	1,135	1,100	12.0	12.6	3,276	3,455
N.DAK.....	.1	---	38	---	.1	---	38	---
S.DAK.....	.1	---	33	---	.1	---	33	---
NEBR.....	.7	.8	267	308	2.1	2.4	822	904
KANS.....	.6	---	279	---	1.5	.1	691	33
DEL.-MD..	2.8	2.6	505	507	8.6	7.5	1,539	1,438
VA.....	15.4	14.0	3,819	3,612	45.8	41.2	12,002	11,214
W.VA.....	.4	.4	82	90	1.2	1.2	238	255
N.C.....	.6	.6	109	122	2.0	1.9	365	396
S.C.....	11.4	11.2	4,571	4,390	37.6	33.2	15,008	13,382
GA.....	6.4	2.5	2,682	1,065	16.6	6.3	7,122	2,645
FLA.....	16.0	14.3	5,024	4,934	55.3	52.7	16,900	16,706
KY.....	1.4	.2	339	42	3.6	.8	825	175
TENN.....	8.6	7.5	2,184	2,085	29.5	27.8	8,235	8,104
ALA.....	3.2	2.2	1,293	1,021	7.5	7.7	3,376	3,522
MISS.....	7.5	5.4	3,802	2,911	24.1	19.4	12,058	10,547
ARK.....	1.3	1.2	653	631	4.2	4.0	2,127	2,067
LA.....	17.6	16.5	8,571	8,068	54.4	52.3	26,118	25,547
OKLA.....	1.5	1.3	780	646	4.8	4.7	2,423	2,345
TEXAS.....	26.0	22.3	12,818	11,574	82.5	70.7	41,362	37,022
MONT.....	.1	---	37	---	.3	.1	108	31
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	31	34	.3	.3	91	111
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	.1	.2	47	62	.4	.6	186	194
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	.2	---	97	---
ARIZ.....	.4	.3	201	150	1.2	1.0	600	494
UTAH.....	.5	.4	176	151	1.3	1.2	478	448
NEV.....	.2	.1	71	39	.5	.3	189	113
WASH.....	1.2	1.2	407	389	3.7	4.6	1,228	1,512
OREG.....	1.2	1.1	378	352	4.0	3.3	1,259	1,067
CALIF.....	21.7	22.5	6,662	7,155	67.1	69.1	20,190	23,220
48 STATES	481.8	451.5	101,443	96,212	1,440.3	1,346.4	313,695	298,858
HAWAII....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	481.8	451.5	101,443	96,212	1,440.3	1,346.4	313,695	298,858

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE <u>2/</u>	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	1,000 <u>HEAD</u>	1,000 <u>HEAD</u>	1,000 <u>POUNDS</u>	1,000 <u>POUNDS</u>	1,000 <u>HEAD</u>	1,000 <u>HEAD</u>	1,000 <u>POUNDS</u>	1,000 <u>POUNDS</u>
NEW ENG..	9.4	8.3	2,272	2,015	29.2	25.8	7,078	6,227
N.Y.....	90.0	92.0	20,790	20,700	280.5	283.5	64,595	64,194
N.J.....	42.0	38.0	7,938	7,144	131.5	111.5	24,848	20,825
PA.....	367.0	342.0	82,575	76,950	1,099.0	1,034.0	247,953	236,582
OHIO.....	404.0	405.0	91,708	91,125	1,222.0	1,246.0	276,193	278,668
IND.....	237.0	316.0	57,828	79,632	715.0	894.0	173,797	224,716
ILL.....	413.0	520.0	100,359	127,920	1,246.0	1,485.0	306,051	368,782
MICH.....	189.0	200.0	43,092	47,000	572.0	604.0	130,999	140,490
WISC.....	278.0	296.0	65,330	68,080	805.0	858.0	189,575	199,618
MINN.....	522.0	531.0	123,192	124,785	1,531.0	1,608.0	369,071	379,044
IOWA.....	1,751.0	1,889.0	414,987	440,137	5,137.0	5,553.0	1,231,841	1,307,177
MO.....	224.0	286.0	54,208	68,068	698.0	814.0	170,538	195,524
N.DAK.....	2.2	2.4	539	564	6.9	6.6	1,595	1,551
S.DAK.....	189.0	237.0	47,439	58,302	572.0	659.0	145,643	163,708
NEBR.....	344.0	264.0	85,312	62,832	994.0	752.0	253,675	182,548
KANS.....	204.0	164.0	48,144	39,360	597.0	471.0	141,491	112,703
DEL.-MD..	50.1	52.8	10,597	11,192	154.5	148.0	33,121	31,708
VA.....	252.0	293.0	56,448	66,218	754.0	868.0	169,152	197,916
W.VA.....	8.6	8.6	2,193	2,141	27.3	24.8	7,009	6,180
N.C.....	132.0	144.0	29,172	32,400	404.0	445.0	90,502	100,167
S.C.....	58.5	32.0	14,391	8,064	175.0	97.5	43,660	24,511
GA.....	145.0	152.0	32,045	32,680	467.0	471.0	103,539	103,326
FLA.....	43.5	46.0	9,788	8,556	139.0	141.0	30,680	27,897
KY.....	116.0	128.0	27,028	29,568	333.0	390.0	81,436	92,774
TENN.....	252.0	258.0	59,220	60,372	774.0	778.0	179,429	184,804
ALA.....	77.0	83.0	17,479	18,592	231.5	248.5	53,023	56,174
MISS.....	84.0	89.5	18,564	20,227	259.5	276.0	57,885	61,555
ARK.....	29.0	35.0	7,018	8,400	93.0	102.0	22,448	24,513
LA.....	18.8	18.9	3,910	4,082	62.0	57.1	13,006	12,394
OKLA.....	61.0	64.5	14,518	15,609	181.0	187.5	44,886	45,757
TEXAS.....	166.0	174.0	39,674	41,238	506.0	522.0	122,519	124,644
MONT.....	28.0	27.5	6,580	6,352	88.5	84.5	20,557	19,459
IDAHO.....	11.0	10.9	2,409	2,387	34.9	35.1	7,667	7,718
WYO.....	2.6	2.9	702	667	8.4	8.6	2,062	1,996
COLO.....	67.5	68.5	15,525	15,550	202.5	210.0	46,646	47,971
N.MEX.....	7.8	8.4	1,778	1,957	25.6	27.0	5,838	6,342
ARIZ.....	14.1	15.6	3,342	3,635	42.2	46.6	9,917	10,856
UTAH.....	11.5	11.3	2,622	2,588	34.4	34.4	7,910	7,902
NEV.....	.2	.2	42	42	.6	.6	125	134
WASH.....	66.5	61.5	15,162	13,776	204.5	187.5	46,501	41,940
OREG.....	21.3	18.7	4,814	4,170	66.5	57.0	15,036	12,984
CALIF.....	140.0	139.0	30,520	32,526	425.0	391.0	92,779	92,134
48 STATES	7,129.6	7,534.5	1,671,254	1,757,603	21,330.0	22,244.1	5,042,276	5,226,113
HAWAII...	4.8	4.5	850	788	13.7	13.0	2,416	2,233
U. S.....	7,134.4	7,539.0	1,672,104	1,758,391	21,343.7	22,257.1	5,044,692	5,228,346

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

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	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>
NEW ENG..	1.4	1.9	120	163	3.2	3.5	279	305
N.Y.....	6.7	11.1	663	821	19.5	24.0	1,943	2,121
N.J.....	71.0	67.0	7,242	6,767	227.5	221.5	22,806	22,285
PA.....	11.3	12.9	1,051	1,148	36.2	34.9	3,235	3,201
OHIO.....	7.5	6.9	698	621	54.3	20.8	5,070	1,904
IND.....	.7	1.0	65	95	2.2	2.7	196	254
ILL.....	42.5	54.0	4,718	5,832	184.0	177.5	19,793	19,102
MICH.....	27.0	27.0	2,781	2,808	84.0	80.0	8,621	8,293
WISC.....	.8	.8	86	85	2.8	2.5	296	261
MINN.....	43.0	40.0	4,773	4,320	177.5	157.0	19,078	16,884
IOWA.....	42.5	41.0	4,505	4,387	137.0	131.0	14,187	13,837
MO.....	26.0	29.0	2,678	3,161	81.9	90.0	8,436	9,679
N.DAK.....	10.6	14.6	1,113	1,533	47.9	50.2	5,178	5,469
S.DAK.....	38.0	34.0	4,294	3,774	118.0	103.5	13,139	11,172
NEBR.....	69.0	68.0	7,452	7,480	220.5	210.5	23,662	22,844
KANS.....	20.4	.1	2,020	10	57.1	.4	5,709	41
DEL.-MD..	3.6	4.6	336	424	12.1	14.0	1,102	1,261
VA.....	.2	.1	20	10	.5	.4	51	40
W.VA.....	.5	.5	51	47	1.4	1.4	139	136
N.C.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.2	10	20
S.C.....	.1	---	12	---	.1	---	12	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	.2	---	12	.1	.3	10	17
KY.....	6.7	8.8	777	968	28.9	34.1	3,118	3,605
TENN.....	1.9	1.8	175	187	6.8	4.8	632	480
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10	---
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	---	10	---
LA.....	.3	.5	25	44	.6	.9	49	71
OKLA.....	.3	.3	31	27	.9	.6	97	58
TEXAS....	93.5	91.5	8,976	8,967	273.5	273.5	26,436	26,861
MONT.....	.1	---	12	---	.7	.2	75	22
IDAHO....	.7	.6	76	62	2.2	1.7	242	179
WYO.....	.3	.1	32	13	.8	.3	83	37
COLO.....	128.0	131.0	14,208	15,065	438.0	408.0	48,102	46,056
N.MEX....	4.6	5.1	534	556	14.4	16.6	1,577	1,834
ARIZ.....	2.3	.2	264	20	6.0	.4	671	41
UTAH.....	57.5	61.5	6,382	6,580	200.5	199.0	22,255	21,980
NEV.....	---	.1	---	10	.3	.3	30	31
WASH.....	11.5	14.5	1,276	1,682	36.8	42.3	3,983	4,840
OREG.....	7.3	6.0	818	654	26.4	18.7	2,910	1,981
CALIF....	146.0	127.0	14,892	13,589	457.0	399.0	48,350	43,751
48 STATES	883.9	863.8	93,166	91,932	2,961.9	2,726.7	311,582	290,953
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	883.9	863.8	93,166	91,932	2,961.9	2,726.7	311,582	290,953

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
MARCH 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..	1,105	1,122	96	94	242	243	86	86
N.Y.....	1,136	1,129	109	116	231	225	99	74
N.J.....	1,250	1,225	203	216	189	188	102	101
PA.....	1,093	1,130	124	125	225	225	93	89
OHIO.....	1,020	1,024	189	175	227	225	93	90
IND.....	1,027	1,039	195	189	244	252	93	95
ILL.....	1,020	1,008	175	196	243	246	111	108
MICH.....	1,051	1,072	146	168	228	235	103	104
WISC.....	1,135	1,129	124	128	235	230	107	106
MINN.....	1,082	1,066	170	186	236	235	111	108
IOWA.....	1,064	1,027	150	155	237	233	106	107
MO.....	1,041	1,012	264	262	242	238	103	109
N.DAK....	1,093	1,075	375	---	245	235	105	105
S.DAK....	1,082	1,037	333	---	251	246	113	111
NEBR.....	1,070	1,034	381	385	248	238	108	110
KANS.....	1,026	1,020	465	---	236	240	99	100
DEL.-MD..	1,082	1,085	180	195	212	212	93	92
VA.....	1,015	1,030	248	258	224	226	98	101
W.VA.....	1,032	1,023	205	226	255	249	102	94
N.C.....	970	1,004	182	203	221	225	---	100
S.C.....	845	816	401	392	246	252	125	---
GA.....	865	865	419	426	221	215	---	---
FLA.....	938	946	314	345	225	186	---	59
KY.....	957	949	242	211	233	231	116	110
TENN.....	959	965	254	278	235	234	92	104
ALA.....	894	886	404	464	227	224	---	---
MISS.....	827	872	507	539	221	226	---	---
ARK.....	879	909	502	526	242	240	100	---
LA.....	822	816	487	489	208	216	83	88
OKLA.....	948	946	520	497	238	242	103	91
TEXAS....	869	887	493	519	239	237	96	98
MONT.....	1,033	1,032	371	---	235	231	115	---
IDAHO....	1,040	1,032	312	340	219	219	109	103
WYO.....	1,059	996	---	---	270	230	106	129
COLD.....	1,048	1,050	474	311	230	227	111	115
N.MEX....	949	965	---	---	228	233	116	109
ARIZ.....	997	1,020	502	501	237	233	115	100
UTAH.....	1,019	1,010	353	377	228	229	111	107
NEV.....	935	979	353	386	210	211	---	100
WASH.....	1,050	1,026	339	324	228	224	111	116
OREG.....	1,025	1,008	315	320	226	223	112	109
CALIF....	1,029	1,004	307	318	218	234	102	107
48 STATES	1,028	1,015	211	213	234	233	105	106
HAWAII...	973	918	---	---	177	175	---	---
U. S.....	1,028	1,014	211	213	234	233	105	106

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE APRIL 1, 1968

Between April 1, 1968 and March 31, 1969 a total of 122 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In March these plants slaughtered 178,000 cattle, 18,000 calves, 195,000 hogs, and 26,000 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since April 1, 1968 slaughtered about 24,700 cattle, 600 calves, 69,000 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 March 1969 compared with March 1968 is as follows: Cattle, 86.3 percent and 82.6 percent; calves, 77.9 and 71.1 percent; hogs, 90.5 and 87.5 percent; sheep and lambs, 94.3 and 90.1 percent.

The number of slaughter days during March 1969 included 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, the same as in March 1968.

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
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
March 22	18.7	1.5	27.2	52.6
March 29	19.2	1.6	26.5	52.7
April 5	20.7	1.6	25.4	52.3
April 12	17.4	1.4	26.3	54.9

^{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	
March 1968	18.2	1.3	26.9	53.6	2,241
February 1969	19.2	1.3	26.9	52.6	2,356
March 1969	18.9	1.5	26.9	52.7	2,423

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

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