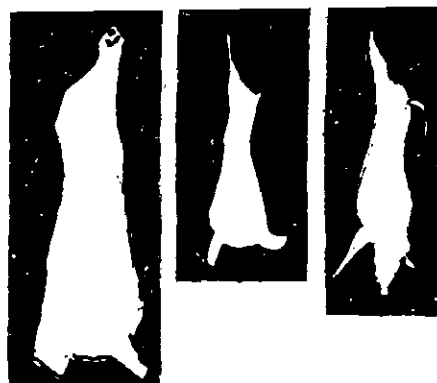


# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

MAY 1969



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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM MAY 1968: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,808 million pounds in May, down 7 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 6 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production in May was 1,684 million pounds, down 6 percent from May 1968. The number of cattle slaughtered was also down 6 percent from a year earlier. Average live weight was 8 pounds less than a year ago.

MAY VEAL OUTPUT DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM 1968: There were 50 million pounds of veal produced in May, down 12 percent from a year earlier. Calves slaughtered numbered 15 percent fewer than in May 1968. Live weight per head increased 14 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM MAY 1968: Pork production in May totaled 1,029 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The hog kill was 6,686,100, down 8 percent from May 1968. Live weight per head, at 240 pounds, was 4 pounds lighter than a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.5 compared with 10.5 in May 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 45 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in May, 10 percent less than last year. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 891,100, down 12 percent. Average live weight at 104 pounds was 3 pounds heavier than in 1968.

MAY POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM 1968: Production of poultry meat in May totaled 724 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This was 4 percent more than a year earlier and 10 percent more than in April 1969.

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

KIND	May		April		May		May 1969 as % of		January-May 5/	
	1968	1969	1969	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent		
Beef .....	1,795	1,665	1,684	94	101	8,484	8,497	100		
Veal .....	57	52	50	88	96	286	267	93		
Pork 2/ .....	1,110	1,145	1,029	93	90	5,420	5,527	102		
Lamb & Mutton .....	50	46	45	90	98	253	233	92		
Total Red Meat	3,012	2,908	2,808	93	97	14,443	14,524	101		
Poultry 3/ .....	694	661	724	104	110	3,150	3,321	105		
Lard 4/ .....	187	164	152	81	93	857	797	93		

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, May with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	May		April		May		May 1969 as % of		January-May 2/	
		1968	1969	1969	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968	
					Percent				Percent		
<b>CATTLE</b>											
Number											
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	2,540.8	2,414.1	2,466.1	97	102	11,818.9	12,335.9	104		
Other .....	thou.	466.4	391.2	372.2	80	95	2,410.1	1,981.5	82		
Total .....	thou.	3,007.2	2,805.3	2,838.3	94	101	14,229.0	14,317.4	101		
Live weight											
Per Head ...	lb.	1,021	1,019	1,013	99	99	1,026	1,019	99		
Total .....	mil. lb.	3,069	2,857	2,875	94	101	14,600	14,583	100		
<b>CALVES</b>											
Number											
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	301.5	312.2	271.2	90	87	1,643.1	1,616.2	98		
Other .....	thou.	125.0	97.0	90.4	72	93	686.2	501.0	73		
Total .....	thou.	426.5	409.2	361.6	85	88	2,329.3	2,117.2	91		
Live Weight											
Per Head ...	lb.	234	225	248	106	110	220	227	103		
Total .....	mil. lb.	100	92	90	90	98	512	481	94		
<b>HOGS</b>											
Number											
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	6,406.6	6,852.0	6,045.2	94	88	31,320.9	32,772.4	105		
Other .....	thou.	857.3	698.7	640.9	75	92	4,640.1	3,708.5	80		
Total .....	thou.	7,263.9	7,550.7	6,686.1	92	89	35,961.0	36,480.9	101		
Live Weight											
Per Head ...	lb.	244	236	240	98	102	239	236	99		
Total .....	mil. lb.	1,773	1,781	1,608	91	90	8,581	8,615	100		
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>											
Number											
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	920.1	839.3	835.2	91	100	4,471.7	4,264.1	95		
Other .....	thou.	90.6	61.5	55.9	62	91	481.3	254.5	53		
Total .....	thou.	1,010.7	900.8	891.1	88	99	4,953.0	4,518.6	91		
Live Weight											
Per Head ...	lb.	101	104	104	103	100	104	106	102		
Total .....	mil. lb.	102	94	92	90	98	514	477	93		

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	13.6	15.2	14,979	16,749	72.5	74.4	79,888	83,378
N.Y.....	32.0	32.5	36,896	35,685	150.5	153.5	171,444	170,521
N.J.....	27.0	27.5	32,238	33,688	126.3	136.0	156,962	165,058
PA.....	70.5	63.5	76,492	69,278	344.0	322.5	375,142	361,076
OHIO.....	102.0	93.0	103,530	93,000	487.5	464.5	495,907	472,556
IND.....	53.5	51.5	53,232	51,809	257.0	264.0	258,795	269,060
ILL.....	121.0	119.0	123,420	123,284	558.0	578.0	569,850	592,291
MICH.....	60.0	54.5	61,740	57,498	282.0	275.5	295,367	290,979
WISC.....	101.0	100.0	113,221	111,200	493.0	507.0	560,248	573,463
MINN.....	171.0	141.0	186,048	150,165	812.0	734.0	881,609	784,145
IOWA.....	398.0	334.0	423,472	345,022	1,872.0	1,672.0	1,989,068	1,729,798
MO.....	138.0	125.0	142,968	126,000	638.0	663.0	663,673	676,273
N.DAK.....	16.6	14.1	18,044	15,172	87.3	68.8	94,794	75,305
S.DAK.....	61.5	47.5	66,420	50,445	290.0	269.0	312,640	279,690
NEBR.....	331.0	355.0	352,184	372,750	1,576.0	1,796.0	1,684,274	1,879,454
KANS.....	132.0	126.0	136,488	126,630	645.0	635.0	667,866	649,810
DEL.-MD..	10.2	9.9	10,802	10,421	50.9	49.5	54,902	52,687
VA.....	14.6	15.0	14,717	15,120	72.0	74.4	73,568	75,895
W.VA.....	5.1	5.0	5,294	5,125	26.2	26.5	26,947	27,318
N.C.....	14.6	13.2	14,031	12,672	68.1	70.5	65,708	69,303
S.C.....	8.5	8.0	7,132	6,464	38.4	39.7	32,434	32,150
GA.....	29.5	26.0	24,750	22,516	141.5	137.5	120,636	118,914
FLA.....	35.0	35.5	33,180	34,151	172.5	170.5	161,843	163,854
KY.....	20.7	18.2	19,768	17,017	102.0	97.3	97,310	92,443
TENN.....	46.0	47.5	44,252	44,412	221.0	241.0	211,341	230,768
ALA.....	23.8	21.0	20,635	18,186	113.0	102.4	99,702	89,837
MISS.....	33.5	29.5	27,403	25,252	138.0	139.5	114,688	120,434
ARK.....	16.3	14.2	14,474	12,567	73.6	67.9	65,055	61,609
LA.....	13.5	12.5	10,611	9,362	63.9	62.4	51,048	50,286
OKLA.....	58.5	57.5	54,639	53,245	292.0	291.0	271,844	273,155
TEXAS.....	250.0	242.0	211,500	210,540	1,091.0	1,204.0	938,566	1,065,846
MONT.....	15.4	13.9	15,539	14,122	78.9	73.3	80,748	74,916
IDAHO.....	27.5	28.5	28,352	29,412	147.0	150.0	152,861	154,857
WYO.....	2.6	2.2	2,592	2,187	12.3	13.2	12,727	12,973
COLO.....	130.0	140.0	137,540	150,080	662.0	681.0	695,516	723,277
N.MEX.....	28.0	29.0	26,992	27,666	126.7	139.5	121,423	134,929
ARIZ.....	38.5	44.5	37,961	43,966	132.6	214.0	130,369	215,340
UTAH.....	23.3	21.6	23,277	21,902	115.0	109.7	115,760	111,001
NEV.....	2.4	1.8	2,539	1,557	12.4	9.9	11,793	9,675
WASH.....	51.0	45.0	53,091	45,990	244.5	239.5	255,408	245,752
OREG.....	29.0	27.5	29,087	27,885	133.4	139.0	135,764	141,044
CALIF.....	251.0	230.0	257,526	234,370	1,209.0	1,161.0	1,244,681	1,181,539
48 STATES	3,007.2	2,838.3	3,069,056	2,874,562	14,229.0	14,317.4	14,600,169	14,582,659
HAWAII...	5.2	4.4	5,184	4,233	26.4	24.8	25,905	23,091
U. S.....	3,012.4	2,842.7	3,074,240	2,878,795	14,255.4	14,342.2	14,626,074	14,605,750

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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/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	16.2	16.4	1,664	1,660	110.8	107.0	10,994	10,552
N.Y.....	69.5	62.0	8,548	7,936	378.0	370.0	44,109	43,984
N.J.....	35.0	31.0	7,805	7,564	159.0	153.0	34,096	35,279
PA.....	37.0	28.0	5,180	4,116	213.0	190.5	27,509	24,944
OHIO.....	7.3	5.2	1,350	863	37.9	29.5	7,123	5,107
IND.....	4.3	4.7	851	964	21.4	21.3	4,158	4,085
ILL.....	17.9	14.3	3,097	2,917	87.2	80.5	14,495	15,272
MICH.....	13.2	11.1	2,099	1,942	81.3	70.3	12,124	11,736
WISC.....	41.0	27.0	5,494	3,915	257.5	215.5	32,399	27,497
MINN.....	10.3	6.6	1,967	1,366	75.9	59.7	12,739	10,643
IOWA.....	24.2	17.0	3,751	2,635	143.7	122.7	22,138	19,019
MO.....	3.9	3.9	952	971	19.1	20.3	5,028	5,410
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	38	---
S.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	33	---
NEBR.....	.6	.6	231	219	3.3	3.8	1,290	1,417
KANS.....	.6	.1	217	30	2.7	.2	1,167	63
DEL.-MD..	2.4	2.3	480	498	13.6	12.3	2,511	2,435
VA.....	16.9	17.2	4,394	4,489	77.0	74.0	20,000	19,821
W.VA.....	.4	.3	87	64	2.1	1.9	429	400
N.C.....	.7	.6	130	128	3.3	3.1	600	661
S.C.....	11.8	12.6	4,661	4,876	60.1	56.5	24,045	22,688
GA.....	4.4	3.3	1,918	1,406	26.0	12.7	11,200	5,437
FLA.....	14.8	15.5	4,203	4,743	83.8	81.7	25,240	25,796
KY.....	.3	.2	64	43	5.2	1.2	1,193	262
TENN.....	7.5	7.5	2,018	2,055	44.5	42.7	12,173	12,046
ALA.....	2.8	3.0	1,280	1,332	12.9	12.8	5,730	5,830
MISS.....	9.6	7.1	4,771	3,912	41.2	32.2	20,489	17,565
ARK.....	1.5	1.2	796	662	7.4	6.3	3,860	3,314
LA.....	19.4	17.5	9,196	8,715	91.5	87.7	43,863	43,069
OKLA.....	2.4	1.2	1,154	590	8.5	7.1	4,237	3,525
TEXAS.....	25.0	21.7	13,100	11,566	130.7	114.9	66,596	60,378
MONT.....	.1	---	37	---	.5	.2	181	71
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	36	35	.5	.4	160	146
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	---	.2	---	78	.5	1.0	234	347
N.MEX.....	.1	---	47	---	.4	---	196	---
ARIZ.....	.4	.3	205	149	2.0	1.6	1,006	781
UTAH.....	.5	.4	194	147	2.3	2.0	858	743
NEV.....	.2	.1	80	40	.9	.6	349	233
WASH.....	1.3	1.2	422	404	6.3	6.9	2,067	2,267
OREG.....	1.2	1.0	362	306	6.7	5.3	2,075	1,677
CALIF.....	21.7	19.2	7,074	6,451	110.4	107.8	33,744	36,223
48 STATES	426.5	361.6	99,915	89,787	2,329.3	2,117.2	512,476	480,723
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	426.5	361.6	99,915	89,787	2,329.3	2,117.2	512,476	480,723

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	9.5	8.9	2,338	2,168	48.6	42.9	11,804	10,385
N.Y.....	96.0	89.5	22,272	20,854	469.5	465.5	108,443	106,323
N.J.....	45.0	34.5	8,505	6,382	219.0	184.0	41,385	34,351
PA.....	386.0	307.0	87,236	69,382	1,844.0	1,687.0	416,323	383,814
OHIO.....	420.0	370.0	95,760	83,990	2,050.0	2,020.0	466,609	454,366
IND.....	242.0	282.0	63,162	72,756	1,211.0	1,511.0	299,443	382,897
ILL.....	483.0	467.0	127,512	117,684	2,186.0	2,479.0	549,184	615,581
MICH.....	180.0	194.0	41,400	45,396	923.0	1,007.0	211,387	233,956
WISC.....	241.0	228.0	59,768	54,492	1,298.0	1,370.0	309,319	320,566
MINN.....	495.0	443.0	126,720	108,978	2,555.0	2,585.0	626,454	615,648
IOWA.....	1,701.0	1,557.0	423,549	387,693	8,620.0	8,957.0	2,091,980	2,134,456
MO.....	257.0	251.0	66,049	61,495	1,227.0	1,352.0	303,771	327,047
N.DAK.....	2.0	2.0	464	462	11.2	10.9	2,616	2,574
S.DAK.....	202.0	204.0	55,954	52,632	976.0	1,082.0	254,117	270,871
NEBR.....	317.0	222.0	82,420	54,612	1,677.0	1,241.0	428,693	301,240
KANS.....	212.0	156.0	51,940	38,064	1,023.0	799.0	245,219	192,391
DEL.-MD..	53.2	43.9	11,413	9,536	258.2	238.4	55,422	51,244
VA.....	270.0	279.0	61,830	64,170	1,291.0	1,444.0	291,057	330,396
W.VA.....	8.2	5.6	2,099	1,467	44.5	37.3	11,385	9,420
N.C.....	140.0	148.0	30,940	32,412	674.0	740.0	150,172	165,213
S.C.....	59.5	33.0	14,934	7,920	298.0	163.5	74,024	40,450
GA.....	154.0	146.0	34,804	31,244	783.0	777.0	174,631	168,970
FLA.....	44.5	43.5	9,968	8,439	228.0	230.0	50,616	45,345
KY.....	131.0	118.0	33,536	28,792	589.0	639.0	145,347	152,482
TENN.....	266.0	240.0	62,776	56,880	1,316.0	1,277.0	307,065	303,844
ALA.....	86.5	86.0	19,549	19,522	399.0	426.0	90,878	96,100
MISS.....	94.5	96.0	20,884	21,408	439.0	464.0	97,554	103,755
ARK.....	35.5	34.0	8,484	8,364	162.0	172.5	38,704	41,601
LA.....	16.4	17.2	3,624	3,715	96.8	93.2	20,384	20,210
OKLA.....	63.5	59.5	15,748	14,816	308.0	311.0	76,255	76,445
TEXAS....	171.0	172.0	41,211	41,280	847.0	871.0	203,850	207,165
MONT.....	31.0	27.5	7,347	6,572	149.0	142.0	34,836	33,021
IDAHO....	11.3	11.1	2,520	2,486	57.7	58.3	12,659	12,854
WYO.....	2.8	2.4	655	547	14.2	13.4	3,422	3,109
COLO.....	71.0	72.5	16,543	16,675	342.5	353.0	79,128	80,790
N.MEX....	9.9	8.9	2,356	2,074	43.4	44.8	10,066	10,579
ARIZ.....	16.4	15.6	3,854	3,728	74.6	78.0	17,531	18,281
UTAH.....	12.1	10.7	2,807	2,482	59.1	57.0	13,602	13,097
NEV.....	.2	.2	43	44	1.0	1.0	211	221
WASH.....	66.5	59.0	15,162	13,511	339.5	310.0	77,555	69,739
OREG.....	21.4	16.6	4,922	3,735	109.2	92.2	24,793	20,867
CALIF....	139.0	124.0	30,441	28,892	699.0	654.0	152,650	153,274
48 STATES	7,263.9	6,686.1	1,773,499	1,607,751	35,961.0	36,480.9	8,580,544	8,614,938
HAWAII...	5.1	4.4	892	788	23.9	22.1	4,206	3,843
U. S.....	7,269.0	6,690.5	1,774,391	1,608,539	35,984.9	36,503.0	8,584,750	8,618,781

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

COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	1.2	1.0	109	90	7.8	6.7	631	552
N.Y.....	6.8	4.8	646	485	40.6	38.8	3,647	3,356
N.J.....	76.0	69.0	7,372	6,831	376.5	353.0	37,332	35,241
PA.....	12.4	9.5	1,091	874	65.4	56.5	5,653	5,140
OHIO.....	9.2	5.7	810	502	73.9	35.4	6,754	3,171
IND.....	1.1	1.4	110	123	4.7	5.6	414	483
ILL.....	58.5	56.0	6,201	6,048	300.5	287.0	32,200	30,821
MICH.....	31.0	26.5	3,286	2,756	148.5	137.5	15,223	14,211
WISC.....	1.1	.8	109	83	5.0	4.2	512	432
MINN.....	41.0	36.0	4,428	3,816	262.5	228.0	28,302	24,550
IOWA.....	42.5	35.5	4,208	3,586	222.5	205.0	22,824	21,465
MO.....	36.0	32.0	3,708	3,264	155.9	156.0	16,058	16,479
N.DAK.....	---	.1	---	10	58.2	50.3	6,280	5,479
S.DAK.....	35.0	28.5	3,815	3,078	192.0	160.0	21,361	17,358
NEBR.....	56.0	63.5	5,768	6,731	330.0	341.5	34,994	36,797
KANS.....	20.3	.4	1,969	38	97.9	1.1	9,708	111
DEL.-MD..	3.7	3.6	336	346	20.1	21.4	1,808	1,958
VA.....	.4	.3	48	29	1.1	.9	121	86
W.VA.....	.5	.3	47	28	2.4	2.2	233	208
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	9	.3	.3	29	29
S.C.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.1	12	10
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.5	20	31
KY.....	10.3	9.5	1,102	998	46.7	50.8	5,082	5,409
TENN.....	3.7	2.6	333	244	13.2	9.0	1,211	882
ALA.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.1	10	10
MISS.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	---	10	---
ARK.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.1	10	10
LA.....	.4	.3	28	20	1.2	1.5	93	115
OKLA.....	.6	.1	57	10	1.8	.8	185	78
TEXAS....	189.0	119.0	16,821	10,591	574.5	497.5	53,673	47,322
MONT.....	.1	.1	11	11	1.0	.4	109	44
IDAHO....	.9	.6	100	66	3.9	2.8	427	303
WYO.....	.2	.2	22	25	1.3	.6	139	72
COLO.....	109.0	107.0	11,881	12,091	677.0	648.0	74,543	73,575
N.MEX....	5.8	5.6	621	627	25.7	27.8	2,820	3,122
ARIZ.....	2.4	.2	269	20	11.1	.8	1,237	80
UTAH.....	43.0	55.5	4,601	6,105	284.5	323.0	31,243	35,072
NEV.....	.2	.1	20	10	.7	.6	70	62
WASH.....	15.8	15.4	1,643	1,679	65.2	73.6	6,949	8,316
OREG.....	14.4	8.6	1,498	877	53.8	34.2	5,773	3,603
CALIF....	182.0	191.0	18,746	20,246	825.0	755.0	85,882	81,157
48 STATES	1,010.7	891.1	101,834	92,377	4,953.0	4,518.6	513,582	477,200
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	1,010.7	891.1	101,834	92,377	4,953.0	4,518.6	513,582	477,200

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
MAY 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..	1,101	1,102	103	101	246	244	91	90
N.Y.....	1,153	1,098	123	128	232	233	95	101
N.J.....	1,194	1,225	223	244	189	185	97	99
PA.....	1,085	1,091	140	147	226	226	88	92
OHIO.....	1,015	1,000	185	166	228	227	88	88
IND.....	995	1,006	198	205	261	258	100	88
ILL.....	1,020	1,036	173	204	264	252	106	108
MICH.....	1,029	1,055	159	175	230	234	106	104
WISC.....	1,121	1,112	134	145	248	239	99	104
MINN.....	1,088	1,065	191	207	256	246	108	106
IOWA.....	1,064	1,033	155	155	249	249	99	101
MO.....	1,036	1,008	244	249	257	245	103	102
N.DAK.....	1,087	1,076	---	---	232	231	---	100
S.DAK....	1,080	1,062	---	---	277	258	109	108
NEBR.....	1,064	1,050	385	365	260	246	103	106
KANS.....	1,034	1,005	361	300	245	244	97	94
DEL.-MD..	1,059	1,053	200	217	215	217	91	96
VA.....	1,008	1,008	260	261	229	230	120	96
W.VA.....	1,038	1,025	217	215	256	262	94	94
N.C.....	961	960	186	214	221	219	100	93
S.C.....	839	808	395	387	251	240	---	100
GA.....	839	866	436	426	226	214	---	---
FLA.....	948	962	284	306	224	194	---	---
KY.....	955	935	212	214	256	244	107	105
TENN.....	962	935	269	274	236	237	90	94
ALA.....	867	866	457	444	226	227	---	100
MISS.....	818	856	497	551	221	223	100	---
ARK.....	888	885	531	552	239	246	---	100
LA.....	786	749	474	498	221	216	71	68
OKLA.....	934	926	481	492	248	249	95	100
TEXAS....	846	870	524	533	241	240	89	89
MONT.....	1,009	1,016	371	---	237	239	108	111
IDAHO....	1,031	1,032	357	348	223	224	111	110
WYO.....	997	994	---	---	234	228	110	126
COLO.....	1,058	1,072	---	390	233	230	109	113
N.MEX....	964	954	471	---	238	233	107	112
ARIZ.....	986	988	513	498	235	239	112	101
UTAH.....	999	1,014	388	368	232	232	107	110
NEV.....	1,058	865	400	400	217	222	100	100
WASH.....	1,041	1,022	325	337	228	229	104	109
OREG.....	1,003	1,014	302	306	230	225	104	102
CALIF....	1,026	1,019	326	336	219	233	103	106
48 STATES	1,021	1,013	234	248	244	240	101	104
HAWAII...	997	962	---	---	175	179	---	---
U. S.....	1,021	1,013	234	248	244	240	101	104

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JUNE 1, 1968: Between June 1, 1968 and May 31, 1969 a total of 104 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In May these plants slaughtered 129,000 cattle, 12,000 calves, 175,000 hogs and 11,000 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since June 1, 1968 slaughtered about 24,400 cattle, 5,100 calves, 68,800 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 May 1969 compared with May 1968 is as follows: Cattle 86.9 percent and 84.5 percent; calves, 75.0 and 70.7 percent; hogs, 90.4 and 88.2 percent; sheep and lambs, 93.7 and 91.0 percent.

The number of slaughter days during May 1969 included 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. In May 1968 there were 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Classification of livestock slaughtered under Federal inspection  
 48 States, May with comparisons 1/

Species	May 1968	April 1969	May 1969	Jan.- May 1969	May 1968	April 1969	May 1969	Jan.- May 1969
	Thousand head				Percent of total			
<b>CATTLE:</b>								
Steers .....	1,400	1,311	1,335	6,556	55.1	54.3	54.1	53.1
Heifers .....	658	620	636	3,256	25.9	25.7	25.8	26.4
Cows .....	442	447	451	2,341	17.4	18.5	18.3	19.0
Bulls & Stags .....	41	36	44	182	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.5
Total .....	2,541	2,414	2,466	12,335	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters 2/	208	220	219	1,116	8.2	9.1	8.9	9.0
<b>HOGS:</b>								
Sows .....	436	349	375	1,764	6.8	5.1	6.2	5.4
Barrows & Gilts .....	5,945	6,448	5,622	30,752	92.8	94.1	93.0	93.8
Stags & boars .....	26	55	48	256	.4	.8	.8	.8
Total .....	6,407	6,852	6,045	32,772	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS:</b>								
Lambs and yearlings .....	852	787	764	4,042	92.6	93.8	91.5	94.8
Sheep .....	68	52	71	223	7.4	6.2	8.5	5.2
Total .....	920	839	835	4,265	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Species totals and cattle classes of steers, heifers, cows, and bulls reported by Meat Inspectors, SID, C&MS. Canners and cutters and classification of hogs and sheep based on packer reports.

2/ Included in cattle classification.

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