

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

DECEMBER 1969



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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1968: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,007 million pounds in December 1969, up 3 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 UP 9 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1968: Beef production in December 1969 was 1,803 million pounds, 9 percent more than December 1968. The number of cattle slaughtered was up 6 percent and average live weight was 22 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

DECEMBER VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 49 million pounds of veal produced in December, down 9 percent from December 1968. Calves slaughtered were down 12 percent from December 1968, but average live weight increased 4 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1968: Pork production in December totaled 1,111 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The number of hogs slaughtered was down 6 percent. Live weight per head at 244 was 3 pounds heavier than a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.0 pounds compared with 9.5 in December 1968.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 44 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in December, 4 percent less than a year earlier. Sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 840,000 head, down 5 percent. Average live weight at 106 was 1 pound heavier than a year earlier.

DECEMBER POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT FROM 1968: Production of poultry meat in December totaled 840 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This is 10 percent more than a year earlier and 3 percent more than November 1969.

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

Kind	December	November	December	Dec. 1969 as % of		January-December 2/		
	1968	1969	1969	December	November	1968	1969	1969 as %
	- Million pounds -			Percent		Million pounds		
Beef	1,647	1,640	1,803	109	110	20,662	20,953	101
Veal	54	49	49	91	100	696	640	92
Pork 2/	1,162	1,004	1,111	96	111	12,867	12,783	99
Lamb & Mutton	46	40	44	96	110	592	539	91
Total Red Meat	2,909	2,733	3,007	103	110	34,817	34,915	100
Poultry 3/	764	812	840	110	103	8,915	9,492	106
Lard 4/	173	151	155	90	103	2,032	1,880	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, December with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	December	November	December	Dec. 1969 as % of		January-December 2/		
		1968	1969	1969	December	November	1968	1969	1969 as %
					Percent		Percent		
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	2,380.0	2,367.8	2,567.9	108	108	29,591.9	30,536.5	103
Other	thou.	403.5	365.6	378.1	94	103	5,434.5	4,687.2	86
Total	thou.	2,783.5	2,733.4	2,946.0	106	108	35,026.4	35,223.7	101
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,021	1,027	1,043	102	102	1,014	1,016	100
Total	mil. lb.	2,843	2,808	3,073	108	109	35,515	35,793	101
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	337.3	281.4	301.5	89	107	3,875.8	3,636.9	94
Other	thou.	111.9	98.3	95.4	85	97	1,567.3	1,221.5	78
Total	thou.	449.2	379.7	396.9	88	105	5,443.1	4,858.4	89
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	217	232	221	102	95	229	236	103
Total	mil. lb.	98	88	88	90	100	1,249	1,146	92
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	6,619.1	5,824.6	6,343.8	96	109	74,789.0	75,689.8	101
Other	thou.	927.8	640.8	748.1	81	117	10,370.7	8,198.3	79
Total	thou.	7,546.9	6,465.4	7,091.9	94	110	85,159.7	83,888.1	99
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	241	244	244	101	100	239	239	100
Total	mil. lb.	1,819	1,578	1,730	95	110	20,369	20,014	98
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp. ...	thou.	831.8	730.1	798.1	96	109	10,887.6	10,067.0	92
Other	thou.	56.0	48.3	41.9	75	87	996.4	621.3	62
Total	thou.	887.8	778.4	840.0	95	108	11,884.0	10,688.3	90
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	105	106	106	101	100	102	104	102
Total	mil. lb.	93	82	89	96	109	1,211	1,107	91

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	15.0	15.0	16,465	16,300	174.9	177.4	191,093	194,204
N.Y.....	31.5	30.5	34,492	33,916	373.0	384.0	419,559	424,326
N.J.....	29.0	30.5	34,539	38,522	327.8	341.0	399,529	417,615
PA.....	64.0	62.0	71,296	69,750	817.5	762.0	890,937	842,604
OHIO.....	91.5	87.5	92,232	89,775	1,180.0	1,115.5	1,183,388	1,129,618
IND.....	54.0	52.5	54,594	53,498	639.0	642.0	636,517	645,933
ILL.....	115.0	123.0	115,000	128,043	1,407.0	1,417.0	1,420,853	1,443,142
MICH.....	54.0	54.5	56,268	58,914	690.0	669.5	718,653	707,320
WISC.....	99.5	113.0	111,241	129,385	1,220.5	1,244.5	1,367,364	1,393,864
MINN.....	161.0	162.0	171,787	177,228	1,985.0	1,868.0	2,119,967	1,985,968
IOWA.....	352.0	341.0	370,656	366,575	4,588.0	4,130.0	4,788,218	4,283,039
MO.....	125.0	133.0	127,375	138,187	1,565.0	1,590.0	1,590,439	1,607,212
N.DAK.....	16.0	16.3	17,152	17,718	206.9	183.4	220,836	197,351
S.DAK.....	58.5	66.5	61,425	71,886	719.5	678.0	760,410	711,056
NEBR.....	321.0	359.0	340,260	384,489	3,847.0	4,159.0	4,033,292	4,343,112
KANS.....	112.0	158.0	117,040	168,428	1,504.0	1,664.0	1,543,780	1,701,653
DEL.-MD..	9.7	7.4	10,392	7,818	120.2	103.9	128,342	109,304
VA.....	14.7	15.2	14,994	15,930	177.2	187.6	179,384	190,050
W.VA.....	5.8	5.5	5,678	5,406	67.0	66.2	66,794	66,458
N.C.....	13.0	14.6	12,246	13,607	170.0	173.4	160,486	164,293
S.C.....	7.1	6.7	5,552	5,594	95.4	93.6	77,399	75,432
GA.....	25.0	23.6	21,575	21,122	337.0	323.9	287,292	278,810
FLA.....	31.5	30.0	29,736	28,320	406.5	400.0	379,021	380,229
KY.....	20.4	21.2	18,890	19,949	259.5	239.9	242,562	224,514
TENN.....	47.0	44.5	44,697	43,521	606.0	606.0	569,738	576,713
ALA.....	19.0	19.6	16,397	17,424	273.5	250.5	236,313	217,877
MISS.....	28.0	24.0	23,072	20,496	389.5	353.5	320,223	294,935
ARK.....	14.2	14.7	12,425	13,259	192.3	179.9	167,427	160,473
LA.....	12.3	10.8	9,643	8,813	160.9	150.3	126,245	118,945
OKLA.....	55.5	55.0	52,503	52,690	698.5	713.5	649,093	673,394
TEXAS.....	207.0	228.0	181,953	207,480	2,779.0	3,011.0	2,408,986	2,674,538
MONT.....	14.8	17.1	15,348	17,801	190.6	197.8	194,003	200,641
IDAHO.....	30.0	32.5	31,020	34,905	356.5	386.0	368,023	402,215
WYO.....	2.7	2.2	2,646	2,213	33.6	26.4	33,289	26,084
COLO.....	128.0	152.0	130,688	158,688	1,574.0	1,714.0	1,634,285	1,803,041
N.MEX.....	25.5	27.5	24,327	27,362	313.8	333.3	302,890	324,160
ARIZ.....	42.5	41.0	43,520	40,344	417.1	499.5	415,663	497,654
UTAH.....	21.9	22.6	21,988	23,391	277.1	268.9	277,299	273,935
NEV.....	1.9	2.0	1,963	2,024	27.2	23.8	26,783	23,621
WASH.....	47.5	46.5	50,018	50,034	592.5	590.0	614,330	611,298
OREG.....	26.5	30.5	26,632	31,812	347.4	369.5	347,912	373,402
CALIF.....	233.0	247.0	243,252	260,832	2,919.0	2,936.0	3,016,380	3,022,980
48 STATES	2,783.5	2,946.0	2,842,977	3,073,449	35,026.4	35,223.7	35,514,997	35,793,013
HAWAII...	5.2	5.9	4,898	5,800	64.1	61.2	62,200	58,178
U. S.....	2,788.7	2,951.9	2,847,875	3,079,249	35,090.5	35,284.9	35,577,197	35,851,191

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE <u>2/</u>	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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	20.5	2,044	2,119	249.2	239.3	25,772	24,715
N.Y.....	67.5	69.5	6,750	7,436	813.0	795.0	92,150	91,975
N.J.....	31.5	29.0	7,150	7,163	404.0	381.0	89,445	89,939
PA.....	42.5	38.5	5,185	4,736	525.5	459.0	68,587	60,334
OHIO.....	5.3	4.7	943	874	83.5	63.2	15,815	11,426
IND.....	3.4	3.7	649	696	51.4	51.8	10,216	10,227
ILL.....	15.6	19.3	2,387	3,242	202.4	191.7	33,928	35,187
MICH.....	15.0	13.7	2,400	2,151	179.0	157.5	27,930	26,501
WISC.....	55.0	45.0	6,270	5,625	539.5	428.2	68,114	56,199
MINN.....	15.2	5.3	2,402	816	155.0	98.0	27,089	18,120
IOWA.....	31.5	28.5	4,882	4,560	311.9	261.7	48,609	41,294
MO.....	4.2	1.2	1,172	277	51.2	41.5	13,778	11,047
N.DAK....	.1	.1	40	37	.3	.2	125	77
S.DAK....	.1	---	35	---	.3	.1	103	40
NEBR....	.7	.7	253	253	7.8	8.9	2,948	3,289
KANS.....	---	---	---	---	4.2	.6	1,694	189
DEL.-MD..	2.3	1.8	403	405	30.2	27.7	5,657	5,862
VA.....	11.8	10.5	3,221	2,856	187.9	179.1	49,378	48,410
W.VA....	.4	.2	81	46	5.2	3.8	1,108	821
N.C.....	.5	.5	103	126	8.1	6.4	1,629	1,363
S.C.....	9.2	8.2	3,570	3,346	141.9	134.8	56,162	53,612
GA.....	1.0	1.2	397	449	39.9	20.2	17,008	8,354
FLA.....	20.2	14.4	5,777	4,320	223.0	203.9	66,027	62,190
KY.....	.3	.1	64	23	7.5	2.4	1,690	531
TENN.....	12.4	8.4	3,621	2,411	141.3	138.9	40,983	40,851
ALA.....	2.8	1.6	1,257	738	41.5	31.8	18,152	14,194
MISS.....	6.6	6.5	3,333	3,627	113.2	84.5	54,468	44,940
ARK.....	1.4	1.2	728	617	18.6	15.3	9,644	8,071
LA.....	17.8	15.8	8,402	7,726	232.6	224.5	108,511	107,334
OKLA....	1.7	2.0	845	984	22.7	18.3	11,375	9,041
TEXAS....	27.5	24.0	13,942	12,864	345.7	312.9	178,149	164,894
MONT.....	.1	---	34	---	1.2	.6	424	206
IDAHO....	.1	---	35	---	1.2	.7	400	251
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	30	40
COLO....	.2	.3	64	90	1.7	2.5	715	794
N.MEX....	.1	---	47	---	.9	---	441	---
ARIZ....	.3	.3	150	147	4.4	3.6	2,186	1,737
UTAH....	.4	.3	136	105	5.4	4.5	1,963	1,638
NEV.....	.1	.1	40	35	1.8	1.4	688	539
WASH....	1.8	1.0	668	318	16.6	14.2	5,678	4,774
OREG....	1.0	.8	339	275	16.9	13.6	5,600	4,563
CALIF....	21.5	18.0	7,697	6,084	255.4	235.0	84,209	80,911
48 STATES	449.2	396.9	97,516	87,577	5,443.1	4,858.4	1,248,578	1,146,480
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	449.2	396.9	97,516	87,577	5,443.1	4,858.4	1,248,578	1,146,480

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE <u>2/</u>	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	11.6	10.7	2,802	2,546	115.7	104.5	28,327	25,255
N.Y.....	102.0	89.5	23,664	20,674	1,089.5	1,042.5	251,367	238,524
N.J.....	43.5	44.0	7,960	7,656	486.0	422.0	91,222	77,687
PA.....	372.0	329.0	85,188	74,354	4,326.0	3,906.0	979,055	882,477
OHIO.....	415.0	372.0	94,620	84,072	4,756.0	4,468.0	1,075,859	1,009,418
IND.....	261.0	327.0	66,816	82,404	2,882.0	3,625.0	727,369	923,314
ILL.....	495.0	445.0	123,750	117,480	5,311.0	5,476.0	1,350,467	1,399,519
MICH.....	196.0	216.0	45,080	54,648	2,221.0	2,391.0	510,245	565,530
WISC.....	274.0	247.0	65,760	59,033	3,048.0	3,084.0	727,388	726,309
MINN.....	566.0	494.0	139,802	123,994	6,232.0	6,090.0	1,532,797	1,476,638
IOWA.....	1,884.0	1,735.0	461,580	428,545	20,804.0	20,738.0	5,043,051	5,012,007
MO.....	283.0	251.0	70,184	63,001	3,029.0	3,118.0	747,052	756,908
N.DAK....	3.3	2.8	776	683	29.8	28.6	7,147	6,873
S.DAK....	233.0	225.0	60,580	58,950	2,565.0	2,523.0	667,346	641,741
NEBR.....	253.0	207.0	65,780	55,062	3,417.0	2,612.0	869,166	646,202
KANS.....	170.0	155.0	41,990	38,905	2,232.0	1,869.0	537,777	456,432
DEL.-MD..	47.4	48.2	10,353	10,651	593.1	547.0	127,956	118,486
VA.....	276.0	269.0	63,204	62,946	3,076.0	3,204.0	699,373	735,347
W.VA.....	10.9	8.2	2,823	2,116	107.1	84.3	27,423	21,560
N.C.....	136.0	150.0	30,464	34,350	1,581.0	1,780.0	350,665	395,947
S.C.....	36.5	32.0	9,125	7,712	623.0	370.5	155,222	90,195
GA.....	169.0	159.0	37,180	35,457	1,800.0	1,805.0	397,264	390,411
FLA.....	57.0	58.0	10,545	10,846	520.5	539.0	111,615	106,649
KY.....	143.0	152.0	34,463	37,848	1,433.0	1,542.0	346,190	369,781
TENN.....	267.0	243.0	65,949	60,507	3,084.0	2,893.0	734,417	691,592
ALA.....	86.5	73.5	19,549	16,832	953.5	930.5	215,999	210,958
MISS.....	92.5	103.0	20,905	23,690	1,049.5	1,092.0	233,109	245,254
ARK.....	36.5	36.0	9,125	9,036	393.5	407.0	94,950	99,225
LA.....	22.9	22.4	4,763	4,682	227.0	215.2	48,447	46,521
OKLA.....	67.5	58.0	16,875	15,022	753.0	717.0	186,347	179,027
TEXAS....	172.0	176.0	41,796	43,120	1,974.0	2,040.0	471,737	488,153
MONT.....	28.0	24.1	6,356	5,736	359.5	327.9	83,543	77,185
IDAHO....	11.7	10.1	2,574	2,222	140.1	129.2	30,813	28,467
WYO.....	2.9	2.6	679	601	34.2	28.2	8,017	6,475
COLO.....	65.0	76.5	15,080	17,978	796.5	862.5	183,458	198,357
N.MEX....	9.2	9.1	2,180	2,111	105.3	106.4	25,400	25,080
ARIZ.....	15.5	15.7	3,642	3,658	179.4	177.7	42,291	41,730
UTAH.....	12.4	11.8	2,889	2,785	140.9	134.1	32,530	30,979
NEV.....	.2	.3	41	61	2.3	2.5	485	543
WASH.....	61.5	54.5	14,022	12,644	793.0	699.0	180,937	158,266
OREG.....	21.4	16.9	5,179	3,921	268.3	207.5	61,767	47,288
CALIF....	136.0	132.0	32,776	31,680	1,628.0	1,549.0	374,834	365,237
48 STATES	7,546.9	7,091.9	1,818,869	1,730,219	85,159.7	83,888.1	20,369,484	20,013,547
HAWAII...	6.7	6.2	1,119	1,135	60.1	54.2	10,461	9,554
U. S.....	7,553.6	7,098.1	1,819,988	1,731,354	85,219.8	83,942.3	20,379,945	20,023,101

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NEW ENG..	1.2	1.1	101	96	16.6	15.4	1,411	1,318
N.Y.....	6.2	4.8	601	475	85.5	74.1	8,022	6,804
N.J.....	78.5	68.5	7,693	6,850	933.0	839.5	89,643	81,588
PA.....	10.8	9.4	983	874	156.5	128.4	13,699	11,566
OHIO.....	7.0	4.8	651	480	129.6	70.7	11,639	6,456
IND.....	.8	.8	72	72	11.9	13.8	1,044	1,213
ILL.....	57.5	75.5	6,095	8,230	707.0	719.0	73,595	75,772
MICH.....	26.0	33.0	2,626	3,399	362.5	348.0	37,020	35,631
WISC.....	.7	.8	71	78	11.4	10.0	1,160	1,003
MINN.....	58.5	46.0	6,142	4,968	672.0	563.0	70,377	60,249
IOWA.....	42.0	41.5	4,242	4,316	530.5	474.5	52,823	48,331
MO.....	30.0	22.9	3,210	2,473	397.4	361.0	40,661	37,293
N.DAK....	16.5	5.0	1,832	570	133.3	80.4	14,753	8,980
S.DAK....	32.5	31.0	3,412	3,348	429.0	376.0	45,770	40,158
NEBR.....	65.5	65.0	7,074	6,890	780.0	845.0	81,616	88,713
KANS.....	.2	.2	20	21	134.4	2.7	13,142	265
DEL.-MD..	4.1	3.2	357	320	54.1	50.5	4,791	4,677
VA.....	.1	.1	10	9	3.0	3.8	303	362
W.VA.....	.4	.2	37	20	6.0	4.8	577	468
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	10	1.2	1.0	112	95
S.C.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.2	12	20
GA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	10	10
FLA.....	.1	---	6	---	1.3	.8	96	51
KY.....	15.5	18.8	1,550	1,918	182.2	173.3	18,435	17,640
TENN.....	1.8	1.7	167	167	35.3	27.9	3,142	2,605
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.7	.5	74	48
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.1	19	10
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.2	20	20
LA.....	.2	.2	14	17	3.3	3.8	245	298
OKLA.....	.2	.1	21	11	3.8	1.5	397	149
TEXAS....	67.5	71.5	6,412	6,936	1,403.5	1,183.5	127,740	109,727
MONT.....	.2	.1	23	11	2.9	1.9	308	205
IDAHO....	.9	1.0	95	110	11.7	9.7	1,254	1,077
WYO.....	.2	.1	24	12	5.0	2.4	535	274
COLD.....	128.0	106.0	14,336	11,766	1,444.5	1,350.5	154,870	148,633
N.MEX....	5.1	4.4	556	488	62.8	60.4	6,886	6,628
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	20	10	13.6	1.5	1,498	150
UTAH.....	76.0	75.5	8,436	8,230	890.0	829.5	95,876	88,466
NEV.....	.1	.2	10	20	1.9	2.2	191	224
WASH.....	14.3	16.8	1,573	1,949	208.8	200.3	22,242	22,001
OREG.....	6.9	7.5	718	802	147.2	108.4	15,250	11,454
CALIF....	132.0	122.0	14,256	13,298	1,910.0	1,748.0	199,382	186,398
48 STATES	887.8	840.0	93,456	89,254	11,884.0	10,688.3	1,210,640	1,107,030
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10	---
U. S.....	887.8	840.0	93,456	89,254	11,884.1	10,688.3	1,210,650	1,107,030

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
DECEMBER 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..	1,098	1,087	102	103	242	238	84	87
N.Y.....	1,095	1,112	100	107	232	231	97	99
N.J.....	1,191	1,263	227	247	183	174	98	100
PA.....	1,114	1,125	122	123	229	226	91	93
OHIO.....	1,008	1,026	178	186	228	226	93	100
IND.....	1,011	1,019	191	188	256	252	90	90
ILL.....	1,000	1,041	153	168	250	264	106	109
MICH.....	1,042	1,081	160	157	230	253	101	103
WISC.....	1,118	1,145	114	125	240	239	101	97
MINN.....	1,067	1,094	158	154	247	251	105	108
IOWA.....	1,053	1,075	155	160	245	247	101	104
MO.....	1,019	1,039	279	231	248	251	107	108
N.DAK.....	1,072	1,087	400	367	235	244	111	114
S.DAK.....	1,050	1,081	350	---	260	262	105	108
NEBR.....	1,060	1,071	362	362	260	266	108	106
KANS.....	1,045	1,066	---	---	247	251	99	106
DEL.-MD..	1,071	1,056	175	225	218	221	87	100
VA.....	1,020	1,048	273	272	229	234	95	90
W.VA.....	979	983	203	231	259	258	92	100
N.C.....	942	932	206	251	224	229	100	99
S.C.....	782	835	388	408	250	241	---	100
GA.....	863	895	397	374	220	223	---	---
FLA.....	944	944	286	300	185	187	57	---
KY.....	926	941	213	232	241	249	100	102
TENN.....	951	978	292	287	247	249	93	98
ALA.....	863	889	449	461	226	229	---	---
MISS.....	824	854	505	558	226	230	---	---
ARK.....	875	902	520	514	250	251	---	---
LA.....	784	816	472	489	208	209	71	83
OKLA.....	946	958	497	492	250	259	105	111
TEXAS.....	879	910	507	536	243	245	95	97
MONT.....	1,037	1,041	344	---	227	238	116	107
IDAHO.....	1,034	1,074	348	---	220	220	106	110
WYO.....	980	1,006	---	---	234	231	119	116
COLO.....	1,021	1,044	318	301	232	235	112	111
N.MEX.....	954	995	471	---	237	232	109	111
ARIZ.....	1,024	984	499	491	235	233	101	100
UTAH.....	1,004	1,035	339	350	233	236	111	109
NEV.....	1,033	1,012	400	350	205	204	100	100
WASH.....	1,053	1,076	371	318	228	232	110	116
OREG.....	1,005	1,043	339	344	242	232	104	107
CALIF.....	1,044	1,056	358	338	241	240	108	109
48 STATES	1,021	1,043	217	221	241	244	105	106
HAWAII...	942	983	---	---	167	183	---	---
U. S.....	1,021	1,043	217	221	241	244	105	106

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1969: Between January 1, 1969 and December 31, 1969, a total of 62 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In December, these plants slaughtered 66,000 cattle, 8,000 calves, 267,000 hogs and 14,000 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since January 1, 1969 slaughtered about 43,900 cattle, 5,400 calves, 116,900 hogs and 10,800 sheep and lambs during the last full month of production 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 1969, compared with December 1968 is as follows: cattle 87.2 percent and 85.5 percent; calves 76.0 and 75.1 percent; hogs 89.5 and 87.7 percent; sheep and lambs 95.0 and 93.7 percent.

The number of slaughter days during December excluding the Christmas holiday included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays in 1969 and 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays in 1968.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under Federal Inspection
 48 States, December 1969, with comparisons 1/

Species	Dec. : 1968	Nov. : 1969	Dec. : 1969	Jan. - : Dec. 1969	Dec. : 1968	Nov. : 1969	Dec. : 1969	Jan. - : Dec. 1969
	- - - - 1,000 head - - - -				- - - Percent of total - - -			
CATTLE:								
Steers	1,238	1,181	1,323	15,754	52.0	49.9	51.5	51.6
Heifers	633	656	704	8,286	26.6	27.7	27.4	27.1
Cows	476	493	503	5,998	20.0	20.8	19.6	19.7
Bulls & stags	33	38	38	499	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6
Total	2,380	2,368	2,568	30,537	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	240	240	225	2,860	10.1	10.1	8.8	9.4
HOGS:								
Sows	477	392	428	4,961	7.2	6.7	6.8	6.6
Barrows & gilts	6,096	5,387	5,871	70,119	92.1	92.5	92.5	92.6
Stags & boars	46	46	45	610	.7	.8	.7	.8
Total	6,619	5,825	6,344	75,690	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:								
Lambs & Yearlings	799	667	751	9,340	96.0	91.4	94.1	92.8
Sheep	33	63	47	728	4.0	8.6	5.9	7.2
Total	832	730	798	10,068	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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