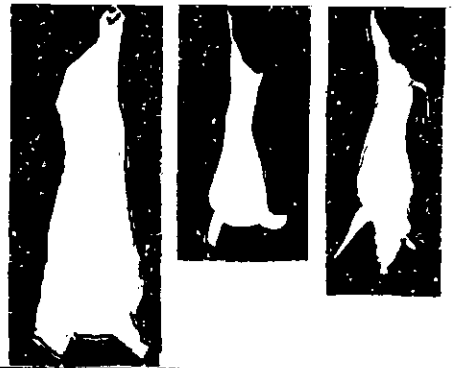


LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

MARCH 1970



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MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT FROM 1969: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,931 million pounds in March, up 1 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. An additional weekday in March 1970 contributed to the increase. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION 6 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production in March was 1,759 million pounds, 6 percent above the 1,660 million in March 1969. Heavier average weight and a larger number slaughtered accounted for the increase. Cattle killed totaled 2,829,300 head, up 20,100 from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,048 pounds, 33 pounds heavier than March 1969.

VEAL OUTPUT 8 PERCENT BELOW MARCH 1969: There were 49 million pounds of veal produced during March, down 8 percent from 1969. The 380,700 calves slaughtered were 16 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 228 pounds, up 15 pounds from March 1969.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production in March totaled 1,074 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7,023,400 head, down 7 percent from March 1969. Live weight per head was 237 pounds, 4 pounds heavier than a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.0 pounds compared with 9.1 in March 1969.

LAMB AND MUTTON UP 9 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1969: There were 49 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in March, 9 percent more than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 910,800 head, up 5 percent. Average live weight was 108 pounds, 2 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 18 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1969: Production of poultry meat during March totaled 742 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 18 percent more than a year earlier and 14 percent more than in February.

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

Kind	March 1969	February 1970	March 1970	March 1970 as % of		January-March 2/		
				March 1969	February 1970	1969	1970	1970 as % of 1969
	- Million pounds -			- Percent -		- Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,660	1,643	1,759	106	107	5,147	5,275	102
Veal	53	44	49	92	111	165	143	87
Pork 2/	1,131	928	1,074	95	116	3,351	3,052	91
Lamb & Mutton	45	41	49	109	120	142	138	97
Total Red Meat	2,889	2,656	2,931	101	110	8,805	8,608	98
Poultry 3/	631	653	742	118	114	1,936	2,156	111
Lard 4/	160	130	149	93	115	482	432	90

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	February 1970	March 1970	March 1970 as % of		January-March 2/			
					March 1969	February 1970	1969	1970	1970 as % of 1969	
					Percent				Percent	
CATTLE										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,423.0	2,318.4	2,477.3	102	107	7,455.7	7,448.6	100	
Other	thou.	386.2	332.7	352.0	91	106	1,219.0	1,064.7	87	
Total	thou.	2,809.2	2,651.1	2,829.3	101	107	8,674.7	8,513.3	98	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	1,015	1,052	1,048	103	100	1,020	1,051	103	
Total	mil. lb.	2,850	2,788	2,965	104	106	8,852	8,946	101	
CALVES										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	351.5	239.3	289.9	82	121	1,032.8	819.4	79	
Other	thou.	100.2	87.5	90.8	91	104	313.2	276.7	88	
Total	thou.	451.7	326.8	380.7	84	116	1,346.0	1,096.1	81	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	213	238	228	107	96	222	231	104	
Total	mil. lb.	96	78	87	91	112	299	254	85	
HOGS										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,808.6	5,507.0	6,415.0	94	116	19,867.6	18,092.0	91	
Other	thou.	717.0	566.4	608.4	85	107	2,366.4	1,829.2	77	
Total	thou.	7,525.6	6,073.4	7,023.4	93	116	22,234.0	19,921.2	90	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	233	237	237	102	100	235	238	101	
Total	mil. lb.	1,755	1,439	1,662	95	115	5,224	4,743	91	
SHEEP & LAMBS										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	817.5	741.6	858.9	105	116	2,592.6	2,455.9	95	
Other	thou.	49.2	32.6	51.9	105	159	137.0	125.3	91	
Total	thou.	866.7	774.2	910.8	105	118	2,729.6	2,581.2	95	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	106	108	108	102	100	107	108	101	
Total	mil. lb.	92	84	98	107	117	291	278	96	

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	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	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..	15.2	13.9	17,055	15,371	44.3	41.8	50,027	45,851
N.Y.....	29.0	32.0	32,741	35,040	90.0	94.5	100,023	104,894
N.J.....	29.0	26.5	35,525	34,000	83.8	79.6	101,854	101,045
PA.....	63.0	63.0	71,190	71,757	196.0	192.0	221,238	217,932
OHIO.....	89.5	86.0	91,648	89,440	281.5	258.0	288,232	268,552
IND.....	50.0	42.0	51,950	42,714	160.0	141.5	164,541	145,864
ILL.....	111.0	106.0	111,888	109,180	343.0	322.0	349,411	332,875
MICH.....	51.5	52.0	55,208	55,588	164.0	158.0	173,118	170,718
WISC.....	98.0	97.0	110,642	112,617	305.0	299.0	347,003	347,267
MINN.....	142.0	121.0	151,372	133,947	454.0	391.0	483,721	433,347
IOWA.....	324.0	298.0	332,748	322,734	1,015.0	935.0	1,051,440	1,019,465
MO.....	133.0	120.0	134,596	124,920	409.0	334.0	419,596	347,026
N.DAK....	13.8	14.1	14,835	15,651	42.1	42.5	46,550	46,977
S.DAK....	52.5	55.0	54,495	59,840	173.5	170.0	179,141	184,195
NEBR.....	358.0	345.0	370,172	372,255	1,092.0	1,051.0	1,140,603	1,138,189
KANS.....	133.0	165.0	135,660	176,550	389.0	495.0	402,220	532,089
DEL.-MD..	10.1	8.0	10,962	8,688	30.1	23.4	32,156	24,855
VA.....	14.1	13.5	14,523	14,202	44.5	44.7	45,905	47,256
W.VA.....	5.4	4.6	5,524	4,770	16.6	14.1	17,239	14,739
N.C.....	13.1	12.8	13,048	13,005	43.3	37.9	42,883	38,252
S.C.....	7.7	6.4	6,337	5,485	23.7	18.9	19,244	16,097
GA.....	28.0	25.0	24,220	22,275	84.5	74.4	73,448	67,855
FLA.....	32.0	31.0	30,272	30,349	99.5	91.5	95,907	89,899
KY.....	18.9	19.8	17,936	19,463	59.5	60.0	57,022	58,677
TENN.....	47.5	47.0	45,838	47,094	147.0	135.5	141,530	136,060
ALA.....	20.5	16.5	18,142	14,834	61.6	48.4	54,288	43,471
MISS.....	27.0	24.5	23,544	21,584	82.5	71.2	72,220	63,253
ARK.....	12.8	13.8	11,635	12,682	40.2	41.1	36,906	37,700
LA.....	12.4	11.7	10,118	9,898	38.0	33.3	31,071	27,922
OKLA.....	60.5	58.0	57,233	56,260	178.0	170.5	168,182	165,650
TEXAS....	246.0	251.0	218,202	224,653	721.0	734.0	642,744	669,135
MONT.....	14.2	17.0	14,654	17,867	44.7	52.4	45,859	55,180
IDAHO....	28.5	30.0	29,412	32,190	92.0	93.5	95,149	99,621
WYO.....	2.5	2.3	2,490	2,321	8.5	6.3	8,456	6,373
COLO.....	133.0	181.0	139,650	198,376	404.0	512.0	424,689	552,683
N.MEX....	28.5	29.0	27,502	29,000	82.0	82.3	79,761	82,799
ARIZ.....	42.0	45.5	42,840	46,501	123.0	133.0	124,037	136,043
UTAH.....	22.4	22.1	22,579	23,514	69.5	65.2	69,945	68,630
NEV.....	1.6	2.3	1,566	2,302	5.8	6.3	5,793	6,352
WASH.....	47.0	43.5	48,222	46,719	145.5	129.0	149,854	137,742
OREG.....	26.0	25.5	26,208	26,877	83.5	82.5	84,543	88,348
CALIF....	215.0	251.0	215,860	260,287	704.0	747.0	714,494	774,639
48 STATES	2,809.2	2,829.3	2,850,242	2,964,800	8,674.7	8,513.3	8,852,043	8,945,517
HAWAII...	5.1	5.1	4,682	4,779	15.6	14.9	14,385	14,168
U. S.....	2,814.3	2,834.4	2,854,924	2,969,579	8,690.3	8,528.2	8,866,428	8,959,685

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	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..	27.7	26.1	2,609	2,625	68.1	62.9	6,635	6,408
N.Y.....	99.0	85.0	11,484	9,180	226.5	200.0	26,186	22,081
N.J.....	31.0	29.0	6,696	7,337	94.0	89.0	21,247	22,096
PA.....	41.5	36.0	5,188	4,608	126.5	107.0	16,076	13,699
OHIO.....	6.3	5.5	1,096	1,006	18.7	15.6	3,275	2,898
IND.....	4.4	3.9	832	745	12.4	11.8	2,315	2,269
ILL.....	15.9	14.4	3,116	2,635	51.4	47.3	9,824	8,606
MICH.....	13.6	10.7	2,285	1,766	45.4	35.0	7,558	5,772
WISC.....	42.5	31.5	5,440	4,442	148.0	104.0	18,155	14,097
MINN.....	11.8	.6	2,195	119	44.1	6.5	7,567	995
IOWA.....	24.8	19.5	3,844	3,120	84.3	64.3	13,067	10,288
MO.....	4.2	1.1	1,100	285	12.6	3.6	3,455	930
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	---	.1	---	40	---	.1	---	40
NEBR.....	.8	.5	308	192	2.4	1.8	904	676
KANS.....	---	.1	---	33	.1	.2	33	68
DEL.-MD..	2.5	1.6	489	369	7.4	5.2	1,420	1,270
VA.....	14.0	12.6	3,612	3,566	41.2	36.4	11,214	10,286
W.VA.....	.4	.2	90	46	1.2	.6	255	134
N.C.....	.6	.5	122	133	2.0	1.4	410	336
S.C.....	11.2	9.9	4,390	4,158	33.2	27.9	13,382	11,812
GA.....	2.5	2.7	1,065	1,096	6.3	6.0	2,645	2,411
FLA.....	14.3	12.9	4,934	4,102	52.7	42.0	16,706	13,071
KY.....	.2	.2	42	46	.8	.5	175	118
TENN.....	7.5	5.6	2,085	1,674	27.8	18.1	8,104	5,288
ALA.....	2.2	1.8	1,021	860	7.7	4.1	3,522	1,958
MISS.....	5.4	5.1	2,911	2,841	19.4	17.5	10,547	9,626
ARK.....	1.2	.6	631	316	4.0	2.4	2,067	1,246
LA.....	16.5	17.3	8,068	8,806	52.3	52.1	25,547	25,908
OKLA.....	1.4	.8	699	392	4.9	2.7	2,449	1,331
TEXAS.....	22.3	24.1	11,574	13,255	70.7	68.2	37,022	36,601
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	31	38
IDAHO.....	.1	.1	34	33	.3	.2	111	58
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	.2	.2	62	71	.6	.6	194	188
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.3	.2	150	98	1.0	.6	494	295
UTAH.....	.4	.3	151	122	1.2	.8	448	319
NEV.....	.2	.1	77	40	.4	.3	151	116
WASH.....	1.2	.7	389	262	3.9	2.3	1,301	805
OREG.....	1.1	.8	352	267	3.3	2.3	1,067	787
CALIF.....	22.5	18.4	7,155	6,054	69.1	54.7	23,220	18,775
48 STATES	451.7	380.7	96,296	86,740	1,346.0	1,096.1	298,779	253,700
HAWAII....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	451.7	380.7	96,296	86,740	1,346.0	1,096.1	298,779	253,700

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AND CONNECTICUT. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER NOT ESTIMATED IN ALASKA.

COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE 2/	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	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..	8.3	7.6	2,015	1,845	25.8	24.4	6,227	5,938
N.Y.....	92.0	80.0	20,700	18,000	283.5	239.0	64,194	53,904
N.J.....	37.0	34.0	6,956	6,426	110.5	99.5	20,637	18,675
PA.....	342.0	333.0	76,950	74,925	1,034.0	946.0	236,582	214,703
OHIO.....	405.0	338.0	91,125	77,740	1,245.0	1,012.0	278,445	231,354
IND.....	316.0	328.0	79,632	79,704	894.0	925.0	224,716	227,163
ILL.....	519.0	457.0	127,674	110,137	1,484.0	1,293.0	368,536	316,265
MICH.....	199.0	222.0	46,765	52,614	603.0	623.0	140,255	146,353
WISC.....	296.0	263.0	68,080	61,279	858.0	740.0	199,618	173,396
MINN.....	531.0	468.0	124,785	113,724	1,608.0	1,292.0	379,044	314,064
IOWA.....	1,889.0	1,754.0	440,137	417,452	5,553.0	4,951.0	1,307,177	1,187,163
MO.....	286.0	251.0	68,068	60,240	814.0	699.0	195,524	170,000
N.DAK....	2.4	2.2	564	524	6.6	6.6	1,551	1,548
S.DAK....	236.0	211.0	58,056	52,539	658.0	575.0	163,462	145,953
NEBR.....	264.0	213.0	62,832	51,546	752.0	581.0	182,548	144,939
KANS.....	164.0	161.0	39,360	39,928	471.0	452.0	112,703	113,181
DEL.-MD..	47.8	42.2	10,085	9,285	143.0	124.8	30,601	27,503
VA.....	293.0	290.0	66,218	66,120	868.0	824.0	197,916	189,224
W.VA.....	8.6	6.5	2,141	1,742	24.8	18.8	6,180	5,083
N.C.....	144.0	152.0	32,400	34,352	445.0	447.0	100,167	100,863
S.C.....	32.0	30.0	7,904	6,960	97.5	83.5	24,289	19,698
GA.....	152.0	151.0	32,680	33,975	471.0	440.0	103,326	98,577
FLA.....	46.0	49.5	8,556	9,900	141.0	141.5	27,897	28,208
KY.....	128.0	129.0	29,568	31,347	390.0	394.0	92,774	94,057
TENN.....	258.0	242.0	60,372	58,080	778.0	693.0	184,804	170,358
ALA.....	83.0	78.0	18,592	18,018	248.5	221.5	56,174	50,879
MISS.....	89.5	96.0	20,227	22,464	276.0	275.0	61,555	63,548
ARK.....	35.0	32.5	8,400	7,962	102.0	97.0	24,513	23,636
LA.....	18.9	17.9	4,082	3,866	57.1	50.7	12,394	10,951
OKLA.....	64.5	61.5	15,609	15,252	187.5	169.0	45,757	42,591
TEXAS....	174.0	169.0	41,238	40,729	522.0	481.0	124,644	117,541
MONT.....	27.5	27.0	6,352	6,345	84.5	77.8	19,459	18,360
IDAHO....	10.9	9.5	2,387	2,090	35.1	27.6	7,718	6,120
WYO.....	2.9	2.2	667	510	8.6	6.6	1,996	1,547
COLOR.....	68.5	78.5	15,550	18,526	210.0	219.0	47,971	51,824
N.MEX....	8.4	8.6	1,957	2,055	27.0	25.0	6,342	5,825
ARIZ.....	15.6	15.5	3,635	3,580	46.6	44.7	10,856	10,413
UTAH.....	11.4	10.2	2,611	2,346	34.8	29.2	7,994	6,769
NEV.....	.2	.2	42	43	.6	.6	134	129
WASH.....	61.5	50.0	13,776	11,600	187.0	146.0	41,763	34,034
OREG.....	18.7	16.8	4,170	3,746	57.0	49.4	12,984	11,259
CALIF....	139.0	135.0	32,526	32,130	391.0	376.0	92,134	89,857
48 STATES	7,525.6	7,023.4	1,755,444	1,661,646	22,234.0	19,921.2	5,223,561	4,743,453
HAWAII...	4.5	3.9	788	706	13.1	11.0	2,250	1,970
U. S.....	7,530.1	7,027.3	1,756,232	1,662,352	22,247.1	19,932.2	5,225,811	4,745,423

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	MARCH				JANUARY-MARCH			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	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..	1.9	2.0	163	151	3.5	3.9	305	316
N.Y.....	11.1	11.5	821	886	24.0	20.9	2,121	1,879
N.J.....	68.5	67.0	6,918	6,834	223.0	197.5	22,436	20,075
PA.....	12.9	12.9	1,148	1,161	34.9	29.6	3,201	2,731
OHIO.....	6.8	6.6	612	568	20.5	16.3	1,884	1,518
IND.....	1.0	1.1	95	104	2.7	2.7	254	263
ILL.....	55.0	63.0	5,940	7,182	178.5	197.5	19,210	21,905
MICH.....	27.5	32.5	2,860	3,152	80.5	93.0	8,345	9,230
WISC.....	.8	.7	85	71	2.5	1.9	261	188
MINN.....	40.0	44.0	4,320	5,016	157.0	138.0	16,884	15,492
IOWA.....	41.0	36.5	4,387	3,978	131.0	117.0	13,837	12,431
MO.....	29.0	19.4	3,161	1,998	90.0	54.9	9,679	5,761
N.DAK.....	14.6	.1	1,533	10	50.2	.2	5,469	21
S.DAK.....	34.0	32.5	3,774	3,640	103.5	98.0	11,172	10,910
NEBR.....	68.0	68.5	7,480	7,398	210.5	210.5	22,844	22,525
KANS.....	.1	.2	10	20	.4	.8	41	82
DEL.-MD..	4.6	3.8	424	385	14.2	10.6	1,284	1,100
VA.....	.1	.1	10	10	.4	.3	40	33
W.VA.....	.5	.3	47	30	1.4	.9	136	90
N.C.....	.1	---	10	---	.2	.1	20	10
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.2	.1	12	7	.3	.1	17	7
KY.....	8.8	8.2	968	927	34.1	34.8	3,605	3,683
TENN.....	1.8	1.6	187	166	4.8	4.4	480	451
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LA.....	.5	.3	44	24	.9	.7	71	53
OKLA.....	.3	.1	27	11	.6	.4	58	39
TEXAS.....	91.5	101.0	8,967	10,201	273.5	263.5	26,861	26,609
MONT.....	---	.1	---	10	.2	.3	22	33
IDAHO.....	.6	.7	62	79	1.7	1.9	179	213
WYO.....	.1	.2	13	24	.3	.6	37	69
COLOR.....	131.0	163.0	15,065	19,071	408.0	414.0	46,056	47,670
N.MEX.....	5.1	5.1	556	561	16.6	14.3	1,834	1,563
ARIZ.....	.2	.2	20	22	.4	.3	41	33
UTAH.....	61.5	67.0	6,580	7,236	199.0	217.5	21,980	23,708
NEV.....	.1	.2	10	20	.3	.4	31	41
WASH.....	14.5	12.7	1,682	1,473	42.3	36.9	4,840	4,231
OREG.....	6.0	6.6	654	726	18.7	19.5	1,981	2,166
CALIF.....	127.0	141.0	13,589	15,087	399.0	377.0	43,751	41,283
48 STATES	866.7	910.8	92,234	98,239	2,729.6	2,581.2	291,267	278,412
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	866.7	910.8	92,234	98,239	2,729.6	2,581.2	291,267	278,412

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
MARCH 1969 AND 1970 ^{1/}

STATE ^{2/}	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,122	1,106	94	101	243	243	86	76
N.Y.....	1,129	1,095	116	108	225	225	74	77
N.J.....	1,225	1,283	216	253	188	189	101	102
PA.....	1,130	1,139	125	128	225	225	89	90
OHIO.....	1,024	1,040	174	183	225	230	90	86
IND.....	1,039	1,017	189	191	252	243	95	95
ILL.....	1,008	1,030	196	183	246	241	108	114
MICH.....	1,072	1,069	168	165	235	237	104	97
WISC.....	1,129	1,161	128	141	230	233	106	101
MINN.....	1,066	1,107	186	199	235	243	108	114
IOWA.....	1,027	1,083	155	160	233	238	107	109
MO.....	1,012	1,041	262	259	238	240	109	103
N.DAK.....	1,075	1,110	---	---	235	238	105	101
S.DAK.....	1,038	1,088	---	400	246	249	111	112
NEBR.....	1,034	1,079	385	384	238	242	110	108
KANS.....	1,020	1,070	---	333	240	248	100	101
DEL.-MD..	1,085	1,086	196	231	211	220	92	101
VA.....	1,030	1,052	258	283	226	228	101	103
W.VA.....	1,023	1,037	226	228	249	268	94	100
N.C.....	996	1,016	203	266	225	226	100	---
S.C.....	823	857	392	420	247	232	---	---
GA.....	865	891	426	406	215	225	---	---
FLA.....	946	979	345	318	186	200	59	67
KY.....	949	983	211	229	231	243	110	113
TENN.....	965	1,002	278	299	234	240	104	104
ALA.....	885	899	464	478	224	231	---	---
MISS.....	872	881	539	557	226	234	---	---
ARK.....	909	919	526	527	240	245	---	---
LA.....	816	846	489	509	216	216	88	80
OKLA.....	946	970	499	490	242	248	91	107
TEXAS....	887	903	519	550	237	241	98	101
MONT.....	1,032	1,051	---	---	231	235	---	100
IDAHO....	1,032	1,073	340	330	219	220	103	113
WYO.....	996	1,009	---	---	230	232	129	120
COLO.....	1,050	1,096	311	356	227	236	115	117
N.MEX....	965	1,000	---	---	233	239	109	110
ARIZ.....	1,020	1,022	501	488	233	231	100	109
UTAH.....	1,008	1,064	377	408	229	230	107	108
NEV.....	979	1,001	387	400	211	216	100	100
WASH.....	1,026	1,074	324	374	224	232	116	116
OREG.....	1,008	1,054	320	334	223	223	109	110
CALIF....	1,004	1,037	318	329	234	238	107	107
48 STATES	1,015	1,048	213	228	233	237	106	108
HAWAII....	918	937	---	---	175	181	---	---
U. S.....	1,014	1,048	213	228	233	237	106	108

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE APRIL 1, 1969: Between April 1, 1969 and March 31, 1970, 60 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. During March 1970 these plants slaughtered 105,000 cattle, 4,100 calves, 169,000 hogs, and 1,600 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since April 1, 1969 slaughtered about 43,000 cattle, 5,400 calves, 95,000 hogs, and 10,900 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 1970, compared with March 1969 is as follows: Cattle, 87.6 and 86.3 percent; calves, 76.1 and 77.8 percent; hogs, 91.3 and 90.5 percent; sheep and lambs, 94.3 and 94.3 percent.

March 1970 included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays compared with 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays in March 1969.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
 48 States, March 1970, with comparisons 1/

Species	Mar. : 1969	Feb. : 1970	Mar. : 1970	Jan.- : Mar. 1970	Mar. : 1969	Feb. : 1970	Mar. : 1970	Jan.- : Mar. 1970
	1,000 head				Percent of total			
CATTLE:								
Steers	1,277	1,258	1,350	4,022	52.7	54.3	54.5	54.0
Heifers	652	624	674	1,996	26.9	26.9	27.2	26.8
Cows	458	401	416	1,318	18.9	17.3	16.8	17.7
Bulls & stags	36	35	37	112	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total	2,423	2,318	2,477	7,448	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	213	182	209	620	8.8	7.9	8.4	8.3
HOGS:								
Sows	313	259	262	833	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.6
Barrows & gilts	6,455	5,205	6,113	17,134	94.7	94.5	95.3	94.7
Stags and boars	48	43	40	125	.7	.8	.6	.7
Total	6,816	5,507	6,415	18,092	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:								
Lambs and yearlings ..	782	709	827	2,364	96.0	95.6	96.3	96.3
Sheep	33	33	32	92	4.0	4.4	3.7	3.7
Total	815	742	859	2,456	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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