

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER



JANUARY 1971

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1970: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,176 million pounds in January 1971, up 5 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. There was one less weekday in January 1971 than in 1970. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1970: Beef production in January 1971 was 1,814 million pounds, 3 percent less than January 1970. The number of cattle slaughtered was down 4 percent and average live weight was 7 pounds lighter than a year earlier.

JANUARY VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 44 million pounds of veal produced in January 1971, down 12 percent from January 1970. Calves slaughtered were down 17 percent from January 1970, but average live weight increased 11 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 21 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1970: Pork production in January totaled 1,268 million pounds, up 21 percent from a year earlier. The number of hogs slaughtered was up 21 percent. Live weight per head at 238 pounds was 3 pounds lighter than a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 9.0 pounds, compared with 9.4 pounds in January 1970.

LAMB AND MUTTON UP 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 50 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January 1971, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 936,400 head, up 4 percent from January 1970. Average live weight at 107 pounds was the same as a year earlier.

JANUARY POULTRY PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY FROM 1970: Production of poultry meat in January 1971 totaled 762 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This is slightly above a year earlier but 10 percent less than December 1970.

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

Kind	January 1970	December 1970	January 1971	January 1971 as % of	
				January 1970	December 1970
	Million pounds			Percent	
Beef	1,872	1,854	1,814	97	98
Veal	50	44	44	88	100
Pork 2/	1,050	1,371	1,268	121	92
Lamb & Mutton	47	46	50	106	109
Total Red Meat	3,019	3,315	3,176	105	96
Poultry 3/	761	845	762	100	90
Lard 4/	154	190	177	115	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, January, with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	January 1970	December 1970	January 1971	January 1971 as % of	
					January 1970	December 1970
		Million pounds			Percent	
CATTLE						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,652.9	2,611.4	2,569.4	97	98
Other	thou.	380.0	359.3	348.4	92	97
Total	thou.	3,032.9	2,970.7	2,917.8	96	98
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	1,053	1,050	1,046	99	100
Total	mil. lb.	3,193	3,119	3,053	96	98
CALVES						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	290.2	275.8	246.8	85	89
Other	thou.	98.4	76.7	75.1	76	98
Total	thou.	388.6	352.5	321.9	83	91
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	230	223	241	105	108
Total	mil. lb.	89	78	77	87	99
HOGS						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,170.0	7,990.4	7,489.4	121	94
Other	thou.	654.4	828.4	767.7	117	93
Total	thou.	6,824.4	8,818.8	8,257.1	121	94
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	241	242	238	99	98
Total	mil. lb.	1,643	2,130	1,966	120	92
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	855.4	846.8	903.0	106	107
Other	thou.	40.8	40.4	33.4	82	83
Total	thou.	896.2	887.2	936.4	104	106
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	107	105	107	100	102
Total	mil. lb.	96	93	100	104	108

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

CATTLE AND CALVES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1970 and 1971

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	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..	15.4	14.9	16,683	16,239	18.5	18.1	1,921	1,943
N.Y.....	34.0	30.5	37,706	34,221	61.0	52.0	7,015	5,564
N.J.....	29.0	28.5	36,366	36,594	33.5	28.0	8,107	7,448
PA.....	69.0	54.5	78,315	63,002	37.0	29.0	4,773	3,973
OHIO.....	92.0	93.5	96,232	98,175	5.3	4.6	1,018	888
IND.....	53.5	53.5	55,586	55,266	4.4	3.6	845	738
ILL.....	117.0	115.0	121,329	119,255	18.6	16.0	3,311	2,656
MICH.....	54.0	54.0	59,022	58,158	13.8	11.0	2,305	1,859
WISC.....	110.0	90.5	127,930	103,080	41.0	33.0	5,371	4,455
MINN.....	150.0	141.0	166,200	155,805	4.7	.8	667	148
IOWA.....	343.0	384.0	378,329	412,032	25.0	21.6	4,000	3,672
MO.....	120.0	68.5	124,440	71,034	1.3	1.1	333	307
N.DAV'....	16.0	18.9	17,488	20,525	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	65.0	50.0	70,655	53,750	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	372.0	383.0	402,876	418,236	.7	.3	267	108
KANS.....	169.0	194.0	181,337	207,192	.1	---	35	---
DEL.-MD..	7.6	8.6	7,906	9,240	1.7	1.7	439	393
VA.....	17.5	12.0	18,532	12,552	12.5	9.8	3,488	2,881
W.VA.....	5.1	5.0	5,375	5,185	.2	.2	44	45
N.C.....	14.0	13.3	14,014	12,968	.5	.6	121	176
S.C.....	6.6	6.1	5,379	5,045	10.0	10.7	4,230	4,901
GA.....	26.5	22.3	24,512	20,092	1.6	1.5	627	582
FLA.....	32.0	35.5	31,392	34,826	16.5	8.9	4,950	2,563
KY.....	21.7	22.6	21,288	21,945	.2	.2	49	48
TENN.....	46.5	45.0	46,546	45,045	7.6	9.8	2,257	3,332
ALA.....	17.4	8.3	15,573	7,130	1.1	.2	522	88
MISS.....	24.9	22.5	22,136	19,598	6.1	5.7	3,282	3,226
ARK.....	14.6	14.2	13,359	12,965	1.1	.6	588	305
LA.....	11.4	12.8	9,405	11,366	18.4	15.7	8,574	8,195
OKLA.....	58.5	52.5	56,686	51,082	1.1	.4	554	198
TEXAS....	255.0	276.0	234,090	251,436	23.6	19.9	11,989	11,303
MONT.....	19.1	11.7	20,361	12,086	.1	---	38	---
IDAHO....	35.0	32.5	37,135	35,035	---	---	---	---
WYO.....	2.2	1.7	2,220	1,686	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	167.0	141.0	177,187	145,089	.2	.1	59	36
N.MEX....	29.0	30.0	29,232	29,700	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	45.0	43.0	45,810	43,473	.2	.2	99	101
UTAH.....	23.3	22.0	24,465	23,298	.3	.3	116	114
NEV.....	2.1	1.9	2,125	1,908	.1	.1	36	40
WASH.....	47.0	45.0	50,290	48,600	.9	.7	299	225
OREG.....	32.0	25.0	34,496	26,100	.8	.8	282	272
CALIF....	263.0	233.0	272,731	243,019	18.9	14.7	6,596	4,704
48 STATES	3,032.9	2,917.8	3,192,739	3,053,033	388.6	321.9	89,207	77,487
HAWAII	5.3	5.0	5,199	4,935	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	3,038.2	2,922.8	3,197,938	3,057,968	388.6	321.9	89,207	77,487

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HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1970 AND 1971

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970,	1971
	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..	9.3	7.2	2,263	2,007	1.1	.8	94	73
N.Y.....	85.0	89.5	19,550	20,854	5.0	5.1	535	525
N.J.....	35.0	46.5	6,545	9,579	70.0	70.5	7,070	7,120
PA.....	310.0	362.0	71,300	81,088	8.7	8.9	826	837
OHIO.....	366.0	404.0	83,082	90,496	5.1	5.4	495	545
IND.....	322.0	416.0	79,534	105,248	.9	.7	87	76
ILL.....	436.0	489.0	108,128	119,316	72.0	60.0	7,848	6,600
MICH.....	210.0	295.0	48,090	69,915	30.5	31.5	2,958	3,182
WISC.....	244.0	358.0	57,828	85,204	.7	.2	69	20
MINN.....	430.0	520.0	105,780	126,360	52.0	29.0	3,772	3,103
IOWA.....	1,691.0	2,147.0	414,295	521,721	43.5	40.0	4,568	4,200
MO.....	242.0	203.0	59,290	49,532	21.1	8.1	2,237	826
N.DAK.....	2.6	3.7	601	836	.1	---	11	---
S.DAK.....	198.0	245.0	51,084	61,495	35.5	41.0	3,940	4,387
NEBP.....	191.0	229.0	49,851	56,563	75.5	97.5	8,078	10,335
KANS.....	155.0	196.0	39,525	47,824	.5	.2	30	22
DEL.-MD..	43.3	55.2	9,710	11,972	3.9	3.9	402	394
VA.....	284.0	274.0	65,604	62,198	.1	.1	10	10
W.VA.....	6.7	8.7	1,829	2,140	.3	.2	30	20
N.C.....	159.0	184.0	35,775	39,560	---	---	---	---
S.C.....	27.5	43.0	6,628	10,105	---	---	---	---
GA.....	155.0	193.0	34,720	43,232	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	48.5	61.0	9,652	11,956	---	---	---	---
KY.....	145.0	195.0	34,510	46,020	15.7	20.9	1,601	2,236
TENN.....	236.0	269.0	58,528	64,829	1.6	2.1	163	210
ALA.....	76.5	77.5	17,518	18,368	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	93.0	113.0	21,390	25,086	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	32.5	43.5	7,962	10,179	---	---	---	---
LA.....	16.9	20.3	3,667	4,344	.2	.2	14	16
OKLA.....	58.0	93.5	14,964	23,749	.1	.2	9	19
TEXAS.....	171.0	197.0	42,408	47,477	83.5	128.0	8,350	12,928
MONT.....	26.5	36.0	6,280	8,172	.1	.2	11	21
IDAHO.....	9.9	13.9	2,218	3,072	.6	.7	66	71
WYO.....	2.3	2.1	543	481	.2	.2	24	21
COLO.....	74.0	91.5	17,538	21,228	133.0	132.0	15,029	15,048
N.MEX.....	9.5	10.1	2,176	2,303	4.6	7.7	501	862
ARIZ.....	15.4	19.0	3,604	4,408	---	.1	---	12
UTAH.....	10.6	8.2	2,491	1,755	83.5	69.5	9,102	7,298
NEV.....	.2	.3	43	62	.1	.2	10	20
WASH.....	51.5	78.5	12,154	18,055	12.4	21.8	1,401	2,463
OREG.....	16.7	19.9	3,808	4,597	7.3	8.5	818	910
CALIF.....	128.0	139.0	30,720	32,526	127.0	141.0	14,097	15,651
48 STATES	6,824.4	8,257.1	1,643,186	1,965,912	896.2	936.4	96,256	100,061
HAWAII...	3.5	3.4	620	629	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	6,827.9	8,260.5	1,643,806	1,966,541	896.2	936.4	96,256	100,061

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1970. AND 1971- 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,083	1,090	104	107	243	279	85	91
N.Y.....	1,109	1,122	115	107	230	233	107	103
N.J.....	1,254	1,284	242	266	187	206	101	101
PA.....	1,135	1,156	129	137	230	224	95	94
OHIO.....	1,046	1,050	192	193	227	224	97	101
IND.....	1,039	1,033	192	205	247	253	97	109
ILL.....	1,037	1,037	178	166	248	244	109	110
MICH.....	1,093	1,077	167	169	229	237	97	101
WISC.....	1,163	1,139	131	135	237	238	99	100
MINN.....	1,108	1,105	142	185	246	243	111	107
IOWA.....	1,103	1,073	160	170	245	243	105	105
MO.....	1,037	1,037	256	279	245	244	106	102
N.DAK....	1,093	1,086	---	---	231	226	110	---
S.DAK....	1,087	1,075	---	---	258	251	111	107
NEBR.....	1,083	1,092	381	361	261	247	107	106
KANS.....	1,073	1,068	350	---	255	244	100	110
DEL.-MD..	1,040	1,074	258	231	224	217	103	101
VA.....	1,059	1,046	279	294	231	227	100	101
W.VA.....	1,054	1,037	218	225	273	246	100	100
N.C.....	1,001	975	242	294	225	215	---	---
S.C.....	815	827	423	458	241	235	---	---
GA.....	925	901	392	388	224	224	---	---
FLA.....	981	981	300	288	199	196	---	---
KY.....	981	971	247	240	238	236	102	107
TENN.....	1,001	1,001	297	340	248	241	102	100
ALA.....	895	859	475	438	229	237	---	---
MISS.....	889	871	538	566	230	222	---	---
ARK.....	915	913	535	508	245	234	---	---
LA.....	825	888	466	522	217	214	72	79
OKLA.....	969	973	504	495	258	254	88	94
TEXAS....	918	911	508	568	248	241	100	101
MONT.....	1,066	1,033	378	---	237	227	108	105
IDAHO....	1,061	1,078	---	---	224	221	110	102
WYO.....	1,009	992	---	---	236	229	118	106
COLO.....	1,061	1,029	294	363	237	232	113	114
N.MEX....	1,008	990	---	---	229	228	109	112
ARIZ.....	1,018	1,011	497	507	234	232	---	125
UTAH.....	1,050	1,059	386	379	235	214	109	105
NEV.....	1,012	1,004	358	400	214	206	100	100
WASH.....	1,070	1,080	332	322	236	230	113	113
OREG.....	1,078	1,044	352	340	228	231	112	107
CALIF....	1,037	1,043	349	320	240	234	111	111
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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 1970: Between February 1, 1970 and January 31, 1971, a total of 96 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In January, these plants slaughtered 93,900 cattle, 7,200 calves, 94,200 hogs, and 1,800 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since February 1, 1970 slaughtered about 133,000 cattle, 7,000 calves, 137,000 hogs, and 44,100 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 January 1971, compared with January 1970 is as follows: cattle 88.1 percent and 87.5 percent; calves 76.7 and 74.7 percent; hogs 90.7 and 90.4 percent; sheep and lambs 96.4 and 95.4 percent.

The number of slaughter days during January, excluding the New Year's holiday, included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays in 1971, and 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays in 1970.

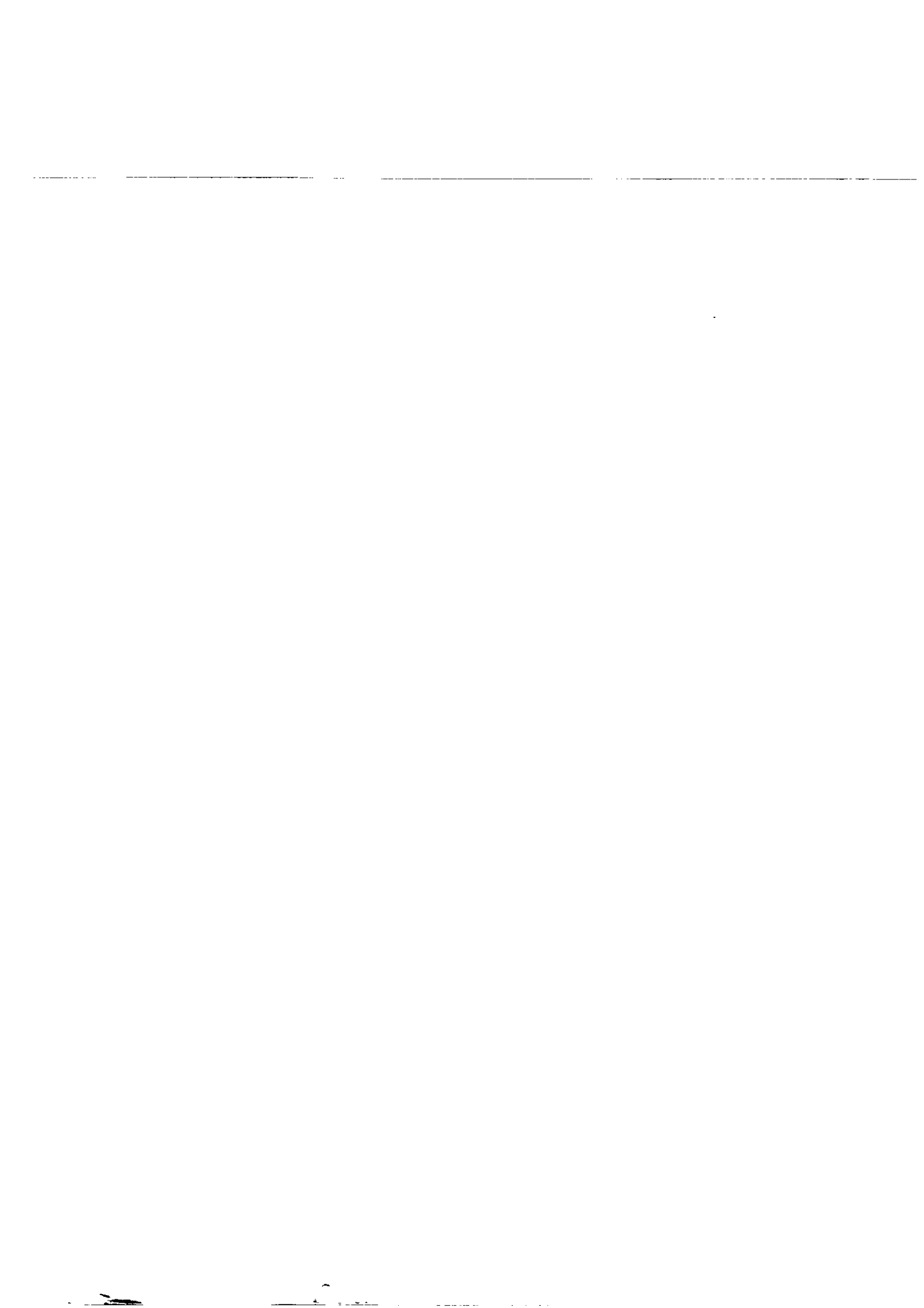
Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under Federal Inspection
48 States, January, with comparisons 1/

Species	: January : : 1970 :	: December: : 1970 :	: January: : 1971 :	: January : : 1970 :	: December: : 1970 :	: January : 1971
	1,000 head			Percent of total		
CATTLE:						
Steers	1,414	1,414	1,388	53.3	54.2	54.0
Heifers	698	687	686	26.3	26.3	26.7
Cows	501	471	456	18.9	18.0	17.8
Bulls & stags	40	39	39	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total	2,653	2,611	2,569	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	229	231	226	8.6	8.8	8.8
HOGS:						
Sows	312	506	420	5.0	6.3	5.6
Barrows & gilts	5,816	7,432	7,019	94.3	93.0	93.7
Stags & boars	42	52	50	.7	.7	.7
Total	6,170	7,990	7,489	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:						
Lambs & yearlings	828	798	870	96.8	94.2	96.3
Sheep	27	49	33	3.2	5.8	3.7
Total	855	847	903	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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