

livestock slaughter



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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1971: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,989 million pounds in January 1972, down 6 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 DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1971: Beef production was 1,792 million pounds, 1 percent less than January 1971. The number of cattle slaughtered was down 1 percent, but the average live weight was 2 pounds above last year.

JANUARY VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 40 million pounds of veal produced in January 1972, down 9 percent from January 1971. Total calf slaughter showed a decline of 10 percent from January 1971, while the average live weight increased 5 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION 12 PERCENT BELOW JANUARY 1971: Pork production in January totaled 1,110 million pounds, down 12 percent from a year earlier. The number of hogs slaughtered was down 15 percent. Live weight per head at 238 pounds is the same as last year but 4 pounds less than last month. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 7.6 pounds, compared with 9.0 pounds in January 1971.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 47 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January 1972, a decrease of 6 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 880,800 head, down 6 percent from January 1971. Average live weight at 107 pounds was the same as a year earlier.

JANUARY POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM 1971: Production of poultry meat in January 1972 totaled 825 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This is 8 percent above a year earlier, but 5 percent less than December 1971.

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

Kind	January 1971	December 1971	January 1972	Jan. 1972 as % of	
				Jan. 1971	Dec. 1971
Percent					
Beef	1,814	1,767	1,792	99	101
Veal	44	40	40	91	100
Pork 2/	1,268	1,307	1,110	88	85
Lamb & Mutton	50	46	47	94	102
Total Red Meat	3,176	3,160	2,989	94	95
Poultry 3/	762	870	825	108	95
Lard 4/	177	162	127	72	78

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 3/ Chicken and turkey meat ready-to-cook basis, exclude slaughter on farms. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: 48 States, January with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	January 1971	December 1971	January 1972	Jan. 1972 as % of	
					Jan. 1971	Dec. 1971
Percent						
CATTLE						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,569.4	2,528.3	2,555.8	99	101
Other	thou.	348.4	340.5	332.6	95	98
Total	thou.	2,917.8	2,868.8	2,888.4	99	101
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	1,046	1,049	1,048	100	100
Total	mil. lb.	3,053	3,010	3,026	99	101
CALVES						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	246.8	238.1	225.9	92	95
Other	thou.	75.1	63.6	63.3	84	100
Total	thou.	321.9	301.7	289.2	90	96
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	241	236	246	102	104
Total	mil. lb.	77	71	71	92	100
HOGS						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	7,489.4	7,547.2	6,395.3	85	85
Other	thou.	767.7	719.1	622.0	81	86
Total	thou.	8,257.1	8,266.3	7,017.3	85	85
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	238	242	238	100	98
Total	mil. lb.	1,966	1,998	1,670	85	84
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	903.0	845.7	846.8	94	100
Other	thou.	33.4	39.8	34.0	102	85
Total	thou.	936.4	885.5	880.8	94	99
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	107	106	107	100	101
Total	mil. lb.	100	94	94	94	100

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

CATTLE AND CALVES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1971 and 1972

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	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..	14.9	14.6	16,239	16,241	18.1	16.9	1,943	1,864
N.Y.....	30.5	26.0	34,221	29,874	52.0	52.0	5,564	5,408
N.J.....	28.5	20.1	36,594	25,728	28.0	28.5	7,448	8,265
PA.....	54.5	55.0	63,002	61,985	29.0	24.5	3,973	3,430
OHIO.....	93.5	91.5	98,175	96,624	4.6	4.3	888	886
IND.....	53.5	40.0	55,266	41,040	3.6	3.7	738	788
ILL.....	115.0	114.0	119,255	119,928	16.0	7.1	2,656	1,555
MICH.....	54.0	51.5	58,158	55,414	11.0	9.8	1,859	1,627
WISC.....	90.5	91.0	103,080	104,468	33.0	28.0	4,455	4,172
MINN.....	141.0	122.0	155,805	135,664	.8	.5	148	100
IOWA.....	384.0	374.0	412,032	395,318	21.6	19.9	3,672	3,582
MO.....	68.5	80.5	71,034	82,915	1.1	1.5	307	440
N.DAK.....	18.9	15.9	20,525	18,094	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	50.0	49.5	53,750	52,371	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	383.0	372.0	418,236	400,272	.3	.5	108	180
KANS.....	194.0	199.0	207,192	216,512	---	---	---	---
DEL.-MD..	8.6	9.5	9,240	10,242	1.7	1.5	393	360
VA.....	12.0	11.4	12,552	11,970	9.8	9.4	2,881	2,745
W.VA.....	5.0	4.9	5,185	4,978	.2	.1	45	23
N.C.....	3.3	12.4	12,968	11,854	.6	1.5	176	362
S.C.....	6.1	5.8	5,045	4,843	10.7	10.0	4,901	4,890
GA.....	22.3	21.3	20,092	19,511	1.5	1.5	582	668
FLA.....	35.5	32.0	34,826	31,328	8.9	9.2	2,563	2,815
KY.....	22.6	17.5	21,945	16,520	.2	.2	48	50
TENN.....	45.0	41.0	45,045	41,164	9.8	9.8	3,332	3,293
ALA.....	8.3	7.8	7,130	6,950	.2	.4	88	192
MISS.....	22.5	16.9	19,598	14,568	5.7	3.8	3,226	2,196
ARK.....	14.2	13.8	12,965	12,834	.6	.3	305	153
LA.....	12.8	15.8	11,366	14,978	15.7	14.5	8,195	7,612
OKLA.....	52.5	48.0	51,082	46,848	.4	.3	198	135
TEXAS.....	276.0	264.0	251,436	243,672	19.9	15.2	11,303	8,573
MONT.....	11.7	16.5	12,086	17,606	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	32.5	33.5	35,035	35,979	---	.1	---	36
WYO.....	1.7	1.5	1,686	1,526	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	141.0	195.0	145,089	208,455	.1	---	36	---
N.MEX.....	30.0	32.0	29,700	31,456	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	43.0	44.0	43,473	42,988	.2	.2	101	99
UTAH.....	22.0	23.2	23,298	25,079	.3	.2	114	81
NEV.....	1.9	2.0	1,908	2,008	.1	.1	40	39
WASH.....	45.0	49.5	48,600	54,945	.7	.8	225	269
OREG.....	25.0	25.5	26,100	27,387	.8	.7	272	269
CALIF.....	233.0	227.0	243,019	234,264	14.7	12.2	4,704	3,989
48 STATES	2,917.8	2,888.4	3,053,033	3,026,401	321.9	289.2	77,487	71,146
HAWAII...	5.0	6.0	4,935	5,550	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	2,922.8	2,894.4	3,057,968	3,031,951	321.9	289.2	77,487	71,146

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED AND OTHER SLAUGHTER PLANTS. EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS.

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

HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1971 AND 1972

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	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..	7.2	7.3	2,007	1,835	.8	1.0	73	85
N.Y.....	89.5	83.0	20,854	19,173	5.1	4.6	525	469
N.J.....	46.5	37.5	9,579	7,575	70.5	69.0	7,120	6,900
PA.....	362.0	358.0	81,088	80,192	8.9	10.2	937	1,000
OHIO.....	404.0	362.0	90,496	81,088	5.4	5.9	545	590
IND.....	416.0	310.0	105,248	79,050	.7	1.8	76	158
ILL.....	489.0	487.0	119,316	120,776	60.0	38.5	6,600	4,158
MICH.....	295.0	309.0	69,915	75,087	31.5	33.5	3,182	3,584
WISC.....	358.0	272.0	85,204	63,920	.2	.2	20	21
MINN.....	520.0	423.0	126,360	102,789	29.0	27.0	3,103	2,862
ILWA.....	2,147.0	1,667.0	521,721	400,080	40.0	43.5	4,200	4,568
MO.....	203.0	165.0	49,532	39,600	8.1	1.4	826	144
N.DAK.....	3.7	2.6	836	585	---	.1	---	10
S.DAK.....	245.0	190.0	61,495	46,930	41.0	35.0	4,387	3,710
NEBR.....	229.0	171.0	56,563	42,921	97.5	78.5	10,335	8,321
KANS.....	196.0	173.0	47,824	42,558	.2	.3	22	33
DEL.-MD..	55.2	45.9	11,972	10,130	3.9	4.9	394	510
VA.....	274.0	257.0	62,193	59,881	.1	.1	10	9
W.VA.....	8.7	7.5	2,140	1,792	.2	.2	20	21
N.C.....	184.0	163.0	39,560	36,186	---	---	---	---
S.C.....	43.0	41.0	10,105	10,086	---	---	---	---
GA.....	193.0	178.0	43,232	38,982	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	61.0	54.5	11,956	10,900	---	---	---	---
KY.....	195.0	155.0	46,020	39,525	20.9	16.5	2,236	1,749
TENN.....	269.0	251.0	64,829	59,236	2.1	9.2	210	938
ALA.....	77.5	82.5	18,368	19,718	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	113.0	72.0	25,086	15,912	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	43.5	43.5	10,179	10,614	---	---	---	---
LA.....	20.3	20.5	4,344	4,612	.2	.1	16	9
OKLA.....	93.5	73.0	23,749	19,199	.2	.1	19	10
TEXAS.....	197.0	180.0	47,477	43,560	128.0	101.0	12,928	10,100
MDNT.....	36.0	32.5	8,172	7,605	.2	.2	21	20
IDAHO.....	13.9	11.0	3,072	2,453	.7	.9	71	104
WYO.....	2.1	2.0	481	464	.2	.2	21	27
COLOR.....	91.5	87.5	21,228	20,388	132.0	175.0	15,048	19,600
N.MEX.....	10.1	10.2	2,303	2,397	7.7	7.5	862	818
ARIZ.....	19.0	16.2	4,408	3,694	.1	---	12	---
UTAH.....	8.2	8.7	1,755	1,853	69.5	50.0	7,298	5,550
NEV.....	.3	.4	62	90	.2	.2	20	21
WASH.....	78.5	62.5	18,055	14,625	21.8	18.1	2,463	2,045
OREG.....	19.9	19.5	4,597	4,504	8.5	6.1	910	659
CALIF.....	139.0	125.0	32,526	27,500	141.0	140.0	15,651	15,540
48 STATES	8,257.1	7,017.3	1,965,912	1,670,065	936.4	880.8	100,061	94,343
HAWAII...	3.4	3.7	629	536	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	8,260.5	7,021.0	1,966,541	1,670,601	936.4	880.8	100,061	94,343

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1971 AND 1972 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,090	1,112	107	110	279	251	91	85
N.Y.....	1,122	1,149	107	104	233	231	103	102
N.J.....	1,284	1,280	266	290	206	202	101	100
PA.....	1,156	1,127	137	140	224	224	94	98
OHIO.....	1,050	1,056	193	206	224	224	101	100
IND.....	1,033	1,026	205	213	253	255	109	88
ILL.....	1,037	1,052	166	219	244	248	110	108
MICH.....	1,077	1,076	169	166	237	243	101	107
WISC.....	1,139	1,148	135	149	238	235	100	106
MINN.....	1,105	1,112	185	199	243	243	107	106
IOWA.....	1,073	1,057	170	180	243	240	105	105
MO.....	1,037	1,030	279	293	244	240	102	103
N.DAK.....	1,086	1,138	---	---	226	225	---	100
S.DAK.....	1,075	1,058	---	---	251	247	107	106
NEBR.....	1,092	1,076	361	361	247	251	106	106
KANS.....	1,068	1,088	---	---	244	246	110	111
DEL.-MD..	1,074	1,078	231	240	217	221	101	104
VA.....	1,046	1,050	294	292	227	233	101	92
W.VA.....	1,037	1,016	225	229	246	239	100	105
N.C.....	975	956	294	241	215	222	---	---
S.C.....	827	835	458	489	235	246	---	---
GA.....	901	916	388	445	224	219	---	---
FLA.....	981	979	288	306	196	200	---	---
KY.....	971	944	240	250	236	255	107	106
TENN.....	1,001	1,004	340	336	241	236	100	102
ALA.....	859	891	438	480	237	239	---	---
MISS.....	871	862	566	578	222	221	---	---
ARK.....	913	930	508	511	234	244	---	---
LA.....	888	948	522	525	214	225	79	92
OKLA.....	973	976	495	450	254	263	94	100
TEXAS....	911	923	568	564	241	242	101	100
MONT.....	1,033	1,067	---	---	227	234	105	100
IDAHO....	1,078	1,074	---	358	221	223	102	116
WYO.....	992	1,017	---	---	229	232	106	133
COLD.....	1,029	1,069	363	---	232	233	114	112
N.MEX....	990	983	---	---	228	235	112	109
ARIZ.....	1,011	977	507	494	232	228	125	---
UTAH.....	1,059	1,081	379	406	214	213	105	111
NEV.....	1,004	1,004	400	390	206	226	100	104
WASH.....	1,080	1,110	322	336	230	234	113	113
OREG.....	1,044	1,074	340	384	231	231	107	108
CALIF....	1,043	1,032	320	327	234	220	111	111
48 STATES	1,046	1,048	241	246	238	238	107	107
HAWAII...	987	925	---	---	185	145	---	---
U. S.....	1,046	1,048	241	246	238	238	107	107

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 1971: Between February 1, 1971 and January 31, 1972, a total of 230 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In January, these plants slaughtered 118,305 cattle, 2,338 calves, 121,075 hogs, and 46,242 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since February 1, 1971 slaughtered about 75,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 141,000 hogs, and 47,000 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 1972, compared with January 1971 is as follows: cattle 88.5 and 88.1 percent; calves 78.1 and 76.7 percent; hogs 91.1 and 90.7 percent; sheep and lambs 96.1 and 96.4 percent.

January 1972 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, excluding January 1 which fell on Saturday, while January 1971 included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, excluding January 1 which fell on Friday.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
48 States, January 1972 with comparisons 1/

Species	Jan. 1971	Dec. 1971	Jan. 1972	Jan. 1971	Dec. 1971	Jan. 1972
	1,000 head			Percent of total		
CATTLE:						
Steers	1,388	1,372	1,407	54.0	54.3	55.1
Heifers	686	628	647	26.7	24.8	25.3
Cows	456	486	460	17.8	19.2	18.0
Bulls & stags	39	42	42	1.5	1.7	1.6
Total	2,569	2,528	2,556	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	219	229	227	8.8	9.1	8.9
HOGS:						
Sows	420	524	343	5.6	6.9	5.4
Barrows & gilts	7,019	6,963	6,002	93.7	92.3	93.8
Stags & boars	50	60	50	.7	.8	.8
Total	7,489	7,547	6,395	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:						
Lambs & yearlings	870	*791	811	96.3	*93.5	95.7
Sheep	33	*55	36	3.7	*6.5	4.3
Total	903	846	847	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Species totals and cattle classes of steers, heifers, cows, and bulls reported by Meat Inspectors, FOD, C&MS. Canners and cutters and classification of hogs and sheep based on packer reports. 2/ Included in cattle classification. * Revised.

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