

livestock slaughter



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MAY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM 1971: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,174 million pounds in May, 5 percent above 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 10 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production was 1,936 million pounds, 10 percent more than the 1,761 million pounds produced in May 1971. Cattle killed totaled 3,118,700 head, an increase of 9 percent from the 2,873,200 head slaughtered a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,033 pounds, 4 pounds more than May 1971, but 8 pounds below April 1972.

VEAL OUTPUT TOTALS 35 MILLION POUNDS: There were 35 million pounds of veal produced during May, down 17 percent from the 42 million pounds produced in May 1971. Calf slaughter was 16 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 266 pounds, 1 pound less than May 1971.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 1,159 million pounds, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7,318,800 head, down 3 percent from May 1971. Live weight per head was unchanged from last year but 3 pounds above last month's level. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 8.3 pounds, compared with 8.5 in May 1971.

LAMB AND MUTTON UP 7 PERCENT FROM MAY 1971: There were 44 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in May, 7 percent more than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 835,500 head, up 3 percent. Average live weight was 107 pounds, 2 pounds more than a year earlier but the same as last month.

POULTRY PRODUCTION 19 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR AGO: Production of poultry meat totaled 893 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 144 million more than in May 1971.

Commercial Meat and Lard Production: 48 States, May 1972 with comparisons 1/

Kind	May	April	May	May 1972 as % of		January-May 5/		1972 as % of 1971
	1971	1972	1972	May 1971	Apr. 1972	1971	1972	
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,761	1,709	1,936	110	113	8,831	9,019	102
Veal	42	33	35	83	106	218	186	85
Pork 2/	1,188	1,138	1,159	98	102	6,152	5,798	94
Lamb & Mutton	41	43	44	107	102	236	230	97
Total Red Meat	3,032	2,923	3,174	105	109	15,437	15,233	99
Poultry 3/	749	759	893	119	118	3,717	4,061	109
Lard 4/	154	139	146	95	105	844	685	81

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 1972 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	May	April	May	May 1972 as % of		January-May 2/		1972 as % of 1971
		1971	1972	1972	May 1971	Apr. 1972	1971	1972	
					Percent				Percent
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,536.2	2,471.2	2,806.9	111	114	12,629.9	12,988.4	103
Other	thou.	337.0	292.2	311.8	93	107	1,719.0	1,586.5	92
Total	thou.	2,873.2	2,763.4	3,118.7	109	113	14,348.9	14,574.9	102
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,029	1,041	1,033	100	99	1,038	1,042	100
Total	mil. lb.	2,958	2,876	3,220	109	112	14,889	15,182	102
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	203.1	185.2	178.6	88	96	1,233.5	1,062.0	86
Other	thou.	78.0	53.9	57.3	73	106	375.2	297.7	79
Total	thou.	281.1	239.1	235.9	84	99	1,608.7	1,359.7	85
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	267	249	266	100	107	242	245	101
Total	mil. lb.	75	59	63	84	107	389	333	86
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,932.2	6,732.5	6,787.5	98	101	36,859.9	33,989.4	92
Other	thou.	616.4	523.6	531.3	86	101	3,402.7	2,834.0	83
Total	thou.	7,548.6	7,256.1	7,318.8	97	101	40,262.6	36,823.4	91
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	241	238	241	100	101	237	238	100
Total	mil. lb.	1,820	1,724	1,764	97	102	9,546	8,750	92
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	772.4	785.6	802.8	104	102	4,300.1	4,138.8	96
Other	thou.	35.3	35.9	32.7	93	91	184.7	178.8	97
Total	thou.	807.7	821.5	835.5	103	102	4,484.8	4,317.6	96
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	105	107	107	102	100	106	107	101
Total	mil. lb.	85	88	89	105	101	476	464	97

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	
	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..	13.1	12.3	14,317	13,517	70.0	64.1	76,867	71,131
N.Y.....	26.5	29.0	30,184	33,147	144.0	132.4	163,548	151,337
N.J.....	25.5	21.3	32,436	27,264	135.2	101.2	172,714	129,474
PA.....	56.5	54.5	63,676	61,694	265.5	267.0	302,388	302,698
OHIO.....	87.5	91.0	90,562	91,910	447.5	442.0	463,924	459,319
IND.....	48.5	37.5	49,664	37,350	247.0	187.5	254,042	188,924
ILL.....	113.0	129.0	115,825	134,160	554.0	585.0	570,471	609,866
MICH.....	70.0	54.0	76,020	58,806	327.5	259.5	354,754	281,854
WISC.....	82.5	90.0	90,915	100,350	401.5	442.0	451,389	502,097
MINN.....	124.0	127.0	136,648	141,478	641.0	606.0	709,586	672,779
IOWA.....	331.0	424.0	355,825	446,048	1,684.0	1,905.0	1,801,104	2,008,414
MO.....	75.5	81.0	78,520	84,240	379.0	387.5	395,020	400,298
N.DAK....	14.8	16.0	16,324	17,424	82.0	77.7	90,274	88,082
S.DAK....	35.0	46.0	38,255	49,910	189.5	212.0	205,720	225,563
NEBR....	359.0	417.0	387,361	452,445	1,844.0	1,905.0	2,010,239	2,058,352
KANS.....	191.0	223.0	199,977	233,927	939.0	1,016.0	988,856	1,085,478
DEL.-MD..	8.2	7.7	8,787	8,354	43.0	42.7	45,947	46,206
VA.....	11.0	12.2	11,088	12,395	56.5	58.3	58,177	60,383
W.VA.....	4.5	4.3	4,635	4,601	22.7	22.0	23,684	23,040
N.C.....	13.0	12.8	12,389	12,544	65.3	62.1	64,178	60,033
S.C.....	6.5	6.6	5,395	5,683	31.0	29.3	25,852	24,322
GA.....	23.8	23.1	20,896	20,490	117.4	111.5	104,410	100,217
FLA.....	32.0	33.0	31,584	32,538	168.5	160.5	165,216	158,783
KY.....	14.4	16.5	13,464	15,890	98.2	80.4	93,791	77,373
TENN.....	45.5	45.5	43,544	44,772	228.0	208.5	223,468	207,637
ALA.....	9.8	7.7	8,359	6,845	45.0	38.3	38,744	33,786
MISS.....	26.0	24.6	21,632	21,008	115.6	105.9	99,557	91,090
ARK.....	15.4	13.5	13,783	12,393	73.0	65.2	66,654	60,700
LA.....	12.8	16.3	11,187	15,436	62.5	75.9	55,017	71,783
OKLA.....	56.5	52.0	53,392	47,996	263.5	244.5	253,091	236,169
TEXAS....	310.0	311.0	270,010	272,436	1,477.0	1,407.0	1,323,271	1,268,597
MONT.....	17.0	16.1	17,323	16,728	76.1	83.5	78,897	87,499
IDAHO....	32.0	35.0	33,888	37,870	159.0	163.5	169,693	176,035
WYO.....	1.7	1.9	1,717	1,902	8.0	8.1	7,974	8,158
COLO.....	190.0	207.0	202,730	221,283	903.0	1,002.0	939,107	1,064,439
N.MEX....	29.5	36.0	27,671	34,596	148.5	165.0	143,585	160,338
ARIZ.....	43.0	48.0	42,269	46,176	214.5	226.5	213,078	236,538
UTAH.....	21.6	22.5	22,421	24,998	108.5	111.9	114,153	123,723
NEV.....	2.3	2.3	2,302	2,266	10.7	11.2	10,833	11,184
WASH.....	45.5	48.5	48,184	51,507	225.5	245.5	242,698	267,816
OREG.....	24.8	25.0	25,222	26,425	126.2	122.7	130,927	130,461
CALIF....	223.0	237.0	227,237	239,370	1,151.0	1,133.0	1,185,850	1,159,779
48 STATES	2,873.2	3,118.7	2,957,618	3,220,172	14,348.9	14,574.9	14,888,748	15,181,755
HAWAII...	4.7	5.2	4,390	4,732	25.6	26.4	24,662	23,976
U. S.....	2,877.9	3,123.9	2,962,008	3,224,904	14,374.5	14,601.3	14,913,410	15,205,731

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

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	
	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..	15.1	14.2	1,690	1,589	100.1	94.5	10,713	9,868
N.Y.....	51.0	43.5	5,610	4,568	325.0	288.0	34,594	31,450
N.J.....	24.0	22.5	6,936	7,380	132.7	114.4	36,869	35,107
PA.....	27.0	18.8	4,293	3,008	141.9	113.9	19,682	16,515
OHIO.....	4.3	4.4	860	911	23.5	21.8	4,582	4,378
IND.....	3.1	3.3	648	683	18.0	17.9	3,633	3,725
ILL.....	9.5	6.4	1,767	1,318	73.3	34.2	12,893	7,129
MICH.....	8.5	7.9	1,590	1,477	51.5	43.6	8,514	7,610
WISC.....	18.6	17.1	2,920	3,061	127.4	116.8	18,131	18,767
MINN.....	.5	.4	114	81	3.2	2.4	608	468
IOWA.....	14.9	12.8	2,756	2,240	96.7	77.7	17,075	14,135
MO.....	1.2	1.2	284	349	6.0	6.7	1,611	1,952
N.DAK.....	.1	---	40	---	.1	.1	40	39
S.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	40	---
NEBR.....	.3	.4	112	142	1.5	2.1	542	745
KANS.....	---	.1	---	40	.5	.2	217	76
DEL.-MD..	1.5	1.4	337	340	8.4	7.0	1,946	1,707
VA.....	9.4	7.0	2,623	1,932	48.0	37.0	13,866	10,497
W.VA.....	.2	.1	42	21	1.0	.6	219	127
N.C.....	.4	.7	103	169	2.1	5.7	529	1,349
S.C.....	11.9	9.7	5,545	4,840	56.9	50.1	25,958	24,797
GA.....	1.3	1.7	550	775	6.7	9.2	2,741	4,077
FLA.....	7.7	7.4	2,310	1,399	39.5	40.1	12,049	8,449
KY.....	.2	.3	48	72	.9	1.3	214	328
TENN.....	10.2	9.3	3,325	3,050	47.6	45.3	16,105	15,117
ALA.....	.2	.4	79	172	1.0	1.7	422	719
MISS.....	5.3	3.7	3,143	2,142	27.9	19.2	16,397	11,147
ARK.....	.3	.2	156	96	2.0	1.3	1,025	687
LA.....	18.2	15.7	9,792	8,698	83.1	71.4	43,933	38,549
OKLA.....	.6	.3	268	146	3.0	1.6	1,424	742
TEXAS.....	21.8	13.2	12,426	7,775	99.9	69.5	56,146	40,382
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	40	---
IDAHO.....	---	---	---	---	.4	.2	145	72
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	21
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	.5	---	147	---
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.2	103	101	1.1	1.2	553	574
UTAH.....	.2	.1	86	44	1.4	1.0	571	409
NEV.....	.1	.1	36	35	.5	.5	189	187
WASH.....	.7	.6	229	194	3.8	3.8	1,249	1,251
OREG.....	.5	.6	164	221	3.3	2.8	1,082	1,018
CALIF.....	12.1	10.2	4,150	3,774	68.1	54.8	22,336	18,924
48 STATES	281.1	235.9	75,135	62,843	1,608.7	1,359.7	389,030	333,094
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	281.1	235.9	75,135	62,843	1,608.7	1,359.7	389,030	333,094

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	5.8	6.5	1,425	1,697	33.7	32.1	8,464	8,104
N.Y.....	81.0	83.0	18,954	19,505	434.0	417.5	100,277	96,597
N.J.....	43.0	35.0	8,901	6,965	226.0	173.0	46,552	34,306
PA.....	350.0	358.0	79,800	78,044	1,774.0	1,784.0	399,472	395,068
OHIO.....	368.0	346.0	82,800	78,196	1,973.0	1,789.0	441,532	404,900
IND.....	353.0	299.0	92,486	76,245	1,932.0	1,581.0	490,128	394,592
ILL.....	459.0	540.0	116,586	133,920	2,459.0	2,687.0	604,595	654,368
MICH.....	293.0	329.0	70,027	80,276	1,478.0	1,634.0	350,344	393,149
WISC.....	297.0	282.0	71,280	67,680	1,678.0	1,474.0	395,018	346,566
MINN.....	454.0	402.0	113,500	99,294	2,528.0	2,125.0	613,620	515,371
IOWA.....	1,934.0	1,791.0	473,830	44,168	10,302.0	8,998.0	2,471,908	2,170,526
MO.....	181.0	174.0	46,517	42,978	1,018.0	872.0	251,776	215,635
N.DAK....	2.3	2.0	518	458	15.1	12.3	3,400	2,806
S.DAK....	233.0	198.0	60,114	49,500	1,227.0	1,061.0	306,852	260,598
NEBR.....	224.0	226.0	56,448	55,822	1,169.0	1,068.0	287,402	261,773
KANS.....	190.0	193.0	47,310	47,671	985.0	927.0	240,538	227,979
DEL.-MD..	42.0	44.9	9,118	10,122	232.4	222.5	50,258	48,807
VA.....	275.0	286.0	62,975	66,352	1,413.0	1,366.0	320,198	317,412
W.VA.....	6.1	6.0	1,409	1,608	35.2	31.5	8,642	8,095
N.C.....	165.0	162.0	35,475	36,774	877.0	788.0	188,350	175,894
S.C.....	40.5	42.0	9,396	9,996	212.5	204.5	49,495	48,917
GA.....	178.0	179.0	38,448	38,664	950.0	891.0	209,875	196,546
FLA.....	56.5	48.0	11,582	9,792	294.5	258.5	59,253	52,520
KY.....	158.0	159.0	38,078	39,114	893.0	813.0	213,267	199,561
TENN.....	257.0	254.0	62,708	60,452	1,361.0	1,273.0	326,617	299,012
ALA.....	72.5	81.5	17,038	19,968	355.0	394.5	82,259	94,703
MISS.....	118.0	108.0	25,370	23,976	610.0	496.0	133,801	110,524
ARK.....	40.0	40.0	9,400	10,720	218.5	205.0	51,153	52,083
LA.....	18.6	18.1	3,962	4,054	95.6	89.2	20,027	19,535
OKLA.....	96.0	84.5	24,000	21,970	486.0	404.5	121,615	103,516
TEXAS....	175.0	160.0	41,300	38,880	970.0	848.0	229,075	202,041
MONT.....	35.5	31.5	8,520	7,528	174.5	164.5	40,601	38,589
IDAHO....	13.4	11.2	3,042	2,554	67.2	54.5	15,049	12,185
WYO.....	1.9	1.9	437	433	9.7	9.4	2,217	2,141
COLO.....	90.5	93.5	21,268	21,879	468.5	458.0	108,958	106,152
N.MEX....	9.4	10.0	2,237	2,340	48.7	49.6	11,395	11,566
ARIZ.....	17.6	15.5	4,171	3,642	96.1	79.5	22,456	18,422
UTAH.....	7.9	8.2	1,580	1,763	39.1	39.6	8,333	8,468
NEV.....	.4	.4	83	86	1.6	2.1	335	457
WASH.....	63.0	64.0	14,742	15,040	362.0	304.0	83,502	70,667
OREG.....	17.7	17.1	4,089	3,865	95.7	94.1	21,952	21,691
CALIF....	125.0	128.0	28,875	30,208	664.0	648.0	155,160	148,318
48 STATES	7,548.6	7,318.8	1,819,799	1,764,199	40,262.6	36,823.4	9,545,721	8,750,160
HAWAII...	3.9	4.4	749	832	18.9	21.0	3,555	3,886
U. S.....	7,552.5	7,323.2	1,820,548	1,765,031	40,281.5	36,844.4	9,549,276	8,754,046

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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	.9	56	71	5.4	6.7	452	552
N.Y.....	4.5	4.2	441	466	33.3	33.0	2,879	3,088
N.J.....	62.5	55.5	6,250	5,550	324.5	314.0	32,635	31,848
PA.....	8.4	10.0	781	930	50.0	50.7	4,645	4,856
OHIO.....	5.1	5.6	500	543	30.2	29.4	2,928	2,888
IND.....	1.3	1.5	109	129	4.7	7.8	401	696
ILL.....	36.0	33.5	3,960	3,551	260.0	189.5	28,492	20,219
MICH.....	30.0	32.5	3,150	3,380	156.0	169.5	15,711	17,768
WISC.....	.1	.2	9	19	.6	.9	56	89
MINN.....	13.9	12.6	1,487	1,373	104.6	94.5	11,291	10,206
IOWA.....	33.0	34.0	3,498	3,774	182.0	185.0	19,403	19,707
MO.....	1.2	1.3	115	122	13.0	6.8	1,303	682
N.DAK....	.1	---	12	---	.3	.3	34	31
S.DAK....	26.5	31.5	2,862	3,339	165.5	168.5	17,926	18,056
NEBR.....	72.0	68.0	7,776	7,344	409.5	362.0	43,789	39,016
KANS.....	.4	.3	43	29	1.6	1.8	171	187
DEL.-MD..	2.7	3.0	260	300	18.2	21.3	1,812	2,188
VA.....	.1	.1	11	10	.5	.6	50	57
W.VA.....	.2	.2	21	21	1.3	1.1	132	116
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	9	.2	.3	20	29
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	.1	---	6	.4	.4	29	25
KY.....	13.8	16.5	1,518	1,798	80.1	69.2	8,798	7,542
TENN.....	10.2	4.0	1,020	392	20.3	28.4	2,040	2,886
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10	---
MISS.....	.1	---	10	---	.1	.1	10	9
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10	---
LA.....	.3	.5	22	48	1.5	1.7	114	151
OKLA.....	.2	.3	20	31	1.0	1.3	98	131
TEXAS....	123.0	118.0	11,193	10,738	695.0	601.0	68,001	59,678
MONT.....	.1	.1	10	10	.7	.8	70	80
IDAHO....	.8	.8	88	86	3.6	4.1	382	451
WYO.....	.2	.1	21	12	.8	1.0	87	116
COLO.....	129.0	159.0	14,835	19,080	697.0	829.0	80,035	95,944
N.MEX....	7.3	11.5	810	1,208	37.7	48.6	4,265	5,255
ARIZ.....	.1	.1	11	12	.7	.6	75	64
UTAH.....	28.0	27.5	2,884	3,162	260.5	212.0	27,896	23,616
NEV.....	.3	.2	30	20	1.0	1.0	101	102
WASH.....	13.6	15.9	1,537	1,797	84.1	76.1	9,599	8,571
OREG.....	8.9	6.9	952	752	46.7	33.6	4,987	3,600
CALIF....	173.0	179.0	18,511	19,153	792.0	765.0	85,752	83,054
48 STATES	807.7	835.5	84,823	89,265	4,484.8	4,317.6	476,489	463,554
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	807.7	835.5	84,823	89,265	4,484.8	4,317.6	476,489	463,554

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
MAY 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..	1,093	1,099	112	112	246	261	80	79
N.Y.....	1,139	1,143	110	105	234	235	98	111
N.J.....	1,272	1,280	289	328	207	199	100	100
PA.....	1,127	1,132	159	160	228	218	93	93
OHIO.....	1,035	1,010	200	207	225	226	98	97
IND.....	1,024	996	209	207	262	255	84	86
ILL.....	1,025	1,040	186	206	254	248	110	106
MICH.....	1,086	1,089	187	187	239	244	105	104
WISC.....	1,102	1,115	157	179	240	240	93	96
MINN.....	1,102	1,114	229	203	250	247	107	109
IOWA.....	1,075	1,052	185	175	245	248	106	111
MO.....	1,040	1,040	237	291	257	247	96	94
N.DAK....	1,103	1,089	400	---	225	229	116	---
S.DAK....	1,093	1,085	---	---	258	250	108	106
NEBR.....	1,079	1,085	374	356	252	247	108	108
KANS.....	1,047	1,049	---	400	249	247	107	97
DEL.-MD..	1,072	1,085	225	243	217	225	96	100
VA.....	1,008	1,016	279	276	229	232	107	100
W.VA.....	1,030	1,070	210	208	231	268	105	105
N.C.....	953	980	257	242	215	227	98	93
S.C.....	830	861	466	499	232	238	---	---
GA.....	878	887	423	456	216	216	---	---
FLA.....	987	986	300	189	205	204	---	60
KY.....	935	963	241	240	241	246	110	109
TENN.....	957	984	326	328	244	238	100	98
ALA.....	853	889	395	430	235	245	---	---
MISS.....	832	854	593	579	215	222	100	---
ARK.....	895	918	521	482	235	268	---	---
LA.....	874	947	538	554	213	224	74	96
OKLA.....	945	923	447	485	250	260	100	103
TEXAS....	871	876	570	589	236	243	91	91
MONT.....	1,019	1,039	---	---	240	239	100	104
IDAHO....	1,059	1,082	---	---	227	228	110	108
WYO.....	1,010	1,001	---	---	230	228	105	122
COLO.....	1,067	1,069	---	---	235	234	115	120
N.MEX....	938	961	---	---	238	234	111	105
ARIZ.....	983	962	515	505	237	235	108	118
UTAH.....	1,038	1,111	428	441	200	215	103	115
NEV.....	1,001	985	362	354	208	214	100	101
WASH.....	1,059	1,062	327	324	234	235	113	113
OREG.....	1,017	1,057	329	368	231	226	107	109
CALIF....	1,019	1,010	343	370	231	236	107	107
48 STATES	1,029	1,033	267	266	241	241	105	107
HAWAII...	934	910	---	---	192	189	---	---
U. S.....	1,029	1,032	267	266	241	241	105	107

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JUNE 1, 1971: Between June 1, 1971 and May 31, 1972, there were 187 plants which began slaughter under Federal inspection. During May 1972 these plants slaughtered 91,500 cattle, 1,600 calves, 149,400 hogs, and 45,900 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since June 1, 1971 slaughtered about 29,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 94,000 hogs, and 9,000 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 1972 compared with May 1971 is as follows: Cattle, 90.0 and 88.3 percent; calves, 75.7 and 72.3 percent; hogs, 92.7 and 91.8 percent; sheep and lambs, 96.1 and 95.6 percent.

May 1972 included 22 weekdays excluding Memorial Day and 4 Saturdays while May 1971 included 20 weekdays, excluding Memorial Day, and 5 Saturdays.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under Federal Inspection
48 States, May 1972 with comparisons 1/

Species	May	April	May	Jan-May		May	April	May	Jan-May	
	1971	1972	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1972	1971	1972
	1,000 head					Percent of total				
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,407	1,421	1,614	6,985	7,339	55.4	57.5	57.5	55.3	56.5
Heifers	629	602	696	3,203	3,229	24.8	24.4	24.8	25.4	24.9
Cows	453	406	446	2,233	2,198	17.9	16.4	15.9	17.7	16.9
Bulls & stags	47	42	51	209	223	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7
Total	2,536	2,471	2,807	12,630	12,989	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters 2/	243	205	234	1,124	1,093	9.6	8.3	8.3	8.9	8.4
HOGS:										
Sows	421	284	347	1,948	1,595	6.1	4.2	5.1	5.3	4.7
Barrows & gilts	6,449	6,393	6,378	34,630	32,111	93.0	95.0	94.0	93.9	94.5
Stags & boars	62	56	62	282	283	.9	.8	.9	.8	.8
Total	6,932	6,733	6,787	36,860	33,989	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	692	744	751	4,009	3,935	89.6	94.7	93.5	93.2	95.0
Sheep	80	42	52	291	205	10.4	5.3	6.5	6.8	5.0
Total	772	786	803	4,300	4,140	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

2/ Included in cattle classification.

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