

livestock slaughter



December 1972

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DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM 1971: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,973 million pounds in December, 6 percent below 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 3 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production in December was 1,813 million pounds, 3 percent above the 1,768 million pounds in December 1971, but 4 percent below the 1,897 million pounds produced last month. Cattle killed totaled 2,866,800 head, about the same as a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,056 pounds, 7 pounds more than a year ago and 1 pound above last month.

VEAL OUTPUT 22 PERCENT BELOW DECEMBER 1971: There were 31 million pounds of veal produced during December, down 22 percent from 1971. The 239,100 calves slaughtered was 21 percent less than a year earlier. Average live weight was 233 pounds compared with 236 pounds in December 1971.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT FORM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 1,087 million pounds, 17 percent below a year ago. Hog kill totaled 6,663,500 head, down 19 percent from December 1971. Live weight per head was 241 pounds, down 3 pounds from last month and 1 pound from last year. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.8 pounds, compared with 8.1 in December 1971.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1971: There were 42 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in December, down 9 percent from a year earlier and 7 percent from last month. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 779,200 head, down 12 percent from a year ago. Average live weight was 107 pounds, 1 pound more than a year earlier.

POULTRY PRODUCTION ABOUT SAME AS A YEAR EARLIER: Production of poultry meat during December totaled 866 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This was about the same as a year ago but 12 percent below November 1972.

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

Kind	December			Dec. 1972 as % of		January-December 5/		
	1971	1972	1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1972	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		
Beef	1,768	1,897	1,813	103	96	21,697	22,212	102
Veal	40	35	31	78	89	516	426	83
Pork 2/	1,307	1,218	1,087	83	89	14,606	13,456	92
Lamb & Mutton	46	45	42	91	93	544	533	98
Total Red Meat	3,161	3,195	2,973	94	93	37,363	36,627	98
Poultry 3/		988						
Lard 4/	162	136	109	67	80	1,936	1,541	80

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 1972 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	December			Dec. 1972 as % of		January-December 2/		
		1971	1972	1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1972	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971
					Percent		Percent		
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,528.3	2,704.7	2,614.6	103	97	31,419.0	32,249.9	103
Other	thou.	341.7	281.3	252.2	74	90	4,166.1	3,524.2	85
Total	thou.	2,870.0	2,986.0	2,866.8	100	96	35,585.1	35,774.1	101
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,049	1,055	1,056	101	100	1,028	1,038	101
Total	mil. lb.	3,010	3,150	3,027	101	96	36,588	37,135	101
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	238.1	208.9	201.8	85	97	2,806.4	2,420.1	86
Other	thou.	63.1	44.7	37.3	59	83	882.8	631.2	71
Total	thou.	301.2	253.6	239.1	79	94	3,689.2	3,051.3	83
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	236	245	233	99	95	249	252	101
Total	mil. lb.	71	62	56	79	90	919	768	84
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	7,547.2	6,987.8	6,196.6	82	89	86,667.2	78,737.1	91
Other	thou.	720.0	472.1	466.9	65	99	7,770.7	5,950.6	77
Total	thou.	8,267.2	7,459.9	6,663.5	81	89	94,437.9	84,687.7	90
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	242	244	241	100	99	239	239	100
Total	mil. lb.	1,999	1,824	1,606	80	88	22,535	20,243	90
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	845.7	828.3	750.6	89	91	10,256.2	9,903.2	97
Other	thou.	38.8	25.9	28.6	74	110	473.0	385.5	82
Total	thou.	884.5	854.2	779.2	88	91	10,729.2	10,288.7	96
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	106	107	107	101	100	104	105	101
Total	mil. lb.	93	91	83	89	91	1,111	1,080	97

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	
	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..	16.2	11.5	17,781	12,599	172.5	150.8	188,512	164,471
N.Y.....	29.0	26.5	33,118	30,104	339.5	340.4	383,711	387,991
N.J.....	22.6	18.8	28,431	23,143	292.3	239.8	368,926	301,814
PA.....	56.0	53.5	62,048	61,418	669.0	640.5	752,423	724,205
OHIO.....	89.5	80.5	94,422	84,203	1,126.0	1,064.0	1,161,326	1,094,925
IND.....	45.0	36.0	45,270	37,584	586.5	452.0	594,527	453,504
ILL.....	126.0	106.0	135,450	112,996	1,398.0	1,450.0	1,432,811	1,492,812
MICH.....	55.5	50.0	59,274	56,200	779.5	627.5	841,011	679,668
WISC.....	104.0	101.0	118,976	113,423	1,078.0	1,108.0	1,194,812	1,242,415
MINN.....	138.0	130.0	151,524	142,870	1,585.0	1,491.0	1,733,368	1,633,408
IOWA.....	375.0	409.0	399,000	439,675	4,281.0	4,662.0	4,515,364	4,898,258
MO.....	77.0	75.5	81,312	80,181	943.5	931.5	966,618	966,125
N.DAK....	17.5	16.5	18,970	17,638	199.8	206.3	215,260	222,563
S.DAK....	58.5	52.5	62,127	56,228	506.0	550.0	540,902	580,846
NEBR.....	374.0	393.0	407,286	416,187	4,428.0	4,692.0	4,739,073	4,999,557
KANS.....	184.0	208.0	200,744	224,016	2,341.0	2,495.0	2,464,867	2,657,005
DEL.-MD..	9.2	8.2	10,052	8,634	104.9	102.4	111,499	109,766
VA.....	10.2	9.3	10,618	9,691	134.8	131.9	138,197	136,106
W.VA.....	5.5	5.1	5,390	5,233	59.8	56.6	60,237	58,232
N.C.....	13.5	10.1	12,609	9,534	163.9	151.8	157,232	145,254
S.C.....	6.2	4.5	5,034	4,072	80.2	71.0	65,547	60,199
GA.....	19.6	17.6	18,032	16,843	285.7	265.9	257,360	241,947
FLA.....	29.0	24.5	28,333	24,598	412.0	368.0	400,486	363,254
KY.....	19.9	15.9	18,706	14,692	220.2	196.1	207,705	186,510
TENN.....	40.5	35.5	40,176	36,530	575.5	515.5	559,962	517,745
ALA.....	7.9	8.3	6,818	7,528	109.2	92.4	92,978	81,029
MISS.....	20.8	19.1	16,869	16,522	302.2	277.5	255,442	236,788
ARK.....	12.2	10.1	11,053	9,302	178.0	156.5	162,321	144,327
LA.....	13.7	11.2	12,905	11,032	166.9	175.6	149,914	168,160
OKLA.....	46.5	47.0	44,826	47,658	644.5	607.5	614,476	593,469
TEXAS....	213.0	260.0	192,978	251,940	3,529.0	3,516.0	3,138,609	3,214,816
MONT.....	17.2	16.1	18,094	16,535	208.1	210.2	213,936	219,380
IDAHO....	33.5	32.0	35,778	34,912	405.5	416.0	433,224	449,679
WYO.....	1.6	1.5	1,579	1,520	20.4	20.7	20,492	21,001
COLO.....	195.0	197.0	204,165	211,972	2,311.0	2,461.0	2,402,181	2,642,532
N.MEX....	29.0	28.0	28,362	27,860	353.5	388.0	336,573	379,875
ARIZ.....	43.0	36.5	42,656	35,916	520.5	541.5	511,469	547,133
UTAH.....	21.1	19.2	22,303	21,542	269.8	265.5	279,852	293,530
NEV.....	1.6	1.8	1,602	1,834	19.7	25.7	19,791	26,102
WASH.....	48.0	48.5	52,368	53,204	599.0	613.0	640,558	665,084
OREG.....	26.5	21.5	28,222	23,177	331.2	286.0	342,124	302,884
CALIF....	218.0	210.0	225,194	216,300	2,854.0	2,761.0	2,922,234	2,830,246
48 STATES	2,870.0	2,866.8	3,010,455	3,027,046	35,585.1	35,774.1	36,587,910	37,134,615
HAWAII...	5.8	5.0	5,371	4,630	65.6	63.8	62,463	59,193
U. S.....	2,875.8	2,871.8	3,015,826	3,031,676	35,650.7	35,837.9	36,650,373	37,193,808

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/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	20.9	17.8	2,352	1,881	236.3	212.9	26,109	22,439
N.Y.....	58.5	53.0	6,376	5,565	715.5	643.0	78,441	69,792
N.J.....	26.0	20.6	7,384	5,397	330.2	275.1	93,359	82,404
PA.....	29.5	23.2	3,953	2,552	329.6	258.3	47,006	34,641
OHIO.....	3.9	2.8	815	610	54.3	45.4	11,139	9,508
IND.....	3.6	1.1	763	223	44.8	40.1	9,402	8,695
ILL.....	8.2	7.5	1,640	1,605	129.6	81.1	24,081	17,160
MICH.....	10.1	8.1	1,818	1,474	118.6	95.0	20,672	17,411
WISC.....	33.5	22.6	4,924	3,390	287.7	233.0	43,375	39,514
MINN.....	.7	.7	155	146	7.3	7.1	1,509	1,436
IDAHO.....	19.4	15.6	3,589	2,886	204.7	163.5	37,071	29,838
MO.....	1.4	1.0	370	316	15.5	15.0	4,145	4,362
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	40	39
S.DAK.....	.1	---	40	---	.2	.1	80	40
NEBR.....	.4	.3	140	107	4.2	4.2	1,517	1,498
KANS.....	.1	---	40	---	.7	.4	292	155
DEL.-MD..	1.5	.8	354	197	19.8	15.0	4,519	3,606
VA.....	7.1	5.3	2,194	1,632	115.5	81.8	33,600	23,713
W.VA.....	.1	.1	26	23	2.3	1.8	523	379
N.C.....	.8	.3	230	86	8.0	8.9	2,041	2,225
S.C.....	8.6	8.1	4,051	4,066	124.6	116.1	57,617	57,311
GA.....	.6	.9	253	434	10.9	18.9	4,431	8,447
FLA.....	8.1	6.1	2,487	1,842	102.9	92.7	32,387	22,966
KY.....	.4	.2	100	49	2.8	2.7	698	684
TENN.....	10.5	8.5	3,423	2,950	123.5	108.4	40,422	35,609
ALA.....	.4	.3	172	126	3.9	4.1	1,660	1,716
MISS.....	4.4	2.3	2,389	1,286	69.5	44.8	39,410	25,466
ARK.....	.3	.2	148	85	4.5	2.8	2,269	1,359
LA.....	13.2	11.3	6,851	6,418	205.3	170.6	108,138	94,028
OKLA.....	.3	.4	141	178	5.5	4.2	2,593	1,926
TEXAS....	14.5	9.5	8,192	5,510	231.4	162.6	127,561	94,838
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	40	---
IDAHO.....	---	---	---	---	.8	.5	286	185
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.2	30	58
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	.7	.1	231	40
N.MEX....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.2	103	99	2.5	2.5	1,264	1,230
UTAH.....	.2	.1	77	41	3.1	2.0	1,232	838
NEV.....	.1	.1	39	42	1.2	1.2	468	457
WASH.....	.8	.6	278	218	9.5	8.1	3,119	2,657
OREG.....	.8	.9	304	371	9.0	7.7	3,177	2,872
CALIF....	12.0	8.6	4,800	3,896	152.5	119.3	53,247	46,211
48 STATES	301.2	239.1	70,971	55,701	3,689.2	3,051.3	919,201	767,753
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	301.2	239.1	70,971	55,701	3,689.2	3,051.3	919,201	767,753

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	9.3	5.8	2,330	1,537	86.7	73.2	21,677	18,853
N.Y.....	99.0	67.5	22,968	15,525	969.0	878.5	223,206	203,430
N.J.....	52.0	39.5	10,036	9,124	545.0	401.5	109,628	82,096
PA.....	394.0	312.0	89,044	68,952	4,282.0	4,047.0	960,910	893,892
OHIO.....	410.0	329.0	93,480	70,406	4,621.0	4,040.0	1,039,355	922,411
IND.....	361.0	272.0	95,304	69,904	4,357.0	3,620.0	1,122,567	914,679
ILL.....	554.0	475.0	146,256	121,125	5,884.0	6,283.0	1,484,241	1,561,854
MICH.....	352.0	313.0	85,888	74,181	3,782.0	3,885.0	914,584	940,060
WISC.....	316.0	242.0	75,524	57,596	3,783.0	3,308.0	894,829	778,267
MINN.....	560.0	413.0	134,960	103,663	6,086.0	5,085.0	1,489,906	1,244,349
IOWA.....	2,021.0	1,690.0	493,124	412,360	23,787.0	20,932.0	5,740,052	5,066,360
MO.....	202.0	144.0	50,702	34,416	2,396.0	1,891.0	590,851	460,627
N.DAK.....	4.2	3.5	962	791	38.1	31.6	8,651	7,198
S.DAK.....	251.0	183.0	64,005	45,384	2,841.0	2,438.0	717,155	600,637
NEBR.....	246.0	204.0	64,206	53,448	2,748.0	2,566.0	686,471	637,473
KANS.....	197.0	172.0	48,856	40,764	2,297.0	2,180.0	562,760	530,807
DEL.-MD..	51.3	36.9	10,638	8,208	552.1	510.7	117,551	111,769
VA.....	280.0	244.0	66,080	56,608	3,363.0	3,099.0	769,611	719,170
W.VA.....	8.7	7.7	2,332	2,164	86.1	79.8	21,481	21,734
N.C.....	174.0	147.0	38,628	32,781	2,075.0	1,797.0	450,557	400,513
S.C.....	47.5	34.5	10,782	8,418	514.0	438.5	118,574	104,954
GA.....	188.0	155.0	40,044	34,410	2,180.0	1,943.0	481,601	428,960
FLA.....	64.0	40.0	12,480	7,600	662.5	497.5	133,381	100,543
KY.....	183.0	139.0	45,201	35,028	2,024.0	1,843.0	487,912	455,904
TENN.....	271.0	221.0	65,311	54,145	3,222.0	2,894.0	767,398	691,187
ALA.....	86.0	69.0	20,640	16,560	905.5	898.5	211,453	214,275
MISS.....	117.0	98.0	26,091	22,148	1,443.0	1,237.0	316,466	277,088
ARK.....	45.0	31.0	11,115	7,254	524.5	429.0	123,517	106,378
LA.....	24.0	19.4	5,160	5,645	233.1	205.5	49,637	46,471
OKLA.....	91.5	68.5	23,424	18,564	1,130.5	900.5	284,498	233,369
TEXAS.....	194.0	162.0	46,948	41,148	2,222.0	1,950.0	524,060	474,958
MONT.....	35.0	23.5	8,155	5,428	412.0	354.7	96,404	84,535
IDAHO.....	12.6	9.3	2,810	2,139	157.5	123.3	35,101	27,744
WYO.....	1.8	1.3	403	300	22.0	20.5	5,021	4,681
COLO.....	95.5	74.5	22,060	17,880	1,148.0	999.5	266,018	233,677
N.MEX.....	11.0	9.0	2,596	2,115	121.4	115.9	28,438	27,074
ARIZ.....	19.6	15.0	4,508	3,465	219.0	180.2	50,762	41,761
UTAH.....	8.0	6.8	1,680	1,503	95.9	90.1	20,409	19,280
NEV.....	.5	.4	108	84	4.2	4.4	887	951
WASH.....	67.0	56.5	15,477	12,712	823.0	721.5	190,993	167,086
OREG.....	19.7	13.9	4,689	3,197	229.3	190.8	52,641	43,920
CALIF.....	143.0	115.0	33,605	27,255	1,565.5	1,504.0	363,931	342,020
48 STATES	8,267.2	6,663.5	1,998,610	1,605,935	94,437.9	84,687.7	22,535,145	20,242,995
HAWAII...	5.9	5.8	1,038	1,027	50.3	52.8	9,311	9,843
U. S.....	8,273.1	6,669.3	1,999,648	1,606,962	94,488.2	84,740.5	22,544,456	20,252,838

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	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..	1.5	.9	131	74	13.2	12.9	1,137	1,090
N.Y.....	5.9	4.7	596	475	69.1	65.2	6,334	6,354
N.J.....	78.0	46.5	7,722	4,604	822.0	649.5	80,480	64,517
PA.....	11.5	11.8	1,081	1,180	132.3	134.5	12,111	12,888
OHIO.....	5.4	4.3	529	413	73.3	66.0	7,104	6,402
IND.....	1.3	1.5	117	171	15.6	20.0	1,343	1,872
ILL.....	39.0	36.0	4,017	3,960	530.0	430.5	57,040	45,967
MICH.....	35.0	34.0	3,850	3,434	392.5	405.0	39,773	41,588
WISC.....	.4	.3	39	29	3.4	3.6	327	346
MINN.....	28.0	22.8	2,884	2,440	247.5	231.2	25,896	24,378
IOWA.....	45.0	42.5	4,635	4,505	479.5	465.0	49,479	48,443
MO.....	1.6	1.4	152	146	25.1	17.1	2,491	1,700
N.DAK.....	.1	.1	10	10	.8	.9	84	92
S.DAK.....	39.0	43.5	4,134	4,568	386.0	427.5	40,671	44,647
NEBR.....	96.0	86.5	10,176	9,169	1,046.5	904.0	109,482	96,354
KANS.....	.4	.3	40	31	4.4	4.7	465	467
DEL.-MD..	5.3	2.6	514	265	48.9	48.7	4,727	4,788
VA.....	.2	.1	22	10	1.9	1.7	186	166
W.VA.....	.2	.2	19	23	3.4	2.6	346	283
N.C.....	.1	.2	10	18	.7	.9	68	83
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	5	10
GA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10	---
FLA.....	.1	---	10	---	.7	.7	51	46
KY.....	20.0	20.9	2,160	2,257	225.4	225.4	24,132	24,029
TENN.....	11.5	8.0	1,150	792	78.7	85.4	7,647	8,472
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.5	.1	46	11
MISS.....	.1	---	10	---	.2	.2	20	17
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.2	20	20
LA.....	.1	.2	7	17	4.0	3.8	307	333
OKLA.....	.2	.1	20	9	2.8	2.3	277	230
TEXAS....	74.0	97.0	7,326	9,603	1,537.5	1,494.0	145,176	141,953
MONT.....	.2	.1	23	10	2.2	2.4	224	238
IDAHU....	1.0	1.0	112	106	11.5	12.4	1,246	1,331
WYO.....	.3	.1	32	11	2.5	3.0	273	333
COLD.....	168.0	133.0	18,648	15,428	1,762.0	1,889.0	192,351	211,553
N.MEX....	6.9	9.1	780	1,065	88.3	123.7	9,635	13,581
ARIZ.....	.1	---	10	---	1.4	1.2	149	128
UTAH.....	54.5	35.5	5,995	3,905	632.5	517.0	67,098	56,207
NEV.....	.2	.2	21	21	3.6	3.4	362	346
WASH.....	16.3	13.6	1,826	1,632	215.2	198.6	23,830	22,117
OREG.....	6.1	6.2	647	645	112.7	93.3	11,966	9,810
CALIF....	131.0	114.0	14,017	12,426	1,751.0	1,741.0	186,868	186,721
48 STATES	884.5	779.2	93,472	83,452	10,729.2	10,288.7	1,111,237	1,079,911
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	884.5	779.2	93,472	83,452	10,729.2	10,288.7	1,111,237	1,079,911

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
DECEMBER 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..	1,098	1,096	113	106	251	265	87	82
N.Y.....	1,142	1,136	109	105	232	230	101	101
N.J.....	1,258	1,231	284	262	193	231	99	99
PA.....	1,108	1,148	134	110	226	221	94	100
OHIO.....	1,055	1,046	209	218	228	214	98	96
IND.....	1,006	1,044	212	203	264	257	90	114
ILL.....	1,075	1,066	200	214	264	255	103	110
MICH.....	1,068	1,124	180	182	244	237	110	101
WISC.....	1,144	1,123	147	150	239	238	98	97
MINN.....	1,098	1,099	222	209	241	251	103	107
IOWA.....	1,064	1,075	185	185	244	244	103	106
MO.....	1,056	1,062	264	316	251	239	95	104
N.DAK.....	1,084	1,069	---	---	229	226	100	100
S.DAK.....	1,062	1,071	400	---	255	248	106	105
NEBR.....	1,089	1,059	351	358	261	262	106	106
KANS.....	1,091	1,077	399	---	248	237	100	104
DEL.-MD..	1,093	1,053	236	246	207	222	97	102
VA.....	1,041	1,042	309	308	236	232	108	100
W.VA.....	980	1,026	255	233	268	281	96	116
N.C.....	934	944	287	288	222	223	97	92
S.C.....	812	905	471	502	227	244	---	---
GA.....	920	957	421	482	213	222	---	---
FLA.....	977	1,004	307	302	195	190	100	---
KY.....	940	924	250	247	247	252	108	108
TENN.....	992	1,029	326	347	241	245	100	99
ALA.....	863	907	430	420	240	240	---	---
MISS.....	811	865	543	559	223	226	100	---
ARK.....	906	921	493	424	247	234	---	---
LA.....	942	985	519	568	215	291	72	84
OKLA.....	964	1,014	470	445	256	271	100	92
TEXAS.....	906	969	565	580	242	254	99	99
MONT.....	1,052	1,027	---	---	233	231	114	100
IDAHO.....	1,068	1,091	---	---	223	230	112	106
WYO.....	987	1,013	---	---	224	231	108	107
COLO.....	1,047	1,076	---	---	231	240	111	116
N.MEX.....	978	995	---	---	236	235	113	117
ARIZ.....	992	984	517	493	230	231	100	---
UTAH.....	1,057	1,122	383	407	210	221	110	110
NEV.....	1,001	1,019	389	422	217	209	104	106
WASH.....	1,091	1,097	347	364	231	225	112	120
OREG.....	1,065	1,078	380	412	238	230	106	104
CALIF.....	1,033	1,030	400	453	235	237	107	109
48 STATES	1,049	1,056	236	233	242	241	106	107
HAWAII...	926	926	---	---	176	177	---	---
U. S.....	1,049	1,056	236	233	242	241	106	107

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE JANUARY 1, 1972: Between January 1, 1972 and December 1972, a total of 525 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. During December 1972, these plants slaughtered 61,446 cattle, 9,264 calves, 70,377 hogs, and 8,802 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since January 1, 1972 slaughtered about 17,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 35,000 hogs, and less than 1,000 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 December 1972 compared with December 1971 is as follows: cattle, 91.2 and 88.1 percent; calves, 84.4 and 79.1 percent; hogs 93.0 and 91.3 percent; sheep and lambs, 96.3 and 95.6 percent.

The month of December 1972 included 20 weekdays, excluding Christmas Day, and 5 Saturdays while December 1971 included 23 weekdays and 3 Saturdays, excluding Christmas Day.

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

Species	Dec.:		Nov.:		Dec.:		Jan-Dec.		Dec.:		Jan-Dec.	
	1971:	1972:	1971:	1972:	1971:	1972:	1971:	1972:	1971:	1972:	1971:	1972:
	1,000 head				Percent of total							
CATTLE	:											
Steers	1,372	1,475	1,453	17,003	17,737	54.3	54.5	55.6	54.1	55.0		
Heifers	628	710	686	8,229	8,532	24.8	26.3	26.2	26.2	26.5		
Cows	486	473	436	5,627	5,400	19.2	17.5	16.7	17.9	16.7		
Bulls & stags	42	47	40	560	582	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.8		
Total	2,528	2,705	2,615	31,419	32,251	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Canners & cutters 2/	229	271	252	2,854	2,906	9.1	10.0	9.6	9.1	9.0		
HOGS:	:											
Sows	524	501	460	5,372	4,640	6.9	7.2	7.4	6.2	5.9		
Barrows & gilts	6,963	6,433	5,676	80,557	73,398	92.3	92.0	91.6	93.0	93.2		
Stags & boars	60	54	61	738	700	.8	.8	1.0	.8	.9		
Total	7,547	6,988	6,197	86,667	78,738	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
SHEEP AND LAMBS:	:											
Lambs & yearlings	791	768	688	9,437	9,227	93.5	92.8	91.6	92.0	93.2		
Sheep	55	60	63	819	677	6.5	7.2	8.4	8.0	6.8		
Total	846	828	751	10,256	9,904	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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