

# livestock slaughter



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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,173 million pounds in January 1973, up 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 UP 8 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1972: Beef production was 1,942 million pounds, 8 percent more than January 1972. The number of cattle slaughtered was up 7 percent. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1 pound above the same month last year.

JANUARY VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 36 million pounds of veal produced in January 1973, 10 percent below January 1972. Total calf slaughter showed a decline of 12 percent from January 1972, while the average live weight increased 1 pound.

PORK PRODUCTION 4 PERCENT ABOVE JANUARY 1972: Pork production in January totaled 1,149 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The number of hogs slaughtered was up 1 percent. Live weight per head at 239 pounds is 1 pound more than last year but 2 pounds below last month. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.9 pounds, compared with 7.8 pounds in January 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 46 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January 1973, a decrease of 2 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 857,500 head, down 3 percent from January 1972. Average live weight at 108 pounds was up 1 pound from a year earlier.

JANUARY POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM 1972: Production of poultry meat in January 1973 totaled 855 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This is 4 percent above a year earlier, but 1 percent below December 1972.

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

Kind	January 1972	December 1972	January 1973	Jan. 1973 as % of	
				Jan. 1972	Dec. 1972
	Million pounds			Percent	
Beef	1,792	1,813	1,942	108	107
Veal	40	31	36	90	116
Pork 2/	1,103	1,087	1,149	104	106
Lamb & Mutton	47	42	46	98	110
Total Red Meat	2,982	2,973	3,173	106	107
Poultry 3/	825	866	855	104	99
Lard 4/	131	109	116	89	106

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. Dec. 1972=866 mil. pounds; Jan.-Dec. 1972=11,000 mil. pounds. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: 48 States, January 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	January 1972	December 1972	January 1973	Jan. 1973 as % of	
					Jan. 1972	Dec. 1972
					Percent	
<b>CATTLE:</b>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,555.8	2,614.6	2,807.1	110	107
Other	thou.	332.6	252.2	292.8	88	116
Total	thou.	2,888.4	2,866.8	3,099.9	107	108
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	1,048	1,056	1,049	100	99
Total	mil. lb.	3,026	3,027	3,252	107	107
<b>CALVES</b>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	225.9	201.8	209.0	93	104
Other	thou.	63.3	37.3	44.5	70	119
Total	thou.	289.2	239.1	253.5	88	106
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	246	233	247	100	106
Total	mil. lb.	71	56	63	89	113
<b>HOGS</b>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,395.3	6,196.6	6,641.0	104	107
Other	thou.	622.0	466.9	456.0	73	98
Total	thou.	7,017.3	6,663.5	7,097.0	101	107
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	238	241	239	100	99
Total	mil. lb.	1,670	1,606	1,695	101	106
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	846.8	750.6	835.3	99	111
Other	thou.	34.0	28.6	22.2	65	78
Total	thou.	880.8	779.2	857.5	97	110
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	107	107	108	101	101
Total	mil. lb.	94	83	93	99	112

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE AND CALVES SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1972 AND 1973

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	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..	14.6	13.1	16,241	14,399	16.9	17.8	1,864	1,853
N.Y.....	26.0	30.0	29,874	34,020	52.0	51.5	5,408	5,253
N.J.....	20.1	18.5	25,728	23,236	28.5	22.5	8,265	5,962
PA.....	55.0	61.5	61,985	71,402	24.5	22.8	3,430	2,690
OHIO.....	91.5	90.5	96,624	96,473	4.3	3.3	886	653
IND.....	40.0	39.0	41,040	40,365	3.7	.4	788	63
ILL.....	114.0	120.0	119,928	125,520	7.1	8.1	1,555	1,790
MICH.....	51.5	58.0	55,414	61,828	9.8	8.4	1,627	1,672
WISC.....	91.0	110.0	104,468	124,630	28.0	23.5	4,172	3,713
MINN.....	122.0	126.0	135,664	140,238	.5	.7	100	166
IOWA.....	374.0	422.0	395,318	452,806	19.9	16.0	3,582	2,960
MO.....	80.5	85.0	82,915	91,035	1.5	1.2	440	383
N.DAK.....	15.9	17.4	18,094	20,045	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	49.5	54.5	52,371	58,152	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	372.0	414.0	400,272	427,662	.5	.4	180	143
KANS.....	199.0	226.0	216,512	243,402	---	---	---	---
DEL.-MD..	9.5	9.7	10,242	10,482	1.5	1.4	360	347
VA.....	11.4	10.9	11,970	11,543	9.4	6.3	2,745	1,997
W.VA.....	4.9	5.3	4,978	5,395	.1	.1	23	25
N.C.....	12.4	11.1	11,854	11,000	1.5	.1	362	19
S.C.....	5.8	5.5	4,843	5,032	10.0	9.4	4,890	4,662
GA.....	21.3	23.2	19,511	22,202	1.5	.5	668	244
FLA.....	32.0	31.0	31,328	31,000	9.2	7.1	2,815	2,279
KY.....	17.5	18.1	16,520	17,358	.2	.3	50	79
TENN.....	41.0	41.5	41,164	42,786	9.8	11.3	3,293	4,057
ALA.....	7.8	8.9	6,950	8,241	.4	.4	192	176
MISS.....	16.9	25.0	14,568	22,525	3.8	2.8	2,196	1,607
ARK.....	13.8	14.3	12,834	13,828	.3	.1	153	40
LA.....	15.8	12.9	14,978	12,578	14.5	14.5	7,612	8,294
OKLA.....	48.0	50.5	46,848	51,056	.3	.2	135	90
TEXAS....	264.0	296.0	243,672	281,792	15.2	11.3	8,573	6,396
MONT.....	16.5	16.5	17,606	17,622	---	---	---	---
IDAHO....	33.5	32.5	35,979	35,945	.1	---	36	---
WYO.....	1.5	1.6	1,526	1,667	---	---	---	---
COLO.....	195.0	196.0	208,455	207,172	---	---	---	---
N.MEX....	32.0	32.5	31,456	31,622	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	44.0	43.0	42,988	42,484	.2	.2	99	99
UTAH.....	23.2	21.6	25,079	24,473	.2	---	81	---
NEV.....	2.0	2.4	2,008	2,484	.1	.1	39	41
WASH.....	49.5	46.5	54,945	51,476	.8	.5	269	149
OREG.....	25.5	23.9	27,387	25,573	.7	.6	269	259
CALIF....	227.0	234.0	234,264	239,382	12.2	9.7	3,989	4,530
48 STATES	2,888.4	3,099.9	3,026,401	3,251,931	289.2	253.5	71,146	62,691
HAWAII...	6.0	5.0	5,550	4,710	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	2,894.4	3,104.9	3,031,951	3,256,641	289.2	253.5	71,146	62,691

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 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 1972 AND 1973

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	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..	7.3	5.4	1,835	1,317	1.0	.5	85	53
N.Y.....	83.0	68.5	19,173	15,892	4.6	6.3	469	655
N.J.....	37.5	34.5	7,575	7,970	69.0	51.0	6,900	5,100
PA.....	358.0	291.0	80,192	63,438	10.2	12.7	1,000	1,295
OHIO.....	362.0	335.0	81,088	76,715	5.9	5.0	590	480
IND.....	310.0	277.0	79,050	68,142	1.8	1.5	158	162
ILL.....	487.0	556.0	120,776	139,556	38.5	36.5	4,158	3,942
MICH.....	309.0	342.0	75,087	83,448	33.5	35.0	3,584	3,675
WISC.....	272.0	276.0	63,920	65,412	.2	.2	21	19
MINN.....	423.0	447.0	102,789	106,386	27.0	26.5	2,862	2,836
IOWA.....	1,667.0	1,781.0	400,080	427,440	43.5	45.5	4,568	4,868
MO.....	165.0	172.0	39,600	41,108	1.4	1.7	144	178
N.DAK.....	2.6	3.0	585	660	.1	.1	10	10
S.DAK.....	190.0	198.0	46,930	48,906	35.0	43.5	3,710	4,698
NEBR.....	171.0	216.0	42,921	54,648	78.5	82.5	8,321	8,828
KANS.....	173.0	187.0	42,558	44,132	.3	.3	33	29
DEL.-MD..	45.9	43.6	10,130	9,630	4.9	5.3	510	578
VA.....	257.0	254.0	59,881	59,690	.1	.1	9	11
W.VA.....	7.5	5.5	1,792	1,744	.2	.2	21	22
N.C.....	163.0	153.0	36,186	34,425	---	---	---	---
S.C.....	41.0	33.5	10,086	8,408	---	---	---	---
GA.....	178.0	167.0	38,982	37,408	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	54.5	35.5	10,900	7,100	---	---	---	---
KY.....	155.0	156.0	39,525	38,844	16.5	21.2	1,749	2,247
TENN.....	251.0	248.0	59,236	58,032	9.2	11.6	938	1,172
ALA.....	82.5	74.5	19,718	17,954	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	72.0	106.0	15,912	23,850	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	43.5	33.0	10,614	7,755	---	---	---	---
LA.....	20.5	17.2	4,612	3,750	.1	.1	9	8
OKLA.....	73.0	71.5	19,199	19,376	.1	.1	10	10
TEXAS....	180.0	168.0	43,560	42,000	101.0	101.0	10,100	9,999
MCNT.....	32.5	29.5	7,605	7,080	.2	.2	20	22
IDAHO....	11.0	9.3	2,453	2,130	.9	.8	104	95
WYO.....	2.0	1.6	464	366	.2	.2	27	23
COLD.....	87.5	80.0	20,388	18,640	175.0	165.0	19,600	19,140
N.MEX....	10.2	8.8	2,397	2,077	7.5	10.7	818	1,188
ARIZ.....	16.2	14.6	3,694	3,373	---	---	---	---
UTAH.....	8.7	6.3	1,853	1,329	50.0	28.5	5,550	3,164
NEV.....	.4	.4	90	84	.2	.2	21	21
WASH.....	62.5	53.0	14,625	12,402	18.1	14.5	2,045	1,668
OREG.....	19.5	14.8	4,504	3,360	6.1	6.0	659	672
CALIF....	125.0	123.0	27,500	28,782	140.0	143.0	15,540	15,873
48 STATES	7,017.3	7,097.0	1,670,065	1,694,759	880.8	857.5	94,343	92,741
HAWAII...	3.7	3.7	666	648	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	7,021.0	7,100.7	1,670,731	1,695,407	880.8	857.5	94,343	92,741

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,  
JANUARY 1972 AND 1973 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,112	1,099	110	104	251	244	85	106
N.Y.....	1,149	1,134	104	102	231	232	102	104
N.J.....	1,280	1,256	290	265	202	231	100	100
PA.....	1,127	1,161	140	118	224	218	98	102
OHIO.....	1,056	1,066	206	198	224	229	100	96
IND.....	1,026	1,035	213	157	255	246	88	108
ILL.....	1,052	1,046	219	221	248	251	108	108
MICH.....	1,076	1,066	166	199	243	244	107	105
WISC.....	1,148	1,133	149	158	235	237	106	96
MINN.....	1,112	1,113	199	237	243	238	106	107
IOWA.....	1,057	1,073	180	185	240	240	105	107
MO.....	1,030	1,071	293	319	240	239	103	105
N.DAK....	1,138	1,152	---	---	225	220	100	100
S.DAK....	1,058	1,067	---	---	247	247	106	108
NEBR....	1,076	1,033	361	358	251	253	106	107
KANS.....	1,088	1,077	---	---	246	236	111	97
DEL.-MD..	1,078	1,081	240	248	221	221	104	109
VA.....	1,050	1,059	292	317	233	235	92	113
W.VA.....	1,016	1,018	229	250	239	317	105	110
N.C.....	956	991	241	192	222	225	---	---
S.C.....	835	915	489	496	246	251	---	---
GA.....	916	957	445	489	219	224	---	---
FLA.....	979	1,000	306	321	200	200	---	---
KY.....	944	959	250	264	255	249	106	106
TENN.....	1,004	1,031	336	359	236	234	102	101
ALA.....	891	926	480	440	239	241	---	---
MISS.....	862	901	578	574	221	225	---	---
ARK.....	930	967	511	400	244	235	---	---
LA.....	948	975	525	572	225	218	92	82
OKLA....	976	1,011	450	448	263	271	100	100
TEXAS....	923	952	564	566	242	250	100	99
MCNT.....	1,067	1,068	---	---	234	240	100	108
IDAHO....	1,074	1,106	358	---	223	229	116	119
WYO.....	1,017	1,042	---	---	232	229	133	117
COLO....	1,069	1,057	---	---	233	233	112	116
N.MEX....	983	973	---	---	235	236	109	111
ARIZ.....	977	988	494	494	228	231	---	---
UTAH.....	1,081	1,133	406	---	213	211	111	111
NEV.....	1,004	1,035	390	414	226	211	104	104
WASH.....	1,110	1,107	336	298	234	234	113	115
OREG.....	1,074	1,070	384	431	231	227	108	112
CALIF....	1,032	1,023	327	467	220	234	111	111
48 STATES	1,048	1,049	246	247	238	239	107	108
HAWAII...	925	942	---	---	180	175	---	---
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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 1972: Between February 1, 1972 and January 31, 1973, a total of 550 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In January, these plants slaughtered 69,399 cattle, 10,393 calves, 81,395 hogs, and 31,953 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since February 1, 1972 slaughtered about 28,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 31,000 hogs, and less than 1,000 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 1973, compared with January 1972 is as follows: cattle, 90.6 and 88.5 percent; calves, 82.4 and 78.1 percent; hogs, 93.6 and 91.1 percent; sheep and lambs, 97.4 and 96.1 percent.

January 1973 included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, excluding January 1 which fell on Monday, while January 1972 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, excluding January 1 which fell on Saturday.

**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
48 States, January 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	: Jan. : : 1972	: Dec. : : 1972	: Jan. : : 1973	: Jan. : : 1972	: Dec. : : 1972	: Jan. : : 1973
	1,000 head			Percent of total		
<b>CATTLE:</b>						
Steers	1,407	1,453	1,525	55.1	55.6	54.3
Heifers	647	686	721	25.3	26.2	25.7
Cows	460	436	514	18.0	16.7	18.3
Bulls & stags	42	40	47	1.6	1.5	1.7
Total	2,556	2,615	2,807	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	227	252	268	8.9	9.6	9.5
<b>HOGS:</b>						
Sows	343	460	411	5.4	7.4	6.2
Barrows & gilts	6,002	5,676	6,174	93.8	91.6	93.0
Stags & boars	50	61	56	.8	1.0	.8
Total	6,395	6,197	6,641	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS:</b>						
Lambs & yearlings	811	688	799	95.7	91.6	95.7
Sheep	36	63	36	4.3	8.4	4.3
Total	847	751	835	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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