

livestock slaughter



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FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,720 million pounds in February, down 5 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.

The number of slaughter days, excluding 1 legal holiday, during February 1973 included 19 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, compared with 20 weekdays and 4 Saturdays during February 1972.

BEEF PRODUCTION 3 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER: Beef production in February was 1,672 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 1,715 million pounds produced in February 1972. The number of cattle slaughtered was down 4 percent. Average live weight was 1,047 pounds, 2 pounds more than a year earlier.

FEBRUARY VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 22 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 29 million pounds of veal produced in February 1973, down 22 percent from February 1972. Calves slaughtered were down 25 percent. Average live weight was 255 pounds, up 14 pounds over the previous year.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY 1972: Pork production in February totaled 980 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. The number of hogs slaughtered was down 11 percent. Live weight per head at 237 pounds was up 3 pounds from a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.7 pounds compared with 7.0 pounds in February 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 39 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in February 1973, down 11 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 721,000 head, down 13 percent. Average live weight at 109 pounds was 1 pound above both a year ago and last month.

FEBRUARY POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM 1972: Production of poultry meat in February 1973 totaled 721 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is down 5 percent from a year earlier, and down 16 percent from last month.

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Commercial Meat and Lard Production: 48 States, Feb. 1973 with comparisons 1/

Kind	February	January	February	Feb. 1973 as % of		January- February 5/		1973 as % of 1972
	1972	1973	1973	Feb.1972	Jan.1973	1972	1973	
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,715	1,942	1,672	97	86	3,507	3,614	103
Veal	37	36	29	78	81	77	65	84
Pork 2/	1,078	1,149	980	91	85	2,181	2,129	98
Lamb & Mutton	44	46	39	89	85	91	85	93
Total Red Meat	2,874	3,173	2,720	95	86	5,856	5,893	101
Poultry 3/	758	855	721	95	84	1,583	1,576	100
Lard 4/	112	116	96	86	83	243	212	87

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, Feb. 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	Feb.	January	Feb.	Feb. 1973 as % of		January-February 2/		1973 as % of 1972
		1972	1973	1973	Feb.1972	Jan.1973	1972	1973	
					Percent				Percent
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,456.5	2,807.1	2,422.1	99	86	5,012.3	5,229.2	104
Other	thou.	317.6	292.8	246.0	77	84	650.2	538.8	83
Total	thou.	2,774.1	3,099.9	2,668.1	96	86	5,662.5	5,768.0	102
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,045	1,049	1,047	100	100	1,047	1,048	100
Total	mil. lb.	2,900	3,252	2,794	96	86	5,926	6,046	102
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	217.4	209.0	169.1	78	81	443.3	378.1	85
Other	thou.	59.2	44.5	37.3	63	84	122.5	81.8	67
Total	thou.	276.6	253.5	206.4	75	81	565.8	459.9	81
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	241	247	255	106	103	244	251	103
Total	mil. lb.	67	63	53	79	84	138	115	83
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,280.2	6,641.0	5,712.6	91	86	12,675.5	12,353.6	97
Other	thou.	548.6	456.0	374.9	68	82	1,170.6	830.9	71
Total	thou.	6,828.8	7,097.0	6,087.5	89	86	13,846.1	13,184.5	95
Live Weight									
Per Head.	lb.	234	239	237	101	99	236	238	101
Total	mil. lb.	1,601	1,695	1,442	90	85	3,271	3,136	96
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	800.8	835.3	699.8	87	84	1,647.6	1,535.1	93
Other	thou.	30.1	22.2	21.2	70	95	64.1	43.4	68
Total	thou.	830.9	857.5	721.0	87	84	1,711.7	1,578.5	92
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	108	108	109	101	101	108	109	101
Total	mil. lb.	90	93	79	88	85	184	171	93

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	12.6	10.9	14,227	12,123	27.2	24.0	30,468	26,522
N.Y.....	23.9	24.9	27,652	28,984	49.9	54.9	57,526	63,004
N.J.....	20.6	15.7	26,636	19,672	40.7	34.2	52,364	42,908
PA.....	50.5	58.0	57,570	67,048	105.5	119.5	119,555	138,450
OHIO.....	87.0	73.0	91,611	77,453	178.5	163.5	188,235	173,926
IND.....	37.0	33.5	37,370	34,438	77.0	72.5	78,410	74,803
ILL.....	110.0	100.0	113,960	105,200	224.0	220.0	233,888	230,720
MICH.....	55.0	49.0	59,400	52,675	106.5	107.0	114,814	114,503
WISC.....	90.0	101.0	102,510	114,938	181.0	211.0	206,978	239,568
MINN.....	120.0	99.0	132,960	110,880	242.0	225.0	268,624	251,118
IOWA.....	355.0	347.0	372,750	369,208	729.0	769.0	768,068	822,014
MO.....	75.5	68.5	78,067	72,130	156.0	153.5	160,982	163,165
N.DAK.....	13.8	13.9	15,925	15,151	29.7	31.3	34,019	35,196
S.DAK.....	33.0	31.5	34,815	33,548	82.5	86.0	87,186	91,700
NEBR.....	362.0	373.0	390,960	400,975	734.0	787.0	791,232	828,637
KANS.....	190.0	201.0	205,399	212,658	389.0	427.0	421,902	458,060
DEL.-MD..	8.7	8.0	9,380	8,751	18.2	17.7	19,622	19,233
VA.....	11.2	8.4	11,637	8,896	22.6	19.3	23,607	20,439
W.VA.....	4.4	4.0	4,629	4,000	9.3	9.3	9,607	9,395
N.C.....	12.3	10.1	11,845	9,989	24.7	21.2	23,699	20,989
S.C.....	5.5	5.1	4,526	4,677	11.3	10.6	9,369	9,709
GA.....	21.9	21.7	19,885	20,116	43.2	44.9	39,396	42,318
FLA.....	31.5	27.0	31,311	27,594	63.5	58.0	62,639	58,594
KY.....	15.7	14.7	15,370	14,244	33.2	32.8	31,890	31,602
TENN.....	39.5	34.5	39,579	34,845	80.5	76.0	80,743	77,631
ALA.....	7.2	8.8	6,293	8,166	15.0	17.7	13,243	16,407
MISS.....	19.6	21.7	17,032	20,702	36.5	46.7	31,600	43,227
ARK.....	11.6	12.5	10,927	12,112	25.4	26.8	23,761	25,940
LA.....	14.2	13.0	13,362	12,571	30.0	25.9	28,340	25,149
OKLA.....	48.5	47.0	47,530	45,872	96.5	97.5	94,378	96,928
TEXAS....	255.0	269.0	233,070	249,632	519.0	565.0	476,742	531,424
MONT.....	17.3	13.3	18,044	13,699	33.8	29.8	35,650	31,321
IDAHO....	32.0	29.5	34,144	31,801	65.5	62.0	70,123	67,746
WYO.....	1.5	1.4	1,504	1,435	3.0	3.0	3,030	3,102
COLO.....	190.0	168.0	201,970	177,408	385.0	364.0	410,425	384,580
N.MEX....	31.0	27.0	30,194	26,541	63.0	59.5	61,650	58,163
ARIZ.....	43.5	39.5	47,024	38,828	87.5	82.5	90,012	81,312
UTAH.....	22.1	19.1	24,310	21,316	45.3	40.7	49,389	45,789
NEV.....	2.2	2.1	2,176	2,180	4.2	4.5	4,184	4,664
WASH.....	50.5	42.0	55,298	46,242	100.0	88.5	110,243	97,718
OREG.....	24.3	19.8	25,782	20,988	49.8	43.7	53,169	46,561
CALIF....	217.0	201.0	221,340	204,417	444.0	435.0	455,604	443,799
48 STATES	2,774.1	2,668.1	2,899,965	2,794,103	5,662.5	5,768.0	5,926,366	6,046,034
HAWAII...	5.3	4.7	4,781	4,315	11.3	9.7	10,331	9,025
U. S.....	2,779.4	2,672.8	2,904,746	2,798,418	5,673.8	5,777.7	5,936,697	6,055,059

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/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	18.8	15.2	2,025	1,601	35.7	33.0	3,889	3,454
N.Y.....	53.0	43.0	5,989	4,859	105.0	94.5	11,397	10,112
N.J.....	22.4	17.8	6,653	5,055	50.9	40.3	14,918	11,017
PA.....	24.1	18.0	3,229	2,268	48.6	40.8	6,659	4,958
OHIO.....	4.4	2.8	840	538	8.7	6.1	1,726	1,191
IND.....	4.0	.5	808	72	7.7	.9	1,596	135
ILL.....	7.6	7.0	1,497	1,603	14.7	15.1	3,052	3,393
MICH.....	9.4	6.6	1,654	1,426	19.2	15.0	3,281	3,098
WISC.....	20.0	19.8	4,032	3,309	56.0	42.3	8,204	7,022
MINN.....	.5	.7	102	158	1.0	1.4	202	324
IOWA.....	17.5	10.9	3,500	2,016	37.4	26.9	7,082	4,976
MO.....	1.4	.9	409	283	2.9	2.1	849	666
N. DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S. DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	.4	.3	143	110	.9	.7	323	253
KANS.....	.1	.1	36	30	.1	.1	36	30
DEL.-MD..	1.5	1.0	351	251	3.0	2.4	711	598
VA.....	7.3	5.3	2,124	1,738	16.7	11.6	4,869	3,735
W. VA.....	.2	---	42	---	.3	.1	65	25
N. C.....	1.4	.2	332	74	2.9	.3	694	93
S. C.....	10.4	8.0	5,148	4,280	20.4	17.4	10,038	8,942
GA.....	2.0	1.0	890	494	3.5	1.5	1,558	738
FLA.....	8.1	5.5	1,490	1,771	17.3	12.6	4,305	4,050
KY.....	.3	.3	78	52	.5	.6	128	131
TENN.....	9.5	7.6	3,325	2,706	19.3	18.9	6,618	6,763
ALA.....	.4	.3	164	162	.8	.7	356	338
MISS.....	3.6	2.4	2,178	1,330	7.4	5.2	4,374	2,937
ARK.....	.3	.1	175	47	.6	.2	328	87
LA.....	13.1	12.2	7,087	6,905	27.6	26.7	14,699	15,199
OKLA.....	.3	.3	141	147	.6	.5	276	237
TEXAS.....	13.4	9.9	7,759	5,663	28.6	21.2	16,332	12,059
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	---	.1	---	43	.1	.1	36	43
WYO.....	.1	---	21	---	.1	---	21	---
COLOR.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
N. MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.3	.1	138	50	.5	.3	237	149
UTAH.....	.2	.1	85	45	.4	.1	166	45
NEV.....	.1	---	40	---	.2	.1	79	41
WASH.....	.8	.5	278	160	1.6	1.0	547	309
OREG.....	.5	.5	182	215	1.2	1.1	451	474
CALIF.....	11.2	8.4	3,808	3,242	23.4	18.1	7,797	7,772
48 STATES	276.6	206.4	66,753	52,703	565.8	459.9	137,899	115,394
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	276.6	206.4	66,753	52,703	565.8	459.9	137,899	115,394

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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..	6.1	4.2	1,526	1,080	13.4	9.6	3,361	2,397
N.Y.....	82.5	61.5	18,892	14,145	165.5	130.0	38,065	30,037
N.J.....	31.5	24.2	6,174	5,590	69.0	58.7	13,749	13,560
PA.....	333.0	271.0	72,927	59,620	691.0	562.0	153,119	123,058
OHIO.....	348.0	258.0	77,604	58,566	710.0	593.0	158,692	135,281
IND.....	283.0	234.0	69,901	58,032	593.0	511.0	148,951	126,174
ILL.....	503.0	496.0	118,708	127,472	990.0	1,052.0	239,484	267,028
MICH.....	310.0	297.0	74,090	71,577	619.0	639.0	149,177	155,025
WISC.....	273.0	234.0	63,336	54,054	545.0	510.0	127,256	119,466
MINN.....	408.0	392.0	97,104	93,296	831.0	839.0	199,893	199,682
IOWA.....	1,627.0	1,536.0	385,599	359,424	3,294.0	3,317.0	785,679	786,864
MO.....	154.0	136.0	37,422	32,640	319.0	308.0	77,022	73,748
N.DAK....	2.4	1.8	540	396	5.0	4.8	1,125	1,056
S.DAK....	193.0	170.0	47,092	41,310	383.0	368.0	94,022	90,216
NEBR.....	199.0	186.0	48,556	45,198	370.0	402.0	91,477	99,846
KANS.....	164.0	161.0	40,672	38,640	337.0	348.0	83,230	82,772
DEL.-MD..	44.2	37.8	9,568	8,249	90.1	81.4	19,698	17,879
VA.....	256.0	211.0	58,880	48,108	513.0	465.0	118,761	107,798
W.VA.....	6.0	4.9	1,428	1,519	13.5	10.4	3,220	3,263
N.C.....	148.0	132.0	33,004	29,964	311.0	285.0	69,190	64,389
S.C.....	40.0	27.0	9,520	6,669	81.0	60.5	19,606	15,077
GA.....	161.0	144.0	36,386	31,968	339.0	311.0	75,368	69,376
FLA.....	52.5	29.5	10,710	5,752	107.0	65.0	21,610	12,852
KY.....	151.0	131.0	36,542	31,964	306.0	287.0	76,067	70,808
TENN.....	235.0	211.0	54,520	51,273	486.0	459.0	113,756	109,305
ALA.....	73.5	60.5	17,493	14,580	156.0	135.0	37,211	32,534
MISS.....	92.0	94.5	20,700	20,979	164.0	200.5	36,612	44,829
ARK.....	39.0	25.5	10,218	6,044	82.5	58.5	20,832	13,799
LA.....	16.8	14.2	3,494	3,167	37.3	31.4	8,106	6,917
OKLA.....	68.0	68.5	17,408	17,810	141.0	140.0	36,607	37,186
TEXAS....	168.0	145.0	39,648	35,815	348.0	313.0	83,208	77,815
MONT.....	34.0	23.6	7,888	5,593	66.5	53.1	15,493	12,673
IDAHO....	10.3	7.1	2,266	1,598	21.3	16.4	4,719	3,728
WYO.....	1.7	1.4	382	329	3.7	3.0	846	695
COLOR....	86.0	71.0	19,694	16,472	173.5	151.0	40,082	35,112
N.MEX....	9.8	8.4	2,234	1,974	20.0	17.2	4,631	4,051
ARIZ.....	15.5	11.8	3,627	2,761	31.7	26.4	7,321	6,134
UTAH.....	7.2	5.9	1,490	1,386	15.9	12.2	3,343	2,715
NEV.....	.4	.2	87	43	.8	.6	177	127
WASH.....	54.0	46.5	12,474	10,834	116.5	99.5	27,099	23,236
OREG.....	18.4	12.5	4,214	2,675	37.9	27.3	8,718	6,035
CALIF....	123.0	100.0	26,814	23,000	248.0	223.0	54,314	51,782
48 STATES	6,828.8	6,087.5	1,600,832	1,441,566	13,846.1	13,184.5	3,270,897	3,136,325
HAWAII...	4.0	3.6	732	648	7.7	7.3	1,398	1,296
U. S.....	6,832.8	6,091.1	1,601,564	1,442,214	13,853.8	13,191.8	3,272,295	3,137,621

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

COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	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	.4	63	33	1.7	.9	148	86
N.Y.....	5.1	4.2	536	437	9.7	10.5	1,005	1,092
N.J.....	64.5	42.0	6,579	4,326	133.5	93.0	13,479	9,426
PA.....	9.9	11.4	960	1,174	20.1	24.1	1,960	2,469
OHIO.....	5.1	3.8	515	369	11.0	8.8	1,105	849
IND.....	1.1	1.1	103	110	2.9	2.6	261	272
ILL.....	38.5	32.0	4,158	3,552	77.0	68.5	8,316	7,494
MICH.....	32.5	29.5	3,412	3,156	66.0	64.5	6,996	6,831
WISC.....	.1	.2	10	19	.3	.4	31	38
MINN.....	19.9	19.5	2,149	2,106	46.9	46.0	5,011	4,942
IOWA.....	38.5	35.5	4,120	3,798	82.0	81.0	8,688	8,666
MO.....	1.3	1.1	139	118	2.7	2.8	283	296
N.DAK.....	.1	---	11	---	.2	.1	21	10
S.DAK.....	34.0	39.0	3,604	4,251	69.0	82.5	7,314	8,949
NEBR.....	70.5	72.0	7,614	7,776	149.0	154.5	15,935	16,604
KANS.....	.3	.3	33	29	.6	.6	66	58
DEL.-MD..	4.8	3.9	509	390	9.7	9.2	1,019	968
VA.....	.1	.1	10	12	.2	.2	19	23
W.VA.....	.2	.1	19	10	.4	.3	40	32
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	10	.1	.1	10	10
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
KY.....	11.3	14.2	1,243	1,562	27.8	35.4	2,992	3,809
TENN.....	5.2	8.3	536	847	14.4	19.9	1,474	2,019
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LA.....	.2	.2	19	19	.3	.3	28	27
OKLA.....	.2	.1	19	10	.3	.2	29	20
TEXAS.....	113.0	96.5	11,526	9,940	214.0	197.5	21,626	19,939
MONT.....	.1	.1	10	11	.3	.3	30	33
IDAHO.....	.9	.6	97	69	1.8	1.4	201	164
WYO.....	.2	.2	23	22	.4	.4	50	45
COLD.....	167.0	130.0	19,038	14,820	342.0	295.0	38,638	33,960
N.MEX.....	8.8	8.7	1,003	974	16.3	19.4	1,821	2,162
ARIZ.....	.1	.1	11	12	.1	.1	11	12
UTAH.....	48.5	23.3	5,092	2,633	98.5	51.8	10,642	5,797
NEV.....	.2	---	20	---	.4	.2	41	21
WASH.....	13.6	12.0	1,510	1,356	31.7	26.5	3,555	3,024
OREG.....	5.3	5.5	572	616	11.4	11.5	1,231	1,288
CALIF.....	129.0	125.0	14,448	14,125	269.0	268.0	29,988	29,998
48 STATES	830.9	721.0	89,721	78,692	1,711.7	1,578.5	184,064	171,433
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	830.9	721.0	89,721	78,692	1,711.7	1,578.5	184,064	171,433

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
FEBRUARY 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
NFW ENG..	1,129	1,112	108	105	250	257	90	82
N.Y.....	1,157	1,164	113	113	229	230	105	104
N.J.....	1,293	1,253	297	284	196	231	102	103
PA.....	1,140	1,156	134	126	219	220	97	103
OHIO.....	1,053	1,061	191	192	223	227	101	97
IND.....	1,010	1,028	202	144	247	248	94	100
ILL.....	1,036	1,052	197	229	236	257	108	111
MICH.....	1,080	1,075	176	216	239	241	105	107
WISC.....	1,139	1,138	144	176	232	231	100	94
MINN.....	1,108	1,120	204	225	238	238	108	108
IOWA.....	1,050	1,064	200	185	237	234	107	107
MO.....	1,034	1,053	292	314	243	240	107	107
N.DAK.....	1,154	1,090	---	---	225	220	112	---
S.DAK.....	1,055	1,065	---	---	244	243	106	109
NEBR.....	1,080	1,075	357	368	244	243	108	108
KANS.....	1,081	1,058	355	300	248	240	111	97
DEL.-MD..	1,078	1,094	234	251	216	218	106	100
VA.....	1,039	1,059	291	328	230	228	102	116
W.VA.....	1,052	1,000	212	---	238	310	95	100
N.C.....	963	989	237	369	223	227	100	95
S.C.....	823	917	495	535	238	247	---	---
GA.....	908	927	445	494	226	222	---	---
FLA.....	994	1,022	184	322	204	195	---	---
KY.....	979	969	260	175	242	244	110	110
TENN.....	1,002	1,010	350	356	232	243	103	102
ALA.....	874	928	410	540	238	241	---	---
MISS.....	869	954	605	554	225	222	---	---
ARK.....	942	969	584	473	262	237	---	---
LA.....	941	967	541	566	208	223	95	96
OKLA.....	980	976	470	490	256	260	95	100
TEXAS.....	914	928	579	572	236	247	102	103
MONT.....	1,043	1,030	---	---	232	237	100	106
IDAHO.....	1,067	1,078	---	433	220	225	108	115
WYO.....	1,003	1,025	206	---	225	235	114	110
COLD.....	1,063	1,056	---	---	229	232	114	114
N.MEX.....	974	983	---	---	228	235	114	112
ARIZ.....	1,081	983	461	500	234	234	114	125
UTAH.....	1,100	1,116	426	451	207	235	105	113
NEV.....	989	1,038	400	---	217	217	100	---
WASH.....	1,095	1,101	347	321	231	233	111	113
OREG.....	1,061	1,060	365	430	229	214	108	112
CALIF.....	1,020	1,017	340	386	218	230	112	113
48 STATES	1,045	1,047	241	255	234	237	108	109
HAWAII...	902	918	---	---	183	180	---	---
U. S.....	1,045	1,047	241	255	234	237	108	109

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE MARCH 1, 1972: Between March 1, 1972 and February 28, 1973, 547 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. In February 1973 these plants slaughtered 71,803 cattle, 9,853 calves, 78,640 hogs, and 33,863 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since March 1, 1972 slaughtered about 23,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 31,000 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 February 1973, compared with February 1972 is as follows: cattle, 90.8 and 88.6 percent; calves, 81.9 and 78.6 percent; hogs, 93.8 and 92.0 percent; sheep and lambs, 97.1 and 96.4 percent.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under
Federal Inspection 48 States, February 1973 with
comparisons ^{1/}

Species	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.-Feb.		Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.-Feb.	
	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 head					Percent of total				
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,355	1,525	1,361	2,762	2,886	55.1	54.3	56.2	55.1	55.2
Heifers	627	721	572	1,274	1,293	25.5	25.7	23.6	25.4	24.7
Cows	432	514	444	892	958	17.6	18.3	18.4	17.8	18.3
Bulls & stags	43	47	45	85	92	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total	2,457	2,807	2,422	5,013	5,229	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters ^{2/}	208	268	225	435	493	8.5	9.5	9.3	8.7	9.4
HOGS:										
Sows	297	411	295	640	706	4.7	6.2	5.2	5.0	5.7
Barrows & gilts	5,933	6,174	5,358	11,935	11,532	94.5	93.0	93.8	94.2	93.4
Stags & boars	50	56	59	100	115	.8	.8	1.0	.8	.9
Total	6,280	6,641	5,712	12,675	12,353	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	771	799	671	1,582	1,470	96.3	95.7	95.8	96.0	95.7
Sheep	30	36	29	66	65	3.7	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.3
Total	801	835	700	1,648	1,535	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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