

# **livestock slaughter**



March 1973

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**MARCH RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM 1972:** Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,967 million pounds in March, down 9 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.

March 1973 included 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays while March 1972 included 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

**BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER:** Beef production in March was 1,772 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 1,867 million pounds produced in March 1972. Cattle killed totaled 2,879,500 head, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,037 pounds, 4 pounds lighter than March 1972.

**VEAL OUTPUT 24 PERCENT BELOW MARCH 1972:** There were 31 million pounds of veal produced during March, down 24 percent from 1972. The 224,900 calves slaughtered were 30 percent below a year earlier. Live weight per head was 242 pounds, up 13 pounds from March 1972.

**PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 14 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER:** Pork production in March totaled 1,133 million pounds, down 14 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7,032,900 head, down 16 percent from March 1972. Live weight per head was 237 pounds, the same as a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.8 pounds compared with 7.9 in March 1972.

**LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 22 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1972:** There were 40 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in March, 22 percent below a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 736,900 head, down 22 percent. Average live weight was 110 pounds, 2 pounds heavier than a year earlier.

**POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM MARCH 1972:** Production of poultry meat during March totaled 781 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 5 percent less than a year earlier but 8 percent more than in February 1973.

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

| Kind           | March          | February | March | Mar. 1973 as % of |           | January-March 5/ |       |                   |
|----------------|----------------|----------|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
|                | 1972           | 1973     | 1973  | Mar. 1972         | Feb. 1973 | 1972             | 1973  | 1973 as % of 1972 |
|                | Million pounds |          |       | Percent           |           | Million pounds   |       | Percent           |
| Beef           | 1,867          | 1,672    | 1,772 | 95                | 106       | 5,370            | 5,386 | 100               |
| Veal           | 41             | 29       | 31    | 76                | 107       | 118              | 96    | 81                |
| Pork 2/        | 1,320          | 980      | 1,133 | 86                | 116       | 3,503            | 3,262 | 93                |
| Lamb & Mutton  | 51             | 39       | 40    | 78                | 103       | 142              | 125   | 88                |
| Total Red Meat | 3,279          | 2,720    | 2,976 | 91                | 109       | 9,133            | 8,869 | 97                |
| Poultry 3/     | 821            | 721      | 781   | 95                | 108       | 2,374            | 2,357 | 99                |
| Lard 4/        | 157            | 96       | 113   | 72                | 118       | 400              | 326   | 82                |

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, March 1973 with comparisons 1/

| Species                  | Unit     | March   | February | March   | Mar. 1973 as % of |           | January-March 2/ |          |                   |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|-------------------|
|                          |          | 1972    | 1973     | 1973    | Mar. 1972         | Feb. 1973 | 1972             | 1973     | 1973 as % of 1972 |
|                          |          |         |          |         | Percent           |           |                  |          | Percent           |
| <b>CATTLE</b>            |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Number                   |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Fed. Insp.               | thou.    | 2,706.5 | 2,422.1  | 2,617.6 | 97                | 108       | 7,718.8          | 7,846.8  | 102               |
| Other                    | thou.    | 330.8   | 246.0    | 261.9   | 79                | 106       | 979.5            | 800.7    | 82                |
| Total                    | thou.    | 3,037.3 | 2,668.1  | 2,879.5 | 95                | 108       | 8,698.3          | 8,647.5  | 99                |
| Live Weight              |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Per Head                 | lb.      | 1,041   | 1,047    | 1,037   | 100               | 99        | 1,044            | 1,044    | 100               |
| Total                    | mil. lb. | 3,162   | 2,794    | 2,985   | 94                | 107       | 9,081            | 9,031    | 99                |
| <b>CALVES</b>            |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Number                   |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Fed. Insp.               | thou.    | 255.4   | 169.1    | 187.6   | 73                | 111       | 698.7            | 565.7    | 81                |
| Other                    | thou.    | 63.9    | 37.3     | 37.3    | 58                | 100       | 186.3            | 119.1    | 64                |
| Total                    | thou.    | 319.3   | 206.4    | 224.9   | 70                | 109       | 885.0            | 684.8    | 77                |
| Live Weight              |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Per Head                 | lb.      | 229     | 255      | 242     | 106               | 95        | 238              | 248      | 104               |
| Total                    | mil. lb. | 73      | 53       | 54      | 74                | 102       | 211              | 170      | 81                |
| <b>HOGS</b>              |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Number                   |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Fed. Insp.               | thou.    | 7,800.5 | 5,712.6  | 6,651.6 | 85                | 116       | 20,481.1         | 19,005.2 | 93                |
| Other                    | thou.    | 608.9   | 374.9    | 381.3   | 63                | 102       | 1,779.4          | 1,212.2  | 68                |
| Total                    | thou.    | 8,409.4 | 6,087.5  | 7,032.9 | 84                | 116       | 22,260.5         | 20,217.4 | 91                |
| Live Weight              |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Per Head.                | lb.      | 237     | 237      | 237     | 100               | 100       | 237              | 237      | 100               |
| Total                    | mil. lb. | 1,993   | 1,442    | 1,665   | 84                | 115       | 5,265            | 4,801    | 91                |
| <b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b> |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Number                   |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Fed. Insp.               | thou.    | 902.8   | 699.8    | 710.1   | 79                | 101       | 2,550.4          | 2,245.2  | 88                |
| Other                    | thou.    | 45.6    | 21.2     | 26.8    | 59                | 126       | 109.7            | 70.2     | 64                |
| Total                    | thou.    | 948.4   | 721.0    | 736.9   | 78                | 102       | 2,660.1          | 2,315.4  | 87                |
| Live Weight              |          |         |          |         |                   |           |                  |          |                   |
| Per Head                 | lb.      | 108     | 109      | 110     | 102               | 101       | 108              | 109      | 101               |
| Total                    | mil. lb. | 102     | 79       | 81      | 79                | 103       | 287              | 253      | 88                |

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

| STATE     | MARCH              |         |                   |           | JANUARY-MARCH      |         |                   |           |       |
|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
|           | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |         | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |           | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |         | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |           |       |
|           | 2/                 | 1972    | 1973              | 1972      | 1973               | 1972    | 1973              | 1972      | 1973  |
|           |                    | 1,000   | 1,000             | 1,000     | 1,000              | 1,000   | 1,000             | 1,000     | 1,000 |
|           | HEAD               | HEAD    | POUNDS            | POUNDS    | HEAD               | HEAD    | POUNDS            | POUNDS    |       |
| NEW ENG.. | 13.8               | 11.3    | 15,278            | 12,458    | 41.0               | 35.3    | 45,746            | 38,980    |       |
| N.Y.....  | 28.0               | 27.0    | 31,416            | 30,726    | 77.9               | 81.9    | 88,942            | 93,730    |       |
| N.J.....  | 21.5               | 17.7    | 27,456            | 21,860    | 62.2               | 51.9    | 79,820            | 64,768    |       |
| PA.....   | 55.5               | 61.0    | 63,048            | 71,065    | 161.0              | 180.5   | 182,603           | 209,515   |       |
| OHIO..... | 91.0               | 77.0    | 94,822            | 82,236    | 269.5              | 240.5   | 283,057           | 256,162   |       |
| IND.....  | 36.5               | 34.5    | 37,266            | 35,914    | 112.0              | 107.0   | 114,374           | 110,717   |       |
| ILL.....  | 122.0              | 106.0   | 126,758           | 109,498   | 346.0              | 326.0   | 360,646           | 340,218   |       |
| MICH..... | 51.5               | 51.0    | 56,032            | 54,672    | 158.0              | 158.0   | 170,846           | 169,175   |       |
| WISC..... | 89.0               | 102.0   | 101,371           | 114,648   | 270.0              | 313.0   | 308,349           | 354,216   |       |
| MINN..... | 128.0              | 103.0   | 141,568           | 113,094   | 370.0              | 328.0   | 410,192           | 364,212   |       |
| IOWA..... | 386.0              | 359.0   | 404,142           | 374,796   | 1,115.0            | 1,128.0 | 1,172,210         | 1,196,810 |       |
| MO.....   | 78.0               | 73.0    | 80,184            | 76,066    | 234.0              | 226.5   | 241,166           | 239,231   |       |
| N.DAK.... | 16.7               | 15.5    | 19,656            | 17,205    | 46.4               | 46.8    | 53,675            | 52,401    |       |
| S.DAK.... | 42.0               | 35.5    | 44,394            | 38,056    | 124.5              | 121.5   | 131,580           | 129,756   |       |
| NEBR....  | 406.0              | 394.0   | 438,480           | 416,064   | 1,140.0            | 1,181.0 | 1,229,712         | 1,244,701 |       |
| KANS..... | 207.0              | 218.0   | 220,041           | 225,412   | 596.0              | 645.0   | 641,943           | 681,472   |       |
| DEL.-MD.. | 9.2                | 8.5     | 10,010            | 9,305     | 27.4               | 26.2    | 29,632            | 28,538    |       |
| VA.....   | 12.6               | 9.4     | 13,230            | 10,030    | 35.2               | 28.7    | 36,837            | 30,469    |       |
| W.VA..... | 4.5                | 4.2     | 4,792             | 4,204     | 13.8               | 13.5    | 14,399            | 13,599    |       |
| N.C.....  | 13.7               | 10.7    | 13,152            | 10,454    | 38.4               | 31.9    | 36,851            | 31,443    |       |
| S.C.....  | 6.1                | 6.1     | 4,813             | 5,405     | 17.4               | 16.7    | 14,182            | 15,114    |       |
| GA.....   | 24.5               | 24.7    | 22,074            | 22,526    | 67.7               | 69.6    | 61,470            | 64,844    |       |
| FLA.....  | 34.5               | 29.5    | 34,224            | 29,706    | 98.0               | 87.5    | 96,863            | 88,300    |       |
| KY.....   | 16.4               | 15.9    | 15,908            | 15,216    | 49.6               | 48.7    | 47,798            | 46,818    |       |
| TENN..... | 43.5               | 37.0    | 43,239            | 36,704    | 124.0              | 113.0   | 123,982           | 114,335   |       |
| ALA.....  | 8.4                | 9.9     | 7,484             | 8,989     | 23.4               | 27.6    | 20,727            | 25,396    |       |
| MISS..... | 23.2               | 23.9    | 20,230            | 21,056    | 59.7               | 70.6    | 51,830            | 64,283    |       |
| ARK.....  | 14.1               | 13.7    | 13,212            | 12,631    | 39.5               | 40.5    | 36,973            | 38,571    |       |
| LA.....   | 15.3               | 13.4    | 14,351            | 12,770    | 45.3               | 39.3    | 42,691            | 37,919    |       |
| OKLA..... | 48.5               | 52.0    | 47,530            | 51,168    | 145.0              | 149.5   | 141,908           | 148,096   |       |
| TEXAS.... | 292.0              | 300.0   | 267,764           | 280,200   | 811.0              | 865.0   | 744,506           | 811,624   |       |
| MONT..... | 19.1               | 16.0    | 20,055            | 17,152    | 52.9               | 45.8    | 55,705            | 48,473    |       |
| IDAHO.... | 32.5               | 33.5    | 35,132            | 36,917    | 98.0               | 95.5    | 105,255           | 104,663   |       |
| WYO.....  | 1.6                | 1.6     | 1,616             | 1,643     | 4.6                | 4.6     | 4,646             | 4,745     |       |
| COLO..... | 219.0              | 199.0   | 227,979           | 206,761   | 604.0              | 563.0   | 638,404           | 591,341   |       |
| N.MEX.... | 34.0               | 30.5    | 33,116            | 29,616    | 97.0               | 90.0    | 94,766            | 87,779    |       |
| ARIZ..... | 47.5               | 43.0    | 46,550            | 41,968    | 135.0              | 125.5   | 131,120           | 123,280   |       |
| UTAH..... | 23.6               | 20.4    | 26,314            | 23,052    | 68.9               | 61.1    | 75,703            | 68,841    |       |
| NEV.....  | 2.5                | 2.5     | 2,490             | 2,638     | 6.7                | 7.0     | 6,674             | 7,302     |       |
| WASH..... | 52.0               | 48.5    | 56,836            | 53,544    | 152.0              | 137.0   | 167,079           | 151,262   |       |
| OREG..... | 25.5               | 23.1    | 27,056            | 24,116    | 75.3               | 66.8    | 80,225            | 70,677    |       |
| CALIF.... | 241.0              | 217.0   | 250,640           | 223,510   | 685.0              | 652.0   | 706,244           | 667,309   |       |
| 48 STATES | 3,037.3            | 2,879.5 | 3,161,709         | 2,985,051 | 8,698.3            | 8,647.5 | 9,081,331         | 9,031,085 |       |
| HAWAII... | 5.1                | 5.3     | 4,564             | 4,929     | 16.4               | 15.0    | 14,895            | 13,954    |       |
| U. S..... | 3,042.4            | 2,884.8 | 3,166,273         | 2,989,980 | 8,714.7            | 8,662.5 | 9,096,226         | 9,045,039 |       |

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

| STATE<br>2/ | MARCH              |               |                   |                 | JANUARY-MARCH      |               |                   |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|             | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |               | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |                 | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |               | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |                 |
|             | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            |
|             | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS |
| NEW ENG..   | 27.1               | 21.8          | 2,622             | 2,295           | 62.8               | 54.8          | 6,511             | 5,749           |
| N.Y.....    | 84.5               | 60.0          | 9,380             | 6,300           | 189.5              | 154.5         | 20,777            | 16,412          |
| N.J.....    | 22.0               | 17.7          | 6,710             | 5,487           | 72.9               | 58.0          | 21,628            | 16,504          |
| PA.....     | 27.5               | 16.9          | 3,960             | 1,960           | 76.1               | 57.7          | 10,619            | 6,918           |
| OHIO.....   | 5.1                | 2.0           | 989               | 442             | 13.8               | 8.1           | 2,715             | 1,633           |
| IND.....    | 3.7                | .3            | 784               | 41              | 11.4               | 1.2           | 2,380             | 176             |
| ILL.....    | 7.0                | 7.0           | 1,435             | 1,540           | 21.7               | 22.1          | 4,487             | 4,933           |
| MICH.....   | 9.1                | 5.8           | 1,520             | 1,247           | 28.3               | 20.8          | 4,801             | 4,345           |
| WISC.....   | 24.4               | 17.5          | 4,124             | 2,992           | 80.4               | 59.8          | 12,328            | 10,014          |
| MINN.....   | 1.0                | .7            | 185               | 171             | 2.0                | 2.1           | 387               | 495             |
| IOWA.....   | 15.8               | 10.7          | 2,765             | 1,980           | 53.2               | 37.6          | 9,847             | 6,956           |
| MO.....     | 1.4                | .9            | 407               | 284             | 4.3                | 3.0           | 1,256             | 950             |
| N.DAK.....  | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| S.DAK.....  | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| NEBR.....   | .4                 | .3            | 142               | 106             | 1.3                | 1.0           | 465               | 359             |
| KANS.....   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | .1                 | .1            | 36                | 30              |
| DEL.-MD..   | 1.4                | 1.0           | 381               | 224             | 4.4                | 3.4           | 1,092             | 822             |
| VA.....     | 7.4                | 5.9           | 2,050             | 1,891           | 24.1               | 17.4          | 6,919             | 5,626           |
| W.VA.....   | .1                 | .1            | 20                | 28              | .4                 | .2            | 85                | 53              |
| N.C.....    | 1.4                | .2            | 326               | 69              | 4.3                | .5            | 1,020             | 162             |
| S.C.....    | 10.8               | 8.4           | 5,540             | 4,519           | 31.2               | 25.8          | 15,578            | 13,461          |
| GA.....     | 2.4                | 1.0           | 1,042             | 487             | 5.9                | 2.5           | 2,600             | 1,225           |
| FLA.....    | 8.4                | 5.5           | 1,184             | 1,903           | 25.7               | 18.1          | 5,489             | 5,953           |
| KY.....     | .3                 | .2            | 80                | 60              | .8                 | .8            | 208               | 191             |
| TENN.....   | 9.9                | 6.3           | 3,307             | 2,136           | 29.2               | 25.2          | 9,925             | 8,899           |
| ALA.....    | .3                 | .2            | 113               | 89              | 1.0                | .9            | 406               | 427             |
| MISS.....   | 4.5                | 2.4           | 2,583             | 1,495           | 11.9               | 7.6           | 6,957             | 4,432           |
| ARK.....    | .3                 | .1            | 160               | 42              | .9                 | .3            | 488               | 129             |
| LA.....     | 14.4               | 12.6          | 7,891             | 7,409           | 42.0               | 39.3          | 22,590            | 22,608          |
| OKLA.....   | .4                 | .3            | 182               | 131             | 1.0                | .8            | 458               | 368             |
| TEXAS....   | 14.1               | 10.4          | 8,305             | 6,011           | 42.7               | 31.6          | 24,637            | 18,070          |
| MONT.....   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| IDAHO....   | .1                 | ---           | 36                | ---             | .2                 | .1            | 72                | 43              |
| WYO.....    | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | .1                 | ---           | 21                | ---             |
| COLO.....   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| N.MEX....   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| ARIZ.....   | .3                 | .1            | 137               | 48              | .8                 | .4            | 374               | 197             |
| UTAH.....   | .3                 | ---           | 122               | ---             | .7                 | .1            | 288               | 45              |
| NEV.....    | .1                 | .1            | 37                | 40              | .3                 | .2            | 116               | 81              |
| WASH.....   | .9                 | .5            | 273               | 158             | 2.5                | 1.5           | 820               | 467             |
| OREG.....   | .5                 | .5            | 174               | 212             | 1.7                | 1.6           | 625               | 686             |
| CALIF....   | 12.0               | 7.6           | 4,032             | 2,683           | 35.4               | 25.7          | 11,829            | 10,455          |
| 48 STATES   | 319.3              | 224.9         | 72,998            | 54,480          | 885.0              | 684.8         | 210,834           | 169,874         |
| HAWAII..    | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| U. S.....   | 319.3              | 224.9         | 72,998            | 54,480          | 885.0              | 684.8         | 210,834           | 169,874         |

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

| STATE<br>2/ | MARCH              |               |                   |                 | JANUARY-MARCH      |               |                   |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
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|             | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            |
|             | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS |
| NEW ENG..   | 6.5                | 4.3           | 1,610             | 1,100           | 19.9               | 13.9          | 4,971             | 3,497           |
| N.Y.....    | 90.5               | 74.0          | 20,815            | 17,994          | 256.0              | 204.0         | 58,880            | 47,131          |
| N.J.....    | 36.5               | 27.0          | 7,190             | 6,237           | 105.5              | 85.7          | 20,939            | 19,797          |
| PA.....     | 400.0              | 302.0         | 89,200            | 67,346          | 1,091.0            | 864.0         | 242,319           | 190,404         |
| OHIO.....   | 390.0              | 289.0         | 87,750            | 64,736          | 1,100.0            | 882.0         | 246,442           | 200,017         |
| IND.....    | 369.0              | 255.0         | 90,036            | 62,220          | 962.0              | 766.0         | 238,987           | 188,394         |
| ILL.....    | 622.0              | 582.0         | 153,634           | 148,410         | 1,612.0            | 1,634.0       | 393,118           | 415,438         |
| MICH.....   | 360.0              | 342.0         | 86,760            | 80,370          | 979.0              | 981.0         | 235,937           | 235,395         |
| WISC.....   | 354.0              | 274.0         | 82,482            | 65,212          | 899.0              | 784.0         | 209,738           | 184,678         |
| MINN.....   | 490.0              | 466.0         | 118,090           | 111,374         | 1,321.0            | 1,305.0       | 317,983           | 311,056         |
| IOWA.....   | 2,089.0            | 1,843.0       | 499,271           | 436,791         | 5,383.0            | 5,160.0       | 1,284,950         | 1,223,655       |
| MO.....     | 202.0              | 158.0         | 50,500            | 36,656          | 521.0              | 466.0         | 127,522           | 110,404         |
| N.DAK.....  | 2.9                | 2.1           | 673               | 472             | 7.9                | 6.9           | 1,798             | 1,528           |
| S.DAK.....  | 262.0              | 198.0         | 63,666            | 48,708          | 645.0              | 566.0         | 157,688           | 138,924         |
| NEBR.....   | 255.0              | 233.0         | 61,965            | 56,386          | 630.0              | 635.0         | 154,697           | 156,232         |
| KANS.....   | 210.0              | 201.0         | 51,450            | 47,637          | 547.0              | 549.0         | 134,680           | 130,409         |
| DEL.-MD..   | 48.9               | 34.8          | 10,540            | 7,592           | 139.0              | 116.2         | 30,238            | 25,471          |
| VA.....     | 307.0              | 232.0         | 72,759            | 53,128          | 820.0              | 697.0         | 191,520           | 160,926         |
| W.VA.....   | 6.4                | 4.2           | 1,766             | 1,373           | 19.9               | 14.6          | 4,986             | 4,636           |
| N.C.....    | 169.0              | 142.0         | 37,518            | 31,666          | 480.0              | 427.0         | 106,708           | 96,055          |
| S.C.....    | 42.5               | 30.0          | 10,072            | 7,380           | 123.5              | 90.5          | 29,678            | 22,457          |
| GA.....     | 200.0              | 162.0         | 44,800            | 36,288          | 539.0              | 473.0         | 120,168           | 105,664         |
| FLA.....    | 58.0               | 30.0          | 12,064            | 5,850           | 165.0              | 95.0          | 33,674            | 18,702          |
| KY.....     | 184.0              | 158.0         | 44,528            | 39,026          | 490.0              | 445.0         | 120,595           | 109,834         |
| TENN.....   | 287.0              | 243.0         | 67,732            | 58,320          | 773.0              | 702.0         | 181,488           | 167,625         |
| ALA.....    | 84.5               | 67.0          | 20,196            | 15,678          | 240.5              | 202.0         | 57,407            | 48,212          |
| MISS.....   | 120.0              | 97.5          | 26,640            | 21,840          | 284.0              | 298.0         | 63,252            | 66,669          |
| ARK.....    | 43.0               | 28.0          | 11,051            | 6,468           | 125.5              | 86.5          | 31,883            | 20,267          |
| LA.....     | 18.4               | 14.0          | 3,864             | 3,094           | 55.7               | 45.4          | 11,970            | 10,011          |
| OKLA.....   | 94.5               | 82.0          | 23,814            | 21,238          | 235.5              | 222.0         | 60,421            | 58,424          |
| TEXAS....   | 183.0              | 139.0         | 42,273            | 31,831          | 531.0              | 452.0         | 125,481           | 109,646         |
| MONT.....   | 36.5               | 27.0          | 8,578             | 6,534           | 103.0              | 80.1          | 24,071            | 19,207          |
| IDAHO....   | 11.7               | 7.8           | 2,574             | 1,771           | 33.0               | 24.2          | 7,293             | 5,499           |
| WYO.....    | 2.0                | 1.6           | 444               | 371             | 5.7                | 4.6           | 1,290             | 1,066           |
| COLO.....   | 104.0              | 79.5          | 23,920            | 18,364          | 277.5              | 230.5         | 64,002            | 53,476          |
| N.MEX....   | 10.5               | 8.9           | 2,457             | 2,127           | 30.5               | 26.1          | 7,088             | 6,178           |
| ARIZ.....   | 17.2               | 12.8          | 3,956             | 2,982           | 48.9               | 39.2          | 11,277            | 9,116           |
| UTAH.....   | 8.4                | 6.1           | 1,814             | 1,275           | 24.3               | 18.3          | 5,157             | 3,990           |
| NEV.....    | .5                 | .3            | 108               | 63              | 1.3                | .9            | 285               | 190             |
| WASH.....   | 64.0               | 48.0          | 14,784            | 11,040          | 180.5              | 147.5         | 41,883            | 34,276          |
| OREG.....   | 21.0               | 14.0          | 4,746             | 3,248           | 58.9               | 41.3          | 13,464            | 9,283           |
| CALIF....   | 148.0              | 113.0         | 34,780            | 25,538          | 396.0              | 336.0         | 89,094            | 77,320          |
| 48 STATES   | 8,409.4            | 7,032.9       | 1,992,870         | 1,664,834       | 22,260.5           | 20,217.4      | 5,265,022         | 4,801,159       |
| HAWAII...   | 4.5                | 4.1           | 842               | 742             | 12.2               | 11.4          | 2,240             | 2,038           |
| U. S.....   | 8,413.9            | 7,037.0       | 1,993,712         | 1,665,576       | 22,272.7           | 20,228.8      | 5,267,262         | 4,803,197       |

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

| STATE<br>2/ | MARCH              |               |                   |                 | JANUARY-MARCH      |               |                   |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|             | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |               | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |                 | NUMBER SLAUGHTERED |               | TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT |                 |
|             | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            | 1972               | 1973          | 1972              | 1973            |
|             | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS | 1,000<br>HEAD      | 1,000<br>HEAD | 1,000<br>POUNDS   | 1,000<br>POUNDS |
| NEW ENG..   | 3.0                | .8            | 246               | 69              | 4.7                | 1.7           | 394               | 155             |
| N.Y.....    | 13.7               | 5.0           | 1,055             | 540             | 23.4               | 15.5          | 2,060             | 1,632           |
| N.J.....    | 69.0               | 37.5          | 7,107             | 3,825           | 202.5              | 130.5         | 20,586            | 13,251          |
| PA.....     | 12.1               | 10.8          | 1,150             | 1,123           | 32.2               | 34.9          | 3,110             | 3,592           |
| OHIO.....   | 7.3                | 3.6           | 701               | 356             | 18.3               | 12.4          | 1,806             | 1,205           |
| IND.....    | 1.6                | .7            | 147               | 67              | 4.5                | 3.3           | 408               | 339             |
| ILL.....    | 42.0               | 26.5          | 4,578             | 2,836           | 119.0              | 95.0          | 12,894            | 10,330          |
| MICH.....   | 37.5               | 30.0          | 3,975             | 3,540           | 103.5              | 94.5          | 10,971            | 10,371          |
| WISC.....   | .2                 | .1            | 20                | 9               | .5                 | .5            | 51                | 47              |
| MINN.....   | 21.2               | 15.5          | 2,332             | 1,705           | 68.1               | 61.5          | 7,343             | 6,647           |
| IOWA.....   | 39.0               | 33.0          | 4,095             | 3,531           | 121.0              | 114.0         | 12,783            | 12,197          |
| MO.....     | 1.5                | 1.0           | 148               | 105             | 4.2                | 3.8           | 431               | 401             |
| N.DAK.....  | ---                | .1            | ---               | 11              | .2                 | .2            | 21                | 21              |
| S.DAK.....  | 38.5               | 38.0          | 4,158             | 4,180           | 107.5              | 120.5         | 11,472            | 13,129          |
| NERR.....   | 76.5               | 53.0          | 8,338             | 5,777           | 225.5              | 207.5         | 24,273            | 22,381          |
| KANS.....   | .6                 | .3            | 62                | 30              | 1.2                | .9            | 128               | 88              |
| DEL.-MD..   | 4.8                | 2.4           | 489               | 244             | 14.5               | 11.6          | 1,508             | 1,212           |
| VA.....     | .2                 | .2            | 19                | 21              | .4                 | .4            | 38                | 44              |
| W.VA.....   | .3                 | ---           | 32                | ---             | .7                 | .3            | 72                | 32              |
| N.C.....    | ---                | .1            | ---               | 10              | .1                 | .2            | 10                | 20              |
| S.C.....    | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| GA.....     | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| FLA.....    | .2                 | ---           | 13                | ---             | .2                 | ---           | 13                | ---             |
| KY.....     | 13.4               | 13.5          | 1,487             | 1,539           | 41.2               | 48.9          | 4,479             | 5,348           |
| TENN.....   | 5.3                | 5.1           | 541               | 530             | 19.7               | 25.0          | 2,015             | 2,549           |
| ALA.....    | ---                | .1            | ---               | 10              | ---                | .1            | ---               | 10              |
| MISS.....   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| ARK.....    | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| LA.....     | .5                 | .5            | 42                | 43              | .8                 | .8            | 70                | 70              |
| OKLA.....   | .3                 | .3            | 30                | 28              | .6                 | .5            | 59                | 48              |
| TEXAS.....  | 145.0              | 111.0         | 14,790            | 11,433          | 359.0              | 308.5         | 36,416            | 31,372          |
| MONT.....   | .1                 | .1            | 10                | 11              | .4                 | .4            | 40                | 44              |
| IDAHO.....  | .9                 | .5            | 100               | 58              | 2.7                | 1.9           | 301               | 222             |
| WYO.....    | .2                 | .2            | 22                | 22              | .6                 | .6            | 72                | 67              |
| COLO.....   | 178.0              | 171.0         | 20,826            | 19,836          | 520.0              | 466.0         | 59,464            | 53,796          |
| N.MEX.....  | 10.4               | 11.1          | 1,092             | 1,232           | 26.7               | 30.5          | 2,913             | 3,394           |
| ARIZ.....   | .2                 | .2            | 21                | 20              | .3                 | .3            | 32                | 32              |
| UTAH.....   | 45.0               | 20.0          | 5,220             | 2,320           | 143.5              | 71.8          | 15,862            | 8,117           |
| NEV.....    | .1                 | .1            | 10                | 10              | .5                 | .3            | 51                | 31              |
| WASH.....   | 14.7               | 13.9          | 1,632             | 1,598           | 46.4               | 40.4          | 5,187             | 4,622           |
| OREG.....   | 8.1                | 4.7           | 875               | 573             | 19.5               | 16.2          | 2,106             | 1,861           |
| CALIF.....  | 157.0              | 126.0         | 17,113            | 13,986          | 426.0              | 394.0         | 47,101            | 43,984          |
| 48 STATES   | 948.4              | 736.9         | 102,476           | 81,228          | 2,660.1            | 2,315.4       | 286,540           | 252,661         |
| HAWAII...   | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             | ---                | ---           | ---               | ---             |
| U. S.....   | 948.4              | 736.9         | 102,476           | 81,228          | 2,660.1            | 2,315.4       | 286,540           | 252,661         |

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

| STATE<br>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..   | 1,107  | 1,102  | 97     | 105    | 248    | 256    | 82              | 86     |
| N.Y.....    | 1,122  | 1,138  | 111    | 105    | 230    | 231    | 77              | 108    |
| N.J.....    | 1,277  | 1,235  | 305    | 310    | 197    | 231    | 103             | 102    |
| PA.....     | 1,136  | 1,165  | 144    | 116    | 223    | 223    | 95              | 104    |
| OHIO.....   | 1,042  | 1,068  | 194    | 221    | 225    | 224    | 96              | 99     |
| IND.....    | 1,021  | 1,041  | 212    | 138    | 244    | 244    | 92              | 96     |
| ILL.....    | 1,039  | 1,033  | 205    | 220    | 247    | 255    | 109             | 107    |
| MICH.....   | 1,088  | 1,072  | 167    | 215    | 241    | 235    | 106             | 118    |
| WISC.....   | 1,139  | 1,124  | 169    | 171    | 233    | 238    | 100             | 93     |
| MINN.....   | 1,106  | 1,098  | 185    | 244    | 241    | 239    | 110             | 110    |
| IOWA.....   | 1,047  | 1,044  | 175    | 185    | 239    | 237    | 105             | 107    |
| MO.....     | 1,028  | 1,042  | 291    | 315    | 250    | 232    | 99              | 105    |
| N.DAK.....  | 1,177  | 1,110  | ---    | ---    | 232    | 225    | ---             | 112    |
| S.DAK.....  | 1,057  | 1,072  | ---    | ---    | 243    | 246    | 108             | 110    |
| NERR.....   | 1,080  | 1,056  | 356    | 355    | 243    | 242    | 109             | 109    |
| KANS.....   | 1,063  | 1,034  | ---    | ---    | 245    | 237    | 104             | 100    |
| DEL.-MD..   | 1,088  | 1,095  | 272    | 224    | 216    | 218    | 102             | 102    |
| VA.....     | 1,050  | 1,067  | 277    | 326    | 237    | 229    | 95              | 106    |
| W.VA.....   | 1,065  | 1,001  | 200    | 283    | 276    | 327    | 108             | ---    |
| N.C.....    | 960    | 977    | 233    | 346    | 222    | 223    | ---             | 97     |
| S.C.....    | 789    | 886    | 513    | 538    | 237    | 246    | ---             | ---    |
| GA.....     | 901    | 912    | 434    | 487    | 224    | 224    | ---             | ---    |
| FLA.....    | 992    | 1,007  | 141    | 346    | 208    | 195    | 67              | ---    |
| KY.....     | 970    | 957    | 266    | 300    | 242    | 247    | 111             | 114    |
| TENN.....   | 994    | 992    | 334    | 339    | 236    | 240    | 102             | 104    |
| ALA.....    | 891    | 908    | 377    | 445    | 239    | 234    | ---             | 100    |
| MISS.....   | 872    | 881    | 574    | 623    | 222    | 224    | ---             | ---    |
| ARK.....    | 937    | 922    | 532    | 417    | 257    | 231    | ---             | ---    |
| LA.....     | 938    | 953    | 548    | 588    | 210    | 221    | 85              | 86     |
| OKLA.....   | 980    | 984    | 456    | 438    | 252    | 259    | 100             | 94     |
| TEXAS....   | 917    | 934    | 589    | 578    | 231    | 229    | 102             | 103    |
| MONT.....   | 1,050  | 1,072  | ---    | ---    | 235    | 242    | 100             | 108    |
| IDAHO....   | 1,081  | 1,102  | 359    | ---    | 220    | 227    | 111             | 115    |
| WYO.....    | 1,010  | 1,027  | ---    | ---    | 222    | 232    | 109             | 109    |
| COLO.....   | 1,041  | 1,039  | ---    | ---    | 230    | 231    | 117             | 116    |
| N.MEX....   | 974    | 971    | ---    | ---    | 234    | 239    | 105             | 111    |
| ARIZ.....   | 980    | 976    | 456    | 482    | 230    | 233    | 105             | 100    |
| UTAH.....   | 1,115  | 1,130  | 405    | ---    | 216    | 209    | 116             | 116    |
| NEV.....    | 996    | 1,055  | 367    | 400    | 217    | 211    | 100             | 99     |
| WASH.....   | 1,093  | 1,104  | 303    | 315    | 231    | 230    | 111             | 115    |
| OREG.....   | 1,061  | 1,044  | 349    | 423    | 226    | 232    | 108             | 122    |
| CALIF....   | 1,040  | 1,030  | 336    | 353    | 235    | 226    | 109             | 111    |
| 48 STATES   | 1,041  | 1,037  | 229    | 242    | 237    | 237    | 108             | 110    |
| HAWAII...   | 895    | 930    | ---    | ---    | 187    | 181    | ---             | ---    |
| U. S.....   | 1,041  | 1,036  | 229    | 242    | 237    | 237    | 108             | 110    |

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**INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE APRIL 1, 1972:** Between April 1, 1972 and March 31, 1973, 550 plants began slaughter under Federal Inspection. During March 1973 these plants slaughtered 73,267 cattle, 7,428 calves, 83,786 hogs, and 31,767 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal Inspection since April 1, 1972 slaughtered about 23,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 28,000 hogs, 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 March 1973, compared with March 1972 is as follows: Cattle, 90.9 and 89.1 percent; calves, 83.4 and 80.0 percent; hogs, 94.6 and 92.8 percent; sheep and lambs, 96.4 and 95.2 percent.

**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under  
Federal Inspection 48 States, March 1973, with  
comparisons 1/**

| Species                 | March      | Feb.  | March | Jan.-March | March            | Feb.  | March  | Jan.-March |       |       |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|-------|------------|------------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|-------|
|                         | 1972       | 1973  | 1973  | 1972       | 1972             | 1973  | 1973   | 1972       | 1972  | 1973  |
|                         | 1,000 head |       |       |            | Percent of total |       |        |            |       |       |
| <b>CATTLE:</b>          |            |       |       |            |                  |       |        |            |       |       |
| Steers                  | 1,547      | 1,361 | 1,472 | 4,309      | 4,358            | 57.1  | 56.2   | 56.3       | 55.8  | 55.5  |
| Heifers                 | 659        | 572   | 614   | 1,933      | 1,907            | 24.4  | 23.6   | 23.4       | 25.0  | 24.3  |
| Cows                    | 455        | 444   | 483   | 1,347      | 1,441            | 16.8  | 18.4   | 18.4       | 17.5  | 18.4  |
| Bulls & stags           | 46         | 45    | 49    | 131        | 141              | 1.7   | 1.8    | 1.9        | 1.7   | 1.8   |
| Total                   | 2,707      | 2,422 | 2,618 | 7,720      | 7,847            | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0      | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Canners & Cutters 2/    | 220        | 225   | 248   | 655        | 741              | 8.1   | 9.3    | 9.5        | 8.5   | 9.4   |
| <b>HOGS:</b>            |            |       |       |            |                  |       |        |            |       |       |
| Sows                    | 328        | 295   | 305   | 971        | 1,011            | 4.2   | 5.2    | 4.6        | 4.7   | 5.3   |
| Barrows & gilts         | 7,410      | 5,358 | 6,271 | 19,346     | 17,803           | 95.0  | 93.8   | 94.3       | 94.5  | 93.7  |
| Stags & boars           | 62         | 59    | 76    | 163        | 191              | .8    | 1.0    | 1.1        | .8    | 1.0   |
| Total                   | 7,800      | 5,712 | 6,652 | 20,480     | 19,005           | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0      | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <b>SHEEP AND LAMBS:</b> |            |       |       |            |                  |       |        |            |       |       |
| Lambs & yearlings       | 858        | 3/683 | 689   | 2,440      | 2,159            | 95.0  | 3/97.6 | 97.0       | 95.6  | 96.2  |
| Sheep                   | 45         | 3/ 17 | 21    | 111        | 86               | 5.0   | 3/ 2.4 | 3.0        | 4.4   | 3.8   |
| Total                   | 903        | 700   | 710   | 2,551      | 2,245            | 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. 3/ Revised.

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