

livestock slaughter



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APRIL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,576 million pounds in April, down 12 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

April 1973 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while April 1972 included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

BEEF PRODUCTION OFF 14 PERCENT: Beef production was 1,480 million pounds, 14 percent less than the 1,717 million pounds produced in April 1972. The lower output was caused by an 8-pound decrease in the average weight, coupled with a 13-percent decrease in head slaughtered. Cattle killed totaled 2,402,700 head, compared with 2,761,900 a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,031 pounds, 8 pounds less than April 1972 and 6 pounds less than March 1973.

VEAL OUTPUT SHARPLY UNDER APRIL 1973: There were 24 million pounds of veal produced during April, down 27 percent from the 33 million pounds produced in April 1972. Calf slaughter was 29 percent less than a year earlier, while live weight per head was unchanged at 249 pounds.

PORK PRODUCTION DROPS 9 PERCENT: Pork production totaled 1,033 million pounds, 9 percent less than a year earlier. The hog kill totaled 6,357,200 head, down 12 percent from April 1972. Live weight per head was 238 pounds, the same as a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.6 pounds, compared with 8.0 in April 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 9 PERCENT: There were 39 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in April, 9 percent less than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 732,400 head, down 11 percent. Average live weight was 108 pounds, 1 pound more than a year earlier.

POULTRY PRODUCTION DIPS 4 PERCENT: Production of poultry meat totaled 725 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 29 million less than in April 1972.

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

Kind	April	March	April	April 1973 as % of:		January-April 5/		1973 as % of 1972
	1972	1973	1973	April 1972	Mar. 1973	1972	1973	
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,717	1,772	1,480	86	84	7,087	6,866	97
Veal	33	31	24	73	77	151	120	79
Pork 2/	1,138	1,133	1,033	91	91	4,641	4,295	93
Lamb & Mutton	43	40	39	91	98	186	165	89
Total Red Meat	2,931	2,976	2,576	88	87	12,065	11,446	95
Poultry 3/	754	781	725	96	93	3,128	3,082	99
Lard 4/	139	113	100	72	88	539	426	79

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, April 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	April	March	April	April 1973 as % of:		January-April 2/		1973 as % of 1972
		1972	1973	1973	April 1972	March 1973	1972	1973	
Percent									
CATTLE:									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,471.2	2,617.6	2,167.4	88	83	10,190.0	10,014.2	98
Other	thou.	290.7	261.9	235.3	81	90	1,270.2	1,036.0	82
Total	thou.	2,761.9	2,879.5	2,402.7	87	83	11,460.2	11,050.2	96
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,039	1,037	1,031	99	99	1,043	1,042	100
Total	mil. lb.	2,870	2,985	2,478	86	83	11,951	11,509	96
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	185.2	187.6	138.7	75	74	883.9	704.4	80
Other	thou.	53.9	37.3	32.2	60	86	240.2	151.3	63
Total	thou.	239.1	224.9	170.9	71	76	1,124.1	855.7	76
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	249	242	249	100	103	240	248	103
Total	mil. lb.	59	54	43	73	80	270	212	79
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,732.5	6,651.6	5,991.8	89	90	27,213.6	24,997.0	92
Other	thou.	523.6	381.3	365.4	70	96	2,303.0	1,577.6	69
Total	thou.	7,256.1	7,032.9	6,357.2	88	90	29,516.6	26,574.6	90
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	238	237	238	100	100	237	238	100
Total	mil. lb.	1,724	1,665	1,516	88	91	6,989	6,317	90
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	785.6	710.1	690.0	88	97	3,336.0	2,935.2	88
Other	thou.	35.9	26.8	42.4	118	158	145.6	112.6	77
Total	thou.	821.5	736.9	732.4	89	99	3,481.6	3,047.8	88
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	107	110	108	101	98	107	109	102
Total	mil. lb.	88	81	79	90	98	374	332	89

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	10.8	9.3	11,868	10,158	51.8	44.6	57,614	49,138
N.Y.....	25.5	20.6	29,248	23,587	103.4	102.5	118,190	117,317
N.J.....	17.7	9.7	22,390	11,863	79.9	61.6	102,210	76,631
PA.....	51.5	48.5	58,401	55,775	212.5	229.0	241,004	265,290
OHIO.....	81.5	65.5	84,352	67,989	351.0	306.0	367,409	324,151
IND.....	33.0	31.0	32,703	31,589	145.0	138.0	147,077	142,306
ILL.....	110.0	85.0	115,066	87,125	456.0	411.0	475,706	427,343
MICH.....	47.5	42.0	52,202	46,284	205.5	200.0	223,048	215,459
WISC.....	82.0	81.0	93,398	92,178	352.0	394.0	401,747	446,394
MINN.....	111.0	91.0	123,321	57,643	481.0	419.0	533,513	461,855
IOWA.....	366.0	285.0	390,156	297,255	1,481.0	1,413.0	1,562,366	1,494,065
MO.....	72.5	48.0	74,892	49,104	306.5	274.5	316,058	288,335
N.DAK.....	15.3	10.7	16,983	11,909	61.7	57.5	70,658	64,310
S.DAK.....	41.5	38.5	44,073	40,618	166.0	160.0	175,653	170,374
NEBR.....	355.0	344.0	383,755	365,672	1,495.0	1,525.0	1,613,467	1,610,373
KANS.....	197.0	166.0	209,608	169,818	793.0	811.0	851,551	851,290
DEL.-MD..	7.6	7.5	8,220	8,154	35.0	33.7	37,852	36,692
VA.....	10.9	7.6	11,151	7,737	46.1	36.3	47,988	38,206
W.VA.....	3.9	3.4	4,040	3,573	17.7	16.9	18,439	17,172
N.C.....	10.9	9.6	10,638	9,418	49.3	41.5	47,489	40,861
S.C.....	5.3	5.3	4,457	4,781	22.7	22.0	18,639	19,895
GA.....	20.7	20.9	18,257	19,291	88.4	90.5	79,727	84,135
FLA.....	29.5	26.0	29,382	25,870	127.5	113.5	126,245	114,170
KY.....	14.3	13.8	13,685	12,972	63.9	62.5	61,483	59,790
TENN.....	39.0	33.5	38,883	33,332	163.0	146.5	162,865	147,667
ALA.....	7.2	9.2	6,214	8,436	30.6	36.8	26,941	33,832
MISS.....	21.6	20.6	18,252	17,057	81.3	91.2	70,082	81,340
ARK.....	12.2	11.8	11,334	10,691	51.7	52.3	48,307	49,262
LA.....	14.3	11.5	13,656	11,086	59.6	50.8	56,347	49,005
OKLA.....	47.5	46.0	46,265	44,390	192.5	195.5	188,173	192,486
TEXAS.....	285.0	246.0	251,655	226,566	1,096.0	1,111.0	956,161	1,038,190
MONT.....	14.5	11.7	15,066	12,355	67.4	57.5	70,771	60,828
IDAHO.....	30.5	30.0	32,910	32,820	128.5	125.5	138,165	137,483
WYO.....	1.6	1.4	1,610	1,431	6.2	6.0	6,256	6,176
COLO.....	191.0	171.0	204,752	180,918	795.0	734.0	843,156	772,259
N.MEX.....	32.0	28.5	30,976	27,531	129.0	118.5	125,742	115,310
ARIZ.....	43.5	37.0	43,761	36,334	178.5	162.5	174,881	159,614
UTAH.....	20.5	17.9	23,022	19,189	89.4	79.0	98,725	88,030
NEV.....	2.2	2.3	2,244	2,431	8.9	9.3	8,918	9,733
WASH.....	45.0	39.0	49,230	43,290	197.0	176.0	216,309	194,552
OREG.....	22.4	17.4	23,811	18,983	97.7	84.2	104,036	89,660
CALIF.....	211.0	198.0	214,165	200,772	896.0	850.0	920,409	868,081
48 STATES	2,761.9	2,402.7	2,870,046	2,477,975	11,460.2	11,050.2	11,951,377	11,509,060
HAWAII...	4.8	4.9	4,349	4,474	21.2	19.9	19,244	18,428
U. S.....	2,766.7	2,407.6	2,874,395	2,482,449	11,481.4	11,070.1	11,970,621	11,527,488

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/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	17.5	14.9	1,768	1,499	80.3	69.7	8,279	7,248
N.Y.....	55.0	47.0	6,105	4,794	244.5	201.5	26,882	21,206
N.J.....	19.0	11.1	6,099	3,263	91.9	69.1	27,727	19,767
PA.....	19.0	12.5	2,868	1,512	95.1	70.2	13,507	8,430
OHIO.....	3.6	1.2	752	257	17.4	9.3	3,467	1,890
IND.....	3.2	.2	662	28	14.6	1.4	3,042	204
ILL.....	6.1	5.7	1,324	1,288	27.8	27.8	5,811	6,221
MICH.....	7.4	4.0	1,332	916	35.7	24.8	6,133	5,261
WISC.....	19.3	14.3	3,378	2,860	99.7	74.1	15,706	12,874
MINN.....	.4	.9	73	256	2.4	3.0	460	751
IOWA.....	11.7	8.1	2,048	1,498	64.9	45.7	11,895	8,454
MO.....	1.2	.7	347	215	5.5	3.7	1,603	1,165
N.DAK.....	.1	---	39	---	.1	---	39	---
S.DAK.....	---	.1	---	40	---	.1	---	40
NEBR.....	.4	.2	138	76	1.7	1.2	603	435
KANS.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	36	30
DEL.-MD..	1.2	.7	275	164	5.6	4.1	1,367	986
VA.....	5.9	2.8	1,846	876	30.0	20.2	8,565	6,502
W.VA.....	.1	---	21	---	.5	.2	106	53
N.C.....	.7	.2	160	67	5.0	.7	1,180	229
S.C.....	9.2	6.5	4,379	3,536	40.4	32.3	19,957	16,997
GA.....	1.6	1.0	702	486	7.5	3.5	3,302	1,711
FLA.....	7.0	4.4	1,561	1,487	32.7	22.5	7,050	7,440
KY.....	.2	.1	48	29	1.0	.9	256	220
TENN.....	6.8	4.4	2,142	1,509	30.0	29.6	12,067	10,408
ALA.....	.2	.2	78	84	1.2	1.1	484	511
MISS.....	3.6	2.5	2,048	1,418	15.5	10.1	9,005	5,850
ARK.....	.2	---	103	---	1.1	.3	591	129
LA.....	13.7	11.1	7,261	6,038	55.7	50.4	29,851	28,646
OKLA.....	.3	.4	138	185	1.3	1.2	596	553
TEXAS.....	13.6	9.7	7,970	6,519	56.3	41.3	32,607	23,589
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	---	---	---	---	.2	.1	72	43
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	21	---
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	99	53	1.0	.5	473	250
UTAH.....	.2	---	77	---	.9	.1	365	45
NEV.....	.1	---	36	---	.4	.2	152	81
WASH.....	.7	.3	237	90	3.2	1.8	1,057	557
OREG.....	.5	.3	172	139	2.2	1.9	797	825
CALIF.....	9.2	5.3	3,321	2,396	44.6	31.0	15,150	12,851
48 STATES	239.1	170.9	59,427	42,578	1,124.1	855.7	270,261	212,452
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	239.1	170.9	59,427	42,578	1,124.1	855.7	270,261	212,452

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	5.7	4.1	1,436	1,023	25.6	18.0	6,407	4,520
N.Y.....	78.5	64.5	18,212	15,222	334.5	268.5	77,092	62,353
N.J.....	32.5	22.8	6,402	5,244	138.0	108.5	27,341	25,041
PA.....	335.0	261.0	74,705	57,420	1,426.0	1,125.0	317,024	247,824
OHIO.....	343.0	262.0	80,262	61,046	1,443.0	1,144.0	326,704	261,063
IND.....	320.0	234.0	79,360	58,266	1,282.0	1,000.0	318,347	246,660
ILL.....	535.0	500.0	127,330	124,500	2,147.0	2,134.0	520,448	539,938
MICH.....	326.0	322.0	76,936	78,890	1,305.0	1,303.0	312,873	314,285
WISC.....	293.0	260.0	69,148	62,400	1,192.0	1,044.0	278,886	247,078
MINN.....	404.0	392.0	98,576	94,472	1,725.0	1,697.0	416,559	405,528
IOWA.....	1,824.0	1,649.0	441,408	392,462	7,207.0	6,809.0	1,726,358	1,616,117
MO.....	177.0	145.0	45,135	34,510	698.0	611.0	172,657	144,914
N.DAK.....	2.4	1.8	550	405	10.3	8.7	2,348	1,933
S.DAK.....	218.0	187.0	53,410	46,563	863.0	753.0	211,098	185,487
NEBR.....	222.0	221.0	53,724	54,145	852.0	856.0	208,421	210,377
KANS.....	187.0	186.0	45,628	44,268	734.0	735.0	180,308	174,677
DEL.-MD..	38.6	38.7	8,447	8,490	177.6	154.9	38,685	33,961
VA.....	260.0	224.0	59,540	51,296	1,080.0	921.0	251,060	212,222
W.VA.....	5.6	3.1	1,501	1,132	25.5	17.7	6,487	5,768
N.C.....	146.0	130.0	32,412	29,250	626.0	557.0	139,120	125,305
S.C.....	39.0	27.5	9,243	6,765	162.5	118.0	38,921	29,222
GA.....	173.0	145.0	37,714	33,495	712.0	618.0	157,882	139,159
FLA.....	45.5	29.0	9,054	5,510	210.5	124.0	42,728	24,212
KY.....	164.0	137.0	39,852	33,976	654.0	582.0	160,447	143,810
TENN.....	246.0	223.0	57,072	51,736	1,019.0	925.0	238,560	219,361
ALA.....	72.5	60.0	17,328	14,220	313.0	262.0	74,735	62,432
MISS.....	104.0	93.0	23,296	21,204	388.0	391.0	86,548	87,873
ARK.....	39.5	28.0	9,480	6,692	165.0	114.5	41,363	26,959
LA.....	15.4	14.6	3,511	3,256	71.1	60.0	15,481	13,267
OKLA.....	84.5	76.5	21,125	19,660	320.0	298.5	81,546	78,084
TEXAS.....	157.0	124.0	37,680	29,760	688.0	576.0	163,161	139,406
MONT.....	30.0	26.0	6,990	6,292	133.0	106.1	31,061	25,499
IDAHO.....	10.3	7.9	2,338	1,809	43.3	32.1	9,631	7,308
WYU.....	1.8	1.4	418	326	7.5	6.0	1,708	1,392
COLO.....	87.0	63.5	20,271	14,796	364.5	294.0	84,273	68,272
N.MEX.....	9.1	9.0	2,138	2,196	39.6	35.1	9,226	8,374
ARIZ.....	15.1	13.2	3,503	3,062	64.0	52.4	14,780	12,178
UTAH.....	7.1	5.2	1,548	1,123	31.4	23.5	6,705	5,113
NEV.....	.4	.3	86	63	1.7	1.2	371	253
WASH.....	59.5	46.5	13,744	10,834	240.0	194.0	55,627	45,110
OREG.....	18.1	14.6	4,362	3,402	77.0	55.9	17,826	12,685
CALIF.....	124.0	104.0	29,016	24,648	520.0	440.0	118,110	101,968
48 STATES	7,256.1	6,357.2	1,723,891	1,515,829	29,516.6	26,574.6	6,988,913	6,316,988
HAWAII...	4.4	4.1	814	738	16.6	15.5	3,054	2,776
U. S.....	7,260.5	6,361.3	1,724,705	1,516,567	29,533.2	26,590.1	6,991,967	6,319,764

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	APRIL				JANUARY-APRIL			
	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..	1.1	3.5	87	243	5.8	5.2	481	398
N.Y.....	5.4	13.1	562	1,022	28.8	28.6	2,622	2,654
N.J.....	56.0	33.5	5,712	3,350	258.5	164.0	26,298	16,601
PA.....	8.5	16.8	816	1,714	40.7	51.7	3,926	5,306
OHIO.....	5.5	5.4	539	502	23.8	17.8	2,345	1,707
IND.....	1.7	1.6	150	155	6.2	4.9	558	494
ILL.....	37.0	33.0	3,774	2,772	156.0	128.0	16,668	13,102
MICH.....	33.5	30.0	3,417	3,240	137.0	124.5	14,388	13,611
MISC.....	.2	.2	19	20	.7	.7	70	67
MINN.....	13.9	14.7	1,501	1,661	82.0	76.2	8,844	8,308
IOWA.....	30.0	28.5	3,150	3,050	151.0	142.5	15,933	15,247
MO.....	1.3	1.6	129	163	5.5	5.4	560	564
N.DAK.....	.1	---	10	---	.3	.2	31	21
S.DAK.....	29.5	34.5	3,245	3,760	137.0	155.0	14,717	16,889
NEBR.....	68.0	52.0	7,344	5,772	293.5	259.5	31,617	28,153
KANS.....	.3	.6	30	56	1.5	1.5	158	144
DEL.-MD..	3.8	3.3	380	278	18.3	14.9	1,888	1,490
VA.....	.1	.2	9	20	.5	.6	47	64
W.VA.....	.2	.1	23	11	.9	.4	95	43
N.C.....	.1	---	10	---	.2	.2	20	20
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.1	.2	6	14	.3	.2	19	14
KY.....	11.5	14.2	1,265	1,605	52.7	63.1	5,744	6,953
TENN.....	4.7	5.5	479	566	24.4	30.5	2,494	3,115
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10
MISS.....	.1	---	9	---	.1	---	9	---
ARK.....	---	.1	---	5	---	.1	---	5
LA.....	.4	.2	33	19	1.2	1.0	103	89
OKLA.....	.4	.3	41	30	1.0	.8	100	78
TEXAS....	124.0	105.0	12,524	10,920	483.0	413.5	48,940	42,292
MONT.....	.3	.1	30	11	.7	.5	70	55
IDAHO.....	.6	.6	64	63	3.3	2.5	365	285
WYO.....	.3	.2	32	24	.9	.8	104	91
COLO.....	150.0	146.0	17,400	17,228	670.0	612.0	76,864	71,024
N.MEX....	10.4	9.2	1,134	1,040	37.1	39.7	4,047	4,434
ARIZ.....	.2	.4	20	38	.5	.7	52	70
UTAH.....	41.0	16.9	4,592	1,893	184.5	88.7	20,454	10,010
NEV.....	.3	.1	31	10	.8	.4	82	41
WASH.....	13.8	16.2	1,587	1,960	60.2	56.6	6,774	6,582
OREG.....	7.2	5.6	742	610	26.7	21.8	2,848	2,471
CALIF....	160.0	139.0	16,800	15,568	586.0	533.0	63,901	59,552
48 STATES	821.5	732.4	87,696	79,393	3,481.6	3,047.8	374,236	332,054
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	821.5	732.4	87,696	79,393	3,481.6	3,047.8	374,236	332,054

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

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	PCUNDS	PCUNDS	POUNDS	PCUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,095	1,092	101	101	252	250	79	69
N.Y.....	1,147	1,145	111	102	232	236	104	78
N.J.....	1,265	1,223	321	294	197	230	102	100
PA.....	1,134	1,150	152	121	223	220	96	102
OHIO.....	1,035	1,038	209	214	234	233	98	93
IND.....	991	1,019	207	138	248	249	88	97
ILL.....	1,046	1,025	217	226	238	249	102	84
MICH.....	1,099	1,102	180	229	236	245	102	108
WISC.....	1,135	1,138	175	200	236	240	94	100
MINN.....	1,111	1,073	182	284	244	241	108	113
IOWA.....	1,066	1,043	175	185	242	238	105	107
MO.....	1,033	1,023	289	307	255	238	99	102
N.DAK.....	1,110	1,113	388	---	229	225	100	---
S.DAK.....	1,062	1,055	---	400	245	249	110	105
NEBR.....	1,081	1,063	344	382	242	245	108	111
KANS.....	1,064	1,023	---	---	244	238	100	93
DEL.-MD..	1,082	1,087	229	234	219	219	100	84
VA.....	1,023	1,018	279	313	229	229	93	100
W.VA.....	1,036	1,051	208	---	268	365	114	110
N.C.....	976	981	229	333	222	225	97	---
S.C.....	841	902	476	544	237	246	---	---
GA.....	882	923	439	486	218	231	---	---
FLA.....	956	995	223	338	199	190	62	70
KY.....	957	940	239	238	243	248	110	113
TENN.....	997	995	315	343	232	232	102	103
ALA.....	863	917	390	420	239	237	---	---
MISS.....	845	828	569	567	224	228	88	---
ARK.....	929	906	513	---	240	239	---	50
LA.....	955	964	530	544	228	223	83	94
OKLA.....	974	965	459	463	250	257	102	100
TEXAS....	883	921	586	569	240	240	101	104
MONT.....	1,035	1,056	---	---	233	242	101	107
IDAHO....	1,079	1,094	---	---	227	229	106	105
WYO.....	1,006	1,022	---	---	232	233	107	118
COLO.....	1,072	1,058	---	---	233	233	116	118
N.MEX....	968	966	---	---	235	244	109	113
ARIZ.....	1,006	982	495	533	232	232	100	94
UTAH.....	1,123	1,072	387	---	218	216	112	112
NEV.....	1,020	1,057	360	---	214	209	104	100
WASH.....	1,054	1,110	339	301	231	233	115	121
OREG.....	1,063	1,091	343	462	241	233	103	109
CALIF....	1,015	1,014	361	452	234	237	105	112
48 STATES	1,039	1,031	249	249	238	238	107	108
HAWAII...	906	913	---	---	185	180	---	---
U. S.....	1,039	1,031	249	249	238	238	107	108

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION: Between May 1, 1972 and April 30, 1973, a total of 553 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. During April these plants slaughtered 64,480 cattle, 5,530 calves, 76,242 hogs, and 33,365 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since May 1, 1972 slaughtered about 23,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 20,000 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 April 1973 compared with April 1972 is as follows: Cattle, 90.2 and 89.5; calves, 81.2 and 77.5; hogs, 94.3 and 92.8; sheep and lambs, 94.2 and 95.6 percent.

**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
48 States, April 1973 with comparisons**

Species	April:		March:		April:		March:		April:	
	1972:	1973:	1972:	1973:	1972:	1973:	1972:	1973:	1972:	1973:
CLASSIFICATION: 1/	1,000 head				Percent of total					
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,421	1,472	1,258	5,730	5,616	57.5	56.3	58.0	56.2	56.1
Heifers	602	614	483	2,535	2,390	24.4	23.4	22.3	24.9	23.9
Cows	406	483	385	1,753	1,826	16.4	18.4	17.8	17.2	18.2
Bulls & stags	42	49	41	173	182	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8
Total	2,471	2,618	2,167	10,191	10,014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	205	248	218	860	959	8.3	9.5	10.1	8.4	9.6
HOGS:										
Sows	284	305	287	1,255	1,298	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.2
Barrows & gilts	6,393	6,271	5,652	25,739	23,455	95.0	94.3	94.3	94.6	93.8
Stags & boars	56	76	53	219	244	.8	1.1	.9	.8	1.0
Total	6,733	6,652	5,992	27,213	24,997	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	744	689	656	3,184	2,827	94.7	97.0	95.1	95.4	96.3
Sheep	42	21	34	153	108	5.3	3.0	4.9	4.6	3.7
Total	786	710	690	3,337	2,935	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/	Pounds									
Cattle	626	622	624	628	629					
Steers 4/	679	669	674							
Heifers 4/	568	572	568							
Cows 4/	517	530	518							
Bulls & Stags 4/	722	759	746							
Calves & Vealers	116	113	114	114	117					
Hogs	185	185	186	184	186					
Sheep & Lambs	53	55	55	54	55					

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/ Based on packer reports. 4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

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