

livestock slaughter



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MAY RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,040 million pounds in May, down 4 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughterplants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

May 1973 included 22 weekdays, excluding Memorial Day, and 4 Saturdays, the same as May a year ago.

BEEF PRODUCTION OFF 6 PERCENT: Beef production was 1,823 million pounds, 6 percent less than the 1,936 million pounds produced in May 1972. Cattle killed totaled 2,947,600 head, compared with 3,117,700 head slaughtered a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,032 pounds, 1 pound less than May 1972, but 1 pound more than April 1973.

VEAL OUTPUT DOWN SHARPLY: There were 27 million pounds of veal produced during May, down 23 percent from the 35 million pounds produced in May 1972. Calf slaughter was 29 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 289 pounds, 23 pounds more than May 1972.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT: Pork production totaled 1,142 million pounds, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7,039,100 head, down 4 percent from May 1972. Live weight per head was up 1 pound from last year and 4 pounds above last month's level. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 7.5 pounds, compared with 8.3 in May 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON UP 9 PERCENT: There were 48 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in May, 9 percent more than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 884,600 head, up 6 percent. Average live weight was 110 pounds, 3 pounds more than a year earlier and 2 pounds more than last month.

POULTRY PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT: Production of poultry meat totaled 886 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 5 million more than in May 1972.

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

Kind	May	April	May	May 1973 as % of		January-May 5/		1973 as
	1972	1973	1973	May 1972	April 1973	1972	1973	% of 1972
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,936	1,480	1,823	94	123	9,023	8,688	96
Veal	35	24	27	77	113	186	147	79
Pork 2/	1,160	1,033	1,142	98	111	5,801	5,454	94
Lamb & Mutton	44	39	48	109	123	230	213	93
Total Red Meat	3,175	2,576	3,040	96	118	15,240	14,502	95
Poultry 3/	881	725	886	101	122	4,009	3,968	99
Lard 4/	146	100	127	87	127	685	553	81

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, May 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	May	April	May	May 1973 as % of		January-May 2/		1973 as	
		1972	1973	1973	May 1972	April 1973	1972	1973	% of 1972	
					Percent					
CATTLE										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,806.9	2,167.4	2,691.9	96	124	12,996.9	12,706.1	98	
Other	thou.	310.8	235.3	255.7	82	109	1,581.0	1,291.7	82	
Total	thou.	3,117.7	2,402.7	2,947.6	95	123	14,577.9	13,997.8	96	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	1,033	1,031	1,032	100	100	1,041	1,039	100	
Total	mil. lb.	3,219	2,478	3,041	94	123	15,171	14,550	96	
CALVES										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	178.6	138.7	130.9	73	94	1,062.5	835.3	79	
Other	thou.	57.3	32.2	37.0	65	115	297.5	188.3	63	
Total	thou.	235.9	170.9	167.9	71	98	1,360.0	1,023.6	75	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	266	249	289	109	116	245	255	104	
Total	mil. lb.	63	43	49	78	114	333	261	78	
HOGS										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,792.6	5,991.8	6,637.6	98	111	34,006.2	31,634.6	93	
Other	thou.	531.2	365.4	401.5	76	110	2,834.2	1,979.1	70	
Total	thou.	7,323.8	6,357.2	7,039.1	96	111	36,840.4	33,613.7	91	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	241	238	242	100	102	238	239	100	
Total	mil. lb.	1,765	1,516	1,702	96	112	8,754	8,019	92	
SHEEP & LAMBS										
Number										
Fed. Insp.	thou.	802.8	690.0	858.2	107	124	4,138.8	3,793.4	92	
Other	thou.	32.7	42.4	26.4	81	62	178.3	139.0	78	
Total	thou.	835.5	732.4	884.6	106	121	4,317.1	3,932.4	91	
Live Weight										
Per Head	lb.	107	108	110	103	102	107	109	102	
Total	mil. lb.	89	79	98	110	124	464	430	93	

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	12.3	10.6	13,517	11,625	64.1	55.2	71,131	60,763
N. Y.....	29.0	24.6	33,147	27,995	132.4	127.1	151,337	145,312
N. J.....	21.3	10.4	27,264	12,802	101.2	72.0	129,474	89,433
PA.....	54.5	58.0	61,694	66,816	267.0	287.0	302,698	332,106
OHIO.....	91.0	77.0	91,910	81,466	442.0	383.0	459,319	405,617
IND.....	36.5	35.0	36,464	35,840	181.5	173.0	183,541	178,146
ILL.....	129.0	108.0	134,160	114,480	585.0	519.0	609,866	541,823
MICH.....	54.0	48.0	58,806	53,712	259.5	248.0	281,854	269,171
WISC.....	90.0	97.5	100,350	109,980	442.0	491.5	502,097	556,374
MINN.....	127.0	105.0	141,478	118,545	608.0	524.0	674,991	580,400
IOWA.....	424.0	375.0	446,048	387,750	1,905.0	1,788.0	2,008,414	1,881,815
MO.....	81.0	72.0	84,240	73,224	387.5	346.5	400,298	361,559
N. DAK....	16.0	13.3	17,424	14,803	77.7	70.8	88,082	79,113
S. DAK....	46.0	49.5	49,910	52,965	212.0	209.5	225,563	223,339
NEBR.....	417.0	408.0	452,445	428,400	1,912.0	1,933.0	2,065,912	2,038,773
KANS.....	223.0	215.0	233,927	221,665	1,016.0	1,026.0	1,085,478	1,072,955
DEL.-MD..	7.7	6.7	8,354	7,360	42.7	40.4	46,206	44,052
VA.....	12.2	9.0	12,395	9,225	58.3	45.3	60,383	47,431
W. VA.....	4.3	3.8	4,601	4,214	22.0	20.7	23,040	21,386
N. C.....	12.8	10.3	12,544	10,032	62.1	51.8	60,033	50,893
S. C.....	6.6	5.7	5,683	5,136	29.3	27.7	24,322	25,031
GA.....	23.1	24.6	20,490	22,755	111.5	115.1	100,217	106,890
FLA.....	33.0	30.0	32,538	29,100	160.5	143.5	158,783	143,270
KY.....	16.5	14.2	15,890	13,291	80.4	76.7	77,373	73,081
TENN.....	45.5	38.0	44,772	37,848	208.5	184.5	207,637	185,515
ALA.....	7.7	13.3	6,845	11,904	38.3	50.1	33,786	45,736
MISS.....	24.6	27.0	21,008	22,680	105.9	118.2	91,090	104,020
ARK.....	13.5	14.8	12,393	13,157	65.2	67.1	60,700	62,419
LA.....	16.3	15.5	15,436	15,392	75.9	66.3	71,783	64,397
OKLA.....	52.0	55.0	47,996	53,625	244.5	250.5	236,169	246,111
TEXAS....	311.0	324.0	272,436	292,896	1,407.0	1,435.0	1,268,597	1,331,086
MT.....	16.1	14.4	16,728	15,106	83.5	71.9	87,499	75,934
IDAH.....	35.0	35.0	37,870	39,095	163.5	160.5	176,035	176,578
WYO.....	1.9	1.6	1,902	1,666	8.1	7.6	8,158	7,842
COLO.....	207.0	194.0	221,283	209,520	1,002.0	928.0	1,064,439	981,779
N. MEX....	36.0	33.0	34,596	31,878	165.0	151.5	160,338	147,188
ARIZ.....	48.0	45.0	46,176	44,460	226.5	207.5	221,057	204,074
UTAH.....	22.5	19.8	24,998	21,364	111.9	98.8	123,723	109,394
NEV.....	2.3	2.5	2,266	2,570	11.2	11.8	11,184	12,303
WASH.....	48.5	41.5	51,507	46,106	245.5	217.5	267,816	240,658
OREG.....	25.0	23.0	26,425	25,254	122.7	107.2	130,461	114,914
CALIF....	237.0	239.0	239,370	243,302	1,133.0	1,089.0	1,159,779	1,111,383
48 STATES	3,117.7	2,947.6	3,219,286	3,041,004	14,577.9	13,997.8	15,170,663	14,550,064
HAWAII...	5.2	5.4	4,732	4,986	26.4	25.3	23,976	23,414
U. S.....	3,122.9	2,953.0	3,224,018	3,045,990	14,604.3	14,023.1	15,194,639	14,573,478

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COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	14.2	12.9	1,589	1,432	94.5	82.6	9,868	8,680
N.Y.....	43.5	37.5	4,568	4,500	288.0	239.0	31,450	25,706
N.J.....	22.5	11.8	7,380	3,611	114.4	80.9	35,107	23,378
PA.....	18.8	10.4	3,008	1,518	113.9	80.6	16,515	9,948
OHIO.....	4.4	1.7	911	388	21.8	11.0	4,378	2,278
IND.....	3.3	.3	683	45	17.9	1.7	3,725	249
ILL.....	6.4	6.0	1,318	1,440	34.2	33.8	7,129	7,661
MICH.....	7.9	5.0	1,477	1,180	43.6	29.8	7,610	6,441
WISC.....	17.1	12.5	3,061	2,825	116.8	86.6	18,767	15,699
MINN.....	.4	.5	81	130	2.8	3.5	541	881
IOWA.....	12.8	8.0	2,240	1,480	77.7	53.7	14,135	9,934
MO.....	1.2	.8	349	258	6.7	4.5	1,952	1,423
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	39	---
S.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	40
NEBR.....	.4	.2	142	77	2.1	1.4	745	512
KANS.....	.1	.1	40	40	.2	.2	76	70
DEL.-MD..	1.4	.8	340	196	7.0	4.9	1,707	1,182
VA.....	7.0	4.9	1,932	1,612	37.0	25.1	10,497	8,114
W.VA.....	.1	.1	21	26	.6	.3	127	79
N.C.....	.7	.2	169	66	5.7	.9	1,349	295
S.C.....	9.7	8.6	4,840	4,756	50.1	40.9	24,797	21,753
GA.....	1.7	1.2	775	578	9.2	4.7	4,077	2,289
FLA.....	7.4	5.5	1,399	1,771	40.1	28.0	8,449	9,211
KY.....	.3	.1	72	29	1.3	1.0	328	249
TENN.....	9.3	3.6	3,050	1,166	45.3	33.2	15,117	11,574
ALA.....	.4	.2	172	86	1.6	1.3	656	597
MISS.....	3.7	3.4	2,142	1,999	19.2	13.5	11,147	7,849
ARK.....	.2	.1	96	38	1.3	.4	687	167
LA.....	15.7	13.4	8,698	7,491	71.4	63.8	38,549	36,137
OKLA.....	.3	.4	146	174	1.6	1.6	742	727
TEXAS.....	13.2	10.9	7,775	6,387	69.5	52.2	40,382	29,976
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	---	.1	---	20	.2	.2	72	63
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	21	---
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	101	49	1.2	.6	574	299
UTAH.....	.1	.1	44	45	1.0	.2	409	90
NEV.....	.1	---	35	---	.5	.2	187	81
WASH.....	1.6	.4	194	125	3.8	2.2	1,251	682
OREG.....	.6	.4	221	182	2.8	2.3	1,018	1,007
CALIF.....	10.2	5.7	3,774	2,787	54.8	36.7	18,924	15,638
48 STATES	235.9	167.9	62,843	48,507	1,360.0	1,023.6	333,104	260,959
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	235.9	167.9	62,843	48,507	1,360.0	1,023.6	333,104	260,959

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	6.5	4.6	1,697	1,164	32.1	22.6	8,104	5,684
N.Y.....	83.0	80.0	19,505	18,720	417.5	348.5	96,597	81,073
N.J.....	35.0	30.0	6,965	6,540	173.0	138.5	34,306	31,581
PA.....	358.0	313.0	78,044	68,860	1,784.0	1,438.0	395,068	316,684
CHIO.....	346.0	310.0	78,196	72,230	1,789.0	1,454.0	404,900	333,293
IND.....	299.0	255.0	76,245	63,750	1,581.0	1,255.0	394,592	310,410
ILL.....	540.0	554.0	133,920	142,378	2,687.0	2,688.0	654,368	682,316
MICH.....	329.0	345.0	80,276	84,180	1,634.0	1,648.0	393,149	398,465
WISC.....	282.0	274.0	67,680	65,760	1,474.0	1,318.0	346,566	312,838
MINN.....	402.0	463.0	99,294	113,898	2,127.0	2,160.0	515,853	519,426
IOWA.....	1,791.0	1,780.0	444,168	436,100	8,998.0	8,589.0	2,170,526	2,052,217
MO.....	174.0	161.0	42,978	39,123	872.0	772.0	215,635	184,037
N.DAK....	2.0	1.9	458	435	12.3	10.6	2,806	2,368
S.DAK....	198.0	207.0	49,500	52,785	1,061.0	960.0	260,598	238,272
NEBR....	226.0	243.0	55,822	60,021	1,078.0	1,099.0	264,243	270,398
KANS.....	193.0	201.0	47,671	49,044	927.0	936.0	227,979	223,721
DEL.-MD..	44.9	41.2	10,122	9,068	222.5	196.1	48,807	43,029
VA.....	286.0	254.0	66,352	58,928	1,366.0	1,175.0	317,412	271,150
W.VA.....	6.0	3.0	1,608	1,089	31.5	20.7	8,095	6,857
N.C.....	162.0	156.0	36,774	34,944	788.0	713.0	175,894	160,249
S.C.....	42.0	31.0	9,996	7,378	204.5	149.0	48,917	36,600
GA.....	179.0	157.0	38,664	35,168	891.0	775.0	196,546	174,327
FLA.....	48.0	30.5	9,792	5,795	258.5	154.5	52,520	30,007
KY.....	159.0	154.0	39,114	38,192	813.0	736.0	199,561	182,002
TENN.....	254.0	242.0	60,452	58,080	1,273.0	1,167.0	299,012	277,441
ALA.....	86.5	73.5	21,106	17,566	399.5	335.5	95,841	79,998
MISS.....	108.0	111.0	23,976	24,975	496.0	502.0	110,524	112,848
ARK.....	40.0	28.0	10,720	6,496	205.0	142.5	52,083	33,455
LA.....	18.1	14.7	4,054	3,263	89.2	74.7	19,535	16,530
OKLA....	84.5	74.0	21,970	19,684	404.5	372.5	103,516	97,768
TEXAS....	160.0	140.0	38,880	34,300	848.0	716.0	202,041	173,706
MONT.....	31.5	29.5	7,528	7,286	164.5	135.6	38,589	32,785
IDAHO....	11.2	8.7	2,554	2,001	54.5	40.8	12,185	9,309
WYO.....	1.9	1.5	433	354	9.4	7.5	2,141	1,746
COLO.....	93.5	45.5	21,879	10,647	458.0	339.5	106,152	78,919
N.MEX....	10.0	10.3	2,340	2,451	49.6	45.4	11,566	10,825
ARIZ.....	15.5	15.3	3,642	3,580	79.5	67.7	18,422	15,758
UTAH.....	8.2	5.9	1,763	1,280	39.6	29.4	8,468	6,393
NEV.....	.4	.5	86	105	2.1	1.7	457	358
WASH.....	64.0	53.5	15,040	12,412	304.0	247.5	70,667	57,522
OREG.....	17.1	15.0	3,865	3,465	94.1	70.9	21,691	16,150
CALIF....	128.0	121.0	30,208	28,919	648.0	561.0	148,318	130,887
48 STATES	7,323.8	7,039.1	1,765,337	1,702,414	36,840.4	33,613.7	8,754,250	8,019,402
HAWAII...	4.4	4.0	832	736	21.0	19.5	3,886	3,512
U. S.....	7,328.2	7,043.1	1,766,169	1,703,150	36,861.4	33,633.2	8,758,136	8,022,914

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	MAY				JANUARY-MAY			
	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..	.9	.5	71	44	6.7	5.7	552	442
N.Y.....	4.2	4.7	466	484	33.0	33.3	3,088	3,138
N.J.....	55.5	39.5	5,550	4,068	314.0	203.5	31,848	20,669
PA.....	10.0	12.5	930	1,262	50.7	64.2	4,856	6,568
OHIO.....	5.6	4.1	543	398	29.4	21.9	2,888	2,105
IND.....	1.5	1.6	129	144	7.7	6.5	687	638
ILL.....	33.5	32.0	3,551	3,488	189.5	160.0	20,219	16,590
MICH.....	32.5	34.5	3,380	3,795	169.5	159.0	17,768	17,406
WISC.....	.2	.2	19	19	.9	.9	89	86
MINN.....	12.6	17.0	1,373	1,904	94.6	93.2	10,217	10,212
IOWA.....	34.0	37.0	3,774	3,996	185.0	179.5	19,707	19,243
MO.....	1.3	1.2	122	122	6.8	6.6	682	686
N.DAK.....	---	.1	---	10	.3	.3	31	31
S.DAK.....	31.5	40.0	3,339	4,400	168.5	195.0	18,056	21,289
NEBR.....	68.0	69.5	7,344	7,784	361.5	329.0	38,961	35,937
KANS.....	.3	.3	29	30	1.8	1.8	187	174
DEL.-MD..	3.0	2.7	300	270	21.3	17.6	2,188	1,760
VA.....	.1	.2	10	20	.6	.8	57	84
W.VA.....	.2	---	21	---	1.1	.4	116	43
N.C.....	.1	---	9	---	.3	.2	29	20
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.1	---	6	---	.4	.2	25	14
KY.....	16.5	20.2	1,798	2,303	69.2	83.3	7,542	9,256
TENN.....	4.0	9.9	392	1,000	28.4	40.4	2,886	4,115
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	10
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	9	---
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	5
LA.....	.5	.3	48	26	1.7	1.3	151	115
OKLA.....	.3	.2	31	20	1.3	1.0	131	98
TEXAS.....	118.0	157.0	10,738	15,700	601.0	570.5	59,678	57,992
MONT.....	.1	.1	10	10	.8	.6	80	65
IDAHO....	.8	.9	86	94	4.1	3.4	451	379
WYO.....	.1	.2	12	25	1.0	1.0	116	116
COLO.....	159.0	164.0	19,080	19,352	829.0	776.0	95,944	90,376
N.MEX....	11.5	11.3	1,208	1,254	48.6	51.0	5,255	5,688
ARIZ.....	.1	.2	12	21	.6	.9	64	91
UTAH.....	27.5	37.0	3,162	4,625	212.0	125.7	23,616	14,635
NEV.....	.2	.4	20	39	1.0	.8	102	80
WASH.....	15.9	16.6	1,797	1,975	76.1	73.2	8,571	8,557
OREG.....	6.9	7.7	752	847	33.6	29.5	3,600	3,318
CALIF....	179.0	161.0	19,153	18,193	765.0	694.0	83,054	77,745
48 STATES	835.5	884.6	89,265	97,722	4,317.1	3,932.4	463,501	429,776
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	835.5	884.6	89,265	97,722	4,317.1	3,932.4	463,501	429,776

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

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
NEW ENG..	1,099	1,097	112	111	261	253	79	88
N.Y.....	1,143	1,138	105	120	235	234	111	103
N.J.....	1,280	1,231	328	306	199	218	100	103
PA.....	1,132	1,152	160	146	218	220	93	101
CHIO.....	1,010	1,058	207	228	226	233	97	97
IND.....	999	1,024	207	149	255	250	86	90
ILL.....	1,040	1,060	206	240	248	257	106	109
MICH.....	1,089	1,119	187	236	244	244	104	110
MISC.....	1,115	1,128	179	226	240	240	96	94
MINN.....	1,114	1,129	203	261	247	246	109	112
IOWA.....	1,052	1,034	175	185	248	245	111	108
MO.....	1,040	1,017	291	323	247	243	94	102
N.DAK....	1,089	1,113	---	---	229	229	---	100
S.DAK....	1,085	1,070	---	---	250	255	106	110
NEBR.....	1,085	1,050	356	384	247	247	108	112
KANS.....	1,049	1,031	400	399	247	244	97	100
DEL.-MD..	1,085	1,099	243	245	225	220	100	100
VA.....	1,016	1,025	276	329	232	232	100	99
W.VA.....	1,070	1,109	208	260	268	363	105	---
N.C.....	980	974	242	330	227	224	93	---
S.C.....	861	901	499	553	238	238	---	---
GA.....	887	925	456	482	216	224	---	---
FLA.....	986	970	189	322	204	190	60	---
KY.....	963	936	240	291	246	248	109	114
TENN.....	984	996	328	324	238	240	98	101
ALA.....	889	895	430	430	244	239	---	---
MISS.....	854	840	579	588	222	225	---	---
ARK.....	918	889	482	380	268	232	---	---
LA.....	947	993	554	559	224	222	96	85
OKLA.....	923	975	485	435	260	266	103	100
TEXAS....	876	904	589	586	243	245	91	100
MONT.....	1,039	1,049	---	---	239	247	104	104
IDAHO....	1,082	1,117	---	200	228	230	108	104
WYO.....	1,001	1,041	---	---	228	236	122	126
COLO.....	1,069	1,080	---	---	234	234	120	118
N.MEX....	961	966	---	---	234	238	105	111
ARIZ.....	962	988	505	491	235	234	118	107
UTAH.....	1,111	1,079	441	452	215	217	115	125
NEV.....	985	1,028	354	---	214	210	101	98
WASH.....	1,062	1,111	324	313	235	232	113	119
OREG.....	1,057	1,098	368	455	226	231	109	110
CALIF....	1,010	1,018	370	489	236	239	107	113
48 STATES	1,033	1,032	266	289	241	242	107	110
HAWAII...	910	926	---	---	189	184	---	---
U. S.....	1,032	1,032	266	289	241	242	107	110

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION: Between June 1, 1972 and May 31, 1973, a total of 552 plants began slaughter under Federal inspection. During May these plants slaughtered 78,631 cattle, 5,530 calves, 76,541 hogs, and 35,570 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since June 1, 1972 slaughtered about 23,000 cattle, less than 600 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 May 1973 compared with May 1972 is as follows: Cattle, 91.3 and 90.0 percent; calves, 78.0 and 75.7 percent; hogs, 94.3 and 92.7 percent; sheep and lambs, 97.0 and 96.1 percent.

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

Species	May 1972	April 1973	May 1973	Jan.-May 1972	Jan.-May 1973	May 1972	April 1973	May 1973	Jan.-May 1972	Jan.-May 1973
	1,000 head					Percent of total				
CLASSIFICATION: 1/										
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,614	1,258	1,533	7,344	7,149	57.5	58.0	56.9	56.5	56.3
Heifers	1,696	483	635	3,231	3,025	24.8	22.3	23.6	24.9	23.8
Cows	446	385	470	2,199	2,296	15.9	17.8	17.5	16.9	18.1
Bulls & stags	51	41	54	224	236	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8
Total	2,807	2,167	2,692	12,998	12,706	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	234	218	261	1,094	1,220	8.3	10.1	9.7	8.4	9.6
HOGS:										
Sows	347	287	335	1,602	1,633	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.7	5.2
Barrows & gilts	6,385	5,652	6,235	32,124	29,690	94.0	94.3	93.9	94.5	93.8
Stags & boars	61	53	67	280	311	.9	.9	1.0	.8	1.0
Total	6,793	5,992	6,637	34,006	31,634	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	751	656	779	3,935	3,606	93.5	95.1	90.8	95.0	95.1
Sheep	52	34	79	205	187	6.5	4.9	9.2	5.0	4.9
Total	803	690	858	4,140	3,793	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/										
Pounds										
Cattle	629	624	625	628	628					
Steers 4/	681	674	673							
Heifers 4/	571	568	577							
Cows 4/	521	518	521							
Bulls & Stags 4/	731	746	768							
Calves & Vealers	126	114	133	116	120					
Hogs	188	186	189	185	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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