

livestock slaughter



August 1973

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AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 14 PERCENT FROM 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,701 million pounds in August, 14 percent less than a year earlier and 2 percent above July 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

August 1973 included 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, the same as August 1972.

BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT FROM 1972: Beef production was 1,659 million pounds, 17 percent less than August 1972. Cattle kill totaled 2,691,800 head, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,028 pounds, 2 pounds more than 1972, but 17 pounds below July 1973.

VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 34 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 25 million pounds of veal produced during August, down 34 percent from the 38 million pounds produced in August 1972. Calf slaughter was 39 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 281 pounds, 20 pounds more than August 1972.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 973 million pounds, 11 percent less than a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 5,888,400 head, down 15 percent from August 1972. Live weight per head was 240 pounds, 5 pounds above last year but down 5 pounds from last month's level. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.1 pounds, compared with 7.7 in August 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON UP 2 PERCENT FROM AUGUST 1972: There were 44 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in August, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 888,500 head, up 2 percent. Average live weight was 103 pounds, 2 pounds above a year earlier and 2 pounds less than last month.

POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR: Production of poultry meat totaled 1,070 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 43 million less than in August 1972.

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

Kind	August	July	August	August 1973		January-August 5/		
	1972	1973	1973	as % of		1972	1973	1973 as %
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		
				Aug. 1972	July 1973			of 1972
Beef	1,987	1,694	1,659	83	98	14,616	13,780	94
Veal	38	24	25	66	104	292	221	76
Pork 2/	1,089	890	973	89	109	8,880	8,305	94
Lamb & Mutton	43	43	44	102	102	351	339	97
Total Red Meat:	3,157	2,651	2,701	86	102	24,139	22,645	94
Poultry 3/	1,113	920	1,070	96	116	7,001	6,907	99
Lard 4/	126	87	86	68	99	1,055	828	78

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, August 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	August	July	August	August 1973		January-August 2/		
		1972	1973	1973	as % of		1972	1973	1973 as %
					August 1972	July 1973			of 1972
					Percent				Percent
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,925.9	2,441.3	2,363.4	81	97	21,249.3	20,071.2	94
Other	thou.	288.9	249.6	328.4	114	132	2,444.1	2,099.1	86
Total	thou.	3,214.8	2,690.9	2,691.8	84	100	23,693.4	22,170.3	94
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,026	1,045	1,028	100	98	1,034	1,039	100
Total	mil. lb.	3,299	2,812	2,767	84	98	24,499	23,024	94
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	208.3	117.8	115.1	55	98	1,601.4	1,185.5	74
Other	thou.	51.5	36.5	43.6	85	119	457.0	302.5	66
Total	thou.	259.8	154.3	158.7	61	103	2,058.4	1,488.0	72
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	261	273	281	108	103	254	263	104
Total	mil. lb.	68	42	45	66	107	522	391	75
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,512.0	4,996.4	5,568.9	86	111	52,107.3	47,910.5	92
Other	thou.	434.8	333.1	319.5	73	96	4,175.4	2,993.0	72
Total	thou.	6,946.8	5,329.5	5,888.4	85	110	56,282.7	50,903.5	90
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	235	245	240	102	98	238	240	101
Total	mil. lb.	1,634	1,303	1,413	86	108	13,413	12,215	91
SHEEP & LAMBS:									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	840.1	806.8	844.0	100	105	6,522.8	6,171.5	95
Other	thou.	31.6	28.0	44.5	141	159	274.5	237.1	86
Total	thou.	871.7	834.8	888.5	102	106	6,797.3	6,408.6	94
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	101	105	103	102	98	105	107	102
Total	mil. lb.	88	88	92	105	105	714	689	96

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	AUGUST				JANUARY-AUGUST			
	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..	13.6	11.4	14,602	12,377	99.3	82.1	108,637	90,082
N.Y.....	33.0	29.5	37,521	32,863	221.9	198.9	252,891	225,495
N.J.....	22.3	10.8	28,254	13,738	161.6	101.7	206,325	126,840
PA.....	55.0	63.5	61,490	70,358	418.5	464.5	472,214	536,058
OHIO.....	99.0	78.5	101,574	81,012	719.0	615.0	737,159	645,589
IND.....	38.5	36.5	38,000	36,610	295.0	281.5	295,455	288,082
ILL.....	138.0	89.5	138,966	86,099	985.0	816.0	1,015,466	838,094
MICH.....	55.5	55.0	59,718	60,720	418.5	395.5	452,499	433,447
WISC.....	96.0	106.0	105,024	117,448	721.0	779.5	808,139	872,392
MINN.....	134.0	103.0	143,648	110,519	980.0	815.0	1,076,197	893,763
IOWA.....	410.0	294.0	417,380	306,054	3,058.0	2,750.0	3,199,877	2,940,141
MO.....	75.5	56.5	76,784	56,500	618.0	535.0	633,464	552,008
N.DAK....	18.3	14.0	18,117	14,518	131.5	112.5	141,897	122,701
S.DAK....	41.5	38.5	42,454	40,540	341.0	346.5	359,556	370,118
NEBR.....	421.0	283.0	443,313	296,018	3,082.0	2,905.0	3,302,528	3,066,667
KANS.....	215.0	202.0	224,675	211,292	1,644.0	1,635.0	1,740,933	1,704,527
DEL.-MD..	8.8	7.3	9,439	7,421	67.6	61.2	72,602	65,735
VA.....	11.2	10.7	11,323	10,903	90.2	72.4	92,927	75,517
W.VA.....	4.5	5.0	4,424	5,395	34.5	32.7	35,831	34,475
N.C.....	13.4	9.4	12,985	8,892	99.2	79.3	95,774	77,410
S.C.....	6.3	7.8	5,279	6,919	47.5	47.3	39,722	42,291
GA.....	24.5	25.5	22,320	22,670	180.9	185.9	162,777	171,848
FLA.....	32.0	34.0	31,072	32,028	253.5	236.5	249,208	231,961
KY.....	17.6	18.4	16,755	17,002	129.4	123.5	124,442	116,066
TENN.....	48.5	39.0	48,500	37,986	346.5	297.5	343,787	297,201
ALA.....	7.7	15.6	6,468	14,149	60.8	90.3	53,040	82,333
MISS.....	27.0	33.5	22,923	30,016	184.5	201.1	157,535	176,421
ARK.....	14.3	17.0	12,870	15,232	106.1	110.3	97,821	101,045
LA.....	16.5	15.9	15,692	14,930	124.0	111.2	117,576	107,543
OKLA.....	54.5	58.5	53,628	58,090	406.5	420.0	393,105	412,255
TEXAS....	332.0	290.0	306,436	270,280	2,346.0	2,322.0	2,113,847	2,160,150
MONT.....	18.9	19.9	19,750	20,338	138.6	123.4	144,560	128,619
IDAHO....	39.0	37.5	41,769	41,062	274.5	273.5	295,556	301,748
WYO.....	2.2	2.6	2,200	2,681	13.9	13.9	14,005	14,256
COLO.....	223.0	183.0	241,732	198,372	1,618.0	1,467.0	1,727,131	1,558,935
N.MEX....	35.5	38.0	34,932	36,252	266.5	258.0	259,224	247,604
ARIZ.....	52.0	42.0	51,168	41,244	370.0	336.5	361,258	330,752
UTAH.....	23.0	23.1	25,323	25,294	179.5	163.3	197,845	181,090
NEV.....	2.2	2.7	2,191	2,792	17.5	18.9	17,692	19,522
WASH.....	57.0	43.0	60,990	48,074	404.5	340.5	437,286	377,775
OREG.....	26.0	24.7	27,612	26,775	195.9	181.4	207,491	195,129
CALIF....	251.0	216.0	259,534	225,936	1,843.0	1,769.0	1,883,270	1,810,631
48 STATES	3,214.8	2,691.8	3,298,835	2,767,399	23,693.4	22,170.3	24,498,549	23,024,316
HAWAII...	6.0	6.1	5,760	5,734	42.9	42.0	39,486	39,316
U. S.....	3,220.8	2,697.9	3,304,595	2,773,133	23,736.3	22,212.3	24,538,035	23,063,632

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/	AUGUST				JANUARY-AUGUST			
	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.,.	19.1	12.0	2,049	1,374	142.6	115.7	14,906	12,372
N.Y.....	55.5	35.5	5,938	3,550	425.5	338.5	46,360	36,261
N.J.....	26.5	14.7	8,512	4,395	185.4	125.2	58,582	36,182
PA.....	23.7	13.6	2,868	1,442	166.3	114.3	23,983	14,443
OHIO.....	3.9	1.1	835	255	32.5	15.2	6,664	3,259
IND.....	3.9	.2	878	28	28.3	2.3	6,044	336
ILL.....	6.6	6.1	1,399	1,494	52.7	51.7	11,228	12,020
MICH.....	7.8	3.8	1,513	866	64.4	42.7	11,678	9,409
WISC.....	14.1	12.9	2,721	2,516	159.4	126.5	27,081	23,205
MINN.....	.6	.8	125	179	4.2	5.5	826	1,324
IOWA.....	10.5	---	1,890	---	107.4	60.3	19,460	11,122
MO.....	1.5	.8	430	239	10.5	6.9	3,019	2,140
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	39	40
S.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	40	40
NEBR.....	.3	.2	105	72	2.8	2.2	987	807
KANS.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.3	115	116
DEL.-MD..	1.4	.9	322	222	11.0	7.4	2,627	1,810
VA.....	6.7	2.5	1,990	702	55.7	34.4	15,760	10,816
W.VA.....	.2	---	39	---	1.2	.4	242	101
N.C.....	.4	.1	109	20	7.1	1.2	1,738	363
S.C.....	10.4	4.9	5,034	2,813	79.1	59.1	39,207	31,608
GA.....	1.8	.4	826	157	14.0	6.1	6,203	2,911
FLA.....	8.0	5.8	1,792	1,926	64.3	46.6	13,668	14,472
KY.....	.2	.1	50	28	1.9	1.3	479	331
TENN.....	8.6	2.1	2,804	603	71.9	41.2	23,786	13,882
ALA.....	.3	.4	126	170	2.6	2.3	1,065	1,017
MISS.....	4.3	4.6	2,447	2,765	31.8	23.6	18,295	13,703
ARK.....	.3	---	143	---	2.2	.6	1,098	229
LA.....	15.7	15.9	8,572	9,031	117.1	106.3	63,738	60,235
OKLA.....	.3	1.2	140	505	2.7	3.8	1,241	1,674
TEXAS....	15.2	13.7	9,166	7,110	113.2	85.7	65,980	48,294
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IDAHO....	---	---	---	---	.3	.2	112	63
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.2	---	58	---
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	50
N.MEX....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	104	47	1.8	.9	888	440
UTAH.....	.2	---	84	---	1.4	.2	581	90
NEV.....	.1	---	37	---	.8	.3	294	121
WASH.....	.6	.4	181	124	5.6	3.3	1,815	1,018
OREG.....	.6	.3	204	122	4.5	3.4	1,609	1,458
CALIF....	10.3	3.6	4,182	1,775	85.5	52.1	30,742	23,165
48 STATES	259.8	158.7	67,715	44,530	2,058.4	1,488.0	522,238	390,927
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	259.8	158.7	67,715	44,530	2,058.4	1,488.0	522,238	390,927

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

COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	AUGUST				JANUARY-AUGUST			
	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..	6.0	3.3	1,549	822	49.7	34.0	12,691	8,534
N.Y.....	70.0	51.5	16,100	11,845	601.0	514.5	139,035	119,378
N.J.....	31.0	22.2	6,045	5,039	267.5	220.2	52,761	49,800
PA.....	322.0	258.0	69,552	57,276	2,705.0	2,146.0	595,202	474,085
OHIO.....	303.0	223.0	67,872	50,844	2,664.0	2,173.0	608,191	500,488
IND.....	300.0	214.0	75,600	54,142	2,427.0	1,910.0	610,809	476,729
ILL.....	547.0	438.0	138,391	119,574	4,200.0	4,011.0	1,033,410	1,030,756
MICH.....	358.0	283.0	84,488	69,901	2,589.0	2,499.0	627,704	610,866
WISC.....	260.0	261.0	61,100	63,162	2,220.0	2,066.0	525,320	493,077
MINN.....	458.0	403.0	110,378	96,720	3,320.0	3,307.0	808,937	803,469
IOWA.....	1,679.0	1,493.0	396,244	356,827	13,701.0	12,898.0	3,319,249	3,120,172
MO.....	125.0	165.0	29,125	38,280	1,268.0	1,205.0	311,360	285,992
N.DAK.....	2.2	1.4	495	322	18.7	15.7	4,256	3,539
S.DAK.....	194.0	189.0	46,560	45,738	1,592.0	1,482.0	391,713	370,317
NEBR.....	214.0	189.0	51,360	45,360	1,680.0	1,669.0	414,543	412,106
KANS.....	192.0	189.0	46,272	46,494	1,435.0	1,463.0	351,035	349,240
DEL.-MD..	42.0	37.0	9,162	8,087	347.3	305.7	75,467	66,947
VA.....	252.0	237.0	58,464	52,851	2,080.0	1,846.0	481,959	422,109
W.VA.....	4.7	2.5	1,603	808	46.3	28.9	12,834	9,737
N.C.....	147.0	141.0	32,046	31,161	1,214.0	1,126.0	269,446	250,978
S.C.....	35.5	29.5	8,200	6,756	305.0	235.0	72,362	56,882
GA.....	156.0	122.0	33,696	27,694	1,338.0	1,155.0	293,834	259,297
FLA.....	31.0	25.0	6,200	4,625	354.0	235.5	71,425	45,139
KY.....	148.0	117.0	35,816	29,016	1,236.0	1,091.0	303,727	270,150
TENN.....	238.0	203.0	55,930	50,141	1,931.0	1,776.0	455,780	425,442
ALA.....	77.0	47.5	17,941	11,352	622.5	500.0	148,252	119,040
MISS.....	115.0	97.5	25,645	21,158	814.0	783.0	181,652	174,118
ARK.....	33.0	17.0	7,722	3,978	300.5	201.7	74,727	47,415
LA.....	16.7	11.8	3,691	2,714	136.3	111.9	29,847	25,035
OKLA.....	73.0	49.0	19,053	12,985	594.0	526.5	153,209	138,053
TEXAS.....	163.0	113.0	39,446	27,007	1,296.0	1,068.0	311,338	258,434
MONT.....	28.0	29.5	7,056	7,404	247.2	218.1	58,913	53,949
IDAHO.....	10.5	6.5	2,331	1,521	85.3	62.0	19,054	14,220
WYO.....	1.6	.8	362	178	14.3	10.0	3,241	2,319
COLO.....	78.5	32.0	18,212	7,264	687.0	442.5	159,529	102,969
N.MEX.....	10.7	7.8	2,525	1,817	78.8	68.9	18,355	16,353
ARIZ.....	13.9	13.7	3,197	3,124	117.6	107.2	27,283	24,818
UTAH.....	7.1	4.6	1,491	989	61.1	44.2	13,026	9,539
NEV.....	.4	.2	86	45	3.2	2.4	692	508
WASH.....	61.0	44.0	13,969	10,164	480.5	387.0	111,622	89,508
OREG.....	14.0	13.1	3,094	3,000	137.9	109.6	31,758	25,012
CALIF.....	128.0	103.0	26,368	24,411	1,017.0	848.0	227,804	198,672
48 STATES	6,946.8	5,888.4	1,634,437	1,412,596	56,282.7	50,903.5	13,413,352	12,215,191
HAWAII...	4.8	4.2	898	752	34.7	31.6	6,484	5,666
U. S.....	6,951.6	5,892.6	1,635,335	1,413,348	56,317.4	50,935.1	13,419,836	12,220,857

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	AUGUST				JANUARY-AUGUST			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	.7	.5	64	42	8.5	7.1	706	565
N.Y.....	5.5	5.1	534	500	47.0	46.0	4,511	4,439
N.J.....	49.0	37.5	4,753	3,712	455.0	307.0	45,655	30,915
PA.....	11.3	15.4	1,085	1,591	83.3	109.2	7,911	10,961
OHIO.....	6.5	6.1	618	592	45.9	36.7	4,473	3,550
IND.....	1.8	2.3	164	205	13.3	12.2	1,210	1,170
ILL.....	38.0	36.5	4,028	3,650	296.5	257.0	31,493	26,714
MICH.....	36.0	40.0	3,600	4,280	268.0	266.0	27,578	28,720
WISC.....	.5	.7	47	67	1.8	2.2	174	211
MINN.....	17.0	20.5	1,717	2,132	143.1	151.0	15,209	16,330
IOWA.....	38.5	20.6	3,888	2,184	294.5	249.8	30,872	26,834
MO.....	1.6	1.8	160	175	11.7	11.1	1,162	1,117
N.DAK....	.1	.1	10	10	.5	.5	51	52
S.DAK....	35.0	38.0	3,500	3,876	267.0	299.0	28,066	32,095
NEBR.....	71.0	69.5	7,455	7,367	557.5	524.0	59,352	56,916
KANS.....	.6	.7	58	66	3.1	3.3	313	320
DEL.-MD..	5.2	4.2	504	395	34.1	28.8	3,360	2,825
VA.....	.2	.4	20	41	1.2	1.9	116	197
W.VA.....	.2	.2	23	23	1.7	.8	181	91
N.C.....	.1	.2	9	18	.6	.7	56	66
S.C.....	---	.1	---	10	.1	.1	10	10
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	.1	---	7	---	.6	.4	38	28
KY.....	22.9	26.0	2,382	2,808	134.0	157.4	14,298	17,283
TENN.....	8.2	9.3	804	930	53.2	69.9	5,325	7,024
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	11	10
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	.1	---	9	---
ARK.....	---	.1	---	11	.1	.2	10	16
LA.....	.3	.4	25	32	2.8	3.0	244	239
OKLA.....	.1	.2	11	19	1.8	1.5	182	146
TEXAS....	130.0	148.0	11,700	13,764	1,015.0	982.5	96,654	97,100
MONT.....	.4	.6	39	60	1.4	1.5	139	156
IDAHO....	1.5	2.3	160	239	7.8	8.2	849	910
WYO.....	.6	.6	66	61	2.0	2.1	226	232
COLO.....	150.0	146.0	15,000	15,184	1,234.0	1,192.0	138,344	135,696
N.MEX....	11.4	9.2	1,254	1,012	81.4	82.0	8,799	9,031
ARIZ.....	.1	---	11	---	.9	1.1	96	111
UTAH.....	52.5	43.0	5,565	4,644	330.0	228.4	36,210	25,978
NEV.....	.4	.4	40	46	2.3	1.9	234	196
WASH.....	19.5	25.5	2,223	2,728	127.9	143.5	14,148	15,989
OREG.....	8.9	8.5	908	884	65.5	52.5	6,931	5,674
CALIF....	146.0	167.0	15,330	18,203	1,202.0	1,166.0	128,495	128,748
48 STATES	871.7	888.5	87,761	91,561	6,797.3	6,408.6	713,701	688,665
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	871.7	888.5	87,761	91,561	6,797.3	6,408.6	713,701	688,665

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
AUGUST 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.,	1,074	1,086	107	114	258	249	91	84
N.Y.....	1,137	1,114	107	100	230	230	97	98
N.J.....	1,267	1,272	325	299	195	227	97	99
PA.....	1,118	1,108	121	106	216	222	96	97
OHIO.....	1,026	1,032	214	232	224	228	95	97
IND.....	987	1,003	225	141	252	253	91	89
ILL.....	1,007	962	212	245	253	273	106	100
MICH.....	1,076	1,104	194	228	236	247	100	107
WISC.....	1,094	1,108	193	195	235	242	94	96
MINN.....	1,072	1,073	209	224	241	240	101	104
IOWA.....	1,018	1,041	180	---	236	239	101	106
MO.....	1,017	1,000	287	299	233	232	100	97
N.DAK....	990	1,037	---	---	225	230	100	100
S.DAK....	1,023	1,053	---	---	240	242	100	102
NEBR.....	1,053	1,046	349	358	240	240	105	106
KANS.....	1,045	1,046	---	---	241	246	96	94
DEL.-MD..	1,073	1,017	230	247	218	219	97	94
VA.....	1,011	1,019	297	281	232	223	100	103
W.VA.....	983	1,079	194	---	341	323	114	117
N.C.....	969	946	273	200	218	221	85	89
S.C.....	838	887	484	574	231	229	---	100
GA.....	911	889	459	392	216	227	---	---
FLA.....	971	942	224	332	200	185	73	---
KY.....	952	924	249	279	242	248	104	108
TENN.....	1,000	974	326	287	235	247	98	100
ALA.....	840	907	420	425	233	239	---	---
MISS.....	849	896	569	601	223	217	---	---
ARK.....	900	896	477	---	234	234	---	106
LA.....	951	939	546	568	221	230	84	81
OKLA.....	984	993	468	421	261	265	107	96
TEXAS....	923	932	603	519	242	239	90	93
MONT.....	1,045	1,022	---	---	252	251	97	100
IDAHO....	1,071	1,095	---	---	222	234	107	104
WYO.....	1,000	1,031	---	---	226	222	110	102
COLO....	1,084	1,084	---	---	232	227	100	104
N.MEX....	984	954	---	---	236	233	110	110
ARIZ.....	984	982	518	472	230	228	112	---
UTAH.....	1,101	1,095	421	---	210	215	106	108
NEV.....	996	1,034	369	---	214	226	100	116
WASH.....	1,070	1,118	302	310	229	231	114	107
OREG.....	1,062	1,084	340	406	221	229	102	104
CALIF....	1,034	1,046	406	493	206	237	105	109
48 STATES	1,026	1,028	261	281	235	240	101	103
HAWAII...	960	940	---	---	187	179	---	---
U. S.....	1,026	1,028	261	281	235	240	101	103

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1972:

Between September 1, 1972 and August 31, 1973, there were 188 plants which began slaughter under Federal inspection. During August 1973 these plants slaughtered 55,609 cattle, 997 calves, 77,044 hogs, and 1,789 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since September 1, 1972 slaughtered about 22,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 20,000 hogs, and 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 August 1973 and August 1972 is as follows: Cattle, 87.8 and 91.0 percent; calves, 72.5 and 80.2 percent; hogs, 94.6 and 93.7 percent; sheep and lambs, 95.0 and 96.4 percent.

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

Species	August	July	August	Jan.-August		August	July	August	Jan.-August	
	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973
	: 1,000 head					: Percent of total				
<u>CLASSIFICATION:</u> 1/										
<u>CATTLE:</u>										
Steers	1,576	1,311	1,203	11,811	11,074	53.9	53.7	50.9	55.6	55.2
Heifers	808	626	614	5,453	4,912	27.6	25.7	26.0	25.7	24.5
Cows	482	450	489	3,595	3,682	16.5	18.4	20.7	16.9	18.3
Bulls & stags	60	54	57	392	402	2.0	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.0
Total	2,926	2,441	2,363	21,251	20,070	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	267	269	249	1,875	1,986	9.1	11.0	10.5	8.8	9.9
<u>HOGS:</u>										
Sows	436	397	403	2,836	2,747	6.7	7.9	7.2	5.4	5.7
Barrows & gilts	6,011	4,531	5,101	48,799	44,644	92.3	90.7	91.6	93.7	93.2
Stags & boars	65	68	65	472	519	1.0	1.4	1.2	.9	1.1
Total	6,512	4,996	5,569	52,107	47,910	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS:</u>										
Lambs & yearlings	770	696	748	6,120	5,692	91.7	86.2	88.6	93.8	92.2
Sheep	70	111	96	404	479	8.3	13.8	11.4	6.2	7.8
Total	840	807	844	6,524	6,171	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT:</u> 3/										
Cattle	625	638	625	625	629					
Steers 4/	684	698	688							
Heifers 4/	573	589	585							
Cows 4/	509	515	504							
Bulls & Stags 4/	710	766	738							
Calves & Vealers	119	122	115	119	121					
Hogs	183	191	187	185	187					
Sheep & Lambs	50	52	50	52	53					

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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