

livestock slaughter



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SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 13 PERCENT FROM 1972: Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,633 million pounds in September, 13 percent less than a year earlier and 3 percent less than August 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.

September 1973 included 19 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, while September 1972 included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 13 PERCENT FROM 1972: Beef production was 1,639 million pounds, 13 percent less than September 1972. Cattle kill totaled 2,604,600 head, down 14 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,046 pounds, 20 pounds more than 1972, and 18 pounds above August 1973.

VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 29 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 24 million pounds of veal produced during September, down 29 percent from the 34 million pounds produced in September 1972. Calf slaughter was 33 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 265 pounds, 12 pounds more than September 1972.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 13 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 929 million pounds in September, 13 percent less than a year ago. Hog kill totaled 5,653,200 head, down 17 percent from September 1972. Live weight per head was 239 pounds, 2 pounds more than last year but down 1 pound from last month's average. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.2 pounds, compared with 7.0 in September 1972.

LAMB AND MUTTON DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER 1972: There were 41 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in September, down 7 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 819,600 head, down 8 percent. Average live weight was 104 pounds, 4 pounds more than a year earlier and 1 pound more than last month.

POULTRY PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR: Production of poultry meat during September totaled 910 million pounds, ready-to-cook basis. This is 71 million less than September 1972.

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

Kind	September 1973		September 1973 as % of		January-September 5/			
	September 1972	August 1973	September 1973	Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	Million pounds			Percent		Million pounds		Percent
Beef	1,880	1,659	1,639	87	99	16,496	15,418	93
Veal	34	25	24	71	96	327	245	75
Pork 2/	1,073	973	929	87	95	9,953	9,234	93
Lamb & Mutton	44	44	41	93	93	396	380	96
Total Red Meat	3,031	2,701	2,633	87	98	27,172	25,277	93
Poultry 3/	981	1,070	910	93	85	7,982	7,817	98
Lard 4/	113	86	84	74	98	1,168	912	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, September 1973 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	September 1973			September 1973 as % of		January-September 2/		
		September 1972	August 1973	September 1973	Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
					Percent		Percent		
CATTLE									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,789.3	2,363.4	2,359.9	85	100	24,038.6	22,431.1	93
Other	thou.	252.2	328.4	244.7	97	75	2,696.3	2,343.8	87
Total	thou.	3,041.5	2,691.8	2,604.6	86	97	26,734.9	24,774.9	93
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	1,026	1,028	1,046	102	102	1,033	1,039	101
Total	mil. lb.	3,121	2,767	2,725	87	98	27,620	25,749	93
CALVES									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	197.3	115.1	128.3	65	111	1,798.7	1,313.8	73
Other	thou.	46.4	43.6	35.6	77	82	503.4	338.1	67
Total	thou.	243.7	158.7	163.9	67	103	2,302.1	1,651.9	72
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	253	281	265	105	94	254	263	104
Total	mil. lb.	62	45	43	69	96	584	434	74
HOGS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,419.7	5,568.9	5,348.3	83	96	58,527.0	53,258.8	91
Other	thou.	388.2	319.5	304.9	79	95	4,563.6	3,297.9	72
Total	thou.	6,807.9	5,888.4	5,653.2	83	96	63,090.6	56,556.7	90
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	237	240	239	101	100	238	240	101
Total	mil. lb.	1,615	1,413	1,353	84	96	15,028	13,568	90
SHEEP & LAMBS									
Number									
Fed. Insp.	thou.	866.3	844.0	789.0	91	93	7,389.1	6,960.5	94
Other	thou.	26.9	44.5	30.6	114	69	301.4	267.7	89
Total	thou.	893.2	888.5	819.6	92	92	7,690.5	7,228.2	94
Live Weight									
Per Head	lb.	100	103	104	104	101	104	107	103
Total	mil. lb.	90	92	85	94	92	803	774	96

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

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	SEPTEMBER				JANUARY-SEPTEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	12.6	9.0	13,630	9,854	111.9	91.1	122,267	99,936
N.Y.....	29.0	24.6	32,654	27,150	250.9	223.5	285,545	252,653
N.J.....	19.4	9.1	22,989	10,984	181.0	110.8	229,314	137,824
PA.....	52.5	56.0	60,480	61,936	471.0	520.5	532,694	597,994
OHIO.....	88.5	69.0	91,066	71,277	807.5	684.0	828,225	716,866
IND.....	33.0	34.0	33,099	34,034	328.0	315.5	328,554	322,116
ILL.....	125.0	95.5	125,750	94,927	1,110.0	911.5	1,141,216	933,021
MICH.....	51.0	42.5	54,009	45,985	469.5	438.0	506,508	479,432
WISC.....	90.5	95.5	100,455	108,297	811.5	875.0	908,594	980,689
MINN.....	123.0	95.0	130,995	102,885	1,103.0	910.0	1,207,192	996,648
IOWA.....	396.0	346.0	407,484	366,760	3,454.0	3,096.0	3,607,361	3,306,901
MO.....	75.5	55.5	78,294	57,220	693.5	590.5	711,758	609,228
N.DAK.....	19.4	12.5	20,001	13,162	150.9	125.0	161,898	135,863
S.DAK.....	49.0	36.5	50,470	38,836	390.0	383.0	410,026	408,954
NEBR.....	407.0	319.0	421,652	339,416	3,489.0	3,224.0	3,724,180	3,406,083
KANS.....	212.0	198.0	226,628	213,246	1,856.0	1,833.0	1,967,561	1,917,773
DEL.-MD..	8.2	6.3	8,808	6,619	75.7	67.5	81,410	72,354
VA.....	10.4	8.5	10,566	8,712	100.6	80.9	103,493	84,229
W.VA.....	4.6	3.9	5,028	4,228	39.1	36.6	40,859	38,703
N.C.....	12.9	9.3	12,358	9,002	112.1	88.6	108,132	86,412
S.C.....	6.3	5.5	5,210	4,873	53.8	52.8	44,932	47,164
GA.....	22.8	22.4	20,908	21,258	203.7	208.3	183,685	193,106
FLA.....	29.0	27.5	28,623	25,658	282.5	264.0	277,831	257,619
KY.....	15.8	14.4	14,568	13,594	145.2	137.9	139,010	129,660
TENN.....	45.0	35.5	45,675	35,926	391.5	333.0	389,462	333,127
ALA.....	6.9	11.1	6,024	10,201	67.7	101.4	59,064	92,534
MISS.....	25.5	25.5	21,522	21,752	210.0	226.6	179,057	198,173
ARK.....	13.0	13.0	12,012	11,635	119.1	123.3	109,833	112,680
LA.....	14.5	13.2	14,094	11,933	138.5	124.4	131,670	119,476
OKLA.....	51.0	49.0	50,286	48,461	457.5	469.0	443,391	460,716
TEXAS....	300.0	268.0	270,600	261,032	2,646.0	2,590.0	2,384,447	2,421,182
MONT.....	17.1	14.0	17,750	14,140	155.7	137.4	162,310	142,759
IDAHO....	36.0	35.5	38,916	39,547	310.5	309.0	334,472	341,295
WYO.....	2.1	1.9	2,152	1,843	16.0	15.8	16,157	16,099
COLO.....	213.0	179.0	227,697	196,721	1,831.0	1,646.0	1,954,828	1,755,656
N.MEX....	31.5	27.0	30,902	27,054	298.0	285.0	290,126	274,658
ARIZ.....	47.5	34.0	47,500	33,558	417.5	370.5	408,758	364,310
UTAH.....	22.0	17.0	23,782	18,649	201.5	180.3	221,627	199,739
NEV.....	2.1	2.0	2,148	2,100	19.6	20.9	19,840	21,622
WASH.....	53.5	36.5	57,459	40,844	458.0	377.0	494,745	418,619
OREG.....	25.5	22.9	27,591	24,846	221.4	204.3	235,082	219,975
CALIF....	242.0	224.0	249,260	234,528	2,085.0	1,993.0	2,132,530	2,045,159
48 STATES	3,041.5	2,604.6	3,121,095	2,724,691	26,734.9	24,774.9	27,619,644	25,749,007
HAWAII...	5.1	4.6	4,901	4,283	48.0	46.6	44,387	43,599
U. S.....	3,046.6	2,609.2	3,125,996	2,728,974	26,782.9	24,821.5	27,664,031	25,792,606

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/	SEPTEMBER				JANUARY-SEPTEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG..	18.7	11.4	2,061	1,338	161.3	127.1	16,967	13,710
N.Y.....	55.5	39.5	5,772	4,464	481.0	378.0	52,132	40,725
N.J.....	22.3	12.6	6,066	3,616	207.7	137.8	64,648	39,798
PA.....	21.1	14.5	2,469	1,638	187.4	128.8	26,452	16,081
OHIO.....	3.3	1.2	739	282	35.8	16.4	7,403	3,541
IND.....	3.8	.2	866	27	32.1	2.5	6,910	363
ILL.....	6.4	5.7	1,421	1,254	59.1	57.4	12,649	13,274
MICH.....	7.4	3.9	1,405	909	71.8	46.6	13,084	10,318
WISC.....	14.4	15.2	2,563	2,584	173.8	141.7	29,644	25,789
MINN.....	1.5	.6	297	144	5.7	6.1	1,123	1,468
IOWA.....	10.9	4.1	2,016	758	118.3	64.4	21,476	11,880
MO.....	1.1	.7	333	206	11.6	7.6	3,352	2,346
N.DAK.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	39	40
S.DAK.....	---	.1	---	40	.1	.2	40	80
NEBR.....	.3	.1	107	36	3.1	2.3	1,094	843
KANS.....	---	---	---	---	.3	.3	115	116
DEL.-MD..	1.1	.8	270	212	12.1	8.2	2,897	2,022
VA.....	6.5	4.5	1,970	1,544	62.2	38.9	17,730	12,360
W.VA.....	.2	.1	45	25	1.4	.5	287	126
N.C.....	.3	.1	84	21	7.4	1.3	1,822	384
S.C.....	9.4	7.2	4,606	3,701	88.5	66.3	43,813	35,309
GA.....	1.3	.2	578	77	15.3	6.3	6,781	2,988
FLA.....	7.7	5.2	2,580	1,794	72.0	51.8	16,248	16,266
KY.....	.2	.1	52	28	2.1	1.4	531	359
TENN.....	7.9	2.5	2,504	762	79.8	43.7	26,290	14,644
ALA.....	.3	.4	116	154	2.9	2.7	1,181	1,171
MISS.....	3.2	2.9	1,658	1,569	35.0	26.5	19,953	15,272
ARK.....	.2	.1	89	36	2.4	.7	1,187	265
LA.....	15.0	13.1	8,505	7,074	132.1	119.4	72,243	67,309
OKLA.....	.3	.5	135	209	3.0	4.3	1,377	1,883
TEXAS.....	13.7	10.7	8,138	5,981	126.9	96.4	74,118	54,275
MONT.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	.1	---	33	---	.4	.2	145	63
WYO.....	---	---	---	---	.2	---	58	---
COLO.....	---	---	---	---	---	.1	---	50
N.MEX.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	.1	.1	50	48	1.9	1.0	938	488
UTAH.....	.2	---	93	---	1.6	.2	674	90
NEV.....	.1	---	40	---	.9	.3	334	121
WASH.....	.6	.3	206	100	6.2	3.6	2,021	1,118
OREG.....	.6	.4	210	174	5.1	3.8	1,819	1,632
CALIF.....	8.0	4.9	3,608	2,661	93.5	57.0	34,350	25,826
48 STATES	243.7	163.9	61,687	43,466	2,302.1	1,651.9	583,925	434,393
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	243.7	163.9	61,687	43,466	2,302.1	1,651.9	583,925	434,393

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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/	SEPTEMBER				JANUARY-SEPTEMBER			
	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..	5.2	2.4	1,337	594	54.9	36.4	14,028	9,128
N.Y.....	65.0	54.5	14,950	12,590	666.0	569.0	153,985	131,968
N.J.....	29.5	22.3	5,812	5,151	297.0	242.5	58,573	54,951
PA.....	323.0	263.0	71,060	59,701	3,028.0	2,409.0	666,262	533,786
OHIO.....	326.0	244.0	73,350	56,608	2,990.0	2,417.0	681,541	557,096
IND.....	302.0	222.0	75,500	56,166	2,729.0	2,132.0	686,309	532,895
ILL.....	523.0	390.0	132,319	100,230	4,723.0	4,401.0	1,165,729	1,130,986
MICH.....	307.0	308.0	74,601	72,380	2,896.0	2,807.0	702,305	683,246
WISC.....	269.0	214.0	63,215	51,146	2,489.0	2,280.0	588,535	544,223
MINN.....	425.0	420.0	103,700	102,480	3,745.0	3,727.0	912,637	905,949
IOWA.....	1,700.0	1,405.0	401,200	335,795	15,401.0	14,303.0	3,720,449	3,455,967
MO.....	144.0	175.0	33,120	41,650	1,412.0	1,380.0	344,480	327,642
N.DAK....	2.0	1.6	446	368	20.7	17.3	4,702	3,907
S.DAK....	197.0	182.0	48,462	45,136	1,789.0	1,664.0	440,175	415,453
NEBR.....	222.0	187.0	53,502	45,815	1,902.0	1,856.0	468,045	457,921
KANS.....	180.0	174.0	41,940	41,760	1,615.0	1,637.0	392,975	391,000
DEL.-MD..	39.4	35.4	6,680	7,761	386.7	341.1	84,147	74,706
VA.....	245.0	210.0	56,595	47,670	2,325.0	2,056.0	538,554	469,779
W.VA.....	5.1	2.5	1,637	768	51.4	31.4	14,471	10,505
N.C.....	139.0	130.0	30,719	29,250	1,353.0	1,256.0	300,165	280,228
S.C.....	31.0	24.5	7,378	5,831	336.0	259.5	79,740	62,713
GA.....	142.0	119.0	31,098	26,656	1,480.0	1,274.0	324,932	285,953
FLA.....	32.0	20.2	7,040	3,737	386.0	255.7	78,465	48,876
KY.....	152.0	110.0	38,000	27,610	1,388.0	1,201.0	341,727	297,760
TENN.....	240.0	191.0	59,040	47,368	2,171.0	1,967.0	514,820	472,810
ALA.....	62.5	43.0	14,875	10,148	685.0	543.0	163,127	129,188
MISS.....	98.0	84.5	21,756	18,421	912.0	867.5	203,408	192,539
ARK.....	30.5	17.1	7,747	3,984	331.0	218.8	82,474	51,399
LA.....	13.9	11.5	3,100	2,702	150.2	123.4	32,947	27,737
OKLA.....	77.0	45.0	19,250	11,880	671.0	571.5	172,459	149,933
TEXAS....	147.0	107.0	36,750	25,680	1,443.0	1,175.0	348,088	284,114
MONT.....	27.0	25.5	6,372	6,298	274.2	243.6	65,285	60,247
IDAHO....	9.7	7.4	2,173	1,687	95.0	69.4	21,227	15,907
WYO.....	1.6	.7	370	160	15.9	10.7	3,611	2,479
COLO.....	75.5	25.0	17,592	5,675	762.5	467.5	177,121	108,644
N.MEX....	9.0	8.2	2,097	1,943	87.8	77.1	20,452	18,296
ARIZ.....	15.3	12.4	3,534	2,852	132.9	119.6	30,817	27,670
UTAH.....	6.8	5.2	1,455	1,087	67.9	49.4	14,481	10,626
NEV.....	.2	.2	42	45	3.4	2.6	734	553
WASH.....	58.0	42.5	13,340	9,732	538.5	429.5	124,962	99,240
OREG.....	13.7	13.1	3,137	3,026	151.6	122.7	34,895	28,038
CALIF....	117.0	97.5	26,793	23,010	1,134.0	945.5	254,597	221,682
48 STATES	6,807.9	5,653.2	1,615,084	1,352,551	63,090.6	56,556.7	15,028,436	13,567,742
HAWAII...	4.3	3.6	821	630	39.0	35.2	7,305	6,296
U. S.....	6,812.2	5,656.8	1,615,905	1,353,181	63,129.6	56,591.9	15,035,741	13,574,038

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

COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	SEPTEMBER				JANUARY-SEPTEMBER			
	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	.6	102	55	9.6	7.7	808	620
N.Y.....	4.2	4.5	420	446	51.2	50.5	4,931	4,885
N.J.....	48.0	31.0	4,608	3,038	503.0	338.0	50,263	33,953
PA.....	10.0	13.0	960	1,261	93.3	122.2	8,871	12,222
OHIO.....	5.6	3.9	532	378	51.5	40.6	5,005	3,928
IND.....	1.5	1.4	140	123	14.8	13.6	1,350	1,293
ILL.....	28.0	33.5	2,884	3,518	324.5	290.5	34,377	30,232
MICH.....	32.5	31.0	3,218	3,410	300.5	297.0	30,796	32,130
WISC.....	.5	.7	47	69	2.3	2.9	221	280
MINN.....	18.6	17.4	1,897	1,810	161.7	168.4	17,106	18,140
IOWA.....	36.5	30.5	3,686	3,142	331.0	280.3	34,558	29,976
MO.....	1.2	1.2	120	118	12.9	12.3	1,282	1,235
N.DAK....	.1	.1	10	10	.6	.6	61	62
S.DAK....	34.5	34.0	3,519	3,536	301.5	333.0	31,585	35,631
NEBR.....	84.5	67.0	8,704	7,169	642.0	591.0	68,056	64,085
KANS.....	.5	.4	47	42	3.6	3.7	360	362
DEL.-MD..	5.2	3.8	499	369	39.3	32.6	3,859	3,194
VA.....	.2	.3	21	30	1.4	2.2	137	227
W.VA.....	.2	.2	22	20	1.9	1.0	203	111
N.C.....	---	---	---	---	.6	.7	56	66
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	10	10
GA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	.6	.4	38	28
KY.....	22.7	20.5	2,361	2,234	156.7	177.9	16,659	19,517
TENN.....	8.6	8.1	851	802	61.8	78.0	6,176	7,826
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	11	10
MISS.....	.1	.1	8	8	.2	.1	17	8
ARK.....	---	.1	---	9	.1	.3	10	25
LA.....	.3	.3	28	26	3.1	3.3	272	265
OKLA.....	.1	.3	11	28	1.9	1.8	193	174
TEXAS....	127.0	129.0	11,557	12,642	1,142.0	1,111.5	108,211	109,742
MONT.....	.3	.3	30	30	1.7	1.8	169	186
IDAH0....	1.4	2.2	150	238	9.2	10.4	999	1,148
WYO.....	.3	.3	33	34	2.3	2.4	259	266
COLO.....	180.0	164.0	18,360	17,056	1,414.0	1,356.0	156,704	152,752
N.MEX....	10.8	12.1	1,253	1,331	92.2	94.1	10,052	10,362
ARIZ.....	.2	.1	21	10	1.1	1.2	117	121
UTAH.....	61.5	52.0	6,212	5,408	391.5	280.4	42,422	31,386
NEV.....	.4	.2	39	20	2.7	2.1	273	216
WASH.....	19.0	19.6	2,071	2,156	146.9	163.1	16,219	18,145
OREG.....	7.6	6.9	775	724	73.1	59.4	7,706	6,398
CALIF....	140.0	129.0	14,560	13,932	1,342.0	1,295.0	143,055	142,680
48 STATES	893.2	819.6	89,756	85,232	7,690.5	7,228.2	803,457	773,897
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.....	893.2	819.6	89,756	85,232	7,690.5	7,228.2	803,457	773,897

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
SEPTEMBER 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..	1,082	1,095	110	117	257	248	93	92
N.Y.....	1,126	1,104	104	113	230	231	100	99
N.J.....	1,185	1,207	272	287	197	231	96	98
PA.....	1,152	1,106	117	113	220	227	96	97
OHIO.....	1,029	1,033	224	235	225	232	95	97
IND.....	1,003	1,001	228	135	250	253	93	88
ILL.....	1,006	994	222	220	253	257	103	105
MICH.....	1,059	1,082	190	233	243	235	99	110
WISC.....	1,110	1,134	178	170	235	239	94	98
MINN.....	1,065	1,083	198	240	244	244	102	104
IOWA.....	1,029	1,060	185	185	236	239	101	103
MO.....	1,037	1,031	303	295	230	238	100	98
N.DAK....	1,031	1,053	---	---	223	230	100	100
S.DAK....	1,030	1,064	---	400	246	248	102	104
NEBR.....	1,036	1,064	358	358	241	245	103	107
KANS.....	1,069	1,077	---	---	233	240	94	105
DEL.-MD..	1,087	1,051	245	265	220	219	96	97
VA.....	1,016	1,025	303	343	231	227	105	99
W.VA.....	1,093	1,084	225	250	321	307	112	100
N.C.....	958	968	279	208	221	225	---	---
S.C.....	827	886	490	514	238	238	---	---
GA.....	917	949	445	385	219	224	---	---
FLA.....	987	933	335	345	220	185	---	---
KY.....	922	944	261	276	250	251	104	109
TENN.....	1,015	1,012	317	305	246	248	99	99
ALA.....	873	919	387	385	238	236	---	---
MISS.....	844	853	518	541	222	218	80	83
ARK.....	924	895	444	357	254	233	---	89
LA.....	972	904	567	540	223	235	94	85
OKLA.....	986	989	453	418	250	264	108	92
TEXAS....	902	974	594	559	250	240	91	98
MONT.....	1,038	1,010	---	---	236	247	100	100
IDAHU....	1,081	1,114	327	---	224	228	107	108
WYO.....	1,025	970	---	---	231	229	111	113
COLO.....	1,069	1,099	---	---	233	227	102	104
N.MEX....	981	1,002	---	---	233	237	116	110
ARIZ.....	1,000	987	500	475	231	230	107	100
UTAH.....	1,081	1,097	464	---	214	209	101	104
NEV.....	1,023	1,050	400	---	209	225	97	101
WASH.....	1,074	1,119	343	333	230	229	109	110
OREG.....	1,082	1,085	350	435	229	231	102	105
CALIF....	1,030	1,047	451	543	229	236	104	108
48 STATES	1,026	1,046	253	265	237	239	100	104
HAWAII...	961	931	---	---	191	175	---	---
U. S.....	1,026	1,046	253	265	237	239	100	104

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INCREASE IN FEDERAL INSPECTION SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1972: Between October 1, 1972 and September 31, 1973, there were 194 plants which began slaughter under Federal inspection. During September 1973, these plants slaughtered 43,424 cattle, 793 calves, 77,251 hogs, and 3,173 sheep and lambs. Plants withdrawn from Federal inspection since October 1, 1972 slaughtered about 22,000 cattle, less than 1,000 calves, 21,000 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 September 1973 and September 1972 is as follows: Cattle 90.6 and 91.7 percent; calves 78.3 and 81.0 percent; hogs, 94.6 and 94.3 percent; sheep and lambs, 96.3 and 97.0 percent.

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

Species	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Jan. - Sept.		Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Jan. - Sept.	
	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973
	: 1,000 head					: Percent of total				
CLASSIFICATION: 1/										
CATTLE:										
Steers	1,486	1,203	1,267	13,297	12,341	53.3	50.9	53.7	55.3	55.0
Heifers	833	614	606	6,286	5,518	29.8	26.0	25.7	26.2	24.6
Cows	418	489	435	4,013	4,117	15.0	20.7	18.4	16.7	18.4
Bulls & stags	52	57	52	444	454	1.9	2.4	2.2	1.8	2.0
Total	2,789	2,363	2,360	24,040	22,430	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	263	249	214	2,138	2,200	9.4	10.5	9.1	8.9	9.8
HOGS:										
Sows	411	403	326	3,247	3,073	6.4	7.2	6.1	5.5	5.8
Barrows & gilts	5,953	5,101	4,970	54,752	49,614	92.7	91.6	92.9	93.6	93.2
Stags & boars	56	65	52	528	571	.9	1.2	1.0	.9	1.0
Total	6,420	5,569	5,348	58,527	53,258	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHEEP AND LAMBS:										
Lambs & yearlings	800	748	703	6,920	6,395	92.4	88.6	89.1	93.6	91.9
Sheep	66	96	86	470	565	7.6	11.4	10.9	6.4	8.1
Total	866	844	789	7,390	6,960	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/										
Cattle	625	625	637	625	630					
Steers 4/	679	688	705	-	-					
Heifers 4/	580	585	591	-	-					
Cows 4/	511	504	496	-	-					
Bulls & Stags 4/	708	738	711	-	-					
Calves & Vealers	115	115	118	119	120					
Hogs	182	187	186	185	187					
Sheep & Lambs	50	50	51	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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