

livestock slaughter



January 1974

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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT FROM 1973: Commercial production of red meat in the United States totaled 3,253 million pounds in January, 2 percent more than a year earlier and 12 percent more than December 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.

January 1974 included 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays and 1 Holiday, the same as January 1973.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT FROM 1973: Beef production was 1,971 million pounds, 1 percent more than January 1973. Cattle kill totaled 3,086,600 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,062 pounds, 13 pounds more than January 1973 and the same as December 1973.

VEAL PRODUCTION OFF 19 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: There were 29 million pounds of veal produced in January 1973. Calf slaughter was 16 percent less than a year earlier. Live weight per head was 236 pounds, down 11 pounds from January a year earlier.

PORK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER: Pork production totaled 1,212 million pounds in January, 5 percent more than a year ago. Hog kill totaled 7,233,500 head, an increase of 2 percent from January 1974. Live weight per head was 245 pounds, 6 pounds more than last year but 3 pounds less than last month's average. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.4 pounds, compared with 6.9 pounds in January 1973.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM JANUARY 1973: There were 41 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January, down 11 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 770,100 head, 10 percent less than a year ago. Average live weight was 108 pounds, the same as last year.

Commercial Meat and Lard Production: United States, January 1974 with comparisons 1/

Kind	January 1973	December 1973	January 1974	Jan. 1974 as % of	
				January 1973	December 1973
	Million pounds			Percent	
Beef	1,945	1,778	1,971	101	111
Veal	36	24	29	81	121
Pork 2/	1,149	1,059	1,212	105	114
Lamb & Mutton	46	34	41	89	121
Total Red Meat	3,176	2,895	3,253	102	112
Lard 4/	116	100	113	97	113

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: United States, January 1974 with comparisons 1/

Species	Unit	January 1973	December 1973	January 1974	Jan. 1974 as % of	
					January 1973	December 1973
					Percent	
<u>CATTLE</u>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	2,809.7	2,518.6	2,792.0	99	111
Other	thou.	295.2	248.1	294.6	100	119
Total	thou.	3,104.9	2,766.7	3,086.6	99	112
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	1,049	1,062	1,062	101	100
Total	mil. lb.	3,257	2,939	3,279	101	112
<u>CALVES</u>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	209.0	156.4	181.0	87	116
Other	thou.	44.5	31.1	33.2	75	107
Total	thou.	253.5	187.5	214.2	84	114
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	247	229	236	96	103
Total	mil. lb.	63	43	50	79	116
<u>HOGS</u>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	6,641.0	5,858.7	6,803.5	102	116
Other	thou.	459.7	435.2	430.0	94	99
Total	thou.	7,100.7	6,293.9	7,233.5	102	115
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	239	248	245	103	99
Total	mil. lb.	1,695	1,560	1,775	105	114
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>						
Number						
Fed. Insp.	thou.	835.3	611.5	749.2	90	123
Other	thou.	22.2	27.2	20.9	94	77
Total	thou.	857.5	638.7	770.1	90	121
Live Weight						
Per Head	lb.	108	109	108	100	99
Total	mil. lb.	93	70	83	89	119

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE AND CALVES SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1973 AND 1974

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
ALA.....	8.9	14.5	8,241	13,717	.4	.5	176	195
ARIZ.....	43.0	47.0	42,484	48,081	.2	.1	99	48
ARK.....	14.3	15.3	13,828	14,091	.1	.2	40	85
CALIF.....	234.0	227.0	239,382	239,485	9.7	7.9	4,530	3,618
COLO.....	196.0	201.0	207,172	220,698	---	---	---	---
DEL.-MD..	9.7	8.6	10,482	9,092	1.4	1.0	347	248
FLA.....	31.0	32.5	31,000	32,045	7.1	5.8	2,279	1,827
GA.....	23.2	28.5	22,202	26,220	.5	.5	244	216
HAWAII...	5.0	5.2	4,710	4,826	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	32.5	53.0	35,945	60,155	---	---	---	---
ILL.....	120.0	123.0	125,520	126,321	8.1	7.3	1,790	1,650
IND.....	39.0	41.0	40,365	42,066	.4	.2	63	24
IOWA.....	422.0	386.0	452,806	414,950	16.0	14.4	2,960	2,664
KANS.....	226.0	224.0	243,402	242,816	---	---	---	---
KY.....	18.1	17.9	17,358	16,933	.3	.1	79	26
LA.....	12.9	14.1	12,578	14,297	14.5	11.1	8,294	6,160
MICH.....	58.0	56.5	61,828	61,585	8.4	5.4	1,672	1,107
MINN.....	126.0	116.0	140,238	130,848	.7	1.0	166	212
MISS.....	25.0	29.5	22,525	28,350	2.8	2.4	1,607	1,306
MO.....	85.0	78.5	91,035	86,114	1.2	.9	383	267
MONT.....	16.5	18.7	17,622	19,485	---	---	---	---
NEBR.....	414.0	369.0	427,662	399,996	.4	.2	143	75
NEV.....	2.4	2.1	2,484	2,163	.1	---	41	---
N.J.....	18.5	10.8	23,236	13,543	22.5	17.7	5,962	5,204
N.MEX.....	32.5	35.0	31,622	34,755	---	---	---	---
N.Y.....	30.0	29.5	34,020	33,571	51.5	53.5	5,253	5,992
N.C.....	11.1	13.6	11,000	12,798	.1	.2	19	44
N.DAK.....	17.4	16.7	20,045	18,420	---	---	---	---
OHIO.....	90.5	86.0	96,473	91,676	3.3	2.0	653	412
OKLA.....	50.5	57.0	51,056	57,000	.2	.6	90	277
OREG.....	23.9	21.1	25,573	22,661	.6	.6	259	247
PA.....	61.5	70.0	71,402	80,570	22.8	16.8	2,690	1,798
S.C.....	5.5	6.7	5,032	5,916	9.4	8.1	4,662	4,155
S.DAK.....	54.5	63.5	58,152	69,406	---	---	---	---
TENN.....	41.5	42.0	42,786	43,344	11.3	.3	4,057	73
TEXAS.....	296.0	317.0	281,792	303,052	11.3	8.7	6,396	4,837
UTAH.....	21.6	21.8	24,473	24,983	---	---	---	---
VA.....	10.9	12.1	11,543	12,983	6.3	6.6	1,997	2,284
WASH.....	46.5	37.0	51,476	41,070	.5	.6	149	191
W.VA.....	5.3	4.5	5,395	4,914	.1	---	25	---
WISC.....	110.0	121.0	124,630	140,118	23.5	23.6	3,713	3,469
WYO.....	1.6	1.7	1,667	1,741	---	---	---	---
NEW ENG..	13.1	10.7	14,399	11,766	17.8	15.9	1,853	1,741
U. S.....	3,104.9	3,086.6	3,256,641	3,278,621	253.5	214.2	62,691	50,452

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.

HOGS AND SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1973 AND 1974

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
ALA.....	---	---	---	---	74.5	72.0	17,954	17,496
ARIZ.....	---	.1	---	11	14.6	14.6	3,373	3,416
ARK.....	---	---	---	---	33.0	25.0	7,755	5,925
CALIF....	143.0	131.0	15,873	14,541	123.0	112.0	28,782	26,544
COLO.....	165.0	150.0	19,140	16,650	80.0	37.5	18,640	8,738
DEL.-MD..	5.3	4.9	578	500	43.6	48.5	9,630	10,865
FLA.....	---	---	---	---	35.5	30.5	7,100	6,100
GA.....	---	---	---	---	167.0	170.0	37,408	39,440
HAWAII...	---	---	---	---	3.7	3.6	648	637
IDAHO....	.8	.7	95	75	9.3	9.0	2,130	2,106
ILL.....	36.5	38.5	3,942	4,081	556.0	490.0	139,556	126,910
IND.....	1.5	.4	162	36	277.0	294.0	68,142	78,204
IOWA.....	45.5	36.0	4,868	3,888	1,781.0	1,755.0	427,440	431,730
KANS.....	.3	.2	29	24	187.0	186.0	44,132	45,570
KY.....	21.2	17.9	2,247	2,023	156.0	160.0	38,844	40,960
LA.....	.1	.1	8	9	17.2	16.3	3,750	3,863
MICH.....	35.0	33.5	3,675	3,518	342.0	366.0	83,448	88,206
MINN.....	26.5	19.0	2,836	2,071	447.0	534.0	106,386	133,500
MISS.....	---	---	---	---	106.0	110.0	23,850	25,630
MO.....	1.7	1.5	178	156	172.0	230.0	41,108	57,500
MONT.....	.2	.1	22	10	29.5	46.5	7,080	11,067
NEBR.....	82.5	71.5	8,828	7,865	216.0	232.0	54,648	59,160
NEV.....	.2	.1	21	12	.4	.2	84	46
N.J.....	51.0	32.5	5,100	3,315	34.5	40.0	7,970	9,200
N.MEX....	10.7	10.4	1,188	1,144	8.8	11.2	2,077	2,677
N.Y.....	6.3	5.0	655	515	68.5	73.0	15,892	16,863
N.C.....	---	---	---	---	153.0	161.0	34,425	37,513
N.DAK....	.1	.2	10	21	3.0	3.1	660	694
OHIO.....	5.0	3.5	480	336	335.0	314.0	76,715	73,790
OKLA.....	.1	.1	10	9	71.5	54.5	19,376	15,042
OREG.....	6.0	3.5	672	385	14.8	17.0	3,360	4,114
PA.....	12.7	15.3	1,295	1,576	291.0	308.0	63,438	70,532
S.C.....	---	---	---	---	33.5	34.5	8,408	8,590
S.DAK....	43.5	39.5	4,698	4,266	198.0	222.0	48,906	56,388
TENN.....	11.6	---	1,172	---	248.0	249.0	58,032	60,009
TEXAS....	101.0	116.0	9,999	11,948	168.0	131.0	42,000	34,060
UTAH.....	28.5	20.1	3,164	2,211	6.3	6.5	1,329	1,365
VA.....	.1	.1	11	9	254.0	280.0	59,690	64,960
WASH.....	14.5	17.3	1,668	1,816	53.0	59.5	12,402	13,982
W.VA.....	.2	.1	22	11	5.5	4.2	1,744	1,361
WISC.....	.2	.3	19	30	276.0	318.0	65,412	79,182
WYO.....	.2	.2	23	20	1.6	1.1	366	251
NEW ENG..	.5	.5	53	47	5.4	3.2	1,317	821
U. S.....	857.5	770.1	92,741	83,129	7,100.7	7,233.5	1,695,407	1,775,007

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1973 AND 1974 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
ALA.....	926	946	440	390	241	243	---	---
ARIZ.....	988	1,023	494	478	231	234	---	114
ARK.....	967	921	400	423	235	237	---	---
CALIF....	1,023	1,055	467	458	234	237	111	111
COLO.....	1,057	1,098	---	---	233	233	116	111
DEL.-MD..	1,081	1,057	248	248	221	224	109	102
FLA.....	1,000	986	321	315	200	200	---	---
GA.....	957	920	489	432	224	232	---	---
HAWAII...	942	928	---	---	175	177	---	---
IDAHO....	1,106	1,135	---	---	229	234	119	107
ILL.....	1,046	1,027	221	226	251	259	108	106
IND.....	1,035	1,026	157	122	246	266	108	89
IOWA.....	1,073	1,075	185	185	240	246	107	108
KANS.....	1,077	1,084	---	---	236	245	97	122
KY.....	959	946	264	258	249	256	106	113
LA.....	975	1,014	572	555	218	237	82	93
MICH.....	1,066	1,090	199	205	244	241	105	105
MINN.....	1,113	1,128	237	212	238	250	107	109
MISS.....	901	961	574	544	225	233	---	---
MO.....	1,071	1,097	319	297	239	250	105	104
MONT.....	1,068	1,042	---	---	240	238	108	104
NEBR.....	1,033	1,084	358	373	253	255	107	110
NEV.....	1,035	1,030	414	---	211	230	104	120
N.J.....	1,256	1,254	265	294	231	230	100	102
N.MEX....	973	993	---	---	236	239	111	110
N.Y.....	1,134	1,138	102	112	232	231	104	103
N.C.....	991	941	192	220	225	233	---	---
N.DAK....	1,152	1,103	---	---	220	224	100	107
OHIO.....	1,066	1,066	198	206	229	235	96	96
OKLA....	1,011	1,000	448	461	271	276	100	93
OREG.....	1,070	1,074	431	412	227	242	112	110
PA.....	1,161	1,151	118	107	218	229	102	103
S.C.....	915	883	496	513	251	249	---	---
S.DAK....	1,067	1,093	---	---	247	254	108	108
TENN.....	1,031	1,032	359	243	234	241	101	---
TEXAS....	952	956	566	556	250	260	99	103
UTAH.....	1,133	1,146	---	---	211	210	111	110
VA.....	1,059	1,073	317	346	235	232	113	92
WASH....	1,107	1,110	298	318	234	235	115	105
W.VA....	1,018	1,092	250	---	317	324	110	114
WISC....	1,133	1,158	158	147	237	249	96	100
WYO.....	1,042	1,024	---	---	229	228	117	100
NEW ENG..	1,099	1,100	104	109	244	257	106	94
U. S.....	1,049	1,062	247	236	239	245	108	108

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Federally inspected slaughter as a percent of total commercial slaughter in January 1974 and January 1973 is as follows - cattle, 90.5 and 90.5 percent - calves, 84.5 and 82.4 percent - hogs, 94.1 and 93.5 percent; sheep and lambs, 97.3 and 97.4 percent.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered under
Federal Inspection, United States, January 1974 with comparisons

Species	January 1973	December 1973	January 1974	January 1973	December 1973	January 1974
	1,000 head			Percent of Total		
<u>CLASSIFICATION: 1/</u>						
<u>CATTLE:</u>						
Steers	1,526	1,333	1,446	54.3	52.9	51.8
Heifers	722	643	683	25.7	25.5	24.4
Cows	515	496	608	18.3	19.7	21.8
Bulls & stags	47	47	55	1.7	1.7	2.0
Total	2,810	2,519	2,792	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & cutters 2/	268	247	301	9.5	9.8	10.8
<u>HOGS:</u>						
Sows	411	389	405	6.2	6.6	6.0
Barrows & gilts	6,174	5,412	6,342	93.0	92.4	93.2
Stags & boars	56	58	57	.8	1.0	.8
Total	6,641	5,859	6,804	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS:</u>						
Lambs & yearlings	799	557	715	95.7	91.0	95.5
Sheep	36	55	34	4.3	9.0	4.5
Total	835	612	749	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/</u>						
	<u>Pounds</u>					
Cattle	635	652	648			
Steers 4/	687	726	720			
Heifers 4/	585	615	607			
Cows 4/	539	490	515			
Bulls & Stags 4/	759	759	743			
Calves & Vealers	120	108	115			
Hogs	186	193	191			
Sheep & Lambs	54	54	54			

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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