

livestock slaughter



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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT: Commercial production of red meat in the United States totaled 3.3 billion pounds in January, 1 percent less than a year ago, but virtually the same as January 1974 according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

January 1976 included 21 weekdays, excluding one holiday and 5 Saturdays, compared with 22 weekdays, one holiday and 4 Saturdays for January 1975 and January 1974.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT: Beef production totaled 2.2 billion pounds, 5 percent above January last year and 12 percent over January 1974. Cattle kill totaled 3,761,900 head, up 7 percent from a year ago and 22 percent above January 1974. Liveweight per head averaged 1,006 pounds, 16 pounds less than January 1975 and 56 pounds less than January 1974.

VEAL PRODUCTION UP 24 PERCENT: There were 73 million pounds of veal produced in January, 24 percent above the 59 million pounds produced in January 1975. Calf slaughter at 466,200 head was up 24 percent from a year ago and 117 percent above the January 1974 total. Liveweight per head averaged 281 pounds compared with 275 for January 1975 and was 45 pounds above January 1974.

PORK PRODUCTION DOWN 14 PERCENT: Pork production totaled 953 million pounds in January, 14 percent below a year ago and 21 percent below January 1974. Hog kill totaled 5,697,900 head, 16 percent below last year and 21 percent lower than January 1974. Liveweight per head averaged 243 pounds, 2 pounds more than January 1975 but 2 pounds below January 1974. Lard rendered per 100 pounds liveweight was 6.3 pounds, the same as January 1975.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT: There were 33 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January, a decrease of 6 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 600,800 head, 12 percent less than a year ago and 22 percent below January 1974. Average liveweight was 110 pounds, 5 pounds more than last year and 2 pounds more than January 1974.

Federally inspected slaughter as a percent of total commercial slaughter in January 1976 and January 1975 was as follows: Cattle 90.5 and 89.9; calves, 79.2 and 75.6; hogs, 94.8 and 94.0; sheep and lambs 96.9 and 97.1 percent.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION; UNITED STATES,
JANUARY 1976 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

KIND	JAN 1975	DEC 1975	JAN 1976	JAN 1976 AS % OF	
				JAN 1975	DEC 1975
	MILLION POUNDS			PERCENT	
BEEF	2,100	2,056	2,207	105	107
VEAL	59	76	73	124	96
PORK 2/	1,113	996	953	86	96
LAMB & MUTTON	35	32	33	94	103
TOTAL RED MEAT	3,307	3,160	3,266	99	103
LARD 3/	103	84	87	84	104

1/ EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS. 2/ EXCLUDES LARD AND RENDERED PORK FAT. 3/ INCLUDES RENDERED PORK FAT.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER; UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1976 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

SPECIES	UNIT	JAN 1975	DEC 1975	JAN 1976	JAN 1976 AS % OF	
					JAN 1975	DEC 1975
					PERCENT	
<u>CATTLE</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	3,152.3	3,266.8	3,403.2	108	104
OTHER	THOU.	354.0	366.2	358.7	101	98
TOTAL	THOU.	3,506.3	3,633.0	3,761.9	107	104
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	1,022	994	1,006	98	101
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	3,582	3,613	3,786	106	105
<u>CALVES</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	283.7	381.2	369.3	130	97
OTHER	THOU.	91.6	110.3	96.9	106	88
TOTAL	THOU.	375.3	491.5	466.2	124	95
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	275	279	281	102	101
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	103	137	131	127	96
<u>HOGS</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	6,349.8	5,507.6	5,399.7	85	98
OTHER	THOU.	408.9	333.1	298.2	73	90
TOTAL	THOU.	6,758.7	5,840.7	5,697.9	84	98
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	241	245	243	101	99
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	1,630	1,434	1,385	85	97
<u>SHEEP & LAMBS</u>						
NUMBER						
FED. INSP.	THOU.	661.9	584.3	582.0	88	100
OTHER	THOU.	19.8	22.2	18.8	95	85
TOTAL	THOU.	681.7	606.5	600.8	88	99
LIVE WEIGHT						
PER HEAD	LB.	105	109	110	105	101
TOTAL	MIL. LB.	72	66	66	92	100

1/ EXCLUDES ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ON FARMS.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE AND CALVES SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 1975 AND 1976

STATE 2/	CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/				CALF SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	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.....	24.7	30.0	18,920	23,450	2.8	2.9	1,274	1,204
ARIZ.....	46.5	45.0	47,988	43,920	.1	.6	45	290
ARK.....	23.7	23.8	20,192	21,182	.5	.4	225	182
CAL IF....	262.0	264.0	275,362	278,256	19.9	30.0	8,756	13,500
CULO.....	190.0	178.0	206,720	188,146	---	1.2	---	450
DEL.-MD..	8.8	9.1	9,239	9,145	1.0	1.2	239	277
FLA.....	43.0	59.0	40,119	53,749	11.7	18.5	4,586	7,733
GA.....	41.0	53.0	32,554	39,326	2.5	2.6	870	785
HAWAII...	4.5	5.0	4,388	5,105	---	---	---	---
IDAHO....	47.0	48.5	51,512	53,592	.1	.1	36	36
ILL.....	129.0	132.0	127,839	131,208	10.5	11.5	2,268	2,139
IND.....	47.5	47.5	47,405	46,265	.5	.5	87	82
IOWA.....	370.0	370.0	391,090	385,540	27.5	36.5	4,400	6,022
KANS.....	248.0	269.0	267,344	279,222	.4	.3	168	100
KY.....	29.5	37.5	25,960	32,738	.4	.3	134	99
LA.....	16.0	17.9	13,712	14,392	23.3	25.5	11,231	11,704
MICH.....	67.0	67.5	72,159	72,630	8.8	12.0	1,707	2,052
MINN.....	131.0	138.0	145,017	146,142	1.2	1.1	204	223
MISS.....	41.5	45.5	33,200	36,673	9.7	12.9	4,802	6,179
MO.....	90.0	107.0	90,450	106,358	1.0	1.2	285	308
MONT.....	17.0	14.9	17,306	14,870	.1	.1	39	39
NEBR.....	426.0	433.0	462,210	450,753	.4	---	170	---
NEV.....	1.2	1.5	1,212	1,530	---	.1	---	38
N.J.....	19.1	20.6	21,946	24,184	22.9	28.0	6,183	8,400
N.MEX....	45.5	47.0	43,680	46,013	---	---	---	---
N.Y.....	30.5	32.0	33,092	33,632	71.5	80.0	8,580	10,000
N.C.....	18.0	23.4	15,480	21,177	.3	.6	81	120
N.DAK....	24.2	25.5	26,668	27,872	---	---	---	---
OHIO.....	57.0	100.0	101,753	99,900	3.4	4.4	704	977
OKLA....	67.5	64.5	63,045	61,662	3.2	2.1	1,437	993
OREG.....	28.5	24.0	27,417	25,560	1.8	2.5	826	1,148
PA.....	77.5	91.0	86,335	98,007	24.1	32.0	2,627	3,680
S.C.....	10.2	12.9	7,599	9,262	12.3	12.5	5,584	5,500
S.DAK....	66.5	75.5	70,756	76,934	---	---	---	---
TENN.....	58.0	68.0	56,086	61,676	6.0	13.5	2,334	4,576
TEXAS....	421.0	519.0	370,480	486,303	36.0	50.5	19,620	26,765
UTAH.....	27.5	24.2	29,535	26,015	.2	.3	71	94
VA.....	20.3	21.8	18,717	20,514	18.1	21.3	7,005	7,540
WASH....	45.0	59.0	49,275	64,841	1.3	1.5	454	522
W.VA....	5.6	6.5	5,130	5,648	.1	.1	26	18
WISC....	125.0	132.0	137,500	143,220	36.0	38.5	4,536	5,313
WYU.....	2.1	2.9	2,075	2,874	---	---	---	---
NEW ENG..	12.4	15.4	13,586	16,692	15.7	18.9	1,673	2,047
U. S.....	3,506.3	3,761.9	3,582,053	3,786,188	375.3	466.2	103,267	131,135

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 1975 AND 1976

STATE 2/	HOG SLAUGHTER 1/				SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	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.....	61.0	44.0	14,762	10,692	---	---	---	---
ARIZ.....	16.3	15.7	3,684	3,564	---	.1	---	11
ARK.....	16.2	12.4	3,742	2,902	---	---	---	---
CALIF.....	129.0	131.0	30,444	30,654	123.0	99.5	13,284	11,442
COLO.....	56.5	54.5	13,164	12,644	139.0	153.0	15,290	17,442
DEL.-MD..	41.6	36.3	9,478	8,302	4.6	3.3	446	314
FLA.....	28.0	21.9	5,180	4,490	---	---	---	---
GA.....	155.0	123.0	35,495	28,044	---	---	---	---
HAWAII...	3.8	3.3	703	594	---	---	---	---
IDAHO.....	9.4	7.4	2,143	1,746	.8	.5	90	54
ILL.....	428.0	371.0	109,140	93,863	39.0	35.0	4,173	3,850
IND.....	276.0	264.0	68,724	66,000	.5	.4	42	34
IOWA.....	1,577.0	1,263.0	378,480	308,172	19.8	18.6	2,039	2,027
KANS.....	178.0	81.5	42,364	20,375	.6	.4	71	42
KY.....	131.0	125.0	33,405	32,250	13.3	9.5	1,463	1,074
LA.....	16.5	16.3	3,812	3,896	.1	.1	9	7
MICH.....	377.0	355.0	90,857	86,265	32.0	25.5	3,328	2,780
MINN.....	441.0	361.0	106,281	87,001	16.4	13.0	1,689	1,456
MISS.....	104.0	77.5	23,504	17,748	---	---	---	---
MO.....	217.0	200.0	55,335	52,000	1.7	1.5	177	148
MONT.....	30.5	30.0	7,015	7,050	.3	.1	29	10
NEBR.....	195.0	243.0	46,605	57,105	54.5	25.5	5,832	2,754
NEV.....	.4	.2	92	46	.2	.1	21	10
N.J.....	66.5	59.0	14,696	12,980	38.5	29.5	3,966	3,098
N.MEX.....	15.0	15.9	3,420	3,736	7.3	7.4	774	792
N.Y.....	39.0	27.0	8,970	6,318	5.3	3.6	551	367
N.C.....	153.0	148.0	35,037	34,188	---	.1	---	10
N.DAK.....	2.2	1.8	502	412	.1	.2	10	21
NHID.....	378.0	277.0	89,208	66,203	3.8	2.9	369	281
OKLA.....	64.0	50.0	17,216	13,250	.1	---	10	---
OREG.....	15.9	14.3	3,673	3,318	2.8	3.0	286	315
PA.....	259.0	205.0	59,570	47,355	13.8	11.1	1,380	1,143
S.C.....	32.5	25.5	7,508	6,324	---	---	---	---
S.DAK.....	201.0	172.0	48,441	42,312	33.0	29.5	3,531	3,186
TENN.....	261.0	248.0	71,514	63,984	---	---	---	---
TEXAS.....	120.0	88.5	30,360	21,948	99.5	107.0	9,652	11,235
UTAH.....	6.9	5.5	1,477	1,166	16.2	2.1	1,701	233
VA.....	283.0	233.0	64,241	53,357	.3	.1	28	10
WASH.....	67.0	49.0	15,678	11,417	14.0	17.2	1,414	1,892
W.VA.....	4.0	3.0	1,244	861	.1	.1	10	12
WISC.....	297.0	234.0	71,577	58,968	.4	.2	39	19
WYO.....	1.1	.7	261	150	.1	.2	11	22
NEW ENG..	4.4	3.7	1,095	952	.6	.5	54	49
U. S.....	6,758.7	5,697.9	1,630,097	1,384,612	681.7	600.8	71,769	66,140

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT PER HEAD,
JANUARY 1975 AND 1976 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS	POUNDS
ALA.....	766	782	455	415	242	243	---	---
ARIZ.....	1,032	976	451	484	226	227	---	110
ARK.....	852	890	450	456	231	234	---	---
CALIF.....	1,051	1,054	440	450	236	234	108	115
COLOR.....	1,088	1,057	---	375	233	232	110	114
DEL.-MD..	1,050	1,005	239	231	228	229	97	95
FLA.....	933	911	392	418	185	205	---	---
GA.....	794	742	348	302	229	228	---	---
HAWAII...	975	1,021	---	---	185	180	---	---
IDAHO....	1,096	1,105	362	364	228	236	113	108
ILL.....	991	994	216	186	255	253	107	110
IND.....	958	974	174	165	249	250	85	85
IOWA.....	1,057	1,042	160	165	240	244	103	109
KANS.....	1,078	1,038	420	335	238	250	118	106
KY.....	880	873	334	329	255	258	110	113
LA.....	857	804	482	459	231	239	93	71
MICH.....	1,077	1,076	194	171	241	243	104	109
MINN.....	1,107	1,059	170	203	241	241	103	112
MISS.....	800	806	495	479	226	229	---	---
MO.....	1,005	994	285	257	255	260	104	99
MONT.....	1,018	998	390	393	230	235	97	103
NEBR.....	1,085	1,041	425	---	239	235	107	108
NEV.....	1,010	1,020	---	375	230	230	104	105
N.J.....	1,149	1,174	270	300	221	220	103	105
N.MEX....	960	979	---	---	228	235	106	107
N.Y.....	1,085	1,051	120	125	230	234	104	102
N.C.....	860	905	270	200	229	231	---	100
N.DAK....	1,102	1,093	---	---	228	229	100	107
OHIO.....	1,049	999	207	222	236	239	97	97
OKLA.....	934	956	449	473	269	265	100	---
OREG.....	962	1,065	459	459	231	232	102	105
PA.....	1,114	1,077	109	115	230	231	100	103
S.C.....	745	718	454	440	231	248	---	---
S.DAK....	1,064	1,019	---	---	241	246	107	108
TENN.....	967	907	389	339	274	258	---	---
TEXAS....	880	937	545	530	253	248	97	105
UTAH.....	1,074	1,075	354	313	214	212	105	111
VA.....	922	941	387	354	227	229	94	105
WASH.....	1,095	1,099	349	348	234	233	101	110
W.VA.....	916	869	263	185	311	287	100	120
WISC.....	1,100	1,085	126	138	241	252	97	96
WYO.....	988	991	---	---	237	229	108	112
NEW ENG..	1,096	1,084	107	108	249	257	90	98
U. S.....	1,022	1,006	275	281	241	243	105	110

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CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER
FEDERAL INSPECTION UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

SPECIES	JAN 1975	DEC 1975	JAN 1976	JAN 1975	DEC 1975	JAN 1976
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT OF TOTAL		
<u>CLASSIFICATION: 1/</u>						
<u>CATTLE</u>						
STEERS	1,535	1,229	1,350	48.7	37.6	39.7
HEIFERS	765	833	969	24.3	25.5	28.5
COWS	786	1,123	1,009	24.9	34.4	29.6
BULLS & STAGS	66	82	75	2.1	2.5	2.2
TOTAL	3,152	3,267	3,403	100.0	100.0	100.0
CANNERS & CUTTERS 2/	602	500	513	19.1	15.3	15.1
<u>HOGS</u>						
SOWS	346	347	255	5.4	6.3	4.7
BARROWS & GILTS	5,955	5,119	5,102	93.8	92.9	94.5
STAGS & BOARS	49	42	43	.8	.8	.8
TOTAL	6,350	5,508	5,400	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>						
LAMBS & YEARLINGS	640	544	562	96.7	93.2	96.5
SHEEP	22	40	20	3.3	6.8	3.5
TOTAL	662	584	582	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHT: 3/</u>						
<u>POUNDS</u>						
CATTLE	609	576	597			
STEERS 4/	688	671	690			
HEIFERS 4/	564	553	573			
COWS 4/	490	479	487			
BULLS & STAGS 4/	694	706	700			
CALVES & VEALERS	123	127	130			
HOGS	187	192	190			
SHEEP & LAMBS	52	54	56			

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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