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# Livestock Slaughter



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**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION** for the United States in February 1991 totaled 2.95 billion pounds, down 1 percent from last year, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. January-February red meat production, at 6.38 billion pounds was up 1 percent from last year. Percentage changes for 1991 accumulated production by individual components were: beef, up 1; veal, up 12; pork, up 1; lamb and mutton, up 3. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

February 1991 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 1990 also consisted of 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

## COMPARING FEBRUARY 1991 WITH FEBRUARY 1990

**BEEF PRODUCTION**, at 1.69 billion pounds was down 1 percent. Head kill totaled 2.47 million, down 1 percent. The average live weight increased 22 pounds to 1,163.

**VEAL PRODUCTION**, at 26.0 million pounds was up 10 percent. Calf slaughter totaled 125 thousand head, down 16 percent, and the average live weight increased 81 pounds to 348.

**PORK PRODUCTION**, at 1.20 billion pounds was down 1 percent. Hog kill totaled 6.64 million head, down 3 percent from last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 250.

**LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION**, at 30.0 million pounds was up 4 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 461 thousand head, up 5 percent. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 129.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	Feb 1991	Feb 91 % of:		Jan - Feb 2/		91 as % of 90
				Feb 1990:	Jan 1991:	1990	1991	
	-- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,706	1,968	1,694	99	86	3,639	3,662	101
Veal	24	31	26	110	84	51	57	112
Pork	1,213	1,396	1,204	99	86	2,576	2,599	101
Lamb & Mutton	29	33	30	104	92	61	62	103
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>2,971</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>6,326</b>	<b>6,381</b>	<b>101</b>

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States 1/

Species	Unit	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	Feb 1991	Feb 91 % of:		Jan - Feb 2/		91 % of 90
					Feb 1990:	Jan 1991:	1990	1991	
					Percent		P'cnt		
<b>Cattle No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	2,435.7	2,807.9	2,407.0	99	86	5,212.0	5,214.9	100
Other	Thou	65.4	72.9	62.4	95	86	142.0	135.3	95
Comm'l. 3/	Thou	2,501.1	2,880.8	2,469.4	99	86	5,354.1	5,350.2	100
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	1,145	1,148	1,167	101	101	1,147	1,157	100
Other	Lbs	993	1,006	998	101	99	987	1,002	102
Comm'l. 3/	Lbs	1,141	1,144	1,163	102	102	1,143	1,153	101
<b>Calves No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	144.5	150.7	121.4	84	81	319.5	272.0	85
Other	Thou	3.7	3.4	3.3	89	96	8.3	6.6	80
Comm'l. 3/	Thou	148.1	154.1	124.6	84	81	327.9	278.7	85
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	263	316	347	132	109	253	331	130
Other	Lbs	423	379	381	90	101	428	380	89
Comm'l. 3/	Lbs	267	318	348	130	110	259	331	128
<b>Hogs No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	6,635.3	7,461.3	6,469.1	97	87	14,054.6	13,930.4	99
Other	Thou	174.8	190.8	167.5	96	88	374.0	358.3	96
Comm'l. 3/	Thou	6,810.1	7,652.1	6,636.6	97	87	14,428.6	14,288.7	99
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	248	251	250	101	99	249	251	100
Other	Lbs	230	241	236	102	98	233	238	102
Comm'l. 3/	Lbs	248	251	250	101	100	248	250	101
<b>Sheep&amp;Lambs No.</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Thou	431.0	495.2	448.8	104	91	910.1	944.0	104
Other	Thou	10.1	13.3	12.3	121	92	20.6	25.5	124
Comm'l. 3/	Thou	441.1	508.4	461.1	105	91	930.7	969.5	104
<b>Live Wt/Hd</b>									
Fed. Insp.	Lbs	131	128	129	98	100	131	129	98
Other	Lbs	107	104	105	99	101	105	105	100
Comm'l. 3/	Lbs	131	128	129	98	101	130	128	99

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Feb 1990 : Jan 1991 :		: Feb 1991 :		: Feb 91 % of: Jan - Feb 2/		: 91 as % of 90	
	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	Feb 1991	Feb 1991	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	1990	1991
	-- Million Pounds --			Percent	Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	1,669	1,926	1,659	99	86	3,559	3,585	101
Veal	23	30	25	111	84	49	55	114
Pork	1,184	1,363	1,176	99	86	2,514	2,538	101
Lamb & Mutton	28	32	29	103	92	60	61	102
Total Red Meat	2,904	3,351	2,889	99	86	6,182	6,240	101

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States 1/

State	: Feb 1990 : Jan 1991 :		: Feb 1991 :		: Feb 91 as % of	
	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	Feb 1991	Feb 1990	Jan 1991	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			----- Percent -----		
AL	15,703	16,424	15,019	96	91	
AZ	15,855	20,870	18,854	119	90	
AR	4,703	6,156	5,434	116	88	
CA	88,999	97,800	86,854	98	89	
CO	135,590	130,988	128,857	95	98	
DE-MD	6,002	6,544	5,843	97	89	
FL	7,928	8,960	7,344	93	82	
GA	31,105	39,258	34,327	110	87	
HI	3,170	3,111	3,024	95	97	
ID	39,189	39,509	36,013	92	91	
IL	175,310	212,729	177,607	101	83	
IN	53,635	58,192	51,395	96	88	
IA	475,400	574,533	486,987	102	85	
KS	369,637	385,351	325,627	88	85	
KY	40,101	53,357	45,769	114	86	
LA	3,059	2,952	2,518	82	85	
MI	89,562	85,746	73,940	83	86	
MN	138,048	168,382	154,834	112	92	
MS	30,526	32,440	28,060	92	86	
MO	56,485	53,045	43,117	76	81	
MT	1,050	1,257	1,088	104	87	
NE	367,598	470,491	385,949	105	82	
NV	73	123	80	109	65	
N ENG 2/	3,420	4,011	3,450	101	86	
NJ	2,203	2,755	2,428	110	88	
NM	6,203	7,942	6,542	105	82	
NY	7,205	7,037	6,173	86	88	
NC	45,286	46,550	39,454	87	85	
ND	9,948	11,921	10,320	104	87	
OH	48,032	53,669	46,795	97	87	
OK	4,626	4,743	4,488	97	95	
OR	4,766	4,885	3,979	83	81	
PA	74,334	90,497	78,318	105	87	
SC	13,726	15,506	11,382	83	73	
SD	83,224	110,447	97,170	117	88	
TN	28,005	16,250	12,863	46	79	
TX	286,878	340,747	301,445	105	88	
UT	29,382	32,994	29,427	100	89	
VA	63,075	73,918	66,456	105	90	
WA	45,329	53,905	45,426	100	84	
WV	1,015	1,831	1,313	129	72	
WI	65,523	79,031	67,288	103	85	
WY	267	350	283	106	81	
US	2,971,171	3,427,206	2,953,537	99	86	

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By States and United States,  
February 1990 and 1991 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL	20.3	18.3	22,322	20,116	1,099	1,101
AZ	24.5	28.2	25,788	30,609	1,052	1,086
AR	2.8	2.4	2,480	2,121	891	896
CA	89.8	87.7	108,417	109,057	1,207	1,243
CO	175.1	163.0	207,047	194,042	1,183	1,190
DE-MD	3.7	3.5	4,287	4,156	1,171	1,200
FL	11.3	10.9	11,065	11,089	977	1,021
GA	18.2	20.1	17,420	21,344	956	1,060
HI	4.6	4.1	4,563	4,359	992	1,054
ID	55.1	49.3	65,237	60,999	1,184	1,238
IL						
IN	8.4	5.7	9,002	6,187	1,069	1,078
IA	124.8	125.7	145,945	148,006	1,169	1,177
KS	482.8	444.1	544,867	506,619	1,129	1,141
KY	9.4	6.7	8,780	6,486	938	969
LA	2.9	2.3	2,271	2,037	771	881
MI						
MN	78.8	81.3	96,982	101,611	1,231	1,250
MS						
MO	21.3	22.9	23,123	24,489	1,083	1,068
MT	1.2	1.3	1,333	1,423	1,104	1,080
NE	422.0	450.2	495,440	538,566	1,174	1,196
NV	.1	.1	71	80	956	932
N ENG 2/	4.2	4.1	4,441	4,399	1,056	1,065
NJ	1.7	1.7	2,098	2,017	1,255	1,188
NM	10.1	10.9	10,444	11,160	1,031	1,020
NY	6.5	4.7	6,895	4,940	1,062	1,057
NC	10.3	11.0	10,460	10,880	1,016	985
ND	14.6	13.2	17,783	17,990	1,217	1,360
OH	18.1	16.6	20,221	18,857	1,120	1,139
OK	5.1	3.4	5,153	3,222	1,007	962
OR	4.8	4.3	5,326	4,901	1,113	1,142
PA	71.8	73.5	85,525	91,669	1,190	1,247
SC	8.1	8.1	8,927	8,997	1,103	1,115
SD	43.9	40.8	55,405	53,158	1,261	1,302
TN	6.8	6.9	6,968	6,924	1,019	996
TX	421.8	439.2	445,855	474,347	1,057	1,080
UT	35.4	35.5	41,816	43,191	1,180	1,217
VA	5.3	3.0	5,509	3,076	1,036	1,030
WA	59.3	59.9	70,957	72,565	1,196	1,212
WV	1.2	1.0	1,127	914	975	955
WI	89.2	89.3	106,901	109,245	1,198	1,223
WY	.3	.4	353	407	1,076	1,070
US 3/	2,501.1	2,469.4	2,854,300	2,870,684	1,141	1,163

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.  
3/ States with no data printed are still included in the U.S. total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By States and United States,  
February 1990 and 1991 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	9.2	8.5	2,535	2,308	277	273
CO						
DE-MD	2.9	1.3	1,091	575	381	435
FL	6.0	3.8	1,690	1,021	283	270
GA	.9	.9	334	392	382	414
HI						
ID						
IL	10.0	9.9	3,631	4,184	365	421
IN	9.6	8.2	3,805	3,555	398	431
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	3.1	2.5	1,408	1,050	450	418
MI	4.2	4.8	1,208	1,974	287	413
MN	.1	.1	29	16	226	220
MS	1.8	1.7	715	700	389	413
MO	.3	.3	77	104	266	381
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	6.1	7.1	1,015	1,188	166	167
NJ	2.3	2.2	837	843	366	383
NM						
NY	26.7	15.6	4,785	4,863	179	312
NC	.2	.2	82	65	363	388
ND						
OH	8.8	7.1	1,221	1,943	138	275
OK	.2	.2	75	83	450	443
OR	.7	.1	256	54	366	366
PA	19.2	17.7	3,915	5,290	204	299
SC	.5	.2	229	93	505	463
SD						
TN						
TX	5.8	5.0	1,990	2,580	344	511
UT						
VA	.1	.1	36	21	281	199
WA	4.2	3.6	1,156	1,962	273	543
WV						
WI	23.8	21.1	7,071	7,605	297	361
WY						
US 3/	148.1	124.6	39,529	43,376	267	348

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.  
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