

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Rises

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.38 billion pounds, 10 percent above a year earlier.

March 1992 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 1991 consisted of 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 1.85 billion pounds. This was up 8 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.67 million, up 6 percent. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 1,160.

Veal production at 27.0 million pounds was up 9 percent. Calf slaughter totaled 122,400 head, up 1 percent. The average live weight increased 32 pounds to 382.

Pork production at 1.47 billion pounds was up 13 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, up 13 percent from last year. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 251.

Lamb and mutton production at 32.0 million pounds was down 10 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 496,800 head, down 12 percent. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 129.

January-March red meat production was 10.1 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent, while veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 11 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Mar : Feb : Mar			:Mar 92 % of:		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		
	: 1991	: 1992	: 1992	: Mar	: Feb	: 1991	: 1992	: :92 as %
	: -- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 1,720	: 1,707	: 1,849	108	108	5,384	5,595	104
Veal	: 25	: 25	: 27	109	110	81	80	99
Pork	: 1,300	: 1,329	: 1,467	113	110	3,900	4,320	111
Lamb & Mutton	: 36	: 28	: 32	90	115	98	92	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,081	: 3,088	: 3,376	110	109	9,464	10,087	107

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

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Mar : Feb : Mar			:Mar 92 % of:		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		
	: 1991	: 1992	: 1992	: Mar	: Feb	: 1991	: 1992	: :92 as %
	: -- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 1,683	: 1,671	: 1,812	108	108	5,269	5,481	104
Veal	: 24	: 24	: 27	110	110	79	78	99
Pork	: 1,272	: 1,300	: 1,436	113	111	3,810	4,227	111
Lamb & Mutton	: 35	: 27	: 32	90	115	96	89	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,015	: 3,022	: 3,306	110	109	9,254	9,875	107

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	1992			Mar 92 % of:		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		:92 % :of 91
		Mar 1991	Feb 1992	Mar 1992	Mar 1991	Feb 1992	1991	1992	
				Percent				P'cnt	
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,444.3	2,376.7	2,599.2	106	109	7,661.6	7,831.6	102
Other	:Thou:	64.3	62.5	66.9	104	107	201.1	200.3	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,508.6	2,439.2	2,666.1	106	109	7,862.7	8,032.0	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,160	1,178	1,164	100	98	1,158	1,172	101
Other	:Lbs :	1,014	1,010	1,002	99	99	1,006	1,010	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,156	1,173	1,160	100	99	1,153	1,169	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	118.7	*110.6	119.5	101	108	388.4	358.1	92
Other	:Thou:	2.9	2.7	2.9	99	108	9.5	8.6	90
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	121.7	*113.2	122.4	101	108	398.0	366.7	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	350	374	381	109	101	338	374	110
Other	:Lbs :	391	389	395	101	102	384	390	102
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	350	374	382	109	102	337	374	111
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,043.7	7,153.0	7,933.8	113	111	20,974.0	23,231.1	111
Other	:Thou:	171.9	177.4	187.0	109	105	531.3	563.3	106
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	7,215.6	7,330.4	8,120.8	113	111	21,505.3	23,794.5	111
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	250	253	252	100	99	251	253	101
Other	:Lbs :	232	233	234	101	100	236	235	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	250	252	251	101	100	250	253	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	546.1	*422.2	481.2	88	114	1,490.1	1,371.9	92
Other	:Thou:	19.1	14.1	15.6	82	111	44.6	45.0	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	565.2	436.3	496.8	88	114	1,534.7	1,416.8	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	128	129	130	102	100	128	129	100
Other	:Lbs :	99	101	101	102	99	102	101	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	126	128	129	102	101	127	128	101

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.

* Revised.

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

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar 92 as % of	
	1991	1992	1992	Mar 1991	Feb 1992
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
AL	16,466	3,049	3,351	20	110
AZ	18,921	18,036	19,537	103	108
AR	6,004	5,644	6,161	103	109
CA	90,459	74,903	83,175	92	111
CO	128,594	155,307	162,753	127	105
DE-MD	6,143	6,797	7,324	119	108
FL	5,404	3,280	3,452	64	105
GA	37,246	35,935	38,937	105	108
HI	3,053	2,510	2,723	89	108
ID	36,225	36,962	38,191	105	103
IL	193,344	172,922	194,483	101	112
IN	56,396	66,979	76,834	136	115
IA	510,172	519,695	564,769	111	109
KS	344,517	338,316	369,719	107	109
KY	39,980	50,593	55,662	139	110
LA	2,501	2,686	2,752	110	100
MI	77,113	77,136	73,656	96	95
MN	166,546	177,039	194,467	117	110
MS	31,997	28,843	30,976	97	107
MO	47,824	46,091	50,712	106	110
MT	1,032	1,251	1,209	117	97
NE	392,440	423,953	431,073	110	102
NV	116	79	87	75	110
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,500	3,173	3,549	101	112
NJ	2,524	2,445	2,740	109	112
NM	7,208	6,274	6,404	89	102
NY	7,112	7,503	8,682	122	116
NC	40,756	55,501	62,410	153	112
ND	10,643	10,024	10,509	99	105
OH	51,253	52,010	58,467	114	112
OK	5,100	4,762	5,819	114	122
OR	3,691	2,993	3,381	92	113
PA	84,434	83,528	92,543	110	111
SC	13,126	13,289	14,884	113	112
SD	100,332	103,221	115,382	115	112
TN	14,397	13,948	15,349	107	110
TX	307,465	269,452	328,408	107	122
UT	31,948	33,197	34,133	107	103
VA	70,315	61,092	72,059	102	118
WA	45,106	46,131	51,788	115	112
WV	1,474	1,238	1,524	103	123
WI	68,113	70,186	75,723	111	108
WY	274	339	269	98	80
US	3,081,265	3,088,309	3,376,026	110	109

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,
March 1991 and 1992 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		---- Pounds ----	
AL						
AZ	28.5	28.7	32,004	32,503	1,124	1,133
AR	2.5	2.5	2,227	2,251	905	912
CA	91.7	77.4	113,516	96,214	1,238	1,243
CO	162.0	204.0	193,151	241,639	1,192	1,184
DE-MD	3.7	3.8	4,497	4,648	1,202	1,221
FL	7.9	5.3	8,417	5,584	1,062	1,052
GA						
HI	4.1	3.7	4,391	3,862	1,082	1,050
ID						
IL						
IN	6.1	6.6	6,634	6,849	1,080	1,033
IA	98.7	133.3	117,931	157,808	1,195	1,184
KS	476.6	502.0	537,259	571,669	1,127	1,139
KY	7.9	7.7	7,786	8,232	985	1,069
LA	2.5	2.8	2,223	2,186	898	768
MI						
MN	81.6	87.5	102,705	110,490	1,259	1,263
MS	8.5	6.2	8,186	5,836	961	942
MO	23.9	21.3	26,535	22,818	1,110	1,071
MT	1.2	1.3	1,292	1,500	1,065	1,163
NE	446.1	474.8	521,597	561,956	1,169	1,184
NV	0.1	0.1	132	117	1,076	1,057
N ENG <u>2/</u>	4.0	3.9	4,369	4,244	1,081	1,078
NJ	1.8	1.8	2,211	2,186	1,210	1,208
NM	11.7	10.6	12,183	10,701	1,046	1,007
NY	4.7	7.0	5,113	7,833	1,087	1,127
NC						
ND						
OH	17.7	19.0	20,369	21,130	1,152	1,110
OK	3.9	4.4	3,588	4,332	920	976
OR	3.4	2.5	3,671	2,714	1,083	1,097
PA	80.5	82.5	101,161	104,191	1,257	1,262
SC						
SD	38.2	43.7	50,160	55,144	1,315	1,262
TN						
TX	444.2	473.9	478,364	512,158	1,077	1,081
UT						
VA	2.6	1.8	2,498	1,688	978	921
WA	59.8	67.6	70,790	81,868	1,183	1,210
WV	0.9	1.0	946	980	1,045	999
WI	89.0	97.8	109,459	120,397	1,230	1,231
WY	0.3	0.3	344	371	1,090	1,094
US <u>3/</u>	2,508.6	2,666.1	2,899,010	3,092,934	1,156	1,160

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,
March 1991 and 1992 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	9.1	6.8	2,607	1,945	287	285
CO						
DE-MD	1.1	0.8	492	360	429	448
FL	2.0	1.2	456	112	224	90
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.6	9.7	4,042	4,031	420	414
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.4	3.3	1,061	1,557	447	478
MI	3.9	4.3	1,579	1,718	405	404
MN						
MS						
MO	0.3	0.3	84	99	285	382
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	7.7	6.9	1,297	1,354	167	195
NJ						
NM						
NY	18.3	20.3	5,776	6,681	316	330
NC						
ND						
OH	5.4	9.5	1,734	3,568	319	377
OK	0.2	0.2	72	80	450	416
OR	0.5	0.3	196	132	386	413
PA	17.8	15.3	5,014	6,151	282	401
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	3.0	3.1	1,801	1,983	599	630
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	33	20	275	267
WA	2.8	2.5	1,381	1,214	502	494
WV						
WI	20.4	18.8	7,375	7,331	362	389
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	121.7	122.4	42,614	46,727	350	382

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1991 and 1992 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL	12.4	10.5	4,623	4,178	373	397
AZ	1.4	1.5	335	345	234	227
AR	20.9	22.8	7,457	7,685	358	337
CA	147.7	165.7	33,050	37,672	224	227
CO	2.7	3.5	618	828	233	236
DE-MD	19.0	25.0	4,202	5,924	222	237
FL	7.0	6.1	915	756	130	125
GA						
HI	3.4	3.3	699	700	203	210
ID						
IL	731.9	730.8	185,215	188,612	253	258
IN	287.9	422.7	70,649	102,051	245	241
IA	2,349.1	2,504.0	597,373	640,573	254	256
KS	37.7	39.2	10,547	10,724	280	274
KY						
LA	5.0	4.5	1,064	1,022	211	225
MI						
MN	627.9	763.3	148,174	180,863	236	237
MS						
MO						
MT	2.0	2.4	442	565	219	234
NE	438.6	518.2	107,461	126,573	245	244
NV	0.2	0.1	40	26	253	228
N ENG <u>2/</u>	2.7	3.4	630	804	232	235
NJ						
NM	0.5	0.3	98	61	211	223
NY	3.7	4.2	869	936	236	220
NC						
ND	8.9	5.7	1,984	1,347	222	235
OH	210.1	242.0	53,166	60,695	253	251
OK	15.8	17.8	4,843	5,154	306	290
OR	9.7	10.9	2,392	2,708	246	249
PA	159.0	189.2	37,799	44,107	238	233
SC						
SD	391.5	458.7	98,751	118,019	252	257
TN	37.2	38.8	15,826	16,844	425	434
TX	22.3	29.6	7,742	9,897	348	334
UT						
VA	404.5	407.0	94,593	96,895	234	238
WA						
WV	1.3	1.5	514	542	390	370
WI	29.6	32.5	10,775	12,399	364	381
WY	0.4	0.4	105	112	267	255
US <u>3/</u>	7,215.6	8,120.8	1,802,426	2,041,309	250	251

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 Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By States and United States,
March 1991 and 1992 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ	0.2	0.2	25	23	109	111
AR						
CA						
CO	140.4	148.7	20,405	21,453	145	144
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	12	9	86	85
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	30	33	106	124
IL						
IN	2.5	2.8	247	276	98	99
IA						
KS	34.7	21.9	4,440	2,771	128	126
KY	1.0	1.0	114	127	115	124
LA	0.7	0.5	65	44	96	95
MI						
MN	23.8	28.1	3,054	3,536	128	126
MS						
MO						
MT	0.2	0.2	24	24	126	126
NE	0.1	0.1	14	10	120	107
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.9	2.4	357	255	91	106
NJ	9.4	9.9	825	923	88	93
NM						
NY	15.4	6.1	1,230	635	80	105
NC						
ND	0.1	0.1	9	14	130	116
OH	2.1	1.6	214	176	104	110
OK	0.3	0.3	42	32	135	127
OR	0.6	0.5	62	56	101	116
PA	19.0	9.5	1,855	1,010	98	107
SC						
SD	14.1	14.7	1,782	1,861	127	127
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	1.7	2.2	151	238	90	108
WA						
WV						
WI	0.7	0.7	72	82	110	115
WY	0.2	0.2	19	20	123	124
US <u>3/</u>	565.2	496.8	71,417	64,154	126	129

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
United States

Item	: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :					: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :				
	: Mar	: Feb	: Mar	: Mar	: Mar	: Mar	: Feb	: Mar	: Mar	: Mar
	: 1991:	: 1992:	: 1992:	: 1991:	: 1992:	: 1991:	: 1992:	: 1992:	: 1991:	: 1992:
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					:----- Percent of Total -----				
Class <u>2/</u>										
Cattle										
Steers	: 1,216	: 1,222	: 1,335	: 3,786	: 3,971	: 49.8	: 51.4	: 51.4	: 49.4	: 50.7
Heifers	: 722	: 672	: 740	: 2,282	: 2,268	: 29.5	: 28.3	: 28.5	: 29.8	: 29.0
Dairy Cows	: 249	: 244	: 264	: 770	: 802	: 10.2	: 10.3	: 10.1	: 10.1	: 10.2
Other Cows	: 210	: 194	: 210	: 681	: 648	: 8.6	: 8.1	: 8.1	: 8.9	: 8.3
Bulls & Stags	: 47	: 44	: 51	: 142	: 143	: 1.9	: 1.9	: 2.0	: 1.9	: 1.8
Total <u>1/</u>	: 2,444	: 2,377	: 2,599	: 7,662	: 7,832	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	: 6,716	: 6,796	: 7,561	: 19,959	: 22,092	: 95.3	: 95.0	: 95.3	: 95.2	: 95.1
Sows	: 262	: 292	: 303	: 823	: 937	: 3.7	: 4.1	: 3.8	: 3.9	: 4.0
Stags & Boars	: 65	: 65	: 70	: 192	: 202	: 0.9	: 0.9	: 0.9	: 0.9	: 0.9
Total <u>1/</u>	: 7,044	: 7,153	: 7,934	: 20,974	: 23,231	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 23	: 21	: 25	: 66	: 70	: 4.2	: 5.0	: 5.2	: 4.4	: 5.1
Lambs & Yrlings	: 523	: 401	: 456	: 1,424	: 1,302	: 95.8	: 95.0	: 94.8	: 95.6	: 94.9
Total <u>1/</u>	: 546	: 422	: 481	: 1,490	: 1,372	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0	: 100.0
Average Dressed Weight: <u>3/</u>	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle	: 691	: 706	: 700	: 691	: 703					
Steers <u>4/</u>	: 739	: 761	: 753	: 741	: 758					
Heifers <u>4/</u>	: 678	: 694	: 687	: 677	: 691					
All Cows <u>4/</u>	: 564	: 557	: 555	: 561	: 555					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	: 885	: 876	: 849	: 878	: 858					
Calves & Vealers	: 209	: 223	: 227	: 207	: 223					
Hogs	: 181	: 182	: 181	: 182	: 182					
Barrow & Glts <u>5/</u>	: 176	: 177	: 177	: 177	: 177					
Sows <u>5/</u>	: 297	: 300	: 294	: 301	: 299					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	: 216	: 218	: 216	: 227	: 218					
Sheep	: 64	: 65	: 66	: 65	: 65					
Mature Sheep <u>6/</u>	: 60	: 56	: 60	: 59	: 58					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	: 65	: 66	: 66	: 65	: 66					

1/ Totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 2/ Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.
3/ Based on packer reports. 4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.
5/ Included in hogs average dressed weight. 6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Regions and United States,
March 1992

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total	
	<u>2/</u>						<u>2/</u>	
	1,000 Head							
1	3.7	0.3	0.2	3.0	0.1	0.2	<u>3/</u>	
2	8.6	1.0	0.5	6.3	0.1	0.6	30.0	
3	87.0	35.1	6.8	32.6	9.5	2.9	18.3	
4	65.9	2.6	3.4	25.6	27.2	7.1	3.4	
5	304.8	133.2	48.0	91.6	20.8	11.1	53.2	
6	482.3	279.8	138.0	13.5	41.6	9.3	4.8	
7	1,119.1	641.1	382.5	23.5	63.8	8.2	<u>4/</u>	
8	299.2	131.9	113.4	18.3	29.2	6.3	0.1	
9	108.1	50.9	12.5	36.4	6.1	2.2	6.9	
10	120.5	59.3	34.2	12.8	11.3	2.9	2.8	
US <u>2/</u>	2,599.2	1,335.2	739.7	263.7	209.8	50.8	119.5	

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>		
	1,000 Head						
1	<u>3/</u>				2.3	1.0	1.3
2	11.8	11.4	0.3	0.1	15.7	3.6	12.1
3	620.4	611.8	8.6	0.1	<u>6/</u>		
4	944.8	873.3	69.7	1.8	14.5	2.5	12.0
5	<u>5/</u>				72.2	5.5	66.7
6	2,416.6	2,284.9	103.4	28.2	53.0	7.1	45.9
7	<u>5/</u>				70.4	0.6	69.8
8	3,758.1	3,598.9	120.0	39.2	<u>6/</u>		
9	<u>5/</u>				<u>6/</u>		
10	182.1	180.4	1.5	0.2	253.1	4.9	248.2
US <u>2/</u>	7,933.8	7,560.8	303.5	69.5	481.2	25.2	456.0

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR & WA. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 3/ Region 1 combined with region 2 to avoid disclosing individual operations. 4/ Regions 7 and 8 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations. 5/ Regions 5 and 6, 7 and 8, and 9 and 10 are combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations. 6/ Regions 3 and 4, and 8, 9 and 10 are combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Regions and United States,
January - March 1992 *

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle						Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total
	<u>2/</u>						<u>2/</u>
	1,000 Head						
1	11.0	0.9	0.6	8.6	0.3	0.6	<u>3/</u>
2	25.3	3.4	1.5	18.6	0.2	1.7	86.1
3	257.0	96.7	21.4	100.9	30.3	7.7	53.6
4	199.5	7.1	10.8	80.3	82.3	19.1	9.2
5	934.0	402.8	146.3	284.0	68.6	32.3	162.7
6	1,348.3	792.9	373.9	42.6	113.8	25.1	15.3
7	3,474.0	1,927.9	1,250.4	78.7	192.6	24.4	<u>4/</u>
8	901.5	403.2	333.7	39.2	107.8	17.6	0.4
9	326.9	159.6	31.5	111.2	18.4	6.2	21.9
10	354.1	176.5	98.2	37.9	33.3	8.3	8.9
US <u>2/</u>	7,831.6	3,970.9	2,268.3	801.9	647.5	143.0	358.1

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>		
	1,000 Head						
1	<u>3/</u>				5.8	2.3	3.5
2	35.4	34.2	0.9	0.3	42.7	10.0	32.7
3	1,816.6	1,788.2	28.3	0.2	<u>6/</u>		
4	2,746.3	2,545.6	195.6	5.1	40.8	6.6	34.2
5	<u>5/</u>				220.8	14.9	205.9
6	7,065.7	6,690.8	293.4	81.5	140.1	19.9	120.2
7	<u>5/</u>				218.3	1.6	216.7
8	11,037.8	10,509.0	414.1	114.6	<u>6/</u>		
9	<u>5/</u>				<u>6/</u>		
10	529.4	524.7	4.3	0.5	703.3	14.7	688.6
US <u>2/</u>	23,231.1	22,092.4	936.5	202.2	1,371.9	70.0	1,301.9

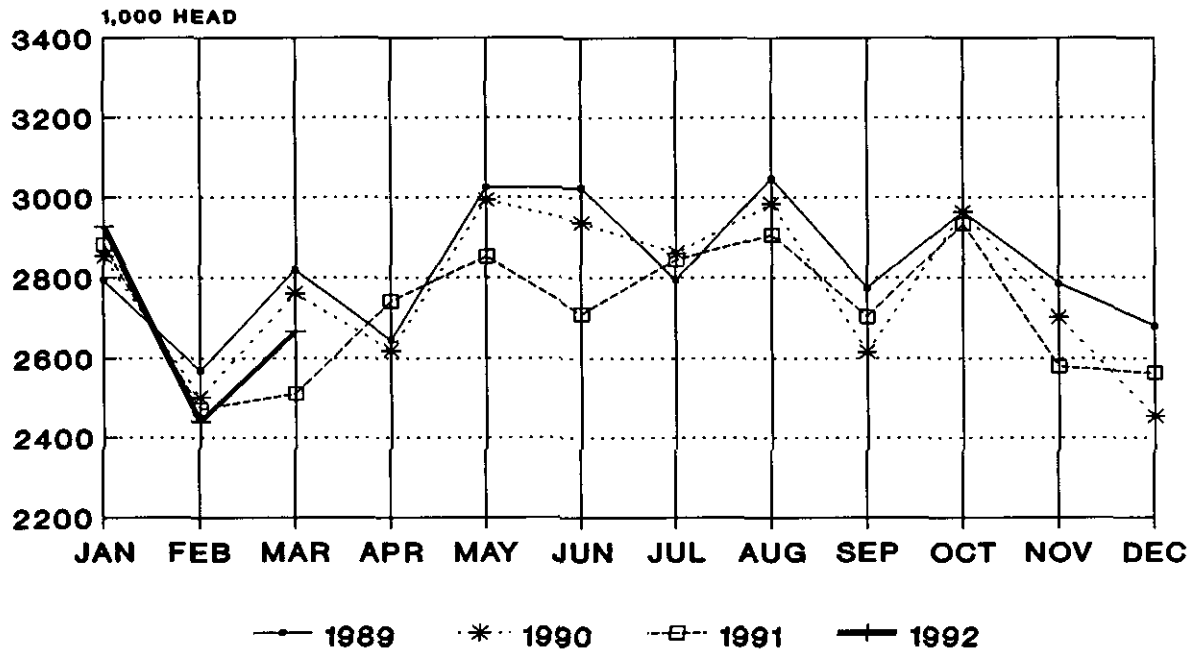
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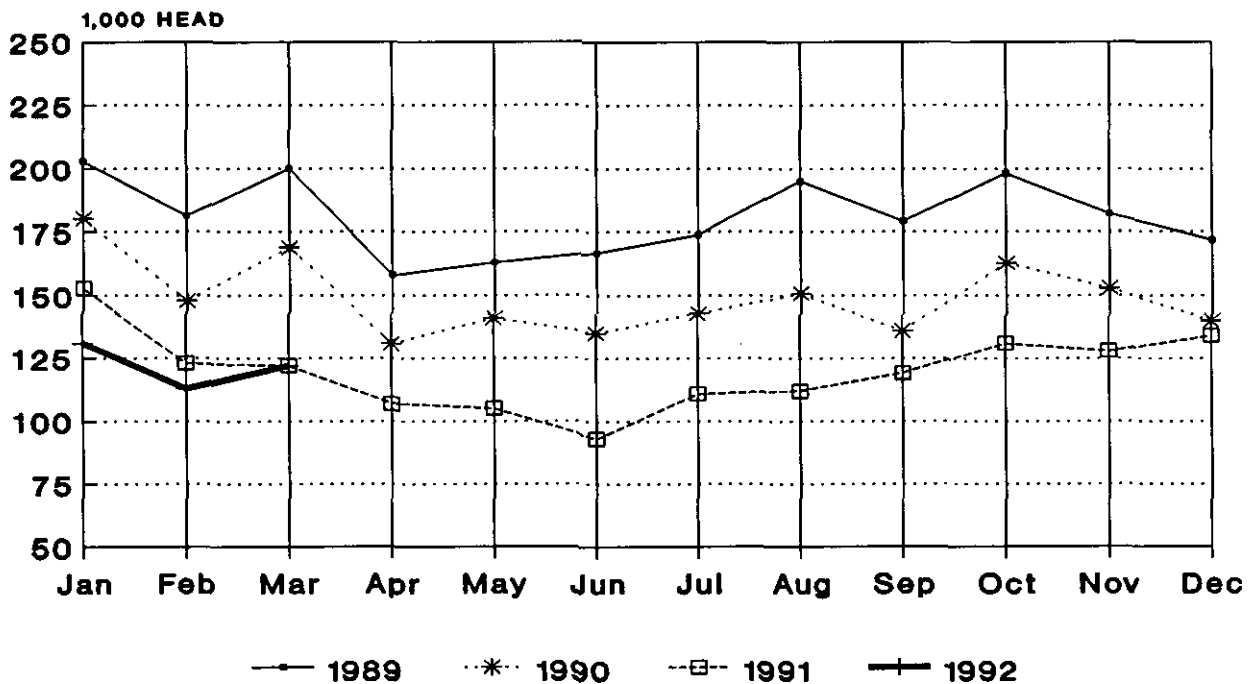
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By Species, United States

Species	Mar	Feb	Mar	Jan - Mar	
	1991	1992	1992	1991	1992
	Percent				
Cattle	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.4	97.5
Calves	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.7
Hogs	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.5	97.6
Sheep	96.6	96.8	96.9	97.1	96.8

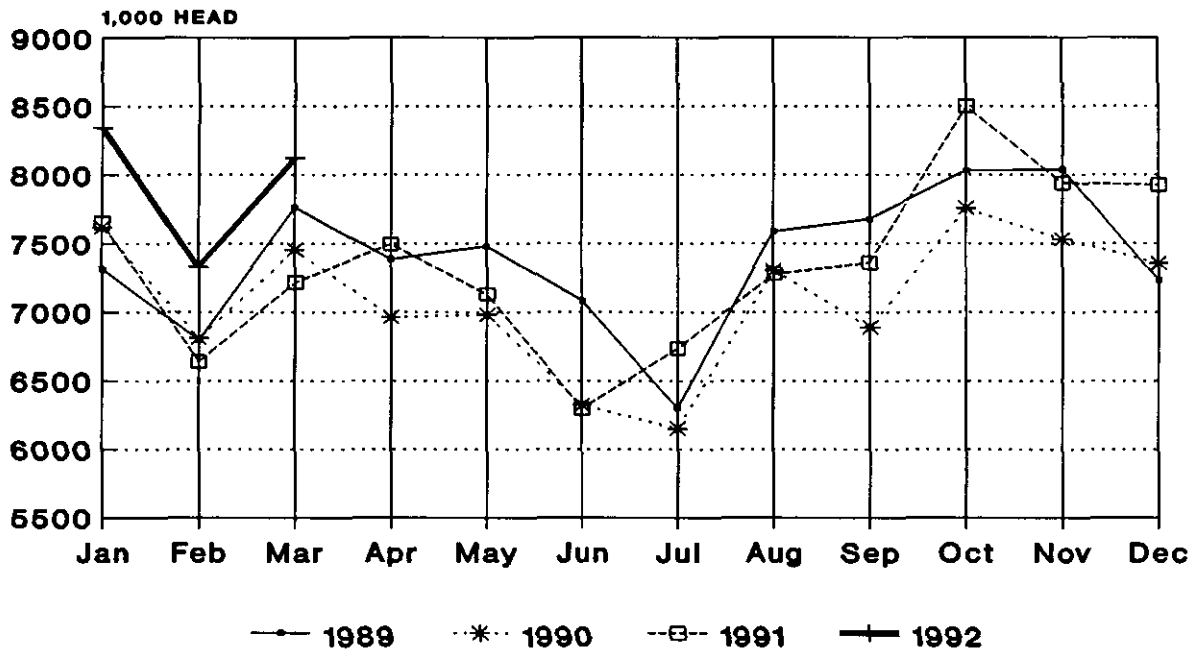
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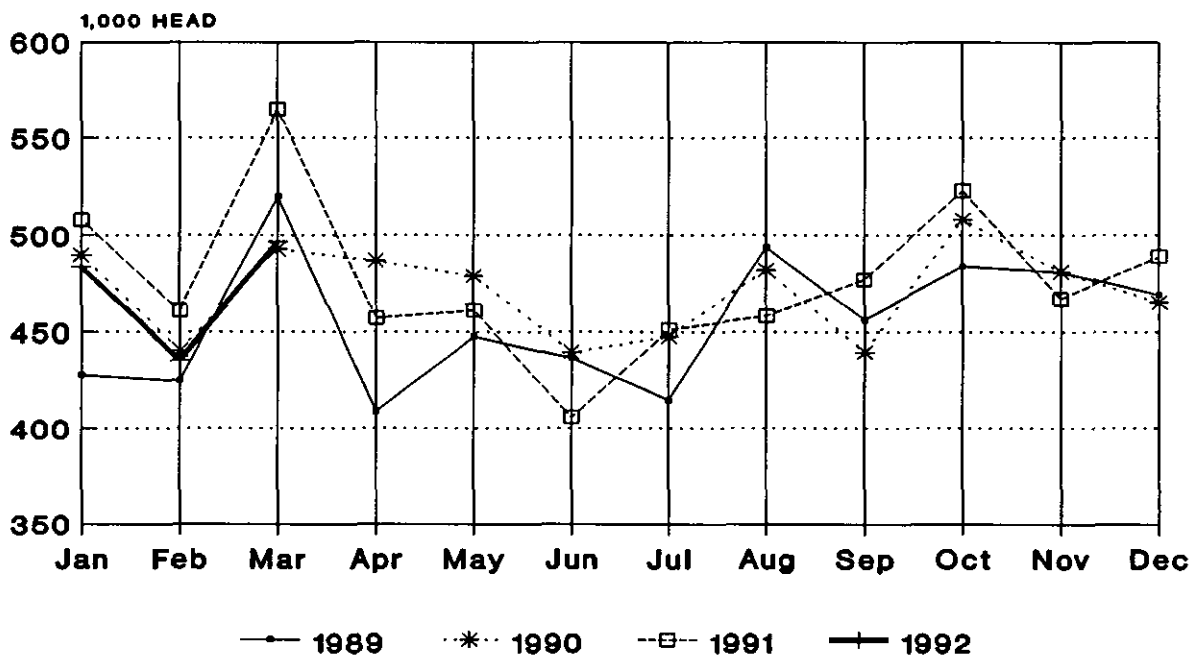
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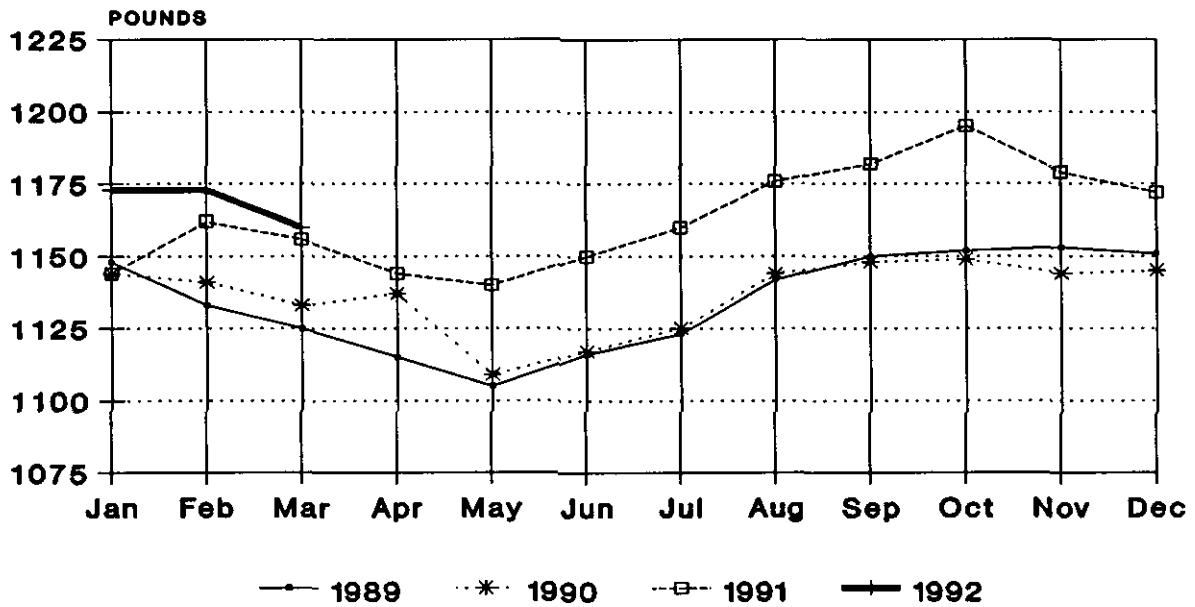
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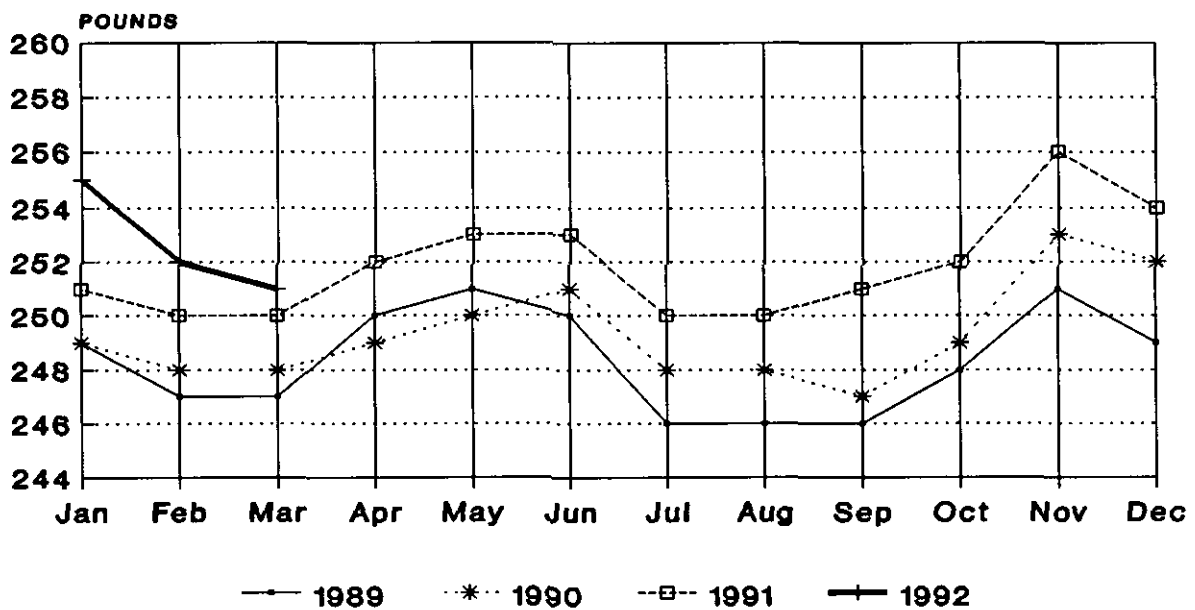
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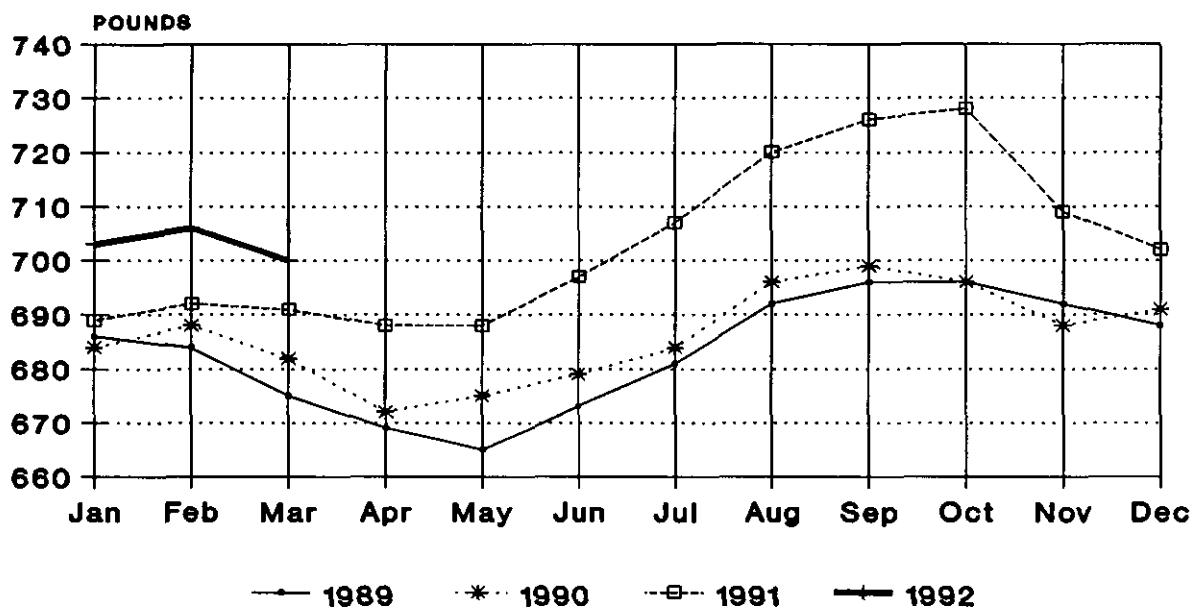
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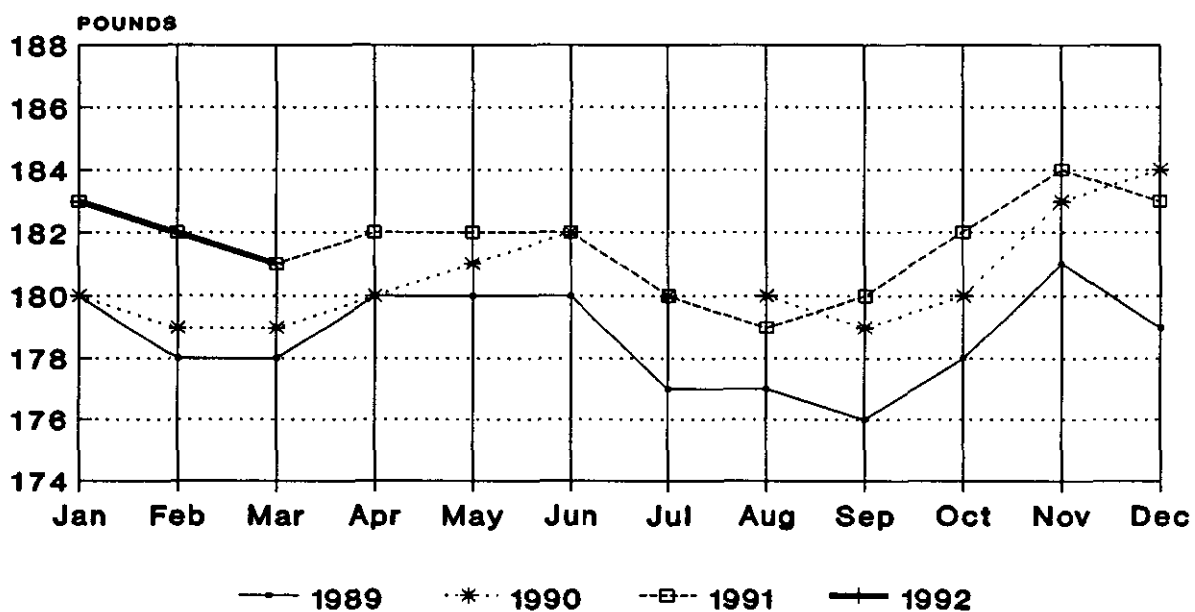
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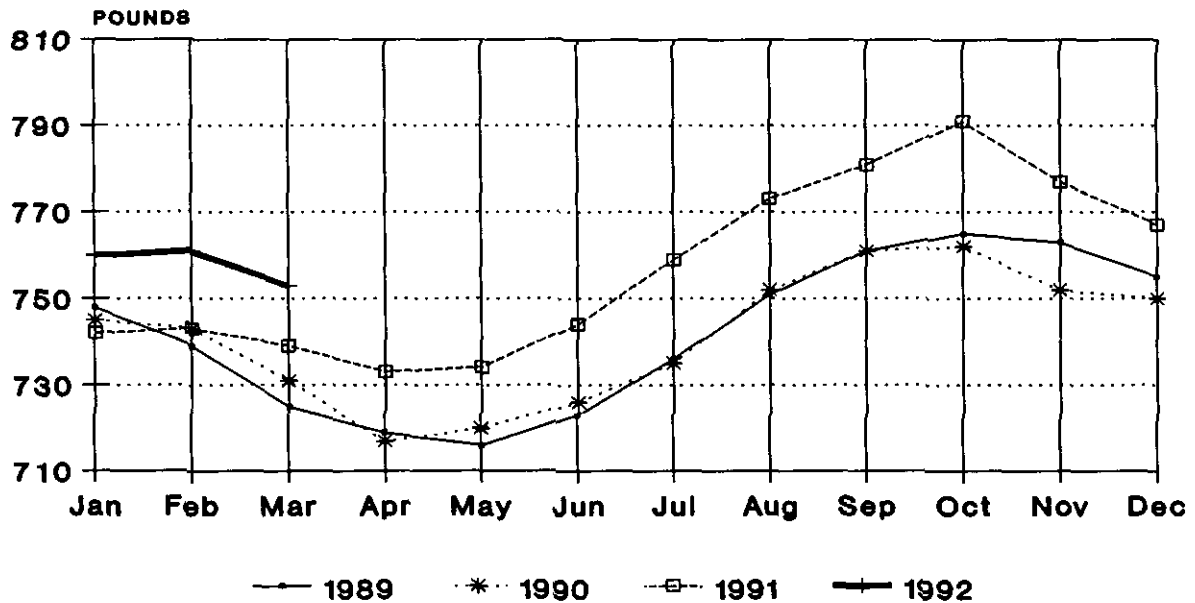
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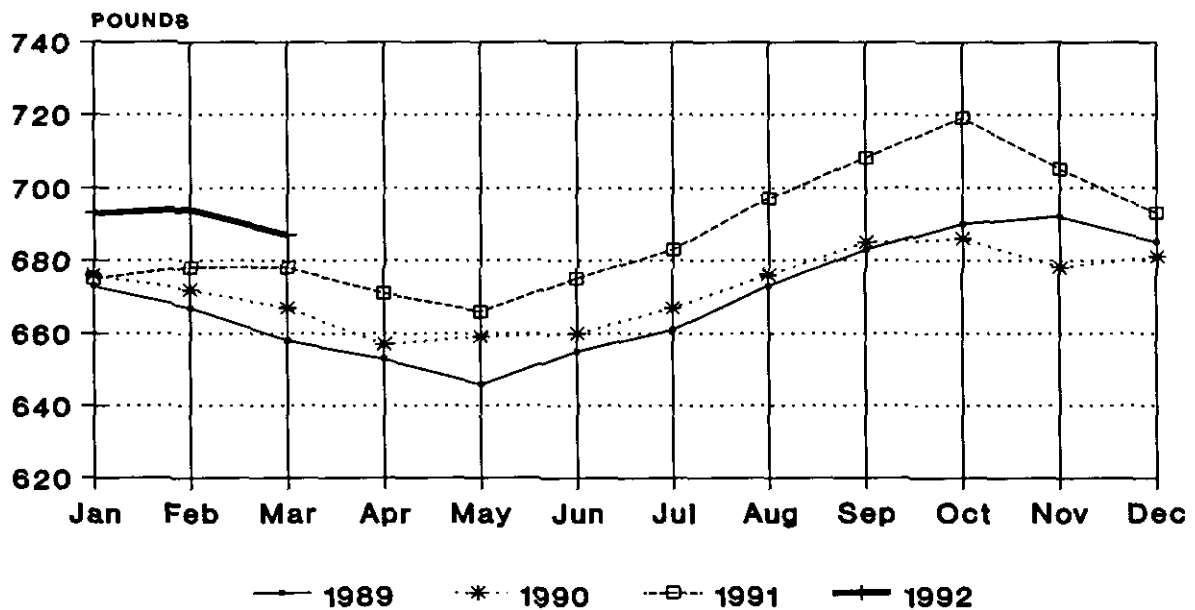
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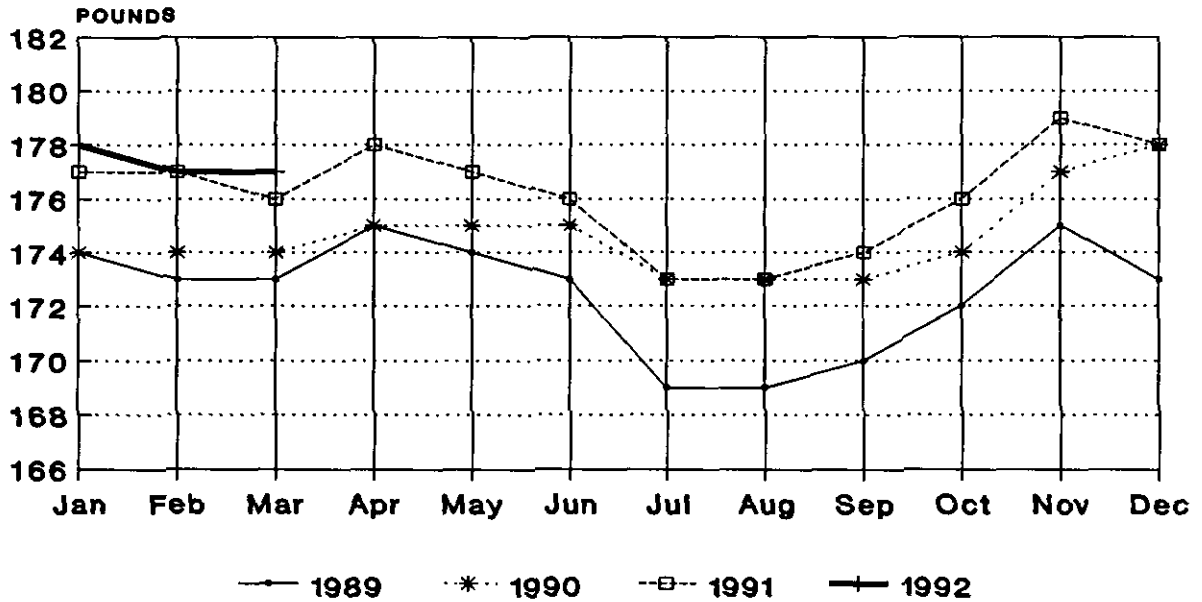
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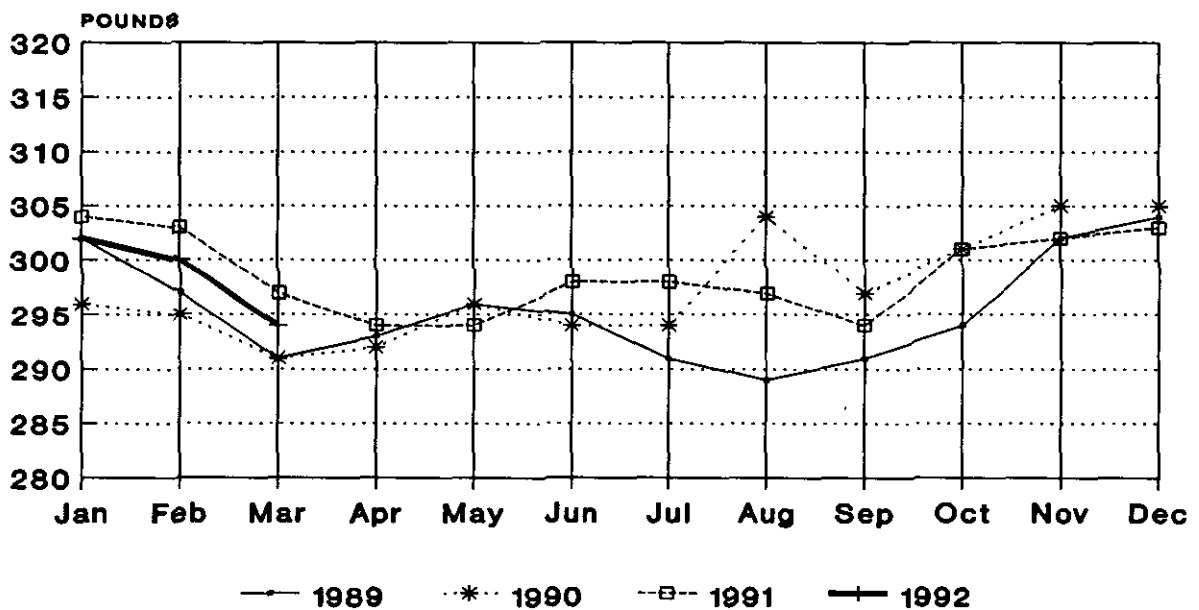
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Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by Inspectors from the Food, Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,200 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 3,000 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 20). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for followup telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill - generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 15 percent and for hogs about 10 percent. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable.

Head kill for FI slaughter before condemnation is for the actual days of the survey month while head kill after condemnation and live and dressed weight data are for full weeks only. Average live and dressed weight and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous week as an additional

check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the kind of animal reported.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release, while NFI data are summarized monthly only. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in "Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News", Weekly Summary, and Statistics.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants, and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Generally, no data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. These data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the reported data is made annually.

Types of Plants

There are generally four types of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; Veal with hide off; Lamb and mutton with pluck out; Pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Is usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last ten years; running about 1.547 head per 100 head for calves, .359 per 100 for cattle, .336 per 100 for hogs and .500 per 100 for sheep. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected; and further, meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with federal (USDA) standards.

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