

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Drops

Commercial red meat production for the United States during April totaled 3.26 billion pounds, 1 percent below a year earlier.

April 1992 and 1991 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 1.79 billion pounds. This was down 5 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.59 million, down 6 percent. The average live weight increased 10 pounds to 1,154.

Veal production at 25.0 million pounds was up 10 percent. Calf slaughter totaled 110,700 head, up 3 percent. The average live weight increased 30 pounds to 390.

Pork production at 1.41 billion pounds was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 7.79 million head, up 4 percent from last year. The average live weight remained the same at 252 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production at 33.0 million pounds was up 14 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 525,700 head, up 15 percent. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 123.

January-April red meat production was 13.3 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 9 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Kind	: Apr :		: Mar :		: Apr :		: Apr 92 % of:		Jan - Apr <u>2/</u>	
	: 1991 :	: 1992 :	: 1992 :	: 1992 :	: 1991:	: 1992:	: 1991 :	: 1992 :	: 92 as %	: of 91
	: --- Million Pounds ---				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 1,872	: 1,849	: 1,786	: 95	97	7,257	7,381	102		
Veal	: 23	: 27	: 25	110	92	104	106	101		
Pork	: 1,361	: 1,467	: 1,414	104	96	5,261	5,734	109		
Lamb & Mutton	: 29	: 32	: 33	114	102	127	125	98		
Total Red Meat	: 3,285	: 3,376	: 3,259	99	97	12,749	13,345	105		

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	: Apr :		: Mar :		: Apr :		: Apr 92 % of:		Jan - Apr <u>2/</u>	
	: 1991 :	: 1992 :	: 1992 :	: 1992 :	: 1991:	: 1992:	: 1991 :	: 1992 :	: 92 as %	: of 91
	: --- Million Pounds --				Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 1,834	: 1,812	: 1,751	95	97	7,103	7,232	102		
Veal	: 22	: 27	: 24	110	92	101	103	102		
Pork	: 1,332	: 1,436	: 1,385	104	96	5,142	5,611	109		
Lamb & Mutton	: 28	: 32	: 32	114	101	124	121	98		
Total Red Meat	: 3,216	: 3,306	: 3,192	99	97	12,470	13,067	105		

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	: Apr : Mar : Apr			: Apr 92 % of:		Jan - Apr <u>2/</u>		:92 % :of 91
		1991	1992	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
				Percent				P'cnt	
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,674.0	2,599.2	2,524.6	94	97	10,335.6	10,356.2	100
Other	:Thou:	68.0	66.9	62.3	92	93	269.1	262.6	98
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,742.0	2,666.1	2,586.8	94	97	10,604.7	10,618.8	100
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,148	1,164	1,157	100	99	1,155	1,169	101
Other	:Lbs :	1,000	1,002	1,014	101	101	1,005	1,011	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,144	1,160	1,154	101	99	1,151	1,165	101
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	104.8	119.5	107.6	103	90	493.2	465.8	94
Other	:Thou:	2.5	2.9	3.1	125	108	12.0	11.7	97
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	107.3	122.4	110.7	103	90	505.2	477.4	95
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	357	381	389	108	101	343	377	110
Other	:Lbs :	389	395	410	105	104	385	395	103
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	360	382	390	108	102	342	377	110
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,319.8	7,933.8	7,609.7	104	96	28,293.9	30,840.9	109
Other	:Thou:	176.7	187.0	182.4	103	98	708.0	745.8	105
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	7,496.5	8,120.8	7,792.1	104	96	29,001.9	31,586.6	109
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	252	252	253	100	100	251	253	100
Other	:Lbs :	235	234	230	98	98	236	234	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	252	251	252	100	100	251	253	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	436.1	481.2	503.3	115	105	1,926.1	1,875.2	97
Other	:Thou:	20.6	15.6	22.3	109	143	65.2	67.3	103
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	456.6	496.8	525.7	115	106	1,991.3	1,942.5	98
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	127	130	125	98	95	128	128	100
Other	:Lbs :	95	101	95	100	94	100	99	99
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	127	129	123	98	96	127	127	100

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.

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

State	1,000 Pounds			Apr 92 as % of	
	Apr 1991	Mar 1992	Apr 1992	Apr 1991	Mar 1992
AL	17,648	3,351	3,397	19	101
AZ	20,301	19,537	18,847	93	96
AR	6,372	6,161	6,176	97	100
CA	90,988	83,175	78,037	86	94
CO	132,115	162,753	153,890	116	95
DE-MD	6,348	7,324	6,571	104	90
FL	3,064	3,452	3,232	105	94
GA	36,920	38,937	38,034	103	98
HI	3,292	2,723	2,775	84	102
ID	36,468	38,191	36,153	99	95
IL	208,576	194,483	196,879	94	101
IN	55,979	76,834	74,289	133	97
IA	545,214	564,769	557,391	102	99
KS	367,679	369,719	350,287	95	95
KY	46,562	55,662	54,230	116	97
LA	2,566	2,752	2,270	88	82
MI	74,769	73,656	72,023	96	98
MN	178,615	194,467	176,580	99	91
MS	32,156	30,976	29,642	92	96
MO	49,664	50,712	49,864	100	98
MT	1,336	1,209	1,309	98	108
NE	450,368	431,073	417,999	93	97
NV	124	87	101	81	117
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,498	3,549	3,353	96	94
NJ	2,608	2,740	2,762	106	101
NM	6,873	6,404	6,352	92	99
NY	6,716	8,680	8,282	123	95
NC	44,075	62,410	61,785	140	99
ND	10,672	10,509	9,542	89	91
OH	54,872	58,467	55,159	101	94
OK	4,474	5,819	5,822	130	100
OR	3,823	3,381	3,187	83	94
PA	88,931	92,543	90,700	102	98
SC	14,325	14,884	14,575	102	98
SD	104,211	115,382	107,593	103	93
TN	14,627	15,349	15,749	108	103
TX	337,629	328,408	322,246	95	98
UT	31,869	34,133	32,327	101	95
VA	70,983	72,059	66,265	93	92
WA	48,093	51,788	48,463	101	94
WV	1,350	1,524	1,433	106	94
WI	68,264	75,723	72,948	107	96
WY	292	269	287	98	106
US	3,285,310	3,376,024	3,258,807	99	97

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,
April 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	30.5	27.7	34,082	31,359	1,118	1,132
AR	2.9	2.1	2,677	1,958	924	935
CA	95.3	72.5	116,593	89,568	1,223	1,235
CO	174.3	195.1	201,206	227,895	1,154	1,168
DE-MD	3.6	3.6	4,416	4,413	1,223	1,220
FL	4.5	4.7	4,630	4,905	1,029	1,033
GA						
HI	4.6	3.8	4,714	3,990	1,028	1,053
ID						
IL						
IN	6.9	6.6	7,401	6,687	1,071	1,020
IA	124.6	129.2	147,581	153,632	1,184	1,189
KS	512.1	479.0	570,339	544,541	1,114	1,137
KY	8.1	7.9	8,716	8,440	1,070	1,067
LA	3.5	2.3	2,715	1,935	783	824
MI						
MN	89.4	82.2	111,115	101,817	1,243	1,239
MS	8.7	6.9	8,587	6,162	988	889
MO	22.2	19.5	25,280	20,445	1,139	1,047
MT	1.5	1.4	1,721	1,665	1,180	1,167
NE	524.5	471.0	603,278	547,511	1,150	1,163
NV	0.2	0.1	186	122	1,116	1,022
N ENG <u>2/</u>	4.4	3.6	4,789	3,935	1,095	1,080
NJ	1.9	1.7	2,353	2,076	1,211	1,240
NM	11.0	10.3	11,476	10,537	1,043	1,025
NY	5.6	6.7	6,052	7,728	1,085	1,152
NC						
ND						
OH	19.6	17.9	22,380	19,689	1,140	1,103
OK	3.6	4.3	3,271	4,182	900	981
OR	3.4	2.3	3,706	2,586	1,103	1,116
PA	82.2	83.3	105,443	104,090	1,283	1,250
SC						
SD	42.0	42.8	54,531	52,484	1,299	1,228
TN						
TX	492.2	462.3	527,578	504,888	1,072	1,092
UT						
VA	2.2	1.5	2,186	1,445	992	953
WA	65.2	64.5	76,622	76,306	1,176	1,182
WV	0.9	0.9	891	941	994	1,015
WI	86.1	93.3	106,882	117,071	1,241	1,254
WY	0.4	0.4	408	415	1,080	1,106
US <u>3/</u>	2,742.0	2,586.8	3,137,870	2,985,139	1,144	1,154

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,
April 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	6.4	5.6	1,814	1,585	285	282
CO						
DE-MD	1.2	0.7	503	276	410	400
FL	1.1	1.1	103	168	90	149
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.5	10.5	3,827	4,274	404	407
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.0	2.4	859	1,174	435	493
MI	4.9	4.3	1,995	1,802	410	415
MN						
MS						
MO	0.3	0.2	118	75	377	334
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	5.3	5.9	919	1,115	172	190
NJ						
NM						
NY	14.6	15.9	4,781	5,553	328	349
NC						
ND						
OH	3.7	9.8	1,552	3,904	422	398
OK	0.2	0.2	111	79	460	443
OR	0.2	0.4	72	150	405	416
PA	15.7	13.9	4,577	5,700	292	411
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	2.5	2.5	1,473	1,564	589	629
UT						
VA	0.1	0.1	25	15	254	256
WA	2.7	2.4	1,208	1,159	454	484
WV						
WI	19.0	17.8	6,837	6,946	360	391
WY						
US <u>3/</u>	107.3	110.7	38,642	43,168	360	390

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By States and United States,
April 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	12.0	10.6	4,385	4,228	365	398
AZ	1.5	1.5	332	348	226	238
AR	22.0	22.7	7,698	8,046	350	355
CA	151.4	157.0	33,758	36,513	223	233
CO	2.7	3.7	638	835	238	229
DE-MD	20.6	22.4	4,539	5,228	220	234
FL	5.0	7.1	878	855	175	121
GA						
HI	3.6	3.4	739	663	208	198
ID						
IL	777.3	713.0	198,429	186,307	255	261
IN	282.5	381.8	69,746	94,889	247	249
IA	2,407.3	2,473.8	619,234	635,326	257	257
KS	38.0	37.6	10,769	10,522	284	280
KY						
LA	4.5	4.7	960	952	213	202
MI						
MN	668.6	681.8	157,997	162,307	236	238
MS						
MO						
MT	2.4	2.4	553	574	233	239
NE	475.4	485.1	120,471	118,723	253	245
NV	0.1	0.2	29	37	251	232
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3.0	3.0	719	754	240	250
NJ						
NM	0.3	0.4	68	79	215	215
NY	4.2	4.7	922	1,013	222	216
NC						
ND	8.5	5.0	1,932	1,101	227	221
OH	223.5	227.0	57,007	56,175	255	247
OK	13.3	17.7	3,993	5,225	300	295
OR	10.7	11.2	2,721	2,553	254	227
PA	172.2	179.3	40,251	41,732	234	233
SC						
SD	400.4	425.6	100,505	107,167	251	252
TN	37.9	39.9	16,351	17,378	431	436
TX	26.0	24.8	8,787	8,470	338	342
UT						
VA	408.6	374.5	95,827	89,359	235	239
WA						
WV	1.3	1.3	519	493	386	391
WI	33.6	34.7	12,697	12,796	378	369
WY	0.4	0.4	107	111	272	264
US <u>3/</u>	7,496.5	7,792.1	1,889,244	1,967,221	252	252

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,
April 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	0.3	0.2	28	25	110	112
AR						
CA						
CO	120.1	156.0	17,486	22,052	146	141
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	0.1	0.1	13	12	96	85
HI						
ID	0.3	0.3	39	41	111	126
IL						
IN	2.8	4.1	282	410	100	99
IA						
KS	28.1	0.3	3,513	36	125	120
KY	1.0	1.2	118	147	121	127
LA	0.4	0.5	43	42	110	87
MI						
MN	22.3	29.6	2,835	3,774	127	128
MS						
MO						
MT	0.3	0.2	32	28	127	127
NE	0.1	0.1	7	8	121	101
NV						
N ENG <u>2/</u>	2.6	5.6	232	513	90	92
NJ	8.4	12.5	807	1,064	96	85
NM						
NY	8.4	15.7	561	1,226	67	78
NC	0.2	0.2	11	18	69	88
ND	0.1	0.1	10	12	127	122
OH	3.0	3.7	294	382	98	102
OK	0.3	0.1	31	14	124	117
OR	0.5	0.4	50	51	103	117
PA	11.6	15.3	1,134	1,510	98	99
SC						
SD	11.7	15.5	1,436	1,920	123	124
TN	0.1	0.1	5	9	93	114
TX						
UT						
VA	2.0	2.4	189	250	96	103
WA						
WV						
WI	0.9	0.8	105	96	113	114
WY	0.1	0.1	19	14	141	135
US <u>3/</u>	456.6	525.7	57,803	64,881	127	123

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
United States

Item	: Apr :		: Mar :		: Apr :		: Jan - Apr 1/:		: Apr :		: Mar :		: Apr :		: Jan - Apr 1/:	
	1991:	1992:	1992:	1992:	1991:	1992:	1991:	1992:	1991:	1992:	1992:	1992:	1991:	1992:	1991:	1992:
Class 2/	: ----- 1,000 Head -----						: ----- Percent of Total -----									
Cattle	:															
Steers	:1,402	1,335	1,331	5,188	5,302	52.4	51.4	52.7	50.2	51.2						
Heifers	: 772	740	696	3,054	2,964	28.9	28.5	27.6	29.5	28.6						
Dairy Cows	: 228	264	236	998	1,038	8.5	10.1	9.4	9.7	10.0						
Other Cows	: 220	210	211	901	859	8.2	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.3						
Bulls & Stags	: 51	51	50	194	193	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9						
Total 1/	:2,674	2,599	2,525	10,336	10,356	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0						
Hogs	:															
Barrows & Gilts	:6,978	7,561	7,222	26,937	29,315	95.3	95.3	94.9	95.2	95.1						
Sows	: 274	303	312	1,098	1,249	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0						
Stags & Boars	: 67	70	75	259	277	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9						
Total 1/	:7,320	7,934	7,610	28,294	30,841	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0						
Sheep	:															
Mature Sheep	: 27	25	29	93	99	6.3	5.2	5.8	4.8	5.3						
Lambs & Yrlings	: 409	456	474	1,833	1,776	93.7	94.8	94.2	95.2	94.7						
Total 1/	: 436	481	503	1,926	1,875	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0						
Average Dressed Weight: 3/	: ----- Pounds -----															
Cattle	:															
Steers 4/	: 688	700	696	690	701											
Heifers 4/	: 733	753	746	739	755											
All Cows 4/	: 671	687	684	675	690											
Bulls & Stags 4/	: 558	555	551	560	554											
Bulls & Stags 4/	: 888	849	851	881	857											
Calves & Vealers	: 215	227	231	209	225											
Hogs	:															
Barrow & Glts 5/	: 182	181	182	182	182											
Sows 5/	: 178	177	177	177	177											
Stags & Boars 5/	: 294	294	294	299	297											
Stags & Boars 5/	: 212	216	217	223	218											
Sheep	:															
Mature Sheep 6/	: 64	66	64	65	65											
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	: 60	60	58	60	58											
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	: 64	66	64	65	65											

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,
April 1992

Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>3/</u>
	1,000 Head						
1	3.4	0.2	0.2	2.8		0.2	<u>3/</u>
2	8.2	1.0	0.4	6.0	0.1	0.7	24.5
3	87.4	36.1	6.0	33.1	9.1	3.2	16.7
4	64.1	2.3	3.4	23.9	27.3	7.2	2.1
5	299.8	135.9	47.1	88.1	18.0	10.7	52.7
6	471.0	287.1	122.4	10.5	41.4	9.6	3.1
7	1,086.7	627.9	368.1	21.2	62.1	7.4	<u>4/</u>
8	286.0	130.5	106.5	7.2	35.8	6.0	0.1
9	102.6	51.0	10.4	31.7	7.3	2.2	5.7
10	115.2	59.0	31.5	11.8	10.2	2.7	2.7
US <u>2/</u>	2,524.6	1,331.0	696.1	236.3	211.3	49.9	107.6
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	<u>3/</u>				5.3	1.2	4.1
2	12.2	11.8	0.3	0.1	27.8	4.4	23.4
3	575.5	567.9	7.6	0.1	<u>6/</u>		
4	923.5	849.7	72.5	1.4	20.9	2.5	18.4
5	<u>5/</u>				72.8	6.7	66.1
6	2,267.0	2,123.4	113.3	30.3	67.0	9.3	57.8
7	<u>5/</u>				54.7	1.1	53.6
8	3,657.0	3,496.5	117.3	43.2	<u>6/</u>		
9	<u>5/</u>				<u>6/</u>		
10	174.5	172.9	1.5	0.1	254.7	4.0	250.7
US <u>2/</u>	7,609.7	7,222.1	312.5	75.1	503.3	29.2	474.1

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.

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

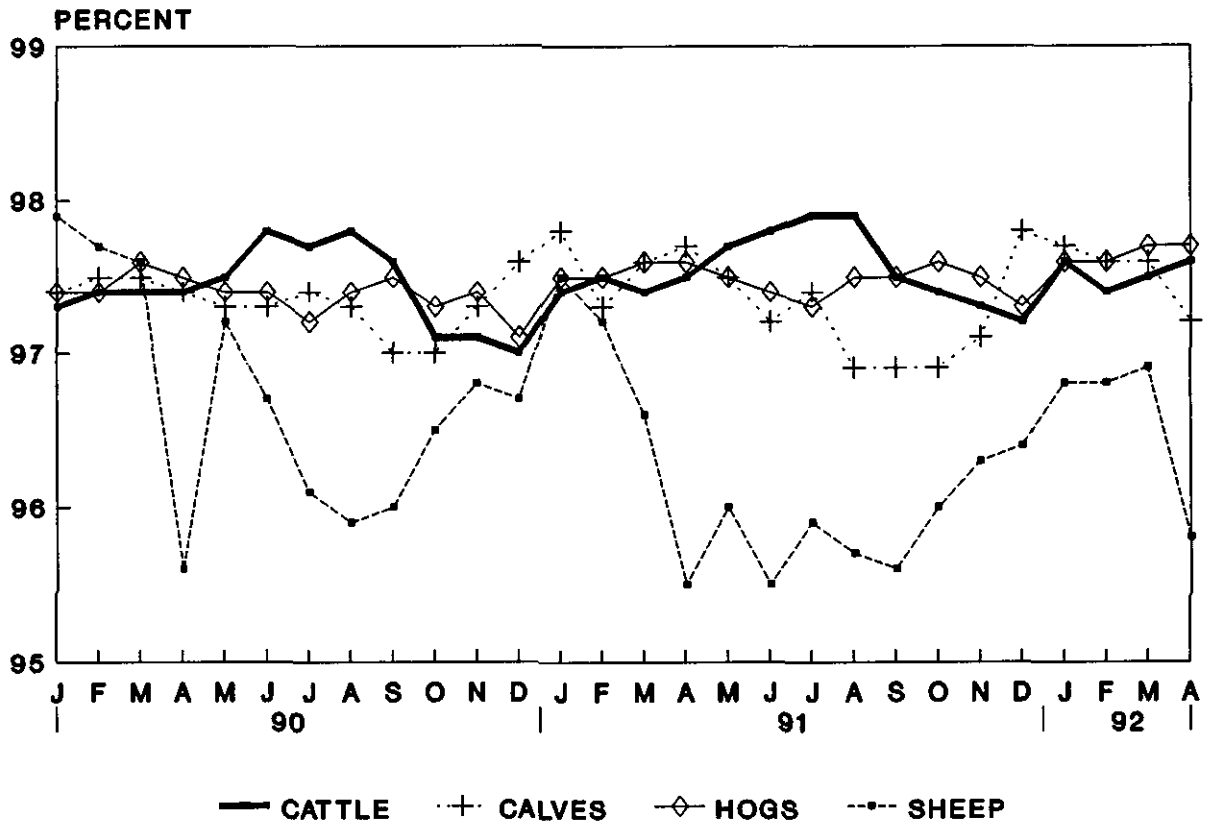
Standard Federal Regions <u>1/</u>	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>2/</u>
	1,000 Head						
1	14.5	1.1	0.8	11.4	0.3	0.8	<u>3/</u>
2	33.6	4.4	1.9	24.6	0.3	2.3	110.6
3	344.4	132.7	27.4	134.0	39.4	10.9	70.3
4	263.6	9.4	14.2	104.2	109.5	26.3	11.3
5	1,233.8	538.7	193.4	372.1	86.6	43.0	215.3
6	1,819.3	1,080.0	496.3	53.2	155.1	34.7	18.4
7	4,560.7	2,555.8	1,618.5	99.8	254.7	31.9	<u>4/</u>
8	1,187.5	533.7	440.2	46.4	143.6	23.6	0.5
9	429.4	210.5	41.9	143.0	25.6	8.4	27.6
10	469.3	235.4	129.8	49.7	43.5	10.9	11.6
US <u>2/</u>	10,356.2	5,301.9	2,964.4	1,038.3	858.8	192.9	465.8
	Hogs			Sheep			
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
1	<u>3/</u>				11.2	3.5	7.7
2	47.5	46.0	1.2	0.3	70.5	14.4	56.1
3	2,392.2	2,356.1	35.9	0.2	<u>6/</u>		
4	3,669.7	3,395.2	268.0	6.5	61.8	9.1	52.6
5	<u>5/</u>				293.6	21.6	272.0
6	9,332.7	8,814.2	406.7	111.8	207.2	29.1	178.0
7	<u>5/</u>				273.0	2.7	270.2
8	14,694.8	14,005.6	531.4	157.8	<u>6/</u>		
9	<u>5/</u>				<u>6/</u>		
10	703.9	697.5	5.8	0.6	958.0	18.7	939.3
US <u>2/</u>	30,840.9	29,314.5	1,249.0	277.3	1,875.2	99.2	1,776.0

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data. 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.

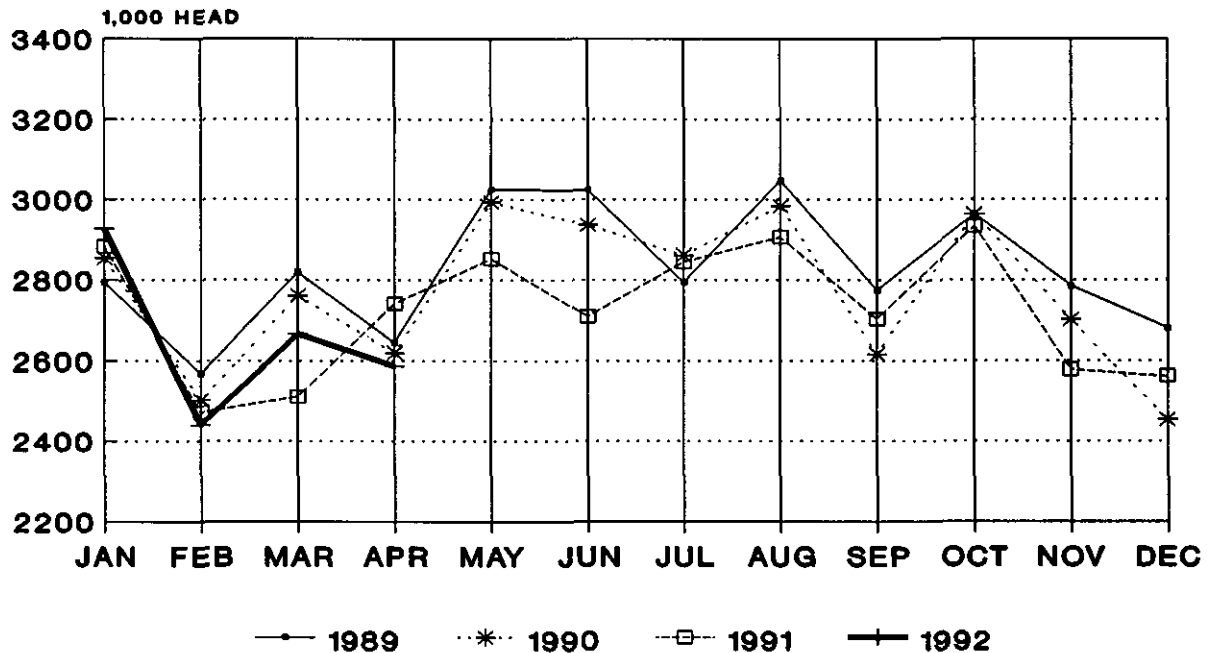
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By Species, United States

Species	1991		1992		Jan - Apr	
	Apr	Mar	Apr	1991	1992	
	Percent					
Cattle	97.5	97.5	97.6	97.5	97.5	
Calves	97.7	97.6	97.2	97.6	97.6	
Hogs	97.6	97.7	97.7	97.6	97.6	
Sheep	95.5	96.9	95.8	96.7	96.5	

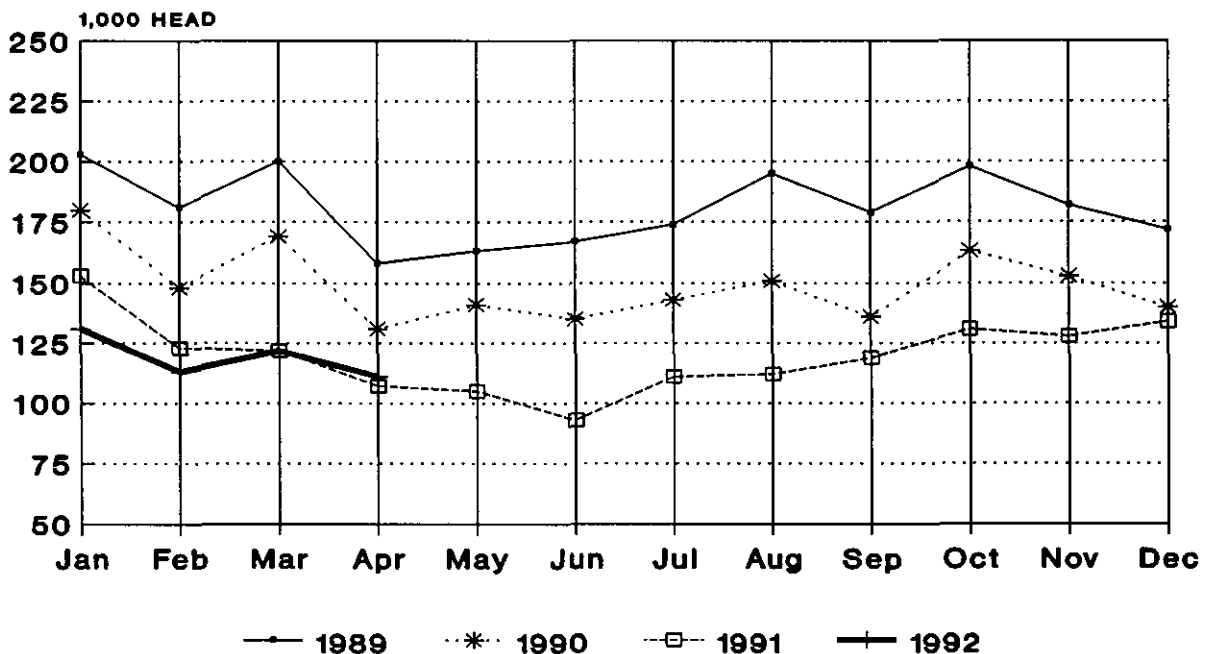
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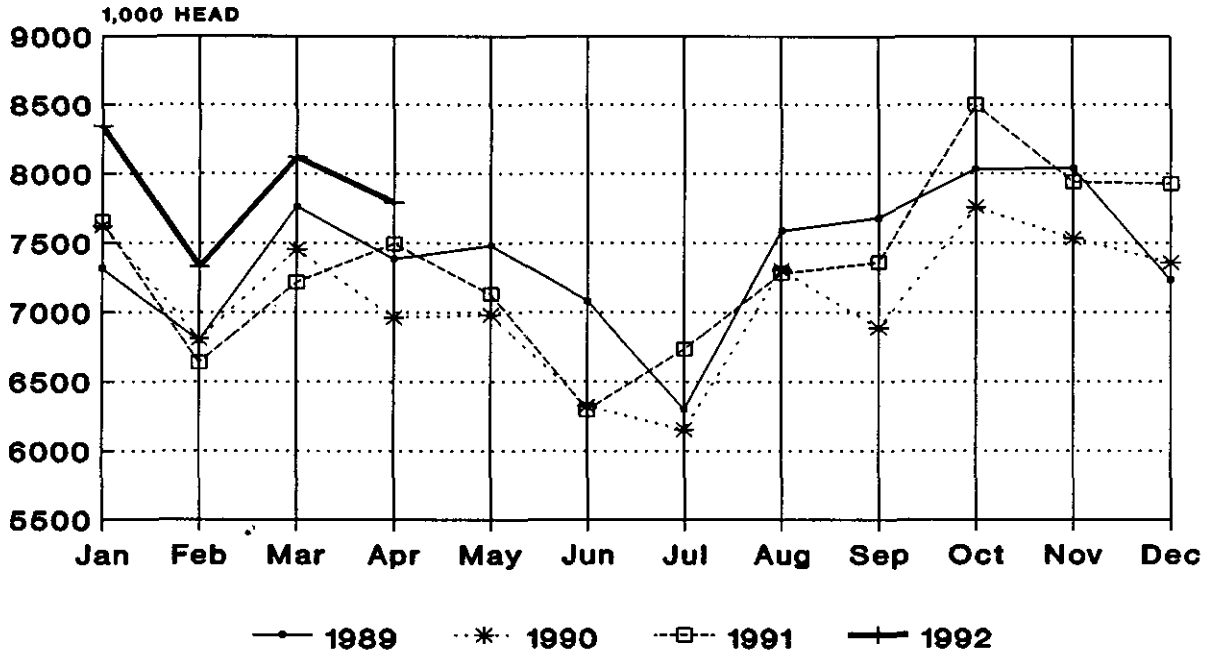
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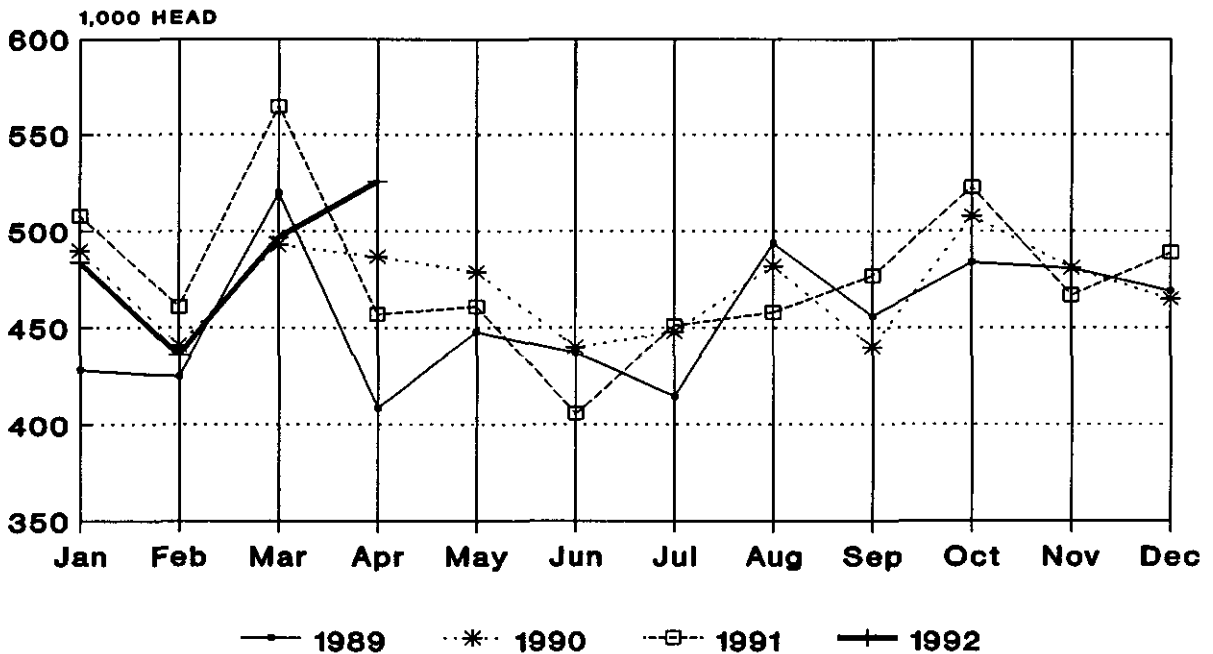
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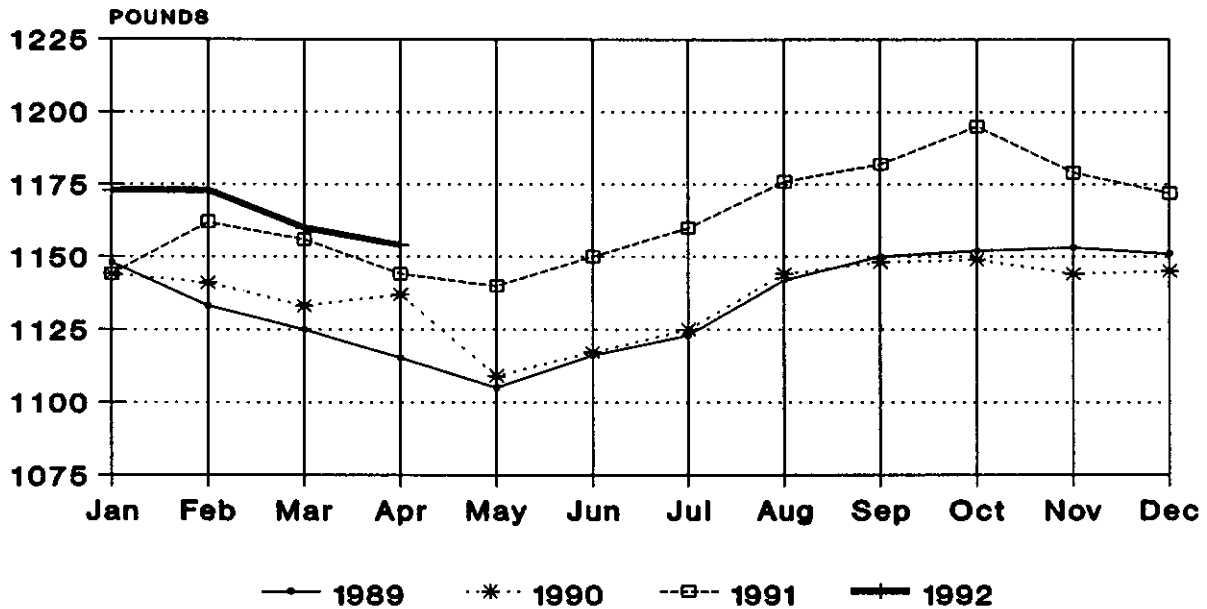
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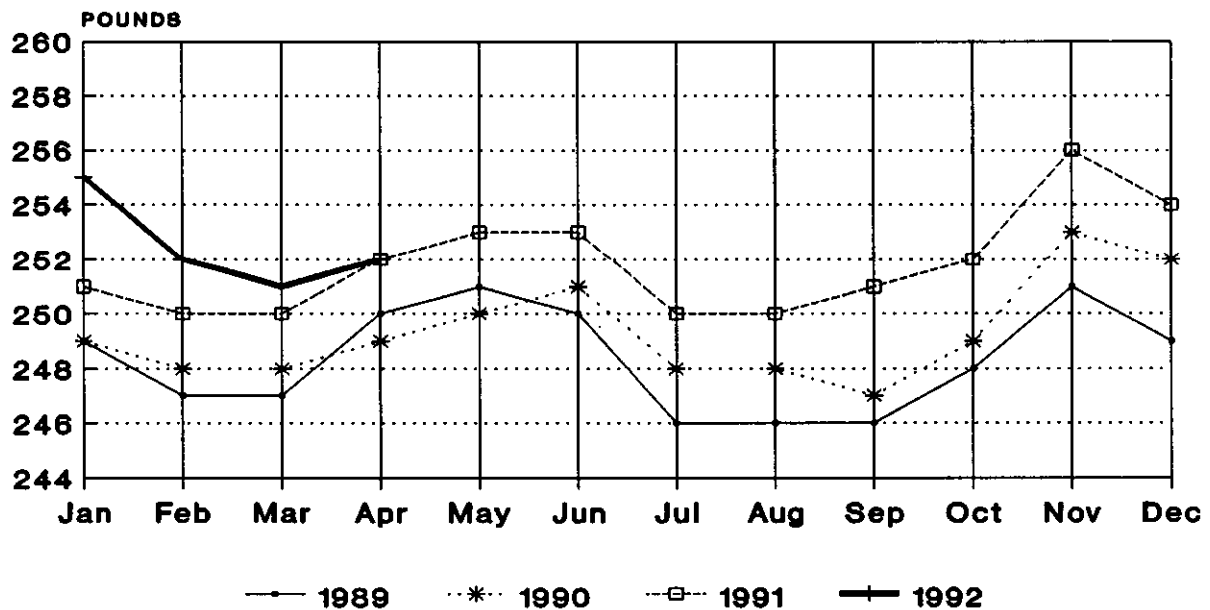
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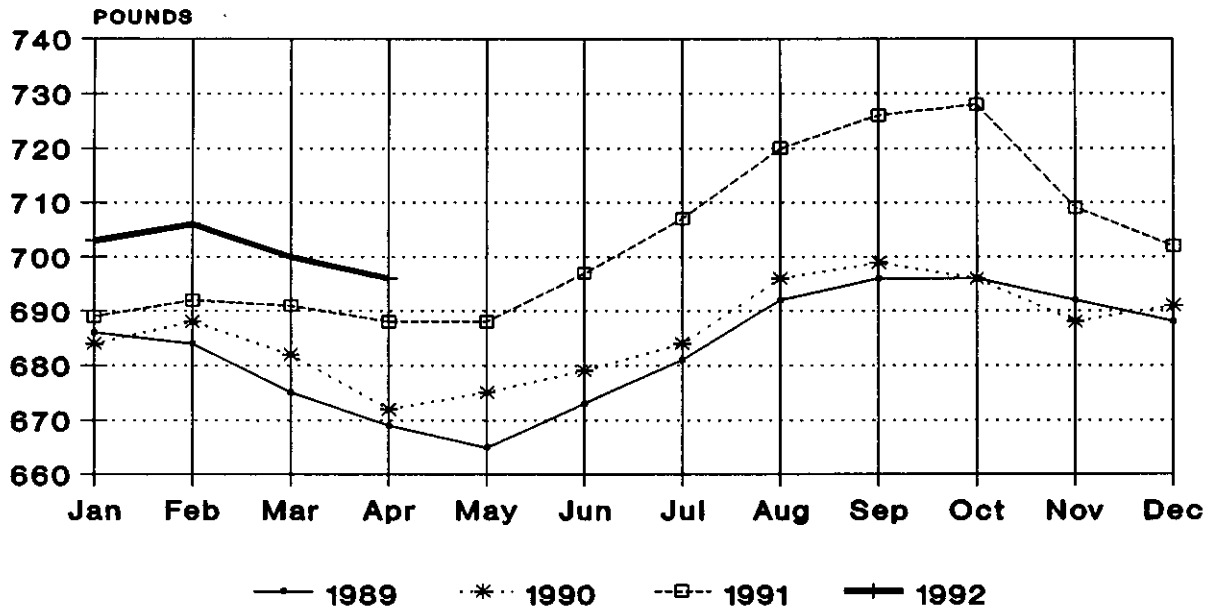
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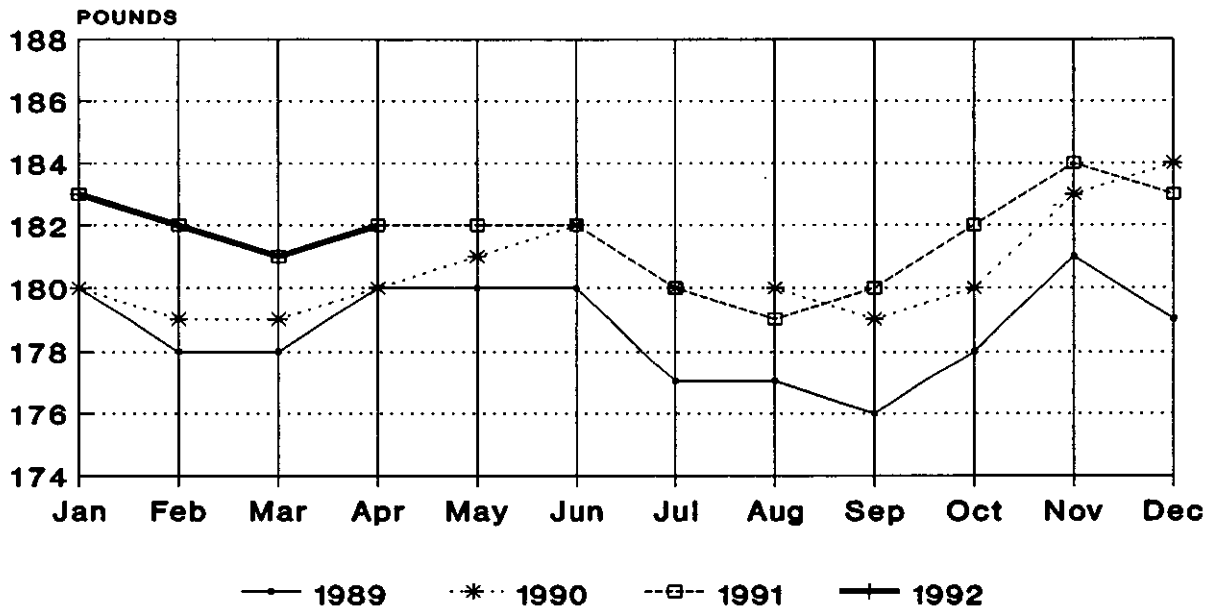
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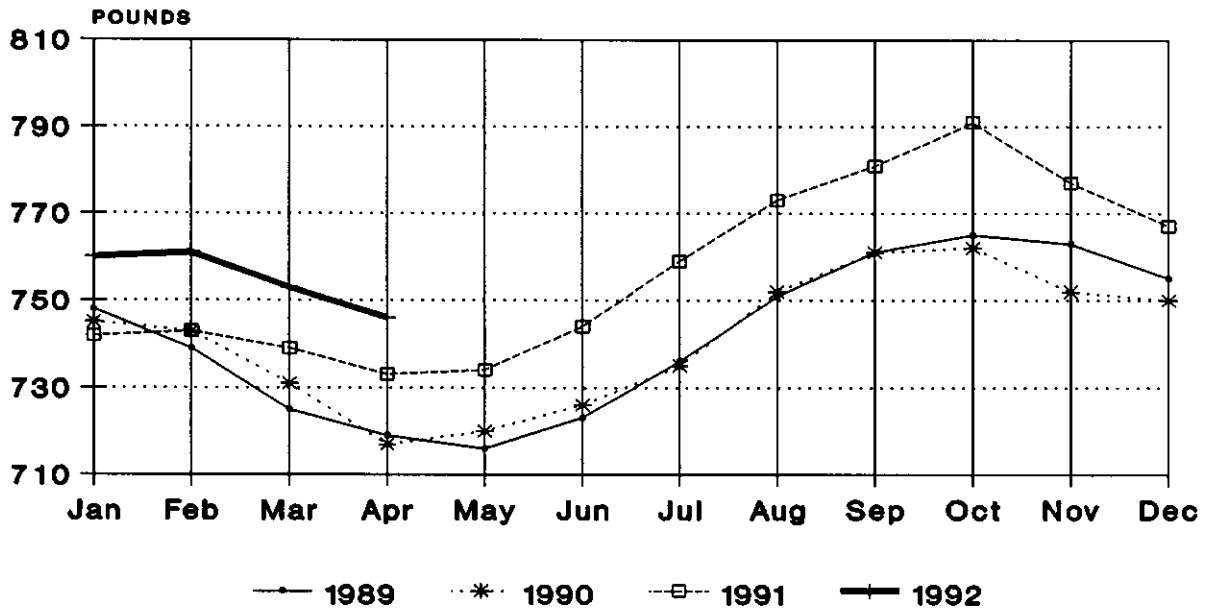
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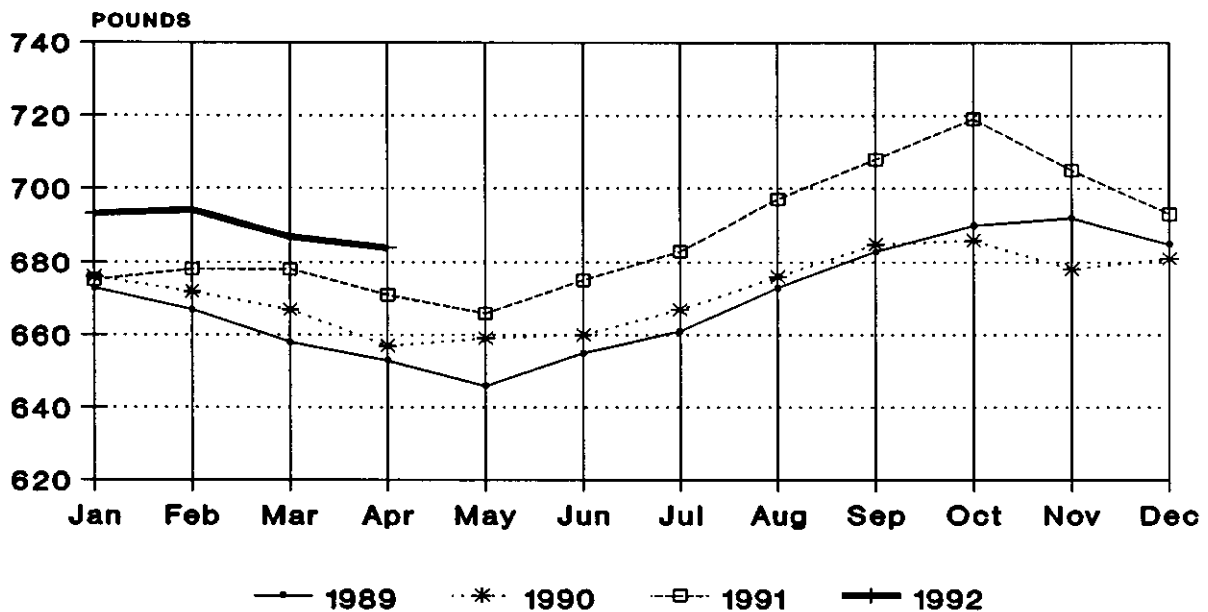
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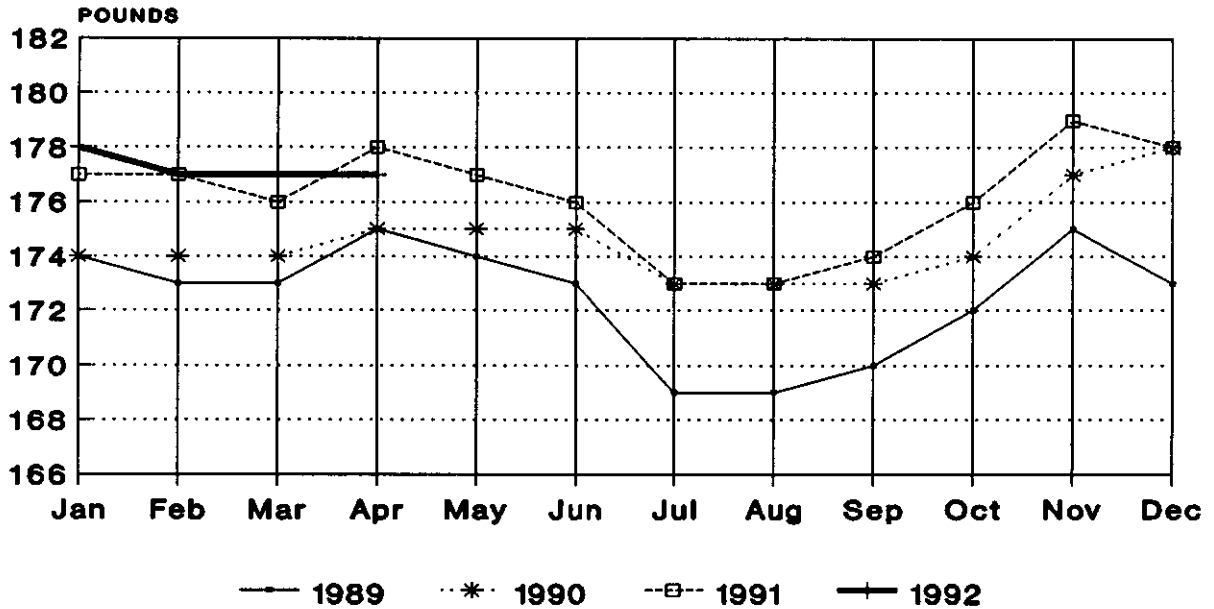
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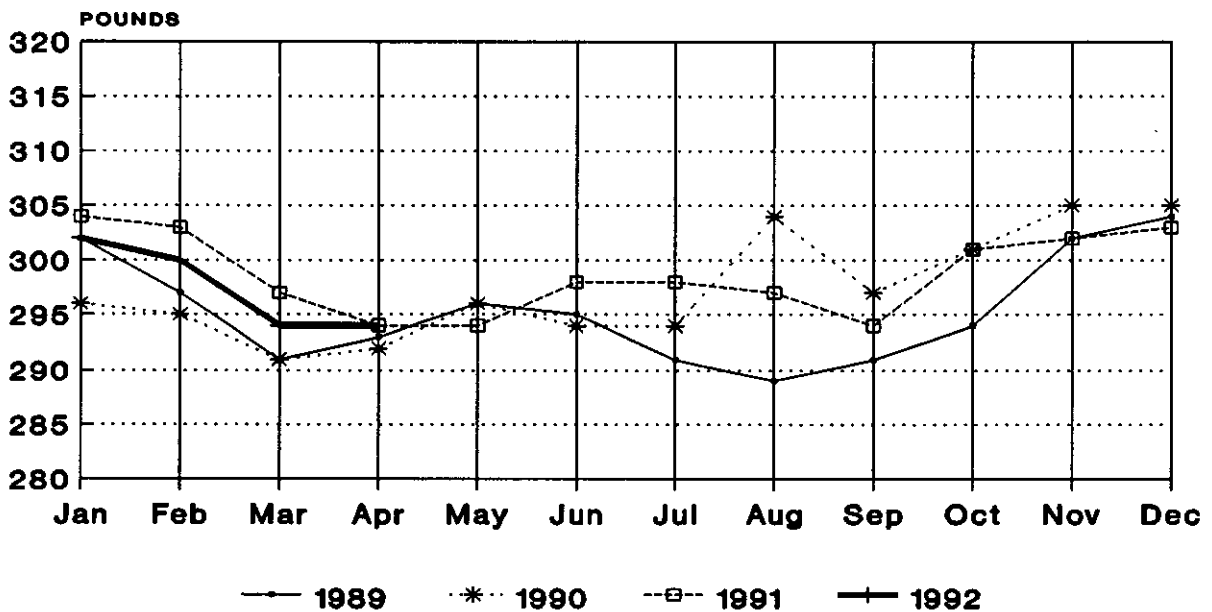
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Livestock Slaughter Estimates

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 report's 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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