

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Up Pork Production Hits All-Time High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds during March, 4 percent above last year.

March 1994 and 1995 each contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.06 billion pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.95 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,176 pounds was down 6 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 27.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 120,500, up 6 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was up 1 pound to 386 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.63 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from a year earlier and slightly above the previous all-time high set in October 1992. Hog kill totaled 8.81 million head, 6 percent above March 1994. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 30.0 million pounds, was down 12 percent from March 1994. Slaughter totaled 468,200 head, down 12 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 1 pound to 130 pounds.

January - March red meat production was 10.5 billion pounds up 4 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent, veal was up 11 percent, pork was up 7 percent but lamb and mutton was down 9 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar 95 % of		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Mar 1994	Feb 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	2,001	1,808	2,060	103	114	5,744	5,878	102
Veal	26	24	27	105	114	70	78	111
Pork	1,530	1,354	1,634	107	121	4,182	4,488	107
Lamb & Mutton	34	24	30	88	126	86	78	91
Total Red Meat	3,591	3,210	3,751	104	117	10,083	10,522	104

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/

Class	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar 95 % of		Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>		95 as % of 94
	1994	1995	1995	Mar 1994	Feb 1995	1994	1995	
		--- Million Pounds --		Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	1,967	1,776	2,026	103	114	5,642	5,774	102
Veal	25	23	26	105	114	69	76	111
Pork	1,500	1,326	1,604	107	121	4,096	4,396	107
Lamb & Mutton	34	23	30	88	127	84	76	91
Total Red Meat	3,526	3,149	3,687	105	117	9,891	10,322	104

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	: Mar 95 % of :			Jan - Mar <u>2/</u>			: 95 % : of 94	
		Mar 1994	Feb 1995	Mar 1995	Mar 1994	Feb 1995	1994 - 1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,799.1	2,524.2	2,890.3	103	115	7,978.8	8,216.1	103
Other	:Thou:	60.5	56.4	59.8	99	106	182.7	183.4	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	2,859.6	2,580.6	2,950.1	103	114	8,161.6	8,399.5	103
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,185	1,188	1,179	99	99	1,191	1,187	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,029	1,039	1,031	100	99	1,022	1,036	101
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	1,182	1,184	1,176	100	99	1,186	1,183	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	111.6	103.7	118.0	106	114	304.5	342.9	113
Other	:Thou:	2.4	2.3	2.5	105	107	7.4	7.6	103
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	114.0	106.0	120.5	106	114	311.8	350.4	112
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	385	382	386	100	101	384	383	99
Other	:Lbs :	389	418	410	105	98	399	415	104
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	385	383	386	100	101	385	384	100
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,147.5	7,157.0	8,628.0	106	121	22,215.5	23,667.1	107
Other	:Thou:	179.4	172.2	179.9	100	104	526.6	561.9	107
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	8,326.9	7,329.2	8,807.9	106	120	22,742.1	24,229.0	107
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	254	256	257	101	100	254	257	101
Other	:Lbs :	233	233	232	99	100	232	233	100
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	254	255	256	101	100	254	256	101
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	515.4	363.0	455.7	88	126	1,307.2	1,191.5	91
Other	:Thou:	14.8	12.5	12.6	85	101	36.0	38.3	106
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Thou:	530.2	375.4	468.2	88	125	1,343.2	1,229.8	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	133	129	131	98	101	130	129	99
Other	:Lbs :	98	99	101	103	101	98	100	102
Comm'l. <u>3/</u>	:Lbs :	131	128	130	99	101	129	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.

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

State	1,000 Pounds			Mar 95 as % of	
	Mar 1994	Feb 1995	Mar 1995	Mar 1994	Feb 1995
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
AL	3,560	3,043	3,584	101	118
AZ	22,361	21,171	24,002	107	113
AR	6,027	6,493	6,532	108	101
CA	80,388	75,760	89,590	111	118
CO	166,500	144,656	170,130	102	118
DE-MD	6,865	5,707	6,700	98	117
FL	3,125	3,385	4,000	128	118
GA	41,540	35,385	43,090	104	122
HI	1,449	969	1,137	78	117
ID	36,791	36,752	41,540	113	113
IL	220,832	196,673	238,361	108	121
IN	65,451	52,128	62,964	96	121
IA	612,646	533,651	641,484	105	120
KS	424,731	387,120	430,295	101	111
KY	45,198	46,253	58,143	129	126
LA	2,428	2,162	2,556	105	118
MI	82,811	77,481	89,396	108	115
MN	187,472	160,944	186,978	100	116
MS	28,613	24,224	29,849	104	123
MO	38,021	48,317	55,453	146	115
MT	1,573	1,335	1,330	85	100
NE	470,058	425,397	482,868	103	114
NV	95	66	88	94	133
N ENG <u>2/</u>	3,327	2,443	2,913	88	119
NJ	2,518	2,620	2,965	118	113
NM	2,500	1,744	1,796	72	103
NY	8,222	7,414	9,029	110	122
NC	114,147	96,196	119,766	105	125
ND	11,557	9,012	8,840	76	98
OH	34,671	28,542	30,693	89	108
OK	5,069	4,231	4,808	95	114
OR	2,627	2,600	2,915	111	112
PA	96,436	82,405	100,557	104	122
SC	13,954	13,772	15,417	110	112
SD	108,282	99,145	120,654	111	122
TN	20,894	15,681	18,737	90	119
TX	357,902	335,127	376,971	105	112
UT	39,804	34,309	37,845	95	110
VA	72,119	64,331	84,612	117	132
WA	53,093	45,001	53,369	101	119
WV	1,460	1,157	1,208	83	104
WI	93,414	74,822	87,334	93	117
WY	281	355	385	137	109
US	3,590,815	3,209,978	3,750,890	104	117

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

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1994 and 1995 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ----	
AL	1.1	1.2	890	1,034	791	872
AZ	33.2	34.7	37,342	40,164	1,125	1,158
AR	2.6	2.3	2,578	2,180	987	966
CA	73.2	81.5	90,197	98,404	1,232	1,207
CO	201.8	210.1	247,215	257,498	1,225	1,225
DE-MD	3.7	3.4	4,507	4,368	1,217	1,288
FL						
GA						
HI	1.7	1.2	1,714	1,212	988	1,036
ID						
IL						
IN	6.8	6.0	7,187	6,177	1,058	1,036
IA	151.8	151.9	182,209	184,808	1,200	1,217
KS	569.3	581.5	665,922	675,831	1,170	1,162
KY	5.6	5.9	5,987	6,287	1,073	1,059
LA	2.5	3.0	1,993	2,504	809	823
MI						
MN	89.6	94.1	115,785	122,270	1,292	1,300
MS						
MO	15.6	12.7	16,939	13,905	1,086	1,092
MT	1.9	1.5	2,203	1,768	1,186	1,188
NE	522.1	542.0	637,035	658,094	1,220	1,214
NV	.1	.1	117	105	1,057	1,035
N ENG ^{2/}	3.3	2.8	3,771	3,078	1,145	1,090
NJ	1.3	1.9	1,570	2,222	1,203	1,142
NM	4.6	3.4	4,412	3,088	949	912
NY	5.9	6.2	6,251	6,719	1,053	1,087
NC	14.2	13.3	14,281	13,541	1,009	1,019
ND						
OH	12.6	11.0	14,106	12,390	1,118	1,128
OK	4.2	3.7	4,351	3,651	1,034	986
OR	1.4	1.5	1,615	1,943	1,168	1,266
PA	85.3	89.9	107,635	112,474	1,262	1,252
SC						
SD	20.7	19.9	24,505	22,826	1,185	1,148
TN						
TX	515.0	550.7	564,751	597,169	1,097	1,084
UT						
VA	1.9	1.8	1,751	1,865	927	1,011
WA	71.1	73.1	86,985	88,908	1,224	1,216
WV	1.1	1.0	1,093	1,021	1,002	984
WI	128.6	118.3	160,638	146,587	1,249	1,239
WY	.3	.4	363	472	1,159	1,105
US ^{3/}	2,859.6	2,950.1	3,378,728	3,470,447	1,182	1,176

^{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 US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1994 and 1995 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	--- 1,000 Head --		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	5.9	14.0	2,179	5,277	370	377
CO						
DE-MD	.6	.5	254	230	415	447
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.6	10.5	4,034	4,406	420	422
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.0	1.5	866	698	430	472
MI	6.1	6.2	1,632	1,449	266	233
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	57	66	338	390
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	6.8	5.8	1,508	1,496	221	257
NJ	2.8	3.2	1,098	1,427	399	444
NM						
NY	21.0	21.6	6,816	8,382	325	388
NC	.1	.1	39	41	329	390
ND						
OH	6.3	6.4	3,260	3,280	521	513
OK	.1	.1	64	45	455	468
OR						
PA	16.8	13.1	6,988	5,300	416	403
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	1.5	3.1	841	1,073	571	348
UT						
VA						
WA	1.4	2.3	661	921	472	395
WV						
WI	17.5	16.3	7,058	6,506	404	399
WY						
US ^{3/}	114.0	120.5	43,820	46,543	385	386

^{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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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1994 and 1995 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	---- 1,000 Head ----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
AL	11.2	10.7	4,537	4,495	405	418
AZ	1.3	1.1	319	274	238	251
AR	19.3	22.7	7,142	9,337	371	412
CA	159.4	175.3	34,909	41,170	219	235
CO	4.1	4.0	1,008	994	245	249
DE-MD	23.7	23.7	5,469	5,586	231	236
FL	.9	10.0	147	1,792	157	179
GA						
HI	3.5	3.3	687	662	197	202
ID						
IL	799.3	883.6	207,719	229,771	260	260
IN	324.1	310.0	79,028	76,432	244	247
IA	2,676.5	2,813.6	681,094	725,627	254	258
KS						
KY	238.5	289.3	63,099	73,267	265	253
LA	6.3	4.9	1,279	1,099	201	224
MI						
MN	708.6	653.9	170,455	162,012	241	248
MS						
MO						
MT	2.3	2.2	563	535	243	247
NE	500.7	488.6	124,091	121,650	248	249
NV	.1	.2	32	32	218	192
N ENG <u>2/</u>	2.6	2.7	578	598	219	221
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	34	44	226	211
NY	4.7	5.0	1,131	1,092	242	220
NC	594.8	619.9	149,361	158,341	251	255
ND	4.9	5.5	1,141	1,424	233	258
OH	136.0	121.6	34,844	31,172	256	256
OK	14.6	14.5	4,996	5,203	341	358
OR	11.5	11.1	2,642	2,641	229	238
PA	193.3	199.2	46,888	49,254	243	247
SC						
SD	516.6	590.6	131,185	148,805	254	252
TN						
TX	33.7	31.4	11,403	11,213	339	357
UT						
VA	384.4	441.1	95,159	111,374	248	253
WA						
WV	1.3	1.1	497	426	369	371
WI	36.4	33.5	13,790	13,439	379	401
WY	.4	.6	102	141	252	248
US <u>3/</u>	8,326.9	8,807.9	2,110,927	2,254,990	254	256

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 US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1994 and 1995 ^{1/}

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA						
CO	174.7	156.1	24,749	21,353	142	137
DE-MD						
FL	.1	.1	12	8	105	128
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.4	45	44	106	104
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.2	31	22	122	123
KY	1.0	.9	127	113	127	126
LA	.7	.4	79	51	111	119
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.2	.2	23	16	114	109
NE	.1	.1	12	12	117	126
NV						
N ENG ^{2/}	4.3	2.2	463	234	109	106
NJ	12.4	12.1	1,095	1,069	88	88
NM	4.4	4.0	479	436	109	110
NY	9.2	3.2	958	329	105	104
NC	.3	.2	24	18	87	100
ND	.1	.1	7	5	112	106
OH	1.4	.8	143	88	104	104
OK	.1	.1	19	11	130	127
OR	.4	.4	47	42	123	115
PA	9.7	6.7	985	672	101	100
SC						
SD	19.0	24.0	2,389	3,217	126	134
TN						
TX						
UT	5.2	3.4	645	362	124	108
VA	1.8	1.6	193	182	108	111
WA						
WV						
WI	1.0	.6	121	70	118	116
WY	.1	.1	10	15	122	137
US ^{3/}	530.2	468.2	69,599	60,777	131	130

^{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 US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :		: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :		: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :		: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :		: Jan - Mar <u>1/</u> :	
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class <u>2/</u>										
Cattle										
Steers	1,405	1,257	1,467	4,044	4,125	50.2	49.8	50.8	50.7	50.2
Heifers	812	742	847	2,305	2,389	29.0	29.4	29.3	28.9	29.1
Dairy Cows	276	242	261	780	780	9.9	9.6	9.0	9.8	9.5
Other Cows	249	232	257	702	762	8.9	9.2	8.9	8.8	9.3
Bulls & Stags	56	51	58	148	160	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9
Total <u>1/</u>	2,799	2,524	2,890	7,979	8,216	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,733	6,806	8,220	21,099	22,508	94.9	95.1	95.3	95.0	95.1
Sows	326	279	320	895	924	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.9
Stags & Boars	88	72	88	221	235	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total <u>1/</u>	8,147	7,157	8,628	22,215	23,667	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	24	19	24	62	64	4.6	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.4
Lambs & Yrlings	491	344	432	1,245	1,127	95.4	94.8	94.8	95.3	94.6
Total <u>1/</u>	515	363	456	1,307	1,192	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight <u>3/</u>										
	----- Pounds -----									
Cattle <u>4/</u>										
Steers <u>4/</u>	706	707	705	711	706					
Heifers <u>4/</u>	762	766	760	769	766					
All Cows <u>4/</u>	699	704	700	702	702					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	550	539	536	550	537					
Bulls & Stags <u>4/</u>	877	855	871	878	858					
Calves & Vealers	230	226	227	229	225					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts <u>5/</u>	185	186	186	185	186					
Sows <u>5/</u>	180	181	182	180	181					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	296	291	287	294	291					
Stags & Boars <u>5/</u>	201	214	214	207	216					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep <u>6/</u>	66	64	65	65	64					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	58	59	57	57	58					
Lamb & Yrlings <u>6/</u>	66	64	65	65	65					

1/ Total 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 hog average dressed weight.

6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States.
March 1995

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	2.6	.2	.2	2.0		.2	<u>3/</u>
2	7.8	1.2	.4	5.6	.1	.6	30.6
3	93.8	43.8	6.0	32.3	9.4	2.1	<u>3/</u>
4	74.1	2.5	3.6	22.7	36.4	9.0	17.3
5	347.2	157.2	53.0	92.7	32.6	11.7	<u>3/</u>
6	553.3	303.0	151.1	11.6	74.2	13.5	<u>3/</u>
7	1,277.8	712.7	476.6	29.4	48.4	10.7	53.6
8	288.5	127.1	112.0	6.7	39.1	3.6	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	245.2	119.8	44.2	57.9	17.2	6.2	16.5
US <u>2/</u>	2,890.3	1,467.4	847.1	260.8	257.3	57.6	118.0
Hogs : Sheep							
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	<u>6/</u>				2.1	.9	1.2
2	<u>6/</u>				15.0	3.8	11.2
3	676.7	661.2	13.3	2.3	<u>5/</u>		
4	1,277.7	1,201.3	75.1	1.3	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				62.5	6.8	55.7
6	2,276.6	2,123.0	120.1	33.5	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				102.0	8.2	93.8
8	4,200.8	4,039.5	110.3	51.0	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	196.2	194.9	1.2	.1	274.0	4.1	269.9
US <u>2/</u>	8,628.0	8,219.9	319.9	88.2	455.7	23.8	431.8

- 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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- 3/ Regions 1-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 9-10 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 4/ Regions 9-10 combined for cattle to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 5/ Regions 3-5, 6-7 and 8-10 combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 6/ Regions 1-3, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - March 1995 *

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	7.6	.7	.6	5.6	.1	.6	<u>3/</u>
2	21.8	3.5	1.2	15.1	.2	1.7	85.0
3	260.8	113.1	18.2	97.4	25.9	6.3	<u>3/</u>
4	208.7	6.6	10.0	67.8	100.4	23.8	50.3
5	986.6	425.1	154.9	272.1	100.9	33.6	<u>3/</u>
6	1,548.1	842.3	427.4	39.8	201.7	36.9	<u>3/</u>
7	3,660.7	2,016.2	1,375.3	91.2	149.2	28.8	159.1
8	823.1	374.5	287.8	20.1	128.8	12.0	
9	<u>4/</u>						<u>3/</u>
10	698.8	342.6	113.8	171.2	55.0	16.2	48.4
US	8,216.1	4,124.6	2,389.2	780.2	762.2	159.8	342.9
Hogs : Sheep							
	Total <u>2/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>2/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
1	<u>6/</u>				5.8	2.1	3.7
2	<u>6/</u>				44.3	11.5	32.9
3	1,837.0	1,791.1	40.6	5.4	<u>5/</u>		
4	3,548.3	3,334.2	210.3	3.8	<u>5/</u>		
5	<u>6/</u>				174.0	17.7	156.3
6	6,173.6	5,752.1	330.4	91.1	<u>5/</u>		
7	<u>6/</u>				263.4	20.9	242.5
8	11,564.1	11,091.5	337.8	134.7	<u>5/</u>		
9	<u>6/</u>				<u>5/</u>		
10	544.1	539.5	4.4	.2	703.9	11.8	692.1
US	23,667.1	22,508.3	923.5	235.2	1,191.5	64.1	1,127.4

- * Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.
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- 6/ Regions 1-3, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total <u>2/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total <u>2/</u>
1,000 Head							
AL							
AZ	34.3	32.3	1.9				
AR	2.0	.3	.1	.1	1.3	.2	
CA	81.1	25.2	5.2	43.2	5.2	2.2	13.9
CO	209.5	105.0	88.7	.8	14.9	.2	
DE-MD	3.4	2.6	.5	.2		.1	.5
FL							
GA							
HI	.6	.1	.1	.1	.2		
ID							
IL							10.4
IN							
IA	150.7	68.8	56.0	22.5	.3	3.0	
KS	577.0	368.5	206.7	.2	1.4	.1	
KY	4.9	.8	3.3	.6	.2		
LA							
MI							6.1
MN	91.0	37.6	14.6	17.8	15.0	6.1	
MS							
MO	10.1	1.1	.5	2.0	5.4	1.0	
MT	.8	.2	.2		.3	.1	
NE	540.1	274.2	213.3	4.6	41.3	6.5	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.6	.2	.2	2.0		.2	5.8
NJ	1.9	.6	.1	.9	.1	.2	
NM	3.0	.7	.4	1.4	.4	.1	
NY	5.9	.5	.3	4.7		.3	21.6
NC	12.2	.4	.1	3.2	6.0	2.6	
ND							
OH	4.3	.4	.5	2.6	.5	.4	6.3
OK	.9	.1		.3	.4	.1	
OR	1.3	.8	.1	.1	.1	.1	
PA	89.5	41.1	5.5	31.8	9.1	2.0	13.1
SC							
SD	18.1	.1	.1	1.8	14.7	1.5	
TN							
TX	546.4	301.5	150.2	9.7	72.0	13.1	2.7
UT							
VA							
WA	73.0	35.6	26.1	5.7	5.0	.6	2.3
WV	.1						
WI	114.4	42.2	6.3	51.1	11.0	3.8	16.3
WY							
US <u>3/</u>	2,890.3	1,467.4	847.1	260.8	257.3	57.6	118.0

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2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operation.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
March 1995 ^{1/}

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total ^{2/}	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total ^{2/}	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 Head							
AL	8.3	.2	6.8	1.3			
AZ							
AR	22.1	9.8	12.3				
CA	169.6	168.9	.7				
CO					156.1		156.0
DE-MD	23.7	21.4	.1	2.2			
FL							
GA							
HI	2.3	2.3					
ID					.2		.2
IL	845.4	767.2	52.8	25.5			
IN	303.7	300.0	.5	3.3			
IA	2,810.0	2,685.1	73.9	51.0			
KS							
KY	288.4	279.8	8.6		.9	.7	.1
LA							
MI							
MN	649.6	649.5					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.8	1.7	.1				
NE	486.7	486.6	.1				
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	2.3	2.2	.1		2.1	.9	1.2
NJ					11.9	2.5	9.4
NM					2.4	1.8	.6
NY	4.5	4.5	.1		3.1	1.3	1.9
NC	596.7	588.1	8.6				
ND	5.2	5.1					
OH	109.1	98.8	9.6	.7	.2		.2
OK	10.4	5.1	5.3				
OR	10.8	10.6	.3		.2		.2
PA	198.7	197.6	1.2		6.7	.6	6.1
SC							
SD	589.0	561.0	28.0		23.8		23.8
TN							
TX	16.0	6.4	9.0	.5			
UT					3.2	3.0	.2
VA	440.8	429.2	11.6		1.6	.2	1.4
WA							
WV							
WI	26.6	.4	25.9	.2			
WY							
US ^{3/}	8,628.0	8,219.9	319.9	88.2	455.7	23.8	431.8

^{1/} Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

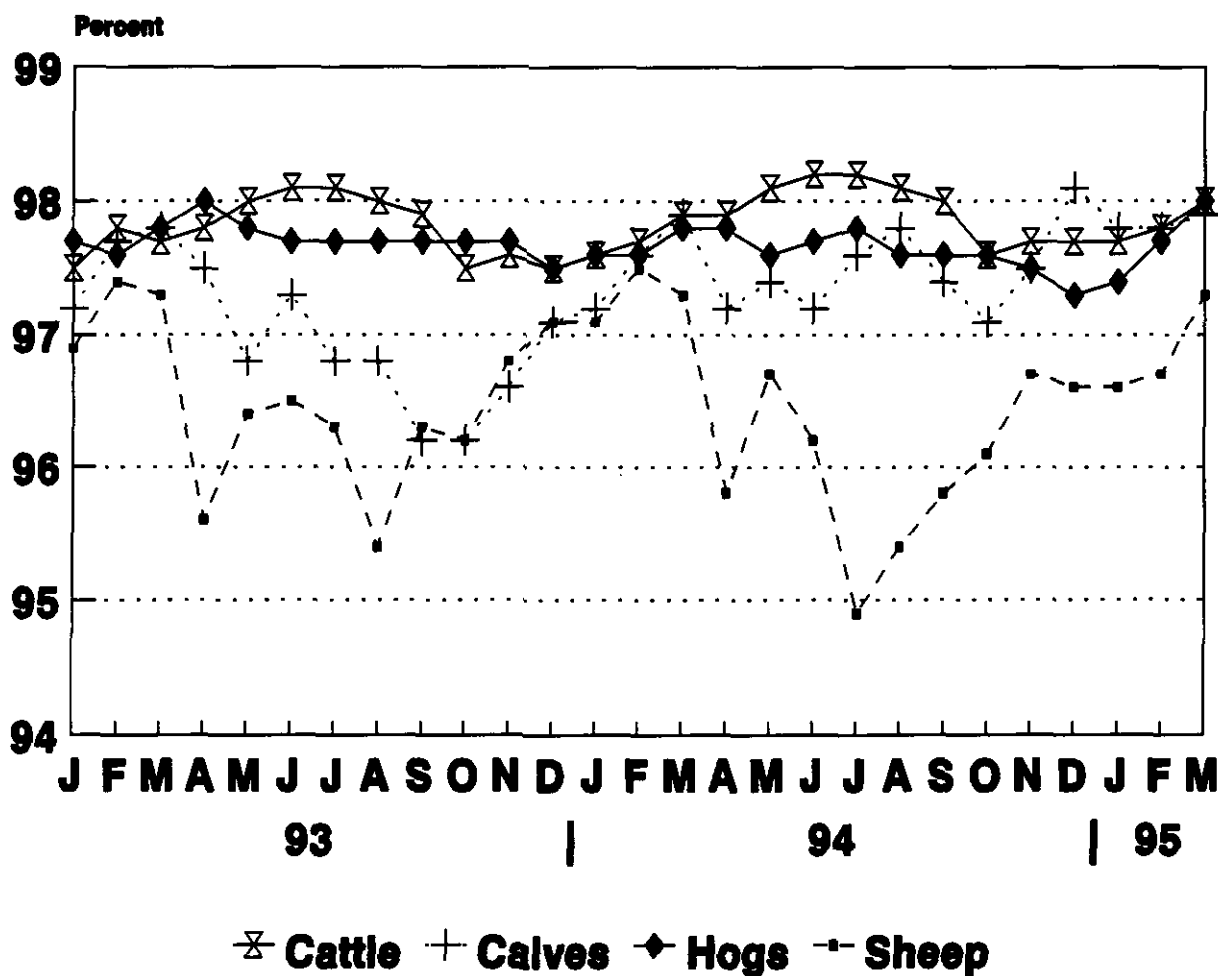
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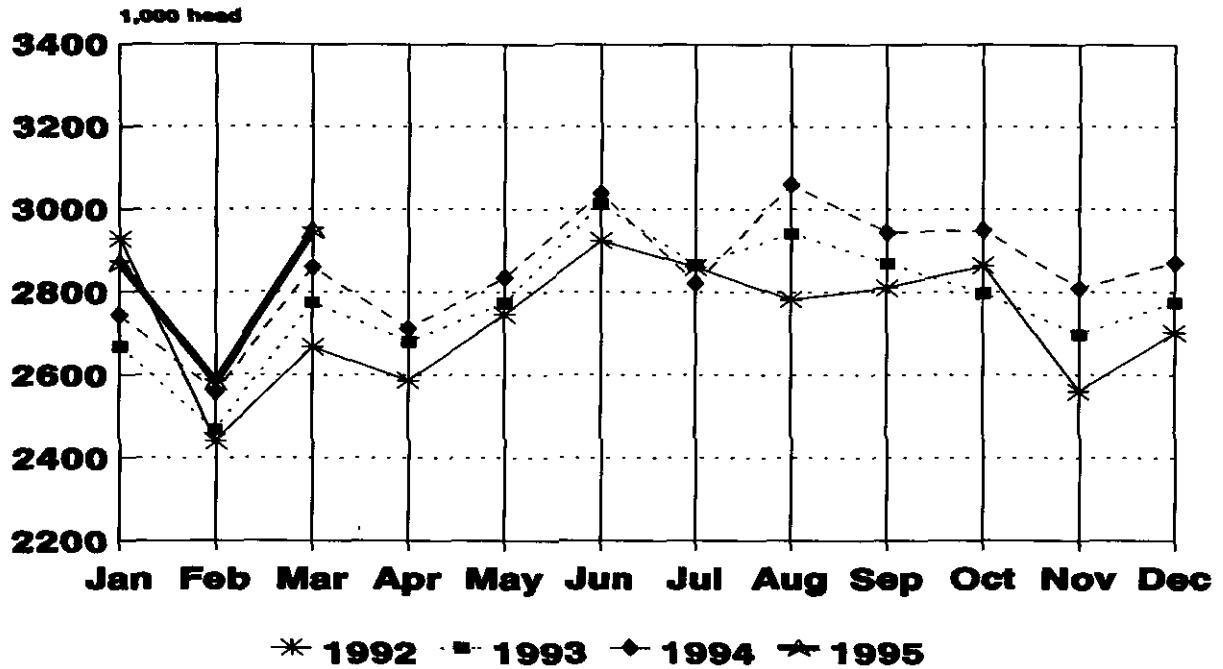
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Mar 1994	Feb 1995	Mar 1995	Jan - Mar	
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
	Percent				
Cattle	97.9	97.8	98.0	97.8	97.8
Calves	97.9	97.8	97.9	97.6	97.8
Hogs	97.8	97.7	98.0	97.7	97.7
Sheep	97.2	96.7	97.3	97.3	96.9

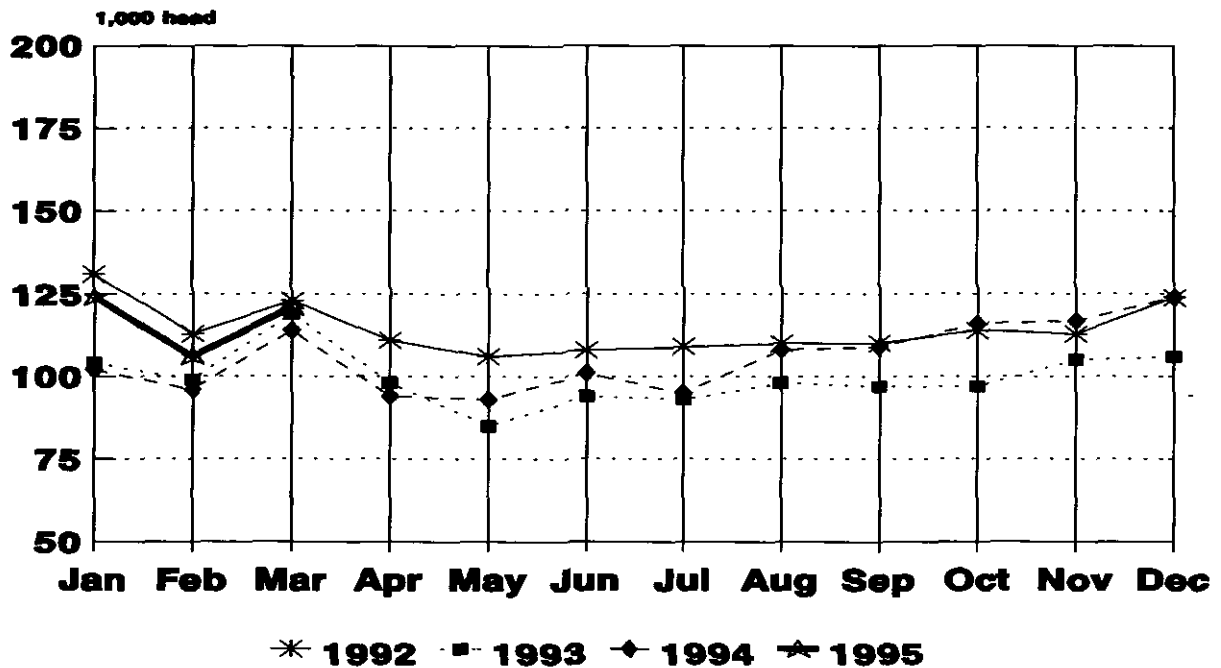
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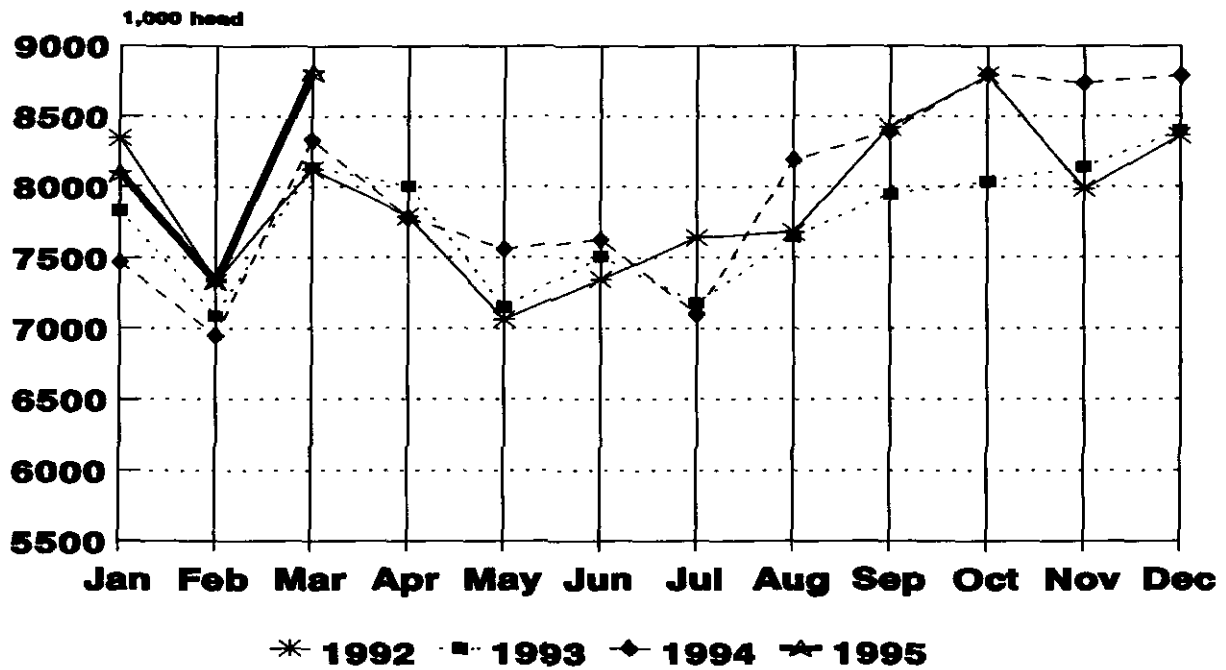
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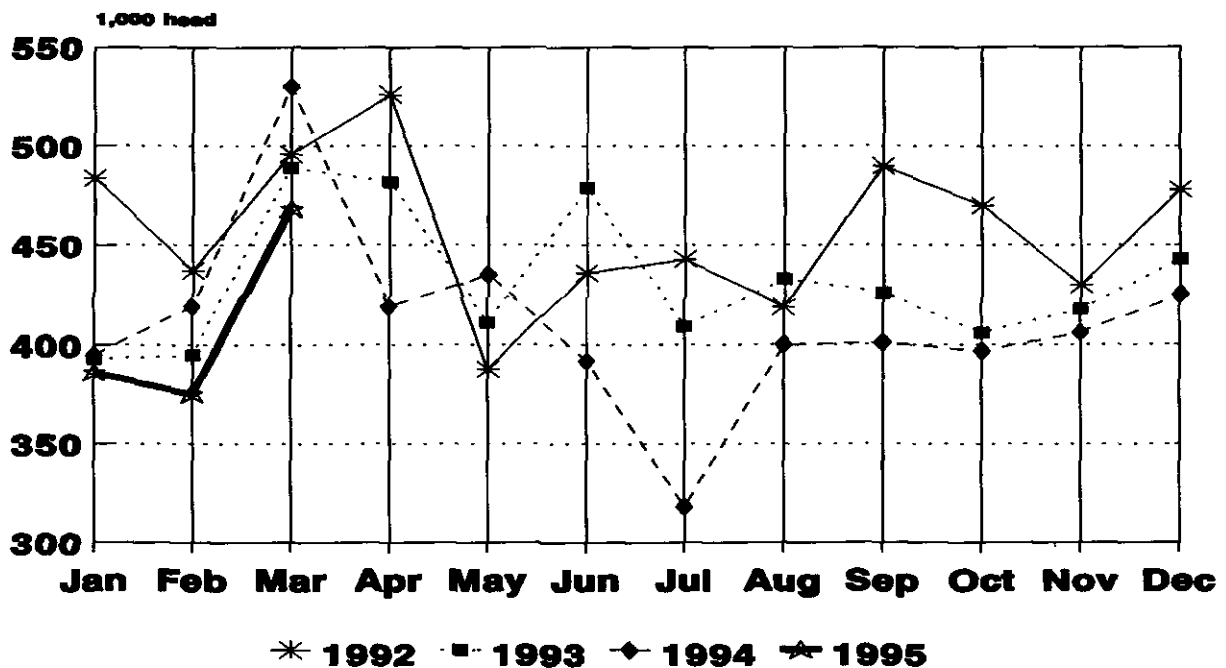
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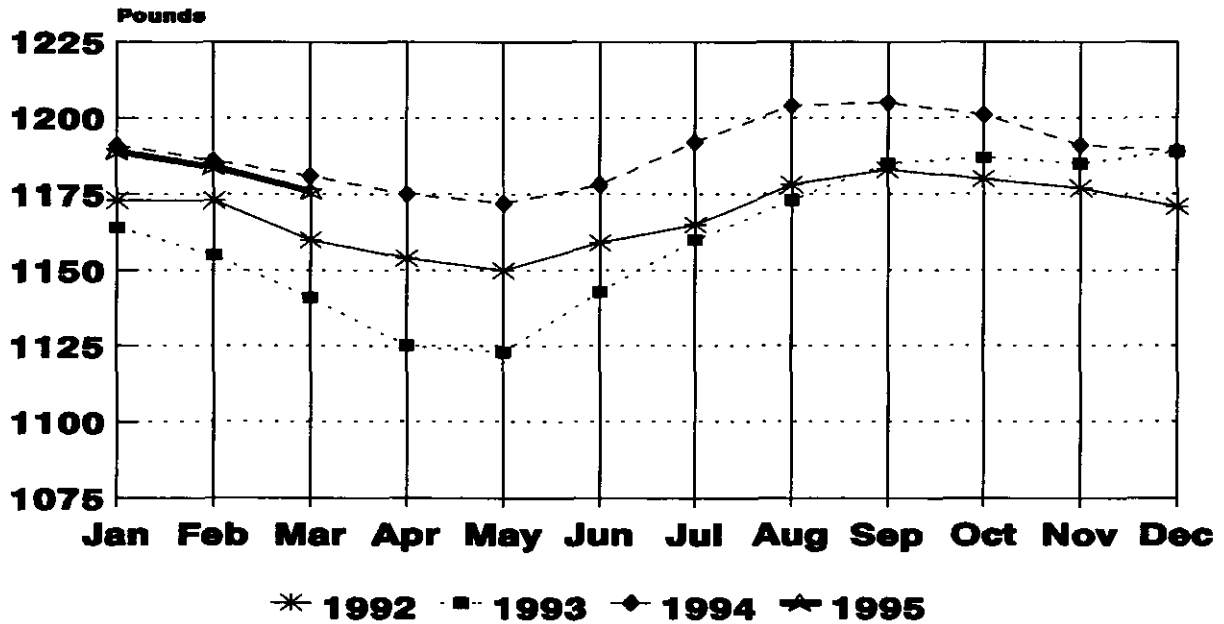
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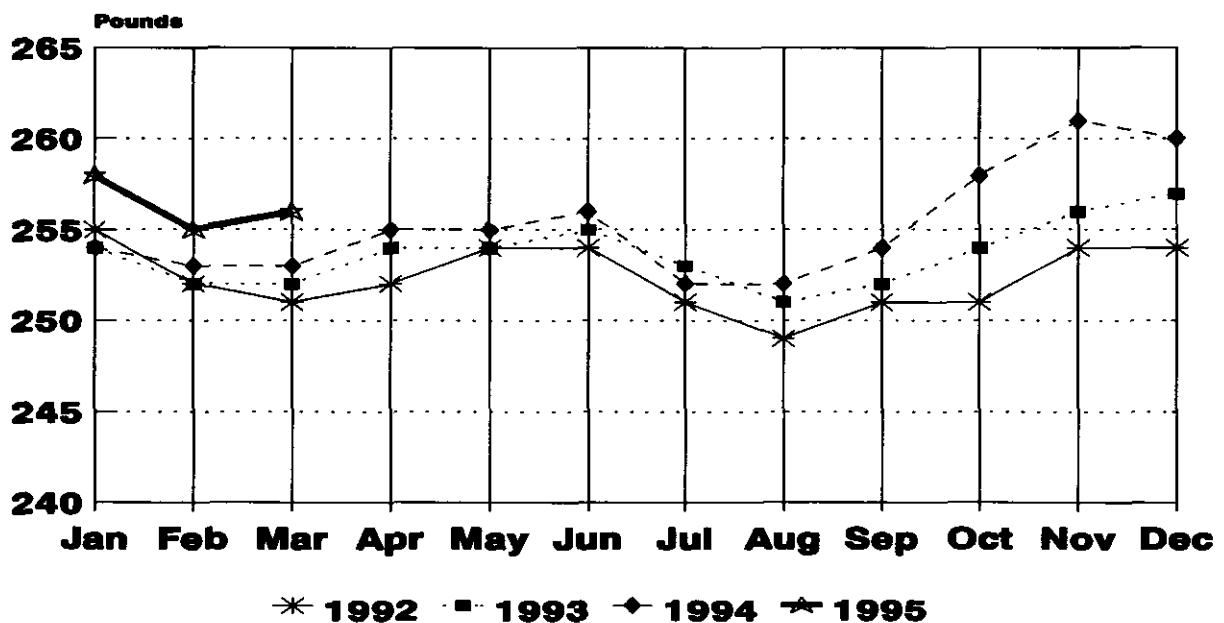
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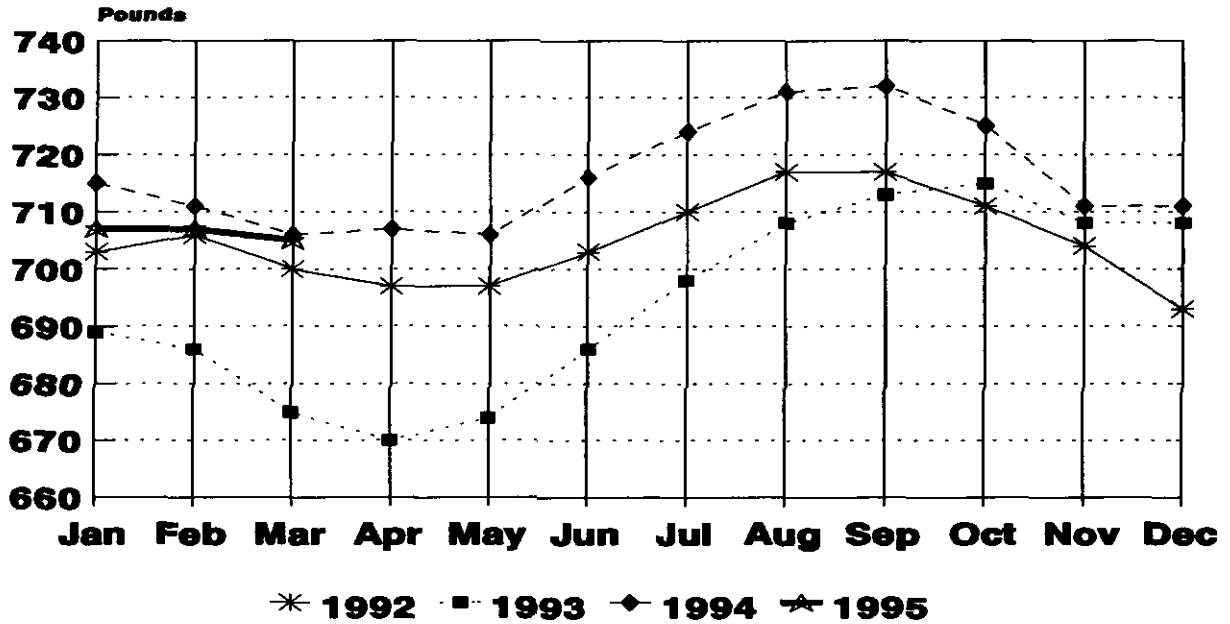
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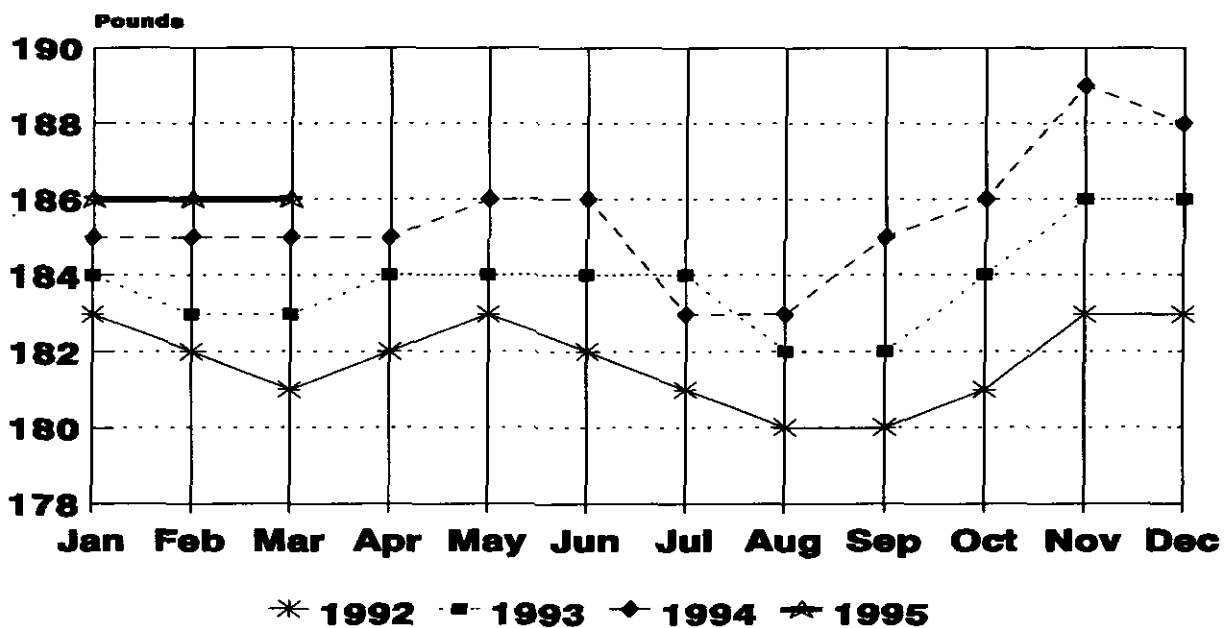
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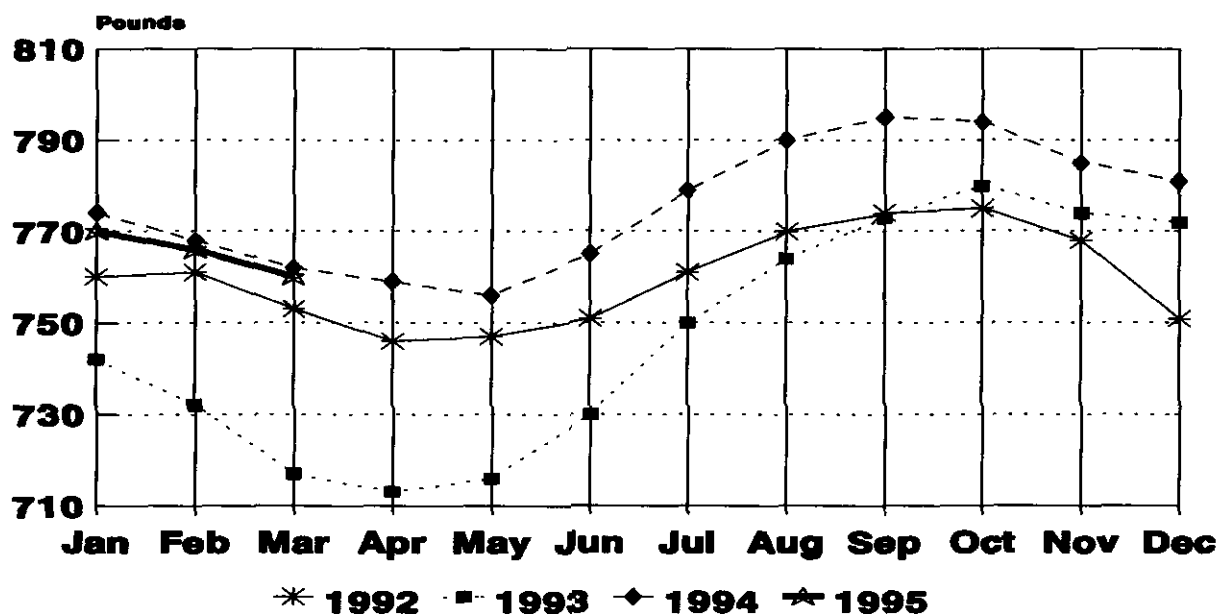
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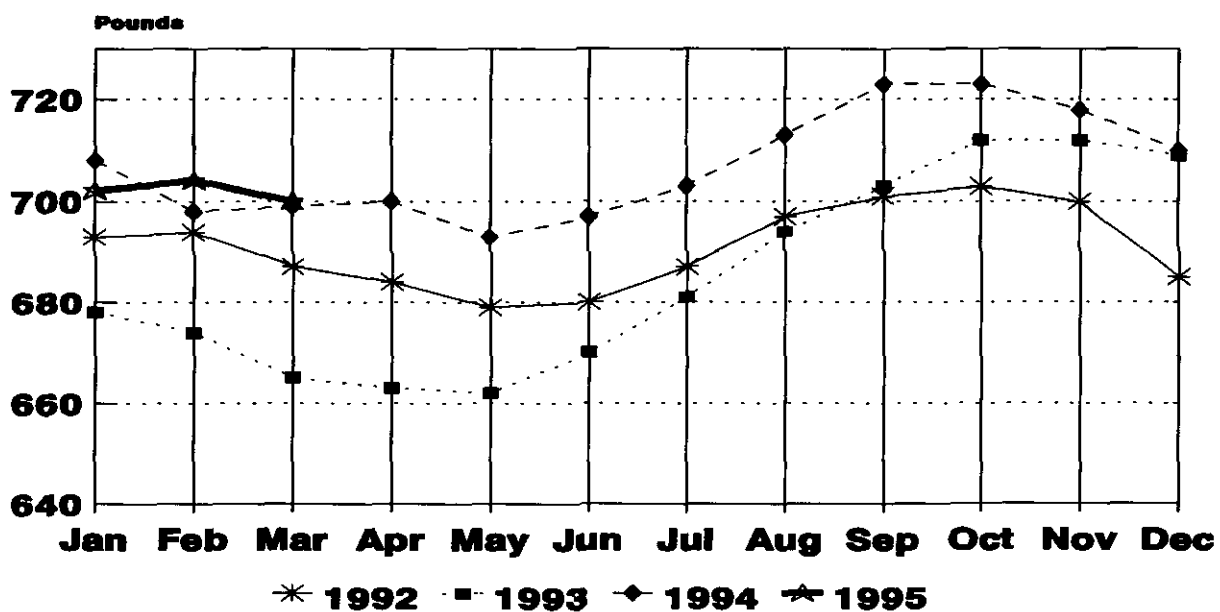
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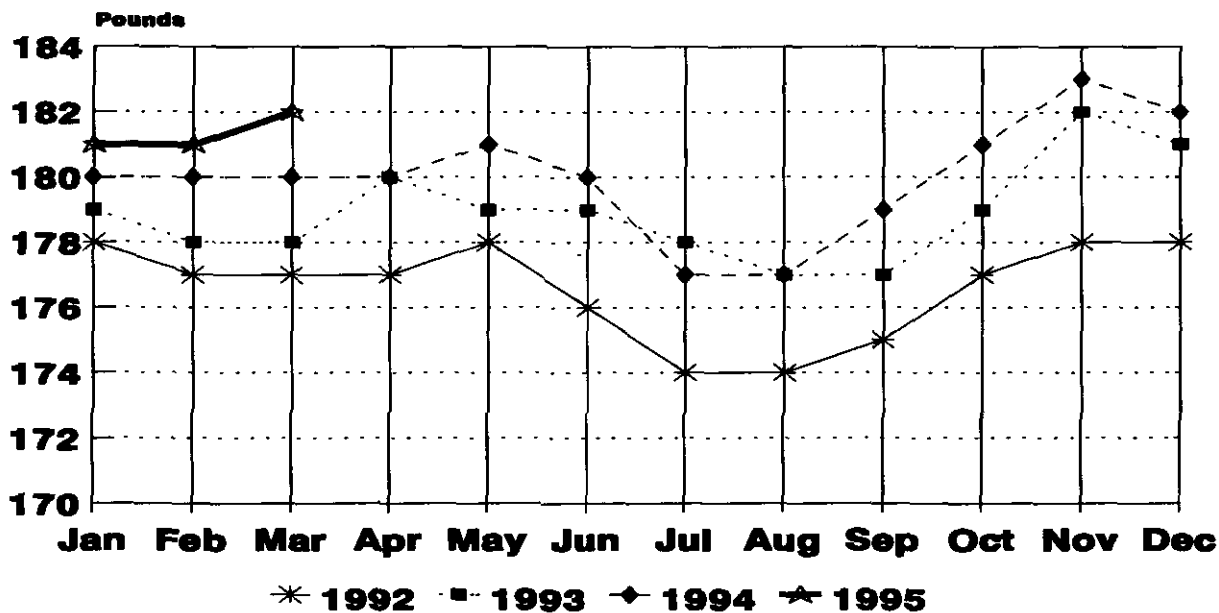
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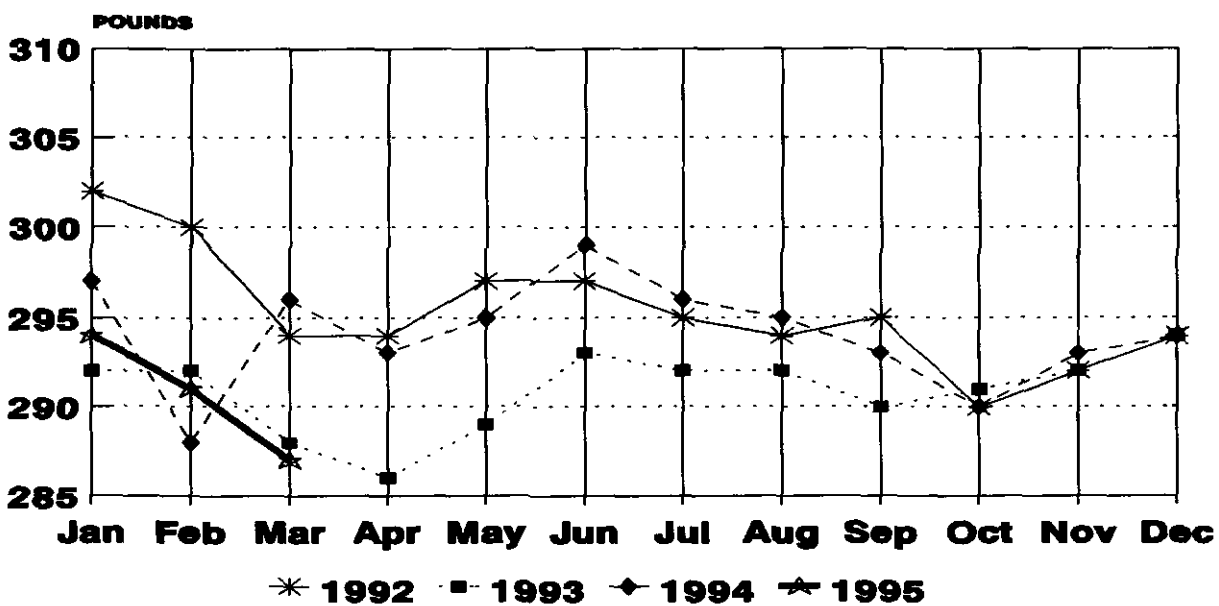
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U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly F.I. Average Dressed Weight Sows



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 22). 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 follow-up 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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