

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Sets Record for November

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds during November. This production was 2 percent above the previous November record set in 1994.

November 1994 and 1995 both contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Head kill totaled 2.97 million, also up 6 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,188 pounds was down 3 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 27.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 129,000, up 10 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 16 pounds to 356 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.61 billion pounds was down 2 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.60 million head, 2 percent below November 1994. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 5 percent from November 1994. Slaughter totaled 377,900 head, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 4 pounds to 124 pounds.

January-November red meat production was 39.9 billion pounds up 3 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Nov	: Oct	: Nov	: Nov 95 % of		: Jan - Nov 2/		
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1995	: Nov	: Oct	: 1994	: 1995	: 95 as %
	:	:	:	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995	: of 94
	:--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 1,978	2,171	2,089	106	96	22,258	*23,046	104
Veal	: 25	27	27	105	99	257	281	109
Pork	: 1,639	1,574	1,609	98	102	16,017	16,304	102
Lamb & Mutton	: 24	23	23	95	103	280	261	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,666	3,794	3,747	102	99	38,811	*39,892	103

* Revised.

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	: Nov	: Oct	: Nov	: Nov 95 % of		: Jan - Nov 2/		
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1995	: Nov	: Oct	: 1994	: 1995	: 95 as %
	:	:	:	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995	: of 94
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent
Beef	: 1,942	2,130	2,050	106	96	21,892	*22,664	104
Veal	: 25	26	25	104	99	250	273	109
Pork	: 1,604	1,545	1,580	99	102	15,690	15,990	102
Lamb & Mutton	: 24	22	23	95	104	272	253	93
Total Red Meat	: 3,594	3,722	3,678	102	99	38,104	*39,180	103

* Revised.

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	Nov 95 % of :			Jan - Nov 2/			95 % of 94	
		Nov 1994	Oct 1995	Nov 1995	Nov 1994	Oct 1995	Nov 1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,744.3	2,982.4	2,897.2	106	97	30,676.8	31,994.2	104
Other	:Thou:	63.7	74.9	70.2	110	94	648.8	677.3	104
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,808.0	3,057.3	2,967.4	106	97	31,325.6	32,671.5	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,195	1,195	1,192	99	99	1,193	1,186	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,021	1,008	1,010	99	100	1,027	1,023	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,191	1,190	1,188	100	100	1,189	1,183	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	114.0	124.4	124.7	109	100	1,115.5	1,267.8	114
Other	:Thou:	3.0	4.4	4.4	147	100	28.9	33.9	117
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	117.0	128.7	129.0	110	100	1,144.4	1,301.8	114
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	371	360	353	95	98	385	373	97
Other	:Lbs :	423	418	427	101	102	409	417	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	372	361	356	96	99	385	374	97
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,515.8	8,357.6	8,423.9	99	101	84,888.5	86,321.4	102
Other	:Thou:	218.3	178.6	171.3	78	96	2,021.8	1,947.1	96
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,734.1	8,536.2	8,595.2	98	101	86,910.3	88,268.6	102
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	261	255	259	99	101	255	256	100
Other	:Lbs :	231	229	235	102	103	229	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	261	255	258	99	101	255	256	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	392.5	356.2	364.3	93	102	4,344.7	4,029.9	93
Other	:Thou:	14.0	14.9	13.5	96	91	168.0	161.3	96
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	406.5	371.2	377.9	93	102	4,512.7	4,191.3	93
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	121	124	125	103	100	126	127	100
Other	:Lbs :	96	96	94	99	98	95	96	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	120	123	124	103	101	125	125	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	Nov 1994	Oct 1995	Nov 1995	Nov 95 as % of	
	1,000 Pounds			Nov 1994	Oct 1995
				Percent	
AL	3,865	3,225	3,534	91	110
AZ	21,598	27,563	25,725	119	93
AR	6,921	7,216	6,513	94	90
CA	83,933	91,052	89,963	107	99
CO	157,466	175,397	164,140	104	94
DE-MD	7,206	6,405	6,909	96	108
FL	4,355	3,879	3,934	90	101
GA	40,558	41,515	41,994	104	101
HI	1,191	*1,279	1,324	111	104
ID	43,971	45,182	43,984	100	97
IL	233,492	230,875	233,674	100	101
IN	59,679	67,100	71,103	119	106
IA	654,762	583,027	590,989	90	101
KS	411,226	447,170	417,487	102	93
KY	58,258	54,320	56,748	97	104
LA	2,388	2,452	2,431	102	99
MI	90,204	94,808	97,973	109	103
MN	182,267	188,089	189,732	104	101
MS	29,824	26,115	29,476	99	113
MO	46,660	61,808	60,741	130	98
MT	1,649	1,659	1,480	90	89
NE	489,256	526,582	519,084	106	99
NV	120	98	105	87	106
N ENG 2/	4,006	3,466	3,403	85	98
NJ	2,882	3,155	3,098	107	98
NM	2,223	1,951	1,940	87	99
NY	8,586	9,182	8,750	102	95
NC	119,673	143,427	149,626	125	104
ND	10,783	11,192	12,124	112	108
OH	30,785	31,761	30,071	98	95
OK	5,808	4,534	4,429	76	98
OR	3,150	3,531	3,528	112	100
PA	97,225	102,416	100,555	103	98
SC	15,335	14,223	14,061	92	99
SD	118,893	108,768	117,361	99	108
TN	19,891	17,521	17,131	86	98
TX	338,707	385,016	362,966	107	94
UT	40,900	36,908	33,923	83	92
VA	82,178	78,962	79,661	97	101
WA	49,814	58,688	54,306	109	93
WV	2,427	2,637	2,441	101	93
WI	81,324	89,976	88,132	108	98
WY	539	317	524	97	165
US	3,665,980	*3,794,448	3,747,071	102	99

* Revised.

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,
November 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	1.2	1.5	1,010	1,149	829	760
AZ	31.3	37.5	36,358	41,616	1,161	1,111
AR	2.8	2.9	2,637	2,606	955	892
CA	82.9	88.2	101,377	108,671	1,223	1,233
CO	198.0	212.0	243,163	257,454	1,228	1,215
DE-MD	3.3	3.3	3,945	4,017	1,201	1,213
FL						
GA						
HI	1.3	1.4	1,247	1,367	938	998
ID						
IL						
IN	7.0	6.1	7,210	6,306	1,029	1,032
IA	148.1	155.9	181,812	188,757	1,227	1,211
KS	531.8	543.5	643,234	652,137	1,210	1,200
KY	5.6	6.5	5,871	6,538	1,043	1,010
LA	2.4	2.6	1,935	1,984	805	765
MI						
MN	94.9	99.4	118,479	123,728	1,249	1,244
MS						
MO	12.9	19.2	13,864	21,048	1,076	1,094
MT	1.7	1.7	2,063	2,018	1,187	1,182
NE	534.3	567.9	657,234	694,681	1,230	1,223
NV	.1	.1	154	136	1,123	1,086
N ENG 2/	3.8	3.6	4,065	3,730	1,066	1,051
NJ	1.8	1.9	2,100	2,248	1,150	1,179
NM	4.4	3.4	4,000	3,192	905	930
NY	6.0	6.7	6,262	6,971	1,038	1,046
NC	14.0	16.6	14,553	16,521	1,041	995
ND						
OH	11.6	11.4	13,087	12,761	1,126	1,123
OK	4.3	4.1	4,131	3,917	951	966
OR	1.8	1.8	2,153	2,476	1,211	1,341
PA	86.7	91.3	107,050	111,641	1,234	1,223
SC						
SD	23.4	23.5	25,425	28,752	1,086	1,224
TN						
TX	489.7	526.1	540,132	582,247	1,103	1,107
UT						
VA	2.5	2.0	2,618	1,939	1,069	982
WA	66.5	72.2	81,896	89,609	1,231	1,241
WV	2.6	2.6	2,324	2,256	903	853
WI	115.1	125.5	140,561	152,053	1,222	1,211
WY	.6	.6	689	708	1,126	1,103
US 3/	2,808.0	2,967.4	3,343,194	3,525,891	1,191	1,188

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 operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	15.1	15.1	4,750	5,579	314	369
CO						
DE-MD	.9	1.1	424	438	459	412
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	8.8	9.8	3,799	3,944	432	403
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.1	2.8	1,047	1,299	490	462
MI	6.3	7.3	1,678	1,787	266	245
MN						
MS						
MO	.1	.2	57	64	380	392
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	6.2	5.7	1,627	1,183	264	208
NJ	3.0	3.5	1,158	1,363	385	390
NM						
NY	19.3	22.1	7,430	7,590	385	344
NC	.1	.1	52	35	389	348
ND						
OH	5.3	4.3	2,529	2,336	480	539
OK	.1	.2	45	67	423	437
OR						
PA	11.4	12.8	4,421	5,209	388	408
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.5	2.2	1,424	839	315	380
UT						
VA						
WA	2.7	2.9	1,234	1,066	450	368
WV						
WI	13.3	15.2	5,784	6,175	436	405
WY						
US 3/	117.0	129.0	43,481	45,879	372	356

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	12.4	10.7	4,936	4,453	399	417
AZ	.9	.9	230	219	248	247
AR	22.6	20.1	8,850	8,231	391	409
CA	155.7	163.5	34,865	36,669	224	224
CO	4.9	4.3	1,214	1,098	247	253
DE-MD	26.5	24.1	6,418	5,880	242	244
FL	12.2	11.9	2,936	2,635	240	221
GA						
HI	3.4	3.7	686	767	202	209
ID						
IL	846.2	825.3	227,038	216,414	268	262
IN	291.1	353.8	72,544	88,673	249	251
IA	2,837.3	2,516.0	751,935	655,236	265	260
KS						
KY	294.2	281.4	75,175	72,352	256	257
LA	5.5	4.6	1,197	969	219	209
MI						
MN	639.8	663.6	160,581	166,356	251	251
MS						
MO						
MT	3.0	2.1	757	524	250	244
NE	502.4	538.0	128,982	136,440	257	254
NV	.2	.2	38	31	250	206
N ENG 2/	4.7	4.3	1,213	988	256	229
NJ						
NM	.4	.3	88	56	212	213
NY	5.8	5.1	1,439	1,111	248	217
NC	624.3	753.9	157,457	194,417	252	258
ND	9.0	7.7	2,143	1,805	238	235
OH	117.7	117.8	30,410	30,699	258	261
OK	16.7	11.6	6,802	4,255	407	366
OR	11.4	13.2	2,889	3,213	254	244
PA	199.0	200.2	48,922	50,448	246	252
SC						
SD	557.9	543.4	148,457	140,989	266	259
TN						
TX	34.4	31.0	11,785	10,944	343	354
UT						
VA	428.8	413.7	108,014	104,995	252	254
WA						
WV	2.2	1.8	768	638	355	354
WI	26.3	25.9	10,402	10,200	396	393
WY	.6	.5	168	139	259	259
US 3/	8,734.1	8,595.2	2,276,561	2,221,584	261	258

- 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 operations.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	138.5	125.5	17,013	15,901	123	127
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	.5	.4	55	46	108	113
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.3	.3	32	35	124	122
KY	.7	.7	83	78	117	117
LA	.2	.2	20	21	83	85
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.4	.3	47	30	115	114
NE	.2	.1	21	12	107	90
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.4	2.9	347	284	101	100
NJ	11.9	11.6	1,106	1,006	93	86
NM	3.1	2.6	350	322	112	122
NY	3.6	3.0	408	290	114	96
NC	.2	.3	20	22	93	79
ND	.1	.1	14	9	129	112
OH	1.0	.9	112	103	115	115
OK	.1	.1	12	6	113	100
OR	.6	.5	70	63	114	117
PA	5.1	3.9	509	320	99	83
SC						
SD	19.0	18.7	2,398	2,486	126	133
TN						
TX						
UT	4.2	3.0	502	332	121	109
VA	2.3	1.6	252	170	112	106
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.7	92	77	116	110
WY	.2	.1	29	16	120	134
US 3/	406.5	377.9	48,827	46,747	120	124

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	:Jan - Nov 1/					:Jan - Nov 1/				
	: Nov : :1994	: Oct : :1995	: Nov : :1995	: Nov : :1994	: Nov : :1995	: Nov : :1994	: Oct : :1995	: Nov : :1995	: Nov : :1994	: Nov : :1995
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,335	1,428	1,364	16,232	16,515	48.7	47.9	47.1	52.9	51.6
Heifers	: 782	930	859	8,619	9,404	28.5	31.2	29.7	28.1	29.4
Dairy Cows	: 251	246	262	2,593	2,594	9.2	8.2	9.0	8.5	8.1
Other Cows	: 325	319	356	2,653	2,865	11.8	10.7	12.3	8.6	9.0
Bulls & Stags	: 51	60	57	580	617	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:2,744	2,982	2,897	30,677	31,994	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:8,065	7,993	8,050	80,528	82,129	94.7	95.6	95.6	94.9	95.1
Sows	: 377	298	306	3,536	3,388	4.4	3.6	3.6	4.2	3.9
Stags & Boars	: 74	67	67	824	804	.9	.8	.8	1.0	.9
Total 1/	:8,516	8,358	8,424	84,888	86,321	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 25	23	24	265	252	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.2
Lambs & Yrlings	: 367	333	341	4,079	3,778	93.6	93.5	93.5	93.9	93.8
Total 1/	: 392	356	364	4,345	4,030	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 711	718	711	717	712					
Steers 4/	: 785	785	785	776	768					
Heifers 4/	: 718	718	718	707	704					
All Cows 4/	: 519	526	524	537	536					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 834	850	843	855	859					
Calves & Vealers	: 219	212	208	228	220					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 189	185	188	185	186					
Sows 5/	: 183	181	184	180	181					
Stags & Boars5/	: 293	292	291	294	291					
Stags & Boars5/	: 230	225	221	219	221					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep6/	: 61	61	62	63	63					
Lamb & Yrlings6/	: 57	58	57	57	58					
Lamb & Yrlings6/	: 61	62	63	63	63					

- 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,
November 1995

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	Total	:	:	:	:	:	:	Total
1/	2/	: Steers	: Heifers	: Dairy	: Other	: Bulls &	: Stags	: 2/

: 1,000 Head								
1	: 2.9	.5	.3	1.7	.1	.3		3/
2	: 8.1	1.6	.5	5.0	.2	.8		31.2
3	: 95.1	41.7	7.7	32.5	10.7	2.5		3/
4	: 70.7	1.9	3.4	24.2	33.8	7.5		20.6
5	: 365.4	152.6	59.0	101.7	42.0	10.1		3/
6	: 528.4	258.9	156.3	11.2	89.6	12.5		3/
7	: 1,275.4	658.9	495.7	29.4	78.9	12.4		51.7
8	: 293.3	128.9	92.7	6.0	61.9	3.9		
9	: 4/							3/
10	: 257.8	118.6	43.6	50.0	38.9	6.7		21.2
US 2/	: 2,897.2	1,363.6	859.2	261.6	356.1	56.7		124.7

: Hogs : Sheep								

: Total		: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &	
: 2/		: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	: 2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings	

: 1,000 Head								
1	: 6/				2.4	1.0		1.4
2	: 6/				14.4	3.7		10.7
3	: 652.2	640.8	11.1	.3	5/			
4	: 1,381.1	1,303.4	76.4	1.3	5/			
5	: 6/				57.4	6.4		51.1
6	: 2,304.5	2,166.7	111.2	26.6	5/			
7	: 6/				74.9	8.0		66.9
8	: 3,898.7	3,753.1	106.6	39.1	5/			
9	: 6/				5/			
10	: 187.4	186.5	.8	.1	215.2	4.5		210.8
US 2/	: 8,423.9	8,050.5	306.1	67.3	364.3	23.6		340.8

- 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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- 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 - November 1995 *

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	Total	:	:	: Dairy	: Other	: Bulls &	: Total	
1/	2/	: Steers	: Heifers	: Cows	: Cows	: Stags	: 2/	
								1,000 Head
1	: 25.7	3.4	2.3	17.2	.4	2.5	3/	
2	: 79.5	13.6	4.4	52.1	1.3	8.1	309.8	
3	: 982.8	461.0	79.5	327.7	88.9	25.7	3/	
4	: 718.8	21.1	36.5	229.4	345.8	85.9	194.0	
5	: 3,749.1	1,718.1	606.8	925.5	371.0	127.8	3/	
6	: 5,974.4	3,234.6	1,747.7	121.2	738.2	132.7	3/	
7	: 14,468.7	8,094.7	5,373.6	286.4	595.1	118.9	542.8	
8	: 3,196.7	1,547.2	1,088.7	67.9	450.3	42.7	.1	
9	: 4/						3/	
10	: 2,798.6	1,421.6	464.1	566.2	274.2	72.5	221.2	
US	: 31,994.2	16,515.2	9,403.5	2,593.6	2,865.2	616.7	1,267.8	
								Hogs
								: Sheep
: Total		: Barrows	:	: Stags &	: Total	: Mature	: Lambs &	
:	: 2/	: & Gilts	: Sows	: Boars	: 2/	: Sheep	: Yearlings	
								1,000 Head
1	: 6/				26.5	10.4	16.1	
2	: 6/				174.5	44.3	130.2	
3	: 6,730.9	6,595.6	124.6	10.6	5/			
4	: 13,218.9	12,438.5	766.3	14.1	5/			
5	: 6/				632.7	69.5	563.3	
6	: 22,507.1	20,935.7	1,236.6	334.9	5/			
7	: 6/				739.3	76.6	662.7	
8	: 41,840.5	40,151.1	1,245.6	443.8	5/			
9	: 6/				5/			
10	: 2,024.1	2,008.1	15.2	.7	2,456.8	51.0	2,405.8	
US	: 86,321.4	82,128.9	3,388.3	804.2	4,029.9	251.8	3,778.2	

* 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,
November 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL	.1						
AZ	37.0	35.9	1.1				
AR	2.2	.4	.2	.1	1.4	.1	
CA	87.6	23.9	5.0	39.2	16.6	2.9	15.0
CO	211.3	107.6	73.2	1.1	29.3	.2	
DE-MD	3.3	2.5	.5	.2		.1	1.1
FL							
GA							
HI	1.4	.3	.2	.2	.6	.1	
ID							
IL							9.7
IN							
IA	154.0	66.5	52.0	24.7	5.9	4.7	
KS	539.0	321.0	215.4	.3	2.0	.3	
KY	5.0	.9	2.9	.6	.5	.1	
LA							
MI							7.2
MN	95.1	31.3	17.4	20.6	21.7	4.1	
MS							
MO	16.9	1.3	.6	1.6	12.6	.8	
MT	1.0	.4	.2		.3	.1	
NE	565.5	270.1	227.6	2.8	58.4	6.6	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.9	.5	.3	1.7	.1	.3	5.7
NJ	1.9	.6	.1	.7	.2	.3	
NM	3.0	.4	.2	.9	1.4	.1	
NY	6.3	1.0	.4	4.3		.5	22.0
NC	15.3	.2	.1	7.9	4.6	2.6	
ND							
OH	4.3	.3	.3	2.5	.6	.6	4.2
OK	1.1	.1	.1	.3	.5	.1	
OR	1.5	.7	.4	.1	.2	.2	
PA	90.8	39.0	7.0	32.1	10.3	2.4	12.8
SC							
SD	21.4	.1	.1	1.2	18.7	1.3	
TN							
TX	521.8	257.9	155.7	9.9	86.1	12.1	1.6
UT							
VA							
WA	72.2	32.8	24.8	6.0	8.1	.5	2.9
WV	.2	.1	.1				
WI	120.9	40.6	5.6	58.4	12.7	3.6	15.2
WY							
US 3/	2,897.2	1,363.6	859.2	261.6	356.1	56.7	124.7

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2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
November 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	19.4	8.5	10.9				
CA	157.0	156.8	.2				
CO	3.5	3.4	.2		125.4	.1	125.3
DE-MD	24.1	23.7	.2	.2			
FL							
GA							
HI	3.7	3.6	.1				
ID					.2		.2
IL	793.1	721.6	49.6	21.9			
IN	348.9	347.0	.3	1.7			
IA	2,512.6	2,418.6	54.9	39.0			
KS							
KY	280.0	271.6	8.4		.6	.5	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	659.8	659.7					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.6	1.5	.1		.1		.1
NE	536.0	535.9	.1				
NV	.2	.1					
N ENG	3.3	3.2	.1		2.4	1.0	1.4
NJ					11.4	2.8	8.6
NM	.1	.1			2.2	1.7	.5
NY	4.6	4.5	.1		3.0	.9	2.1
NC	728.2	719.6	8.5		.1	.1	
ND	6.7	6.7					
OH	105.7	95.6	10.1		.2		.2
OK	9.7	3.9	5.8				
OR	12.9	12.5	.3	.1	.3	.1	.2
PA	199.6	198.3	1.2		3.8	.5	3.3
SC							
SD	541.4	497.9	43.5		18.6		18.6
TN							
TX	15.3	5.9	9.3	.1			
UT					2.6	2.3	.3
VA	412.3	403.1	9.2		1.5	.1	1.3
WA							
WV							
WI	19.9	.5	19.3	.1			
WY							
US 3/	8,423.9	8,050.5	306.1	67.3	364.3	23.6	340.8

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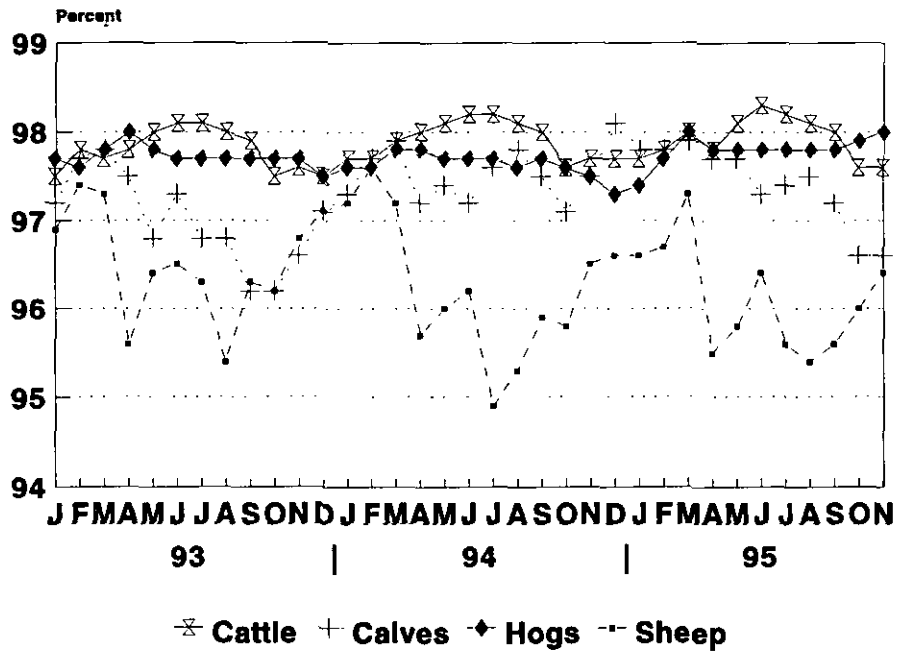
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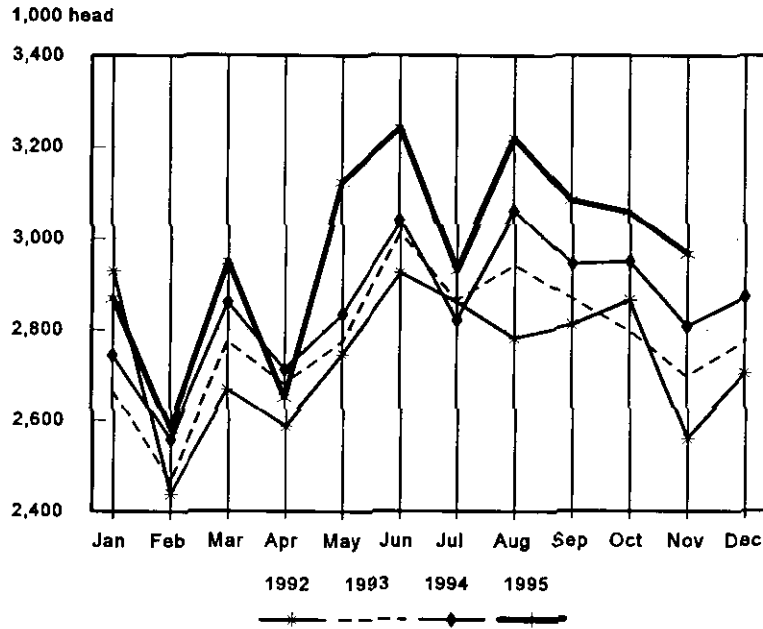
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	Nov		Jan - Nov	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	Percent			
Cattle	97.7	97.6	97.9	97.9
Calves	97.5	96.6	97.5	97.4
Hogs	97.5	97.9	97.7	97.8
Sheep	96.5	96.0	96.3	96.2

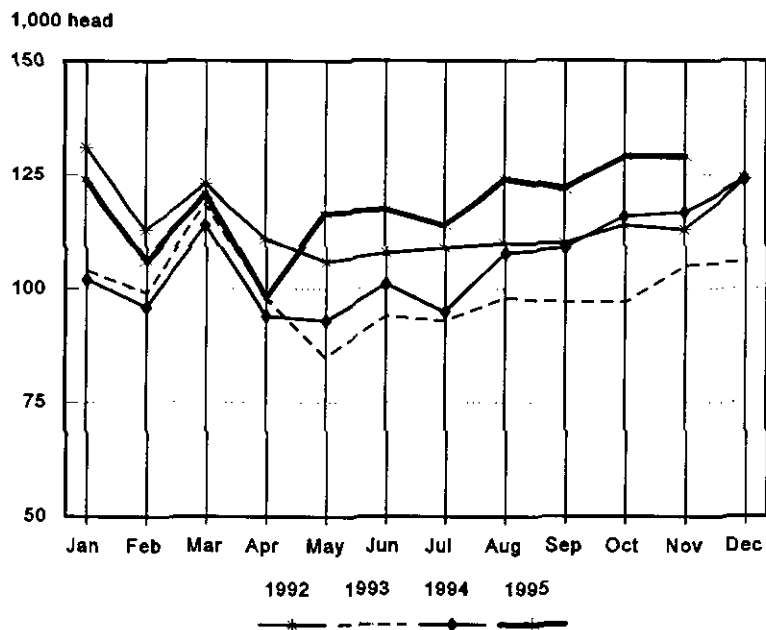
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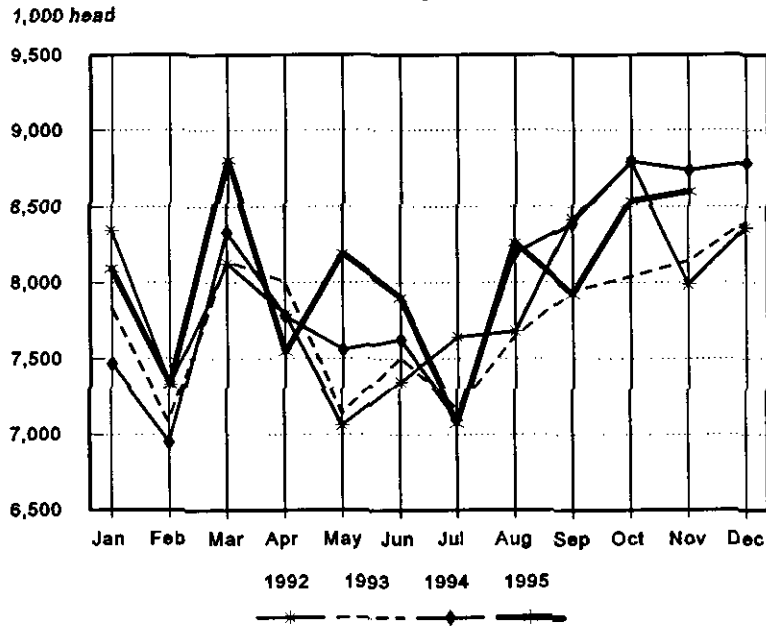
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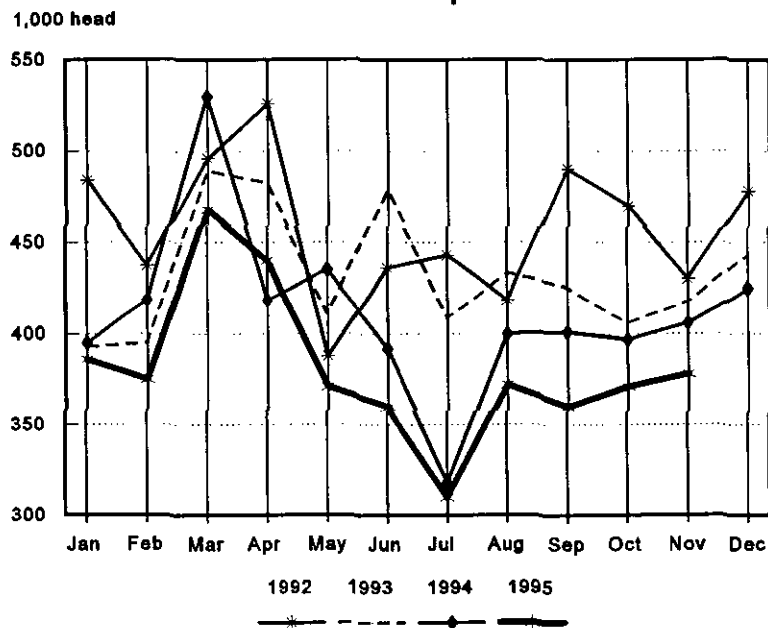
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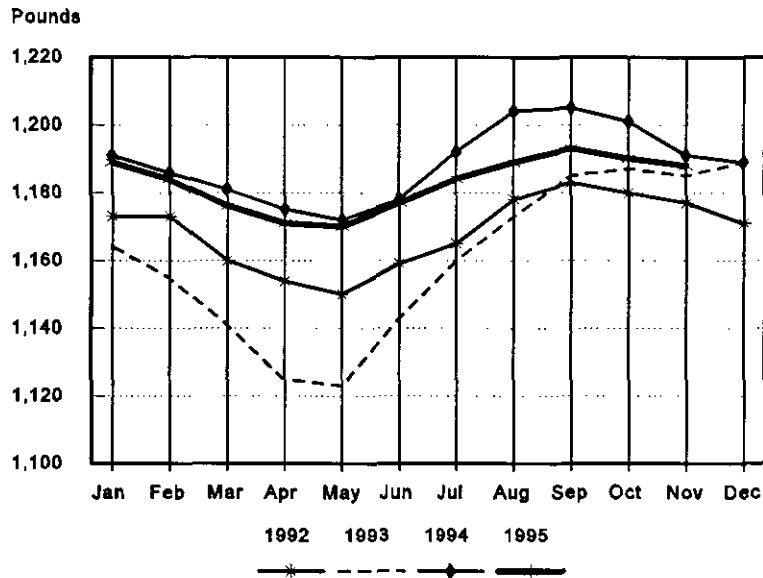
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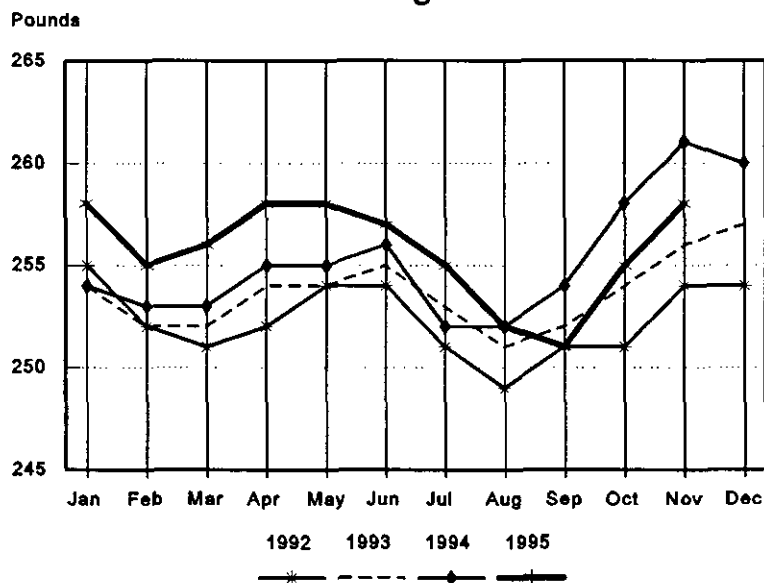
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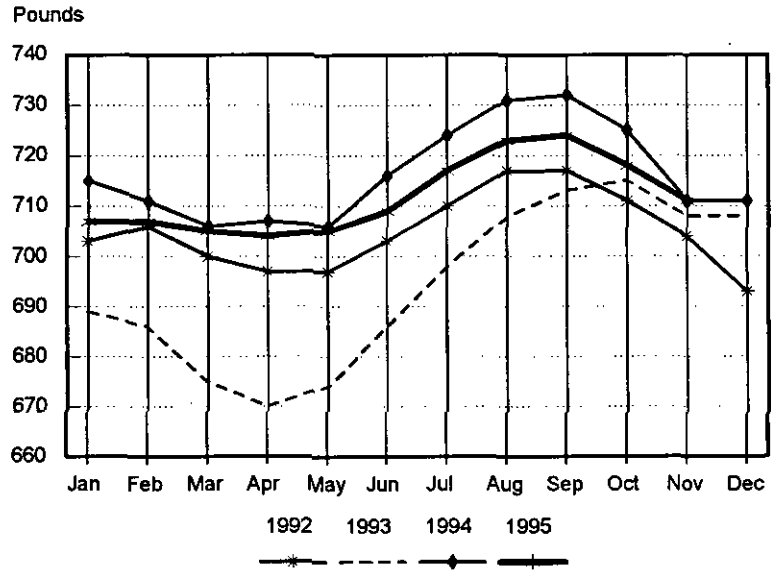
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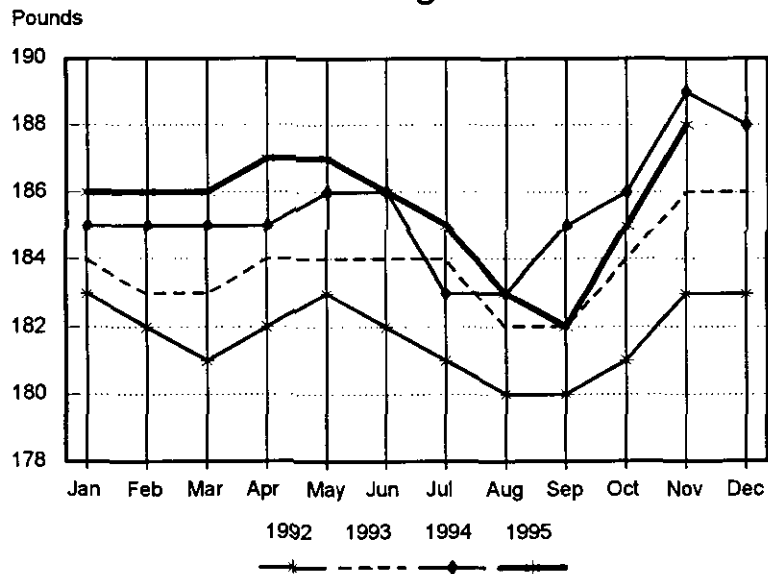
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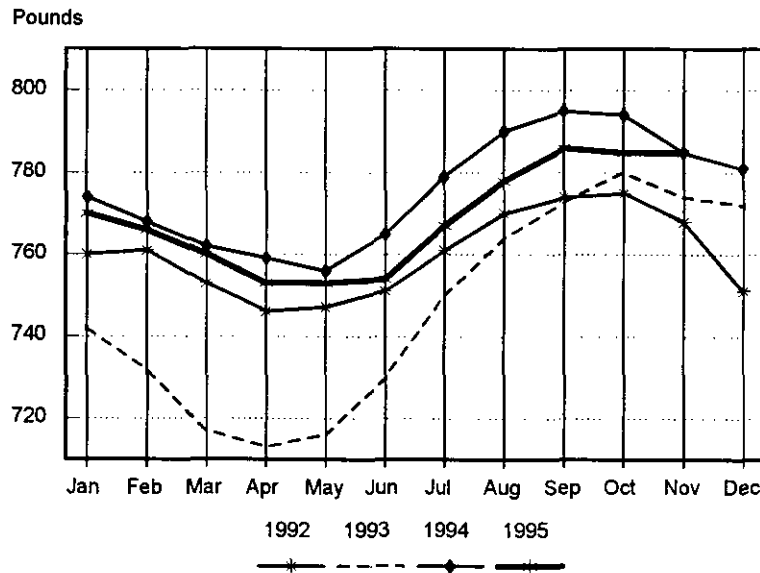
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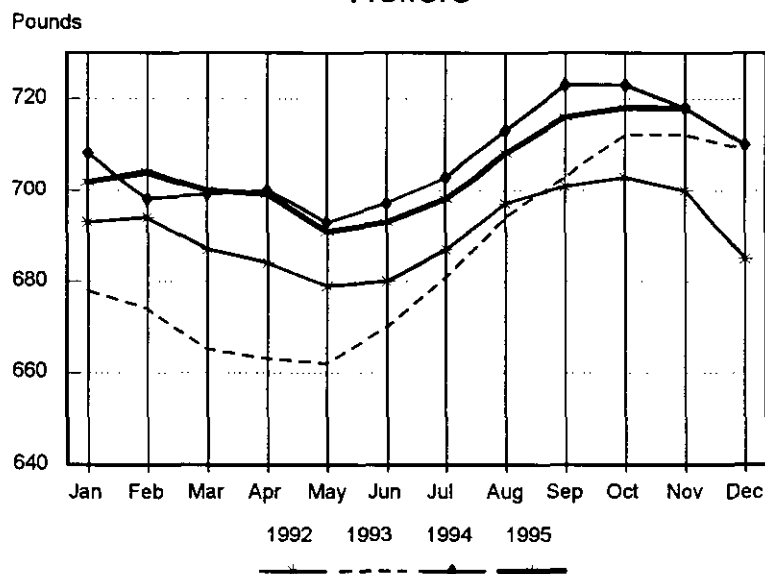
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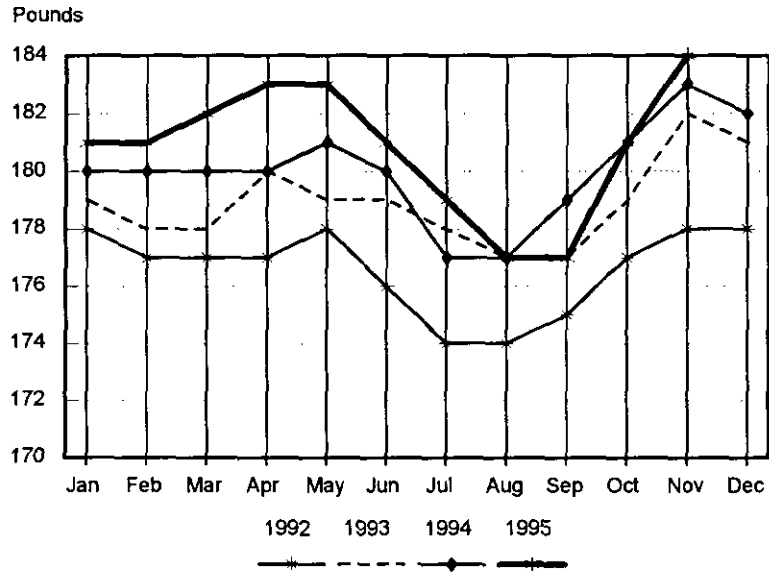
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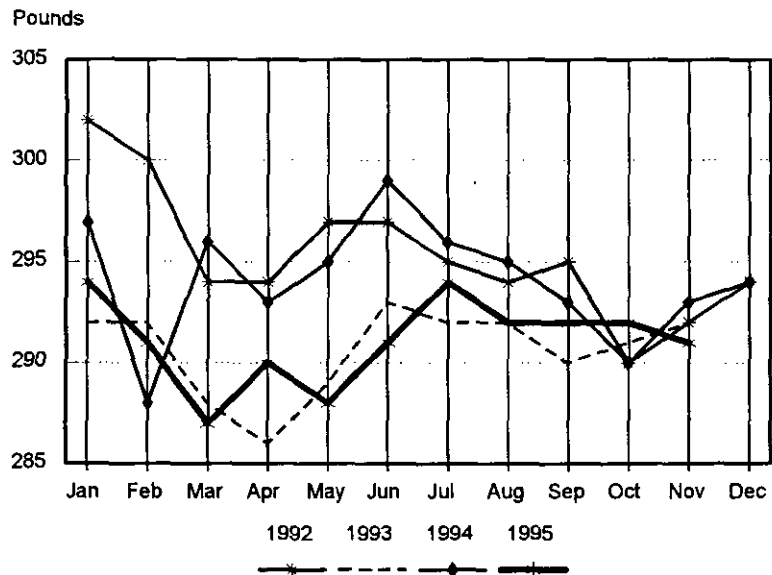
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U. S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U. S. Monthly Federally Inspected 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 (FI head kill) X (1 - condemnation factor) X (average dressed weight) = 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 (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = 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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