

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Drops

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.55 billion pounds during December. This production was 5 percent below last year.

December 1995 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 1994 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Head kill totaled 2.81 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight at 1,193 pounds was up 4 pounds from last year.

Veal production totaled 26.0 million pounds, unchanged from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 128,700, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 15 pounds to 354 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.51 billion pounds was down 8 percent from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.06 million head, 8 percent below December 1994. The average live weight was down 3 pounds to 257 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 23.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from December 1994. Slaughter totaled 370,800 head, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 126 pounds.

January-December red meat production was 43.4 billion pounds up 2 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent, veal was up 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent, but lamb and mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Dec	: Nov	: Dec	: Dec 95 % of	Jan - Dec 2/				
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1995	: Dec : Nov	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995	: 95 as % of 94
	:--- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	:2,020	2,089	1,990	98	95	24,278	25,036	103	
Veal	: 26	27	26	100	99	283	307	108	
Pork	:1,642	1,609	1,506	92	94	17,659	17,810	101	
Lamb & Mutton	: 26	23	23	89	99	306	284	93	
Total Red Meat	:3,715	3,747	3,545	95	95	42,526	43,437	102	

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	: Dec	: Nov	: Dec	: Dec 95 % of	Jan - Dec 2/				
	: 1994	: 1995	: 1995	: Dec : Nov	: 1994	: 1995	: 1994	: 1995	: 95 as % of 94
	: --- Million Pounds --			Percent		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	: 1,984	2,050	1,951	98	95	23,875	24,615	103	
Veal	: 26	25	25	98	100	276	298	108	
Pork	: 1,603	1,580	1,477	92	93	17,293	17,467	101	
Lamb & Mutton	: 25	23	22	88	99	297	275	93	
Total Red Meat	: 3,638	3,678	3,476	96	94	41,741	42,656	102	

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	: Dec 95 % of :			Jan - Dec 2/				
		Dec 1994	Nov 1995	Dec 1995	Dec 1994	Nov 1995	Dec 1995		
Percent									
Cattle No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	2,805.7*	2,897.3	2,740.9	98	95	33,482.5	34,735.2	104
Other	:Thou:	65.1	70.2	70.0	107	100	713.9	747.3	105
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	2,870.8*	2,967.5	2,810.9	98	95	34,196.5	35,482.5	104
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,193	1,192	1,197	100	100	1,193	1,187	99
Other	:Lbs :	1,020	1,010	1,018	100	101	1,026	1,023	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,189	1,188	1,193	100	100	1,189	1,184	100
Calves No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	121.3	124.7	125.2	103	100	1,236.8	1,393.0	113
Other	:Thou:	2.3	4.4	3.6	155	82	31.2	37.5	120
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	123.6	129.0	128.7	104	100	1,268.0	1,430.5	113
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	367	353	354	96	100	383	371	96
Other	:Lbs :	391	427	418	107	98	408	417	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	369	356	354	96	100	383	372	97
Hogs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	8,546.8	8,423.9	7,881.0	92	94	93,435.3	94,202.5	101
Other	:Thou:	239.3	171.3	178.1	74	104	2,261.1	2,125.2	94
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,786.1	8,595.2	8,059.1	92	94	95,696.4	96,327.6	101
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	260	259	258	99	99	256	257	100
Other	:Lbs :	236	235	232	99	99	230	229	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	260	258	257	99	100	255	256	100
Sheep&Lambs No.									
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	411.1	364.3	358.1	87	98	4,755.8	4,388.0	92
Other	:Thou:	14.5	13.5	12.8	88	94	182.5	174.1	95
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	425.6	377.9	370.8	87	98	4,938.2	4,562.1	92
Live Wt/Hd									
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	125	125	127	101	101	126	127	100
Other	:Lbs :	95	94	98	103	104	95	97	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	123	124	126	102	101	125	125	100

* Revised.

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	Dec 1994	Nov 1995	Dec 1995	Dec 95 as % of	
	1,000 Pounds			Dec 1994	Nov 1995
				Percent	
AL	3,575	3,534	3,207	90	91
AZ	21,149	25,725	24,269	115	94
AR	7,158	6,513	6,471	90	99
CA	87,759	89,963	85,894	98	95
CO	169,745	164,140	162,901	96	99
DE-MD	7,485	6,909	7,003	94	101
FL	3,882	3,934	4,931	127	125
GA	38,769	41,994	37,145	96	88
HI	1,168	1,324	1,333	114	101
ID	42,509	43,984	43,062	101	98
IL	235,403	233,674	210,723	90	90
IN	61,119	71,103	70,821	116	100
IA	648,590	590,989	549,715	85	93
KS	436,284	417,487	415,221	95	99
KY	57,494	56,748	48,266	84	85
LA	2,385	2,431	2,133	89	88
MI	93,677	97,973	93,586	100	96
MN	183,865	189,732	170,351	93	90
MS	26,176	29,476	22,403	86	76
MO	51,057	60,741	57,712	113	95
MT	1,685	1,480	1,398	83	94
NE	487,781	519,084	501,061	103	97
NV	111	105	89	80	85
N ENG 2/	3,729	3,403	3,156	85	93
NJ	3,262	3,098	3,123	96	101
NM	1,695	1,940	1,580	93	81
NY	9,483	8,750	8,967	95	102
NC	121,676	149,626	142,564	117	95
ND	10,505	*12,169	10,456	100	86
OH	33,420	30,071	28,605	86	95
OK	5,430	4,429	4,657	86	105
OR	3,046	3,528	3,120	102	88
PA	97,946	100,555	95,495	97	95
SC	16,557	14,061	14,056	85	100
SD	120,061	117,361	107,402	89	92
TN	20,729	17,131	17,393	84	102
TX	341,519	362,966	339,361	99	93
UT	38,015	33,923	32,393	85	95
VA	75,573	79,661	71,712	95	90
WA	54,321	54,306	54,681	101	101
WV	2,294	2,441	1,979	86	81
WI	86,447	88,132	84,286	98	96
WY	485	524	520	107	99
US	3,715,021	*3,747,116	3,545,198	95	95

* 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,
December 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	.9	1.0	757	765	823	768
AZ	30.7	35.0	35,378	38,888	1,151	1,110
AR	2.7	3.1	2,427	2,745	901	891
CA	82.5	80.9	102,002	99,402	1,236	1,229
CO	215.5	205.9	261,263	253,684	1,212	1,232
DE-MD	3.2	3.0	3,895	3,693	1,202	1,216
FL						
GA						
HI	1.0	1.3	949	1,253	991	986
ID						
IL						
IN	6.9	6.4	7,029	6,470	1,020	1,017
IA	146.3	143.0	179,614	171,694	1,227	1,200
KS	565.0	536.0	683,205	650,277	1,209	1,213
KY	5.8	5.7	5,834	5,596	1,004	983
LA	2.1	2.0	1,794	1,582	849	794
MI						
MN	92.2	92.1	116,209	114,140	1,261	1,239
MS						
MO	15.6	18.9	16,488	20,501	1,059	1,084
MT	1.9	1.6	2,161	1,929	1,156	1,175
NE	538.9	544.9	665,964	671,879	1,236	1,233
NV	.1	.1	120	102	1,142	1,049
N ENG 2/	3.5	3.1	3,535	3,372	1,023	1,091
NJ	1.7	1.7	1,972	1,990	1,139	1,159
NM	3.3	2.7	2,958	2,484	909	937
NY	6.3	6.6	6,559	6,810	1,040	1,038
NC	13.5	14.3	13,923	14,296	1,029	999
ND						
OH	12.1	9.8	13,500	11,009	1,113	1,129
OK	4.1	4.3	4,090	4,132	997	959
OR	1.8	1.4	2,232	1,917	1,214	1,326
PA	83.7	80.3	103,581	98,020	1,238	1,221
SC						
SD	22.7	21.8	24,717	26,682	1,087	1,225
TN						
TX	493.1	488.7	540,126	541,121	1,095	1,107
UT						
VA	2.7	2.2	2,311	2,124	848	982
WA	72.3	73.9	89,503	90,202	1,238	1,221
WV	1.9	1.8	1,784	1,654	916	914
WI	121.8	121.1	148,545	147,042	1,219	1,214
WY	.5	.7	594	746	1,096	1,091
US 3/	2,870.8	2,810.9	3,413,066	3,353,523	1,189	1,193

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,
December 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	13.9	17.4	4,886	6,356	352	365
CO						
DE-MD	.7	1.8	317	759	442	432
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL	9.4	9.7	3,853	4,040	411	416
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	1.8	2.2	967	994	525	451
MI	7.1	7.8	1,636	1,793	231	228
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	68	81	395	398
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	6.5	5.5	1,761	1,199	270	217
NJ	3.1	3.0	1,308	1,279	418	433
NM						
NY	21.3	22.3	8,016	7,770	377	349
NC						
ND						
OH	5.7	4.5	2,926	2,185	511	481
OK	.1	.1	62	56	433	406
OR						
PA	12.8	13.1	5,060	5,404	397	412
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.8	1.5	1,065	773	224	515
UT						
VA						
WA	3.0	3.0	1,395	1,136	461	379
WV						
WI	15.2	13.8	6,040	5,620	397	408
WY						
US 3/	123.6	128.7	45,615	45,606	369	354

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
December 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	11.8	10.1	4,852	4,266	412	424
AZ	1.0	.9	254	201	243	227
AR	23.5	19.0	9,232	8,051	393	423
CA	176.8	169.7	40,439	37,035	229	218
CO	4.8	4.1	1,194	1,027	247	254
DE-MD	29.0	24.8	6,861	5,926	237	239
FL	9.9	17.7	2,142	3,945	215	223
GA						
HI	4.4	4.3	849	864	192	200
ID						
IL	844.0	763.1	224,096	199,880	266	262
IN	301.4	354.8	74,721	88,609	248	250
IA	2,808.4	2,342.0	743,155	607,063	265	259
KS						
KY	292.3	238.2	74,614	61,097	255	257
LA	6.4	5.8	1,308	1,121	204	195
MI						
MN	662.0	587.1	164,781	146,955	249	250
MS						
MO						
MT	3.0	2.0	736	489	247	241
NE	496.9	520.8	121,379	131,114	244	252
NV	.2	.2	51	34	248	197
N ENG 2/	4.6	3.9	1,151	916	251	233
NJ						
NM	.2	.2	51	55	214	223
NY	8.9	7.5	2,071	1,404	234	187
NC	633.3	741.1	159,965	187,250	253	253
ND	9.3	6.8	2,201	1,605	236	236
OH	131.0	116.7	33,431	29,950	255	257
OK	15.6	11.5	6,066	4,546	390	394
OR	10.9	12.3	2,691	3,022	248	246
PA	217.0	211.9	55,287	53,811	255	254
SC						
SD	567.7	489.9	149,306	127,831	263	261
TN						
TX	34.7	31.7	12,701	10,533	366	332
UT						
VA	392.1	369.8	99,591	93,822	254	254
WA						
WV	2.1	1.6	729	561	350	355
WI	30.8	24.7	11,912	9,791	387	396
WY	.7	.4	172	100	255	273
US 3/	8,786.1	8,059.1	2,280,851	2,073,790	260	257

- 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,
December 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	142.6	130.1	18,384	16,483	129	127
DE-MD						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID	.4	.4	44	45	107	111
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.1	20	14	123	112
KY	.8	.7	92	82	120	119
LA	.2	.2	15	17	73	84
MI						
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.4	.3	45	29	111	115
NE	.1	.1	8	15	97	122
NV						
N ENG 2/	3.1	2.5	309	254	99	101
NJ	13.9	12.0	1,274	1,091	92	91
NM	3.8	3.0	405	368	108	121
NY	4.7	3.6	515	354	109	98
NC	.2	.2	18	17	84	86
ND	.1	.1	11	11	120	120
OH	1.0	.9	106	106	105	113
OK	.1	.1	14	14	123	120
OR	.5	.4	55	45	117	117
PA	6.4	5.0	650	439	101	88
SC						
SD	19.8	19.5	2,494	2,634	126	135
TN						
TX						
UT	4.7	3.2	539	343	114	109
VA	2.2	1.8	236	197	109	110
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.6	87	67	116	110
WY	.2	.2	23	21	116	134
US 3/	425.6	370.8	52,523	46,557	123	126

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Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	:Jan - Dec 1/					:Jan - Dec 1/				
	: Dec	: Nov	: Dec	: Dec	: Dec	: Nov	: Dec	: Dec	: Dec	: Dec
	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995	:1994	:1995	:1995	: 1994	: 1995
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/ Cattle										
Steers	:1,419	1,364	1,372	17,651	17,887	50.6	47.1	50.1	52.7	51.5
Heifers	: 770	859	771	9,389	10,175	27.5	29.7	28.1	28.0	29.3
Dairy Cows	: 265	262	248	2,858	2,841	9.5	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.2
Other Cows	: 302	356	303	2,955	3,168	10.8	12.3	11.0	8.8	9.1
Bulls & Stags	: 49	57	47	629	664	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.9
Total 1/	:2,806	2,897	2,741	33,483	34,735	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:8,087	8,050	7,533	88,615	89,662	94.6	95.6	95.6	94.8	95.2
Sows	: 380	306	288	3,917	3,676	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.2	3.9
Stags & Boars	: 80	67	60	904	864	.9	.8	.8	1.0	.9
Total 1/	:8,547	8,424	7,881	93,435	94,202	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 27	24	22	292	274	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.2
Lambs & Yrlings	: 384	341	336	4,463	4,114	93.5	93.5	93.7	93.9	93.8
Total 1/	: 411	364	358	4,756	4,388	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed Weight 3/										
	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle 4/	: 711	711	715	717	712					
Steers 4/	: 781	785	784	776	769					
Heifers 4/	: 710	718	721	707	706					
All Cows 4/	: 527	524	528	536	535					
Bulls & Stags4/	: 843	843	840	854	858					
Calves & Vealers	: 217	208	208	227	218					
Hogs	: 188	188	188	185	186					
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 182	184	183	180	181					
Sows 5/	: 294	291	294	294	292					
Stags & Boars5/	: 229	221	226	219	221					
Sheep	: 62	62	63	63	63					
Mature Sheep6/	: 57	57	57	57	58					
Lamb & Yrlings6/	: 62	63	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,
December 1995

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves			
Federal :										
Regions	Total	:	:	:	:	:	:	Total		
1/	2/	:	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	2/		
		1,000 Head								
1	2.6	:	.4	.3	1.6		.3	3/		
2	7.9	:	1.4	.5	5.1	.3	.6	30.7		
3	83.8	:	34.2	6.7	30.9	10.2	1.8	3/		
4	64.5	:	1.8	2.8	22.0	31.8	6.1	22.3		
5	330.6	:	133.9	53.0	95.7	39.1	8.9	3/		
6	489.5	:	269.6	131.9	10.3	66.7	11.0	3/		
7	1,231.8	:	680.6	444.8	26.6	71.2	8.5	47.5		
8	281.1	:	128.8	89.9	5.5	52.5	4.4			
9	4/	:						3/		
10	249.1	:	121.1	41.1	50.0	31.0	5.9	24.7		
US 2/	2,740.9	:	1,371.9	771.0	247.7	302.7	47.5	125.2		
		Hogs							:	Sheep
		1,000 Head								
		Total	Barrows	:	Stags &	:	Total	Mature	Lambs &	
		2/	& Gilts	:	Boars	:	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
		1,000 Head								
1	6/	:				2.3	1.0	1.3		
2	6/	:				15.2	3.4	11.8		
3	625.8	:	614.2	11.5	.1	5/				
4	1,279.2	:	1,200.6	77.1	1.5	5/				
5	6/	:				56.3	6.7	49.6		
6	2,152.3	:	2,023.4	107.6	21.3	5/				
7	6/	:				73.3	6.7	66.6		
8	3,633.7	:	3,505.9	90.9	36.9	5/				
9	6/	:				5/				
10	190.0	:	189.2	.7	.1	211.0	4.6	206.4		
US 2/	7,881.0	:	7,533.3	287.8	59.9	358.1	22.4	335.7		

- 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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- 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 - December 1995 *

Standard :		Cattle					: Calves	
Federal :								
Regions	Total	:	:	Dairy	Other	Bulls &	Total	
1/	2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Cows	Stags	2/	
		1,000 Head						
1	28.4	3.8	2.5	18.8	.5	2.7	3/	
2	87.4	15.0	4.8	57.2	1.6	8.7	340.5	
3	1,066.6	495.3	86.2	358.6	99.0	27.5	3/	
4	783.2	22.8	39.4	251.4	377.6	92.0	216.3	
5	4,079.7	1,852.0	659.8	1,021.1	410.0	136.7	3/	
6	6,464.0	3,504.2	1,879.6	131.5	804.9	143.7	3/	
7	15,700.5	8,775.3	5,818.4	313.0	666.4	127.4	590.3	
8	3,477.8	1,676.0	1,178.6	73.4	502.8	47.0	.1	
9	4/						3/	
10	3,047.7	1,542.7	505.2	616.2	305.1	78.5	245.8	
US	34,735.2	17,887.1	10,174.6	2,841.3	3,168.0	664.2	1,393.0	
		Hogs					: Sheep	
		1,000 Head						
	Total	Barrows	:	Stags &	Total	Mature	Lambs &	
	2/	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
1	6/				28.8	11.4	17.4	
2	6/				189.7	47.7	142.0	
3	7,356.7	7,209.8	136.1	10.8	5/			
4	14,498.1	13,639.1	843.4	15.6	5/			
5	6/				689.0	76.1	612.9	
6	24,659.5	22,959.1	1,344.2	356.2	5/			
7	6/				812.7	83.4	729.3	
8	45,474.2	43,657.0	1,336.5	480.7	5/			
9	6/				5/			
10	2,214.0	2,197.3	15.9	.8	2,667.8	55.6	2,612.2	
US	94,202.5	89,662.2	3,676.1	864.1	4,388.0	274.2	4,113.8	

* 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,
December 1995 1/

State	Cattle						Calves
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Total 2/
	1,000 Head						
AL							
AZ	34.6	33.2	1.3				
AR	2.4	.5	.2	.1	1.5	.1	
CA	80.4	24.0	3.8	37.8	12.1	2.8	17.3
CO	205.2	107.3	72.2	.6	24.9	.1	
DE-MD	3.0	2.3	.4	.2		.1	1.8
FL							
GA							
HI	1.3	.3	.2	.2	.6		
ID							
IL							9.6
IN							
IA	140.9	64.4	47.9	21.3	4.2	3.2	
KS	532.7	347.3	183.3	.2	1.7	.3	
KY	3.9	.8	2.4	.3	.3	.1	
LA							
MI							7.8
MN	87.1	28.1	16.5	19.0	20.2	3.3	
MS							
MO	15.6	1.4	.9	2.3	10.3	.8	
MT	.9	.3	.2		.3	.1	
NE	542.6	267.5	212.8	2.9	55.1	4.3	
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	2.6	.4	.3	1.6		.3	5.5
NJ	1.7	.6	.1	.6	.1	.2	
NM	2.4	.4	.2	.9	.8	.1	
NY	6.2	.8	.4	4.4	.2	.4	22.2
NC	13.2	.3	.1	6.8	3.9	2.1	
ND							
OH	3.4	.3	.3	1.8	.5	.5	4.4
OK	1.0	.1		.2	.5	.1	
OR	1.1	.7	.2	.1	.1	.1	
PA	79.9	31.7	6.2	30.5	9.9	1.7	13.1
SC							
SD	19.7	.1	.1	1.3	16.5	1.8	
TN							
TX	483.5	268.7	131.5	9.0	63.7	10.6	1.0
UT							
VA							
WA	73.8	36.0	24.9	5.3	7.1	.5	3.0
WV	.1	.1					
WI	116.3	38.1	5.1	57.6	11.9	3.5	13.7
WY							
US 3/	2,740.9	1,371.9	771.0	247.7	302.7	47.5	125.2

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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 operations.

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

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	8.1	.1	6.5	1.5			
AZ							
AR	18.4	7.6	10.7				
CA	161.7	161.5	.2				
CO	3.4	3.2	.2		130.0	.1	129.9
DE-MD	24.7	24.4	.2	.1			
FL							
GA							
HI	4.3	4.2	.1				
ID					.2		.2
IL	728.9	661.0	49.8	18.1			
IN	350.0	349.7	.1	.2			
IA	2,338.9	2,260.0	42.0	36.9			
KS							
KY	236.4	228.3	8.0		.7	.5	.2
LA							
MI							
MN	582.2	582.2					
MS							
MO							
MT	1.5	1.5			.1		.1
NE	518.8	518.6	.1				
NV	.2	.2					
N ENG	3.3	3.2			2.3	1.0	1.3
NJ					11.6	2.7	9.0
NM					2.6	2.0	.6
NY	7.1	7.0	.1		3.6	.8	2.8
NC	718.9	711.0	7.8				
ND	6.2	6.1	.1				
OH	104.6	94.2	10.4		.2		.2
OK	9.4	4.1	5.2				
OR	12.1	11.8	.3	.1	.2		.2
PA	211.5	210.2	1.2		4.9	.8	4.1
SC							
SD	488.0	446.6	41.4		19.3		19.3
TN							
TX	13.9	6.0	7.7	.1			
UT					2.8	2.5	.3
VA	368.0	358.3	9.7		1.7	.2	1.5
WA							
WV							
WI	19.0	.5	18.5	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,881.0	7,533.3	287.8	59.9	358.1	22.4	335.7

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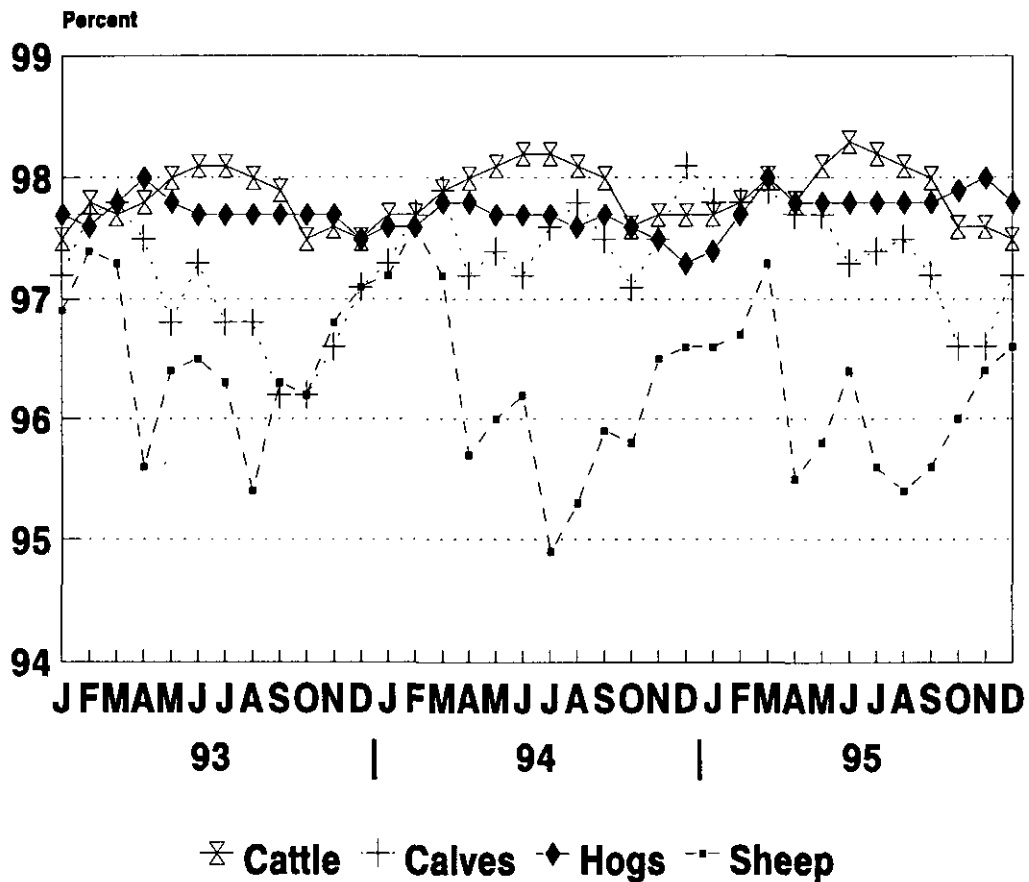
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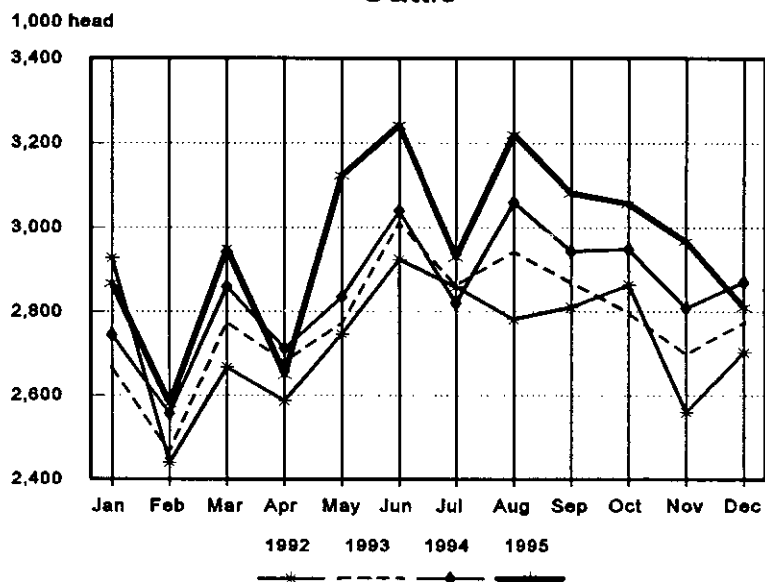
Federally Inspected Slaughter: Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter by Species, United States

Species	1994		1995		Jan - Dec	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	1994	1995	
	Percent					
Cattle	97.7	97.6	97.5	97.9	97.9	
Calves	98.1	96.6	97.2	97.5	97.4	
Hogs	97.3	98.0	97.8	97.6	97.8	
Sheep	96.6	96.4	96.6	96.3	96.2	

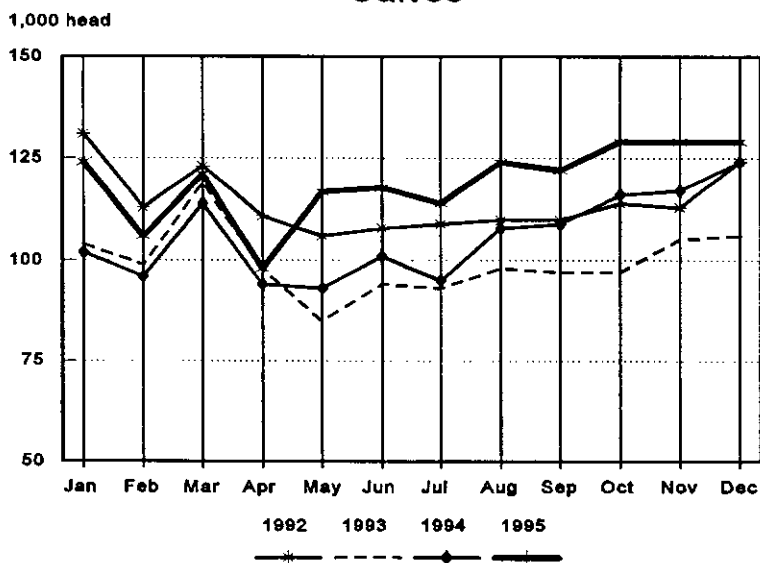
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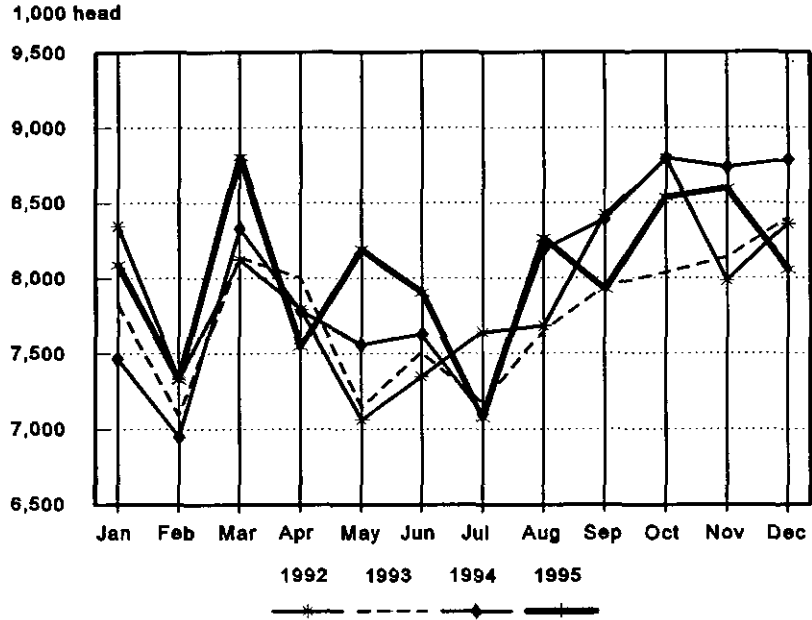
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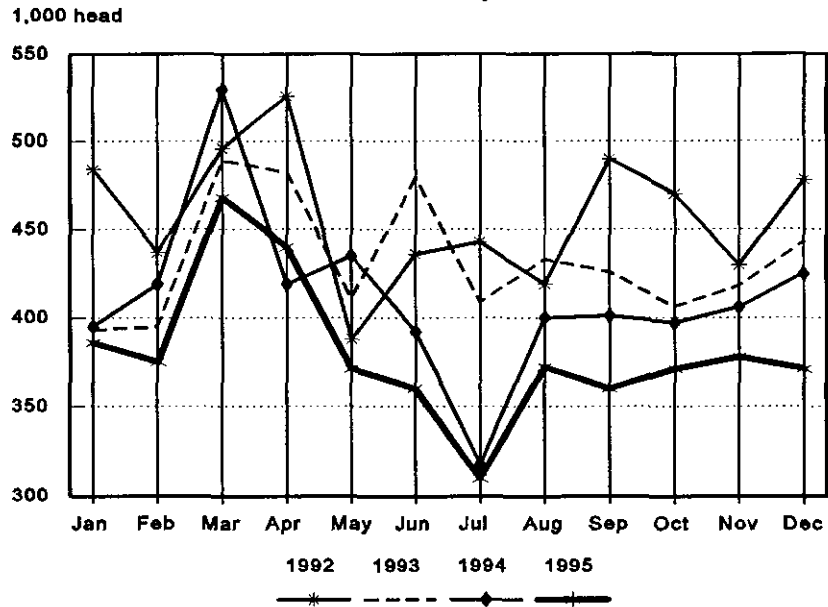
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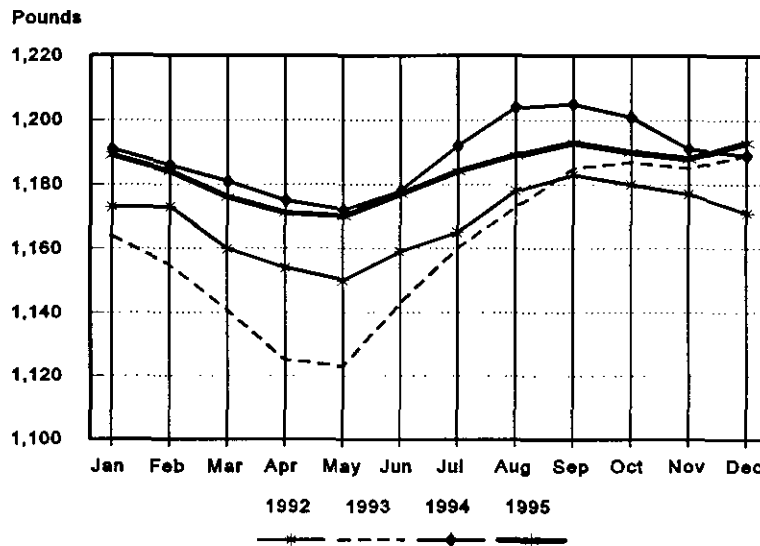
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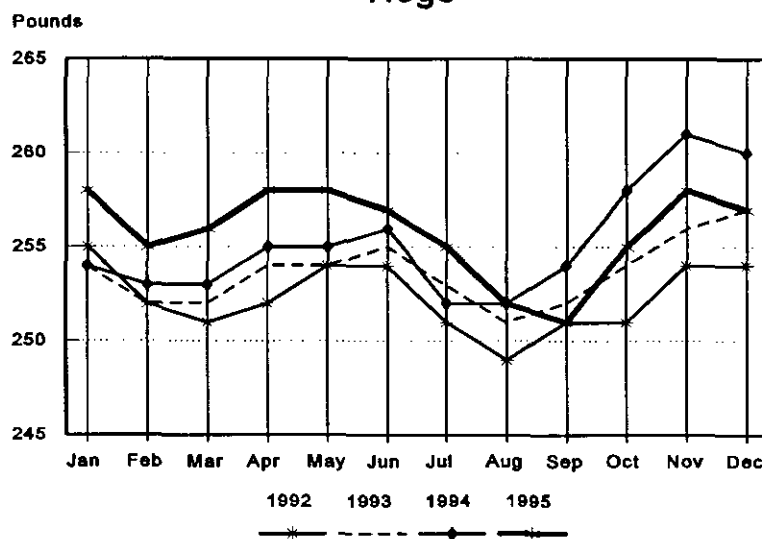
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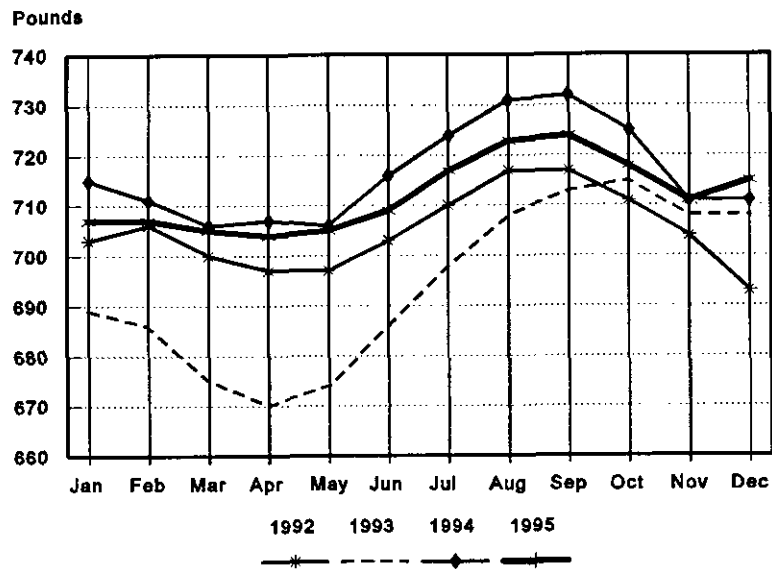
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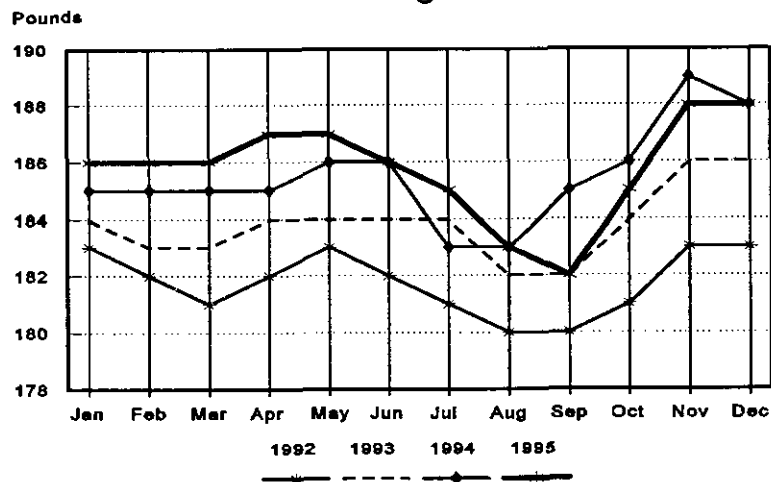
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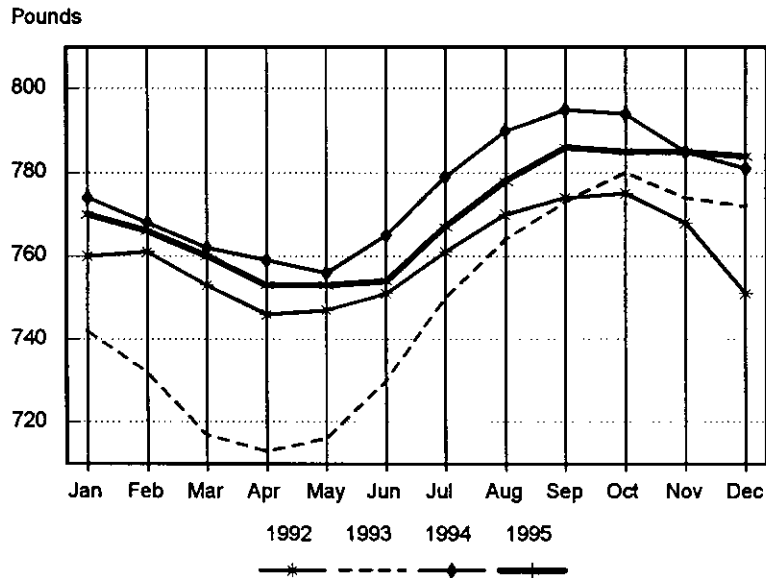
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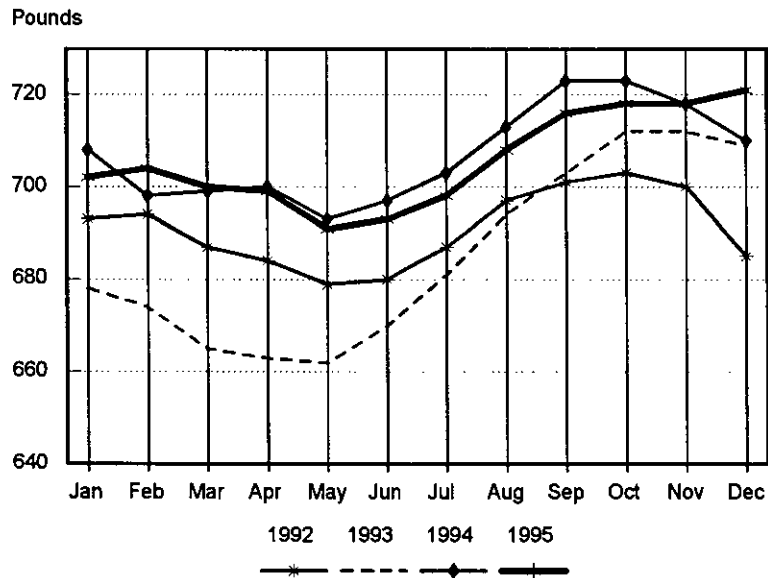
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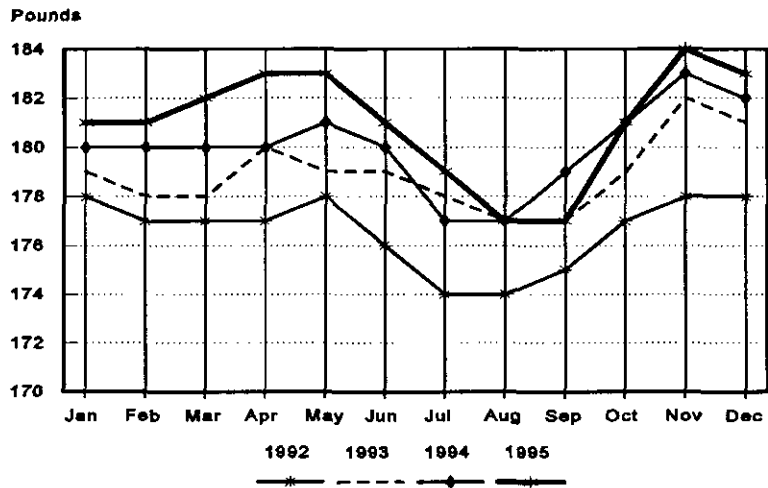
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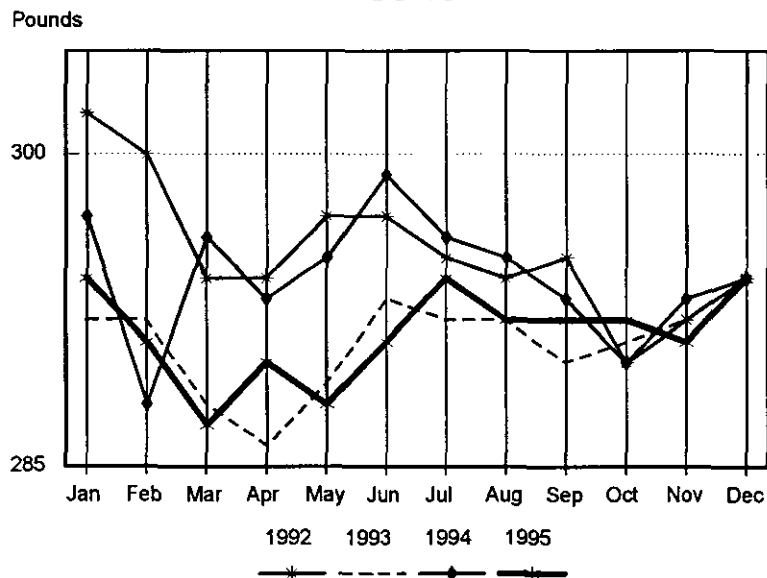
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U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Commercial Slaughter 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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