



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Commercial Red Meat Production in March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in March, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 7 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, slightly below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,800 head, up slightly from March 2009. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 11 percent from March 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 262,300 head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2010 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

March 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

March 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Type	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2010 as % of		January - March ¹		
				March 2009	February 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,144.0	1,955.7	2,212.1	103	113	6,247.9	6,250.8	100
Veal	12.2	10.7	12.2	100	113	35.2	34.5	98
Pork	1,969.7	1,757.4	2,039.9	104	116	5,814.0	5,607.4	96
Lamb and mutton	15.9	12.3	17.6	111	143	41.9	42.8	102
Total red meat	4,141.9	*3,736.2	4,281.7	103	115	12,139.0	11,935.5	98

* Revised.

¹ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Type	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2010 as % of		January - March ¹		
				March 2009	February 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,112.6	1,927.2	2,180.7	103	113	6,153.6	6,159.0	100
Veal	12.0	*10.5	11.9	99	114	34.4	33.7	98
Pork	1,955.2	1,745.0	2,025.1	104	116	5,771.6	5,567.9	96
Lamb and mutton	15.3	11.9	17.0	111	144	40.2	41.1	102
Total red meat	4,095.1	3,694.5	4,234.7	103	115	11,999.9	11,801.7	98

* Revised.

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Livestock Slaughter, Number of Head and Average Live Weight - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Species	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2010 as % of 2009	January - March ¹		
					2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,680.8	*2,502.9	2,863.6	107	7,827.7	8,023.3	102
Other 1,000	48.7	44.6	49.1	101	148.0	144.2	97
Commercial 1,000	2,729.5	2,547.6	2,912.7	107	7,975.6	8,167.5	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,307	1,287	1,275	98	1,310	1,285	98
Other pounds	1,145	1,136	1,135	99	1,140	1,134	99
Commercial pounds	1,305	1,285	1,273	98	1,307	1,282	98
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	78.8	72.9	78.8	100	235.5	233.3	99
Other 1,000	1.0	1.1	1.1	109	3.1	3.4	109
Commercial 1,000	79.8	74.0	79.8	100	238.5	236.6	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	261	244	257	98	253	245	97
Other pounds	416	429	429	103	410	431	105
Commercial pounds	263	247	259	98	255	248	97
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,574.2	8,618.6	9,947.0	104	28,260.7	27,403.3	97
Other 1,000	82.7	72.6	83.5	101	242.4	228.0	94
Commercial 1,000	9,656.9	8,691.2	10,030.5	104	28,503.1	27,631.3	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	272	271	272	100	272	272	100
Other pounds	244	239	246	101	244	242	99
Commercial pounds	272	270	272	100	272	271	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	209.7	*167.4	249.4	119	557.2	589.9	106
Other 1,000	11.7	11.1	12.9	110	32.8	37.4	114
Commercial 1,000	221.4	*178.5	262.3	118	590.1	627.3	106
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	146	143	137	94	145	140	97
Other pounds	106	83	89	84	101	90	89
Commercial pounds	143	139	135	94	142	137	96
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	55.7	39.3	58.3	105	147.8	140.5	95
Other 1,000	14.8	9.3	10.9	73	40.3	34.5	86
Commercial 1,000	70.5	48.6	69.1	98	188.2	175.0	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	62	63	63	101	62	62	101
Other pounds	70	62	71	101	70	66	94
Commercial pounds	63	63	64	101	63	63	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.7	4.1	5.2	112	13.3	14.0	105
Other 1,000	1.2	1.1	1.0	83	4.0	3.3	82
Commercial 1,000	5.9	5.2	6.2	106	17.2	17.3	100

* Revised.

¹ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production - State and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2010 as % of 2009 ¹
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	2.1	1.5	2.0	94
Alaska	-	-	-	-
Arizona	31.2	29.9	34.1	109
Arkansas	4.5	4.7	5.5	121
California	143.7	126.4	148.1	103
Colorado	169.4	169.5	193.8	114
Delaware-Maryland	3.5	2.7	3.8	108
Florida	8.1	8.1	10.2	125
Georgia	9.4	8.9	10.6	113
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	0.9	97
Idaho	19.4	16.1	17.4	89
Illinois	238.6	209.1	240.2	101
Indiana	145.6	133.6	140.6	97
Iowa	587.0	528.8	623.6	106
Kansas	425.3	402.9	442.0	104
Kentucky	48.5	43.3	50.4	104
Louisiana	0.7	0.5	0.6	86
Michigan	43.6	36.7	46.9	108
Minnesota	214.7	203.6	233.0	109
Mississippi	2.2	1.9	2.4	109
Missouri	154.2	128.1	154.1	100
Montana	0.9	1.4	1.2	131
Nebraska	595.9	528.7	596.9	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	67
New England ²	1.2	1.0	1.1	94
New Jersey	4.1	*3.9	4.8	116
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	89
New York	2.9	2.4	3.0	104
North Carolina	218.6	205.8	221.0	101
North Dakota	2.5	3.2	3.6	144
Ohio	25.7	22.9	26.1	101
Oklahoma	90.2	89.6	102.2	113
Oregon	4.7	4.0	4.9	104
Pennsylvania	106.3	97.3	120.1	113
South Carolina	19.2	18.5	21.9	114
South Dakota	98.6	70.3	89.6	91
Tennessee	18.7	17.3	21.6	116
Texas	433.6	365.5	415.9	96
Utah	41.9	38.6	39.2	94
Virginia	39.2	38.3	50.3	128
Washington	70.4	66.3	74.4	106
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	0.7	105
Wisconsin	112.9	102.5	122.2	108
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.4	89
United States	4,141.9	*3,736.2	4,281.7	103

* Revised.

- Represents zero.

¹ Percentages based on unrounded data.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter - States and United States: March 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.7	0.7	668	674	938	971
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	43.2	47.4	56,483	61,300	1,311	1,297
Arkansas	1.0	1.0	958	933	1,006	977
California	137.2	149.4	177,621	189,845	1,314	1,293
Colorado	189.6	225.6	257,022	294,927	1,357	1,308
Delaware-Maryland	3.9	4.1	5,120	5,382	1,307	1,317
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	16.4	18.6	16,355	18,844	1,002	1,019
Hawaii	1.0	1.1	1,192	1,163	1,221	1,071
Idaho	26.3	23.7	33,884	29,719	1,307	1,275
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.2	3.8	3,378	3,970	1,056	1,055
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	508.6	547.1	654,881	685,887	1,288	1,254
Kentucky	2.2	1.9	2,026	1,886	931	974
Louisiana	0.7	0.5	517	381	766	786
Michigan	50.3	55.6	69,379	75,506	1,387	1,365
Minnesota	70.2	77.2	99,440	109,410	1,425	1,424
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	111	111	787	598
Missouri	8.2	8.0	9,976	9,505	1,217	1,189
Montana	1.1	1.5	1,355	1,781	1,225	1,209
Nebraska	548.7	579.5	749,197	759,720	1,367	1,313
Nevada	0.1	0.1	141	87	1,078	998
New England ¹	1.2	1.3	1,248	1,299	1,083	1,034
New Jersey	2.8	3.3	3,218	3,798	1,160	1,148
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	490	482	1,019	1,090
New York	2.5	2.8	3,050	3,328	1,232	1,191
North Carolina	17.3	17.5	20,212	20,355	1,172	1,170
North Dakota	1.3	2.4	1,521	2,969	1,216	1,245
Ohio	9.3	9.6	11,391	11,500	1,233	1,210
Oklahoma	2.6	2.5	2,973	2,619	1,154	1,041
Oregon	2.8	3.0	3,399	3,476	1,257	1,206
Pennsylvania	76.7	87.5	96,905	109,808	1,277	1,271
South Carolina	11.8	15.3	13,253	16,595	1,138	1,102
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.0	4.7	2,539	3,733	858	816
Texas	556.0	558.8	692,363	672,792	1,248	1,207
Utah	(D)	48.2	(D)	63,779	(D)	1,327
Virginia	1.1	1.1	1,112	1,117	1,011	1,054
Washington	89.5	93.0	115,801	121,431	1,299	1,310
West Virginia	0.8	0.8	947	896	1,191	1,080
Wisconsin	135.9	150.4	181,679	197,727	1,352	1,328
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	735	620	1,190	1,100
United States	2,729.5	2,912.7	3,548,711	3,693,228	1,305	1,273

- Represents zero.

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¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Commercial Calf Slaughter - States and United States: March 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2009 (pounds)	2010 (pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	22.2	21.2	2,467	2,212	113	106
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware-Maryland	0.2	0.2	52	65	269	274
Florida	0.1	-	21	-	353	-
Georgia	0.1	0.1	34	25	482	463
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	3.9	1.9	1,423	819	375	434
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	158	231	522	535
Michigan	1.6	1.6	705	668	433	419
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	0.1	-	30	-	353
Missouri	0.1	0.1	22	18	435	326
Montana	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	3.4	(D)	338	(D)	102	(D)
New Jersey	5.8	6.5	2,523	2,735	437	420
New Mexico	0.1	-	6	-	123	-
New York	12.7	11.4	1,488	1,169	121	106
North Carolina	0.1	0.2	79	81	531	521
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	4.6	10.4	2,188	2,491	478	245
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	24	27	437	438
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.6	11.0	4,952	4,652	426	425
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	-	37	-	452	-
Texas	3.1	3.3	585	937	190	291
Utah	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	(D)	0.1	(D)	32	(D)	349
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Wisconsin	(D)	8.8	(D)	3,841	(D)	437
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	79.8	79.8	20,771	20,382	263	259

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Commercial Hog Slaughter - States and United States: March 2009 and 2010

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2009 (pounds)	2010 (pounds)
Alabama	7.2	6.8	3,089	2,892	432	428
Alaska	-	0.1	-	13	-	252
Arizona	0.2	0.2	40	47	247	248
Arkansas	13.4	16.4	6,057	7,500	453	459
California	222.5	215.7	54,386	51,770	245	240
Colorado	0.6	0.7	162	173	257	258
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.6	378	428	258	264
Florida	6.9	6.9	1,163	1,007	168	146
Georgia	6.3	7.0	1,636	1,728	260	246
Hawaii	1.3	1.3	313	324	234	243
Idaho	9.7	9.6	2,470	2,405	256	252
Illinois	837.4	834.4	233,455	232,203	279	279
Indiana	704.4	692.9	189,337	182,390	269	263
Iowa	2,704.7	2,865.8	731,207	780,217	271	272
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.5	1.4	347	290	230	205
Michigan	9.4	7.6	3,562	2,975	380	393
Minnesota	811.0	874.9	214,023	231,708	264	266
Mississippi	10.1	10.2	2,984	3,233	295	318
Missouri	708.3	700.9	196,873	197,195	278	282
Montana	0.6	1.0	156	238	244	240
Nebraska	667.8	677.4	180,389	183,021	270	270
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	1.2	1.2	274	280	228	232
New Jersey	8.3	8.9	793	835	95	94
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	25	21	254	253
New York	2.0	1.9	376	353	188	182
North Carolina	1,034.5	1,074.7	275,353	279,413	266	260
North Dakota	9.4	10.6	2,407	2,731	256	258
Ohio	91.5	95.4	25,024	25,057	274	264
Oklahoma	418.4	476.6	116,232	132,350	278	278
Oregon	14.5	15.3	3,683	3,838	255	251
Pennsylvania	245.4	274.4	63,055	71,756	257	262
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	457.6	408.6	119,487	107,778	261	264
Tennessee	56.5	64.5	25,589	28,938	455	449
Texas	36.6	37.2	8,877	8,484	243	228
Utah	4.2	3.5	779	561	186	162
Virginia	188.2	246.2	50,775	65,299	270	265
Washington	1.9	(D)	443	(D)	228	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	132	99	248	238
Wisconsin	45.2	46.5	19,460	20,450	437	444
Wyoming	0.3	0.4	75	99	273	257
United States	9,656.9	10,030.5	2,623,944	2,723,773	272	272

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter - States and United States: March 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	0.1	-	7	-	72
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	0.2	0.2	27	32	108	133
Arkansas	-	0.1	-	8	-	136
California	(D)	31.3	(D)	4,518	(D)	145
Colorado	92.7	103.9	14,992	15,972	162	154
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	4.6	303	462	102	100
Florida	0.6	(D)	32	(D)	52	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.5	11	32	66	63
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	8	133	120
Idaho	0.2	0.2	21	20	126	127
Illinois	(D)	11.7	(D)	1,265	(D)	108
Indiana	2.3	4.0	266	420	113	106
Iowa	34.5	33.1	5,336	5,168	155	156
Kansas	0.2	0.3	24	28	112	109
Kentucky	0.9	1.0	115	118	125	123
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	40	28	89	76
Michigan	15.3	18.0	2,039	2,337	133	131
Minnesota	1.7	0.7	226	80	132	118
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	6	5	62	56
Missouri	0.3	0.4	42	50	121	120
Montana	0.2	0.1	26	15	128	110
Nebraska	-	0.1	-	8	-	122
Nevada	0.1	-	7	-	138	-
New England ¹	2.7	3.6	252	289	95	80
New Jersey	10.1	17.7	815	1,303	81	74
New Mexico	1.4	1.5	208	204	148	140
New York	2.5	5.1	225	419	89	82
North Carolina	0.5	1.1	41	83	74	74
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	0.8	0.8	89	86	109	105
Oklahoma	0.2	0.1	19	14	113	110
Oregon	2.1	2.4	303	335	147	141
Pennsylvania	4.4	4.8	433	430	99	91
South Carolina	0.1	(D)	11	(D)	82	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	23	31	134	132
Tennessee	1.2	1.3	91	101	76	76
Texas	4.9	5.5	502	430	103	79
Utah	3.1	2.8	450	389	144	140
Virginia	1.5	1.2	155	111	102	97
Washington	0.5	0.6	80	98	164	164
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.6	0.8	84	100	134	125
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	12	13	137	122
United States	221.4	262.3	31,734	35,254	143	135

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	January - March		March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	January - March	
				2009	2010				2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)
Cattle										
Steers	1,312	1,191	1,397	3,783	3,847	49.0	47.6	48.8	48.3	47.9
Heifers	832	805	864	2,377	2,482	31.0	32.1	30.2	30.4	30.9
All cows	491	470	549	1,544	1,559	18.3	18.8	19.2	19.7	19.4
Dairy cows	238	223	256	762	712	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.7	8.9
Other cows	253	247	292	782	848	9.4	9.9	10.2	10.0	10.6
Bulls	45	37	54	124	135	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.7
Total	2,681	2,503	2,864	7,828	8,023	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	79	73	79	235	233	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,273	8,357	9,626	27,386	26,546	96.9	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.9
Sows	267	229	281	772	752	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Boars	34	33	40	102	106	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	9,574	8,619	9,947	28,261	27,403	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10	12	15	26	38	4.7	7.2	6.0	4.8	6.5
Lambs and yearlings	200	155	235	531	552	95.3	92.8	94.0	95.2	93.5
Total	210	167	249	557	590	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight, By Class - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	January - March	
				2009	2010
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	791	773	764	789	770
Steers ¹	848	830	820	851	829
Heifers ¹	790	771	760	792	770
All cows ¹	628	621	616	622	615
Bulls ¹	881	867	875	876	868
Calves and vealers	154	145	153	148	146
Hogs	204	203	204	204	203
Barrows and gilts ²	202	200	201	202	201
Sows ²	302	303	304	302	305
Boars ²	199	193	194	199	195
Sheep	73	71	68	72	70
Mature sheep ³	68	68	66	67	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	73	71	69	73	70

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter - Regions and United States: March 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1	1.1	0.5	0.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	6.0	2.0	0.4	3.2	2.9	0.3	0.5	17.9
3	90.3	36.1	9.0	43.5	34.8	8.8	1.6	11.3
4	72.6	2.2	0.8	58.6	11.0	47.6	11.0	0.2
5	361.9	159.1	44.1	148.5	80.0	68.4	10.2	22.9
6	556.6	299.2	156.3	87.8	20.0	67.8	13.3	3.3
7	1,172.4	630.8	468.3	65.2	1.5	63.8	8.1	0.1
8	286.7	131.9	134.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	197.4	87.5	14.0	92.2	81.5	10.7	3.8	21.2
10	118.6	48.0	35.8	31.6	18.2	13.4	3.3	(D)
United States	2,863.6	1,397.2	863.8	548.6	256.5	292.1	54.1	78.8
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	1.0	0.9	-	-	3.3	0.2	3.1	
2	10.7	10.5	(D)	(D)	22.2	2.2	20.0	
3	521.1	504.1	(D)	(D)	11.4	0.8	10.6	
4	1,456.4	1,372.6	82.1	1.8	4.6	1.0	3.6	
5	2,520.3	2,402.1	113.9	4.3	31.0	3.3	27.7	
6	518.0	495.6	22.4	0.1	3.6	1.7	1.9	
7	4,260.2	4,181.4	60.5	18.3	33.6	1.1	32.5	
8	421.7	421.4	0.3	-	106.5	4.0	102.5	
9	211.5	211.5	0.1	-	30.6	0.4	30.3	
10	26.1	26.0	0.1	-	2.5	0.1	2.4	
United States	9,947.0	9,626.1	280.8	40.1	249.4	14.9	234.5	

- Represents zero.

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¹ States included in regions are as follows: 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; 2 - New Jersey, New York; 3 - Delaware-Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee; 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin; 6 - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas; 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 8- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

Federally Inspected Slaughter - Regions and United States: January - March 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle						Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1	3.2	1.4	0.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	16.2	5.5	1.1	8.5	7.3	1.1	1.1	52.4
3	236.8	95.2	23.2	114.5	91.2	23.2	3.9	31.6
4	203.9	5.9	2.0	168.4	36.0	132.4	27.6	0.6
5	1,003.3	425.1	127.7	424.7	223.4	201.3	25.9	66.8
6	1,546.5	788.0	474.3	251.3	57.8	193.4	32.9	12.0
7	3,327.0	1,747.8	1,371.6	188.2	4.9	183.3	19.4	0.2
8	805.4	405.7	343.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	547.9	237.2	41.2	260.1	224.7	35.5	9.3	64.4
10	333.1	135.2	96.9	92.6	47.2	45.4	8.3	(D)
United States	8,023.3	3,847.2	2,482.4	1,559.1	711.5	847.6	134.7	233.3
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.1	5.9	0.6	5.3	
2	29.8	29.3	(D)	(D)	43.8	4.9	38.9	
3	1,342.6	1,296.9	(D)	(D)	24.6	1.6	23.0	
4	4,110.2	3,890.1	215.8	4.3	10.2	2.1	8.1	
5	7,054.6	6,739.8	304.7	10.1	75.9	8.5	67.4	
6	1,434.3	1,369.5	64.6	0.2	8.8	4.4	4.4	
7	11,649.6	11,439.4	161.3	48.9	88.2	1.8	86.4	
8	1,098.9	1,098.2	0.7	-	254.2	12.7	241.4	
9	608.9	608.7	0.2	-	72.7	1.1	71.6	
10	71.6	71.4	0.1	-	5.7	0.4	5.3	
United States	27,403.3	26,545.9	751.8	105.6	589.9	38.1	551.8	

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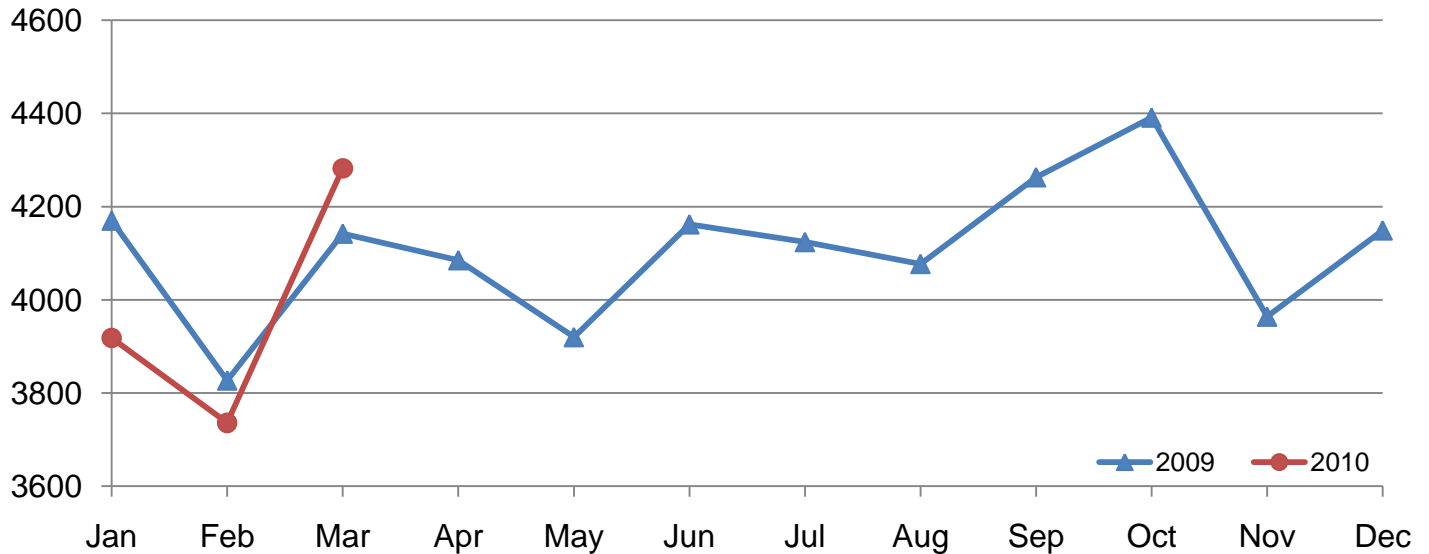
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Federally Inspected Slaughter, Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter - United States

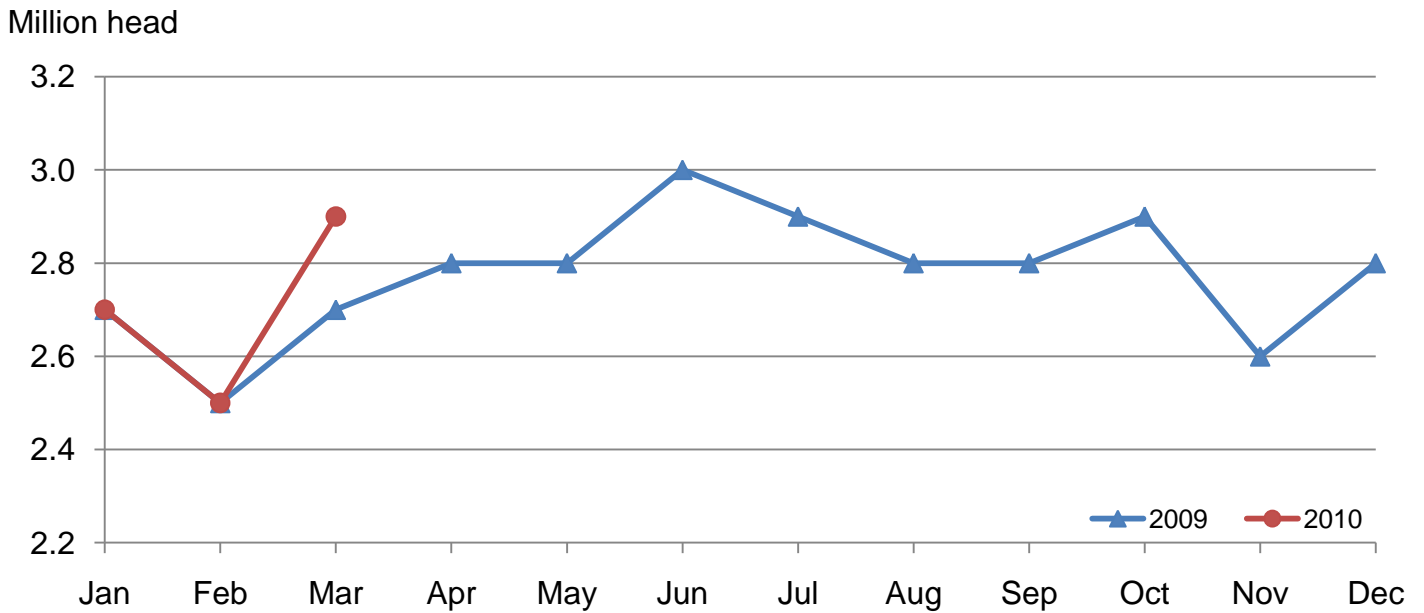
Species	March 2009 (percent)	February 2010 (percent)	March 2010 (percent)	January - March	
				2009 (percent)	2010 (percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.2	98.3	98.1	98.2
Calves	98.8	98.5	98.7	98.7	98.6
Hogs	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2
Sheep	94.7	93.8	95.1	94.4	94.0

Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

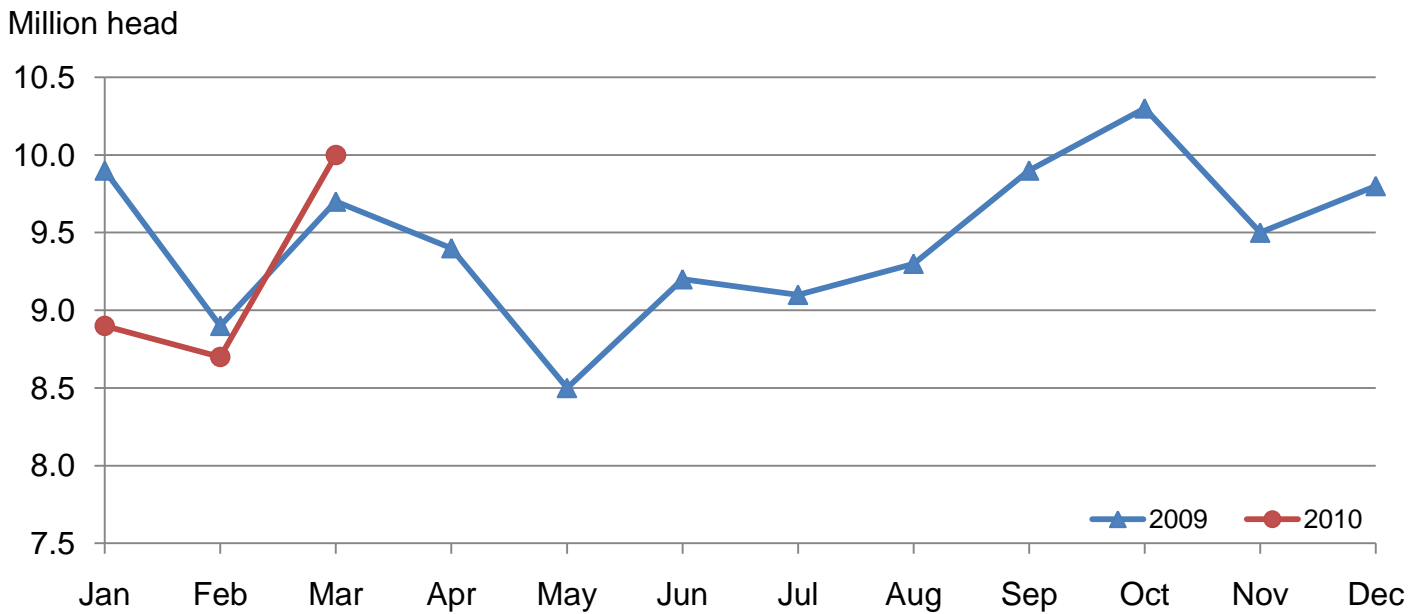
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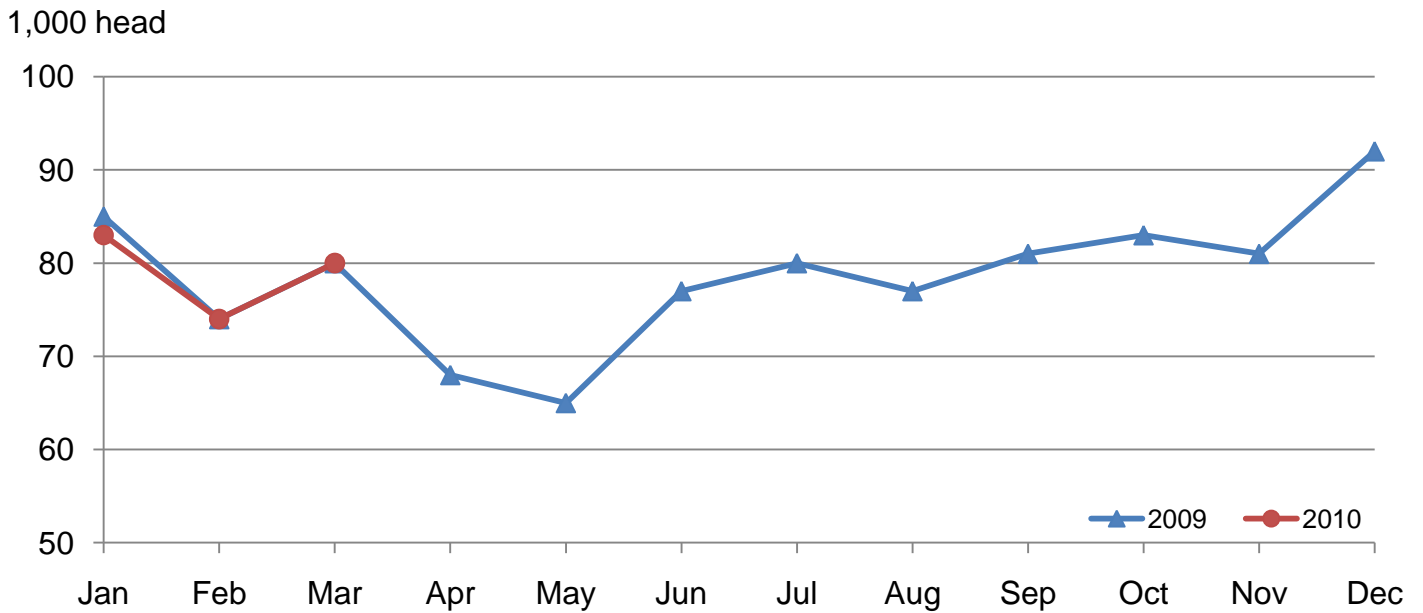
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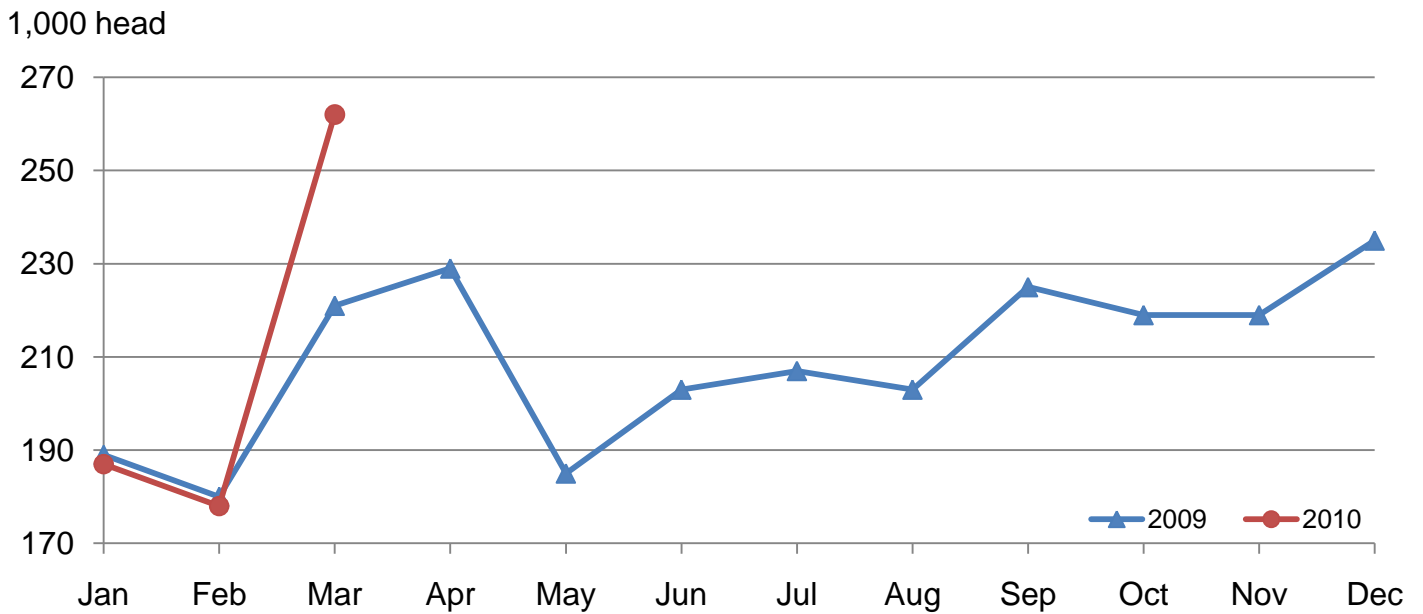
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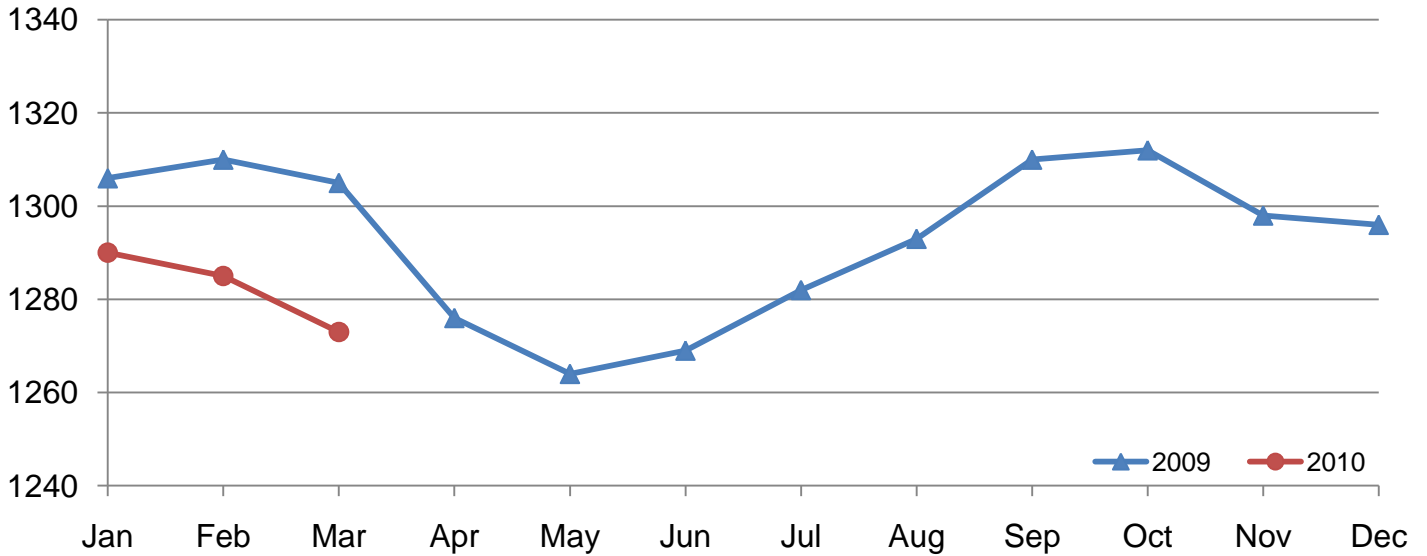


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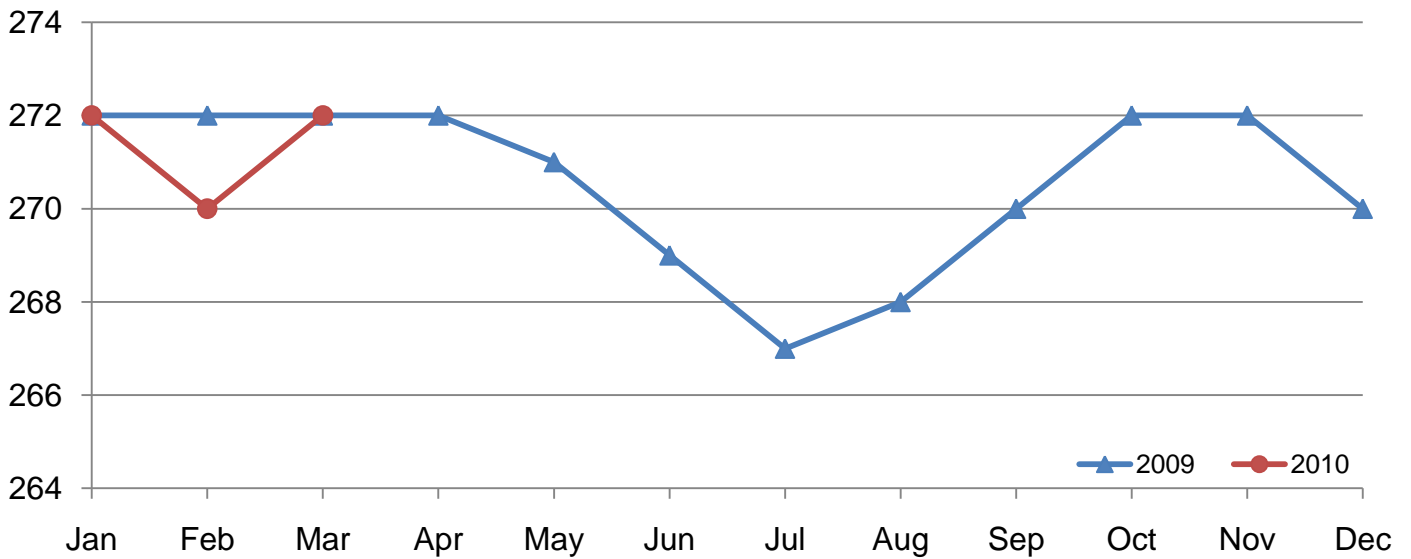
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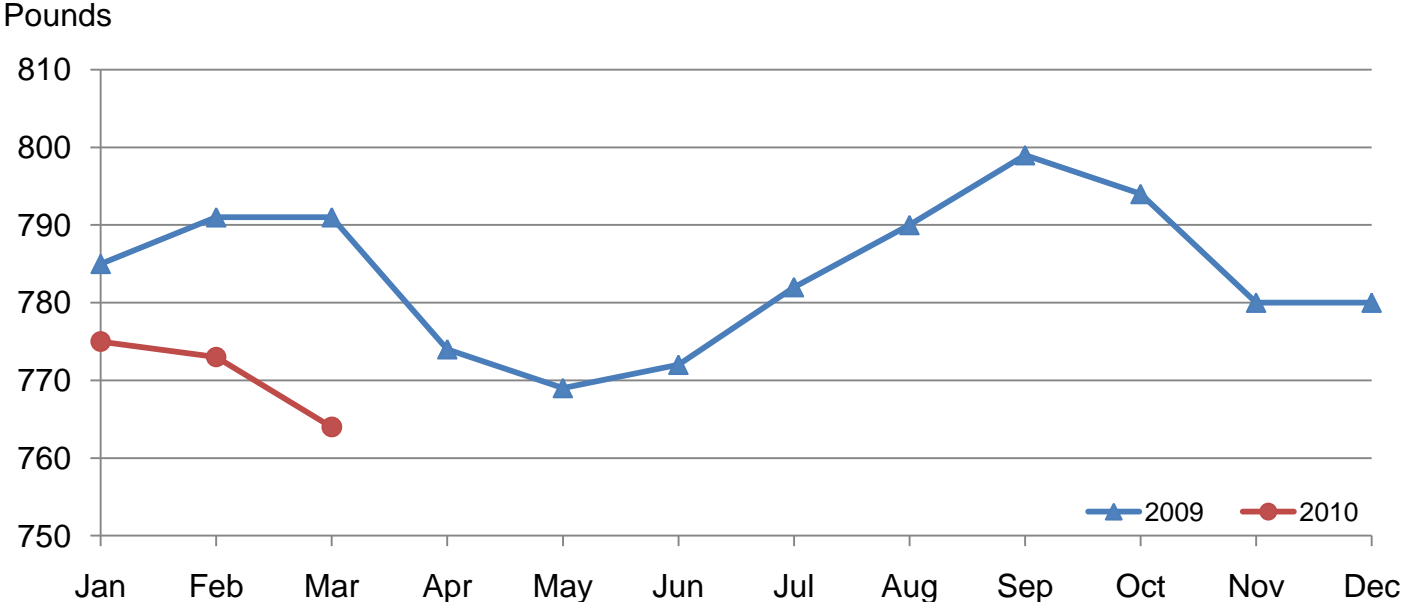


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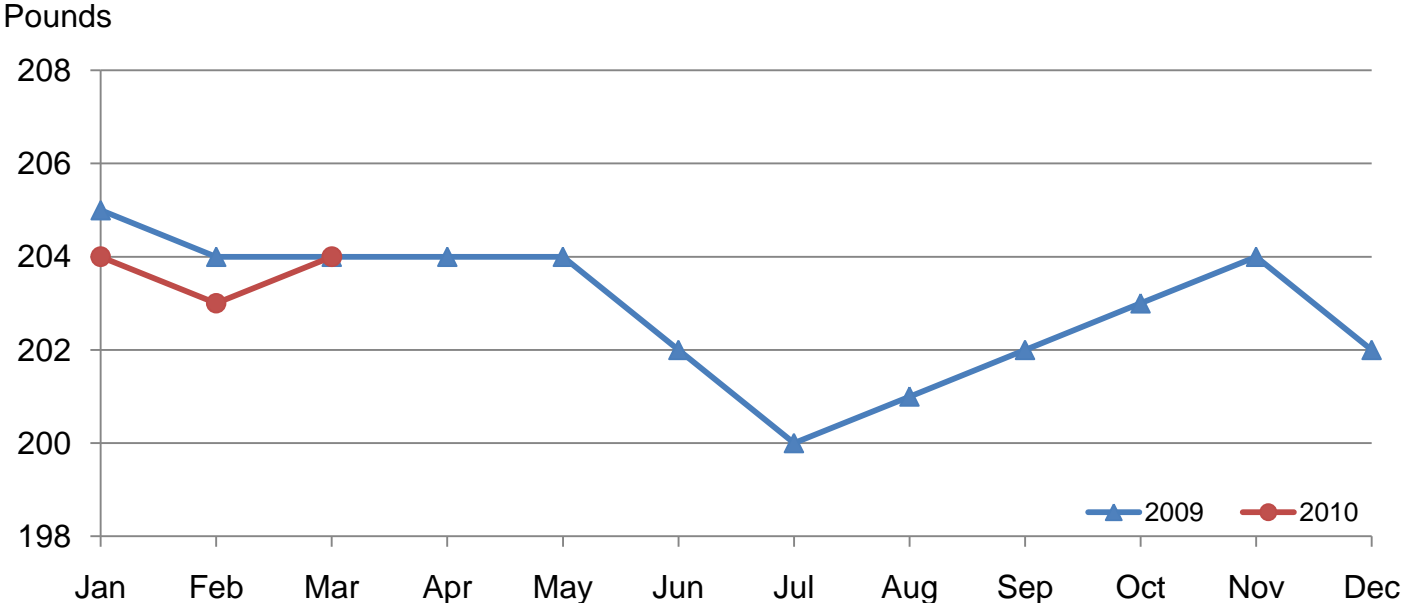
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Federally Inspected Cattle - United States Average Dressed Weight

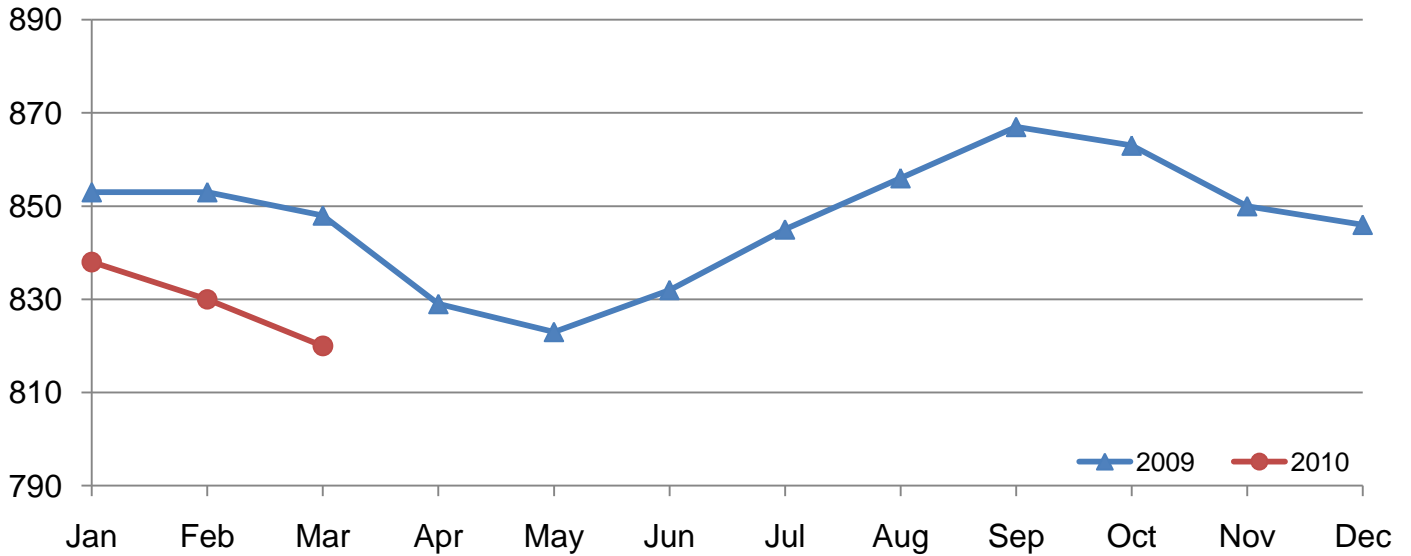


Federally Inspected Hogs - United States Average Dressed Weight



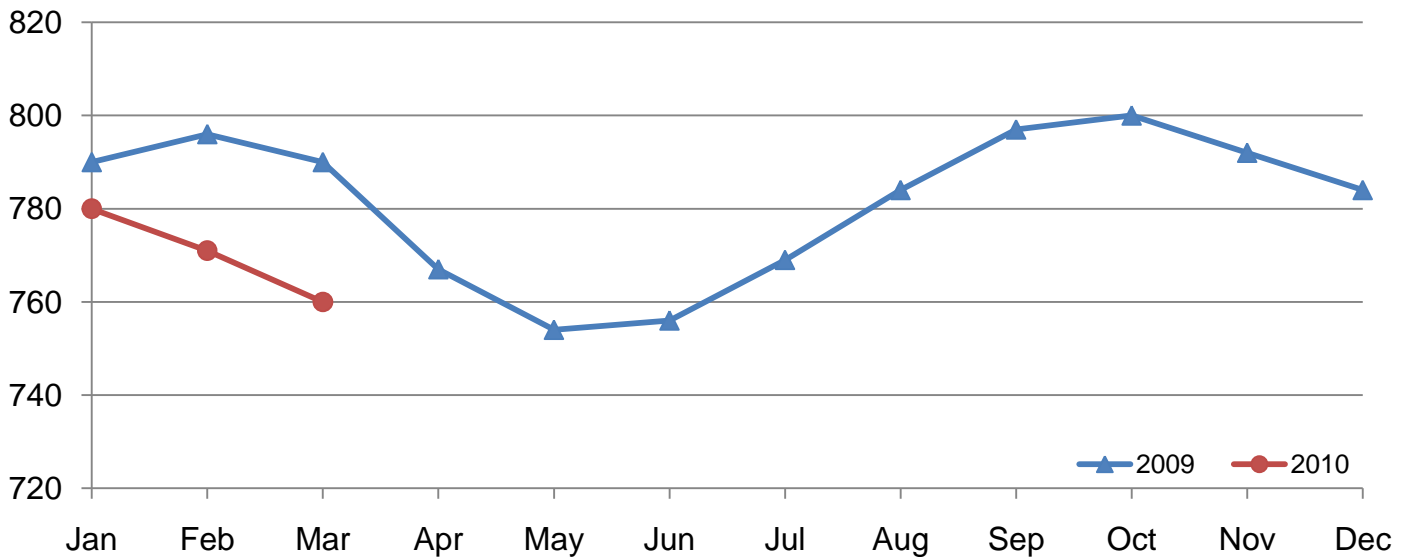
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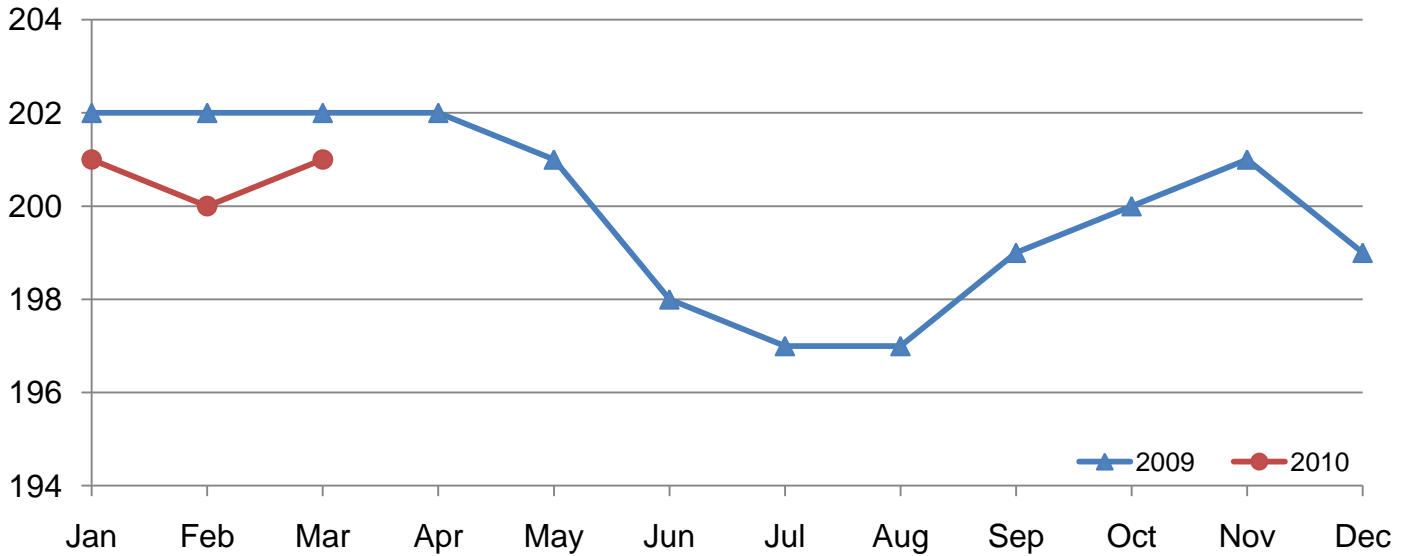
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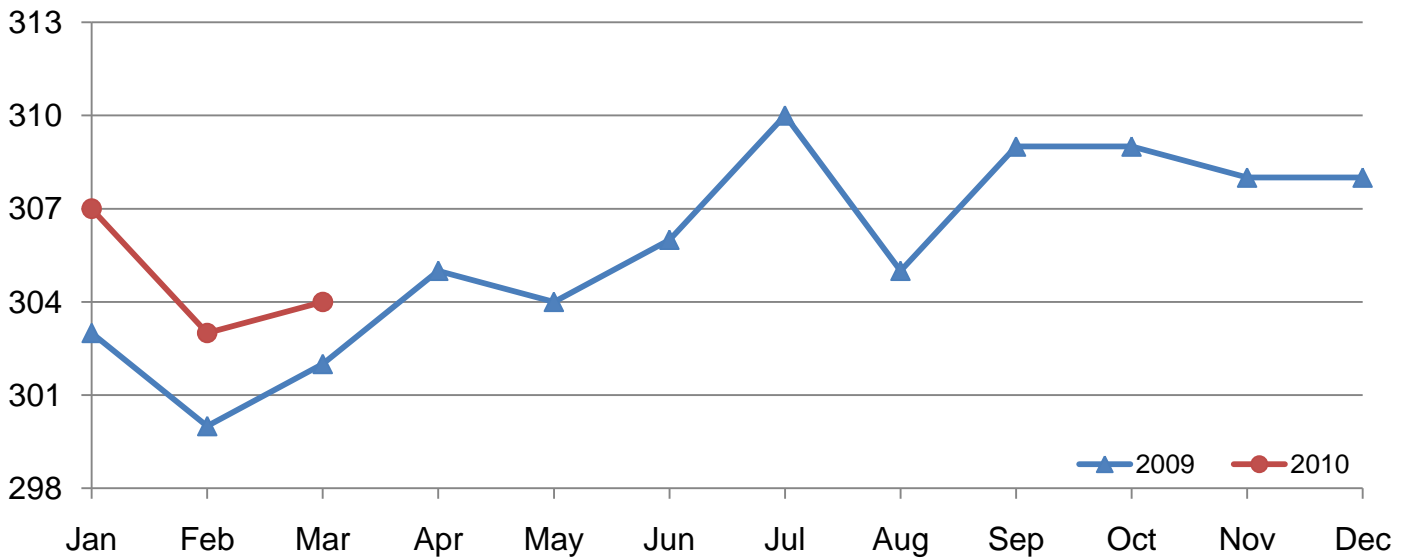
Federally Inspected Barrows and Gilts - United States Average Dressed Weight

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Federally Inspected Sows - United States Average Dressed Weight

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Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Primary data for the *Livestock Slaughter* publication are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates.

There are nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and over 2,000 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 23). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in April.

Procedures and Reliability: The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. A computer program compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the computer program provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Computer imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the United States head kill totals.

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

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

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, as indicated with a (D), these data are still included in United States and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

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

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.

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: 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.

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.

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.

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.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

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

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. 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.

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.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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