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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION
1949 - 54

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The accompanying tables show estimates of slaughter, meat production, and lard production by class of slaughter for 1949-54. Numbers slaughtered under Federal inspection are compiled by the Meat Inspection Division of ARS. The data on live weight, dressed weight, and production under Federal inspection are based on monthly reports of production and yields by slaughterers operating under Federal inspection. Estimates of numbers, live weight, and lard production for other wholesale and retail slaughter are based on reports from slaughterers who are not under Federal inspection and on records from State and municipal inspection services. Estimates of farm slaughter are based on voluntary reports from livestock producers who report annually on the number and live weight of different species slaughtered. Estimates for farm slaughter have been revised, when necessary, in connection with the 5-year revisions of estimates relating to livestock and livestock production undertaken after the 1954 Census data became available. Estimates for slaughter and meat production in commercial establishments are unchanged from previously published estimates.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES 1949 - 54

Species and class	1949			1950		
	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight
	Thou.	Pounds	Million pounds	Thou.	Pounds	Million pounds
Cattle:						
Federally inspected.....	13,222	976	12,910	13,103	989	12,960
Other wholesale and retail.	4,791	847	4,060	4,798	864	4,147
Farm.....	752	774	582	713	787	561
Total.....	18,765	935	17,552	18,614	949	17,668
Calves:						
Federally inspected.....	6,449	209	1,351	5,850	206	1,205
Other wholesale and retail.	4,379	203	890	4,123	205	847
Farm.....	570	288	164	528	306	161
Total.....	11,398	211	2,405	10,501	211	2,213
Sheep and lambs:						
Federally inspected.....	12,136	94	1,142	11,739	96	1,128
Other wholesale and retail.	1,240	88	109	1,113	89	99
Farm.....	404	86	35	392	86	34
Total.....	13,780	93	1,286	13,244	95	1,261
Hogs:						
Federally inspected.....	53,032	248	13,130	56,964	244	13,921
Other wholesale and retail.	11,729	218	2,561	12,579	219	2,749
Farm.....	10,236	244	2,502	9,720	239	2,326
Total.....	74,997	243	18,193	79,263	240	18,996

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES 1949 - 54--Continued

Species and class	1951			1952		
	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight
	Thou.	Pounds	Million pounds	Thou.	Pounds	Million pounds
Cattle:						
Federally inspected.....	11,879	992	11,786	13,165	990	13,035
Other wholesale and retail.	4,497	883	3,973	4,691	865	4,060
Farm.....	708	796	564	769	798	613
Total.....	17,084	955	16,323	18,625	951	17,708
Calves:						
Federally inspected.....	4,985	209	1,043	5,294	221	1,168
Other wholesale and retail.	3,433	203	697	3,600	214	770
Farm.....	484	313	151	494	314	155
Total.....	8,902	212	1,891	9,388	223	2,093
Sheep and lambs:						
Federally inspected.....	10,056	98	989	12,694	97	1,237
Other wholesale and retail.	1,019	89	91	1,268	90	114
Farm.....	341	85	29	342	85	29
Total.....	11,416	97	1,109	14,304	96	1,380
Hogs:						
Federally inspected.....	62,054	246	15,250	62,451	243	15,153
Other wholesale and retail.	14,007	218	3,047	15,239	216	3,285
Farm.....	9,479	238	2,257	8,882	237	2,102
Total.....	85,540	240	20,554	86,572	237	20,540
1953						
1954						
Cattle:						
Federally inspected.....	17,629	970	17,097	18,476	958	17,704
Other wholesale and retail.	5,976	840	5,021	6,541	834	5,454
Farm.....	860	802	690	872	813	709
Total.....	24,465	932	22,808	25,889	922	23,867
Calves:						
Federally inspected.....	7,013	227	1,590	7,573	223	1,689
Other wholesale and retail.	4,655	221	1,028	5,173	217	1,122
Farm.....	532	309	164	524	319	167
Total.....	12,200	228	2,782	13,270	224	2,978
Sheep and lambs:						
Federally inspected.....	14,283	95	1,361	14,148	96	1,354
Other wholesale and retail.	1,684	90	151	1,772	90	160
Farm.....	354	84	30	335	85	29
Total.....	16,321	94	1,542	16,255	95	1,543
Hogs:						
Federally inspected.....	53,813	238	12,827	52,894	244	12,902
Other wholesale and retail.	13,100	217	2,846	11,933	222	2,652
Farm.....	7,455	242	1,806	6,668	245	1,634
Total.....	74,368	235	17,479	71,495	240	17,188

MEAT PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES 1949 - 54

Kind of meat and class	1949		1950		1951	
	Average dressed weight <u>1/</u>	Total dressed weight	Average dressed weight <u>1/</u>	Total dressed weight	Average dressed weight <u>1/</u>	Total dressed weight
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
Beef:						
Federally inspected.....	532	6,998	541	7,051	544	6,431
Other wholesale and retail	448	2,144	458	2,197	471	2,118
Farm.....	395	297	401	286	406	288
Total.....	503	9,439	514	9,534	519	8,837
Veal:						
Federally inspected.....	116	746	115	667	118	583
Other wholesale and retail	113	494	114	470	113	389
Farm.....	165	94	176	93	180	87
Total.....	117	1,334	118	1,230	119	1,059
Lamb and mutton:						
Federally inspected.....	44	536	46	534	47	465
Other wholesale and retail	41	51	42	47	42	43
Farm.....	40	16	40	16	40	13
Total.....	44	603	45	597	46	521
Pork:						
Federally inspected.....	139	7,352	137	7,788	136	8,407
Other wholesale and retail	130	1,523	128	1,609	127	1,783
Farm.....	138	1,411	135	1,317	136	1,291
Total.....	137	10,286	135	10,714	134	11,481
Total Meat.....		21,662		22,075		21,898
		1952		1953		1954
Beef:						
Federally inspected.....	546	7,157	533	9,368	526	9,681
Other wholesale and retail	465	2,180	450	2,687	447	2,920
Farm.....	407	313	409	352	415	362
Total.....	520	9,650	508	12,407	502	12,963
Veal:						
Federally inspected.....	123	650	126	882	124	931
Other wholesale and retail	119	430	122	569	120	620
Farm.....	181	89	178	95	183	96
Total.....	125	1,169	127	1,546	124	1,647
Lamb and mutton:						
Federally inspected.....	46	581	45	644	46	645
Other wholesale and retail	42	54	42	71	43	76
Farm.....	39	13	39	14	39	13
Total.....	46	648	45	729	45	734
Hogs:						
Federally inspected.....	135	8,411	136	7,293	140	7,369
Other wholesale and retail	125	1,910	128	1,678	131	1,563
Farm.....	136	1,206	139	1,035	141	938
Total.....	133	11,527	135	10,006	138	9,870
Total meat.....		22,994		24,688		25,214

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection. For pork the average shown is pork production per head excluding lard.

LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES 1949 - 54

Class	1949		1950	
	Lard per 100 pounds live weight <u>1/</u>	Lard production	Lard per 100 pounds live weight <u>1/</u>	Lard production
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Million pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Million pounds</u>
<u>Lard 2/:</u>				
Federally inspected.....	14.7	1,923	14.5	2,009
Other wholesale and retail..	10.5	270	11.2	309
Farm.....	13.6	341	13.4	313
Total.....	13.9	2,534	13.9	2,631
		1951		1952
<u>Lard 2/:</u>				
Federally inspected.....	14.6	2,225	14.8	2,234
Other wholesale and retail..	11.2	342	11.5	378
Farm.....	13.1	296	12.8	269
Total.....	13.9	2,863	14.0	2,881
		1953		1954
<u>Lard 2/:</u>				
Federally inspected.....	14.2	1,812	14.2	1,831
Other wholesale and retail..	10.9	310	10.9	290
Farm.....	12.9	233	12.8	209
Total.....	13.5	2,355	13.6	2,330

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection.

2/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION
 1954 - 1955

Red meat production in 1955 reached a new all time peak at 26.9 billion pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Total meat production (commercial plus farm slaughter) for the year was 7 percent more than the previous record of 25.2 billion pounds in 1954. Beef production in 1955 reached a new record of 13.6 billion pounds--exceeding the previous record of a year ago by 5 percent. Veal production totaled 578 million pounds--4 percent less than a year earlier. Mutton and lamb totaled 61 million pounds--3 percent greater than a year earlier. Pork production totaled 11.0 billion pounds which was 11 percent more than in 1954. Beef accounted for 50 percent of the total meat produced in 1955, while pork made up 41 percent. Veal accounted for 6 percent and mutton and lamb contributed 3 percent. Lard production in 1955 totaled 2.7 billion pounds, compared with 2.3 billion pounds in 1954.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1955 was 3 percent above 1954. Cattle slaughtered under Federal inspection was up 3 percent; other wholesale and retail was up 2 percent, while farm slaughter was down 1 percent. Calf slaughter for 1955 was 3 percent less than a year earlier. Slaughter of calves under Federal inspection down 1 percent; other wholesale and retail down 6 percent and farm slaughter down 7 percent from a year ago. The total number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1955 was 2 percent more than the previous year. The number slaughtered under Federal inspection was 2 percent above a year ago; other wholesale and retail slaughter was up 3 percent and farm slaughter was up 1 percent. Compared with a year ago, the 1955 total slaughter of hogs was 13 percent greater. Slaughter in Federally inspected plants was 16 percent greater than in 1954; other wholesale and retail slaughter was up 8 percent

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UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 1954-55

Species and class of slaughter	1954			1955		
	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight
	Thou- sands	Pounds	Million pounds	Thou- sands	Pounds	Million pounds
CATTLE						
Federally inspected	18,476	958	17,704	19,055	975	18,578
Other wholesale and retail	6,541	834	5,454	6,667	843	5,623
Farm	872	813	709	861	807	695
Total	25,889	922	23,867	26,583	937	24,896
CALVES						
Federally inspected	7,573	223	1,689	7,499	218	1,632
Other wholesale and retail	5,173	217	1,122	4,878	217	1,057
Farm	524	319	167	489	324	159
Total	13,270	224	2,978	12,866	221	2,848
SHEEP AND LAMBS						
Federally inspected	14,148	96	1,354	14,383	96	1,387
Other wholesale and retail	1,772	90	160	1,832	92	169
Farm	335	85	29	338	86	29
Total	16,255	95	1,543	16,553	96	1,585
HOGS						
Federally inspected	52,894	244	12,902	61,370	241	14,778
Other wholesale and retail	11,933	222	2,652	12,846	220	2,825
Farm	6,668	245	1,634	6,842	244	1,667
Total	71,495	240	17,188	81,058	238	19,270

See other side for meat production estimates.

UNITED STATES MEAT PRODUCTION 1/ 1954-55

Kind of meat and class of slaughter	1954		1955	
	Average dressed weight 2/	Total dressed weight	Average dressed weight 2/	Total dressed weight
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
<u>BEEF</u>				
Federally inspected	526	9,681	537	10,195
Other wholesale and retail	447	2,920	453	3,018
Farm	415	362	412	355
Total	502	12,963	512	13,568
<u>VEAL</u>				
Federally inspected	124	931	121	903
Other wholesale and retail	120	620	120	584
Farm	183	96	187	91
Total	124	1,647	123	1,578
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>				
Federally inspected	46	645	46	663
Other wholesale and retail	43	76	44	81
Farm	39	13	40	14
Total	45	734	46	758
<u>PORK (excluding lard)</u>				
Federally inspected	140	7,369	137	8,366
Other wholesale and retail	131	1,563	129	1,561
Farm	141	938	141	964
Total	138	9,870	136	10,991
TOTAL MEAT		25,214		26,895

UNITED STATES LARD PRODUCTION 1/ 1954-55

Class of slaughter	1954		1955	
	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
<u>LARD 3/</u>				
Federally inspected	14.2	1,831	14.5	2,140
Other wholesale and retail	10.9	290	11.0	312
Farm	12.8	209	12.5	208
Total	13.6	2,330	13.8	2,660

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection.

2/ For pork, the average is pork production per head excluding lard.

3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

and farm slaughter was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Cattle and sheep and lambs were slaughtered at heavier weights than a year ago, but calves and hogs were slaughtered at lighter weights. Slaughter cattle averaged 15 pounds heavier than in 1954. Sheep and lambs averaged 1 pound heavier than a year ago. The average live weight of calves was 3 pounds less than the previous year and hogs averaged 2 pounds lighter. The 1955 lard yield at 13.8 pounds per hundred pounds of live weight compares with 13.6 pounds in 1954. Revised estimates of total slaughter for 1950-53 for the United States will be released May 9. Revised estimates of commercial slaughter for 1955 by States will be released May 31.