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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, BY STATES
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Commercial meat production in the United States during October 1947 was percent larger than in October 1946 and for the first 10 months of 1947 was percent larger than the same period last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The estimated meat production includes beef, veal, lamb and mutton, and pork slaughter in federally inspected and other wholesale and retail plants but excludes farm slaughter.

Compared with a year earlier, October 1947 production of beef was up 10 percent and pork 6 percent, while veal was down 2 percent and mutton and lamb down 21 percent.

For the first 10 months of 1947, meat production totaled 17,134 million pounds, 4 percent more than the 16,458 million pounds in the same period of 1946. Beef and veal each was up 15 percent while pork was down 6 percent and mutton and lamb down 20 percent.

For each species, the plants under Federal inspection continued to handle larger proportion of the total slaughter than in 1946.

The number of cattle slaughtered during October was 2,083,000 head, an increase of 190 thousand or 10 percent over a year earlier. Average live weight was 10 pounds per head heavier, resulting in a net increase of 11 percent in total live weight and 10 percent in beef production. October veal production was 2 percent less than a year earlier. The number of calves slaughtered was 8 percent more, but the average live weight per head was 17 pounds lighter. Mutton and lamb production was 21 percent less as slaughter decreased in nearly all States. The number of hogs slaughtered was estimated at 5,138,000 head, an increase of 14 percent over the 4,496,000 slaughtered during October 1946. However, there was a net increase of only 9 percent in total live weight because the average weight per head was 12 pounds less. A larger proportion of the carcass went into lard, resulting in a net increase of only 6 percent in pork production (excluding lard) and a 35 percent increase in lard rendered as compared with October 1946.

During the first 10 months of 1947 the number of cattle slaughtered was 18 percent greater than in the same period of 1946; but average live weight per head was 17 pounds less. This resulted in a 16 percent increase in total live weight. Beef production increased 15 percent to a total of 8,440 million pounds, compared with 7,314 million pounds for the same period in 1946. Veal production for the January-October period was 1,230 million pounds, an increase of 15 percent over the 1,073 million pounds produced in the same period of 1946. Calf slaughter in 1947 was up in every month. January-October pork production (excluding lard) was 6,818 million pounds, six percent less than the 7,260 million pounds of the same period in the previous year. Lard production, however, was 23 percent larger for the 10-month period--1,590 million pounds in 1947 against 1,288 million in 1946.

The estimated number of cattle slaughtered in October 1947, as well as during the January-October period, as compared with 1946 was larger in nearly all Corn Belt States, Oklahoma, Texas, and the important cattle slaughtering States in the West. The increase in calf slaughter in October, compared to October 1946, was confined largely to the Corn Belt States. For the 10-month period, increased calf slaughter occurred in the Corn Belt States, most of the Atlantic States, and the important slaughter centers of the West. Sheep and lamb slaughter has been less than in 1946 in nearly all States as a result of the smaller lamb crop and decreased feeding operations. Hog slaughter in October was more than a year earlier in New York, most of the North Central and South Atlantic States, and about half of the South Central and Western States. Slaughter of hogs in the first 10 months of 1947 exceeded the same period of 1946, mainly in the Corn Belt States. An increased proportion of the hogs raised in the Corn Belt has been slaughtered in that area.

This report is made possible through the cooperative efforts of three agencies in the Department of Agriculture which collect the primary data; the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Livestock Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. For a description of the data and the responsibilities of the agencies involved, see the report, "Livestock Slaughter, by States and by Months, 1946" published August 1947 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS ^{1/}

Month	Number head		Average live weight	Total live weight
	Federally inspected	Other whole-sale & retail		
	Thousand head		Pounds	Million pounds
<u>1 9 4 7</u>				
<u>C a t t l e</u>				
January	1,403.1	551.6	1,954.7	1,788
February	1,142.5	444.2	1,586.7	1,463
March	1,227.7	465.2	1,692.9	1,555
April	1,203.1	482.0	1,685.1	1,542
May	1,263.8	464.5	1,728.3	1,567
June	1,206.6	470.3	1,676.9	1,508
July	1,274.3	506.7	1,781.0	1,590
August	1,216.7	469.3	1,686.0	1,479
September	1,407.2	568.2	1,975.4	1,729
October	1,496.7	586.4	2,083.1	1,830
Jan.-Oct. 1947	12,841.7	5,008.4	17,850.1	16,051
Jan.-Oct. 1946	8,704	6,388.3	15,092.3	13,828

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<u>C a l v e s</u>				
January	590.9	410.5	1,001.4	206
February	521.4	369.4	890.8	167
March	644.0	443.6	1,087.6	186
April	678.4	465.0	1,143.4	193
May	626.5	415.9	1,042.4	198
June	620.7	401.5	1,022.2	212
July	656.2	436.1	1,092.3	245
August	627.7	405.0	1,032.7	240
September	719.3	457.1	1,176.4	280
October	813.0	459.3	1,272.3	301
Jan.-Oct. 1947	6,498.1	4,263.4	10,761.5	2,228
Jan.-Oct. 1946	4,594	4,735.9	9,329.9	1,921

^{1/} See footnote bottom of Page 3

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS 1/

Month	: Federally inspected	: Number head : Other whole-sale & retail	: Total	: Average live weight	: Total live weight
		<u>Thousand head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Million Pounds</u>
<u>S h e e p a n d L a m b s</u>					
1 9 4 7					
January	1,541.7	130.2	1,671.9	96	160
February	1,270.9	96.7	1,367.6	98	134
March	1,237.5	104.0	1,341.5	101	135
April	1,321.6	114.0	1,435.6	99	142
May	1,355.1	108.9	1,464.0	95	139
June	1,329.0	127.9	1,456.9	87	127
July	1,280.2	138.9	1,419.1	88	125
August	1,253.0	133.1	1,386.1	89	124
September	1,458.4	156.6	1,615.0	89	143
October	1,697.1	162.8	1,859.9	91	170
Jan.-Oct. 1947	13,744.5	1,273.1	15,017.6	93	1,399
Jan.-Oct. 1946	17,009	2,074.6	19,083.6	93	1,779

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January	5,844.4	1,681.6	7,526.0	248	1,867
February	3,896.9	1,187.1	5,084.0	244	1,240
March	3,405.9	931.1	4,337.0	245	1,065
April	3,615.7	1,006.3	4,622.0	247	1,141
May	3,831.5	894.5	4,726.0	253	1,196
June	3,653.4	827.6	4,481.0	265	1,186
July	3,454.6	793.4	4,248.0	278	1,180
August	2,731.4	698.6	3,430.0	272	933
September	2,948.4	952.6	3,901.0	242	944
October	3,977.7	1,160.3	5,138.0	230	1,183
Jan.-Oct. 1947	37,359.9	10,133.1	47,493.0	251	11,935
Jan.-Oct. 1946	33,827	14,538.7	48,365.7	250	12,099

MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS 1/

Month	Lamb			Pork 2/	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Beef	Veal	and			
			mutton			
Million pounds						
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January	935	113	74	1,056	2,178	258
February	778	93	62	709	1,642	166
March	829	104	62	607	1,602	143
April	831	108	65	656	1,660	150
May	846	110	65	678	1,699	167
June	804	118	60	667	1,649	167
July	839	136	59	661	1,695	167
August	766	131	57	534	1,488	123
September	888	154	66	549	1,657	114
October	924	163	76	701	1,864	135
Jan.-Oct. 1947	8,140	1,230	646	6,818	17,134	1,590
Jan.-Oct. 1946	7,314	1,073	811	7,260	16,458	1,288

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

State	October				January-October Total			
	Number slaughtered		Average 2/ live wt.		Number slaughtered		Total live wt.	
	1946	1947	1947	1947	1946	1947	1947	1947
	Head	Head	Lb.	Thous. lb.	Head	Head	Thous. lb.	Thous. lb.
New Eng.	63,900	39,600	927	36,377	499,100	308,100	296,556	
N.Y.	78,000	49,000	1,030	50,857	668,000	468,000	489,667	
N.J.	45,000	26,000	1,110	29,002	420,000	254,000	278,827	
Pa.	91,000	71,000	956	67,713	754,000	638,000	627,452	
Ohio	109,000	107,000	870	92,775	864,000	926,000	830,729	
Ind.	49,000	56,000	844	46,995	415,000	503,000	428,340	
Ill.	142,000	216,000	873	188,861	1,050,000	1,797,000	1,627,853	
Mich.	73,000	76,000	832	63,388	616,000	605,000	561,152	
Wis.	53,000	68,000	998	67,524	476,000	523,000	531,181	
Minn.	72,000	121,000	966	117,334	659,000	1,094,000	1,061,985	
Iowa	69,000	128,000	939	120,168	734,000	1,231,000	1,162,524	
Mo.	72,000	91,000	808	73,215	472,000	758,000	635,615	
N.Dak.	10,000	15,000	977	14,575	76,000	99,900	98,329	
S.Dak.	11,300	17,000	937	16,063	141,300	190,000	179,379	
Nebr.	75,000	111,000	952	105,650	687,000	1,100,000	1,031,590	
Kans.	110,000	145,000	887	128,433	739,000	1,248,000	1,031,088	
Del. & Md. <u>3/</u>	22,100	18,700	954	18,230	174,500	163,100	159,315	
Va.	17,000	13,500	850	11,492	109,900	80,200	69,938	
W.Va.	11,300	8,300	827	6,864	77,800	63,800	55,599	
N.C.	17,500	12,800	757	9,686	112,100	93,100	71,813	
S.C.	12,300	10,400	678	7,020	83,600	70,100	47,867	
Ga.	47,000	50,000	607	30,560	272,000	331,000	210,109	
Fla.	34,000	27,000	612	16,524	226,000	199,200	127,093	
Ky.	25,000	22,000	791	17,683	152,000	167,000	136,645	
Tenn.	37,000	37,000	761	28,071	210,000	244,000	187,806	
Ala.	27,000	26,000	654	16,882	182,000	188,000	124,380	
Miss.	16,900	15,000	648	9,720	110,800	103,900	66,145	
Ark.	19,000	15,000	689	10,343	143,000	116,800	80,508	
La.	17,000	21,000	679	14,210	156,000	176,000	118,539	
Okla.	33,000	45,000	789	35,242	238,000	351,000	277,419	
Tex.	126,000	143,000	750	107,326	922,000	1,170,000	880,546	
Mont.	8,700	6,300	965	6,094	76,300	57,700	53,969	
Idaho	7,300	5,700	956	5,462	65,800	61,100	57,686	
Wyo.	3,200	1,400	967	1,392	29,200	17,400	16,728	
Colo.	37,000	41,000	934	38,095	335,000	389,000	360,629	
N.Mex.	4,300	3,500	778	2,722	42,600	35,500	26,062	
Ariz.	8,500	6,800	850	5,757	84,600	74,200	64,875	
Utah	12,200	10,300	890	9,195	104,300	103,500	93,625	
Nev.	3,800	3,800	1,043	3,999	33,400	38,500	39,495	
Wash.	38,000	36,000	928	33,510	297,000	294,000	274,754	
Oreg.	21,000	22,000	940	20,294	179,000	193,000	182,094	
Calif.	164,000	145,000	995	144,649	1,405,000	1,426,000	1,395,361	
U.S.	1,893,300	2,083,100	878	1,829,952	15,092,300	17,850,100	16,051,267	

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CATTLE SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

State	October				January-October Total			
	Number slaughtered		Average	Total	Number slaughtered		Total	
	1946	1947	live wt. ^{2/} 1947	live wt. ^{2/} 1947	1946	1947	live wt. ^{2/} 1947	
	Head		Lb.	Thous. lb.	Head		Thous. lb.	
W. Eng.	31,300	39,300	95	3,703	362,600	394,400	35,495	
Y.	77,000	77,000	156	12,084	806,000	831,000	121,256	
J.	25,000	28,000	198	5,579	246,000	239,000	42,878	
.	51,000	71,000	151	10,750	631,000	666,000	92,756	
io	26,000	36,000	169	6,123	288,000	361,000	55,862	
d.	14,000	19,000	235	4,494	145,000	177,000	35,161	
l.	96,000	124,000	212	26,303	666,000	1,010,000	186,010	
ch.	38,000	52,000	179	9,334	396,000	519,000	88,224	
s.	94,000	96,000	125	11,951	925,000	971,000	112,352	
nn.	66,000	74,000	164	12,054	539,000	650,000	100,415	
wa	41,000	45,000	277	12,467	350,000	393,000	89,781	
.	41,000	57,000	263	15,097	217,000	391,000	88,219	
Dak.	4,800	10,600	293	3,104	36,400	67,400	17,758	
Dak.	1,900	2,500	293	733	9,000	15,000	4,281	
br.	8,700	13,000	343	4,465	45,600	71,800	22,570	
ns.	46,000	60,000	306	18,297	250,000	385,000	103,714	
l. & Md. ^{3/}	17,800	15,300	158	2,428	183,800	144,800	22,469	
.	11,300	9,200	234	2,157	88,500	90,500	17,697	
Va.	4,900	3,400	187	624	42,400	34,200	5,704	
C.	9,500	8,600	240	2,065	85,700	99,300	17,778	
C.	3,600	4,500	246	1,098	29,500	35,900	7,954	
.	26,600	26,000	263	6,860	122,300	163,200	39,098	
a.	17,100	17,000	223	3,810	83,400	108,900	25,202	
.	11,100	7,700	198	1,524	105,000	128,100	22,882	
nn.	23,000	29,000	235	6,864	200,000	284,000	51,643	
a.	16,900	13,700	305	4,180	108,800	95,700	25,901	
ss.	14,900	10,800	316	3,412	92,900	86,300	25,483	
k.	9,700	3,600	400	1,441	63,200	33,900	11,841	
.	50,000	40,000	334	13,212	320,000	285,000	101,480	
la.	42,300	33,000	385	12,599	187,900	185,000	68,217	
x.	169,000	142,000	371	52,834	892,000	924,000	345,447	
nt.	3,300	1,800	353	639	21,500	16,800	5,449	
aho	2,300	1,300	346	430	17,900	12,700	3,966	
o.	600	300	284	85	3,700	4,400	985	
lo.	6,200	7,900	367	2,911	41,300	53,600	17,328	
Mex.	1,700	800	384	307	15,200	10,500	4,108	
iz.	3,200	1,900	431	820	14,300	13,400	5,150	
ah	3,700	2,900	305	878	20,300	26,400	7,464	
v.	2,400	1,300	357	478	11,000	13,500	4,545	
sh.	12,900	10,600	307	3,236	61,600	80,200	22,566	
eg.	8,200	7,300	264	1,921	69,100	65,600	16,823	
lif.	69,000	68,000	259	17,464	536,000	624,000	153,649	
S.	1,202,900	1,272,300	236	300,815	9,329,900	10,761,500	2,227,561	

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SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

State	October				January-October			
	Number slaughtered		Average		Number slaughtered		Total	
			live wt. 2/				live wt. 2/	
	1946	1947	1947	1947	1946	1947	1947	1947
	Head	Head	Lb.	Thous. lb.	Head	Head	Thous. lb.	Thous. lb.
New Eng.	37,400	49,000	89	4,373	194,000	304,000	27,774	
N.Y.	208,000	125,000	86	10,672	1,732,000	1,342,000	122,344	
N.J.	92,000	86,000	87	7,444	754,000	713,000	64,104	
Pa.	70,000	37,000	80	2,962	432,000	258,000	21,544	
Ohio	48,000	39,000	82	3,193	326,000	264,000	21,957	
Ind.	15,200	10,100	87	883	132,700	65,300	5,781	
Ill.	221,000	180,000	92	16,638	1,727,000	1,334,000	123,741	
Mich.	105,000	24,000	92	2,203	651,000	231,000	21,320	
Wis.	41,000	21,000	91	1,919	260,000	168,600	16,289	
Minn.	173,000	158,000	94	14,838	1,005,000	845,000	81,849	
Iowa	189,000	184,000	92	16,952	1,579,000	1,562,000	146,899	
Mo.	111,000	112,000	89	9,980	875,000	853,000	80,024	
N.Dak.	35,000	29,000	99	2,897	246,700	223,200	23,367	
S.Dak.	31,000	40,000	97	3,844	321,000	267,000	25,936	
Nebr.	141,000	111,000	97	10,798	1,128,000	1,090,000	108,605	
Kans.	132,000	122,000	91	11,085	1,222,000	1,175,000	110,215	
Del. & Md. 3/	22,400	9,400	90	842	127,400	76,100	6,881	
Va.	4,700	1,200	93	116	33,100	19,100	1,565	
W.Va.	2,600	700	94	65	10,800	6,900	612	
N.C.	400	600	95	57	2,000	4,800	461	
S.C.	400	---	---	---	900	500	39	
Ga.	900	100	85	8	12,000	2,200	183	
Fla.	100	---	---	---	2,600	400	27	
Ky.	13,600	17,000	77	1,315	112,200	90,600	7,553	
Tenn.	5,900	2,700	83	225	68,700	47,200	3,829	
Ala.	200	100	80	8	8,200	1,100	90	
Miss.	200	200	70	14	1,300	1,500	114	
Ark.	200	---	---	---	1,400	500	48	
La.	100	300	70	23	1,400	2,100	163	
Okla.	11,000	25,000	90	2,250	320,000	232,000	19,480	
Tex.	128,000	127,000	82	10,463	1,473,000	902,000	71,871	
Mont.	1,500	800	105	84	10,000	6,300	665	
Idaho	3,700	1,800	105	182	22,200	12,200	1,282	
Wyo.	6,800	400	99	39	57,900	3,600	363	
Colo.	117,000	105,000	97	10,191	881,000	608,000	60,261	
N. Mex.	900	1,000	67	68	7,000	7,200	703	
Ariz.	3,300	2,400	88	214	25,800	20,600	1,941	
Utah	14,900	7,100	108	771	126,300	70,500	7,263	
Nev.	1,200	1,000	100	100	16,000	8,500	847	
Wash.	26,000	25,000	98	2,501	267,000	175,400	17,443	
Oreg.	23,000	15,000	94	1,452	246,000	147,200	14,132	
Calif.	274,000	189,000	95	17,897	2,664,000	1,876,000	178,999	
U.S.	2,312,600	1,859,900	91	169,566	19,083,600	15,017,600	1,398,564	

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HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

State	October				January-October			
	Number slaughtered		Average	Total	Number slaughtered		Total	
			live wt. 2/	live wt. 2/			live wt. 2/	
	1946	1947	1947	1947	1946	1947	1947	
	Head		Lb.	Thous. lb.	Head		Thous. lb.	
New Eng.	69,600	69,600	245	17,065	691,100	710,200	189,573	
N.Y.	117,000	126,000	191	24,086	1,438,000	1,232,000	239,471	
N.J.	107,000	83,000	208	17,296	1,114,000	881,000	189,553	
Pa.	245,000	224,000	232	52,027	2,527,000	2,191,000	497,149	
Ohio	269,000	302,000	229	69,085	2,901,000	2,646,000	616,148	
Ind.	207,000	240,000	232	55,686	2,204,000	2,476,000	604,780	
Ill.	513,000	609,000	232	141,022	5,330,000	5,402,000	1,400,431	
Mich.	175,000	118,000	250	29,544	1,679,000	1,163,000	286,739	
Wis.	207,000	209,000	236	49,296	2,085,000	1,882,000	495,611	
Minn.	308,000	425,000	236	100,138	3,238,000	3,634,000	1,011,387	
Iowa	475,000	748,000	235	176,016	5,656,000	6,688,000	1,878,886	
Mo.	249,000	277,000	230	63,802	2,512,000	2,408,000	604,148	
N.Dak.	26,000	22,000	244	5,357	227,000	178,800	49,478	
S.Dak.	105,000	149,000	246	36,605	1,216,000	1,335,000	385,287	
Nebr.	164,000	177,000	246	43,472	1,732,000	1,847,000	539,800	
Kans.	216,000	254,000	235	59,719	2,028,000	2,375,000	613,605	
Del. & Md. ^{3/}	60,000	81,000	221	17,859	777,000	764,200	168,601	
Va.	42,000	58,000	210	12,200	534,000	635,000	132,173	
W.Va.	14,400	10,000	233	2,330	169,200	95,600	21,393	
N.C.	43,000	44,000	212	9,328	387,000	286,000	63,199	
S.C.	35,000	41,000	230	9,426	327,000	295,000	63,732	
Ga.	112,000	120,000	183	21,930	1,023,000	1,063,000	200,622	
Fla.	58,000	52,000	159	8,266	448,000	386,000	65,700	
Ky.	41,000	46,000	224	10,286	463,000	443,000	100,355	
Tenn.	55,000	69,000	228	15,731	693,000	704,000	155,098	
Ala.	31,000	41,000	201	8,232	433,000	401,000	83,004	
Miss.	14,500	22,000	226	4,972	198,000	154,700	34,376	
Ark.	29,000	26,000	224	5,829	292,000	220,000	49,052	
La.	20,000	20,000	206	4,120	301,000	169,500	32,114	
Okla.	74,000	60,000	224	13,541	725,000	571,000	126,842	
Tex.	146,000	105,000	241	25,277	1,463,000	1,153,000	265,859	
Mont.	11,700	11,300	247	2,803	129,000	114,500	28,955	
Idaho	9,800	8,900	231	2,046	111,100	74,900	17,482	
Wyo.	2,900	1,300	267	351	32,800	15,200	3,854	
Colo.	40,000	42,000	258	10,839	568,000	491,000	131,732	
N.Mex.	1,900	3,000	214	642	36,900	29,300	6,966	
Ariz.	2,100	5,600	232	1,287	32,000	47,600	10,939	
Utah	11,000	15,000	237	3,548	139,000	143,400	34,328	
Nev.	5,800	2,300	227	530	76,600	29,100	6,991	
Wash.	40,000	48,000	236	11,317	520,000	466,000	112,342	
Oreg.	21,000	33,000	234	7,727	430,000	304,000	74,608	
Calif.	122,000	140,000	233	32,684	1,479,000	1,388,000	340,723	
U.S.	4,495,700	5,138,000	230	1,183,317	48,365,700	47,493,000	11,935,086	

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other wholesale and retail slaughter; excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Comparable data for 1946 not available.

3/ Includes the Dist. of Columbia.