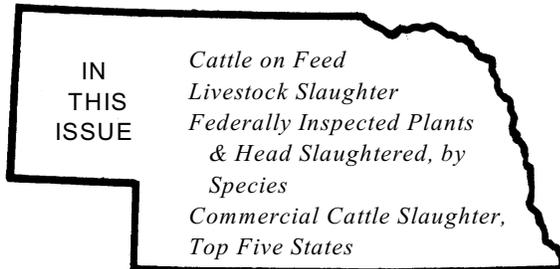


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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
Arizona	278	293	105	31	33	106	29	32	110	3	3	100
California	475	495	104	62	70	113	58	71	122	4	4	100
Colorado	970	970	100	160	150	94	175	190	109	5	10	200
Idaho	280	255	91	58	39	67	57	46	81	1	3	300
Iowa	375	415	111	56	69	123	60	56	93	1	3	300
Kansas	2,320	2,360	102	510	460	90	410	470	115	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,190	2,210	101	320	295	92	310	350	113	10	5	50
New Mexico	105	105	100	16	16	100	22	21	95	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	330	97	94	74	79	71	77	108	3	2	67
South Dakota	210	205	98	39	33	85	43	36	84	1	2	200
Texas	2,670	2,640	99	600	490	82	480	530	110	10	10	100
Washington	180	170	94	31	29	94	30	33	110	1	1	100
Other States	320	300	94	55	46	84	58	54	93	2	2	100
U.S.	10,713	10,748	100	2,032	1,804	89	1,803	1,966	109	62	67	108

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

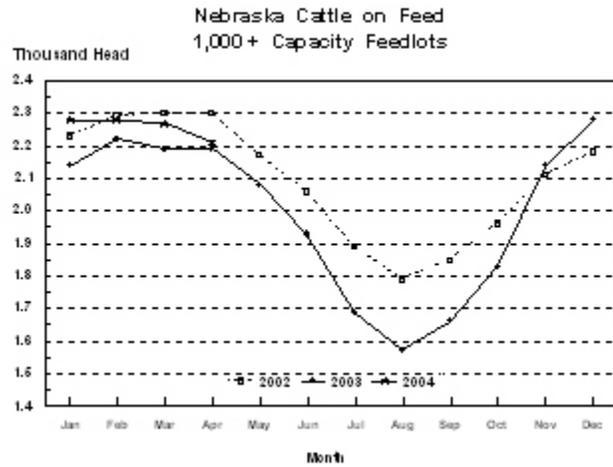
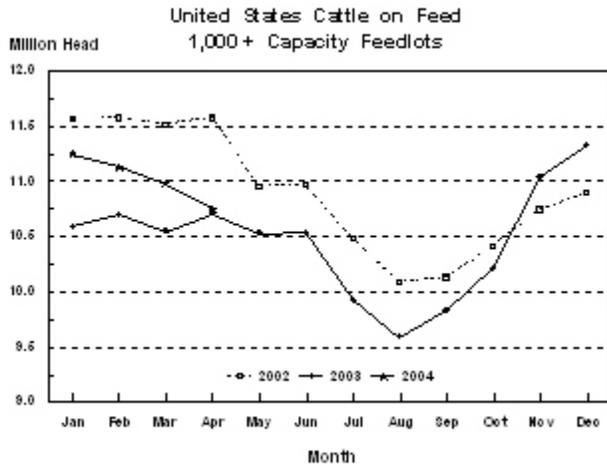
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 16, 2004

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004

State	During March									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	15	15	26	30	61	60	58	45	160	150
Kansas	45	55	105	95	200	195	160	115	510	460
Nebraska	22	32	55	47	113	106	130	110	320	295
Texas	78	120	128	120	248	180	146	70	600	490
Other States	110	125	75	54	120	100	137	130	442	409
U.S.	270	347	389	346	742	641	631	470	2,032	1,804

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 16, 2004



Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Mar 04 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2003	Feb 2004	2003	2004	04 as % of 03
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,018	1,775	2,077	103	117	6,186	5,746	93
Veal	16.0	14.1	13.8	86	98	48.6	43.5	89
Pork	1,606	1,557	1,785	111	115	4,846	5,085	105
Lamb & Mutton	17.6	14.1	21.5	122	153	47.3	50.4	107
Total Red Meat	3,657	3,360	3,897	107	116	11,128	10,925	98

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 23, 2004

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Jan - Mar ¹	
				2003	2004				2003	2004
	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
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,308	1,123	1,383	3,887	3,728	48.0	47.2	49.0	47.4	48.2
Heifers	874	828	954	2,673	2,593	32.1	34.8	33.8	32.6	33.5
All Cows	494	395	438	1,490	1,288	18.2	16.5	15.5	18.2	16.6
Dairy Cows	250	206	218	743	643	9.2	8.6	7.7	9.1	8.3
Other Cows	244	189	220	747	645	9.0	7.9	7.8	9.1	8.3
Bulls & Stags	48	35	45	144	120	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.6
Total¹	2,725	2,381	2,821	8,194	7,728	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,780	7,528	8,615	23,523	24,565	96.4	96.5	96.3	96.6	96.5
Sows	268	256	303	767	819	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.2
Stags & Boars	21	21	25	59	66	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Total¹	8,069	7,804	8,942	24,349	25,450	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	10	12	31	32	3.9	5.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	242	189	283	659	669	96.1	95.0	96.0	95.5	95.5
Total¹	252	199	295	690	701	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS. Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 23, 2004

**Number of Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered
by Species, by Size Group, United States**

Size Group	Cattle				Size Group	Hogs			
	Plants		Head			Plants		Head	
	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2002 ¹	2003 ²		2002 ¹	2003 ²	2002 ¹	2003 ²
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>			<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>	
1 - 999	529	508	168.5	163.7	1 - 999	433	411	148.2	138.7
1,000 - 9,999	85	89	275.5	299.0	1,000 - 9,999	129	127	338.8	332.8
10,000 - 49,999	28	26	661.1	624.4	10,000 - 99,999	69	72	2,727.6	2,773.0
50,000 - 99,999	7	11	487.7	790.1	100,000 - 249,999	10	12	1,475.1	1,931.5
100,000 - 199,999	14	12	1,945.2	1,792.7	250,000 - 499,999	8	7	2,392.5	2,154.0
200,000 - 299,999	9	8	2,246.1	2,016.6	500,000 - 999,999	5	5	3,722.0	3,574.0
300,000 - 499,999	11	11	4,600.3	4,409.6	1,000,000 - 1,999,999	8	5	13,491.3	8,678.8
500,000 - 999,999	8	9	4,773.6	5,344.2	2,000,000 - 2,999,999	8	10	17,922.9	22,719.9
1,000,000 - 1,499,999	13	13	16,375.9	16,492.2	3,000,000 - 3,999,999	4	4	13,805.8	14,308.0
1,500,000 +	2	2	3,446.2	3,338.7	4,000,000 +	9	9	42,447.9	44,481.3
Total³	706	689	34,980.0	35,271.3	Total³	683	662	98,472.1	101,092.1

¹Includes data from week ending January 4, 2003 thru January 3, 2004. ²Includes data from week January 4, 2003 thru January 3, 2003. ³Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2003 Summary, March 2004

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number
by Species, Selected States and United States, 2003¹**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	26	1,387.5	14	130.5	16	2,380.0		
Colorado	21	2,496.9			17	9.4		
Illinois	15	979.2	11	100.2	23	8,214.3	14	172.0
Indiana	5	2.7	3	9.2	8	7,121.4	5	24.5
Iowa	8	803.4			21	29,639.6	4	419.8
Kansas	15	7,396.5			9	272.2	6	1.4
Kentucky	18	9.8			21	2,361.1	13	11.0
Minnesota	24	780.5			24	9,061.2	17	1.8
Missouri	44	62.9			44	2,001.9	35	5.6
Nebraska	31	7,714.7			21	6,956.8	16	0.7
North Carolina	13	215.5	5	1.3	23	10,869.9	9	2.7
Ohio	11	67.0	4	61.9	13	1,107.3	6	0.2
Oklahoma	8	8.7			9	4,693.8		
Pennsylvania	101	1,059.1	58	192.1	96	2,762.9	76	82.2
South Dakota					5	4,651.7	4	11.8
Texas	32	6,527.6	7	20.7	23	325.7	16	361.8
Virginia	11	2.9			11	3,917.9		
Wisconsin	13	1,643.1	5	142.4	7	420.9	4	1.3
U.S.	689	35,271.3	290	990.5	662	101,092.0	505	2,836.8

¹Includes data from week ending January 4, 2003 thru January 3, 2004.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2003 Summary, March 2004

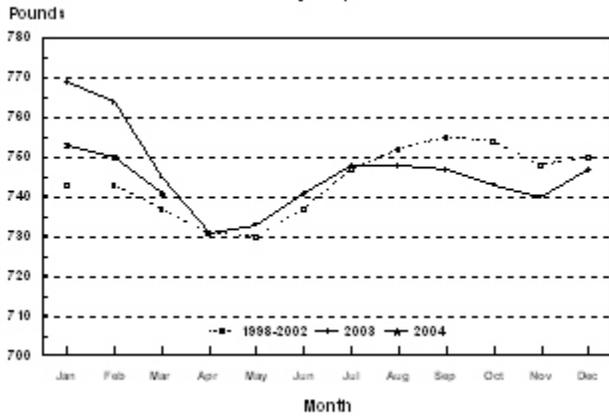
Commercial Cattle Slaughter, Top Five States, Selected Years¹

Rank	1980		1990		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Texas	5,793	Kansas	6,259	Kansas	8,213	Nebraska	7,694	Nebraska	7,862	Nebraska	7,661
2	Nebraska	5,612	Nebraska	5,882	Nebraska	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357
3	Iowa	2,999	Texas	5,681	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495
4	Kansas	2,968	Colorado	2,079	Colorado	2,636	Colorado	2,605	Colorado	2,596	Colorado	2,480
5	California	1,972	Iowa	1,830	Wisconsin	1,735	Wisconsin	1,659	Wisconsin	1,665	Wisconsin	1,669

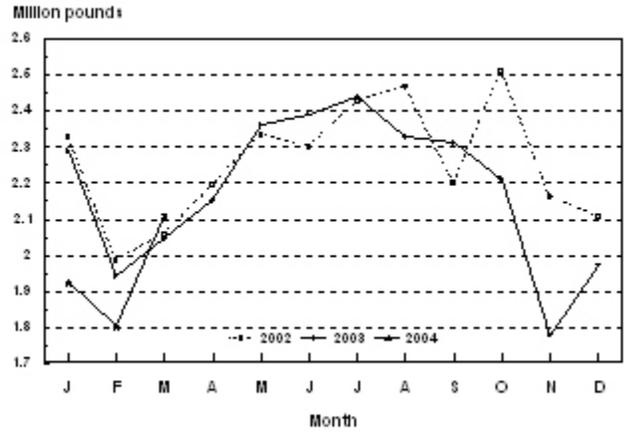
¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

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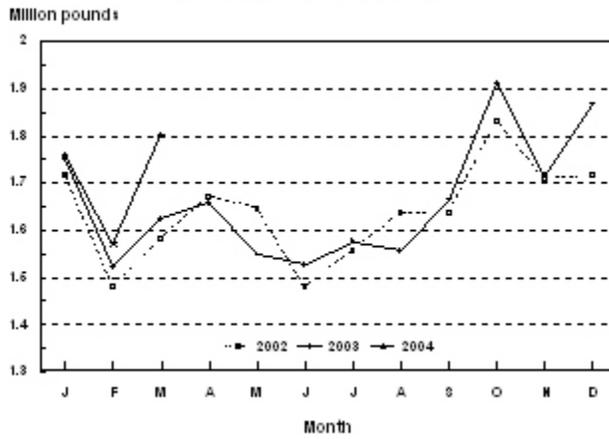
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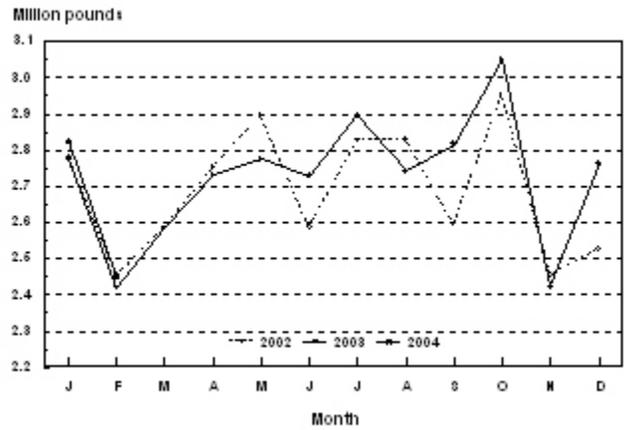
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