

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Apr 7 - (USDA) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending April 7, 2001, was estimated at 822.5 million lb according to the USDA's Marketing Service. This was 2.7% lower than a week ago and 3.2% lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 4.3% lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)
(excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
07-Apr-01	443.3	3.5	369.2	6.5	822.5
31-Mar-01	471.4	3.7	364.8	5.8	845.7
Change	dn 0.6%	dn 5.4%	up 1.2%	up 12.1%	dn 2.7%
08-Apr-00	486.5	4.0	352.9	6.0	849.3
Change	dn 8.9%	dn 12.5%	up 4.6%	up 8.3%	dn 3.2%
2001 YTD	6555.9	51.7	5113.3	65.0	11785.9
2000 YTD	7066.5	56.8	5124.6	68.1	12316.0
Change	dn 7.2%	dn 9.0%	dn 0.2%	dn 4.6%	dn 4.3%

1- Previous week estimates may be revised. Year ago data are actuals.
2- Excludes lard.
3- Totals may not add due to rounding. 2001 totals are subject to revision.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
07-Apr-01	610,000	18,000	1,882,000	90,000
31-Mar-01	648,000	19,000	1,862,000	81,000
Change	dn 5.9%	dn 5.3%	up 1.1%	up 11.1%
08-Apr-00	665,000	20,000	1,824,000	81,000
Change	dn 8.3%	dn 10.0%	up 3.2%	up 7.1%
2001 YTD	8,956,000	273,000	26,108,000	926,000
2000 YTD	9,544,000	300,000	26,516,000	978,000
Change	dn 6.2%	dn 8.9%	dn 1.5%	dn 5.3%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

Week Ending	LIVE	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
07-Apr-01	Estimate	1211	322	264	143
24-Mar-01	Estimate	1213	321	264	144
01-Apr-00	Actual	1206	322	262	144
DRESSED					
31-Mar-01	Estimate	730	199	197	72
24-Mar-01	Estimate	731	198	197	72
01-Apr-00	Actual	735	204	194	71

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk Ending	CATTLE				HOGS		
	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
24-Mar-01	48.3	33.1	16.7	1.9	96.5	3.1	0.4
25-Mar-00	48.5	34.8	14.9	1.8	96.5	3.2	0.3

Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland
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April 10, 2001

SLAUGHTER COWS: 75 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 HIGHER. BREAKERS 43.00-47.25, HIGH DRESSING TO 49.00, LEAN 36.00-39.50, THIN 35.00 DOWN.
BULLS: 7 HEAD. YG#1 55.00-57.75, YG#2 LOW DRESSING 45.00-52.00.
FED STEERS: FEW OFFERED. CHOICE 2-4 1200-1500 LBS. 76.00-78.25, SELECT TO LOW CHOICE 1000-1200 LBS. 65.00-71.00, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS AT 66.25.
FED HEIFERS: 13 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1400 LBS. 82.00-84.00, CHOICE 2-3 1000-1400 LBS. 74.00-77.00, LOW CHOICE 900-1100 LBS. 70.00-73.00.
CALVES: 52 HEAD. ALL RETURNED TO FARM. HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY. #1 95-120 LBS. 177.00-207.00, 80-95 LBS. 150.00-182.00; #2 95-120 LBS. 125.00-175.00, 75-95 LBS. 102.00-150.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS SCARCE. 1 100 LB. AT 385.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 80-110 LBS. 160.00-180.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: 28 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER. #1 AND 2 240-275 LBS. 44.00; #1 AND 3 280-300 LBS. TO 38.50, 310 LBS. AT 37.00.
SOWS: 7 HEAD. 300-400 LBS. 32.00-35.25, 400-500 LBS. TO 37.25, 500-650 LBS. 41.00-43.25.
BOARS: 1 838 LBS. AT 16.75.
STOCK CATTLE: 189 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 93.00-108.00, 400-600 LBS. 86.00-97.00, 600-700 LBS. 75.00-89.00, 700-800 LBS. 70.00-79.00, 800-1000 LBS. 64.00-74.00.
HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 85.00-99.00, 1 AT

117.00, 400-600 LBS. 80.00-91.00, TO 96.00, 600-800 LBS. 73.00-81.00, FEW AT 68.00, 800-1000 LBS. 57.00-69.00.
BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 88.00-102.00, 400-600 LBS. 83.00-95.00, 600-700 LBS. 71.00-85.00, 700-900 LBS. 66.00-71.00.
SHEEP: 34 HEAD. 33.00-72.00, MAINLY 40.00-60.00.
LAMBS: 133 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO SPRING 80-110 LBS. 90.00-101.00, 60-80 LBS. 100.00-122.00, 30-60 LBS. 110.00-125.00, FEW 140.00-160.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 30-60 LBS. 80.00-110.00, WOOLED 80-120 LBS. 70.00-85.00.
GOATS: 161 HEAD. LARGE BIL-LIES AND WETHERS 55.00-80.00, FEW 100.00-117.00, MEDIUM 28.00-40.00, FEW 44.00-70.00, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES 30.00-60.00, FLESHY KIDS 20.00-38.00, PLAIN KIDS 10.00-25.00.
PIGS AND SHOATS: 57 HEAD. BY THE LB. 40 HEAD 29-45 LBS. 82.00-95.00, 12 HEAD 45-55 LBS. 82.00-94.00; 3 BRED SOWS AT 200.00 EACH.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables
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Wednesday, April 11, 2001

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CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 825.00-1600.00.
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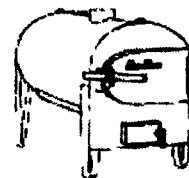
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