

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18- (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Sat., May 19, was estimated at 872.9 million lb according to the USDA's Marketing Service. This was 0.9% lower than a week ago and 0.1% higher than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 3.3% lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)
(excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
19-May-01	522.3	3.6	343.5	3.5	872.9
12-May-01	522.4	3.9	351.2	3.5	881.0
Change	0%	dn 7.7%	dn 2.2%	0%	dn 0.9%
20-May-00	523.5	4.1	340.8	3.9	872.3
Change	dn 0.2%	dn 12.2%	up 0.8%	dn 10.3%	up 0.1%
2001 YTD	9,480.3	73.1	7,232.0	87.9	16,873.3
2000 YTD	10,094.5	80.1	7,177.3	95.5	17,447.4
Change	dn 6.1%	dn 8.7%	up 0.8%	dn 8.0%	dn 3.3%

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
19-May-01	728,000	18,000	1,751,000	49,000
12-May-01	724,000	19,000	1,793,000	50,000
Change	up 0.6%	dn 5.3%	dn 2.3%	dn 2.0%
20-May-00	719,000	20,000	1,753,000	57,000
Change	up 1.3%	dn 10.0%	dn 0.1%	dn 14.0%
2001 YTD	13,023,000	387,000	36,925,000	1,231,000
2000 YTD	13,706,000	413,000	37,081,000	1,384,000
Change	dn 5.0%	dn 6.3%	dn 0.4%	dn 11.0%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

Week Ending	LIVE Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
19-May-01	Estimate	1192	336	265
12-May-01	Estimate	1197	337	265
20-May-00	Actual	1200	338	263
DRESSED				
19-May-01	Estimate	721	208	197
12-May-01	Estimate	725	208	197
20-May-00	Actual	731	209	195

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk Ending	CATTLE				HOGS		
	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
05-May-01	47.9%	33.4%	15.6%	1.9%	96.5%	3.1%	0.4%
06-May-00	52.8%	31.1%	14.4%	1.7%	96.5%	3.1%	0.3%

Midwest Daily Livestock Summary

Amarillo, Texas

Wednesday, May 23, 2001
Report Supplied By USDA

Daily Livestock Summary—National trade of direct slaughter cattle compared to Tuesday, live basis 2.00 higher, dress basis 3.00-4.00 higher. National Direct slaughter steers: Live basis: over 80% Choice 75.00-80.25 weighted average price 77.20; 35-65% Choice 74.50-78.00 weighted average price 76.41. Dressed basis: 65-80% Choice 119.94-125.00 weighted average price 35-65% Choice 119.00-124.00 weighted average price 122.88. National Direct slaughter heifers: Live basis: 35-65% Choice 75.00-77.50 weighted average price 76.41. Dress basis: 35-65% 120.00-124.00 weighted average price 123.57.

Slaughter steers and heifers at Sioux Falls terminal market 2.00-3.00 higher. Sioux Falls mid-session: Steers: Part load Choice and Prime 3, 1305 lbs 80.80. High Select to mostly Choice 3, 1185-1465 lbs 77.10-79.75; Select and Choice 2-3, 1155-1345 lbs 74.75-76.90. Choice 2-3 Holsteins 1590 lbs 70.00; High Select to Choice Holsteins 2-3, 1210-1530 lbs 65.75-68.00; Select with end Choice Holsteins 2-3, 1250-1300 lbs 64.00-65.75. Heifers: High Select to mostly Choice 2-3, 1100-1330 lbs 77.00-79.70; Select and Choice 2-3, 1080-1130 lbs 74.25-76.75. South St. Paul terminal slaughter steers and heifers steady. Steers: Choice 2-3, 1300-1550 lbs 73.00-75.50. Heifers: Choice 2-3, 1100-1300 lbs 76.50-77.50, mostly 77.00. Select and Choice 2-3, 1000-1300 lbs 73.00-75.00.

Cattle slaughter under federal inspection on Wednesday was estimated at 132,000 head compared to 132,000 a week ago and 131,000 a year ago. Week to date totals through Wednesday 395,000 head compared to last week 389,000 and a year ago actual slaughtered 392,000.

Slaughter cows at South St. Paul were steady. Premium White 70-75% lean Over 1200 lbs 53.00-57.50. Breakers 70-80% lean Over 1100 lbs 52.00-56.50. Boners 80-85% lean Over 1050 lbs 49.00-54.00. Lean 85-90% lean Over 850 lbs 47.00-51.00.

Feeder cattle: Not enough on offer of any class to establish a market trend St. Joseph, MO. For the mid-session on Wednesday the estimated receipts for today are 500 head. Steers: Medium and Large 1: 871 lbs 82.60; fleshy 994 lbs 72.50. Large 1: 528 lbs 105.00; 679 lbs 86.70; 755 lbs 85.85. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: 495 lbs 105.50; 550-575 lbs 91.25-96.25; 650-800 lbs 85.00-90.00.

Barrows and gilts at terminal markets were .50-1.50 lower on Wednesday, 49.00-51.50 on 220-270 lb 47-51% lean barrow and gilts. The National direct trade prices are based on 185 lbs hog carcass with 0.9-1.1 inch back fat and 6 inch square loin/2.0 inch depth plant delivered. National direct trade closed uneven, mostly 1.50 lower prices ranging

from 62.75-72.50 with average price of 68.30. Iowa-S. Minnesota direct trade was uneven, mostly weak to .75 lower at 62.75-72.50 with an average price of 68.92. The Western Cornbelt closed uneven, mostly weak to 1.50 lower at 62.75-72.50, average price 68.88. The Eastern Cornbelt trend closed uneven, mostly weak to 1.25 lower with prices ranging 63.50-71.43, with an average price 67.18.

Hog slaughter under federal inspection on Wednesday was estimated at 363,000 head compared to 346,000 a week ago and 359,000 a year ago. Week to date totals through Wednesday 1,072,000 head compared to a week ago 1,040,000 head and a year ago actual slaughtered 1,062,000.

Slaughter lambs were 2.00-3.00 lower at So. St. Paul, MN. Sioux Falls sheep auction closed for holiday. So. St. Paul receipts totaled 200 head. Spring New Crop: Choice, end Prime 2-3 110-130 lbs 78.00-80.00; Fall Shorn and Old crop: Choice, end Prime 120-140 lbs with 1-2 pelts 75.00-78.00. The estimated lamb carcass cutout value was unavailable for Wednesday.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection on Wednesday was estimated at 9,000 head compared to 9,000 a week ago and 13,000 a year ago. Week to date slaughter for sheep through Wednesday 27,000 head compared to a week ago 27,000 head and a year ago same day actual slaughtered 31,000 head.

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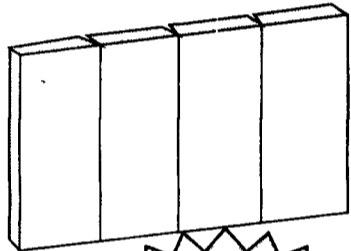
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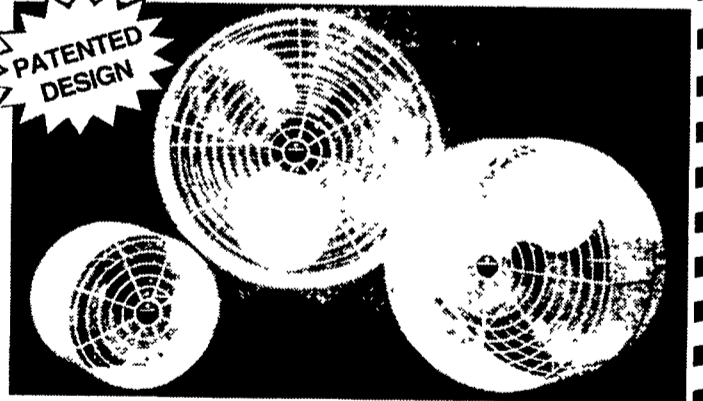
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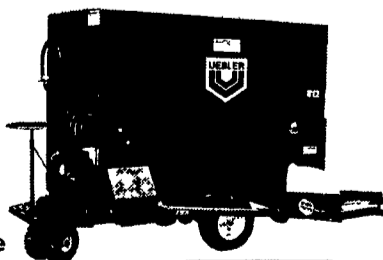
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