



**Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 22 - (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 23 was estimated at 913.6 million lbs, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 1.5 percent lower than a week ago and 3.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.3 percent lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds) (excludes condemned)					
Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
23-Aug-03	540.3	3.5	366.3	3.5	913.6
16-Aug-03	538.7	3.5	382.1	3.6	927.9
Change	0.3%	0.0%	-4.1%	2.8%	1.5%
24-Aug-02	557.3	3.9	378.3	3.5	943.0
Change	3.1%	10.3%	3.2%	0.0%	-3.1%
2003 YTD	17,212.7	119.6	12,267.9	121.3	29,721.5
2002 YTD	17,321.9	118.3	12,223.7	133.7	29,797.6
Change	0.6%	1.1%	0.4%	9.3%	0.3%

1 Previous week estimates may be revised. Year ago data are actuals.  
2 Excludes lard.  
3 Totals may not add due to rounding. 2003 totals are subject to revision.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)**

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
23-Aug-03	725,000	20,000	1,887,000	54,000
16-Aug-03	723,000	20,000	1,968,000	55,000
Change	0.3%	0.0%	4.1%	1.8%
24-Aug-02	723,000	22,000	1,967,000	54,000
Change	0.3%	9.1%	4.1%	0.0%
2003 YTD	23,068,000	639,000	61,953,000	1,803,000
2002 YTD	22,860,000	629,000	62,136,000	1,969,000
Change	0.9%	1.5%	0.3%	-8.4%

**AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)**

Week Ending	LIVE CATTLE	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
23-Aug-03	Estimate 1227	288	262	131
16-Aug-03	Estimate 1238	285	262	131
24-Aug-02	Actual 1261	292	260	129

**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS**

Wk Ending	CATTLE				HOGS		
	Steers	Heders	Cows/Bull/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags	
09-Aug-03	80.8%	31.9%	15.6%	1.7%	96.4%	3.4%	0.2%
10-Aug-02	53.8%	30.1%	14.4%	1.6%	96.1%	3.6%	0.3%

**Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle**

St. Joseph, Mo. August 25, 2003 - USDA Market News Service  
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for  
Week Ending Sunday, August 24, 2003

Confirmed Sales 281,321 Week Ago 243,403 Year Ago 174,525

**LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds**

**SLAUGHTER STEERS**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	3,204	1200-1370	79.00-82.00	1,290	81.02
65-80% Choice	9,233	1150-1400	77.50-82.50	1,300	80.97
35-80% Choice	70,440	1050-1400	78.00-82.50	1,272	80.62
0-35% Choice	8,116	1100-1401	78.00-82.00	1,266	80.27
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>90,993</b>	<b>1050-1401</b>	<b>77.50-82.50</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>80.64</b>

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,402	1050-1250	79.75-82.00	1,141	80.85
65-80% Choice	12,421	1050-1300	78.00-82.50	1,173	81.33
35-80% Choice	56,181	1025-1350	77.50-82.00	1,139	80.67
0-35% Choice	2,814	1070-1325	78.00-82.00	1,127	80.32
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>72,818</b>	<b>1025-1350</b>	<b>77.50-82.50</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>80.77</b>

**DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds**

**SLAUGHTER STEERS**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	2,000	769-859	126.00-131.00	839	128.65
65-80% Choice	11,577	683-930	126.00-130.50	829	129.13
35-65% Choice	14,754	660-857	126.00-130.50	823	129.59
0-35% Choice	369	650-863	126.00-130.00	800	128.79
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>650-930</b>	<b>126.00-131.00</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>129.33</b>

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	915	680-800	128.00-130.00	764	129.57
65-80% Choice	9,858	683-840	126.00-130.00	754	129.19
35-65% Choice	12,055	656-841	125.50-130.00	748	129.60
0-35% Choice	106	698-702	129.00-130.00	700	129.43
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>22,934</b>	<b>656-841</b>	<b>125.50-130.00</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>129.51</b>

**Weekly Weighted Averages**

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	90,993	1,275	80.64
Live Heifer	72,818	1,145	80.77
Dressed Steer	28,700	826	129.33
Dressed Heifer	22,934	751	129.51

**Same Period Last Week**

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	70,011	1,271	78.47
Live Heifer	56,150	1,144	78.56
Dressed Steer	31,378	826	127.29
Dressed Heifer	21,899	757	127.74

**Same Period Last Year**

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	49,488	1,299	64.18
Live Heifer	40,031	1,168	64.72
Dressed Steer	4,160	851	101.87
Dressed Heifer	21,625	775	101.85

**National Direct Feeder Pig Report**

Week Ending August 22, 2003

**USDA Market News, Des Moines, Iowa**

Weekly Summary of prices on a farm to farm per head basis. 1.0B is the price, picked up at the seller's farm. DELIVERED is the price unloaded at the buyer's farm including trucking and broker's fees.

RECEIPTS This Week 81,920 Last Week 79,170

**VOLUME BY STATE OR PROVINCE OF ORIGIN**

State/Province	Volume
Minnesota 14.8%	11,920
Iowa 14.8%	11,920
Oklahoma 14.8%	11,920
North Carolina 13.1%	10,740
Illinois 4.7%	3,840
Wisconsin 1.2%	980
Michigan 2.8%	2,280
Arkansas 6.0%	4,920
Nebraska 0.6%	490
Colorado 0.7%	560
Nebraska 1.9%	1,540
Indiana 1.1%	890
Michigan 1.0%	810
Texas 0.6%	490

**VOLUME BY STATE OF DESTINATION**

State	Volume
Iowa 55.3%	44,890
Minnesota 19.3%	15,460
Wisconsin 2.1%	1,680
Texas 0.1%	80
Illinois 6.1%	4,920
Michigan 1.0%	810

**TREND** Compared to last week. Early weaned pigs 2.00 lower. Feeder pigs steady to 1.00 lower. Demand light for moderate offerings. Receipts include 34% formulated prices.

**EARLY WEANED PIGS 10 POUNDS BASIS:** Estimated 40-54% Lean Value

Weight	Price
250 head or less	692
250-750	9,711
750 or more	29,421
<b>Total Composite</b>	<b>39,824</b>

**FEEDER PIGS 40 POUNDS BASIS:** Estimated 40-54% Lean Value

Weight	Price
250 head or less	650
250-750	5,910
750 or more	20,811
<b>Total Composite</b>	<b>27,371</b>

**FEEDER PIGS 45 POUNDS BASIS:** Estimated 40-54% Lean Value

Weight	Price
250 head or less	100
250-750	1,200
750 or more	4,800
<b>Total Composite</b>	<b>6,100</b>

**FEEDER PIGS 50 POUNDS BASIS:** Estimated 40-54% Lean Value

Weight	Price
250-750	1,700
750 or more	3,200
<b>Total Composite</b>	<b>4,900</b>

**FEEDER PIGS 55 POUNDS BASIS:** Estimated 40-54% Lean Value

Weight	Price
250-750	1,875
750 or more	1,850
<b>Total Composite</b>	<b>3,725</b>

Most lots of 40-60 weight pigs have a sliding value from the negotiated weight basis which is calculated on the actual average weight of the load plus or minus .30-40 per pound. Some early weaned lots have a slide of .50-1.00 per pound. Early weaned pigs are under 19 days old. Estimated lean value is projected to use slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions. Vaccination and health program values are not included but health status should be disclosed.

**Mineral Wells Livestock Exchange**

Mineral Wells, WV

Report Supplied by Auction

Aug. 23, 2003

**STOCK STEERS GRADE M-L**

300 AND UNDER .80-102½,

300-500 LBS. .75-113, 500-700 LBS.

.76-.89½, 800 AND OVER .65-.83.

**STOCK HEIFERS GRADE M-L**

300 AND UNDER .74-.85, 300-500 LBS. .69-.85, 500-700 LBS. .69-.78, 800 AND OVER .62-.74½.

**STOCK BULLS GRADE M-L 300 AND UNDER, NONE, 300-500 LBS. .85-.97, 500-700 LBS. .65-.80.**

**SLAUGHTER BULLS .41-.58½, COWS AND CALVES BY THE HEAD 670.00-775.00, BRED COWS BY THE HEAD 530.00-875.00; BRED COWS BY THE LB., NONE,**

**SLAUGHTER COWS HIGH DRESS 38.50-45.50, UTILITY 35.50-38.00, CANNER .25-.35.**

**LAMBS, NONE; SHEEP, EWES .26-.36, RAMS .28-.32, FEEDERS .56; BABY CALVES 75 HEAD, HORSES 175-340.00, PONIES, NONE; HOGS 200-250 LBS. .35-.37, 300-500 LBS., NONE; MALE HOGS, NONE; PIGS BY THE HEAD .17-.36; GOATS 35-85.**



**SEPTEMBER SPECIALS**

<p><b>\$9.95</b></p> <p><b>1-Gal. Fast Orange Hand Cleaner</b> Fine Pumice formula gently deep cleans the toughest dirt (P23218, P25218)</p>	<p><b>\$9.95</b></p> <p><b>200-Count Rags in A Box</b> Spongelike absorbency. Absorbs most paints, and stains (75260, 75190)</p>	<p><b>\$22.95 ea.</b></p> <p><b>26-In. Industrial Tool Chest</b> Great for heavy duty loads. Removable tray (6732804) (7802-00)</p>	<p><b>\$31.95</b></p> <p><b>35-In. Industrial Tool Chest</b> Great for heavy duty loads. One removable tray (6732796) (R7803)</p>
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<p><b>\$59.95 ea.</b></p> <p><b>29-Pc. High Speed Steel Drill Bit Set</b> 1/16" through 1/2" by 64ths. Split point Drillco (D400N29) (Set shown not actual set)</p>	<p><b>\$26.95 ea.</b></p> <p><b>5-Gal. Steel Gas Safety Can</b> Great for storing and transporting gas and other liquids (8346678) (EU150S)</p>	<p><b>\$54.00</b></p> <p><b>HDM #1 series Heavy duty mail box, solid 1/8" steel construction. Powdercoated finish</b> Assorted Colors. Black, Green, Bronze, White</p>	<p><b>\$37.99</b></p> <p><b>SCHLAGE Deadbolt &amp; Entry Lock Combo</b> Includes single cylinder deadbolt and Plymouth entry lockset (225967)</p>
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<p><b>\$55.69</b></p> <p><b>1/2 HP Garbage Disposal</b> 2,600 RPM. Fast and easy installation. Energy efficient motor (400523)</p>	<p><b>\$17.56</b></p> <p><b>Hand Held Massage Spray Shower</b> Four selection settings include full spray, massage spray, combination full/massage spray and pause control (9887985)</p>	<p><b>\$20.65</b></p> <p><b>20-Gal. Utility Tub</b> For workshop, laundry, mudroom, or anywhere you need a utility sink. Faucet not included (435826)</p>	<p><b>\$8.54</b></p> <p><b>72-In. Stainless Steel Dishwasher Connector</b> Exceptional flexibility for fast, easy installation. Won't kink or crease (401W60)</p>
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<p><b>\$10.93</b></p> <p><b>Toilet Bowl Cleaning System</b> Easy to install in-tank system release cleanser with every flush. Reduces spread of viruses and bacteria (453404)</p>	<p><b>\$7.60</b></p> <p><b>25-Ft. Metal Worklight</b> Helps direct light where needed. Hang by the guard or handle (6753966) (0201)</p>	<p><b>\$26.95</b></p> <p><b>175 Watt Mercury Vapor High Pressure Sodium Light</b> Automatic twist-lock light sensor - Nighttime ON, Daytime OFF. Bulb included (524329)</p>	<p><b>\$4.99</b></p> <p><b>Life Saver Smoke and Fire Alarm</b> Battery powered. Test button for complete check of system (535559) (0914)</p>
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<p><b>\$38.65</b></p> <p><b>1000 Watt Twin Stand Light</b> Twist-lock light stand adjusts to over six feet. Heavy duty tripod stand, folds for convenient storage (521175)</p>	<p><b>\$1.59 PER POUCH</b></p> <p><b>Rat &amp; Mice Bait Pouch</b> Effective control of Norway rats, roof rats and house mice indoor and outdoor (6589584) (116363)</p>	<p><b>\$2.95</b></p> <p><b>INFORCER. 12-Oz. Wasp &amp; Yellow Jacket Foam Killer Spray</b> Kills hornets, wasps, and yellow jackets (6879712) (FWH-16) (3207107)</p>	<p><b>\$2.95</b></p> <p><b>16-Oz. Wasp &amp; Hornet Killer Spray</b> Quick knockdown, kills wasps, hornets, and yellow jackets (9147513) (WH-16)</p>
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<p><b>\$7.60</b></p> <p><b>16-Gal. Utility Tub</b> All-purpose utility storage features two sturdy rope handles and two pouring spouts (6259402) (297687) (R2976)</p>	<p><b>\$17.89</b></p> <p><b>5-Tine Forged Manure Fork</b> Good for transferring manure or loose materials (6201636) (74223/FK54)</p>	<p><b>\$7.95</b></p> <p><b>UnionTools Open-Back Round Point Shovel</b> Good for digging in sandy, light soils. 48" white ash wood handle (6877773) (40191) (U40191)</p>	<p><b>\$8.95</b></p> <p><b>UnionTools Tufttools Bow Rake</b> For preparing garden soil. Wood handle with steel ferrule (6822407) (63107/YB14-41/2) (U63107)</p>
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<p><b>\$9.95</b></p> <p><b>Plastic Cap Swivel Kneepads</b> Comfortable foam padding for extra knee protection. One size fits all (CV230)</p>	
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