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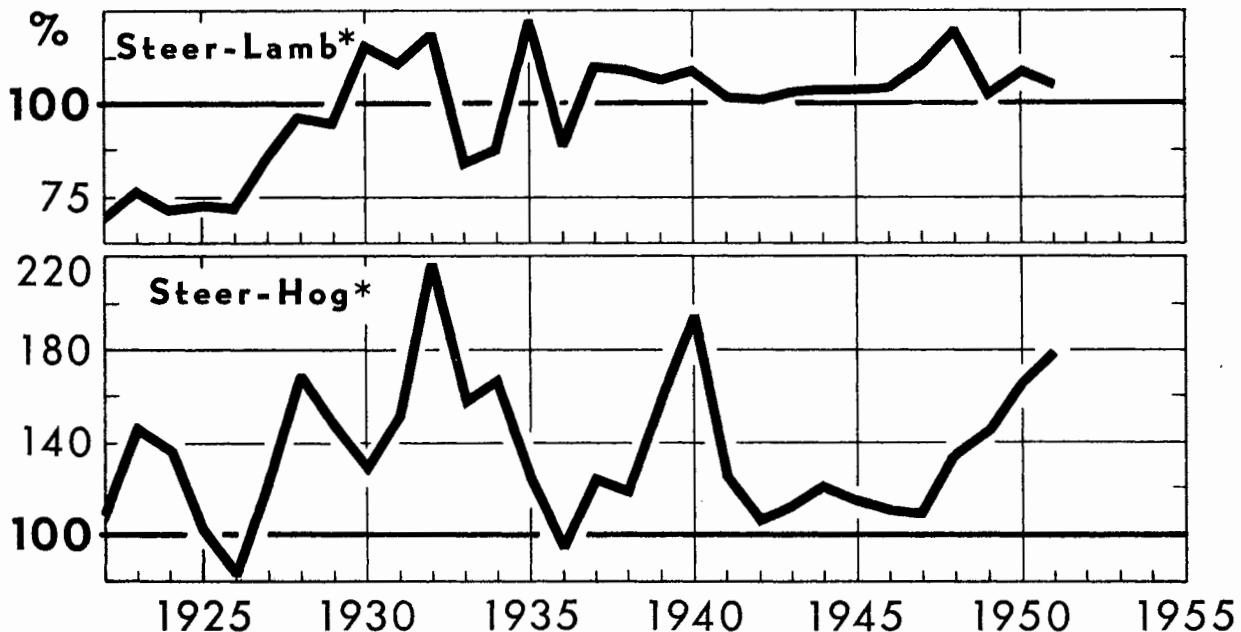
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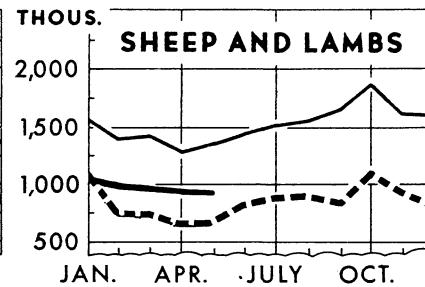
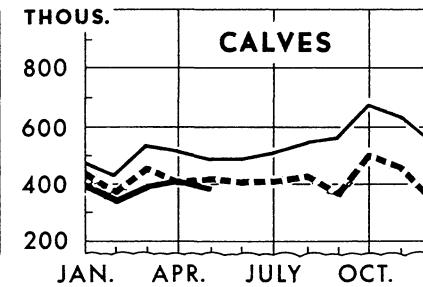
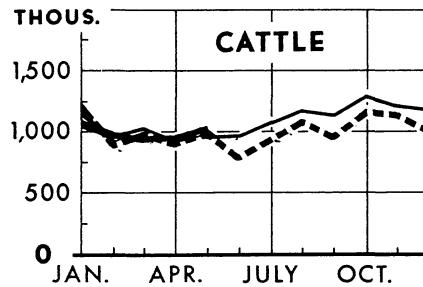
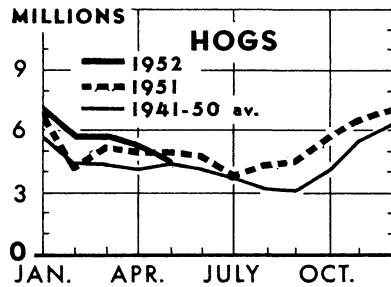
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Prices of Choice beef steers in the last few years have been a little above their average ratio to prices of lambs and have been considerably above the average ratio to prices of hogs. The 1951 steer-hog price ratio had been exceeded only twice in 30 years.

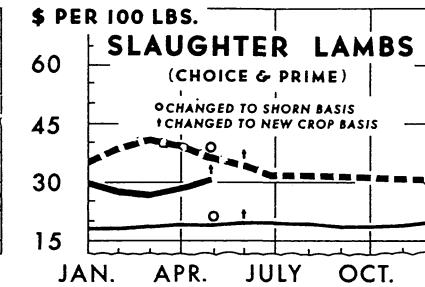
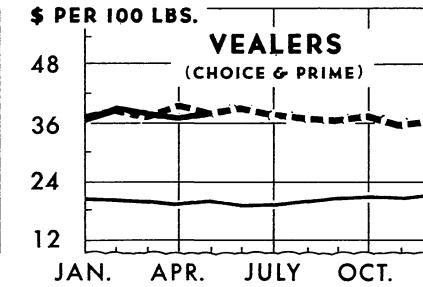
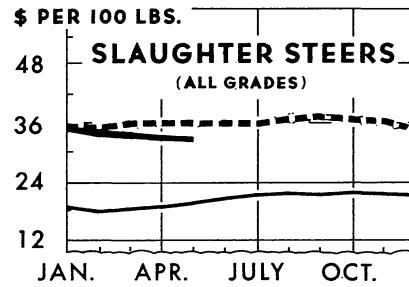
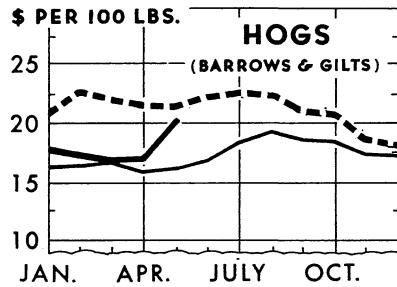
Hog production in 1952 and probably in 1953 will be below 1951. Cattle slaughter is expected to increase substantially in the next few years. Therefore the steer-hog price ratio in the future probably will be closer to average than in recent years.

# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

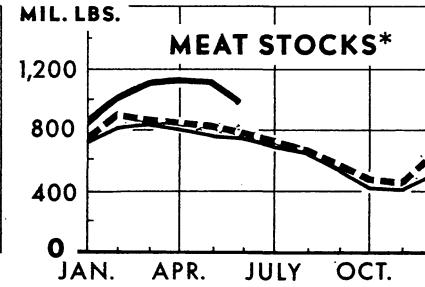
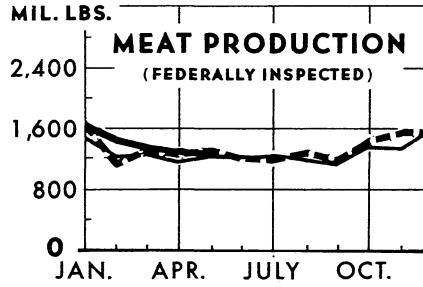
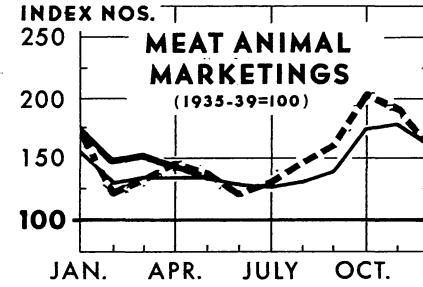
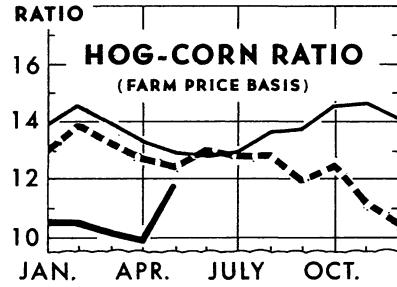
## Federally Inspected Slaughter



## Market Prices, Chicago



## Hog-Corn Ratio, Meat Animal Marketings, Meat Production, & Stocks, United States



\*BEEF, LAMB AND MUTTON, PORK, AND MISCELLANEOUS MEATS IN MEAT PACKING PLANTS AND COMMERCIAL COLD STORAGE HOUSES, BEGINNING OF MONTH

THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

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SUMMARY

Although total livestock slaughter and meat production in the first half of the year was well above a year earlier, in the second half of 1952 it will be little if any larger than in the last six months of 1951. Cattle slaughter is rising from last year's level, but the rise is slower than the decrease which is occurring in hog slaughter. The slaughter outlook points to generally continued strength in prices of meat animals, especially hogs, as long as consumer demand for meat does not weaken. Prices of fed cattle may pick up a little in early fall, while prices of grass cattle and of lambs are more likely to decline seasonally at the fall period of largest marketings.

Commercial cattle slaughter in the first 6 months was about 5 percent larger than a year earlier. In the remainder of the year it is likely to be up still more. However, slaughter will not be of sufficient volume to check appreciably the expansion of cattle numbers on farms. Cattle numbers rose by 6 million head in 1951, a new high record. Unless slaughter is stepped up substantially in the rest of 1952, another 5 million or more cattle and calves will be added to herds this year.

With cattle slaughter in the first half of 1952 only moderately larger than a year earlier, prices of cattle during most of that time were only a little below last year. Unless slaughter increases more than appears likely, prices are expected to continue not greatly below those of a year earlier for the rest of the year. Declines in prices of cattle in recent weeks, particularly for stockers and feeders, were due chiefly to a pick-up in receipts and a somewhat lower demand for cattle to go on pastures or into feed lots. Prices of fed cattle weakened during the spring under pressure of seasonally large marketings, but may increase somewhat in early fall. Prices of grass cattle are expected to decrease at least seasonally as marketings expand near the end of the grazing season. At that time prices of grass cattle are likely to be farther below 1951 than will prices of fed cattle.

Commercial hog slaughter in the first 6 months of 1952 was about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  percent larger than last year. The increase occurred entirely in the first 4 months; in May and June slaughter was below last year. Slaughter will continue below a year earlier throughout 1952 and well into 1953. The 9 percent reduction in the 1952 spring pig crop from the 1951 spring crop will be reflected in a similar reduction from last year in hog slaughter this fall and winter. If farmers carry out their intentions to have 9 percent fewer sows farrow fall pigs, hog slaughter and pork production in the spring and summer of 1953 will be reduced by at least that much.

By late June prices of barrows and gilts at Chicago were about \$3.50 per 100 pounds higher than at their low in early April but were \$2.50

lower than on the same date last year. A further rise is in prospect, to a seasonal high in August or September. Price ceilings on pork may have some influence on precisely how high hog prices may go at that time. A seasonal decline in hog prices is in prospect for this fall but it may be no greater than average and prices may be as high or higher than a year earlier.

Prices of lambs declined in mid-June after a period of relative stability above their late winter low. A seasonal price decrease seems likely when marketings are largest this fall.

Consumption of beef per person in the second half of 1952 will be larger than a year earlier and consumption of pork will be smaller. Consumption of all meat during the second half of 1952 will be no larger than last year unless marketings of cattle this fall are unusually large. As meat consumption per person in the first half of 1952 was a little above last year, consumption for all of 1952 seems likely to exceed last year's 137.7 pounds by about 2 pounds.

#### REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

##### Spring Pig Crop 9 Percent Smaller

The 56.6 million pigs saved in the spring crop of 1952 was 9 percent smaller than the spring crop of 1951. This is the first decrease in a spring crop since 1948, and the crop was the sixth largest of record. Over one million fewer sows farrowed this spring than last. But the average size of litter was 6.64 pigs, the highest on record for the spring pig crop.

The greatest reduction in the number of spring pigs occurred in the West North Central States, where 14 percent fewer pigs were saved this spring than in 1951. However, the Western States showed a slightly larger percentage decrease. The reduction in the East North Central States was 4 percent. Regions outside the Corn Belt averaged a 3 percent drop, although the North and South Atlantic States saved more pigs this spring than last.

The reduction of 11 percent in sows farrowing is greater than the 8 percent cut planned by farmers last December. A prolonged low level of hog prices this past winter was a big factor in bringing about the larger reduction.

Spring pigs were farrowed a little earlier on the average this spring than last. A tendency towards earlier farrowings has prevailed for several years. Earlier average dates of farrowings this year nevertheless came about chiefly because farrowings were reduced most in late spring months..

Table 1.- Number of sows farrowing, pigs saved and pigs saved per litter, spring and fall pig crops, United States and by regions, average 1937-41, annual 1944-52

## SPRING PIG CROP

Year	North		North Central		South		United States	
	Atlantic	East	West	Atlantic	Central	Western		
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Sows farrowing								
1937-41 av.	140	2,016	3,417	580	1,069	312	7,534	
1944	198	2,416	4,301	772	1,227	332	9,246	
1945	158	2,129	4,111	620	1,024	260	8,302	
1946	148	2,169	3,861	630	1,017	252	8,077	
1947	159	2,311	4,230	639	979	230	8,518	
1948	153	2,111	3,718	608	987	256	7,833	
1949	165	2,394	4,319	633	1,053	256	8,820	
1950	145	2,554	4,568	631	1,048	228	9,174	
1951	153	2,625	4,855	683	1,026	249	9,591	
1952 1/	157	2,468	4,056	721	912	216	8,530	
Pigs saved								
1937-41 av.	886	12,961	21,472	3,377	6,157	1,948	46,801	
1944	1,316	15,193	25,568	4,482	7,162	2,033	55,754	
1945	1,027	11,176	25,756	3,635	6,003	1,619	52,216	
1946	998	11,559	25,226	3,732	6,073	1,603	52,191	
1947	1,029	14,265	25,812	3,790	5,857	1,446	52,199	
1948	1,010	11,052	21,062	3,714	6,030	1,600	50,468	
1949	1,107	15,909	27,835	3,909	6,570	1,639	56,969	
1950	920	16,177	28,905	3,971	6,534	1,428	57,935	
1951	1,016	17,238	31,463	4,273	6,430	1,587	62,007	
1952 1/	1,072	16,598	27,095	4,601	5,899	1,342	56,607	
Pigs saved per litter								
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
1937-41 av.	6.32	6.45	6.30	5.82	5.76	6.24	6.22	
1944	6.63	6.29	5.94	5.81	5.84	6.12	6.03	
1945	6.48	6.66	6.26	5.87	5.86	6.22	6.29	
1946	6.76	6.71	6.53	5.92	5.97	6.35	6.46	
1947	6.48	6.17	6.10	5.93	5.98	6.27	6.11	
1948	6.58	6.65	6.47	6.11	6.11	6.26	6.44	
1949	6.73	6.65	6.44	6.17	6.24	6.39	6.46	
1950	6.36	6.33	6.33	6.29	6.23	6.26	6.31	
1951	6.63	6.57	6.68	6.26	6.27	6.38	6.47	
1952 1/	6.83	6.73	6.68	6.38	6.47	6.23	6.64	
FALL PIG CROP								
Sows farrowing								
Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
1937-41 av.	127	1,471	1,480	507	963	254	4,802	
1944	135	1,536	1,544	552	914	201	4,882	
1945	142	1,705	1,848	558	976	200	5,429	
1946	121	1,515	1,447	585	877	159	4,704	
1947	121	1,557	1,530	583	901	174	4,866	
1948	126	1,609	1,690	551	904	190	5,070	
1949	123	1,800	1,911	565	951	188	5,568	
1950	119	1,970	2,183	561	924	166	5,923	
1951	126	2,015	2,269	611	879	189	6,089	
1952	123	1,895	2,046	598	747	157	2/5,566	
Pigs saved								
1937-41 av.	844	9,756	9,400	3,051	5,769	1,608	30,428	
1944	909	10,164	9,782	3,276	5,500	1,274	30,905	
1945	937	11,224	11,761	3,401	6,007	1,281	31,611	
1946	818	10,194	9,578	3,578	5,348	987	30,503	
1947	831	10,199	9,732	3,584	5,627	1,117	31,090	
1948	865	10,917	11,184	3,452	5,717	1,223	33,358	
1949	831	11,925	12,694	3,531	6,059	1,235	36,275	
1950	815	12,289	14,674	3,552	5,998	1,076	39,404	
1951	872	13,508	14,899	3,975	5,704	1,224	40,182	
							2/36,500	
Pigs saved per litter								
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
1937-41 av.	6.63	6.63	6.34	6.02	5.99	6.31	6.33	
1944	6.71	6.62	6.35	5.94	6.02	6.35	6.33	
1945	6.57	6.58	6.36	6.10	6.15	6.41	6.38	
1946	6.72	6.73	6.62	6.12	6.10	6.23	6.49	
1947	6.82	6.55	6.36	6.14	6.25	6.45	6.39	
1948	6.88	6.78	6.62	6.27	6.32	6.43	6.58	
1949	6.77	6.62	6.54	6.25	6.37	6.55	6.52	
1950	6.83	6.74	6.72	6.33	6.49	6.50	6.65	
1951	6.92	6.70	6.57	6.51	6.49	6.47	6.60	
1952							2/6.60	

1/ Preliminary

2/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions as of June 1, 1952; average number of pigs per litter adjusted for trend used to calculate indicated number of pigs saved.

Table 2. Number of sows farrowing and percentage distribution  
by months, spring season, United States, average  
1937-41 and annual 1948-52

Year	Number of sows farrowing						Total Thous.,
	Dec. 1/ <sup>1</sup>	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	
 1937-41 :							
av.	290	409	791	1,999	2,605	1,440	7,534
1948	254	350	746	2,122	2,838	1,523	7,833
1949	283	441	958	2,567	3,026	1,545	8,820
1950	249	416	1,089	2,803	3,084	1,533	9,174
1951	288	491	1,237	2,752	3,103	1,720	9,591
1952	268	483	1,209	2,402	2,598	1,570	8,530
 Percent of total sows farrowing							
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
 1937-41 :							
av.	3.9	5.4	10.5	26.5	34.6	19.1	100.0
1948	3.2	4.5	9.5	27.1	36.2	19.5	100.0
1949	3.2	5.0	10.9	29.1	34.3	17.5	100.0
1950	2.7	4.5	11.9	30.6	33.6	16.7	100.0
1951	3.0	5.1	12.9	28.7	32.4	17.9	100.0
1952	3.1	5.7	14.2	28.2	30.4	18.4	100.0

<sup>1</sup>/ December of preceding year.

Fall Crop Intentions 9 Percent  
Below Last Fall

Farmers' intentions on June 1 called for 9 percent fewer sows to farrow fall pigs this year than in 1951. This would be the first decline in a fall crop since 1946. The Western States, with 17 percent fewer sows to farrow, lead in the percentage contraction in fall as well as spring pigs. The Corn Belt States plan an 8 percent smaller fall crop and all States combined outside the Corn Belt indicate 11 percent fewer fall pigs this year.

Smaller Feed Supplies and Lower  
Hog Prices Factors in Smaller Pig Crops

Less ample supplies of feed for this marketing year and lower hog prices have been the main factors causing smaller pig crops in 1952. Corn crops have decreased each year since 1948 when a bumper crop was harvested. The 1951 crop was the smallest crop since 1947, although larger than any crop prior to 1942. In the 1950-51 feeding year and again this year more corn has been utilized than was produced. The carryover of corn next October 1 will probably be about one-third smaller than last October.

Although prices for corn and most other feeds leveled off and even declined somewhat during the winter, they appeared most discouraging to hog producers during December-April when hog slaughter was large and hog prices low. By early May, the effect of curtailed farrowings began to show up as reduced marketings. Hog slaughter dropped below a year earlier, and prices climbed sharply. The price rise in May carried the hog-corn ratio from below to above average.

Hog Slaughter to Continue  
Smaller than 1951

Because of the smaller farrowings of past months, hog slaughter will continue less than in corresponding months of 1951. There is a good chance that the reduction below 1951 will be greater this fall, after sow slaughter begins to decline seasonally, than during mid-summer. This is especially likely if a big corn crop is in prospect, as hog marketings have been delayed in previous years when a larger corn crop followed a smaller one.

Rising Hog Prices Likely;  
Ceilings a Factor

Prices of hogs are likely to increase further this summer and to exceed prices last summer even though price ceilings for pork products may be a restraint. Ceilings are imposed on pork cuts and products at wholesale, with retailers limited as to their mark-ups. In June loins and hams were frequently at ceilings. If ceilings are not changed, more cuts will likely move to ceiling levels.

The large supplies of pork in cold storage will also tend to prevent as steep a climb in hog prices as otherwise would occur. On June 1, holdings were up 108 million pounds or 18 percent from the same date last year. Nevertheless, the increase represents only about 2 percent of the total quantity of pork that will be consumed in the last 6 months of this year.

Inasmuch as hog prices early this fall will be supported by the smaller hog slaughter expected at that time this year than last, the seasonal fall decline in hog prices promises to be no greater than usual. Prices may average a little above last fall. Moreover, prices are unlikely to remain depressed during the winter as they did last winter. Prices of hogs next winter could be considerably higher than last winter.

Cattle Slaughter to Exceed  
1951; Prices Lower

Trends in cattle are likely to be generally opposite to those for hogs. Cattle production on farms has been expanding for several years. An increase in cattle slaughter is beginning, but it is appearing slowly. Prices of cattle are still higher than in most years and close to the record highs of 1951.

The course of cattle prices will be determined chiefly by how fast slaughter is increased. Commercial slaughter of cattle in the first 6 months was about 5 percent larger than a year earlier. The only large gain was in June, which in 1951 was a month of very small slaughter. The increases in slaughter have been less than had been expected, and less than enough to check appreciably the expansion in production on farms. Cattle numbers increased 6 million head during 1951. Cattle slaughter is expected to rise more than usual this fall. But even with a sizeably larger fall slaughter, cattle numbers on farms promise to be up at least 5 million head by the end of 1952.

Fed cattle have comprised an unusually large percentage of all cattle slaughtered this year. In the 5 months January to May, slaughter of steers under Federal inspection was up 5 percent from a year before. Slaughter of all cows was down 8 percent. But since slaughter of canner and cutter cattle (cows and bulls) was 3 percent larger in those months this year than last, slaughter of the better quality cows was reduced even more than 8 percent.

Slaughter of fed cattle will continue large this summer and is expected to exceed moderately the number slaughtered last summer. Fed cattle slaughter may drop below last year by November or December, since slaughter in those months last year was very large for the season. Nevertheless, cattle feeding seems to be holding up well this summer, with more feeder cattle moving from markets in May and early June this year than last, and a relatively large slaughter of fed cattle in late fall might occur again this year.

Prices of fed cattle declined in May and June in response to increasing marketings. Prices have been \$2.00 to \$4.00 per 100 pounds below last year. The seasonal rise in fed cattle prices which usually begins in late summer may appear again this year, but prices are likely to remain below 1951.

Prices of stocker and feeder cattle dipped sharply in June after almost 5 months of relatively little change. The average price of stocker and feeder steers at Kansas City, which had previously held around \$31.00 per 100 pounds, fell to \$24.29 the week ending June 21. Prices of this class of steers usually weaken about this time of year but the decline was accentuated by a decreased demand for cattle to go on grass and by weaker slaughter cattle prices. This general slackening in demand resulted largely from unseasonably warm and dry weather prevailing over the main feeding and pasture areas and also in meat consuming centers of the country. Stocker and feeder prices are not expected to recover much of their loss this summer and a seasonal decline is likely this fall.

Indications are that the biggest increase in cattle slaughter the rest of this year compared with last will be in grass cattle. Numbers of cattle on pasture and range are probably materially larger than for several years. The Flint Hill and Osage pastures, for example, are stocked with a record number of cattle and calves despite receipts of about 8 percent fewer cattle this spring than last. However, a larger-than-usual proportion

of these cattle are cows which may not move to market this fall. As marketing of grass cattle increase more than usual this fall, their prices are likely to decline and to be farther below last year's prices than will the prices of fed cattle.

The long-run trend in cattle prices is almost certain to be downward. Only renewed and prolonged general price inflation would prevent such a trend. There is reason to believe that the optimism denoted by past prices for stocker and feeder cattle was based largely on current strong prices of slaughter cattle rather than on prospects for the future. Prices of stocker and feeder steers before the decline in June were within \$3.00 per 100 pounds of prices a year earlier. Steer calves sold for only \$1.00 less. However, another reason for high prices of stockers and feeders was the generally good condition of pastures and ranges, which made cheap gains possible. Recent lower feeder prices may conform better to future prospects.

So long as large increases in cattle slaughter are delayed, substantial price changes also will be postponed. However, it seems inevitable that prices of cattle will in the future not retain as high a relationship to prices of hogs and of wholesale milk as they did the last few years. (See cover chart and table 3.)

Lamb Slaughter Up in First Half  
of 1951; Less Increase Likely  
in Second Half

Commercial slaughter of sheep and lambs in the first 6 months of 1952 was about one-fourth larger than a year earlier. The substantial rise is attributed chiefly to increased numbers fed last winter and to a more normal pattern of marketing spring lambs. Last year, in contrast, an unusually large proportion of lambs were withheld from slaughter for building up breeding flocks and feed lot inventories. As the rate of retention on farms is expected to be lower this summer and fall than last, and because of larger numbers on farms, sheep and lamb slaughter in the second half of this year will show a gain over last year, but by a much smaller percentage than in the first half.

After reaching a low in mid-March prices of lambs strengthened slowly until mid-June when a sharp decline occurred along with the general break in livestock prices. As marketings pick up this fall, lamb prices are expected to move downward seasonally and will likely be well below the high prices of last fall.

Total Meat Production Unlikely  
to Continue as Much Above Last  
Year in Second Half as in First

In the first 6 months of 1952 total commercial production of meat registered a sizeable increase of around 6 percent from the same period of 1951. It was made up of a substantial percentage rise in pork and lamb and a smaller gain in beef. Meat production in the second half will not show a similar increase. Production of beef will be larger than last year,

Table 3.- Prices of beef steers and slaughter lambs at Chicago and price received by farmers for hogs and milk, and ratios of relationship between them, 1922-51  
 (Data for cover page chart)

Year	Price per 100 pounds				Ratio of beef steer price to price of		
	Choice	Choice and Prime	Received by farmers for	Milk delivered to plants and dealers	Lambs	Hogs	Milk
	slaughter	steers	slaughter lambs	Hogs			
	Chicago 1/	Chicago 2/					
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars			
1922	9.23	13.23	8.40	2.11	69.8	109.9	437.4
1923	10.15	13.24	6.94	2.49	76.7	146.3	407.6
1924	10.00	13.98	7.34	2.22	71.5	136.2	450.5
1925	11.02	15.16	10.91	2.38	72.7	101.0	463.0
1926	9.87	13.76	11.79	2.38	71.7	83.7	414.7
1927	11.90	13.91	9.64	2.51	85.5	123.4	474.1
1928	14.40	14.94	8.54	2.52	96.4	168.6	571.4
1929	13.89	14.64	9.42	2.53	94.9	147.5	549.0
1930	11.45	9.91	8.84	2.21	115.5	129.5	518.1
1931	8.63	7.77	5.73	1.69	111.1	150.6	510.7
1932	7.23	6.11	3.34	1.28	118.3	216.5	564.8
1933	5.56	6.63	5.53	1.30	83.9	157.5	427.7
1934	6.94	7.89	4.14	1.55	88.0	167.6	447.7
1935	10.79	8.85	8.65	1.72	121.9	124.7	627.3
1936	8.82	9.86	9.37	1.88	89.5	94.1	469.1
1937	11.79	10.59	9.50	1.99	111.3	124.1	592.5
1938	9.14	8.39	7.74	1.73	108.9	118.1	528.3
1939	9.81	9.26	6.23	1.69	105.9	157.5	580.5
1940	10.48	9.65	5.39	1.82	108.6	194.4	575.8
1941	11.36	11.19	9.09	2.19	101.5	125.0	518.7
1942	13.90	13.81	13.00	2.58	100.7	106.9	538.8
1943	15.34	14.95	13.70	3.12	102.6	112.0	491.7
1944	15.73	15.22	13.10	3.21	103.4	120.1	490.0
1945	16.00	15.48	14.00	3.19	103.4	114.3	501.6
1946	19.32	18.65	17.50	3.99	103.6	110.4	484.2
1947	26.22	23.59	24.10	4.27	111.1	108.8	614.1
1948	30.96	25.96	23.10	4.88	119.3	134.0	634.4
1949	26.07	25.45	18.10	3.95	102.4	144.0	660.0
1950	29.68	27.30	18.00	3.89	108.7	164.9	763.0
1951	35.96	34.29	20.00	4.58	104.9	179.8	785.2

1/ Corn Belt beef steers sold out of first hands at Chicago. Called Good grade until 1951.

2/ Formerly called Good and Choice.

but pork output will be smaller and that of lamb will be only a little changed. If slaughter of cattle makes the substantial seasonal rise this fall that is expected, beef output will be up as much or more than pork will be down, and total meat production will exceed the same period of last year. A smaller increase in cattle slaughter would fail to make up the deficit in pork and total meat production would be below the second half of last year. In view of the sluggish trends in cattle slaughter so far, the prospect now is for little change in total meat production the rest of this year compared with last year.

Meat consumption per person in the first 6 months was above a year earlier. With this gain already attained, the total per person for the year seems rather certain to exceed the 137.7 pounds consumed in 1951. For the year as a whole the increase is estimated at about 2 pounds per person.

#### World Meat Production

Up in 1951; Believed

Record High

Meat production for 1951 in principal livestock countries except the Far East was believed to be at a record high mark, according to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.<sup>1/</sup>

Particularly interesting is the similarity of trends in the United States and in all countries combined. In both the United States and the world as a whole, the increase in production was in pork, while production of beef and of lamb and mutton failed to gain because the increasing numbers of cattle and sheep that are being raised have largely been retained on farms. But in addition, drought has hindered production of cattle and beef in Argentina, Mexico and Australia.

The outlook appears favorable, it is said, for a continued high level of world meat production in 1952.

#### Livestock Numbers and Meat Supplies in Relation to Population, 1900-52

In the last few years of fast-growing population, strong demand, and higher prices for meat, much consideration has been given to the long-run adequacy of livestock numbers and the meat supply relative to population. It has often been shown that livestock numbers on farms have in past decades failed to keep up with the growth of population.

To provide a source of data on trends for the past 50 years, a summary table is presented as table 4. Numbers of cattle and sheep on farms each January 1, and of pigs saved each year, are related to the United States population of each year. It is clearly shown that cattle numbers have traced a declining ratio to population, and sheep numbers per person are now extremely low. The ratio of pigs saved to population has held up much better; in 1949-51 it was nearly as high as in the 1920's.

<sup>1/</sup> A detailed report, Meat Production During 1951, is available from the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

Table 4.- Number of meat animals and production and consumption of meat relative to population, United States, 1900-5

May - June 1952

Year	Numbers of meat animals										Meat production 3/										Meat consumed per person 2/ 4/									
	Total					Per person					Total					Per person 2/					Total									
	On farms Jan. 1/ 1/		On farms Jan. 1/ 1/		Pigs cattle: sheep: saved and: and: during: calves: lambs: year:	All : All : Pigs cattle: sheep: saved and: and: during: calves: lambs: year 2/		Lamb : Beef : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat	All : Beef : Lamb : Veal : and: Pork : meat		Lamb : Beef : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat	All : Beef : Lamb : Veal : and: Pork : meat		Lamb : Beef : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat	All : Beef : Lamb : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat		Lamb : Beef : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat	All : Beef : Lamb : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat		Lamb : Beef : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat	All : Beef : Lamb : Veal : and: Pork : mutton: meat									
	Million	Million	Million	Million	head	Head	Head	pounds	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds					
1900	75.5	59.7	48.1	4.791	637	5,628	397	493	6,329	12,847	78.0	5.2	6.5	83.1	168.8	67.1	5.2	6.5	71.9	150.7										
1901	76.8	62.6	49.1	4.815	639	5,814	422	548	6,357	13,111	78.9	5.4	7.1	81.9	169.3	67.9	5.4	7.0	70.8	151.1										
1902	78.4	64.4	49.2	4.822	628	5,949	476	564	5,936	12,625	73.3	6.0	7.1	75.0	154.4	65.0	6.0	7.1	66.7	144.8										
1903	79.9	66.0	47.5	4.826	595	6,240	492	563	6,067	13,362	77.6	6.1	7.0	75.3	165.4	70.9	6.1	6.9	68.2	152.1										
1904	81.4	66.4	45.5	4.816	558	6,176	501	538	6,387	13,592	75.1	6.0	6.6	77.7	165.4	69.6	6.0	6.5	70.6	152.7										
1905	83.0	66.1	43.8	4.797	528	6,504	556	530	6,629	14,219	77.6	6.6	6.4	74.9	169.7	71.3	6.6	6.3	71.0	155.6										
1906	84.6	65.0	45.5	4.768	538	6,537	598	543	6,793	14,471	76.5	7.0	6.4	79.5	169.4	71.3	7.0	6.3	71.0	155.6										
1907	86.2	63.8	47.3	4.780	538	6,548	626	553	7,059	14,782	75.2	7.2	6.8	81.1	169.9	70.6	7.2	6.3	78.1	158.2										
1908	87.9	62.0	48.2	4.705	538	6,662	637	559	7,535	15,393	75.1	7.2	6.3	84.9	173.5	72.1	7.2	6.3	77.7	163.3										
1909	89.6	60.8	50.8	4.678	567	6,915	660	608	6,557	14,780	75.7	7.2	6.7	71.8	161.4	73.5	7.2	6.7	66.4	153.8										
1910	92.2	59.0	50.2	4.640	545	6,647	667	597	6,087	13,998	71.3	7.2	6.4	65.3	150.2	69.8	7.1	6.4	61.8	145.1										
1911	93.9	57.2	50.6	4.609	538	6,519	666	693	6,961	14,869	69.2	7.0	7.3	73.5	157.0	67.9	7.0	7.3	68.4	150.6										
1912	95.4	55.7	47.9	4.584	502	6,234	662	735	6,822	14,453	64.9	6.9	7.6	71.0	150.4	64.0	6.9	7.6	66.2	144.7										
1913	97.1	56.6	44.7	4.583	460	6,182	608	706	6,979	14,475	63.1	6.2	7.2	71.2	147.7	62.8	6.2	7.2	66.3	142.5										
1914	99.0	59.5	43.1	4.601	435	6,017	569	693	6,821	14,103	60.2	5.7	7.0	68.3	141.2	61.5	5.7	7.1	64.6	138.9										
1915	100.6	63.8	40.5	4.635	403	6,075	590	605	7,616	14,886	60.0	5.8	5.9	75.2	146.9	56.0	5.8	6.0	66.1	133.9										
1916	102.1	67.4	40.0	4.661	392	6,660	655	585	8,207	15,907	62.8	6.4	5.7	79.8	151.7	58.4	6.4	5.8	68.8	139.0										
1917	103.5	71.0	38.9	4.686	376	7,239	714	663	7,055	15,501	69.5	7.1	4.5	67.7	148.8	64.2	7.1	4.4	58.5	134.2										
1918	104.8	73.0	39.7	4.697	378	7,726	760	506	8,349	17,341	73.3	7.2	4.8	79.2	164.5	68.0	7.2	4.7	60.6	140.5										
1919	105.6	72.1	41.9	4.683	397	6,756	619	590	8,477	16,642	63.8	7.7	5.6	80.0	157.1	61.0	7.8	5.6	63.4	137.8										
1920	106.5	70.4	40.7	4.661	383	6,306	842	538	7,648	15,334	58.8	7.8	5.0	71.3	142.9	58.6	7.9	5.4	63.1	135.0										
1921	108.3	68.7	39.5	4.634	365	6,022	820	639	7,697	15,178	55.1	5.9	7.0	138.9	55.1	7.5	6.1	64.3	133.0											
1922	110.1	68.8	36.9	4.625	335	6,588	852	553	8,115	16,138	59.4	7.7	5.0	73.4	145.5	58.6	7.7	5.1	65.3	136.7										
1923	111.8	67.5	36.8	4.604	329	6,721	916	508	9,483	17,708	59.6	8.1	5.2	84.2	157.1	59.2	8.1	5.3	73.7	146.3										
1924	113.8	66.0	37.1	74.1	580	6,326	645	572	5,877	9,597	59.7	9,119	17,595	59.8	8.5	5.2	79.6	153.1	59.1	8.5	5.2	73.5	146.3							
1925	115.8	63.4	38.5	70.3	547	333	603	6,878	989	8,128	16,598	59.0	8.5	5.1	69.7	142.3	59.1	8.5	5.2	66.3	139.1									
1926	117.4	60.6	40.1	75.1	516	344	638	7,089	955	639	7,966	16,649	60.0	8.1	5.1	67.4	140.9	59.8	8.1	5.4	63.7	137.0								
1927	119.0	58.2	42.4	81.2	489	356	678	6,395	867	629	8,430	16,321	53.4	7.2	5.2	70.4	136.2	58.1	7.3	5.3	67.3	134.0								
1928	120.6	57.3	45.3	78.7	475	375	649	5,771	773	663	9,041	16,248	47.6	6.3	5.5	74.5	133.9	64.4	6.4	5.5	70.5	130.8								
1929	121.9	58.9	48.4	76.1	483	521	5871	761	682	8,833	16,336	47.9	6.2	5.6	72.0	131.7	49.3	6.3	5.6	69.2	130.4									
1930	123.1	61.0	51.6	74.1	496	599	5,917	792	825	8,482	16,036	47.8	6.4	6.7	68.5	129.4	48.6	6.4	6.7	66.6	128.3									
1931	126.3	63.0	53.2	83.2	507	428	666	6,009	823	885	8,739	16,456	48.2	6.6	7.1	70.0	131.9	48.3	6.6	7.1	67.9	129.9								
1932	125.2	65.8	53.9	82.5	526	431	557	5,709	822	884	8,923	16,458	48.1	6.5	7.0	71.1	130.7	46.4	6.5	7.0	70.3	130.2								
1933	126.0	70.3	53.1	84.2	558	421	667	6,440	891	852	9,234	17,417	51.0	7.1	6.7	73.1	137.9	52.2	7.1	6.7	70.3	135.3								
1934	126.8	74.1	53.5	84.2	587	422	447	8,345	1,216	851	8,397	18,839	65.7	9.8	6.7	66.0	118.2	63.5	9.3	6.3	68.0	143.1								
1935	127.6	68.8	51.8	84.2	587	406	439	6,608	1,023	877	5,919	14,127	51.6	8.0	6.9	46.2	112.7	52.9	8.5	7.2	68.1	116.7								
1936	128.5	67.8	51.1	65.7	528	398	510	7,358	1,075	854	7,474	16,761	57.1	8.3	6.6	58.0	130.0	60.1	8.3	6.6	58.0	129.8								
1937	129.3	66.1	50.8	62.5	511	393	482	6,798	1,108	852	6,951	15,709	52.5	8.5	6.6	53.6	121.2	54.8	8.6	6.6	55.0	125.4								
1938	130.2	65.2	51.1	71.9	501	392	550	6,908	994	897	7,680	16,479	52.8	7.6	6.9	58.8	126.1	54.0	7.6	6.8	57.8	126.2								
1939	131.2	66.0	51.3	87.0	503	391	660	7,011	991	872	8,660	17,534	53.2	7.5	6.6	65.8	133.1	58.4	7.5	6.6	64.3	132.8								
1940	132.3	68.3	52.1	79.9	516	394	600	7,175	981	876	10,044	19,076	53.9	7.4	6.6	75.5	143.4	54.5	7.4	6.6	72.9	141.4								
1941	133.6	71.8	53.9	85.0	537	404	633	8,082	1,036	923	9,528	19,569	60.2	7.7	6.9	71.0	145.8	60.4	7.6	6.8	67.9	142.7								
1942	135.0	76.0	56.2	104.9	563	416	773	8,813	1,151	1,020	10,876	21,912	65.2	8.5	7.7	80.1	161.5	60.8	8.2	7.2	63.3	139.5								
1943	136.7	81.2	55.2	121.8	594	403	885	8,571	1,167	1,104	13,610	21,482	62.3	8.5	8.0	99.1	177.9	52.9	8.2	6.4	78.5	146.0								
1944	138.5	85.3	50.8	86.7	616	367	682	1,112	1,738	1,024	13,304	25,178	65.4	12.5	7.3	95.5	180.7	55.3	12.3	6.6	79.1	153.3								
1945	140.1	86.6	66.5	81.1	332	617	10,276	1,664	1,054	10,697	23,691	73.0	11.8	7.5	76.0	168.3	59.0	11.8	7.3	66.2	144.3									
1946	141.5	82.2	62.7	581	299	581	9,373	1,443	968	11,150	22,934	65.9	10.1	6.8	78.4	161.2	61.3	9.9	6.6	75.4	153.2									
1947	141.3	80.6	37.5	83.3	561	261	574	10,432	1,605	799	10,502	23,338	72.0	11.1																

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<sup>14</sup> Census estimate of total population, with adjustments, 1909 to date, for underenumeration of children.

1/ Census estimate of total popu.  
2/ Per person of population July

3/ Production from all slaughter, including farms

Beginning 1941 civilian consumption per person of civilian population.

5/ Includes production and consumption from Government emergency programs

But numbers of livestock are not the best measure of capacity to supply consumer needs for meat. This is especially true for cattle and sheep numbers. Both cattle and sheep are sold at earlier ages now than formerly. In addition, more calves are saved per 100 head of cows in recent than in earlier years. The result is an increasing production of beef, lamb and mutton per animal on farms January 1.

Ratios of meat production to population reveal the performance of the livestock industry more accurately than do livestock numbers. Data are presented in center sections of table 4. And the final significance to consumers is indicated best by the supply of meat available for consumption, data on which are given in right-hand columns of the table.

Production of beef and of pork per person declined somewhat in early years of the century but have since been at a more stable level except for reductions due to the droughts of the 1930's. Per capita consumption has held up better than production for both meats because of shifts in foreign trade. At the first of this century large quantities of both meats were exported, but virtually all meat produced in this country is now consumed here. In fact, beef imports now exceed exports, although both are small in relation to domestic production.

Beef consumption per person declined until about 1930 and has since generally increased, but it remains below the high level of 1900-09. Pork consumption per person has been maintained better, with no prolonged up- or down-trend evident during this century. Production and consumption of veal has changed sharply within short spans of years and has shown a slight tendency to increase over the entire 1900-52 period. Production and consumption of lamb and mutton per person were low in the 1920's. They increased to a high point in the early 1940's, and decreased sharply in the late 1940's.

Production and consumption of all meat per person has shown about the same trend as beef because long-run changes have been more pronounced for beef than for other meats. The trends for all meat are a decline until the 1930's and a partial recovery since, with consumption per person in the 1940's averaging a little below 1900-09.

#### NEW OR REVISED SERIES

##### Edible Offals

Table 5 revises slightly and extends a table on production and distribution of edible offals that previously has been published in this Situation. The data on these products, which include liver, heart, head meat, tongue, tripe, plucks, sweetbreads, and others, embody considerable error. They nevertheless indicate that these meats, with consumption at about 10 pounds per person each year, are an important item in the food supply.

A more complete explanation of the sources and calculations of offal data may be found in this Situation for May 1949.

Table 5.- Edible offals: Supply and distribution, United States, by calendar years, 1934 to date

May - June 1952

Year	Supply					Distribution				
	Total production	Beginning stocks	Commercial imports	Total supply	Ending stocks	Commercial exports and shipments	Military	Civilian	Domestic disappearance per capita	Civilian
	1/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Lb.
1934	1,298	65	4/	1,363	126	28	---	1,209	9.5	
1935	994	126	1	1,121	74	17	---	1,030	8.0	
1936	1,152	74	4/	1,226	132	18	---	1,076	8.3	
1937	1,083	132	1	1,216	67	14	---	1,135	8.8	
1938	1,130	67	4/	1,197	72	19	---	1,106	8.5	
1939	1,200	72	1	1,273	95	19	---	1,159	8.8	
1940	1,303	95	2	1,400	102	11	---	1,287	9.7	
1941	1,338	102	4	1,444	105	8	---	1,331	10.0	
1942	1,498	105	2	1,605	86	11	4/	1,508	11.4	
1943	1,669	86	4/	1,755	137	22	2	1,594	12.3	
1944	1,740	5/97	4/	1,837	37	68	2	1,730	13.4	
1945	1,537	37	4/	1,674	41	3	3	1,627	12.5	
1946	1,579	41	4/	1,620	56	1	4/	1,563	11.2	
1947	1,615	56	4/	1,671	71	9	4/	1,591	11.1	
1948	1,472	71	5	1,548	58	1	4/	1,489	10.2	
1949	1,495	58	10	1,563	62	2	4/	1,499	10.1	
1950	1,519	62	9	1,590	59	3	4/	1,528	10.1	
1951	1,502	59	8	1,569	64	6	4/	1,499	9.9	

1/ Production of offals as percentage of dressed weight of meat production, including farm: Beef 6.7, veal 10.7, lamb and mutton 5.1, pork excluding lard 6.7.

2/ Trimmings included prior to July 1, 1944; excluded beginning that date.

3/ Calculated from number of persons eating out of civilian supplies July 1 adjusted for underenumeration of children under 5 years of age.

4/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

5/ Adjusted by 40 million pounds as estimated allowance for trimmings, which were reported in stocks prior to July 1, 1944.

Revised Prices,  
1951

In table 6 are presented revised prices received by farmers for meat animals by months in 1951. Also shown are revised data on the hog-corn price ratio.

Meat Production,  
1944 to Date

Several separate changes have resulted in a new series on meat production statistics for 1944 to date, and for the corresponding estimates of meat consumption. Farm slaughter has been revised on the basis of the Census of 1950. Minor changes have been made in commercial production of pork in 1949-50 and of all meats in 1951. In addition, the distribution by seasons of meat produced each year from slaughter on farms has been recalculated to allow for changes caused by increasing numbers of cold-storage lockers and home freezers used by farmers. Because of the widespread use of refrigeration, farm slaughter of livestock is not so nearly confined to cold seasons as it once was.

Tables 7 to 11 bring together all the revisions in statistics for 1945 to date. New tables for 1945 to 1947 contain revisions of data published in Meat Supply and Distribution by Quarter-Years, United States, 1941-47 (BAE-PMA).

Table 6.- Price per 100 pounds received by farmers for meat animals by classes, index numbers of prices received for meat animals, and hog-corn price ratio, United States, by months 1951-52

Commodity and year	: Weighted average											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beef cattle	:											
1951	: 27.10	29.10	29.80	30.30	29.70	29.50	29.00	28.90	29.20	28.40	27.50	27.30
1952	: 27.20	27.60	27.60	27.80	27.90	26.70						
Veal calves	:											
1951	: 30.70	32.80	33.20	33.90	33.00	33.20	32.20	31.90	32.10	31.80	30.50	30.40
1952	: 31.50	31.90	31.40	31.10	31.20	30.70						
Hogs	:											
1951	: 20.00	21.90	21.20	20.60	20.40	20.90	20.50	20.90	19.80	20.20	18.10	17.60
1952	: 17.40	17.20	16.70	16.40	20.00	19.40						
Sheep	:											
1951	: 15.50	18.00	19.40	18.30	17.10	16.80	15.70	15.30	15.20	15.60	14.40	14.10
1952	: 13.40	13.30	13.10	13.60	12.90	11.60						
Lambs	:											
1951	: 30.10	33.40	35.20	34.30	32.50	31.70	30.20	29.80	29.70	29.70	29.00	28.60
1952	: 28.20	26.80	25.60	26.40	26.30	25.80						
Index numbers of prices received for meat animals Jan. 1910 - Dec. 1914 = 100												
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1951	: 391	425	428	428	418	422	414	416	411	410	387	379
1952	: 376	377	372	372	394	380						
Hog-Corn Ratio, United States <sup>1/</sup>												
1951	: 13.0	13.7	13.2	12.7	12.4	12.9	12.6	12.7	12.0	12.3	11.2	10.5
1952	: 10.4	10.4	10.1	9.8	11.8	11.2						
Chicago	:											
1951	: 12.0	12.5	12.4	11.9	12.0	12.9	12.8	12.4	11.6	11.5	10.2	9.4
1952	: 9.3	9.6	9.1	9.3	11.0							

<sup>1/</sup> United States, based on prices received by farmers for all hogs.

Table 7.- Meat production and consumption in the United States, 1899-1951 1/

Year	Beef				Veal				Lamb and mutton				Pork (excluding lard)				All meats				Lard				Population		
	Production		Consumption		Production		Consumption		Production		Consumption		Production		Consumption		Production		Consumption		Production		Consumption		Total	Per capita	July 1
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil. lb.	lb.	Mil.		
1899	5,522	5,029	67.2	387	387	5.2	487	486	6.5	6,310	5,371	71.8	12,706	11,273	150.7	1,679	954	12.8	74.8								
1900	5,628	5,104	67.1	397	397	5.2	493	492	6.5	6,329	5,476	71.9	12,817	11,169	150.7	1,653	1,002	13.2	76.1								
1901	5,814	5,266	67.9	422	422	5.4	548	548	7.0	6,357	5,493	70.8	13,111	11,729	151.1	1,650	997	12.8	77.6								
1902	5,649	5,148	65.0	476	476	6.0	564	560	7.1	5,936	5,288	66.7	12,625	11,172	144.8	1,493	956	12.1	79.2								
1903	6,240	5,711	70.9	492	492	6.1	563	560	6.9	6,067	5,498	68.2	13,362	12,261	152.1	1,529	952	11.8	80.6								
1904	6,176	5,719	69.6	491	491	6.0	538	537	6.5	6,387	5,803	70.6	13,592	12,550	152.7	1,638	1,031	12.5	82.2								
1905	6,504	5,973	71.3	556	556	6.6	530	529	6.3	6,629	5,945	71.0	11,219	13,003	155.2	1,742	991	11.8	83.8								
1906	6,537	6,087	71.3	598	598	7.0	513	512	6.3	6,793	6,065	71.0	11,471	13,292	155.6	1,735	1,002	11.7	85.4								
1907	6,544	6,111	70.6	626	626	7.2	553	551	6.3	7,059	6,443	74.1	11,782	13,761	158.2	1,790	1,116	13.2	87.0								
1908	6,662	6,393	72.1	637	637	7.2	559	557	6.3	7,535	6,898	77.7	15,393	14,485	163.3	1,911	1,277	11.4	88.7								
1909	6,915	6,713	73.5	660	660	7.2	608	606	6.7	6,557	6,065	66.4	11,740	11,044	153.8	1,628	1,127	12.3	91.3								
1910	6,647	6,508	69.8	667	667	7.1	597	596	6.4	6,087	5,756	61.8	13,998	13,527	145.1	1,553	1,156	12.4	93.2								
1911	6,549	6,426	67.9	666	666	7.0	693	690	7.3	6,961	6,482	68.4	11,869	14,264	150.6	1,747	1,138	12.0	94.7								
1912	6,234	6,153	64.0	662	662	6.9	735	729	7.6	6,822	6,357	66.2	11,453	13,901	144.7	1,658	1,102	11.5	96.1								
1913	6,182	6,157	62.8	608	609	6.2	706	701	7.2	6,979	6,501	66.3	11,475	13,968	142.5	1,653	1,073	10.9	98.0								
1914	6,017	6,144	61.5	569	572	5.7	693	708	7.1	6,824	6,453	64.6	11,103	13,077	138.9	1,554	1,090	10.9	99.9								
1915	6,075	5,668	56.0	590	591	5.8	605	612	6.0	7,616	6,690	66.1	11,886	13,561	133.9	1,689	1,198	11.8	101.3								
1916	6,460	6,003	58.4	655	656	6.4	585	595	5.8	8,207	7,037	68.4	15,907	11,291	139.0	1,706	1,228	11.9	102.8								
1917	7,239	6,687	64.2	714	715	7.1	463	463	4.4	7,055	6,093	58.5	15,501	13,988	134.2	1,451	1,091	10.5	104.2								
1918	7,726	7,167	68.0	760	761	7.2	506	499	4.7	8,319	6,384	60.6	17,311	14,811	140.5	1,899	1,291	12.2	105.4								
1919	6,756	6,462	61.0	819	824	7.8	590	598	5.6	8,477	6,712	63.4	16,612	14,596	137.8	1,920	1,174	11.1	105.9								
1920	6,306	6,293	58.6	812	852	7.9	538	578	5.4	7,618	6,766	63.1	15,334	14,489	135.0	1,958	1,319	12.3	107.3								
1921	6,022	6,024	55.1	820	824	7.5	639	662	6.1	7,697	7,029	64.3	15,178	14,539	133.0	2,108	1,217	11.1	109.3								
1922	6,588	6,503	58.6	852	858	7.7	553	565	5.1	8,115	7,236	65.3	16,138	15,162	136.7	2,302	1,503	13.6	110.9								
1923	6,721	6,673	59.2	916	919	8.1	588	592	5.3	9,083	8,310	73.7	17,708	16,492	146.3	2,718	1,613	11.6	112.7								
1924	6,877	6,786	59.1	972	977	8.5	597	596	5.2	9,119	8,451	73.5	17,595	16,810	146.3	2,660	1,663	11.5	114.9								
1925	6,878	6,888	59.1	989	993	8.5	603	605	5.2	8,128	7,734	66.3	16,598	16,220	139.1	2,153	1,453	12.5	116.6								
1926	7,089	7,074	59.8	955	959	8.1	639	637	5.4	7,966	7,529	63.7	16,619	16,199	137.0	2,206	1,465	12.4	118.2								
1927	6,395	6,484	54.1	867	875	7.3	629	631	5.3	8,430	8,058	67.3	16,321	16,048	134.0	2,263	1,511	12.9	119.8								
1928	5,771	5,872	48.4	773	781	6.4	663	662	5.5	9,041	8,545	70.5	16,218	15,860	130.8	2,458	1,626	13.4	121.3								
1929	5,871	6,048	49.3	761	766	6.3	682	686	5.6	8,833	8,484	69.2	16,117	15,984	130.4	2,461	1,598	13.0	122.6								
1930	5,917	6,021	48.6	792	794	6.4	825	824	6.7	8,802	8,246	66.6	16,016	15,885	128.3	2,227	1,584	12.8	123.8								
1931	6,009	6,025	48.3	823	824	6.6	885	886	7.1	8,739	8,177	67.9	16,456	16,212	129.9	2,307	1,706	13.7	124.8								
1932	5,789	5,830	46.4	822	822	6.5	884	882	7.0	8,923	8,825	70.3	16,418	16,359	130.2	2,380	1,814	14.4	125.6								
1933	6,440	6,469	51.2	891	891	7.1	852	819	6.7	9,234	8,885	70.3	17,417	17,094	135.3	2,475	1,772	14.0	126.3								
1934	8,345	8,066	63.5	1,246	1,182	9.3	851	798	6.3	8,397	8,111	64.0	18,839	18,187	143.1	2,091	1,618	13.0	127.1								
1935	6,608	6,770	52.9	1,023	1,087	8.5	877	923	7.2	5,919	6,155	48.1	14,427	14,935	116.7	1,276	1,226	9.6	128.0								
1936	7,358	7,742	60.1	1,075	1,075	8.3	851	819	6.6	7,474	7,061	54.8	16,761	16,727	129.8	1,679	1,449	11.2	128.9								
1937	6,798	7,107	54.8	1,108	1,108	8.6	852	857	6.6	6,951	7,185	55.4	15,709	16,257	125.4	1,431	1,361	10.5	129.6								
1938	6,908	7,058	54.0	994	994	7.6	897	894	6.8	7,580	7,554	57.8	16,479	16,500	126.2	1,728	1,440	11.0	130.7								
1939	7,011	7,159	54.4	991	991	7.5	872	869	6.6	8,660	8,474	64.3	17,534	17,493	132.8	2,037	1,671	12.7	131.7								
1940	7,175	7,257	54.5	981	981	7.4	876	873	6.6	10,044	9,701	72.9	19,076	18,812	141.4	2,288	1,924	14.5	133.0								
1941	8,082	8,021	60.4	1,036	1,005	7.6	923	901	6.8	9,528	9,007	67.9	19,569	18,934	142.7	2,228	1,879	11.2	132.7								
1942	8,843	8,049	60.8	1,051	1,084	8.2	1,042	950	7.2	10,876	8,368	63.3	21,912	18,451	139.5	2,401	1,759	13.3	132.3								
1943	8,571	6,860	52.9	1,167	1,059	8.2	1,104	830	6.4	13,640	10,172	78.5	24,182	18,921	116.0	2,865	1,820	14.0	129.6								
1944	9,112	7,116	55.3	1,738	1,594	12.3	1,024	857	6.6	13,304	10,230	79.1	25,178	19,827	153.3	3,054	1,824	13.1	129.3								
1945	10,276	7,665	59.0	1,664	1,536	11.8	1,054	943	7.3	10,697	8,598	66.2	23,691	18,742	144.3	2,066	1,622	11.5	129.9								
1946	9,373	8,533	61.3	1,443	1,382	9.9	968																				

Table 8 - Livestock slaughtered and meat and lard produced, by class of slaughter, United States, 1938 to date 1/

Year	Livestock slaughter					Meat production				
	Commercial			Farm	Total	Commercial			Farm	Total
	Federally inspected	Other whole-sale and retail	Total	head	head	head	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Cattle										
1938	9,776	4,477	14,253	569	14,822	4,798	1,887	6,685	223	6,908
1939	9,446	4,604	14,050	571	14,621	4,803	1,983	6,786	225	7,011
1940	9,743	4,644	14,387	571	14,958	4,964	1,984	6,948	227	7,175
1941	10,932	4,916	15,848	571	16,419	5,732	2,126	7,858	224	8,082
1942	12,310	5,047	17,387	616	18,033	6,343	2,249	8,592	251	8,843
1943	11,721	5,116	17,137	708	17,845	5,966	2,340	8,306	265	8,571
1944	13,955	5,035	18,990	854	19,844	6,652	2,119	8,801	311	9,112
1945	11,531	6,244	20,775	919	21,694	7,236	2,700	9,936	340	10,276
1946	11,402	7,479	18,881	943	19,824	5,661	3,349	9,010	363	9,373
1947	15,524	6,009	21,533	871	22,404	7,535	2,561	10,096	336	10,432
1948	12,994	5,392	18,366	791	19,177	6,433	2,333	8,766	309	9,075
1949	13,222	4,791	18,013	752	18,765	6,998	2,144	9,182	297	9,439
1950	13,103	4,798	17,901	723	18,624	7,051	2,197	9,218	290	9,538
1951	11,879	4,497	16,376	2/724	17,100	6,431	2,118	8,549	2/294	8,843
Calves										
1938	5,492	3,089	8,581	725	9,306	581	332	913	81	994
1939	5,264	3,172	8,436	755	9,191	559	348	907	84	991
1940	5,358	3,003	8,361	728	9,089	568	328	896	85	981
1941	5,461	3,107	8,568	684	9,252	599	353	952	84	1,036
1942	5,760	3,317	9,077	611	9,718	667	399	1,066	85	1,151
1943	5,209	4,111	9,320	620	9,940	597	481	1,078	89	1,167
1944	7,769	5,749	13,518	724	11,242	926	703	1,629	109	1,738
1945	7,020	5,884	12,904	753	13,657	823	729	1,552	112	1,664
1946	5,841	5,569	11,410	766	12,176	642	687	1,329	114	1,443
1947	7,933	5,080	13,013	743	13,726	904	589	1,493	112	1,605
1948	6,907	4,860	11,767	611	12,378	791	532	1,323	100	1,423
1949	6,149	4,379	10,828	570	11,398	746	494	1,210	94	1,334
1950	5,850	4,123	9,973	531	10,504	667	470	1,137	93	1,230
1951	4,985	3,433	8,418	2/495	8,913	583	389	972	2/89	1,061
Sheep and Lambs										
1938	18,060	3,753	21,813	610	22,423	720	151	871	26	897
1939	17,211	3,776	21,017	597	21,614	694	152	816	26	872
1940	17,349	3,651	21,000	571	21,571	702	150	852	24	876
1941	18,122	3,605	21,727	582	22,309	749	150	899	24	923
1942	21,624	3,383	25,007	578	25,585	879	139	1,018	24	1,042
1943	23,363	3,134	26,497	576	27,073	958	122	1,080	24	1,104
1944	21,875	2,918	24,793	562	25,355	887	114	1,001	23	1,024
1945	21,218	2,850	21,068	571	21,639	913	117	1,030	24	1,054
1946	19,884	2,350	22,234	554	22,788	850	96	946	22	968
1947	16,667	1,540	18,207	499	18,706	717	62	779	20	799
1948	15,343	1,554	16,897	474	17,371	665	63	728	19	747
1949	12,136	1,240	13,376	404	13,780	536	51	587	16	603
1950	11,739	1,113	12,852	392	13,244	534	47	581	16	597
1951	10,056	1,019	11,075	2/313	11,418	465	43	508	2/14	522
Hogs										
1938	36,186	9,116	45,602	13,325	58,927	11,884	1,111	5,995	1,685	7,680
1939	41,368	11,213	52,581	13,980	66,561	5,552	1,337	6,889	1,771	8,660
1940	50,398	13,057	63,455	11,155	77,610	6,614	1,632	8,246	1,798	10,044
1941	46,520	12,088	58,608	12,789	71,397	6,345	1,559	7,904	1,624	9,528
1942	53,897	12,117	66,014	12,533	76,547	7,562	1,672	9,234	1,642	10,876
1943	63,431	17,779	81,210	14,016	95,226	9,308	2,454	11,762	1,878	13,640
1944	69,017	15,500	81,517	13,551	98,068	9,456	2,046	11,502	1,802	13,304
1945	40,960	17,300	58,260	13,631	71,891	6,387	2,456	8,813	1,854	10,697
1946	44,394	18,000	62,394	13,721	76,115	6,642	2,592	9,234	1,916	11,150
1947	49,116	12,813	61,929	12,072	74,001	7,080	1,731	8,811	1,691	10,502
1948	47,615	12,054	59,669	11,200	70,869	6,832	1,654	8,486	1,569	10,055
1949	53,032	11,729	61,761	10,236	74,997	7,352	1,523	8,875	1,411	10,286
1950	56,964	12,579	69,543	9,720	79,263	7,788	1,609	9,397	1,317	10,714
1951	62,054	14,007	76,061	2/9,520	85,581	8,407	1,783	10,190	2/1,293	11,483
Lard production 3/										
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds			All meat excluding lard		
1938	1,034				1,728	10,983	3,481	14,464	2,015	16,479
1939	1,272				2,037	11,608	3,820	15,428	2,106	17,534
1940	1,527				2,288	12,848	4,094	16,942	2,134	19,076
1941	1,526				2,228	13,425	4,188	17,613	1,956	19,569
1942	1,724				2,401	15,451	4,459	19,910	2,002	21,912
1943	2,080				2,865	16,829	5,397	22,226	2,256	21,482
1944	2,367	279	2,646	408	3,054	17,921	5,012	22,933	2,245	25,178
1945	1,311	335	1,646	420	2,066	15,359	6,002	21,361	2,330	23,691
1946	1,344	353	1,697	439	2,136	13,795	6,724	20,519	2,415	22,934
1947	1,722	277	1,899	403	2,402	16,236	4,943	21,179	2,159	23,338
1948	1,580	252	1,932	389	2,321	11,721	4,582	19,303	1,997	21,300
1949	1,923	270	2,193	311	2,534	15,632	4,212	19,844	1,818	21,662
1950	2,009	309	2,318	313	2,631	16,040	4,323	20,363	1,716	22,079
1951	2,225	342	2,567	2/297	2,864	15,886	4,333	20,219	2/1,690	21,909

1/ Beginning 1940, excludes slaughter and meat production under Federal inspection in Hawaii and the Virgin Islands.

2/ Preliminary estimate. 3/ Including rendered pork fat.

Table 9.- Hog slaughter and production of pork and all meat, by months 1949-50, and all livestock slaughter and meat production, by months 1951

Month	Hogs 1949						All meat production excluding lard, 1949						Hogs 1950					
	Slaughter			Pork production excluding lard			Slaughter			Pork production excluding lard			Slaughter			Pork production excluding lard		
	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total
	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-
	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-
	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial
	retail	head	head	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.
Jan.	5,377	1,150	6,527	762	153	915	1,467	378	1,845	5,844	1,264	7,108	804	161	965			
Feb.	4,079	1,054	5,133	563	138	701	1,194	337	1,531	4,191	1,119	5,310	559	140	699			
Mar.	4,315	1,112	5,427	594	143	737	1,301	375	1,676	5,020	1,172	6,192	661	146	807			
Apr.	3,894	930	4,824	528	119	647	1,166	327	1,493	4,316	1,023	5,339	574	128	702			
May	3,721	854	4,575	518	112	630	1,176	331	1,507	4,339	981	5,320	593	123	716			
June	3,745	760	4,505	557	100	657	1,239	328	1,567	4,154	881	5,035	609	113	718			
July	3,165	671	3,836	495	89	584	1,174	301	1,475	3,314	778	4,092	515	102	617			
Aug.	3,417	809	4,226	500	105	605	1,264	353	1,617	3,626	880	4,506	519	114	633			
Sept.	3,879	921	4,800	518	119	637	1,268	366	1,634	4,137	929	5,066	547	120	667			
Oct.	4,959	1,008	5,967	634	130	764	1,345	367	1,712	5,102	1,078	6,180	666	140	806			
Nov.	6,003	1,190	7,193	802	155	957	1,491	388	1,879	6,144	1,198	7,342	821	157	978			
Dec.	6,478	1,270	7,748	881	160	1,041	1,547	361	1,908	6,777	1,276	8,053	924	165	1,089			
Year	53,032	11,729	64,761	7,352	1,523	8,875	15,632	4,212	19,844	56,964	12,579	69,543	7,788	1,609	9,397			
	All meat production excluding lard, 1950						Cattle, 1951						Calves, 1951					
Month	Slaughter			Beef production			Slaughter			Veal production			Slaughter			Veal production		
	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total
	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-
	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-
	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial
	retail	head	head	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.
Jan.	1,497	390	1,887	1,160	420	1,580	642	200	842	433	327	760	45	36	81			
Feb.	1,156	345	1,501	887	334	1,221	490	160	650	375	279	654	37	29	66			
Mar.	1,352	375	1,727	965	337	1,302	534	162	696	447	312	759	42	31	73			
Apr.	1,190	337	1,527	894	333	1,227	499	159	658	406	271	677	39	28	67			
May	1,275	355	1,630	986	342	1,328	552	164	716	414	299	673	43	28	71			
June	1,277	339	1,616	787	324	1,111	435	156	591	406	241	647	49	29	78			
July	1,182	332	1,514	920	367	1,287	503	173	676	408	257	665	54	32	86			
Aug.	1,264	358	1,622	1,064	443	1,507	558	209	767	422	304	726	59	39	98			
Sept.	1,299	358	1,657	956	416	1,372	502	195	697	373	293	666	51	36	87			
Oct.	1,399	377	1,776	1,140	461	1,601	581	208	789	500	336	836	68	38	106			
Nov.	1,533	384	1,917	1,122	393	1,515	588	180	768	457	296	753	57	34	91			
Dec.	1,616	373	1,989	998	327	1,325	547	152	699	344	258	602	39	29	68			
Year	16,040	4,323	20,363	11,879	4,497	16,376	6,431	2,118	8,549	4,985	3,433	8,418	583	389	972			
	Sheep and lambs, 1951						Hogs, 1951						All meat production excluding lard, 1951					
Month	Slaughter			Lamb and mutton production			Slaughter			Pork production excluding lard			Slaughter			Pork production excluding lard		
	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total	Feder-	Other	Total
	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-	ally	whole-	com-
	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-	in-	sale	mer-
	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial	spected	and	cial
	retail	head	head	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.	head	lb.	lb.
Jan.	1,058	79	1,137	50	4	54	6,584	1,463	8,047	896	189	1,085	1,633	429	2,062			
Feb.	740	53	793	36	2	38	4,159	1,206	5,365	571	149	720	1,134	340	1,474			
Mar.	738	62	800	37	2	39	5,117	1,210	6,327	684	153	837	1,297	348	1,645			
Apr.	657	68	725	33	3	36	4,989	1,122	6,111	672	141	813	1,243	331	1,574			
May	657	67	724	31	3	34	4,952	1,050	6,002	665	133	798	1,291	328	1,619			
June	811	79	890	36	3	39	4,700	958	5,658	673	125	798	1,193	313	1,506			
July	863	88	951	38	4	42	3,826	844	4,670	577	109	686	1,172	318	1,490			
Aug.	889	117	1,006	39	5	44	4,236	1,082	5,318	615	138	753	1,271	391	1,662			
Sept.	927	116	943	37	4	41	4,398	1,075	5,473	579	136	715	1,169	371	1,540			
Oct.	1,084	124	1,208	47	6	53	5,650	1,299	6,949	718	167	885	1,414	419	1,833			
Nov.	922	92	1,014	43	4	47	6,531	1,325	7,856	851	172	1,023	1,539	390	1,929			
Dec.	810	74	884	38	3	41	6,912	1,373	8,285	906	171	1,077	1,530	355	1,885			
Year	10,056	1,019	11,075	465	43	508	62,054	14,007	76,061	8,407	1,783	10,190	15,886	4,333	20,219			

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Table 10.- Supply and distribution of meat, United States, by classes, by quarter-years, 1945 to date

Period	Federally Inspected										Civilian consumption	Total civilian consumption	
	Supply				Distribution								
	Begin-	U.S.D.A.	Commercial	Civilian	from non-	Armed forces	Ending stocks	con-	inspected	Total	Per person		
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	
1945													
Beef:													
Jan.-Mar.	89	1,841	31	1,961	37	712	7	2/ 215	990	740	1,730	13.4	
Apr.-June	2/ 215	1,633	33	1,881	26	745	6	2/ 320	784	671	1,455	11.2	
July-Sept.	2/ 320	1,831	38	2,189	70	428	8	2/ 307	1,376	718	2,094	16.1	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 307	1,931	25	2,263	326	191	13	2/ 258	1,475	911	2,386	17.9	
Year	89	7,236	127	7,452	459	2,076	34	258	4,625	3,040	7,665	4/ 59.0	
Veal:													
Jan.-Mar.	8	156	5/	161	2	27	1	4	130	196	326	2.5	
Apr.-June	4	148	1	153	-	35	5/	6	112	188	300	2.3	
July-Sept.	6	231	5/	237	-	35	1	6	195	216	411	3.2	
Oct.-Dec.	6	288	5/	294	10	15	1	10	258	211	499	3.8	
Year	8	823	1	832	12	112	3	10	695	811	1,536	4/ 11.8	
Lamb and mutton:													
Jan.-Mar.	20	238	-	258	9	37	1	8	203	38	241	1.9	
Apr.-June	8	221	-	229	5/	38	1	6	184	35	219	1.7	
July-Sept.	6	210	-	216	-	11	1	8	196	33	229	1.8	
Oct.-Dec.	8	244	-	252	9	7	1	16	219	35	254	1.9	
Year	20	913	-	933	18	93	4	16	802	141	943	4/ 7.3	
Pork excluding lard:													
Jan.-Mar.	316	1,766	5/	2,082	363	417	7	2/ 334	961	1,323	2,284	17.6	
Apr.-June	2/ 334	1,546	-	1,880	192	439	7	2/ 394	818	915	1,763	13.6	
July-Sept.	2/ 394	1,195	1	1,590	60	340	8	2/ 286	896	759	1,655	12.7	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 286	1,880	1	2,167	116	91	12	2/ 365	1,583	1,313	2,896	21.8	
Year	316	6,387	2	6,705	731	1,287	34	2/ 365	4,288	4,310	8,598	4/ 66.2	
All meat:													
Jan.-Mar.	433	4,001	31	4,465	411	1,193	16	2/ 561	2,284	2,297	4,581	35.4	
Apr.-June	2/ 561	3,548	34	4,113	218	1,257	14	2/ 726	1,928	1,809	3,737	28.8	
July-Sept.	2/ 726	3,167	39	4,232	130	814	18	2/ 607	2,663	1,726	4,389	33.7	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 607	4,343	26	4,976	461	304	27	2/ 649	3,535	2,500	6,035	45.4	
Year	433	15,359	130	15,922	1,220	3,568	75	2/ 649	10,410	8,332	18,742	4/ 144.3	
1946													
Beef:													
Jan.-Mar.	2/ 3/ 258	1,535	2	1,795	166	268	12	2/ 3/ 185	1,164	1,057	2,221	16.2	
Apr.-June	2/ 3/ 185	1,012	5	1,202	181	73	10	2/ 3/ 72	866	877	1,743	12.6	
July-Sept.	2/ 3/ 72	1,366	5	1,443	41	79	6	2/ 3/ 67	1,250	878	2,128	15.2	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 3/ 67	1,748	7	1,822	6/-1	124	7	2/ 3/ 151	1,511	900	2,441	17.3	
Year	2/ 3/ 258	5,661	19	5,938	387	544	35	2/ 3/ 151	4,821	3,712	8,533	61.3	
Veal:													
Jan.-Mar.	10	118	5/	128	4	6	1	5	112	188	300	2.2	
Apr.-June	5	105	5/	110	4	5	1	3	97	173	270	1.9	
July-Sept.	3	182	5/	185	5/	16	5/	5	164	215	379	2.7	
Oct.-Dec.	5	237	1	243	5/	22	1	12	208	225	433	3.1	
Year	10	642	1	653	5/8	49	3	12	581	801	1,382	9.9	
Lamb and mutton:													
Jan.-Mar.	16	257	-	273	6	11	1	14	241	30	271	2.0	
Apr.-June	14	198	-	212	5	3	1	8	195	28	223	1.6	
July-Sept.	8	188	-	196	5/	4	1	8	183	28	211	1.5	
Oct.-Dec.	8	207	-	215	5/	12	1	16	186	32	218	1.5	
Year	16	850	-	866	11	30	4	16	805	118	923	6.6	
Pork excluding lard:													
Jan.-Mar.	2/ 3/ 365	1,990	5/	2,355	67	110	25	2/ 3/ 408	1,745	1,436	3,181	23.2	
Apr.-June	2/ 3/ 408	1,539	5/	1,947	261	92	24	2/ 3/ 277	1,293	1,094	2,387	17.2	
July-Sept.	2/ 3/ 277	1,165	5/	1,442	43	21	14	2/ 3/ 96	1,268	752	2,020	14.1	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 3/ 96	1,948	5/	2,044	6/-4	72	12	2/ 3/ 272	1,692	1,226	2,918	20.6	
Year	2/ 3/ 365	6,642	5/	7,007	367	295	75	2/ 3/ 272	5,998	4,508	10,506	75.4	
All meat:													
Jan.-Mar.	2/ 3/ 649	3,900	2	4,551	243	395	39	2/ 3/ 612	3,262	2,711	5,973	43.6	
Apr.-June	2/ 3/ 612	2,854	5	3,471	451	173	36	2/ 3/ 360	2,451	2,172	4,623	33.3	
July-Sept.	2/ 3/ 360	2,901	5	3,266	84	120	21	2/ 3/ 176	2,865	1,873	4,738	33.8	
Oct.-Dec.	2/ 3/ 176	4,140	8	4,324	230	21	2/ 3/ 451	3,627	2,383	6,010	42.5		
Year	2/ 3/ 649	13,795	20	14,464	773	918	117	2/ 3/ 451	12,205	9,139	21,344	153.2	
1947													
Beef:													
Jan.-Mar.	3/ 151	1,896	5	2,052	-	168	12	3/ 155	1,717	749	2,466	17.3	
Apr.-June	3/ 155	1,859	1	2,015	-	58	80	3/ 80	1,797	703	2,500	17.5	
July-Sept.	3/ 80	1,846	17	1,943	-	52	62	3/ 76	1,753	701	2,454	17.0	
Oct.-Dec.	3/ 76	1,934	41	2,051	-	108	22	3/ 169	1,752	744	2,496	17.3	
Year	3/ 151	7,535	64	7,750	-	386	176	3/ 169	7,019	2,897	9,916	69.1	
Veal:													
Jan.-Mar.	12	175	5/	187	-	5	1	9	172	162	334	2.4	
Apr.-June	9	196	5/	205	-	8	8	8	181	166	317	2.1	
July-Sept.	8	257	5/	265	-	9	6	7	243	185	428	3.0	
Oct.-Dec.	7	276	5/	283	-	12	2	21	248	188	436	3.0	
Year	12	904	5/	916	-	34	17	21	844	701	1,545	10.8	
Lamb and mutton:													
Jan.-Mar.	16	183	5/	199	-	6	2	12	179	21	200	1.4	
Apr.-June	12	176	5/	188	-	3	2	8	175	17	192	1.3	
July-Sept.	8	165	5/	173	-	2	5	6	160	21	181	1.3	
Oct.-Dec.	6	193	5/	199	-	11	3	19	166	23	189	1.3	
Year	16	717	5/	733	-	22	12	19	680	82	762	5.3	

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Table 10.- Supply and distribution of meat, United States, by classes, by quarter-years, 1945 to date - Continued

Period	Federally inspected												Civilian consumption		Total civilian consumption	
	Supply				Distribution				Civilian consumption				Per person			
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	U.S.D.A.	Commercial	Armed forces purchases	Exports and shipments	Ending stocks	Consumption	from non-inspected slaughter	Total	Lb.	Total	Lb.	
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	
1947																
Pork excluding lard:																
Jan.-Mar.	3/ 272	1,867	5/	2,139	5/	95	17	3/ 384	1,643	1,053	2,696	18.9				
Apr.-June	3/ 384	1,639	5/	2,023	-	49	40	3/ 338	1,596	771	2,367	16.6				
July-Sept.	3/ 338	1,407	5/	1,745	-	24	30	3/ 191	1,500	590	2,090	14.5				
Oct.-Dec.	3/ 191	2,167	5/	2,358	-	62	20	3/ 518	1,758	1,008	2,766	19.1				
Year	3/ 272	7,080	5/	7,352	5/	230	107	3/ 518	6,497	3,422	9,919	69.1				
All meat:																
Jan.-Mar.	3/ 451	4,121	5	4,577	5/	274	32	3/ 560	3,711	1,985	5,696	40.0				
Apr.-June	3/ 560	3,870	1	4,431	-	118	130	3/ 434	3,749	1,657	5,406	37.8				
July-Sept.	3/ 434	3,675	17	4,126	-	87	103	3/ 280	3,656	1,497	5,153	35.8				
Oct.-Dec.	3/ 280	4,570	41	4,891	-	193	47	3/ 727	3,924	1,963	5,887	40.7				
Year	3/ 451	16,236	64	16,751	5/	672	312	3/ 727	15,040	7,102	22,142	154.3				
1948																
Beef:																
Jan.-Mar.	169	1,643	42	1,854		52	12	133	1,657	691	2,348	16.2				
Apr.-June	133	1,470	58	1,661		40	10	83	1,528	691	2,219	15.2				
July-Sept.	83	1,599	115	1,797		53	13	74	1,657	614	2,271	15.5				
Oct.-Dec.	74	1,721	126	1,921		94	9	149	1,669	616	2,315	15.8				
Year	169	6,433	311	6,943		239	44	149	6,511	2,642	9,153	62.7				
Veal:																
Jan.-Mar.	21	160	5/	181		4	1	10	166	158	324	2.2				
Apr.-June	10	176	2/	186		9	1	6	170	161	331	2.3				
July-Sept.	6	228	2	236		12	1	7	216	157	373	2.6				
Oct.-Dec.	7	227	3	237		15	1	21	200	156	356	2.4				
Year	21	791	5	817		40	4	21	752	632	1,384	9.5				
Lamb and mutton:																
Jan.-Mar.	19	171	0	190		2	2	14	172	21	193	1.3				
Apr.-June	14	111	0	155		1	2	8	144	19	163	1.1				
July-Sept.	8	165	1	174		0	1	10	163	21	184	1.3				
Oct.-Dec.	10	188	2	200		2	5/	26	172	21	193	1.3				
Year	19	665	3	687		5	5	26	651	82	733	5.0				
Pork excluding lard:																
Jan.-Mar.	518	1,783	5/	2,301		31	25	646	1,599	1,002	2,601	17.9				
Apr.-June	646	1,639	2/	2,285		36	21	582	1,616	793	2,439	16.8				
July-Sept.	582	1,248	5/	1,830		50	17	235	1,528	580	2,068	14.1				
Oct.-Dec.	235	2,162	1	2,398		63	22	469	1,844	888	2,732	18.6				
Year	518	6,832	1	7,351		180	85	469	6,617	3,223	9,840	67.4				
All meat:																
Jan.-Mar.	727	3,757	42	4,526		89	40	803	3,594	1,872	5,466	37.6				
Apr.-June	803	3,426	58	4,287		86	34	679	3,488	1,664	5,152	35.4				
July-Sept.	679	3,240	118	4,037		115	32	326	3,564	1,332	4,896	33.5				
Oct.-Dec.	326	4,298	132	4,756		174	32	665	3,885	1,711	5,596	38.1				
Year	727	11,721	350	15,798		464	138	665	14,531	6,579	21,110	144.3				
1949																
Beef:																
Jan.-Mar.	149	1,739	52	1,940		77	5	127	1,731	616	2,347	15.9				
Apr.-June	127	1,709	39	1,875		49	7	74	1,745	598	2,343	15.9				
July-Sept.	74	1,843	78	1,995		68	8	63	1,856	610	2,466	16.6				
Oct.-Dec.	63	1,707	59	1,829		54	7	121	1,617	617	2,261	15.1				
Year	149	6,998	228	7,375		248	27	121	6,979	2,441	9,420	63.5				
Veal:																
Jan.-Mar.	21	158	1	180		6	5/	16	158	139	297	2.0				
Apr.-June	16	166	1	183		6	5/	7	170	139	309	2.1				
July-Sept.	7	211	2	220		9	1	8	202	156	358	2.4				
Oct.-Dec.	8	211	3	222		12	1	16	193	154	347	2.3				
Year	21	746	7	774		33	2	16	723	588	1,311	8.8				
Lamb and mutton:																
Jan.-Mar.	26	146	5/	172		3	1	14	154	18	172	1.2				
Apr.-June	14	102	2/	116		1	1	7	107	15	122	0.8				
July-Sept.	7	140	1	148		2	1	7	138	16	154	1.0				
Oct.-Dec.	7	148	3	158		4	5/	14	140	18	158	1.1				
Year	26	536	4	566		10	3	14	539	67	606	4.1				
Pork excluding lard:																
Jan.-Mar.	469	1,919	5/	2,388		59	20	586	1,723	889	2,612	17.7				
Apr.-June	586	1,603	1	2,190		45	31	420	1,690	668	2,358	15.9				
July-Sept.	420	1,513	1	1,934		26	31	205	1,672	524	2,196	14.8				
Oct.-Dec.	205	2,317	1	2,523		51	22	474	1,974	853	2,827	18.9				
Year	469	7,352	3	7,824		181	104	474	7,059	2,934	9,993	67.3				
All meat:																
Jan.-Mar.	665	3,962	53	4,680		145	26	743	3,766	1,662	5,428	36.8				
Apr.-June	743	3,580	41	4,364		101	39	508	3,732	1,420	5,132	34.7				
July-Sept.	508	3,707	82	4,297		105	41	283	3,868	1,306	5,174	34.8				
Oct.-Dec.	283	4,383	66	4,732		121	30	625	3,954	1,612	5,596	37.4				
Year	665	15,632	212	16,539		472	136	625	15,300	6,030	21,330	143.7				

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Period	Federally inspected										Civilian consumption	Total civilian consumption		
	Supply					Distribution								
	Begin stocks	Pro-duction	Imports	Total	U.S.D.A. pur-chases	Armed forces	Commercial exports	Ending stocks	Civilian con-sumption	from non-inspected slaughter 1/				
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Lb.	
<u>1950</u>														
Beef:														
Jan.-Mar.	121	1,691	55	1,867		45	5	102	1,715	622	2,337	15.6		
Apr.-June	102	1,682	68	1,852		50	5	60	1,737	610	2,347	15.5		
July-Sept.	60	1,842	100	2,002		97	7	81	1,817	628	2,445	16.2		
Oct.-Dec.	81	1,836	99	2,016		104	4	147	1,761	627	2,388	15.7		
Year	121	7,051	322	7,494		296	21	147	7,030	2,487	9,517	63.0		
Veal:														
Jan.-Mar.	16	150	1	167		3	5/	10	154	138	292	1.9		
Apr.-June	10	160	4	174		6	1	7	160	137	297	2.0		
July-Sept.	7	186	4	197		13	1	8	175	146	321	2.1		
Oct.-Dec.	8	171	1	180		12	5/	14	154	142	296	2.0		
Year	16	667	10	693		34	2	14	643	563	1,206	8.0		
Lamb and mutton:														
Jan.-Mar.	14	140	5/	154		1	1	11	141	15	156	1.0		
Apr.-June	11	127	5/	138		1	5/	7	130	15	145	1.0		
July-Sept.	7	135	5/	142		2	5/	6	134	17	151	1.0		
Oct.-Dec.	6	132	3	141		2	1	10	128	16	144	0.9		
Year	14	534	3	551		6	2	10	533	63	596	3.9		
Pork excluding lard:														
Jan.-Mar.	474	2,024	5	2,503		40	29	547	1,887	869	2,756	18.4		
Apr.-June	547	1,772	8	2,327		29	27	469	1,802	676	2,478	16.4		
July-Sept.	469	1,582	10	2,061		64	23	241	1,733	532	2,265	14.9		
Oct.-Dec.	241	2,410	10	2,661		118	31	499	2,013	849	2,862	18.9		
Year	474	7,788	33	8,295		251	110	499	7,435	2,926	10,361	68.6		
All meat:														
Jan.-Mar.	625	4,005	61	4,691		89	35	670	3,897	1,644	5,541	36.9		
Apr.-June	670	3,741	80	4,491		86	33	543	3,829	1,438	5,267	34.9		
July-Sept.	543	3,745	114	4,402		176	31	336	3,859	1,323	5,182	34.2		
Oct.-Dec.	336	4,519	113	4,998		236	36	670	4,056	1,634	5,690	37.5		
Year	625	16,040	368	17,033		587	135	670	15,641	6,039	21,680	143.5		
<u>1951</u>														
Beef:														
Jan.-Mar.	147	1,666	102	1,915		185	4	131	1,595	606	2,201	14.5		
Apr.-June	131	1,486	134	1,751		207	3	90	1,451	551	2,002	13.2		
July-Sept.	90	1,563	128	1,781		105	4	95	1,577	633	2,210	14.6		
Oct.-Dec.	95	1,716	96	1,907		197	4	218	1,488	622	2,110	13.8		
Year	147	6,431	460	7,038		694	15	218	6,111	2,412	8,523	56.1		
Veal:														
Jan.-Mar.	14	124	1	139		7	1	8	123	120	243	1.6		
Apr.-June	8	131	5	144		12	5/	6	126	105	231	1.5		
July-Sept.	6	164	4	174		20	1	7	146	126	272	1.8		
Oct.-Dec.	7	164	3	174		23	5/	17	134	127	261	1.7		
Year	14	583	13	610		62	2	17	529	478	1,007	6.6		
Lamb and mutton:														
Jan.-Mar.	10	123	1	134		1	5/	8	125	13	138	0.9		
Apr.-June	8	100	2	110		1	1	5	103	11	114	.8		
July-Sept.	5	114	1	120		2	5/	7	111	15	126	.8		
Oct.-Dec.	7	128	3	138		3	5/	14	121	18	139	.9		
Year	10	465	7	482		7	1	14	460	57	517	3.4		
Pork excluding lard:														
Jan.-Mar.	499	2,151	11	2,661		127	37	648	1,849	909	2,758	18.2		
Apr.-June	618	2,010	13	2,671		187	25	572	1,887	704	2,591	17.1		
July-Sept.	572	1,771	12	2,355		88	20	326	1,921	576	2,497	16.4		
Oct.-Dec.	326	2,475	15	2,816		104	31	549	2,132	887	3,019	19.9		
Year	499	8,107	51	8,957		506	113	549	7,789	3,076	10,865	71.6		
All meat:														
Jan.-Mar.	670	4,064	115	4,849		320	42	795	3,692	1,648	5,340	35.2		
Apr.-June	795	3,727	154	4,676		407	29	673	3,567	1,371	4,938	32.6		
July-Sept.	673	3,612	145	4,430		215	25	435	3,755	1,350	5,105	33.6		
Oct.-Dec.	435	4,483	117	5,035		327	35	798	3,875	1,654	5,529	36.3		
Year	670	15,886	531	17,087		1,269	131	798	14,889	6,023	20,912	137.7		

1/ From non-inspected wholesale and retail slaughter and from farm slaughter. Annual consumption is same as production but quarterly data are adjusted for estimated farm storage.

2/ Allows for meat purchased by the military in one period and transferred to the Department of Agriculture or UNRRA in a later period.

3/ Allows for meat purchased by the military in one period and transferred to the Interior Department at a later period.

4/ Not sum of quarterly averages because population for July 1 differs considerably from average of quarters.

5/ Less than 500,000 lbs.

6/ Sales to non export claimants were greater than deliveries to CCC during period.

Table 11.- Estimated livestock slaughter and meat production, United States, by quarter-years, 1945-51

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Year	Beef			Veal			Lamb and mutton			Pork excluding lard			Total		
	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield
	: Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	: Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	: Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	: Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	: Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.
1945	:			:			:			:			:		
Jan.-Mar.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 3,644	505	1,841	1,577	99	156	5,418	44	238	12,040	147	1,766	4,001		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,454	434	631	1,484	113	167	747	40	30	5,476	131	718	1,546		
Apr.-June	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 3,082	530	1,633	1,485	100	148	5,237	42	221	9,823	157	1,546	3,548		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,340	439	589	1,409	116	163	760	41	31	3,294	140	461	1,244		
July-Sept.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 3,697	495	1,831	1,750	132	231	4,967	42	210	6,880	174	1,195	3,467		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,561	431	673	1,437	136	195	678	43	29	3,187	151	481	1,378		
Oct.-Dec.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 4,108	470	1,931	2,208	130	288	5,596	44	244	12,217	154	1,880	4,343		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,889	427	807	1,554	131	204	665	40	27	5,343	149	796	1,834		
Year	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 14,531	498	7,236	7,020	118	823	21,218	43	913	40,960	156	6,387	15,359		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 6,244	432	2,700	5,884	124	729	2,850	41	117	17,300	142	2,456	6,002		
Farm . . . . .	: 919	370	340	753	148	112	571	41	24	13,631	136	1,854	2,330		
Total . . . . .	: 21,694	474	10,276	13,657	122	1,651	24,639	43	1,054	71,891	149	10,697	23,691		
1946	:			:			:			:			:		
Jan.-Mar.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 2,928	524	1,535	1,351	87	118	5,614	46	257	13,246	150	1,990	3,900		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 2,058	459	944	1,480	108	160	544	42	23	5,634	144	812	1,939		
Apr.-June	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 1,839	550	1,012	1,153	91	105	4,774	41	198	10,323	149	1,539	2,854		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,669	472	788	1,296	113	147	628	40	25	4,320	145	626	1,586		
July-Sept.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 2,835	482	1,366	1,440	126	182	4,616	41	188	7,144	163	1,165	2,901		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,870	441	825	1,407	138	194	595	40	24	3,204	145	465	1,508		
Oct.-Dec.	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 3,800	460	1,748	1,897	125	237	4,880	42	207	13,681	142	1,948	4,140		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 1,882	421	792	1,386	134	186	583	41	24	4,842	142	689	1,691		
Year	:			:			:			:			:		
Fed. inspected 1/	: 11,402	499	5,661	5,841	111	642	19,884	43	850	44,394	150	6,642	13,795		
Other whlse. & ret.	: 7,479	448	3,349	5,569	123	687	2,350	41	96	18,000	144	2,592	6,724		
Farm . . . . .	: 943	385	363	766	148	114	554	41	22	13,721	140	1,916	2,415		
Total . . . . .	: 19,824	473	9,373	12,176	119	1,443	22,788	42	968	76,115	146	11,150	22,934		

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Table I.- Estimated livestock slaughter and meat production, United States, by quarter-years 1945-51, Cont'd.

May - June 1952

Year	Beef			Veal			Lamb and mutton			Pork excluding lard			Total				
	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield	Head		Yield		
	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.		
1947	:			:			:			:			:				
Jan.-Mar.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,773	505	1,896	1,756	101	175	4,050	45	183	13,147	142	1,867	4,121
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,461	442		646		1,224	110		135	331	45	15	3,783	133	502	1,298
Apr.-June	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,674	509	1,859	1,926	102	196	4,006	44	176	11,101	148	1,639	3,870
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,417	439		622		1,282	109		140	351	40	14	2,728	133	362	1,138
July-Sept.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,898	476	1,846	2,003	129	257	3,992	42	165	9,135	154	1,407	3,675
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,514	419		647		1,298	126		164	428	40	17	2,444	138	337	1,165
Oct.-Dec.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	4,179	466	1,934	2,248	123	276	4,619	42	193	15,733	138	2,167	4,570
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,587	407		646		1,276	118		150	430	37	16	3,858	137	530	1,342
Year	:			Fed. inspected 1/	15,524	488	7,535	7,933	115	904	16,667	43	717	49,116	144	7,080	16,236
	Other whlse. & ret.	6,009	426		2,561		5,080	116		589	1,540	40	62	12,813	135	1,731	4,943
	Farm . . . . .	871	386		336		713	157		112	499	40	20	12,072	140	1,691	2,159
	Total . . . . .	22,404	466		10,432		13,726	117		1,605	18,706	43	799	74,001	142	10,502	23,338
1948	:															24	
Jan.-Mar.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,275	506	1,643	1,664	97	160	3,730	46	171	12,543	142	1,783	3,757
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,375	438		602		1,298	101		131	338	40	14	3,708	134	497	1,244
Apr.-June	:			Fed. inspected 1/	2,885	514	1,470	1,679	105	176	3,285	43	141	11,140	147	1,639	3,426
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,388	442		613		1,329	106		141	393	41	16	3,020	138	417	1,187
July-Sept.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,310	486	1,599	1,745	131	228	3,923	42	165	8,320	150	1,248	3,240
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,322	424		560		1,137	119		135	432	40	18	2,192	139	305	1,018
Oct.-Dec.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,524	491	1,721	1,819	125	227	4,405	43	188	15,612	139	2,162	4,298
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,307	427		558		1,096	114		125	391	39	15	3,134	139	435	1,133
Year	:			Fed. inspected 1/	12,994	498	6,433	6,907	115	791	15,343	44	665	47,615	144	6,832	14,721
	Other whlse. & ret.	5,392	433		2,333		4,860	109		532	1,554	41	63	12,054	137	1,654	4,582
	Farm . . . . .	791	390		309		611	163		100	474	40	19	11,200	140	1,569	1,997
	Total . . . . .	19,177	473		9,075		12,378	115		1,423	17,371	43	747	70,869	142	10,055	21,300

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Table II.- Estimated livestock slaughter and meat production, United States, by quarter-years 1945-51, Cont'd.

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Year	Beef			Veal			Lamb and mutton			Pork excluding lard			Total				
	Head	Yield	Prod.	Head	Yield	Prod.	Head	Yield	Prod.	Head	Yield	Prod.	Head	Yield			
	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Mil.lb.			
1949	:			:			:			:			:				
Jan.-Mar.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,222	542	1,739	1,579	102	158	3,229	45	146	13,771	140		
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,168	455		531		1,108	102	113	274	44	12	3,316	131	1,919	3,962	
Apr.-June	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,116	551	1,709	1,605	104	166	2,335	44	102	11,360	141	1,603	3,580
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,149	456		524		1,090	110	120	298	40	12	2,544	130	331	987	
July-Sept.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,547	522	1,843	1,602	132	211	3,282	43	140	10,461	145	1,513	3,707
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,265	440		556		1,096	124	136	353	40	14	2,401	130	313	1,019	
Oct.-Dec.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,337	515	1,707	1,663	127	211	3,290	45	148	17,440	133	2,317	4,383
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,209	441		533		1,085	115	125	315	41	13	3,468	128	445	1,116	
Year	:			Fed. inspected 1/	13,222	532	6,998	6,449	116	746	12,136	44	536	53,032	139	7,352	15,632
	Other whlse. & ret.	4,791	448		2,144		4,379	113	494	1,240	41	51	11,729	130	1,523	4,212	
	Farm . . . . .	752	395		297		570	165	94	404	40	16	10,236	138	1,411	1,818	
	Total . . . . .	18,765	503		9,439		11,398	117	1,334	13,780	44	603	74,997	137	10,286	21,662	
1950	:														25		
Jan.-Mar.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,123	544	1,691	1,494	101	150	2,879	49	140	15,055	135	2,024	4,005
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,173	460		540		1,081	105	113	248	40	10	3,555	126	447	1,110	
Apr.-June	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,100	545	1,682	1,475	109	160	2,793	46	127	12,809	139	1,772	3,741
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,171	460		539		1,024	114	117	284	42	12	2,885	126	364	1,032	
July-Sept.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,450	538	1,842	1,415	132	186	3,099	44	135	11,077	143	1,582	3,745
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,259	455		573		1,024	123	126	320	44	14	2,587	129	335	1,048	
Oct.-Dec.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,430	538	1,836	1,466	117	171	2,968	45	132	18,023	134	2,410	4,549
	Other whlse. & ret.	1,195	456		545		994	115	114	261	42	11	3,552	130	463	1,133	
Year	:			Fed. inspected 1/	13,103	541	7,051	5,850	115	667	11,739	46	534	56,964	137	7,788	16,040
	Other whlse. & ret.	4,798	458		2,197		4,123	114	470	1,113	42	47	12,579	128	1,609	4,323	
	Farm . . . . .	723	401		290		531	176	93	392	40	16	9,720	135	1,317	1,716	
	Total . . . . .	18,624	512		9,538		10,504	117	1,230	13,244	45	597	79,263	135	10,714	22,079	

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Table 111 - Estimated livestock slaughter and meat production, United States, by quarter-years 1945-51, Cont'd.

Year	Beef				Veal				Lamb and mutton				Pork excluding lard				Total				
	Head		Yield		Prod.		Head		Yield		Prod.		Head		Yield		Prod.		Head		
	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.	Thous.	Lb.	Mil.lb.
1951	:			:			:			:			:			:			:		
Jan.-Mar.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,012	556	1,666	1,255	99	124	2,536	49	123	15,860	136	2,151	4,064				
				Other whlse. & ret.	1,091	478	522	918	104	96	194	43	8	3,879	127	491	1,117				
Apr.-June	:			Fed. inspected 1/	2,667	560	1,486	1,226	107	131	2,125	47	100	14,641	138	2,010	3,727				
				Other whlse. & ret.	999	479	479	771	111	85	214	42	9	3,130	127	399	972				
July-Sept.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	2,940	534	1,563	1,203	137	164	2,579	45	114	12,460	142	1,771	3,612				
				Other whlse. & ret.	1,226	470	577	854	125	107	321	41	13	3,001	128	383	1,080				
Oct.-Dec.	:			Fed. inspected 1/	3,260	530	1,716	1,301	127	164	2,816	46	128	19,093	130	2,475	4,483				
				Other whlse. & ret.	1,181	458	540	890	114	101	290	42	13	3,997	128	510	1,164				
Year	:			Fed. inspected 1/	11,879	544	6,431	4,985	118	583	10,056	47	465	62,054	136	8,407	15,886				
				Other whlse. & ret.	4,497	471	2,118	3,433	113	389	1,019	42	43	14,007	127	1,783	4,333				
				Farm . . . . .	724	406	294	495	180	89	343	39	14	9,520	136	1,293	1,690				
	Total . . . . .	:	17,100	517	8,843	8,913	119	1,061	11,418	46	522	85,581	134	11,483	21,909						

1/ Excludes production in Hawaii and Virgin Islands.

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**Digest of OPS and NPA Regulations Affecting Meat and  
Meat Animals**

This list supplements those appearing in earlier issues of this Situation. These lists are compiled for their reference value now and in the future. Questions regarding the application of the regulations should be referred to the Agency administering them.

<u>Issued by the Office of Price Stabilization, Economic Stabilization Agency</u>	
<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Principal provisions</u>
General Ceiling Price Regulation Supplementary Regulation 61 Amendment 2 Issued May 23, 1952 Effective May 28, 1952	: Extends the mandatory filing date until June 30, 1952 and clarifies the definition of "Specialty Beef Products".  :  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 24 Amendment 9 Issued May 23, 1952 Effective May 28, 1952	: Fixes dollars-and-cents ceilings for wholesale sales of certain cured, dried and smoked beef products, and makes other changes.  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 24 Amendment 10 Issued May 26, 1952 Effective May 31, 1952	: Requires wholesale beef distributors to file with OPS District Offices instead of Regional Offices.  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 24 Amendment 11 Issued June 12, 1952 Effective June 13, 1952	: Makes several changes in CPR 24 applicable to distribution point, local delivery and zone differentials.  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 24 Amendment 12 Issued June 13, 1952 Effective June 13, 1952	: Amends CPR 24 to permit all hotel supply houses to use the same schedule of ceiling prices for sales of beef to all buyers except retailers, regardless of source of supply.  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 25 Revision 1 Interpretation 2 Issued May 9, 1952 Effective May 9, 1952	: Clarifies the definition of boneless chuck sold as stew meat.  :  :  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 25 Revision 1 Issued May 23, 1952 Effective May 28, 1952	: Provides for changes in retail beef ceilings in line with wholesale ceiling prices established by CPR 24, Amdt. 9, and makes other changes.  :
Ceiling Price Regulation 74 Amendment 3 Issued May 8, 1952 Effective May 13, 1952	: Simplifies filing requirements for pork wholesalers and clarifies the definition of certain pork cuts.  :  :

Regulation	Principal provisions
Ceiling Price Regulation 74 Amendment 4 Issued May 20, 1952 Effective May 26, 1952	: Changes the definition of blade meat. : : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 74 Amendment 5 Issued May 26, 1952 Effective May 31, 1952	: Requires wholesale pork distributors to file with OPS District Offices instead of Regional Offices. (See CPR 24, Amdt. 10). : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 74 Amendment 6 Issued June 13, 1952 Effective June 13, 1952	: Permits all hotel supply houses to use the same schedule of ceiling prices for sales of pork to all buyers except retailers, regardless of source of supply. (See CPR 24, Amdt. 12). : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 74 Amendment 7 Issued June 17, 1952 Effective June 17, 1952	: Adds dollars-and-cents ceiling prices for sales of heavy regular hams at wholesale. : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 92 Amendment 5 Issued May 26, 1952 Effective May 31, 1952	: Requires wholesale lamb and mutton sellers to file with OPS District Offices instead of Regional Offices (See CPR 24, Amdt. 10). : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 92 Amendment 6 Issued June 13, 1952 Effective June 13, 1952	: Permits all hotel supply houses and combination distributors to use the same ceiling prices to all buyers except retailers regardless of source of supply. (See CPR 24, Amdt. 12). : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 101 Amendment 3 Issued May 26, 1952 Effective May 31, 1952	: Changes filing requirements for wholesalers of veal. (See CPR 24, Amdt. 10). : : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 101 Amendment 4 Issued June 13, 1952 Effective June 13, 1952	: Permits all hotel supply houses and combination distributors to use the same ceiling prices to all buyers except retailers regardless of source of supply. : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 124 Amendment 2 Issued April 14, 1952 Effective April 19, 1952	: Clarifies record-keeping requirements for sales of surgical catgut sutures. : : :
Ceiling Price Regulation 129 Amendment 1 Issued May 14, 1952 Effective May 19, 1952	: Eliminates the prohibition against inclusion of horsemeat in sausages, and makes other changes. : : :

## Selected Price Statistics for Meat Animals 1/

Item	Unit	January-May			1952		
		1951		May	April	May	June
		1951	1952	May			
<b>Cattle and calves</b>							
Beef steers, slaughter 2/	Dollars per:						
Chicago, Prime .....	: 100 pounds	39.35	36.97	38.73	37.24	36.20	34.63
Choice .....	: do.	36.17	34.57	36.52	34.76	34.17	32.81
Good .....	: do.	33.47	31.74	34.03	31.56	31.62	30.74
Commercial .....	: do.	31.30	28.74	31.32	28.16	28.64	28.18
Utility .....	: do.	28.92	26.13	28.06	25.88	26.20	25.68
All grades .....	: do.	35.25	33.62	35.71	33.39	33.29	32.22
Omaha, all grades .....	: do.	34.06	32.10	34.17	31.58	31.79	27.95
Sioux City, all grades .....	: do.	34.06	31.92	34.21	31.31	32.01	29.38
Cows, Chicago 2/	:						
Commercial .....	: do.	27.42	24.52	28.91	24.90	25.42	24.01
Utility .....	: do.	25.11	22.29	25.88	22.62	23.17	21.39
Canner and Cutter .....	: do.	21.60	19.40	21.63	19.54	20.16	18.57
vealers, Choice and Prime, Chicago .....	: do.	37.64	37.38	37.66	36.87	37.24	34.95
Stocker and feeder steers, Kansas City .....	: do.	34.27	31.72	34.29	31.32	32.06	27.21
Price received by farmers	:						
Beef cattle .....	: do.	29.20	27.62	29.70	27.80	27.90	26.70
Veal calves .....	: do.	32.72	31.42	33.00	31.10	31.20	30.70
<b>Hogs</b>							
Barrows and gilts	:						
Chicago	:						
160-180 pounds .....	: do.	21.11	17.59	20.75	16.69	20.26	20.04
180-200 pounds .....	: do.	21.87	18.39	21.45	17.24	21.06	20.95
200-220 pounds .....	: do.	21.97	18.46	21.61	17.31	21.21	20.96
220-240 pounds .....	: do.	21.88	18.23	21.55	17.20	20.95	20.69
240-270 pounds .....	: do.	21.67	17.78	21.38	16.94	20.42	20.11
270-300 pounds .....	: do.	21.30	17.30	20.98	16.58	19.81	19.42
All weights .....	: do.	21.60	17.79	21.27	16.86	20.21	20.41
Eight markets 3/	:						
Sows, Chicago .....	: do.	21.33	17.61	20.95	16.70	20.21	20.33
Price received by farmers .....	: do.	18.91	15.67	18.80	15.20	17.78	17.37
Hog-corn price ratio 4/	:						
Chicago, barrows and gilts .....	: do.	12.2	9.7	12.0	9.3	11.0	11.2
Price received by farmers, all hogs .....	: do.	13.0	10.5	12.4	9.8	11.8	11.2
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Sheep	:						
Slaughter ewes, Good and Choice, Chicago .....	: do.	21.26	14.20	18.06	13.99	12.78	9.21
Price received by farmers .....	: do.	17.66	13.26	17.10	13.60	12.90	11.60
Lambs	:						
Slaughter, Choice and Prime, Chicago .....	: do.	37.91	28.80	36.36	28.58	30.72	29.25
Price received by farmers .....	: do.	33.10	26.66	32.50	26.40	26.30	25.80
<b>All meat animals</b>							
Index number price received by farmers (1910-14=100) .....	: 418	378	418	372	394	380	
<b>Meat</b>							
Wholesale, Chicago	Dollars per:						
Steer beef carcass, Choice, 500-600 pounds 2/	: 100 pounds	55.91	55.18	56.84	55.25	54.88	53.49
Lamb carcass, Choice, 30-40 pounds 5/	: do.	55.79	55.98	58.00	57.90	59.60	58.45
Composite hog products, including lard	:						
72.84 pounds fresh .....	Dollars	23.49	19.41	23.91	18.36	21.09	21.01
Average per 100 pounds .....	: do.	32.25	26.65	32.83	25.21	28.95	28.84
71.32 pounds fresh and cured .....	: do.	26.39	22.60	26.25	21.92	24.30	24.35
Average per 100 pounds .....	: do.	37.00	31.69	36.81	30.73	34.07	34.14
Retail, United States average	Gents						
Beef, Choice grade .....	per pound	84.6	87.4	84.5	87.0	87.0	---
Lamb .....	: do.	75.1	76.1	77.5	74.4	77.1	---
Pork, including lard .....	: do.	45.0	40.2	45.1	39.1	39.9	---
Index number meat prices (BLS)	:						
Wholesale (1947-49=100) .....	: 118.2	112.9	120.1	111.1	114.3	---	
Retail (1936-39=100) 6/	: 270.7	270.6	272.4	268.1	271.7	---	

1/ Annual data for most series published in Statistical Appendix to this Situation, February 1951.

2/ Grade names as used beginning January 1951.

3/ Chicago, St. Louis N. S. Y., Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City, St. St. Joseph, S. St. Paul, and Indianapolis

4/ Number bushels of corn equivalent in value to 100 pounds of live hogs.

5/ 40-50 lb. carcass all months of 1952 except January.

6/ Index of retail meat prices, new weights.

## Selected marketing, slaughter and stocks statistics for meat animals and meats 1/

Item	Unit	Jan-May			1951	1952		
		1951	1952	May		April-	May-	June
Meat animal marketings	:	:	:	:				
Index number (1935-39=100) .....	:	141	150	138	144	135		
Stocker and feeder shipments to	:	:	:	:				
8 Corn Belt States : 1,000	:	708	717	124	128	125		
Cattle and calves .....: head	:	737	623	258	131	141		
Sheep and lambs .....: do.	:							
Slaughter under Federal inspection	:	:	:	:				
Number slaughtered	:	:	:	:				
Cattle .....: do.	:	4,892	4,956	986	938	1,009		
Calves .....: do.	:	2,075	1,915	414	403	388		
Sheep and lambs .....: do.	:	3,850	4,884	657	941	939		
Hogs .....: do.	:	25,801	28,153	4,952	5,281	4,482		
Percentage sows .....: Percent	:	6	6	8	6	9		
Average live weight per head	:	:	:	:				
Cattle .....: Pounds	:	1,010.	1,009.	997.	1,002	1,003.		
Calves .....: do.	:	177.	189.	183.	177	202.		
Sheep and lambs .....: do.	:	102.	103.	100.	103	100.		
Hogs .....: do.	:	244.	242.	244.	236	242.		
Average production	:	:	:	:				
Beef, per head .....: do.	:	558	564	563	564	563		
Veal, per head .....: do.	:	100	108	104	101	117		
Lamb and mutton, per head .....: do.	:	49	49	48	49	48		
Pork, per head 2/ .....: do.	:	136	133	135	130	133		
Pork, per 100 pounds live weight 2/ : do.	:	56	55	55	55	55		
Lard, per head .....: do.	:	36	37	36	36	37		
Lard, per 100 pounds live weight ...: do.	:	15	15	15	16	15		
Total production	:Million:							
Beef .....: pounds	:	2,718	2,779	2,722	2,765	2,765		
Veal .....: do.	:	206	205	43	41	45		
Lamb and mutton .....: do.	:	187	239	31	46	45		
Pork 2/ .....: do.	:	3,488	3,740	665	683	594		
Lard .....: do.	:	924	1,040	180	192	166		
Total commercial slaughter 3/	:	:	:	:				
Number slaughtered : 1,000	:							
Cattle .....: head	:	6,658	6,796	1,328	1,308	1,378		
Calves .....: do.	:	3,523	3,533	673	702	656		
Sheep and lambs .....: do.	:	4,179	5,295	724	1,032	1,027		
Hogs .....: do.	:	31,852	34,905	6,002	6,564	5,628		
Total production :Million:								
Beef .....: pounds	:	3,562	3,662	716	703	742		
Veal .....: do.	:	358	360	71	72	77		
Lamb and mutton .....: do.	:	201	256	34	50	49		
Pork 2/ .....: do.	:	4,253	4,576	798	839	736		
Lard .....: do.	:	1,071	1,210	207	225	195		
Cold storage stocks first of month	:	:	:	:				
Beef .....: do.	:	-	-	111	256	241		203
Veal .....: do.	:	-	-	7	12	12		11
Lamb and mutton .....: do.	:	-	-	5	15	13		15
Pork .....: do.	:	-	-	654	822	824		725
Total meat and meat products 4/ .....: do.	:	-	-	892	1,242	1,231		1,084

1/ Annual data for most series published in Statistical Appendix to this Situation, February 1950.

2/ Excludes lard.

3/ Federally inspected, and other wholesale and retail.

4/ Includes stocks of sausage and sausage room products, canned meats and canned meat products, and edible offals, in addition to the four meats listed.

<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Principal provisions</u>
General Overriding Regulation 4 Revision 3	: Suspends ceilings on imported and domestic hides and skins.
Amendment 4	:
Issued June 23, 1952	:
Effective June 23, 1952	:
General Overriding Regulation 7 Amendment 16	: Exempts from price control certain raw and semi-processed animal glands.
Issued June 11, 1952	:
Effective June 11, 1952	:
Ceiling Price Regulation 24 Interpretation 1	: Interprets the application of CPR 24 concerning beef sales in conjunction with sales of freezers or refrigerators.
Issued June 9, 1951	:
Effective June 9, 1951	:
Ceiling Price Regulation 25 Revision 1	: Interprets the application of CPR 25 concerning beef sales in conjunction with sales of freezers or refrigerators.
Interpretation 3	:
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