

LAMB FOOTNOTES

- 1/ Grade designations are those in use at time data were reported. Official standards for grades of lamb and mutton were made effective February 16, 1931. In October 1940, the grade designations Medium and Common were changed to Commercial and Utility, respectively. In April 1951, Prime and Choice grades were combined and designated as Prime, the Good grade was renamed Choice, and changes were made in the other grades. In February 1957, the standards were again amended by changing the quality requirements. The standards were also amended in March 1960 to modify the minimum requirements for Prime and Choice grades by lowering the average fatness for these grades and by certain other ways regarding the conformation and quality factors.
- 2/ Included in total is lamb officially certified for CCC: 1942--26,031,000 lbs.; 1943--122,225,000 lbs.; 1944--59,029,000 lbs.; 1945--17,744,000 lbs.; 1946--10,787,000 lbs.
- 3/ Grade breakdown is for 6 months only. Grade breakdown is not available from July 1948 through June 1958.

Compulsory grading of lamb and mutton carcasses was required from April 10, 1943, until October 16, 1946, and again from May 7, 1951, until February 5, 1953.
- 4/ 1965--January 1 through December 18 as reported in Market News and Annual 333.
(Adj. for calendar year 56.3--by JL)
- 5/ Commercial production 1966 to date converted to 4-week (20-day) periods based on weekly F.I. lamb and mutton production estimates and the relation of monthly F.I. lamb and mutton production to total commercial production. Commercial production figures for the year are from Statistical Bulletin 333.
- 6/ Beginning with 1972, volume graded is estimated on the basis of a January 1 - December 31 year.
- 7/ Breakdown by grade based on percent of each grade is of total volume graded for period 7/1 - 12/31.
- 8/ Yield Grading of Lambs begins in 1992.

BEEF FOOTNOTES

* INDICATES ESTIMATED FIGURES

- 1/ Grade designations are those in use at time data were reported.

2/ Breakdown on volume or percentages by grade not available for 1930-37 and 1948-55

3/ During the period of 1942-46, beef that met the requirements of the Prime grade were identified as Choice, pursuant to Amendment 5, MPR 169, Office of Price Administration.

4/ Quality grades Cutter & Canner were combined from 1943 to 1947.

5/ Total includes beef officially graded for the Commodity Credit Corporation (Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation prior to April 3, 1944)

1942 - 6.7 million lbs.

1943 - 18.5 " "

1944 - 28.1 " "

1945 - 109.3 " "

1946 - 168.6 " "

6/ Pounds designated as "0" are .5 million or less.

7/ Yield grade figures prior to 1967 are not available.

8/ Quality and Yield Grades were coupled in February, 1976.

9/ Grade name change November, 1987. The grade name of Good was changed to Select. Figures from 1930 through 1987 reference Good. Figures from 1988 to present reference Select.

10/ Quality and Yield Grades were uncoupled in August, 1989.

VEAL FOOTNOTES

1/ Grade designations are those in use at time data were reported. Breakdown on volume or percentages by grades not available for 1930-43 and 1948-58. On September 18, 1942, the Office of Price Administration RMPR 169 required all Choice beef and veal to be graded by a U.S. official grader. On December 16, 1942, the order was revised to include all grades of beef except Cutter and Canner and of veal except Cull. On April 3, 1943, the order was again revised to include Cutter and Canner beef and Cull veal. On October 16, 1946, grading of all meats was restored to a voluntary basis. Compulsory grading was also in effect under the Office of Price Stabilization for the period May 7, 1951, to February 5, 1953.

2/ Totals are based on unrounded data.

3/ Total includes volume officially graded for the Commodity Credit Corporation as follows:

Thou. lbs.

1942 - 305

Thou. lbs.

1945 - 12,279

1943 - 22,291
1944 - 24,852

1946 - 8,926

4/ Utility and Cull combined from 1943 to 1947.

5/ Includes volume graded and commercial production only through December 18, 1965, the end of a 4-week reporting period. Reporting by 4-week periods began on July 2, 1965. Prior to that date, reporting was on a monthly basis.

6/ 500 pounds or less.

7/ Data not available due to change in accounting system.

8/ Beginning in 1973, figures on volume graded are adjusted to a January 1 to December 31 year.