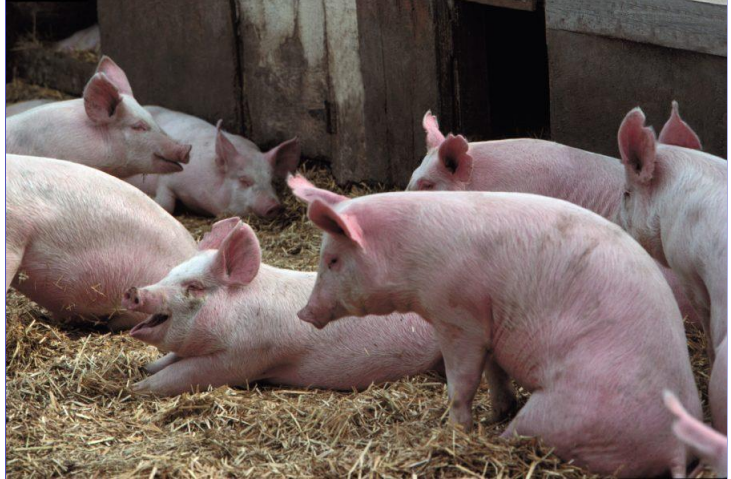


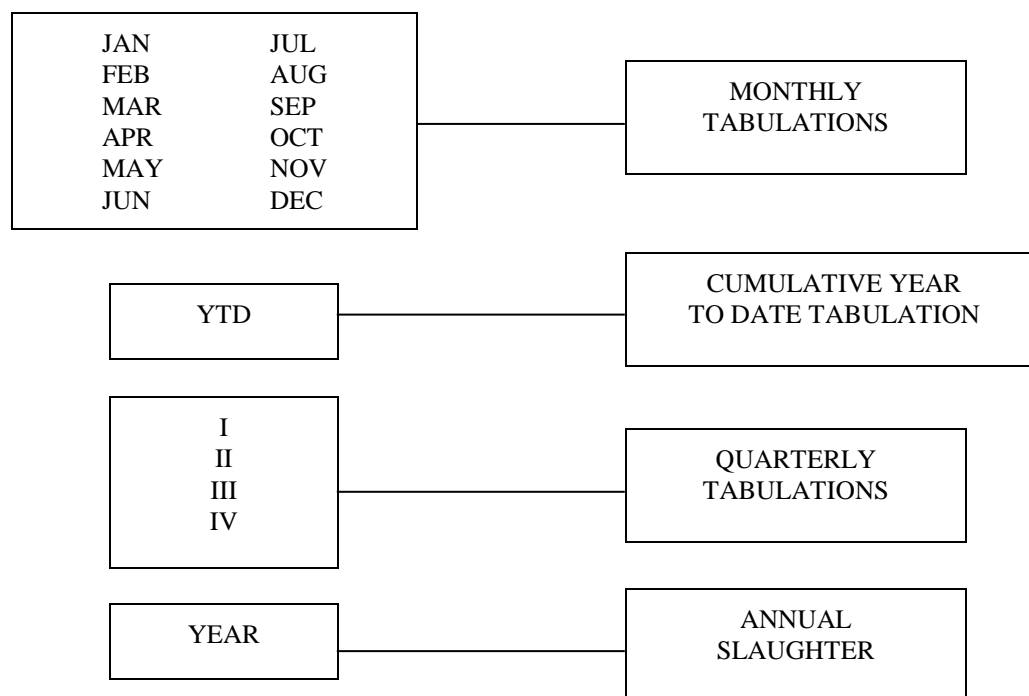
Monthly Livestock Slaughter Summary

March 2017



MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER SUMMARY

The following tables provide a summary of Canadian and U.S. livestock slaughter by month for the current year, with comparisons to a year ago. Also included is a cumulative year-to-date (YTD) figure, as well as quarterly and annual tabulations.



All of this data is available on a monthly basis for the period 1961 - date. Anyone interested in obtaining a special tabulation may do so by forwarding such requests to the Statistics and Data Development Section of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Data sources are as follows:

CANADA: Slaughter data -- Canadian Beef Grading Agency
USA: "Livestock Slaughter" -- National Agricultural Statistics Service; USDA

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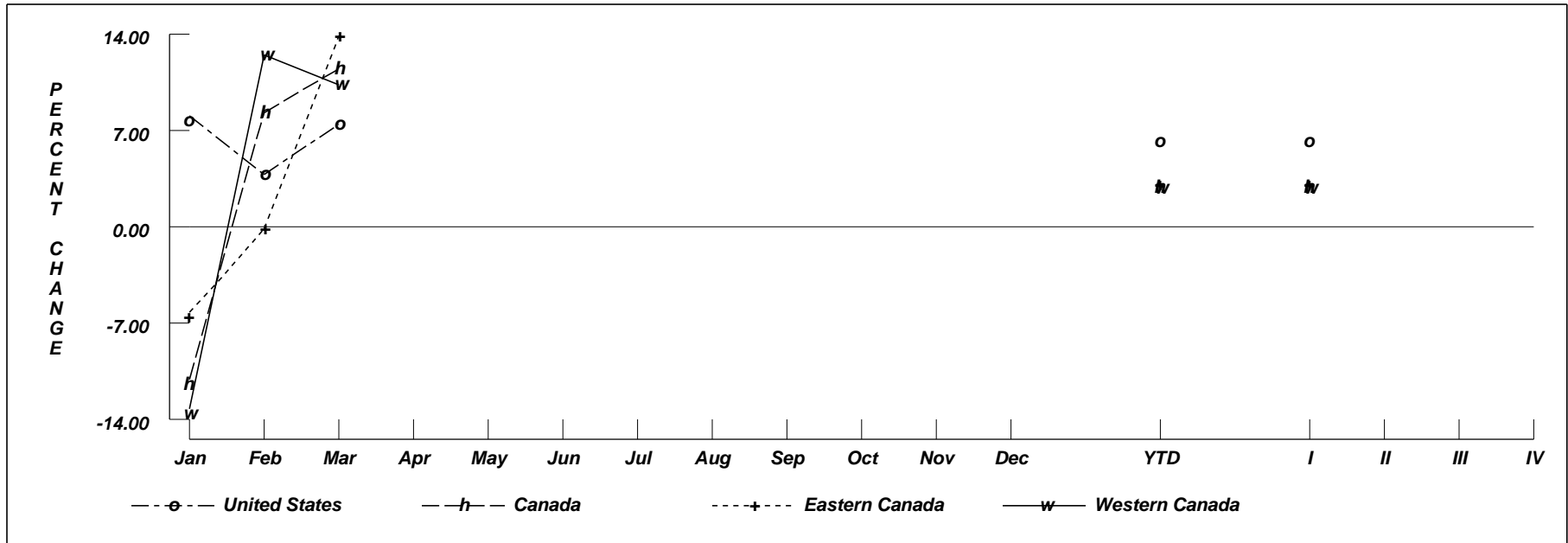
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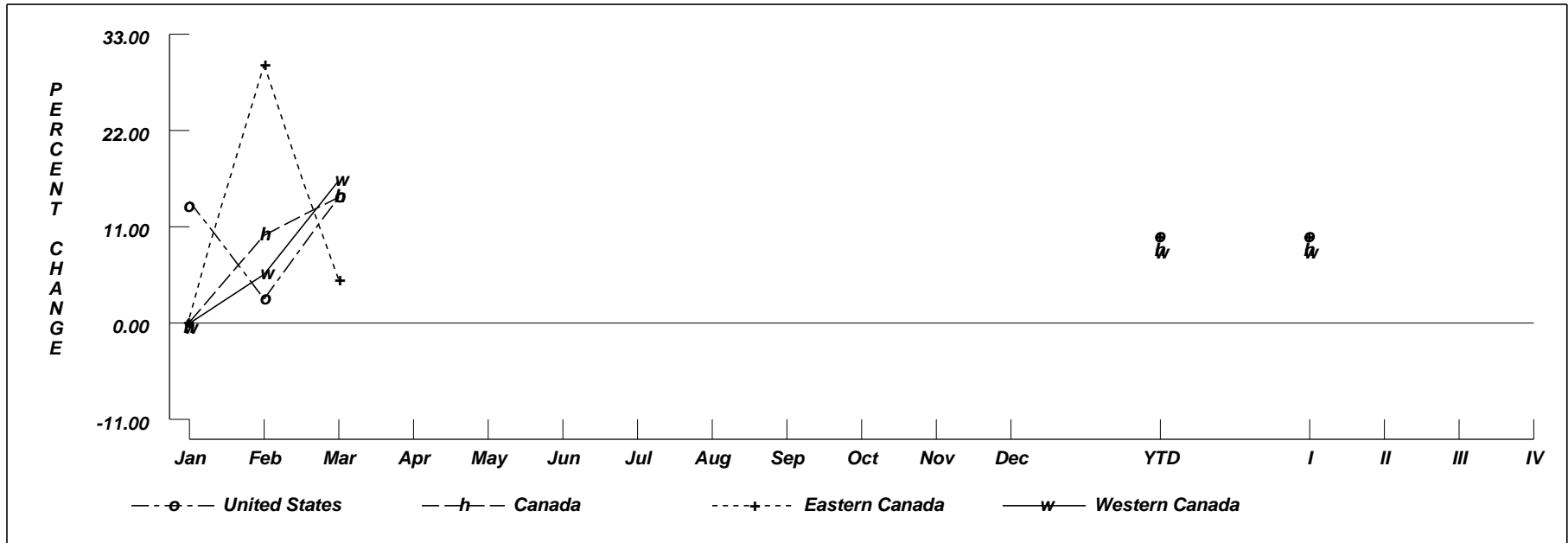
Federally Inspected Steer Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	1,215	1,313	108.1	97,175	86,388	88.9	29,486	27,653	93.8	67,689	58,735	86.8
Feb	1,157	1,201	103.8	90,765	98,278	108.3	30,342	30,302	99.9	60,423	67,976	112.5
Mar	1,315	1,413	107.5	112,671	125,619	111.5	37,125	42,280	113.9	75,546	83,339	110.3
Apr	1,320			92,131			32,206			59,925		
May	1,429			109,585			28,379			81,206		
Jun	1,568			153,090			30,859			122,231		
Jul	1,414			142,395			28,280			114,115		
Aug	1,517			180,476			40,685			139,791		
Sep	1,423			151,694			35,968			115,726		
Oct	1,387			127,203			33,364			93,839		
Nov	1,392			123,296			41,851			81,445		
Dec	1,358			85,521			28,588			56,933		
YTD	3,687	3,927	106.5	300,611	310,285	103.2	96,953	100,235	103.4	203,658	210,050	103.1
I	3,687	3,927	106.5	300,611	310,285	103.2	96,953	100,235	103.4	203,658	210,050	103.1
II	4,317			354,806			91,444			263,362		
III	4,354			474,565			104,933			369,632		
IV	4,137			336,020			103,803			232,217		
Year	16,495			1,466,002			397,133			1,068,869		

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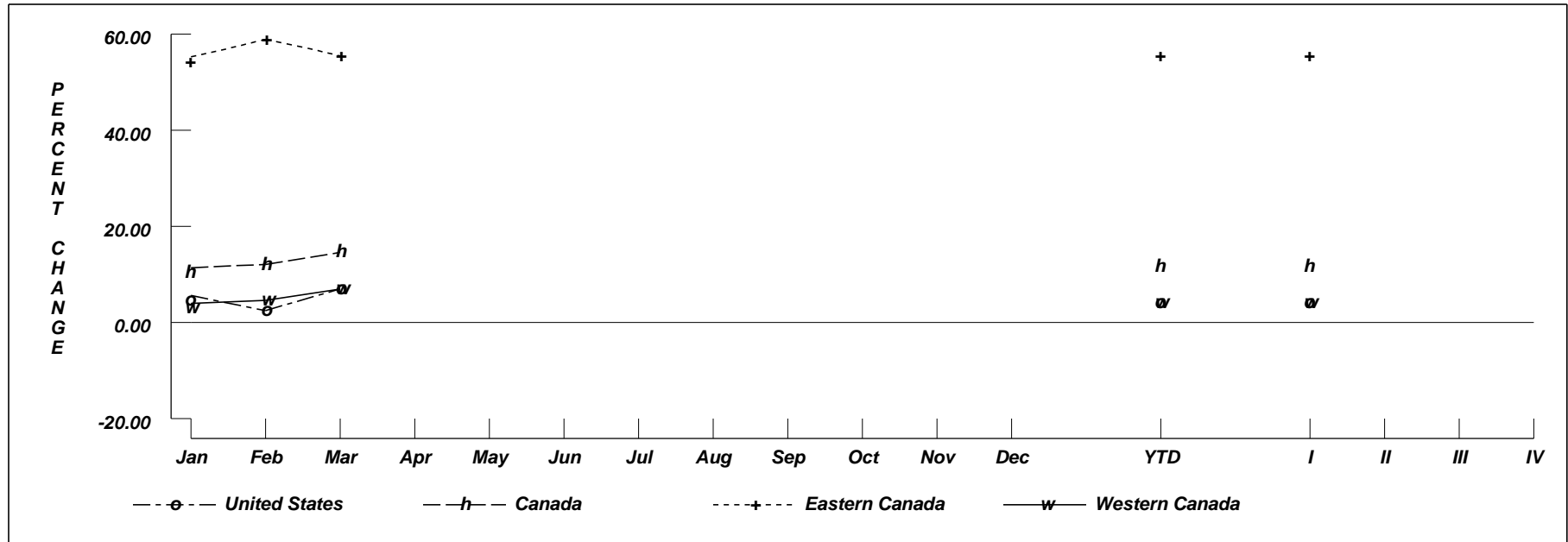
Federally Inspected Heifer Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	611	696	113.9	56,708	56,753	100.1	10,306	10,371	100.6	46,402	46,382	100.0
Feb	618	635	102.8	49,182	54,107	110.0	9,133	11,830	129.5	40,049	42,277	105.6
Mar	668	764	114.4	80,771	92,385	114.4	13,520	14,187	104.9	67,251	78,198	116.3
Apr	586			74,417			11,181			63,236		
May	583			62,022			12,181			49,841		
Jun	613			63,955			14,264			49,691		
Jul	582			48,846			10,389			38,457		
Aug	691			68,622			11,267			57,355		
Sep	653			61,092			7,610			53,482		
Oct	691			63,013			8,508			54,505		
Nov	711			90,642			11,411			79,231		
Dec	692			58,359			10,263			48,096		
YTD	1,897	2,095	110.4	186,661	203,245	108.9	32,959	36,388	110.4	153,702	166,857	108.6
I	1,897	2,095	110.4	186,661	203,245	108.9	32,959	36,388	110.4	153,702	166,857	108.6
II	1,782			200,394			37,626			162,768		
III	1,926			178,560			29,266			149,294		
IV	2,094			212,014			30,182			181,832		
Year	7,699			777,629			130,033			647,596		

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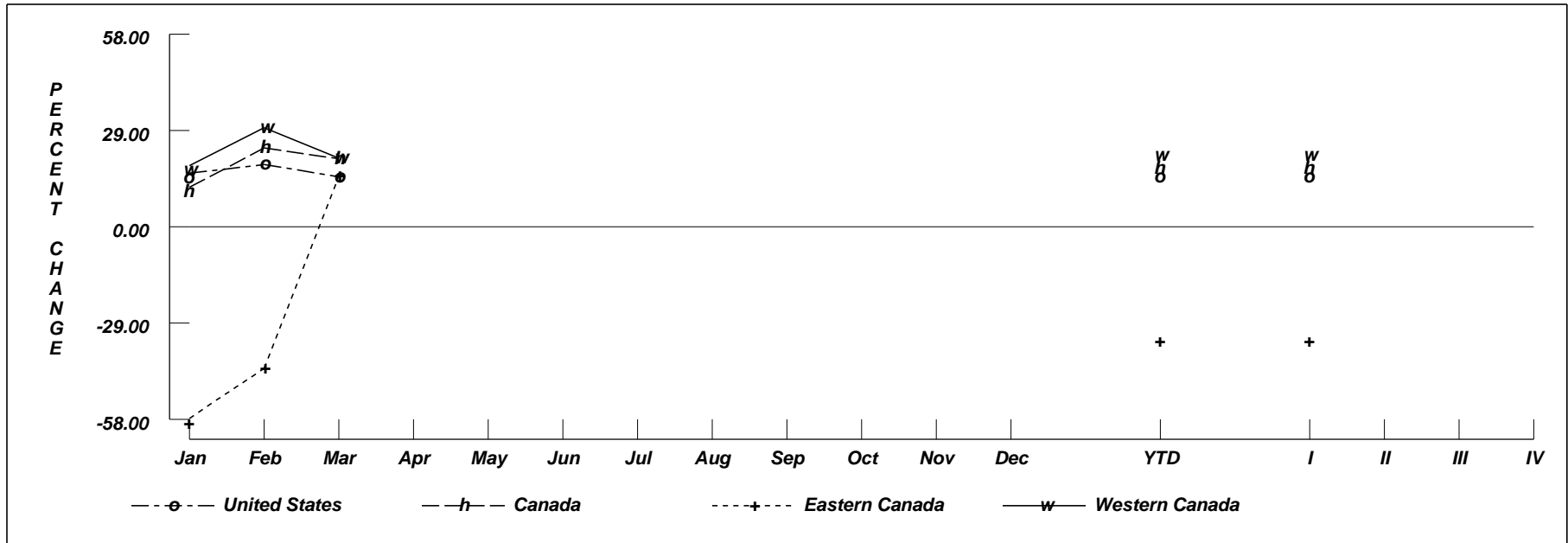
Federally Inspected Cow Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	462	488	105.6	37,114	41,334	111.4	5,363	8,327	155.3	31,751	33,007	104.0
Feb	444	455	102.5	37,019	41,495	112.1	5,120	8,136	158.9	31,899	33,359	104.6
Mar	469	502	107.0	38,462	44,069	114.6	6,054	9,411	155.5	32,408	34,658	106.9
Apr	426			27,965			4,839			23,126		
May	424			22,686			4,708			17,978		
Jun	443			31,055			6,969			24,086		
Jul	405			23,944			4,474			19,470		
Aug	455			29,784			5,940			23,844		
Sep	456			22,944			7,956			17,988		
Oct	472			28,048			6,167			21,881		
Nov	488			56,662			9,163			47,499		
Dec	484			36,199			5,781			30,418		
YTD	1,375	1,445	105.1	112,595	126,898	112.7	16,537	25,874	156.5	96,058	101,024	105.2
I	1,375	1,445	105.1	112,595	126,898	112.7	16,537	25,874	156.5	96,058	101,024	105.2
II	1,293			81,706			16,516			65,190		
III	1,316			76,672			18,370			61,302		
IV	1,444			120,909			21,111			99,798		
Year	5,428			391,882			72,534			322,348		

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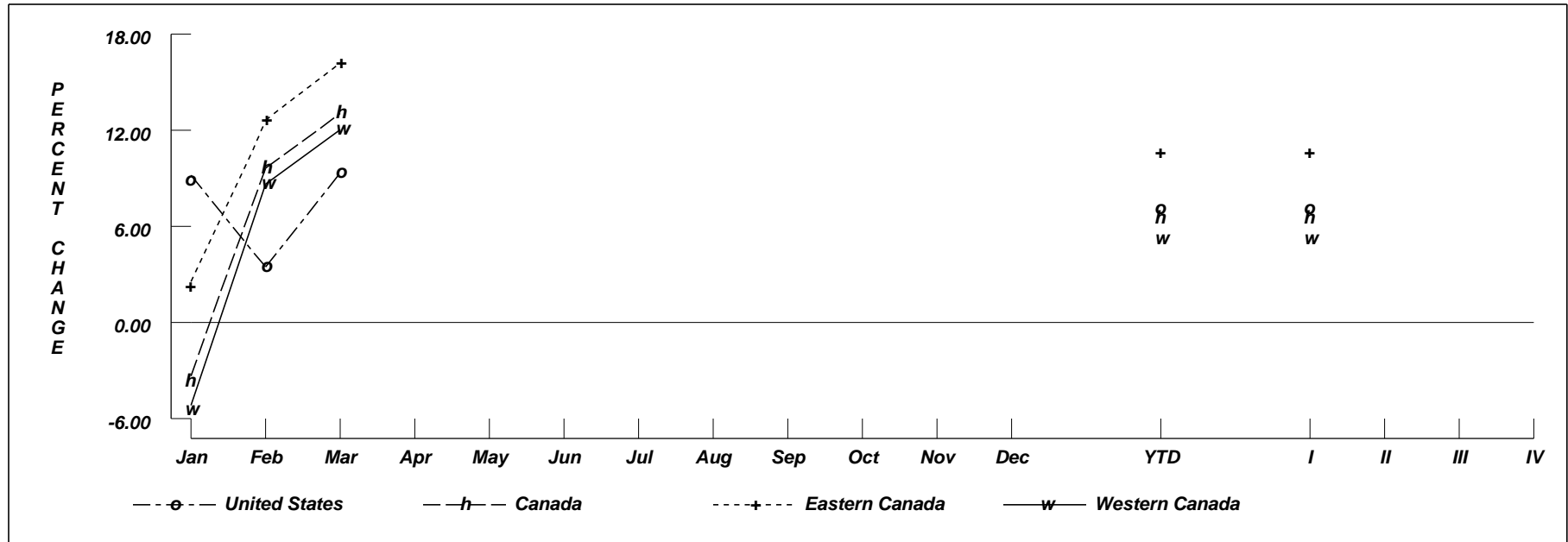
Federally Inspected Bull Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	31	36	116.1	838	938	111.9	71	30	42.3	767	908	118.4
Feb	32	38	118.8	973	1,204	123.7	82	47	57.3	891	1,157	129.9
Mar	40	46	115.0	1,303	1,570	120.5	52	60	115.4	1,251	1,510	120.7
Apr	41			936			91			845		
May	42			931			77			854		
Jun	47			1,027			64			963		
Jul	42			826			78			748		
Aug	48			1,427			46			1,381		
Sep	46			1,229			75			1,154		
Oct	43			1,147			49			1,098		
Nov	42			1,705			67			1,638		
Dec	39			1,214			43			1,171		
YTD	103	120	116.5	3,114	3,712	119.2	205	137	66.8	2,909	3,575	122.9
I	103	120	116.5	3,114	3,712	119.2	205	137	66.8	2,909	3,575	122.9
II	130			2,894			232			2,662		
III	136			3,482			199			3,283		
IV	124			4,066			159			3,907		
Year	493			13,556			795			12,761		

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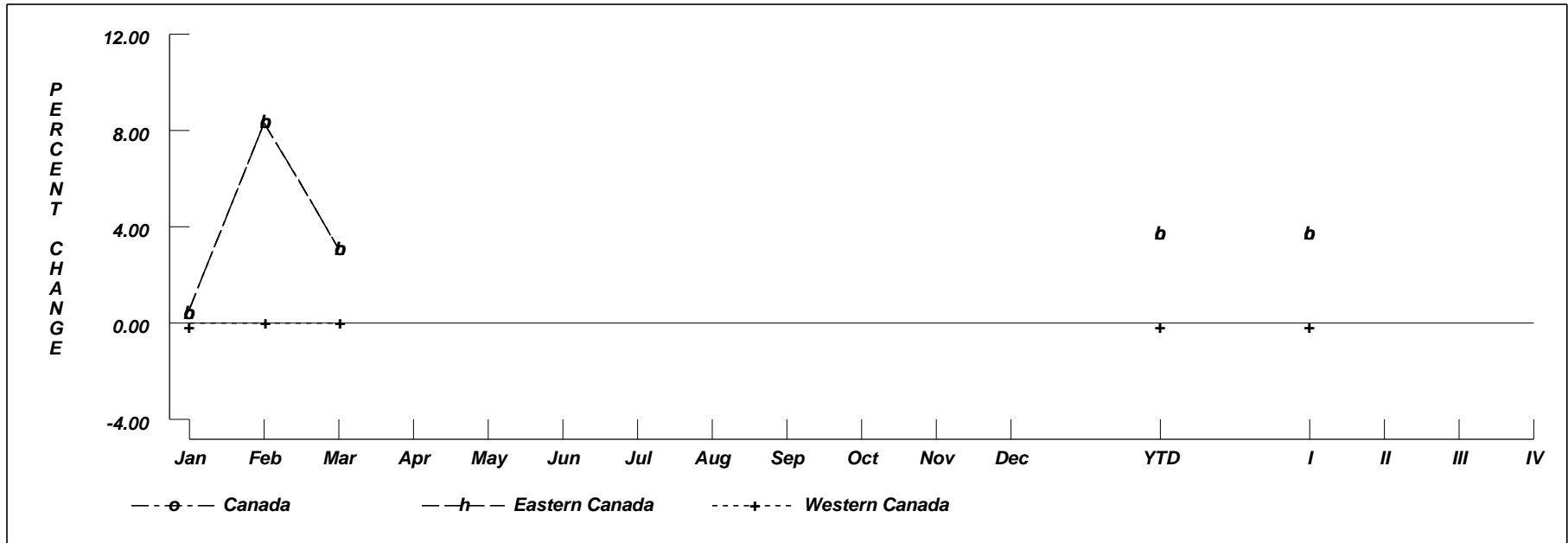
Federally Inspected Cattle Slaughter (Total)



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	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	2,320	2,533	109.2	191,835	185,413	96.7	45,226	46,381	102.6	146,609	139,032	94.8
Feb	2,252	2,330	103.5	177,939	195,084	109.6	44,677	50,315	112.6	133,262	144,769	108.6
Mar	2,493	2,726	109.3	233,207	263,643	113.1	56,751	65,938	116.2	176,456	197,705	112.0
Apr	2,373			195,449			48,317			147,132		
May	2,479			195,224			45,345			149,879		
Jun	2,670			249,127			52,156			196,971		
Jul	2,443			216,011			43,221			172,790		
Aug	2,711			280,309			57,938			222,371		
Sep	2,578			236,959			48,609			188,350		
Oct	2,592			219,411			48,088			171,323		
Nov	2,632			272,305			62,492			209,813		
Dec	2,572			181,293			44,675			136,618		
YTD	7,065	7,589	107.4	602,981	644,140	106.8	146,654	162,634	110.9	456,327	481,506	105.5
I	7,065	7,589	107.4	602,981	644,140	106.8	146,654	162,634	110.9	456,327	481,506	105.5
II	7,522			639,800			145,818			493,982		
III	7,732			733,279			149,768			583,511		
IV	7,796			673,009			155,255			517,754		
Year	30,115			2,649,069			597,495			2,051,574		

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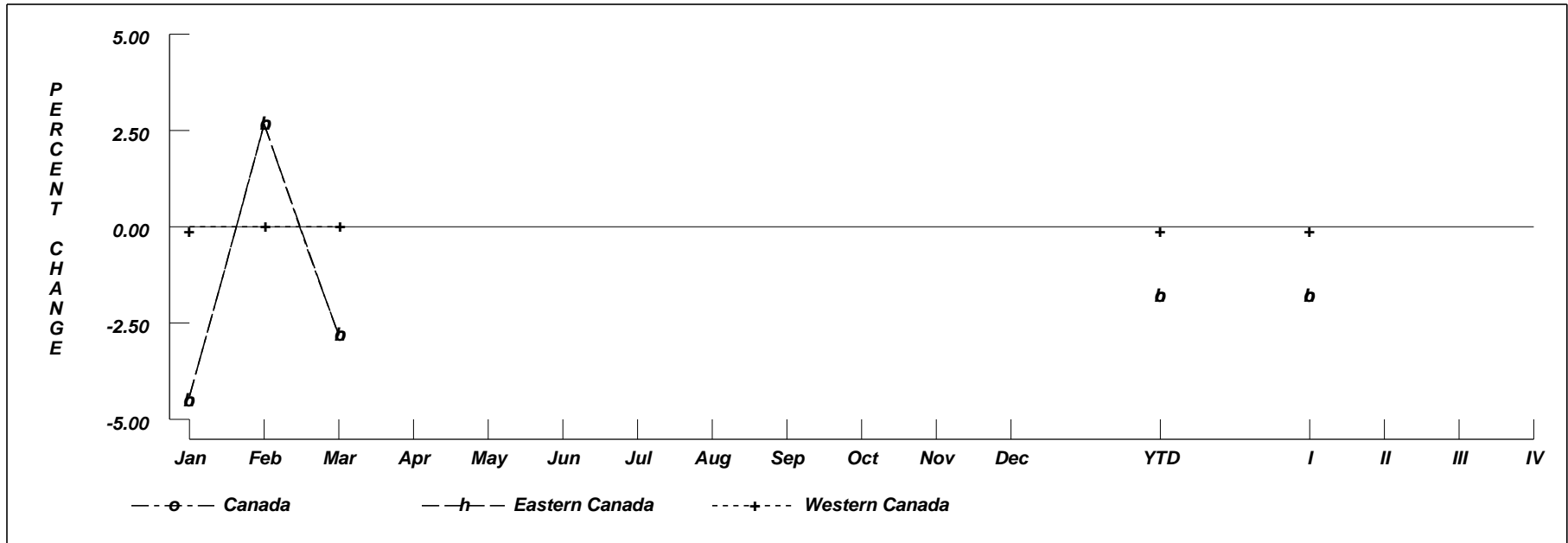
Federally Inspected Steer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	13,738	13,817	100.6	13,738	13,817	100.6			
Feb	13,755	14,898	108.3	13,755	14,898	108.3			
Mar	18,341	18,902	103.1	18,341	18,902	103.1			
Apr	15,666			15,666					
May	15,410			15,410					
Jun	18,215			18,215					
Jul	15,515			15,515					
Aug	17,572			17,572					
Sep	13,827			13,827					
Oct	13,822			13,822					
Nov	17,534			17,534					
Dec	13,817			13,817					
YTD	45,834	47,617	103.9	45,834	47,617	103.9			
I	45,834	47,617	103.9	45,834	47,617	103.9			
II	49,291			49,291					
III	46,914			46,914					
IV	45,173			45,173					
Year	187,212			187,212					

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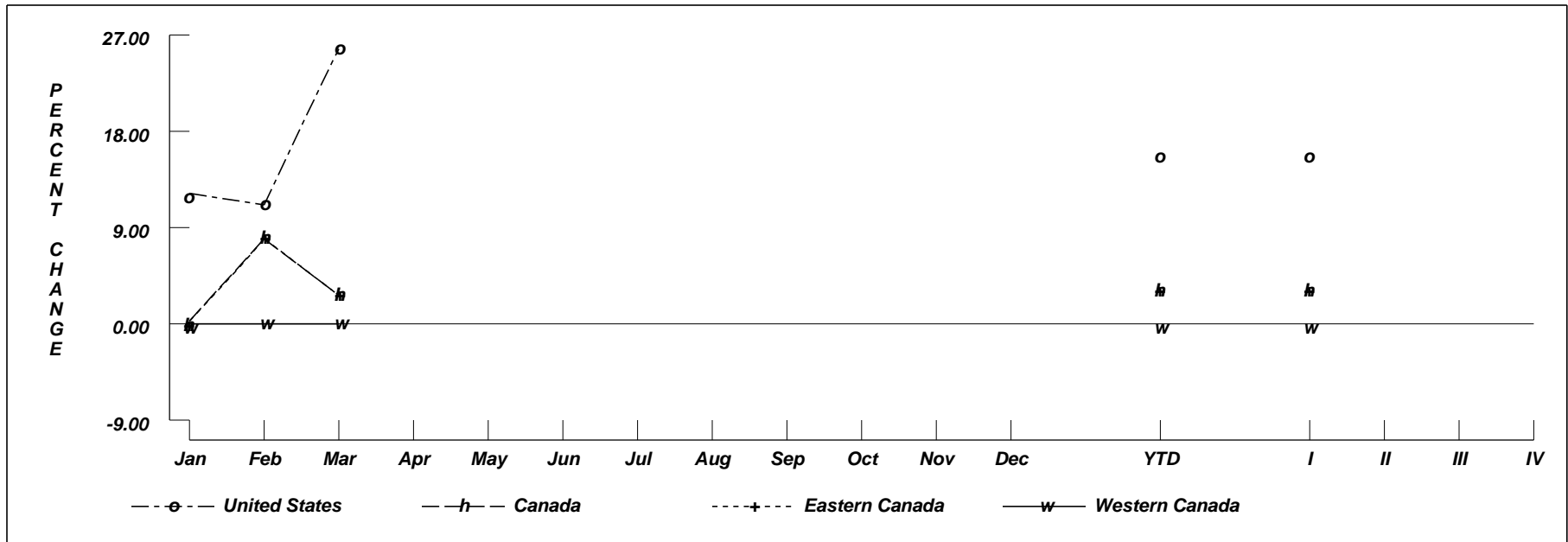
Federally Inspected Heifer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	953	911	95.6	953	911	95.6			
Feb	937	962	102.7	937	962	102.7			
Mar	1,276	1,240	97.2	1,276	1,240	97.2			
Apr	1,056			1,056					
May	1,120			1,120					
Jun	1,221			1,221					
Jul	1,068			1,068					
Aug	1,194			1,194					
Sep	918			918					
Oct	953			953					
Nov	1,166			1,166					
Dec	932			932					
YTD	3,166	3,113	98.3	3,166	3,113	98.3			
I	3,166	3,113	98.3	3,166	3,113	98.3			
II	3,397			3,397					
III	3,180			3,180					
IV	3,051			3,051					
Year	12,794			12,794					

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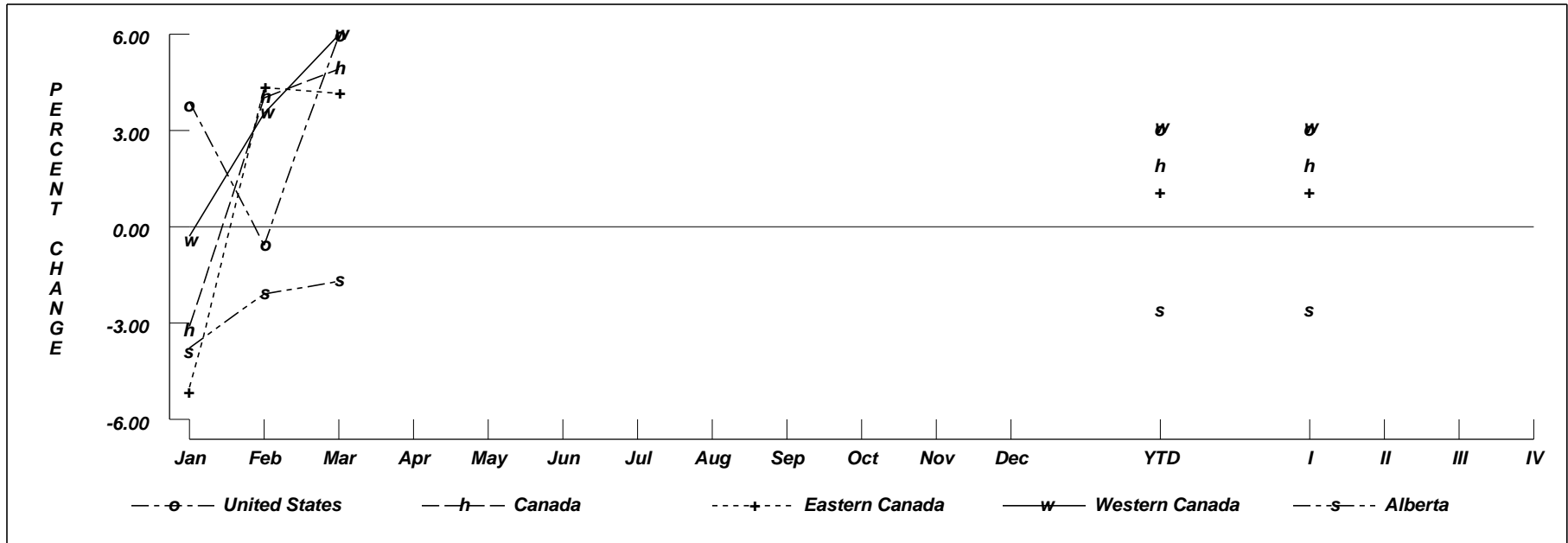
Federally Inspected Calf Slaughter (Total)



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	41	46	112.2	14,691	14,728	100.3	14,691	14,728	100.3			
Feb	36	40	111.1	14,692	15,860	107.9	14,692	15,860	107.9			
Mar	35	44	125.7	19,617	20,142	102.7	19,617	20,142	102.7			
Apr	34			16,722			16,722					
May	35			16,530			16,530					
Jun	37			19,436			19,436					
Jul	37			16,583			16,583					
Aug	40			18,766			18,766					
Sep	42			14,745			14,745					
Oct	48			14,775			14,775					
Nov	47			18,700			18,700					
Dec	48			14,749			14,749					
YTD	112	130	116.1	49,000	50,730	103.5	49,000	50,730	103.5			
I	112	130	116.1	49,000	50,730	103.5	49,000	50,730	103.5			
II	106			52,688			52,688					
III	119			50,094			50,094					
IV	143			48,224			48,224					
Year	480			200,006			200,006					

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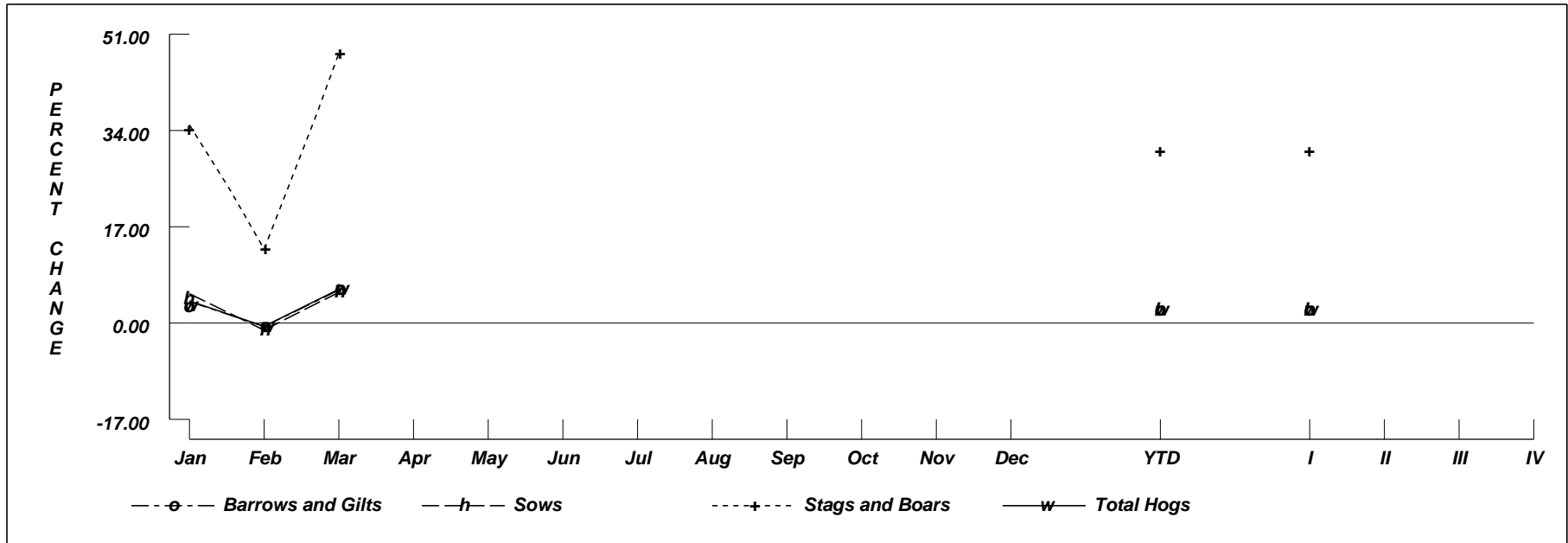
Federally and Provincially Inspected Hog Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (324)			CANADA (323)			EAST (323)			WEST (323)			ALBERTA (323)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	9,682	10,059	103.9	1,770,788	1,715,898	96.9	1,056,419	1,003,596	95.0	714,369	712,302	99.7	210,556	202,614	96.2
Feb	9,364	9,310	99.4	1,657,949	1,724,588	104.0	994,277	1,037,464	104.3	663,672	687,124	103.5	208,149	203,787	97.9
Mar	10,015	10,611	106.0	2,015,887	2,114,899	104.9	1,183,248	1,232,441	104.2	832,639	882,458	106.0	255,671	251,336	98.3
Apr	9,303			1,642,371			967,651			674,720			205,414		
May	9,114			1,554,643			910,967			643,676			194,945		
Jun	9,505			1,881,015			1,082,608			798,407			241,738		
Jul	8,696			1,614,456			927,110			687,346			205,479		
Aug	10,308			1,602,939			938,803			664,136			199,350		
Sep	10,096			2,065,853			1,219,247			846,606			251,290		
Oct	10,369			1,711,869			1,006,018			705,851			201,853		
Nov	10,539			1,787,407			1,068,111			719,296			208,366		
Dec	10,398			1,957,842			1,127,202			830,640			238,343		
YTD	29,061	29,980	103.2	5,444,624	5,555,385	102.0	3,233,944	3,273,501	101.2	2,210,680	2,281,884	103.2	674,376	657,737	97.5
I	29,061	29,980	103.2	5,444,624	5,555,385	102.0	3,233,944	3,273,501	101.2	2,210,680	2,281,884	103.2	674,376	657,737	97.5
II	27,922			5,078,029			2,961,226			2,116,803			642,097		
III	29,100			5,283,248			3,085,160			2,198,088			656,119		
IV	31,306			5,457,118			3,201,331			2,255,787			648,562		
Year	117,389			21,263,019			12,481,661			8,781,358			2,621,154		

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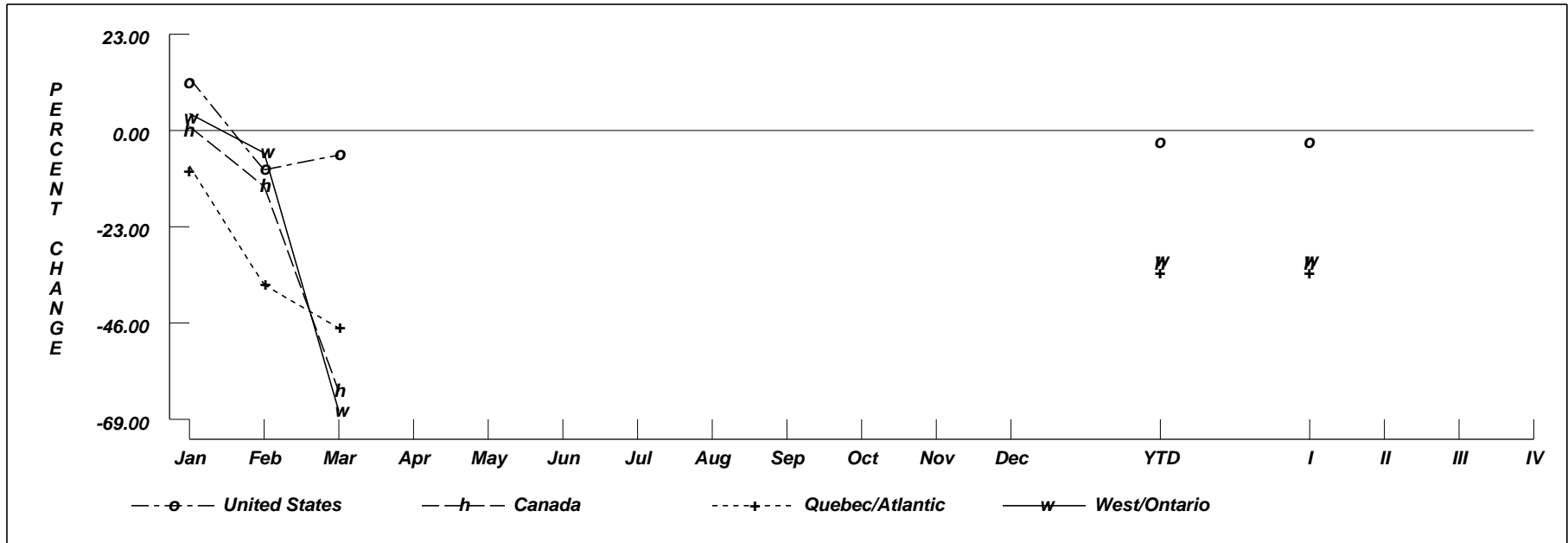
Sex of Federally Inspected Hog Kill: U.S.A. (Thousand Head)



	BARROWS AND GILTS			SOWS			STAGS AND BOARS			TOTAL HOGS		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	9,430	9,788	103.8	232	244	105.2	20	27	135.0	9,682	10,059	103.9
Feb	9,105	9,051	99.4	236	233	98.7	23	26	113.0	9,364	9,310	99.4
Mar	9,737	10,308	105.9	258	272	105.4	21	31	147.6	10,015	10,611	106.0
Apr	9,041			235			27			9,303		
May	8,859			227			28			9,114		
Jun	9,239			240			25			9,505		
Jul	8,447			222			27			8,696		
Aug	10,021			255			32			10,308		
Sep	9,820			247			30			10,096		
Oct	10,099			243			27			10,369		
Nov	10,261			248			30			10,539		
Dec	10,126			243			29			10,398		
YTD	28,272	29,147	103.1	726	749	103.2	64	84	131.3	29,061	29,980	103.2
I	28,272	29,147	103.1	726	749	103.2	64	84	131.3	29,061	29,980	103.2
II	27,139			702			80			27,922		
III	28,288			724			89			29,100		
IV	30,486			734			86			31,306		
Year	114,185			2,886			319			117,389		

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Federally/Provincially Inspected Sheep and Lamb Slaughter *



	U.S. ('000's) (493)			CANADA (481 516)			Quebec/Atlantic (481 516)			West/Ontario (481 516)		
	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16	2016	2017	17/16
Jan	144	162	112.5	35,454	35,773	100.9	8,864	8,114	91.5	26,590	27,659	104.0
Feb	160	145	90.6	34,725	30,097	86.7	8,787	5,556	63.2	25,938	24,541	94.6
Mar	188	177	94.1	54,680	20,591	37.7	12,972	6,852	52.8	41,708	13,739	32.9
Apr	170			47,194			13,693			33,501		
May	167			40,409			10,234			30,175		
Jun	174			48,258			12,713			35,545		
Jul	152			40,656			10,209			30,447		
Aug	173			43,481			10,091			33,390		
Sep	170			66,322			18,602			47,720		
Oct	163			41,358			10,968			30,390		
Nov	170			42,520			10,784			31,736		
Dec	179			55,275			13,820			41,455		
YTD	492	484	98.4	124,859	86,461	69.2	30,623	20,522	67.0	94,236	65,939	70.0
I	492	484	98.4	124,859	86,461	69.2	30,623	20,522	67.0	94,236	65,939	70.0
II	511			135,861			36,640			99,221		
III	495			150,459			38,902			111,557		
IV	512			139,153			35,572			103,581		
Year	2,010			550,332			141,737			408,595		

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