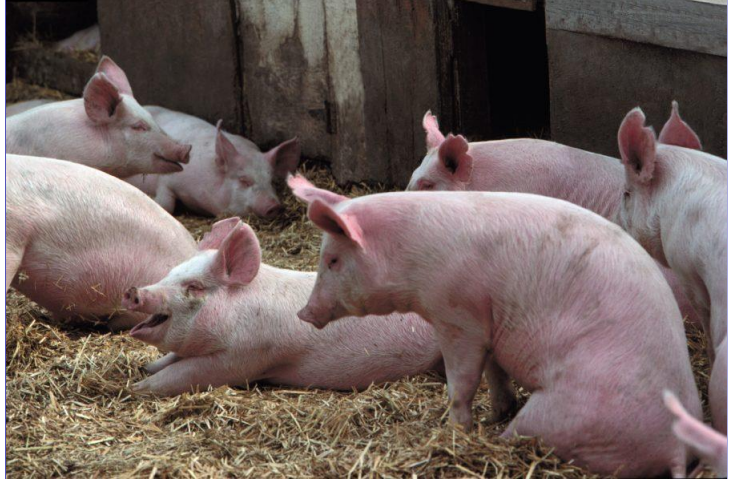


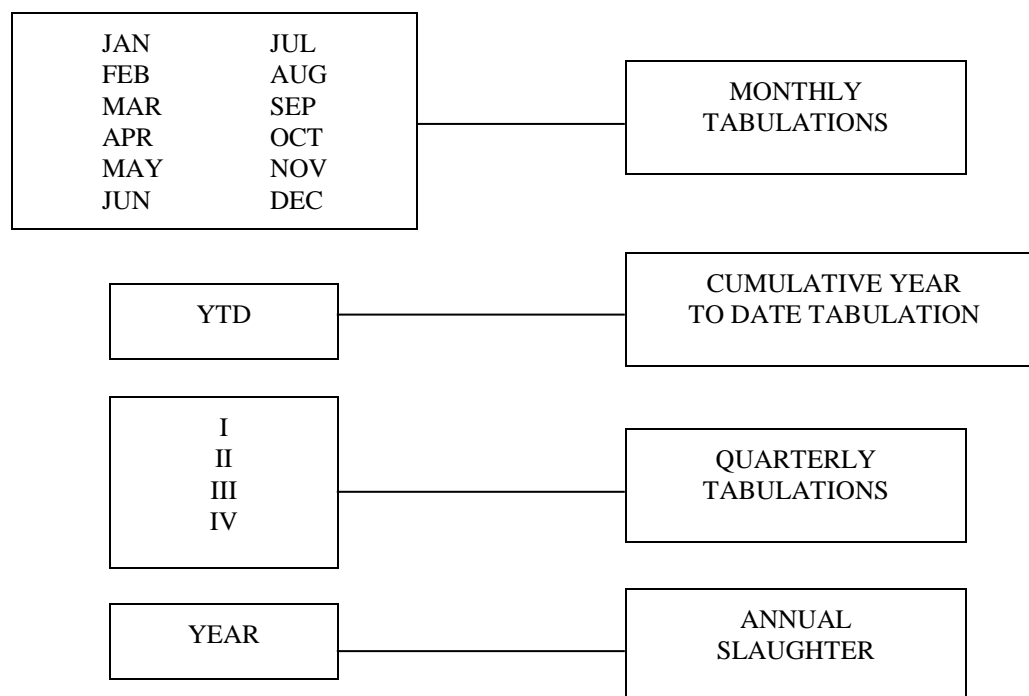
Monthly Livestock Slaughter Summary

March 2016



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:

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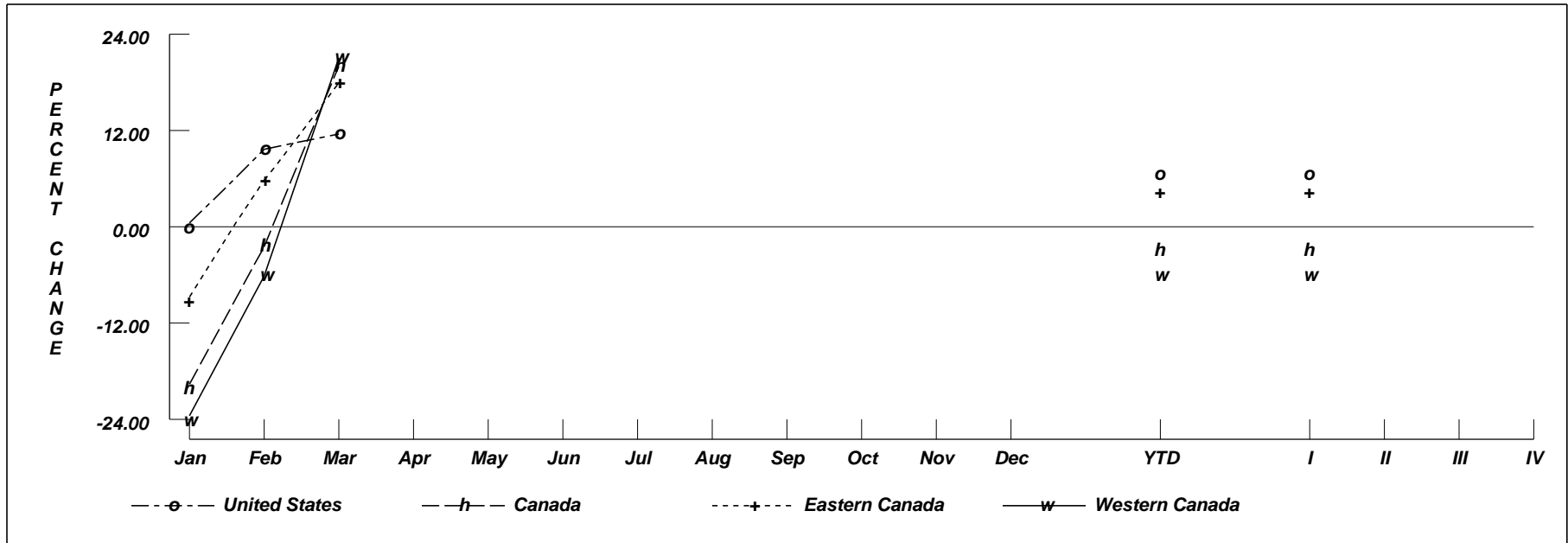
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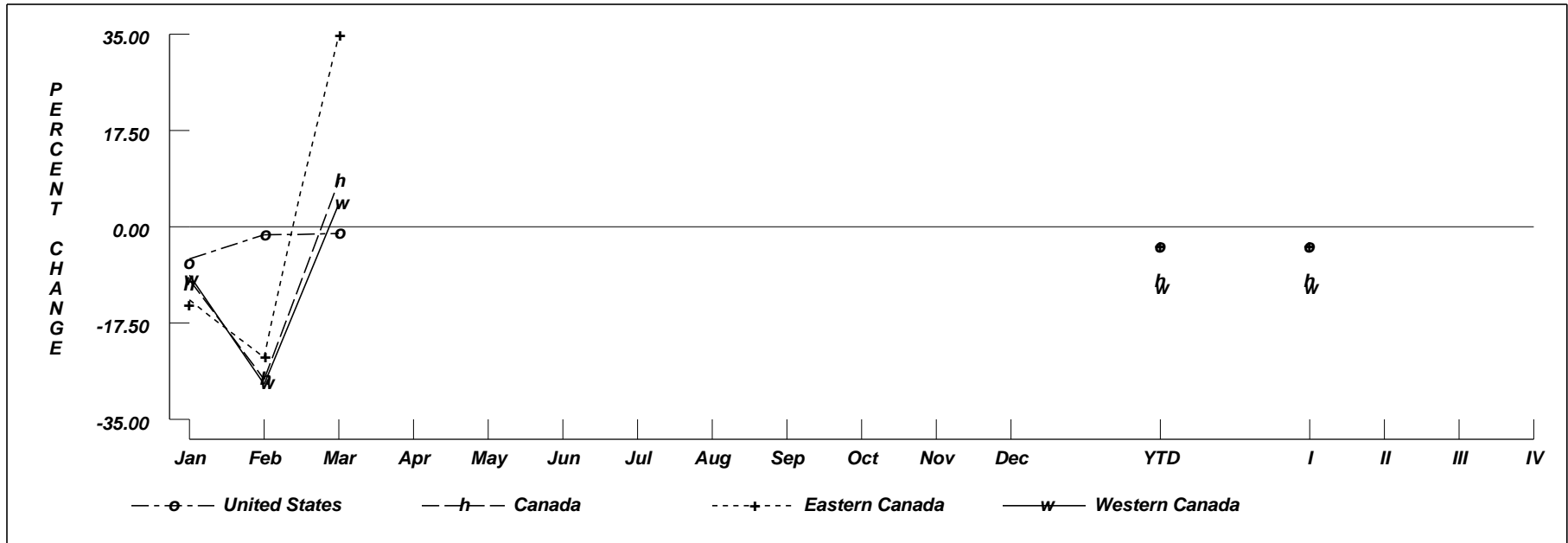
Federally Inspected Steer Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	1,209	1,215	100.5	120,874	97,175	80.4	32,314	29,486	91.2	88,560	67,689	76.4
Feb	1,055	1,157	109.7	93,064	90,765	97.5	28,682	30,342	105.8	64,382	60,423	93.9
Mar	1,179	1,315	111.5	93,897	112,671	120.0	31,481	37,125	117.9	62,416	75,546	121.0
Apr	1,235			101,277			33,111			68,166		
May	1,327			98,009			24,662			73,347		
Jun	1,400			112,179			20,085			92,094		
Jul	1,418			151,748			30,819			120,929		
Aug	1,314			131,192			30,681			100,511		
Sep	1,388			165,992			42,837			123,155		
Oct	1,335			121,878			32,177			89,701		
Nov	1,186			108,942			32,284			76,658		
Dec	1,286			109,483			34,809			74,674		
YTD	3,443	3,687	107.1	307,835	300,611	97.7	92,477	96,953	104.8	215,358	203,658	94.6
I	3,443	3,687	107.1	307,835	300,611	97.7	92,477	96,953	104.8	215,358	203,658	94.6
II	3,962			311,465			77,858			233,607		
III	4,120			448,932			104,337			344,595		
IV	3,807			340,303			99,270			241,033		
Year	15,332			1,408,535			373,942			1,034,593		

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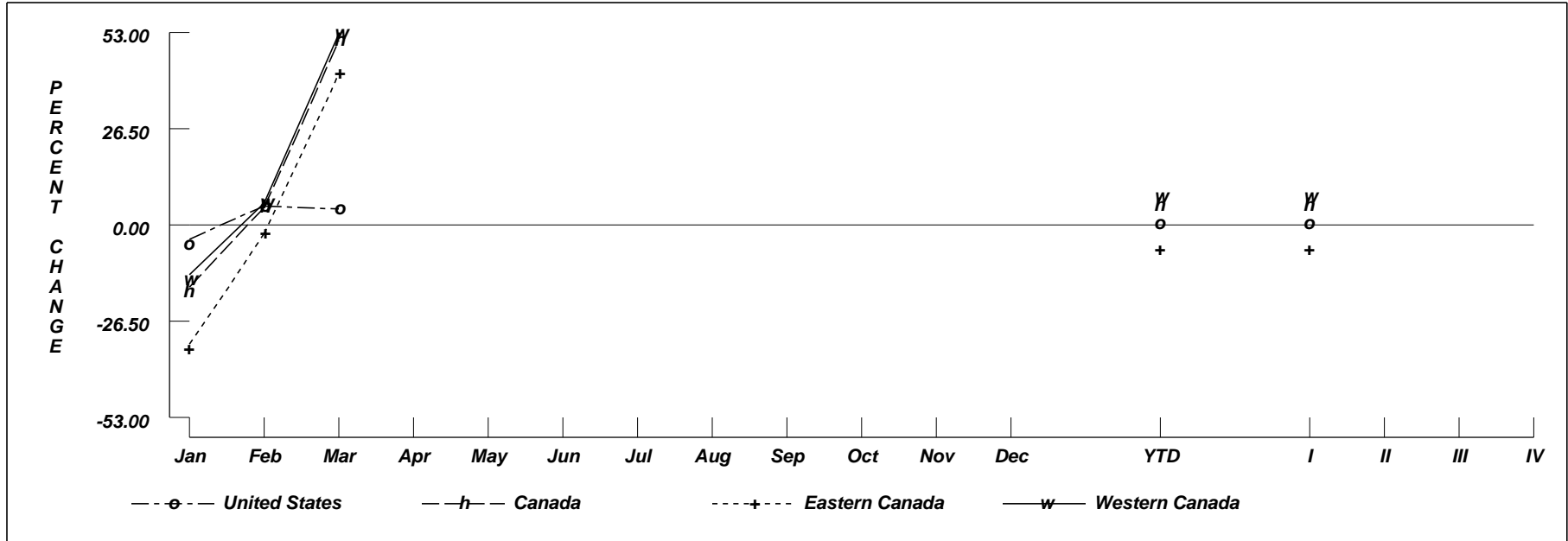
Federally Inspected Heifer Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	649	611	94.1	62,762	56,708	90.4	11,883	10,306	86.7	50,879	46,402	91.2
Feb	627	618	98.6	68,075	49,182	72.2	11,973	9,133	76.3	56,102	40,049	71.4
Mar	676	668	98.8	74,577	80,771	108.3	10,026	13,520	134.8	64,551	67,251	104.2
Apr	635			101,479			16,040			85,439		
May	589			57,453			11,130			46,323		
Jun	585			46,414			9,950			36,464		
Jul	591			52,360			11,398			40,962		
Aug	558			46,867			7,887			38,980		
Sep	565			63,706			9,708			53,998		
Oct	639			54,405			7,966			46,439		
Nov	604			55,365			7,839			47,526		
Dec	634			62,644			9,885			52,759		
YTD	1,952	1,897	97.2	205,414	186,661	90.9	33,882	32,959	97.3	171,532	153,702	89.6
I	1,952	1,897	97.2	205,414	186,661	90.9	33,882	32,959	97.3	171,532	153,702	89.6
II	1,809			205,346			37,120			168,226		
III	1,714			162,933			28,993			133,940		
IV	1,877			172,414			25,690			146,724		
Year	7,352			746,107			125,685			620,422		

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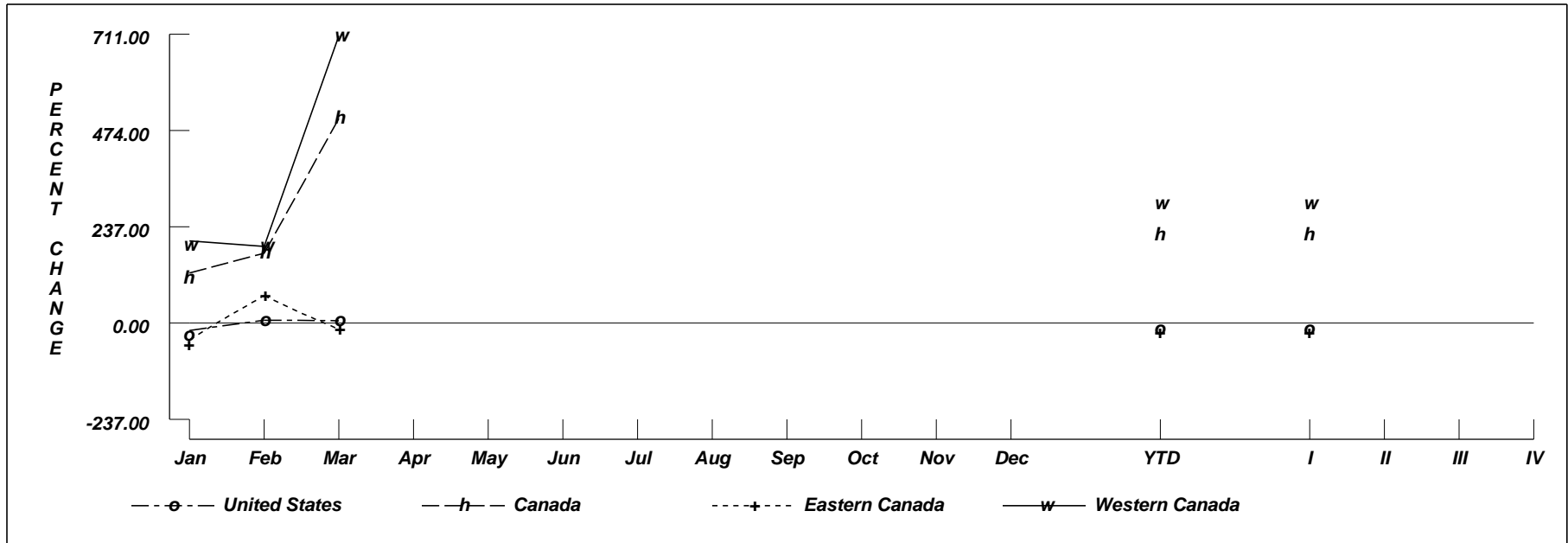
Federally Inspected Cow Slaughter



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	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	481	462	96.0	44,772	37,114	82.9	7,985	5,363	67.2	36,787	31,751	86.3
Feb	422	444	105.2	35,329	37,019	104.8	5,242	5,120	97.7	30,087	31,899	106.0
Mar	449	469	104.5	25,506	38,462	150.8	4,269	6,054	141.8	21,237	32,408	152.6
Apr	434			28,762			5,238			23,524		
May	392			20,951			4,551			16,400		
Jun	403			22,662			5,634			17,028		
Jul	410			29,048			6,874			22,174		
Aug	377			24,571			5,888			18,683		
Sep	438			26,661			5,143			21,518		
Oct	453			24,583			4,708			19,875		
Nov	431			31,573			5,830			25,743		
Dec	460			38,090			6,102			31,988		
YTD	1,352	1,375	101.7	105,607	112,595	106.6	17,496	16,537	94.5	88,111	96,058	109.0
I	1,352	1,375	101.7	105,607	112,595	106.6	17,496	16,537	94.5	88,111	96,058	109.0
II	1,229			72,375			15,423			56,952		
III	1,225			80,280			17,905			62,375		
IV	1,344			94,246			16,640			77,606		
Year	5,150			352,508			67,464			285,044		

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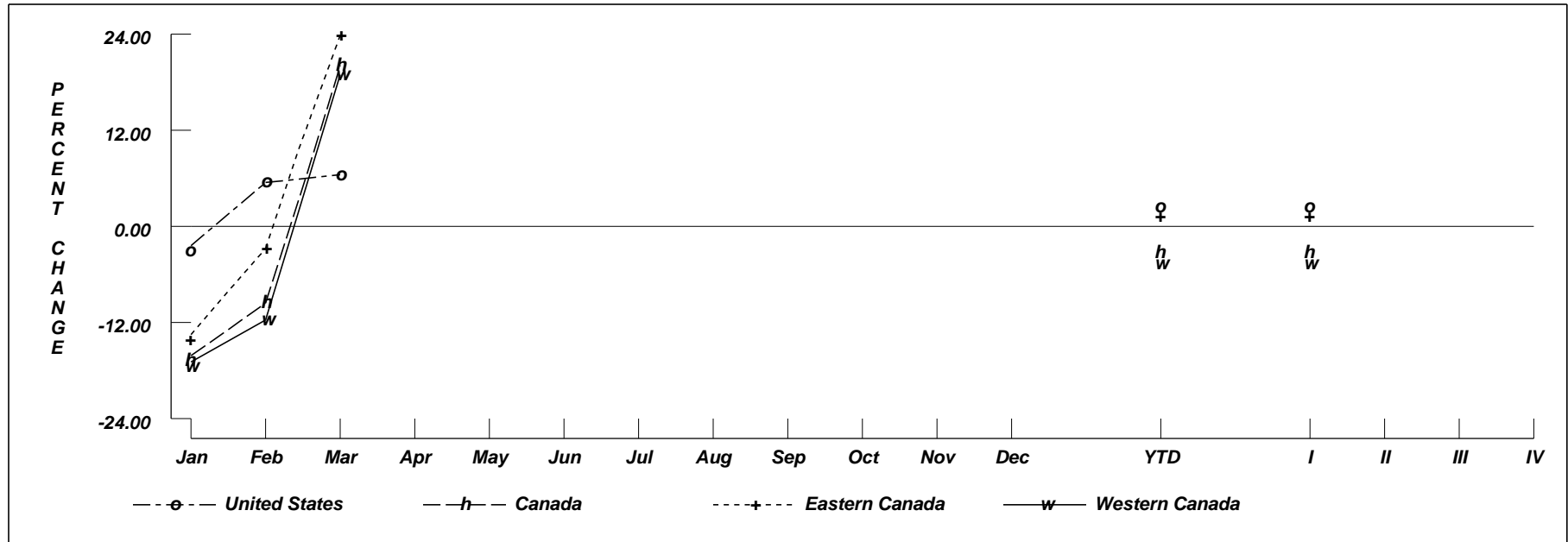
Federally Inspected Bull Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	38	31	81.6	375	838	223.5	121	71	58.7	254	767	302.0
Feb	30	32	106.7	358	973	271.8	49	82	167.3	309	891	288.3
Mar	38	40	105.3	216	1,303	603.2	61	52	85.2	155	1,251	807.1
Apr	41			801			89			712		
May	37			1,135			111			1,024		
Jun	42			1,034			83			951		
Jul	40			1,396			141			1,255		
Aug	40			1,018			59			959		
Sep	44			1,094			83			1,011		
Oct	42			1,052			92			960		
Nov	37			1,105			124			981		
Dec	35			780			96			684		
YTD	106	103	97.2	949	3,114	328.1	231	205	88.7	718	2,909	405.2
I	106	103	97.2	949	3,114	328.1	231	205	88.7	718	2,909	405.2
II	120			2,970			283			2,687		
III	124			3,508			283			3,225		
IV	114			2,937			312			2,625		
Year	464			10,364			1,109			9,255		

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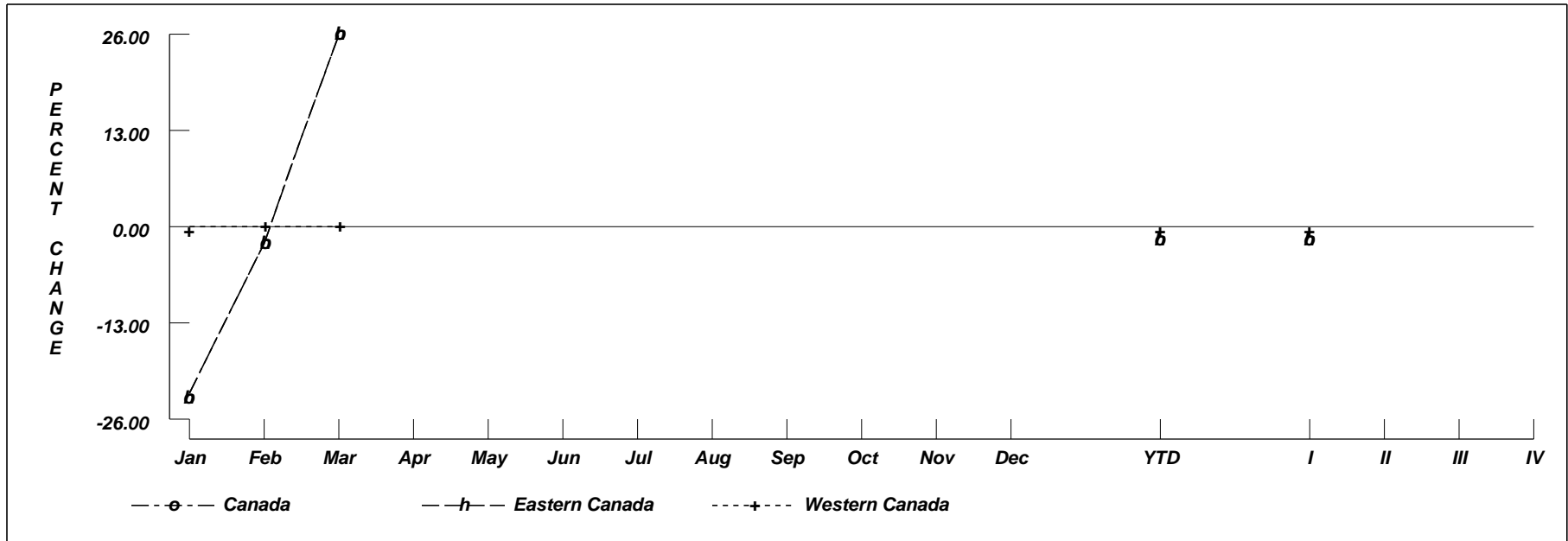
Federally Inspected Cattle Slaughter (Total)



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	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	2,377	2,320	97.6	228,783	191,835	83.9	52,303	45,226	86.5	176,480	146,609	83.1
Feb	2,135	2,252	105.5	196,826	177,939	90.4	45,946	44,677	97.2	150,880	133,262	88.3
Mar	2,342	2,493	106.4	194,196	233,207	120.1	45,837	56,751	123.8	148,359	176,456	118.9
Apr	2,346			232,319			54,478			177,841		
May	2,345			177,548			40,454			137,094		
Jun	2,430			182,289			35,752			146,537		
Jul	2,459			234,552			49,232			185,320		
Aug	2,288			203,648			44,515			159,133		
Sep	2,435			257,453			57,771			199,682		
Oct	2,469			201,918			44,943			156,975		
Nov	2,258			196,985			46,077			150,908		
Dec	2,414			210,997			50,892			160,105		
YTD	6,854	7,065	103.1	619,805	602,981	97.3	144,086	146,654	101.8	475,719	456,327	95.9
I	6,854	7,065	103.1	619,805	602,981	97.3	144,086	146,654	101.8	475,719	456,327	95.9
II	7,121			592,156			130,684			461,472		
III	7,182			695,653			151,518			544,135		
IV	7,141			609,900			141,912			467,988		
Year	28,298			2,517,514			568,200			1,949,314		

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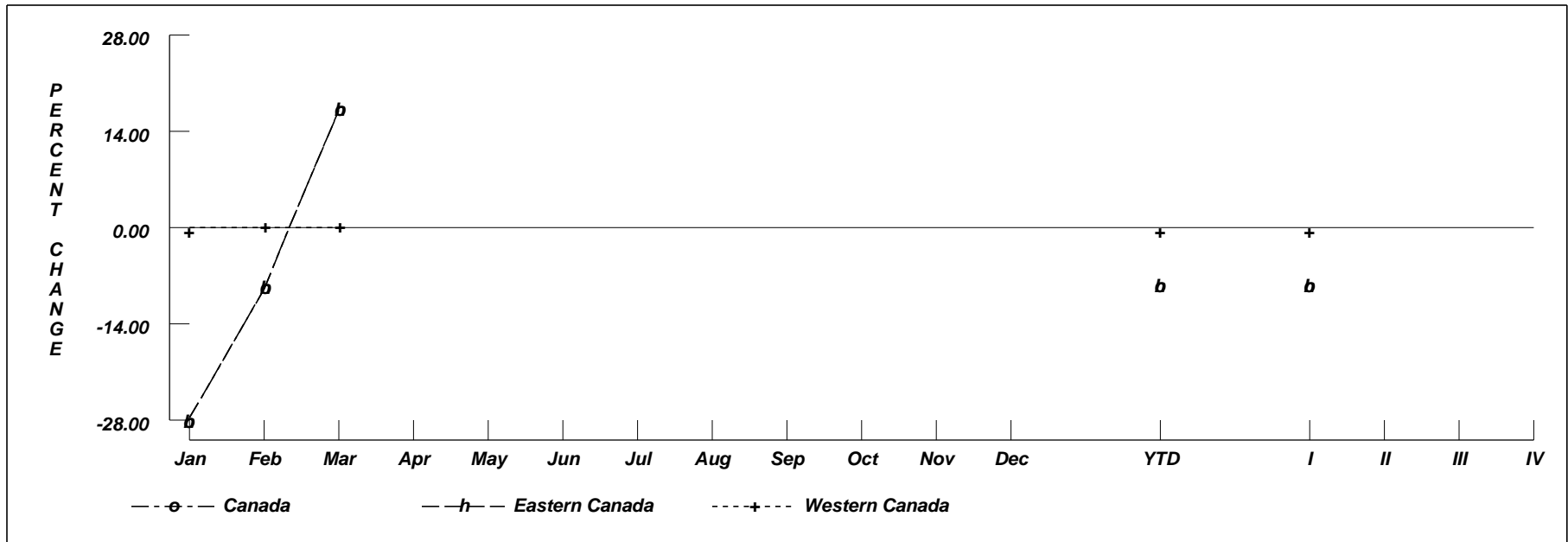
Federally Inspected Steer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	17,721	13,738	77.5	17,721	13,738	77.5			
Feb	14,077	13,755	97.7	14,077	13,755	97.7			
Mar	14,567	18,341	125.9	14,567	18,341	125.9			
Apr	16,555			16,555					
May	13,823			13,823					
Jun	12,486			12,486					
Jul	15,852			15,852					
Aug	12,330			12,330					
Sep	16,218			16,218					
Oct	13,058			13,058					
Nov	12,967			12,967					
Dec	14,291			14,291					
YTD	46,365	45,834	98.9	46,365	45,834	98.9			
I	46,365	45,834	98.9	46,365	45,834	98.9			
II	42,864			42,864					
III	44,400			44,400					
IV	40,316			40,316					
Year	173,945			173,945					

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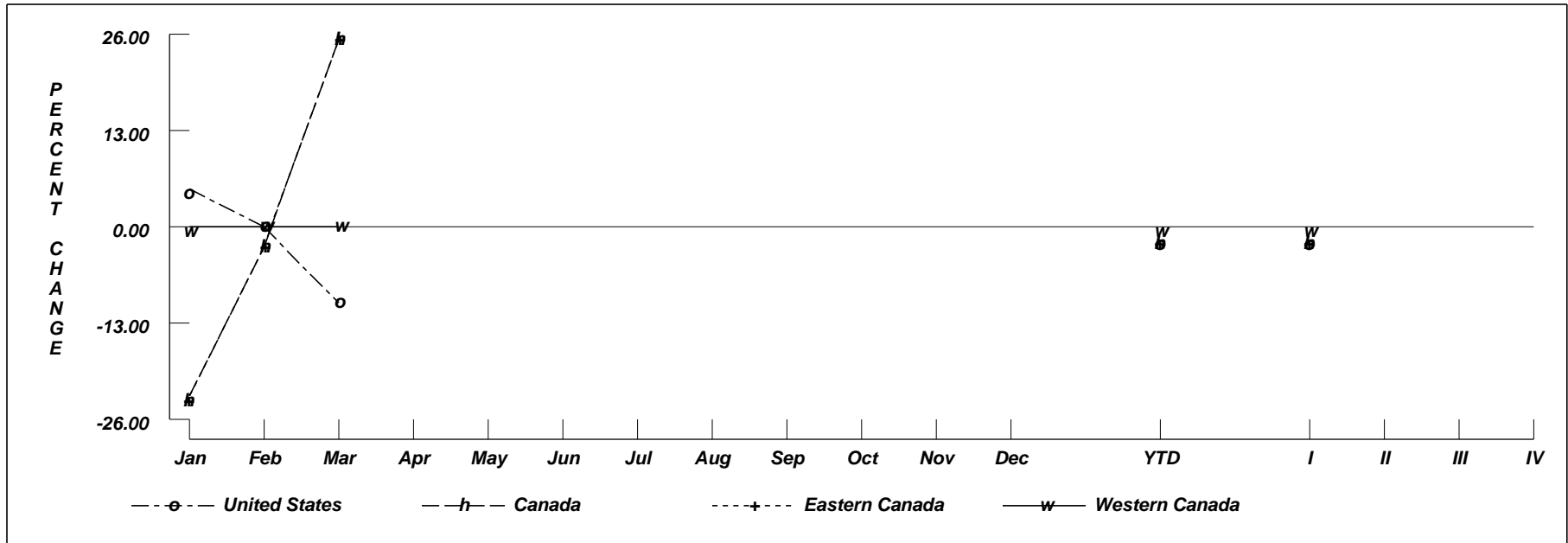
Federally Inspected Heifer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	1,317	953	72.4	1,317	953	72.4			
Feb	1,029	937	91.1	1,029	937	91.1			
Mar	1,090	1,276	117.1	1,090	1,276	117.1			
Apr	1,168			1,168					
May	986			986					
Jun	925			925					
Jul	1,157			1,157					
Aug	870			870					
Sep	1,104			1,104					
Oct	931			931					
Nov	925			925					
Dec	1,025			1,025					
YTD	3,436	3,166	92.1	3,436	3,166	92.1			
I	3,436	3,166	92.1	3,436	3,166	92.1			
II	3,079			3,079					
III	3,131			3,131					
IV	2,881			2,881					
Year	12,527			12,527					

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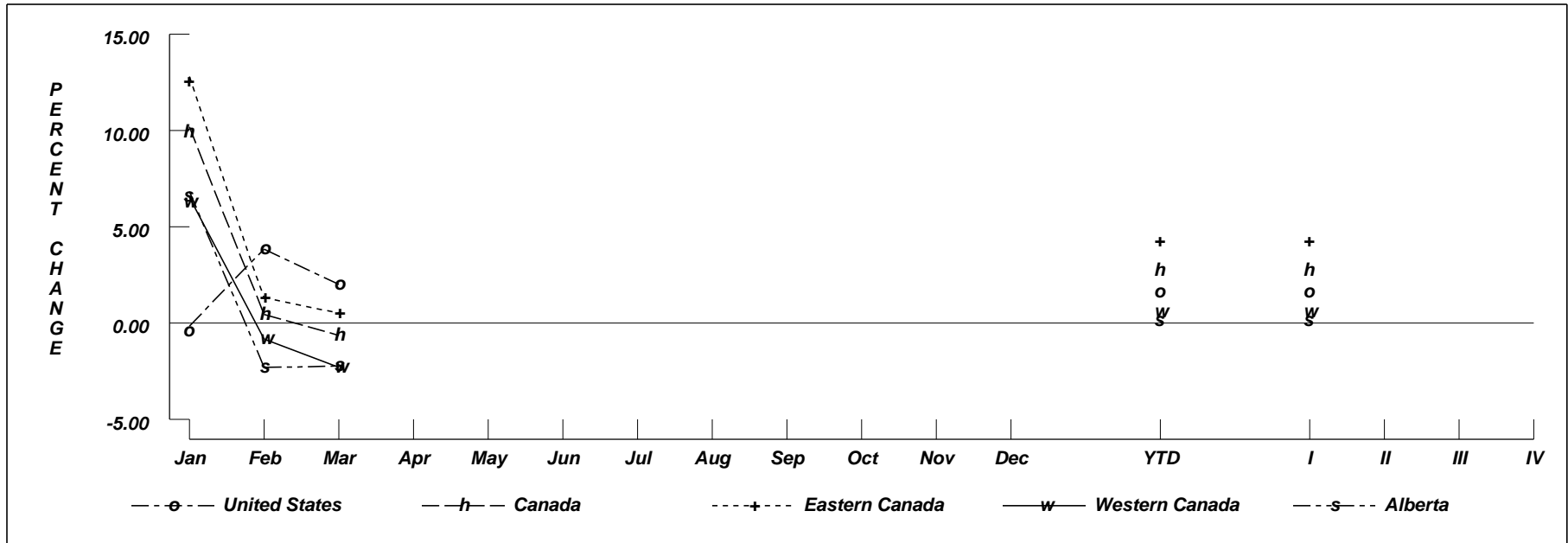
Federally Inspected Calf Slaughter (Total)



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	39	41	105.1	19,038	14,691	77.2	19,038	14,691	77.2			
Feb	36	36	100.0	15,106	14,692	97.3	15,106	14,692	97.3			
Mar	39	35	89.7	15,657	19,617	125.3	15,657	19,617	125.3			
Apr	35			17,723			17,723					
May	33			14,809			14,809					
Jun	35			13,411			13,411					
Jul	36			17,009			17,009					
Aug	34			13,200			13,200					
Sep	37			17,322			17,322					
Oct	40			13,989			13,989					
Nov	38			13,892			13,892					
Dec	45			15,316			15,316					
YTD	114	112	98.2	49,801	49,000	98.4	49,801	49,000	98.4			
I	114	112	98.2	49,801	49,000	98.4	49,801	49,000	98.4			
II	103			45,943			45,943					
III	107			47,531			47,531					
IV	123			43,197			43,197					
Year	447			186,472			186,472					

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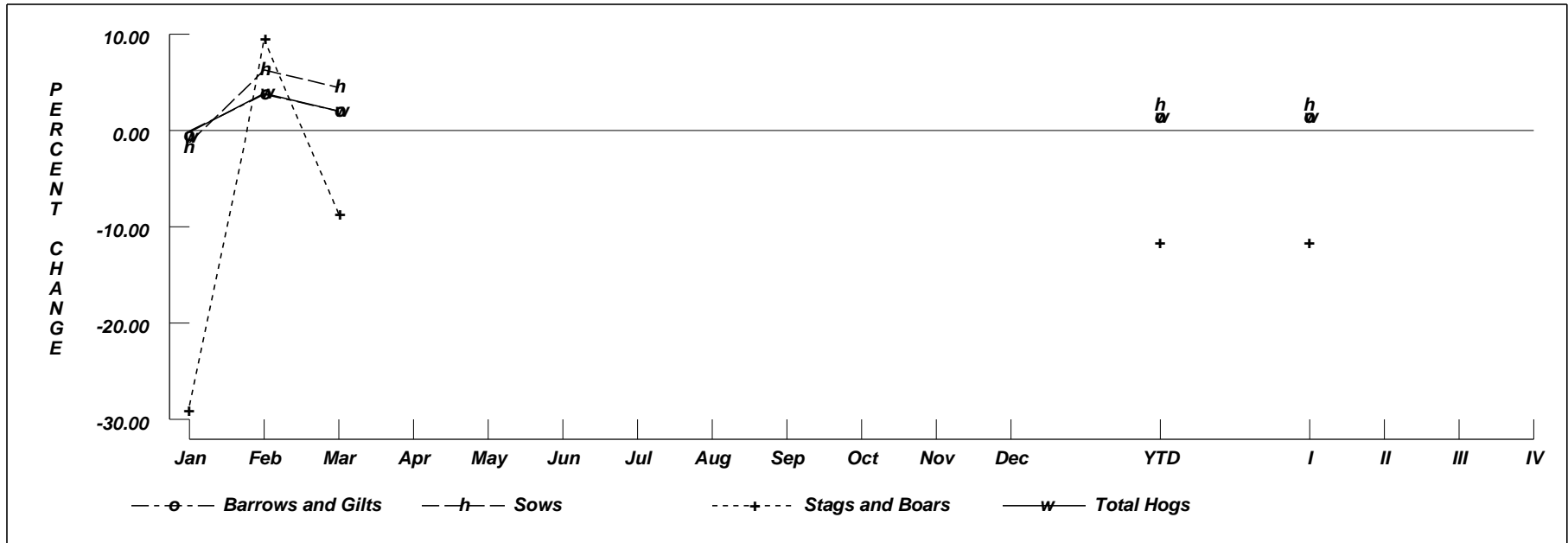
Federally and Provincially Inspected Hog Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (324)			CANADA (323)			EAST (323)			WEST (323)			ALBERTA (323)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	9,698	9,682	99.8	1,606,746	1,770,420	110.2	936,150	1,056,051	112.8	670,596	714,369	106.5	197,099	210,556	106.8
Feb	9,018	9,364	103.8	1,650,535	1,657,944	100.4	981,255	994,277	101.3	669,280	663,667	99.2	213,057	208,149	97.7
Mar	9,818	10,015	102.0	2,033,229	2,019,948	99.3	1,181,118	1,187,377	100.5	852,111	832,571	97.7	261,485	255,671	97.8
Apr	9,612			1,570,012			918,766			651,246			198,692		
May	8,686			1,562,949			925,642			637,307			192,353		
Jun	9,364			1,960,712			1,137,410			823,302			256,295		
Jul	9,332			1,567,650			921,408			646,242			200,967		
Aug	9,272			1,605,754			940,927			664,827			202,972		
Sep	9,652			1,985,500			1,158,147			827,353			253,508		
Oct	10,173			1,633,258			948,634			684,624			207,166		
Nov	9,700			1,709,628			1,013,963			695,665			207,112		
Dec	10,292			2,298,344			1,315,389			982,955			282,551		
YTD	28,534	29,061	101.8	5,290,510	5,448,312	103.0	3,098,523	3,237,705	104.5	2,191,987	2,210,607	100.8	671,641	674,376	100.4
I	28,534	29,061	101.8	5,290,510	5,448,312	103.0	3,098,523	3,237,705	104.5	2,191,987	2,210,607	100.8	671,641	674,376	100.4
II	27,662			5,093,673			2,981,818			2,111,855			647,340		
III	28,256			5,158,904			3,020,482			2,138,422			657,447		
IV	30,165			5,641,230			3,277,986			2,363,244			696,829		
Year	114,617			21,184,317			12,378,809			8,805,508			2,673,257		

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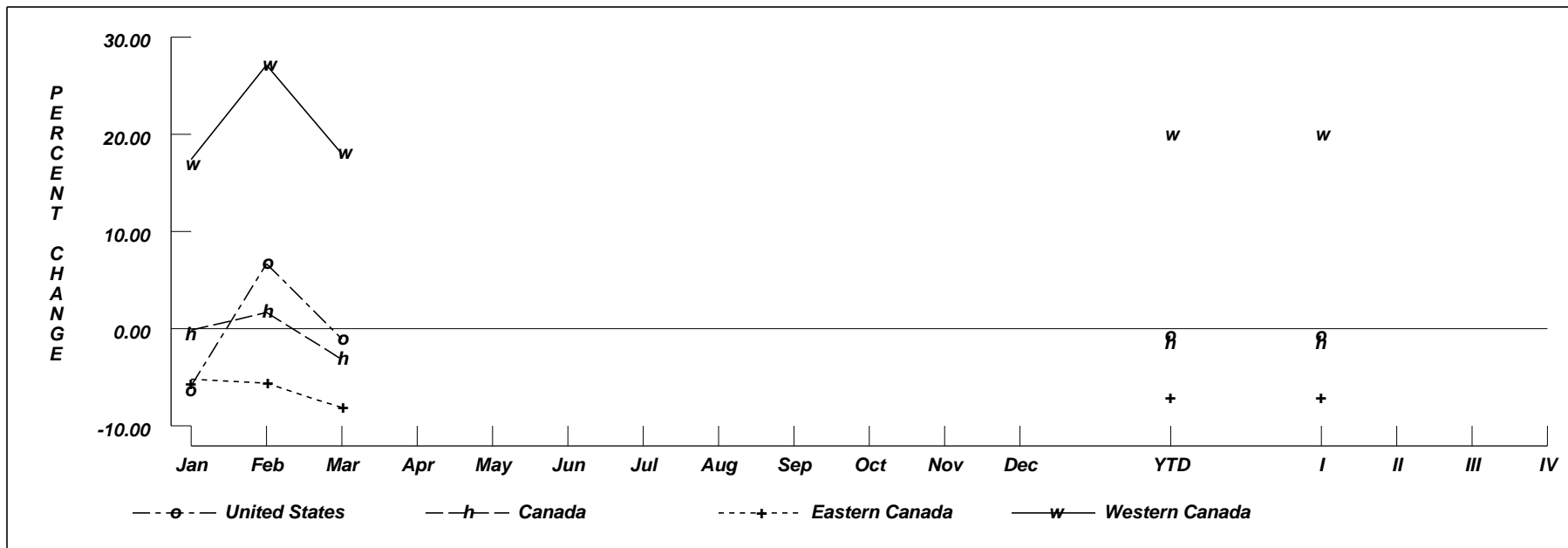
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	BARROWS AND GILTS			SOWS			STAGS AND BOARS			TOTAL HOGS		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	9,435	9,430	99.9	235	232	98.7	28	20	71.4	9,698	9,682	99.8
Feb	8,775	9,105	103.8	222	236	106.3	21	23	109.5	9,018	9,364	103.8
Mar	9,547	9,737	102.0	247	258	104.5	23	21	91.3	9,818	10,015	102.0
Apr	9,354			234			24			9,612		
May	8,434			230			22			8,686		
Jun	9,087			251			26			9,364		
Jul	9,063			245			24			9,332		
Aug	9,020			229			23			9,272		
Sep	9,385			244			22			9,652		
Oct	9,904			245			24			10,173		
Nov	9,463			220			17			9,700		
Dec	10,021			248			23			10,292		
YTD	27,757	28,272	101.9	704	726	103.1	72	64	88.9	28,534	29,061	101.8
I	27,757	28,272	101.9	704	726	103.1	72	64	88.9	28,534	29,061	101.8
II	26,875			715			72			27,662		
III	27,468			718			69			28,256		
IV	29,388			713			64			30,165		
Year	111,488			2,850			277			114,617		

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Federally/Provincially Inspected Sheep and Lamb Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (493)			CANADA (481 516)			EAST (481 516)			WEST (481 516)		
	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15	2015	2016	16/15
Jan	153	144	94.1	35,456	35,407	99.9	27,521	26,090	94.8	7,935	9,317	117.4
Feb	150	160	106.7	34,115	34,680	101.7	26,541	25,051	94.4	7,574	9,629	127.1
Mar	190	188	98.9	55,885	54,117	96.8	45,309	41,640	91.9	10,576	12,477	118.0
Apr	179			47,236			38,488			8,748		
May	153			37,995			29,703			8,292		
Jun	173			49,434			38,027			11,407		
Jul	167			45,296			35,315			9,981		
Aug	156			41,036			30,973			10,063		
Sep	167			65,369			50,316			15,053		
Oct	166			41,362			30,527			10,835		
Nov	163			41,084			29,518			11,566		
Dec	182			59,768			44,826			14,942		
YTD	493	492	99.8	125,456	124,204	99.0	99,371	92,781	93.4	26,085	31,423	120.5
I	493	492	99.8	125,456	124,204	99.0	99,371	92,781	93.4	26,085	31,423	120.5
II	505			134,665			106,218			28,447		
III	490			151,701			116,604			35,097		
IV	511			142,214			104,871			37,343		
Year	1,999			554,036			427,064			126,972		

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