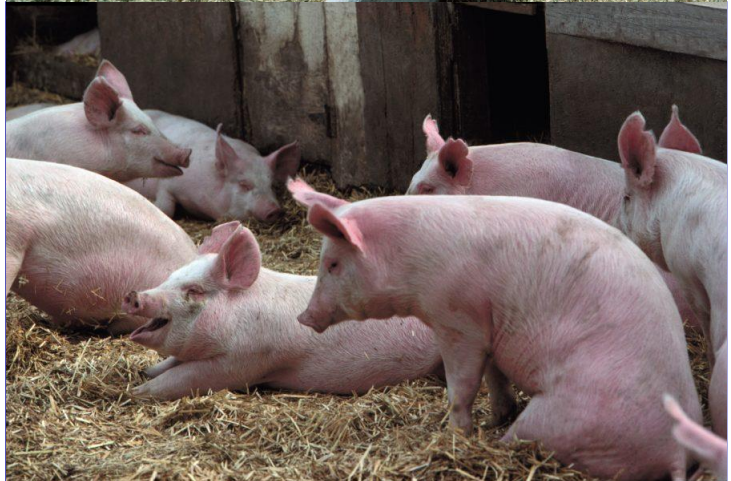


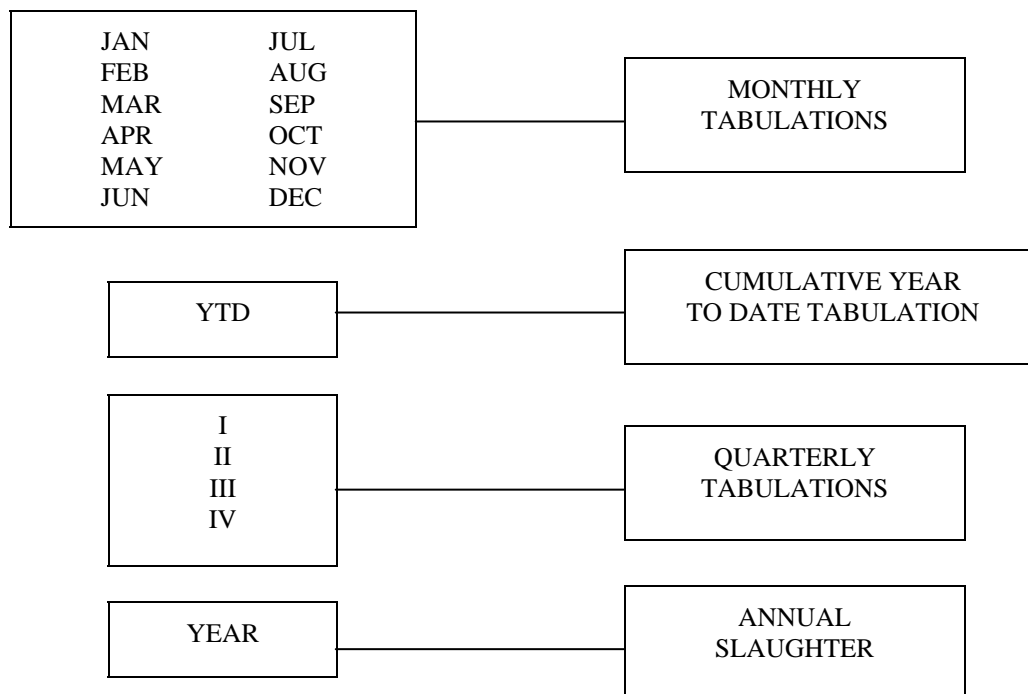
Monthly Livestock Slaughter Summary

February 2015



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 Branch of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

Data sources are as follows:

CANADA: Slaughter data -- Canadian Beef Grading Agency
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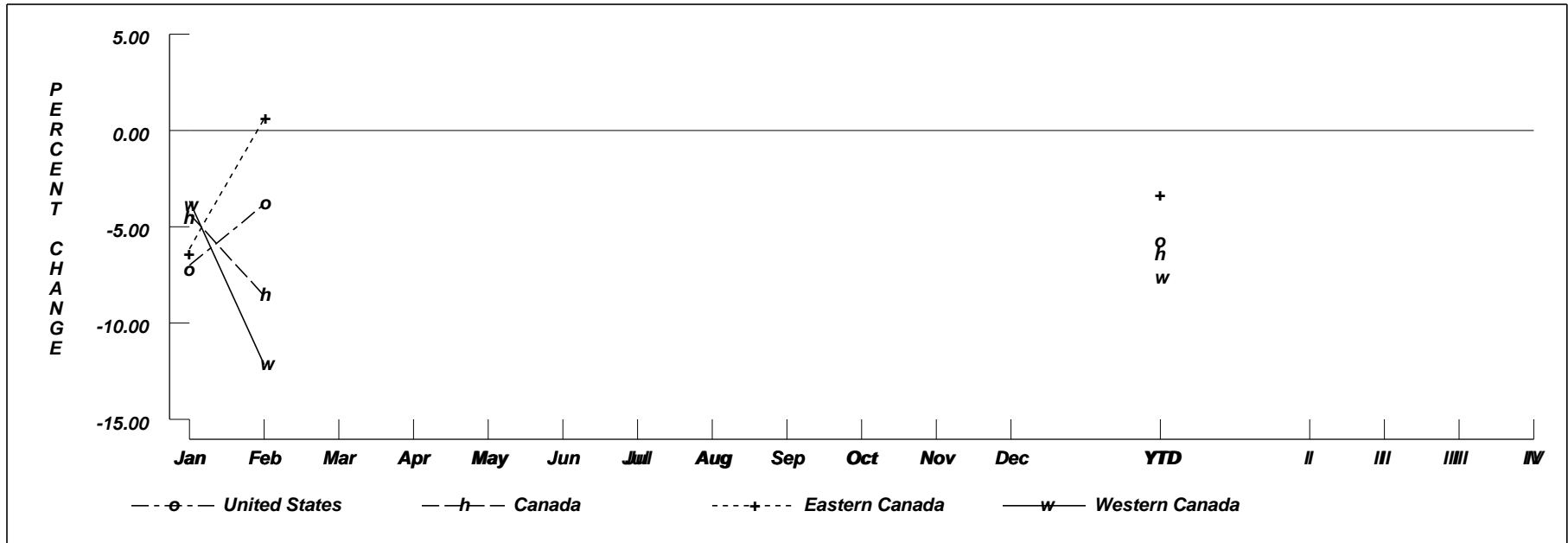
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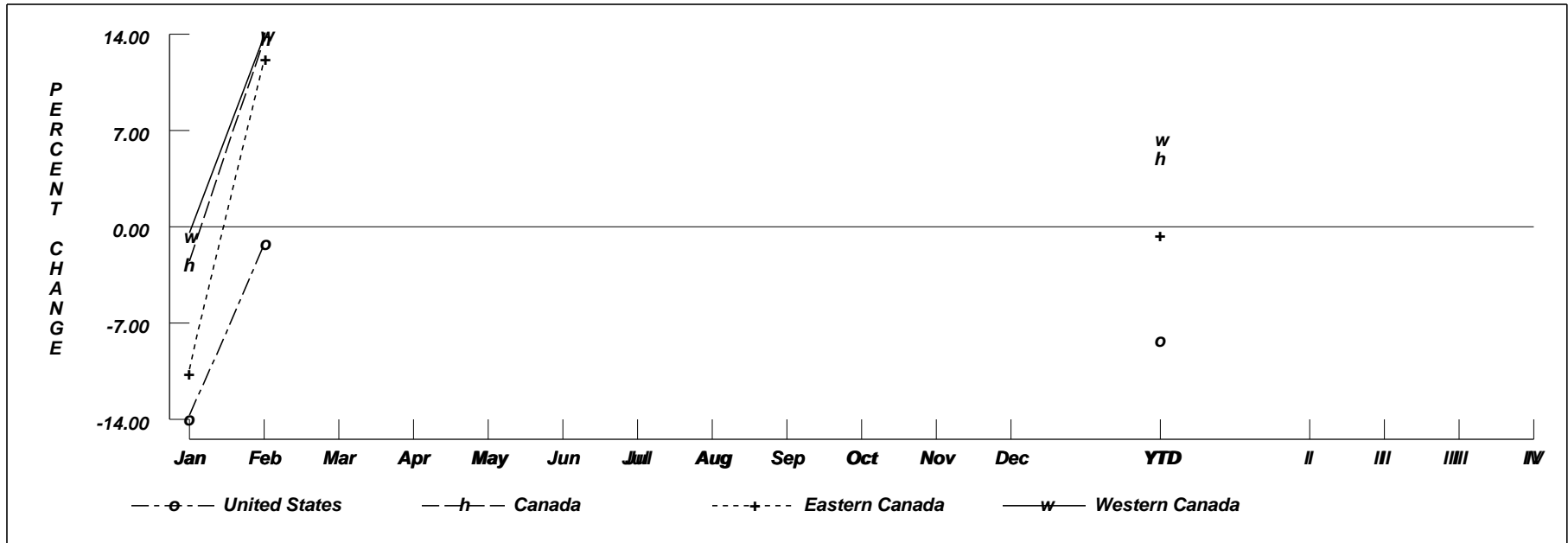
Federally Inspected Steer Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	1,300	1,209	93.0	126,359	120,874	95.7	34,433	32,314	93.8	91,926	88,560	96.3
Feb	1,097	1,055	96.2	101,789	93,064	91.4	28,504	28,682	100.6	73,285	64,382	87.9
Mar	1,199			103,408			32,453			70,955		
Apr	1,333			114,176			36,044			78,132		
May	1,427			108,648			25,346			83,302		
Jun	1,396			125,924			28,419			97,505		
Jul	1,390			149,570			34,709			114,861		
Aug	1,319			127,169			30,624			96,545		
Sep	1,313			122,695			33,870			88,825		
Oct	1,306			141,563			42,148			99,415		
Nov	1,084			99,120			33,343			65,777		
Dec	1,213			112,203			31,119			81,084		
YTD	2,397	2,264	94.5	228,148	213,938	93.8	62,937	60,996	96.9	165,211	152,942	92.6
I	3,596			331,556			95,390			236,166		
II	4,156			348,748			89,809			258,939		
III	4,022			399,434			99,203			300,231		
IV	3,603			352,886			106,610			246,276		
Year	15,377			1,432,624			391,012			1,041,612		

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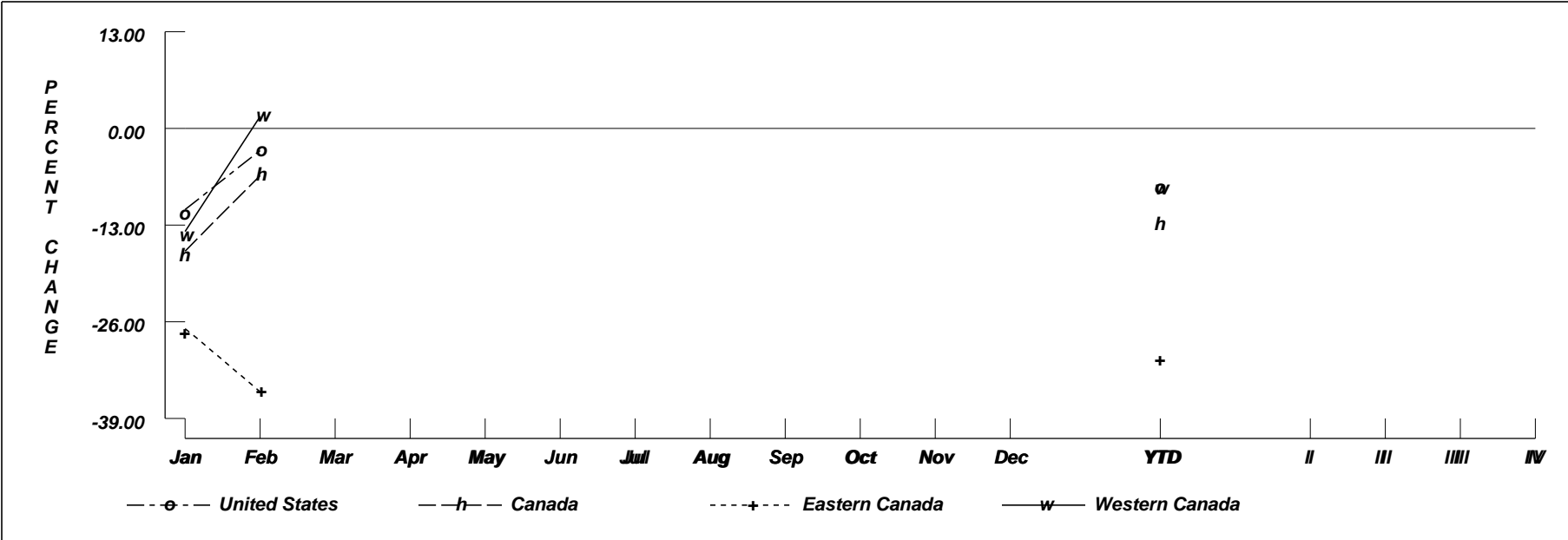
Federally Inspected Heifer Slaughter



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	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	752	649	86.3	64,366	62,762	97.5	13,257	11,883	89.6	51,109	50,879	99.5
Feb	635	627	98.7	59,949	68,075	113.6	10,676	11,973	112.1	49,273	56,102	113.9
Mar	702			85,900			11,830			74,070		
Apr	715			112,279			15,156			97,123		
May	682			70,008			12,302			57,706		
Jun	715			65,833			13,100			52,733		
Jul	692			62,331			13,385			48,946		
Aug	685			59,868			11,403			48,465		
Sep	702			63,474			10,980			52,494		
Oct	766			85,527			10,676			74,851		
Nov	658			62,359			10,222			52,137		
Dec	675			63,433			12,447			50,986		
YTD	1,387	1,276	92.0	124,315	130,837	105.2	23,933	23,856	99.7	100,382	106,981	106.6
I	2,089			210,215			35,763			174,452		
II	2,112			248,120			40,558			207,562		
III	2,079			185,673			35,768			149,905		
IV	2,099			211,319			33,345			177,974		
Year	8,379			855,327			145,434			709,893		

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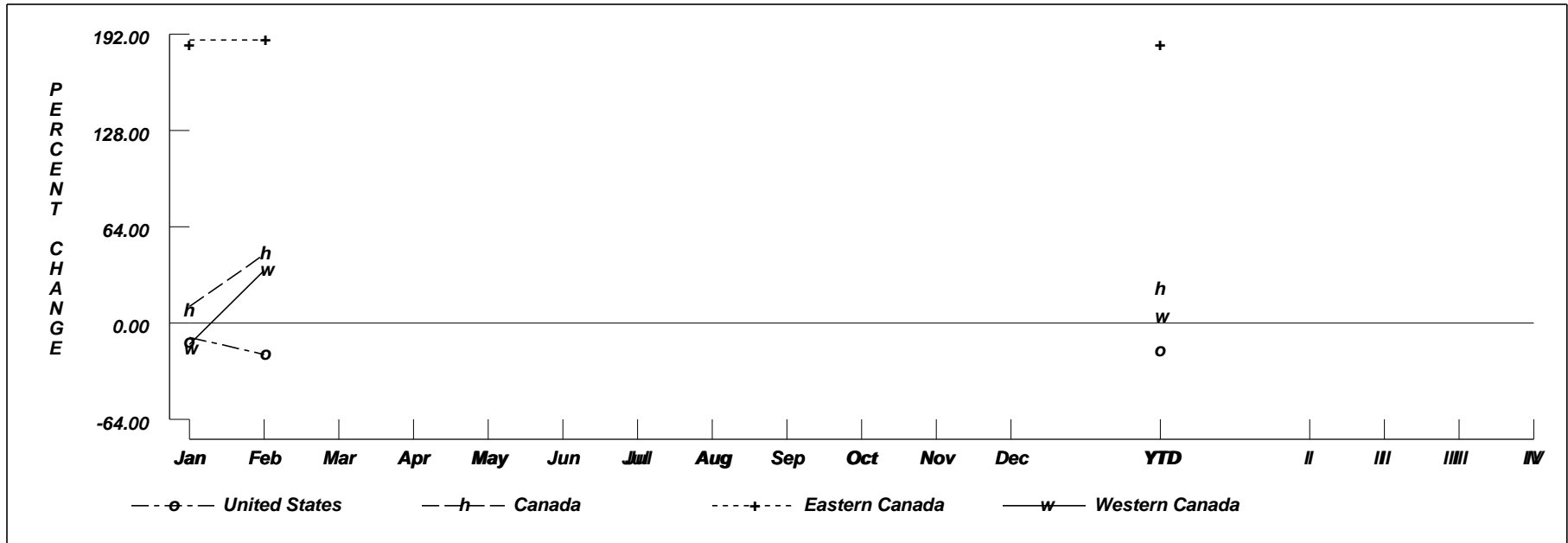
Federally Inspected Cow Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	540	481	89.1	53,626	44,772	83.5	10,926	7,985	73.1	42,700	36,787	86.2
Feb	435	422	97.0	37,724	35,329	93.7	8,116	5,242	64.6	29,608	30,087	101.6
Mar	466			32,469			7,304			25,165		
Apr	458			34,286			9,488			24,798		
May	443			24,927			6,223			18,704		
Jun	411			26,570			5,996			20,574		
Jul	430			33,970			7,552			26,418		
Aug	410			23,561			5,532			18,029		
Sep	427			25,379			4,770			20,609		
Oct	468			37,607			7,090			30,517		
Nov	426			43,807			6,804			37,003		
Dec	467			41,789			7,689			34,100		
YTD	975	903	92.6	91,350	80,101	87.7	19,042	13,227	69.5	72,308	66,874	92.5
I	1,441			123,819			26,346			97,473		
II	1,312			85,783			21,707			64,076		
III	1,267			82,910			17,854			65,056		
IV	1,361			123,203			21,583			101,620		
Year	5,381			415,715			87,490			328,225		

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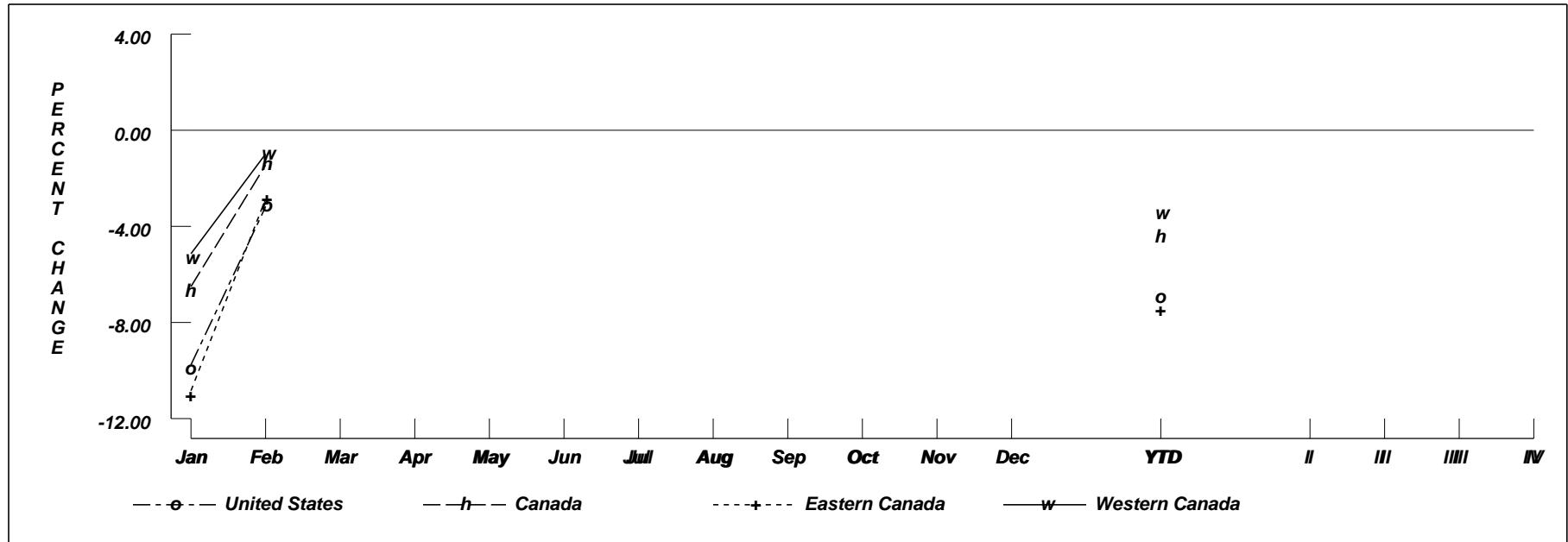
Federally Inspected Bull Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	42	38	90.5	338	375	110.9	42	121	288.1	296	254	85.8
Feb	38	30	78.9	246	358	145.5	17	49	288.2	229	309	134.9
Mar	46			206			33			173		
Apr	49			217			38			179		
May	45			455			46			409		
Jun	46			440			51			389		
Jul	49			753			50			703		
Aug	48			696			37			659		
Sep	49			822			55			767		
Oct	50			722			59			663		
Nov	42			808			91			717		
Dec	42			678			55			623		
YTD	80	68	85.0	584	733	125.5	59	170	288.1	525	563	107.2
I	126			790			92			698		
II	140			1,112			135			977		
III	146			2,271			142			2,129		
IV	134			2,208			205			2,003		
Year	546			6,381			574			5,807		

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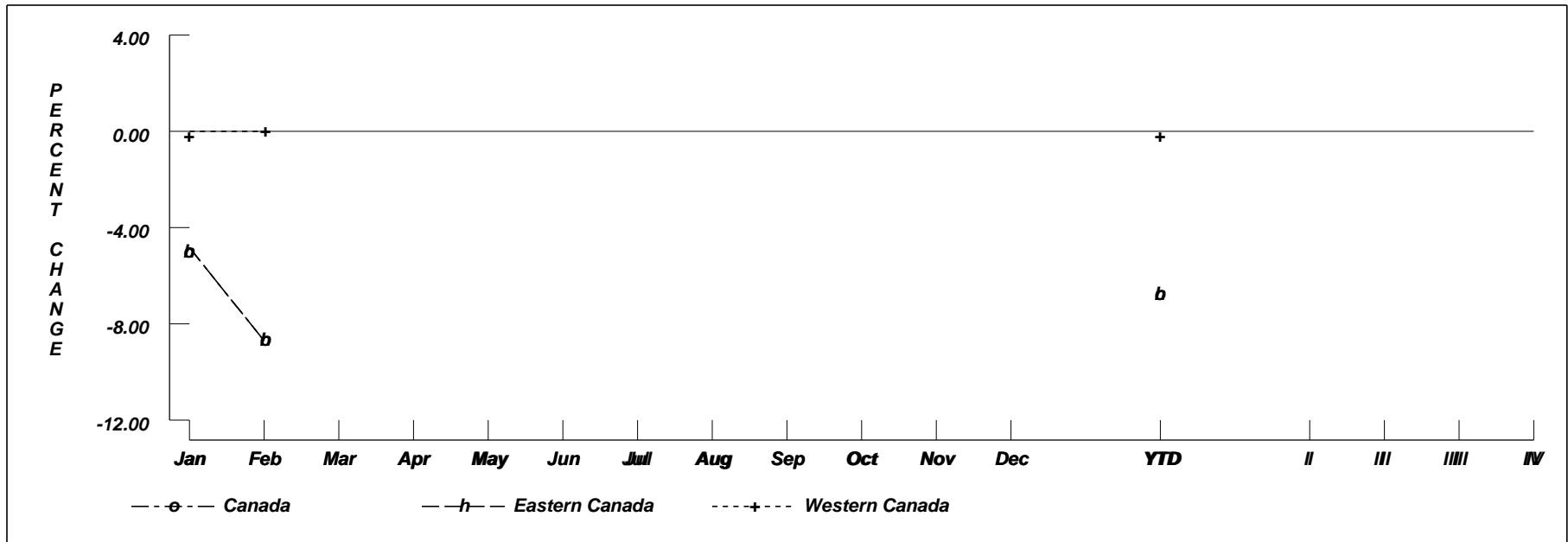
Federally Inspected Cattle Slaughter (Total)



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	2,634	2,377	90.2	244,689	228,783	93.5	58,658	52,303	89.2	186,031	176,480	94.9
Feb	2,204	2,134	96.8	199,708	196,826	98.6	47,313	45,946	97.1	152,395	150,880	99.0
Mar	2,413			221,983			51,620			170,363		
Apr	2,556			260,958			60,726			200,232		
May	2,597			204,038			43,917			160,121		
Jun	2,568			218,767			47,566			171,201		
Jul	2,562			246,624			55,696			190,928		
Aug	2,463			211,294			47,596			163,698		
Sep	2,490			212,370			49,675			162,695		
Oct	2,591			265,419			59,973			205,446		
Nov	2,210			206,094			50,460			155,634		
Dec	2,398			218,103			51,310			166,793		
YTD	4,838	4,511	93.2	444,397	425,609	95.8	105,971	98,249	92.7	338,426	327,360	96.7
I	7,251			666,380			157,591			508,789		
II	7,721			683,763			152,209			531,554		
III	7,515			670,288			152,967			517,321		
IV	7,199			689,616			161,743			527,873		
Year	29,686			2,710,047			624,510			2,085,537		

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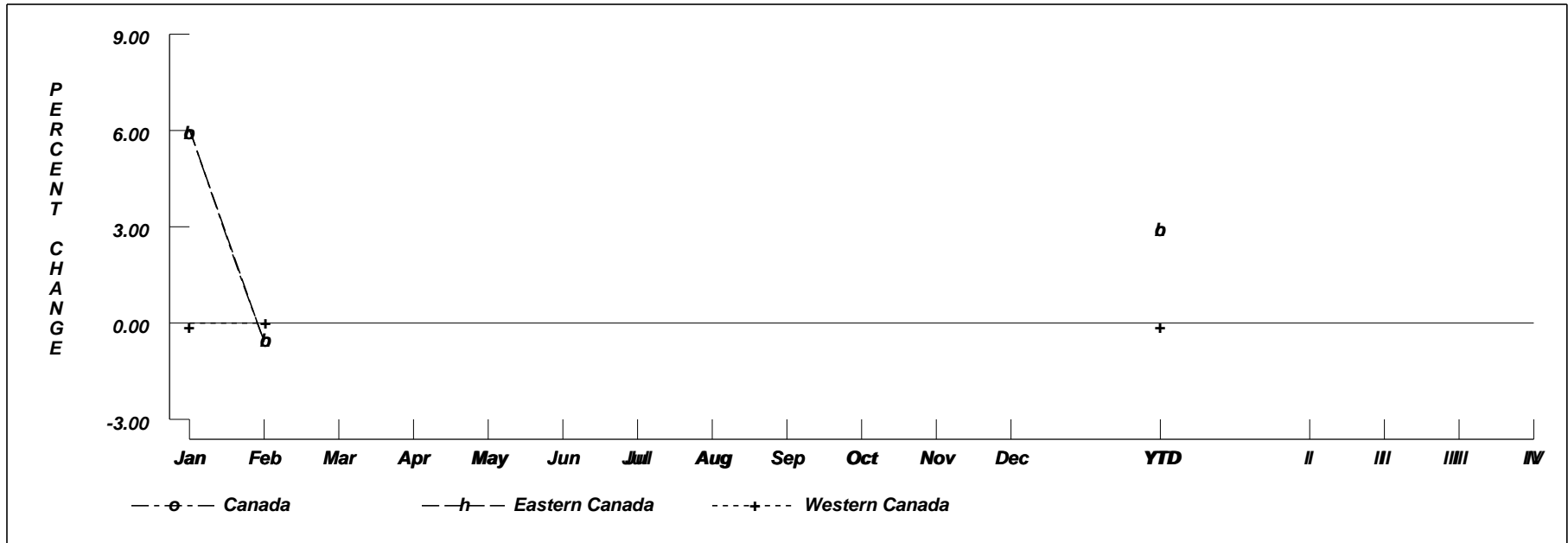
Federally Inspected Steer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	18,620	17,721	95.2	18,620	17,721	95.2			
Feb	15,419	14,077	91.3	15,419	14,077	91.3			
Mar	14,720			14,720					
Apr	18,600			18,600					
May	14,944			14,944					
Jun	14,931			14,931					
Jul	17,827			17,827					
Aug	14,687			14,687					
Sep	13,965			13,965					
Oct	16,967			16,967					
Nov	14,108			14,108					
Dec	16,791			16,791					
YTD	34,039	31,798	93.4	34,039	31,798	93.4			
I	48,759			48,759					
II	48,475			48,475					
III	46,479			46,479					
IV	47,866			47,866					
Year	191,579			191,579					

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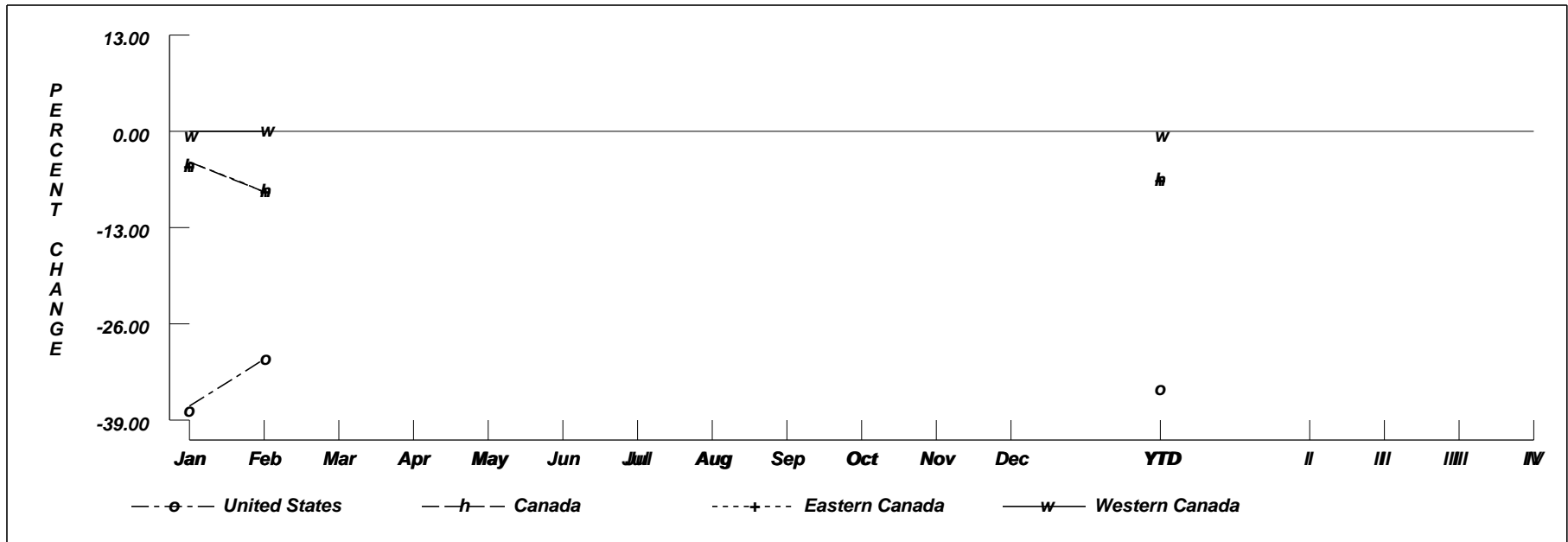
Federally Inspected Heifer Calf Slaughter



	CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	1,242	1,317	106.0	1,242	1,317	106.0			
Feb	1,035	1,029	99.4	1,035	1,029	99.4			
Mar	971			971					
Apr	1,232			1,232					
May	1,002			1,002					
Jun	1,008			1,008					
Jul	1,205			1,205					
Aug	1,047			1,047					
Sep	982			982					
Oct	1,195			1,195					
Nov	1,179			1,179					
Dec	1,125			1,125					
YTD	2,277	2,346	103.0	2,277	2,346	103.0			
I	3,248			3,248					
II	3,242			3,242					
III	3,234			3,234					
IV	3,499			3,499					
Year	13,223			13,223					

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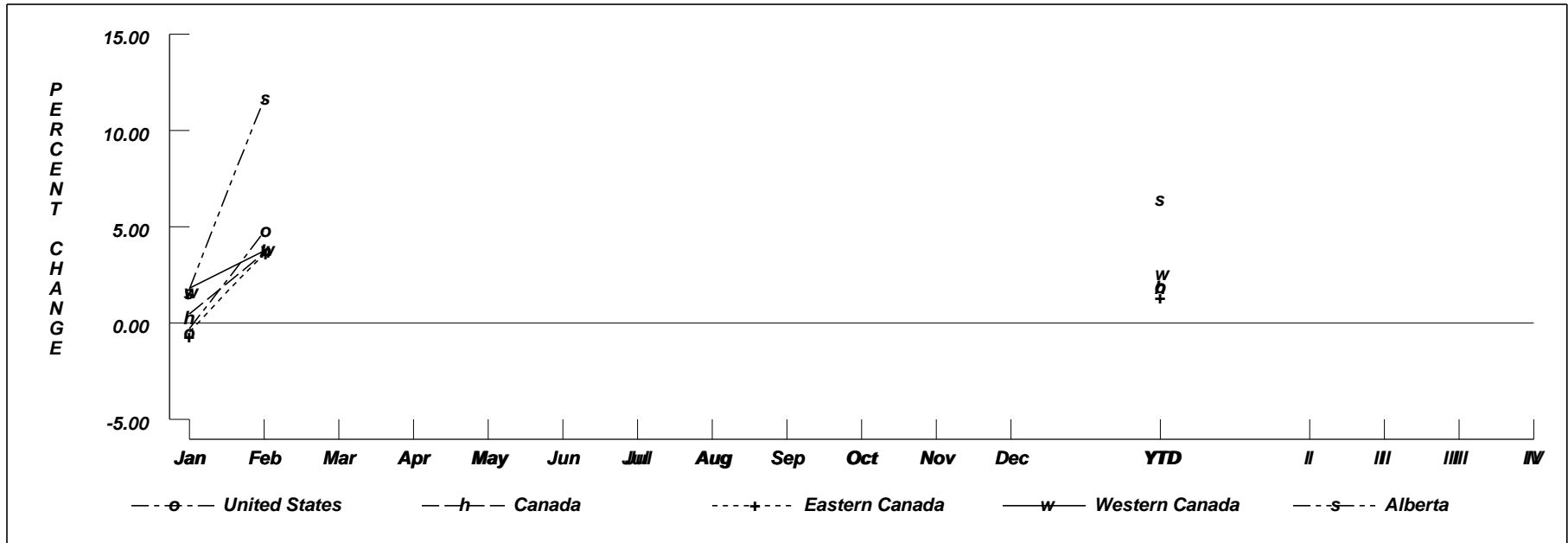
Federally Inspected Calf Slaughter (Total)



	U.S. ('000's) (241)			CANADA (220)			EAST (239)			WEST (240)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	62	39	62.9	19,862	19,038	95.9	19,862	19,038	95.9			
Feb	52	36	69.2	16,454	15,106	91.8	16,454	15,106	91.8			
Mar	53			15,691			15,691					
Apr	48			19,832			19,832					
May	46			15,946			15,946					
Jun	45			15,939			15,939					
Jul	48			19,032			19,032					
Aug	43			15,734			15,734					
Sep	42			14,947			14,947					
Oct	43			18,162			18,162					
Nov	35			15,287			15,287					
Dec	42			17,916			17,916					
YTD	114	75	65.8	36,316	34,144	94.0	36,316	34,144	94.0			
I	167			52,007			52,007					
II	139			51,717			51,717					
III	133			49,713			49,713					
IV	120			51,365			51,365					
Year	559			204,802			204,802					

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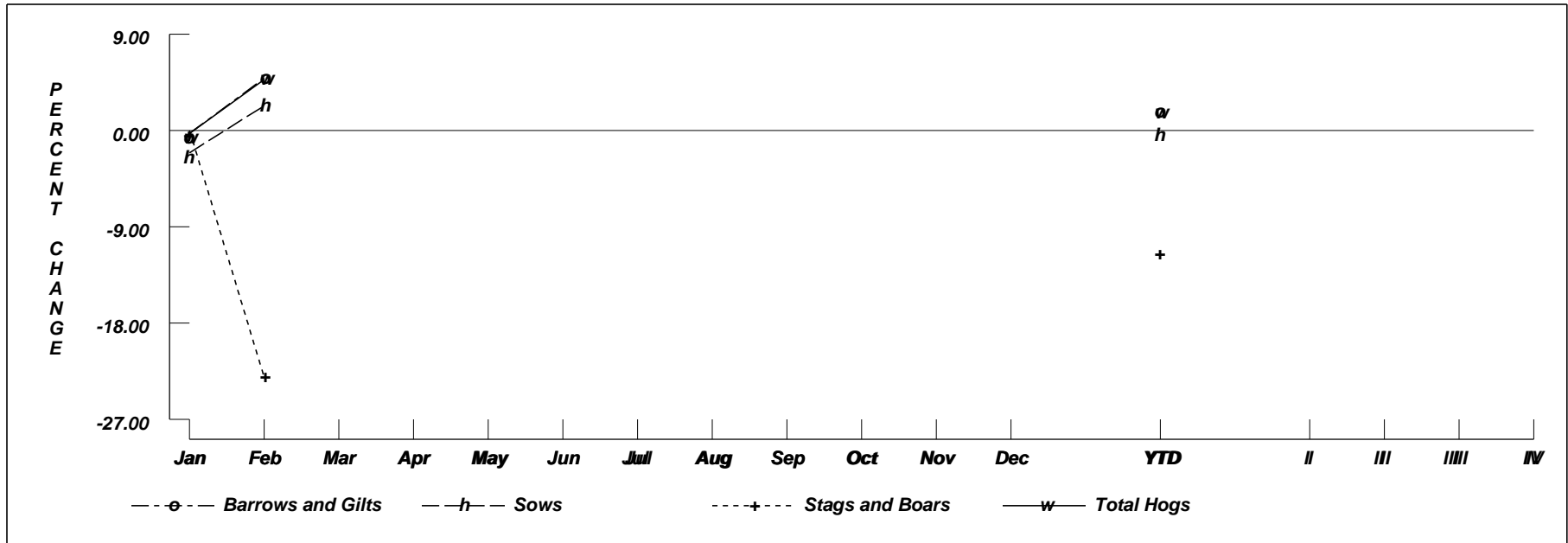
Federally and Provincially Inspected Hog Slaughter



	U.S. ('000's) (324)			CANADA (323)			EAST (323)			WEST (323)			ALBERTA (323)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	9,726	9,698	99.7	1,592,852	1,600,381	100.5	934,198	929,799	99.5	658,654	670,582	101.8	193,680	197,099	101.8
Feb	8,609	9,018	104.8	1,586,041	1,643,921	103.6	941,096	974,815	103.6	644,945	669,106	103.7	190,805	212,930	111.6
Mar	8,614			2,007,421			1,181,398			826,023			239,202		
Apr	8,794			1,515,531			893,540			621,991			186,187		
May	8,561			1,510,048			886,703			623,345			181,573		
Jun	8,040			1,886,108			1,100,261			785,847			244,392		
Jul	8,394			1,517,396			872,416			644,980			201,176		
Aug	8,199			1,536,910			916,878			620,032			189,714		
Sep	8,762			1,977,269			1,177,276			799,993			239,131		
Oct	9,880			1,594,906			944,193			650,713			195,958		
Nov	8,754			1,694,662			1,011,206			683,456			205,972		
Dec	9,788			1,916,586			1,128,110			788,476			241,678		
YTD	18,335	18,716	102.1	3,178,893	3,244,302	102.1	1,875,294	1,904,614	101.6	1,303,599	1,339,688	102.8	384,485	410,029	106.6
I	26,949			5,186,314			3,056,692			2,129,622			623,687		
II	25,395			4,911,687			2,880,504			2,031,183			612,152		
III	25,355			5,031,575			2,966,570			2,065,005			630,021		
IV	28,422			5,206,154			3,083,509			2,122,645			643,608		
Year	106,121			20,335,730			11,987,275			8,348,455			2,509,468		

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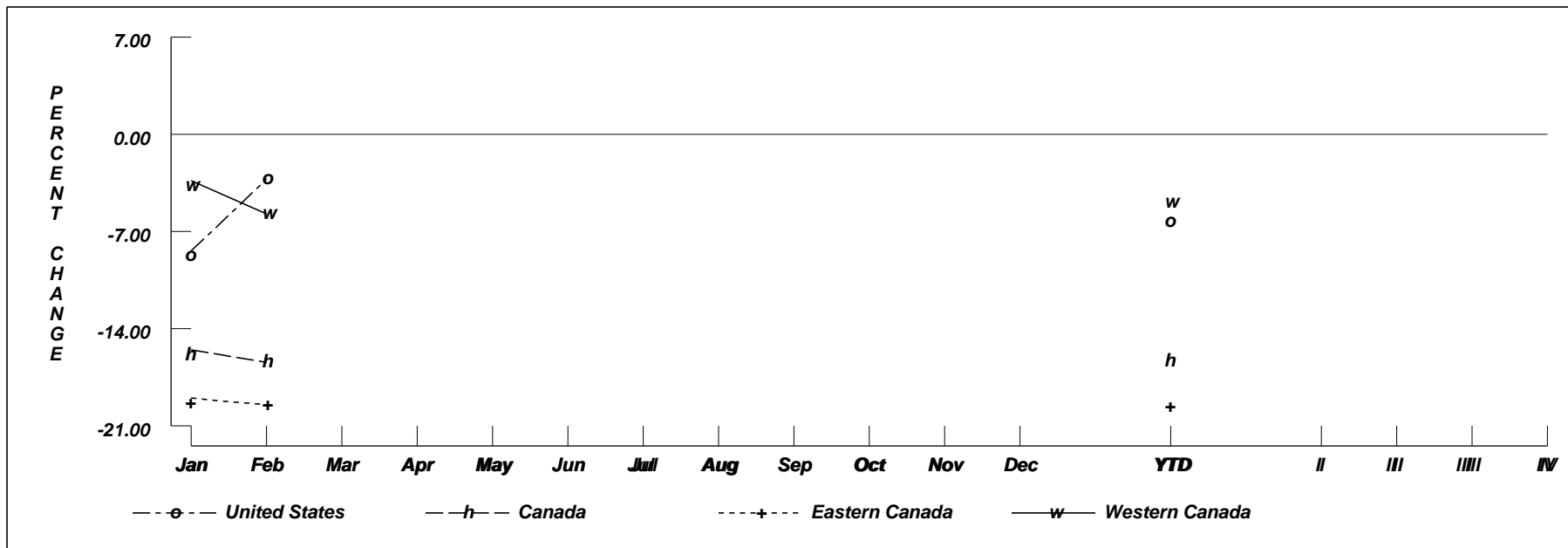
Sex of Federally Inspected Hog Kill: U.S.A. (Thousand Head)



	BARROWS AND GILTS			SOWS			STAGS AND BOARS			TOTAL HOGS		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	9,459	9,435	99.7	240	235	97.9	28	28	100.0	9,726	9,698	99.7
Feb	8,366	8,775	104.9	217	222	102.3	26	20	76.9	8,609	9,018	104.8
Mar	8,356			229			30			8,614		
Apr	8,527			237			30			8,794		
May	8,311			224			26			8,561		
Jun	7,795			219			26			8,040		
Jul	8,136			229			29			8,394		
Aug	7,952			219			28			8,199		
Sep	8,497			237			28			8,762		
Oct	9,588			260			32			9,880		
Nov	8,509			219			25			8,754		
Dec	9,501			258			28			9,788		
YTD	17,825	18,210	102.2	457	457	100.0	54	48	88.9	18,335	18,716	102.1
I	26,181			686			84			26,949		
II	24,633			680			82			25,395		
III	24,585			685			85			25,355		
IV	27,598			737			85			28,422		
Year	102,997			2,788			336			106,121		

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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)		
	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14	2014	2015	15/14
Jan	167	153	91.6	37,094	31,336	84.5	28,897	23,412	81.0	8,197	7,924	96.7
Feb	155	150	96.8	36,340	30,370	83.6	28,309	22,799	80.5	8,031	7,571	94.3
Mar	176			41,355			31,574			9,781		
Apr	204			65,757			55,880			9,877		
May	177			40,973			33,276			7,697		
Jun	175			47,496			37,593			9,903		
Jul	189			47,858			38,903			8,955		
Aug	161			44,849			36,304			8,545		
Sep	173			51,992			39,711			12,281		
Oct	187			63,167			50,748			12,419		
Nov	157			43,199			32,595			10,604		
Dec	183			60,695			48,222			12,473		
YTD	322	303	94.1	73,434	61,706	84.0	57,206	46,211	80.8	16,228	15,495	95.5
I	498			114,789			88,780			26,009		
II	556			154,226			126,749			27,477		
III	523			144,699			114,918			29,781		
IV	527			167,061			131,565			35,496		
Year	2,104			580,775			462,012			118,763		

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