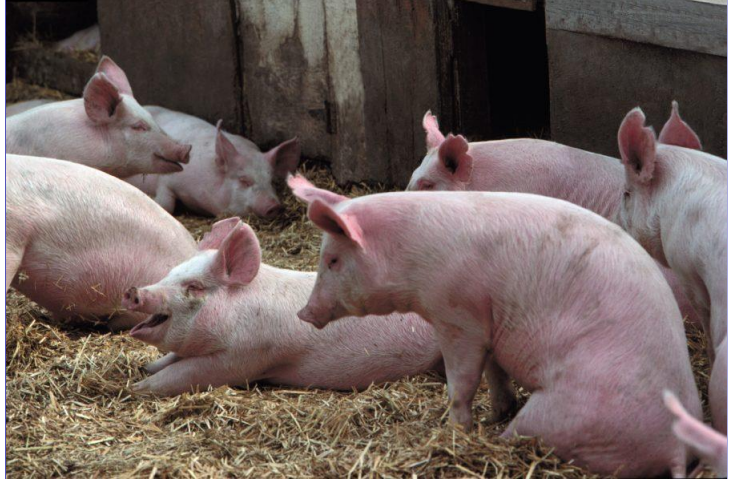


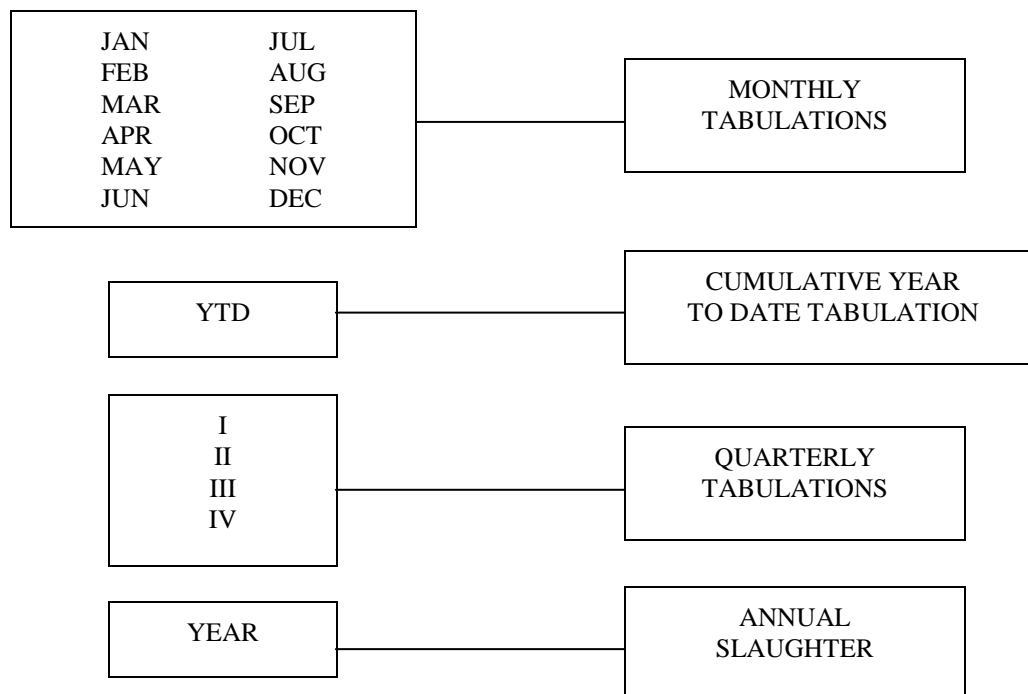
Monthly Livestock Slaughter Summary

April 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 Forestry.

Data sources are as follows:

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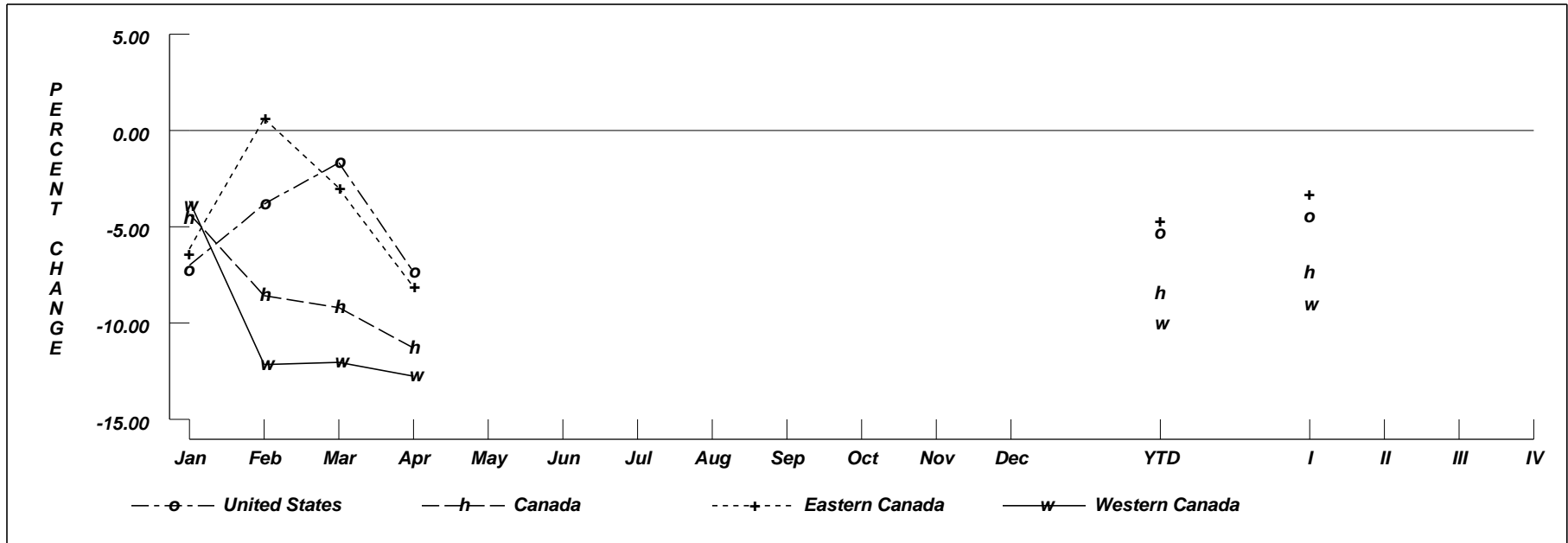
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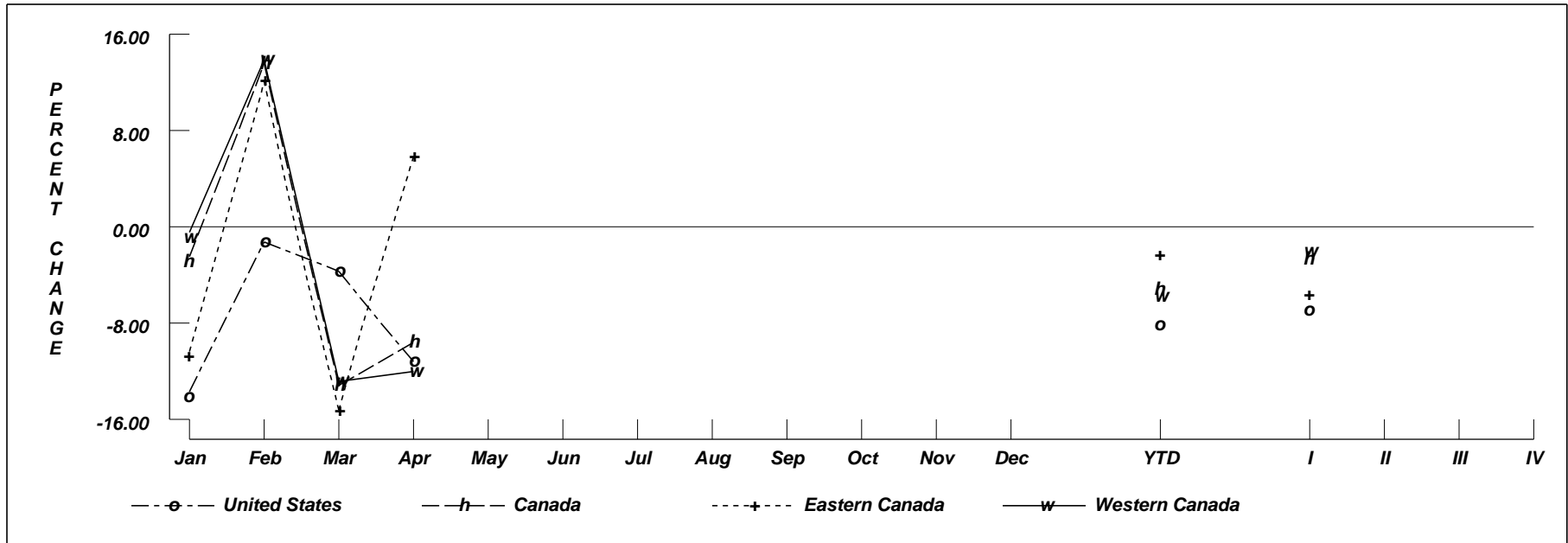
Federally Inspected Steer Slaughter



	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	1,179	98.3	103,408	93,897	90.8	32,453	31,481	97.0	70,955	62,416	88.0
Apr	1,333	1,235	92.6	114,176	101,277	88.7	36,044	33,111	91.9	78,132	68,166	87.2
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	4,929	4,678	94.9	445,732	409,112	91.8	131,434	125,588	95.6	314,298	283,524	90.2
I	3,596	3,443	95.7	331,556	307,835	92.8	95,390	92,477	96.9	236,166	215,358	91.2
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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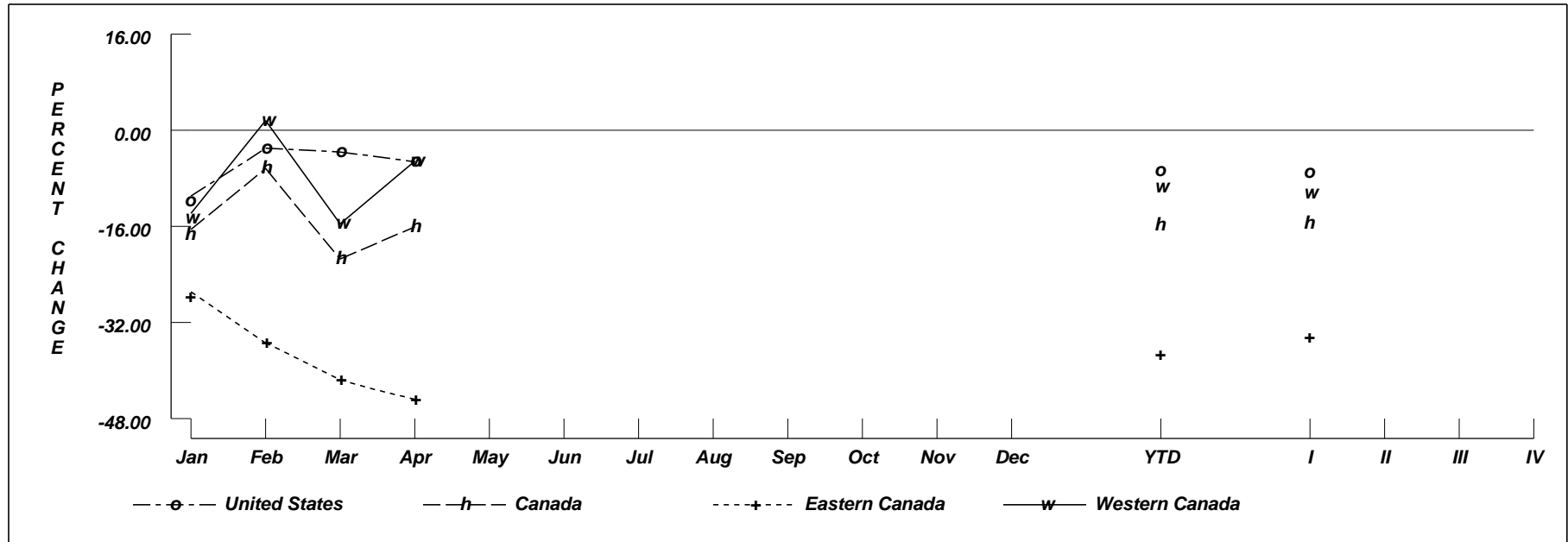
Federally Inspected Heifer Slaughter



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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	676	96.3	85,900	74,577	86.8	11,830	10,026	84.8	74,070	64,551	87.1
Apr	715	635	88.8	112,279	101,479	90.4	15,156	16,040	105.8	97,123	85,439	88.0
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	2,804	2,587	92.3	322,494	306,893	95.2	50,919	49,922	98.0	271,575	256,971	94.6
I	2,089	1,952	93.4	210,215	205,414	97.7	35,763	33,882	94.7	174,452	171,532	98.3
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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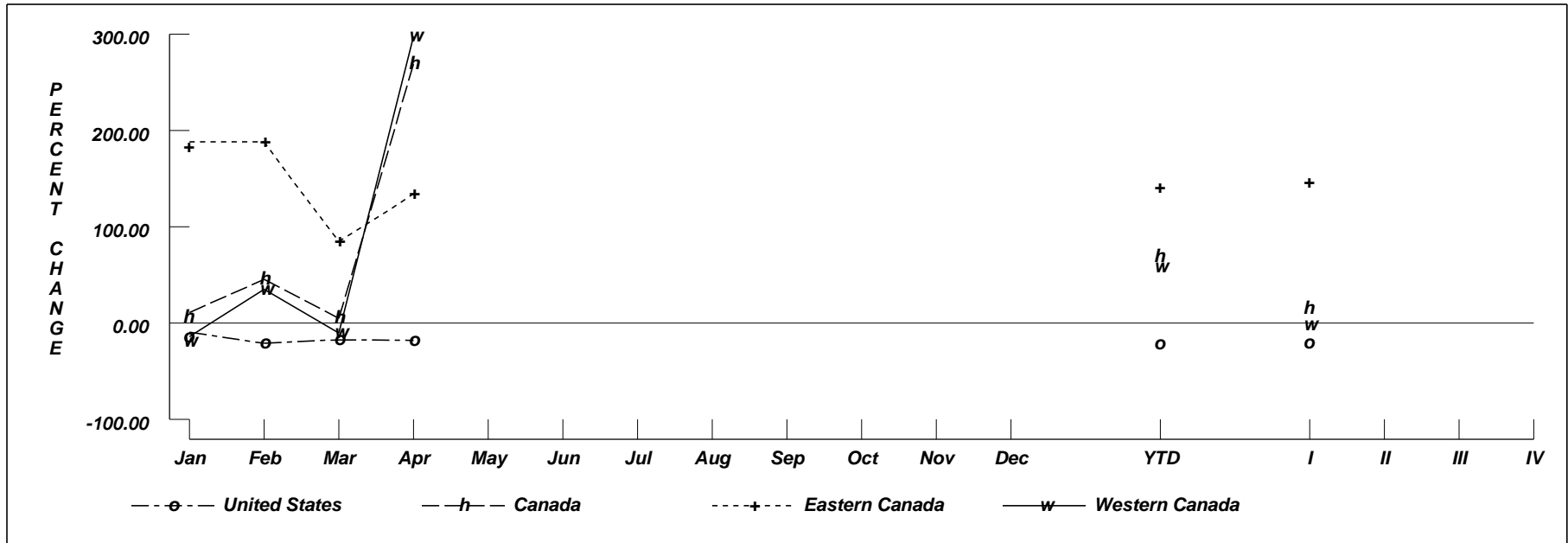
Federally Inspected Cow Slaughter



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	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	449	96.4	32,469	25,506	78.6	7,304	4,269	58.4	25,165	21,237	84.4
Apr	458	434	94.8	34,286	28,762	83.9	9,488	5,238	55.2	24,798	23,524	94.9
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	1,899	1,786	94.0	158,105	134,369	85.0	35,834	22,734	63.4	122,271	111,635	91.3
I	1,441	1,352	93.8	123,819	105,607	85.3	26,346	17,496	66.4	97,473	88,111	90.4
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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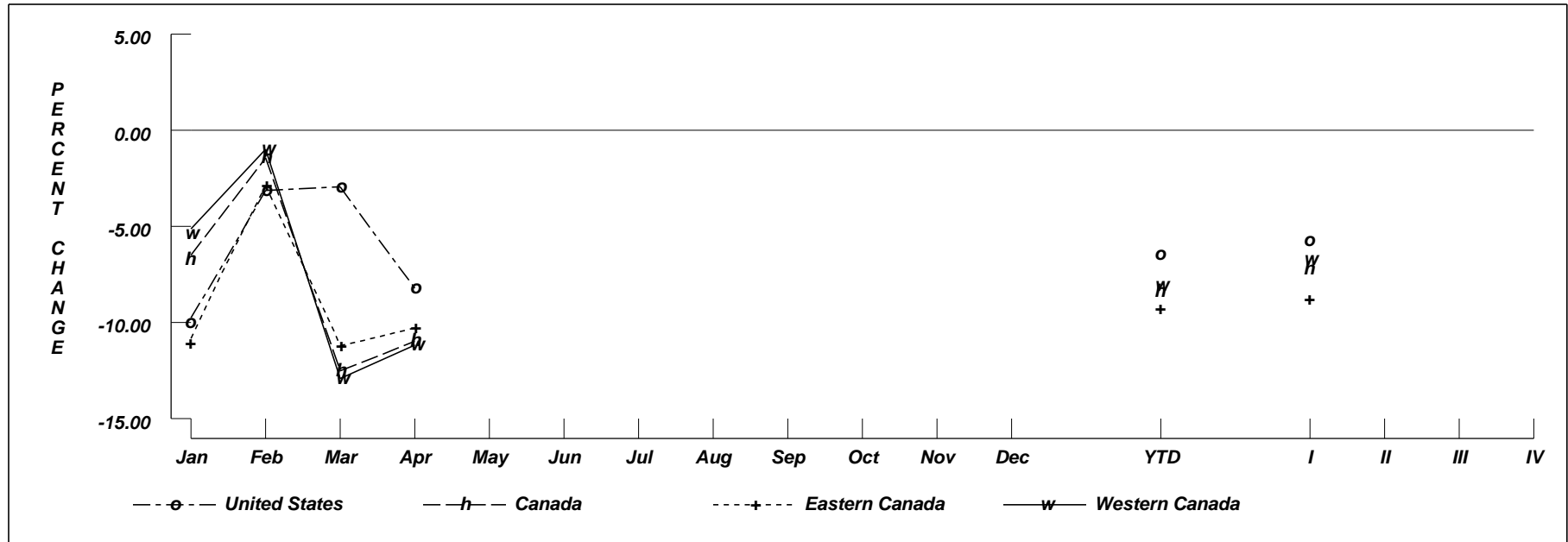
Federally Inspected Bull Slaughter



	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	38	82.6	206	216	104.9	33	61	184.8	173	155	89.6
Apr	50	41	82.0	217	801	369.1	38	89	234.2	179	712	397.8
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	176	147	83.5	1,007	1,750	173.8	130	320	246.2	877	1,430	163.1
I	126	106	84.1	790	949	120.1	92	231	251.1	698	718	102.9
II	141			1,112			135			977		
III	146			2,271			142			2,129		
IV	134			2,208			205			2,003		
Year	547			6,381			574			5,807		

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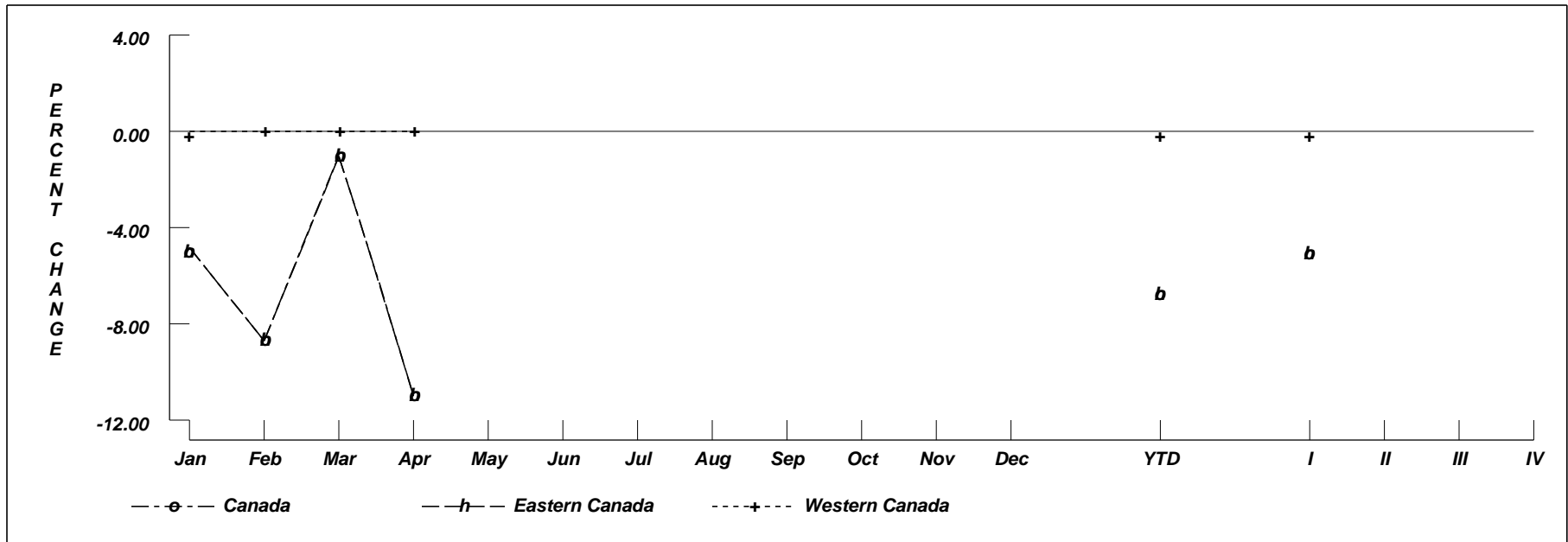
Federally Inspected Cattle Slaughter (Total)



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	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	2,135	96.9	199,708	196,826	98.6	47,313	45,946	97.1	152,395	150,880	99.0
Mar	2,413	2,342	97.1	221,983	194,196	87.5	51,620	45,837	88.8	170,363	148,359	87.1
Apr	2,556	2,346	91.8	260,958	232,319	89.0	60,726	54,478	89.7	200,232	177,841	88.8
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	9,807	9,200	93.8	927,338	852,124	91.9	218,317	198,564	91.0	709,021	653,560	92.2
I	7,251	6,854	94.5	666,380	619,805	93.0	157,591	144,086	91.4	508,789	475,719	93.5
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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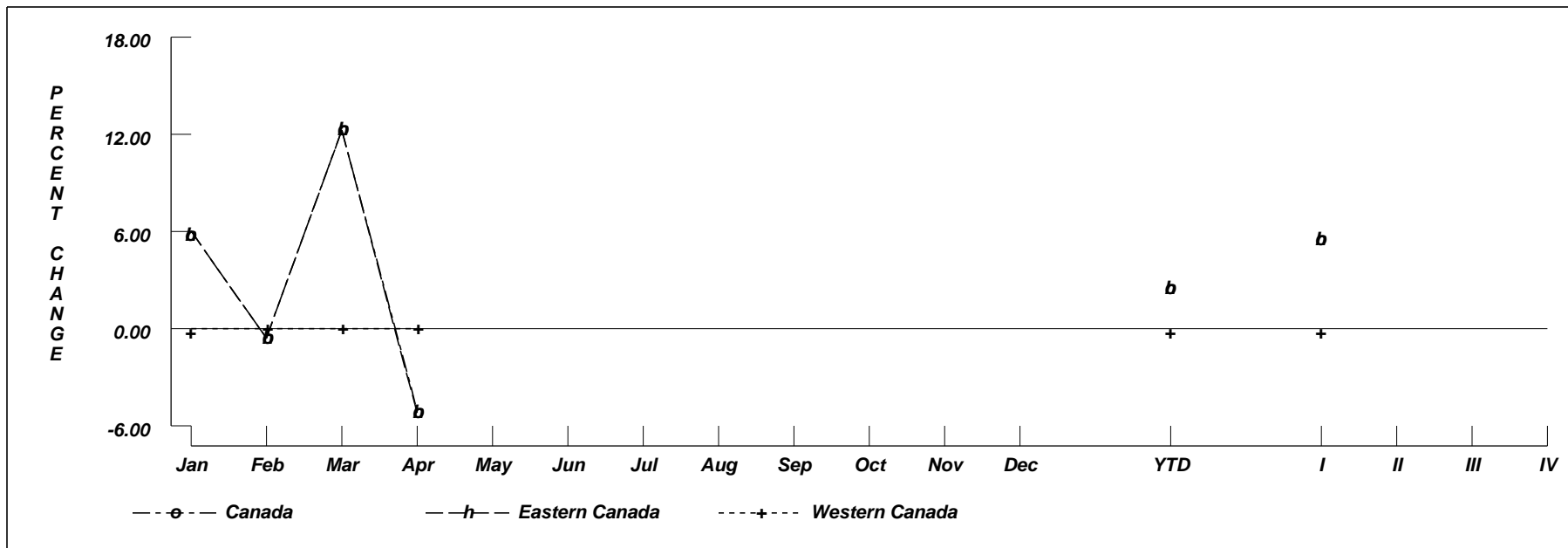
Federally Inspected Steer Calf Slaughter



	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	14,567	99.0	14,720	14,567	99.0			
Apr	18,600	16,555	89.0	18,600	16,555	89.0			
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	67,359	62,920	93.4	67,359	62,920	93.4			
I	48,759	46,365	95.1	48,759	46,365	95.1			
II	48,475			48,475					
III	46,479			46,479					
IV	47,866			47,866					
Year	191,579			191,579					

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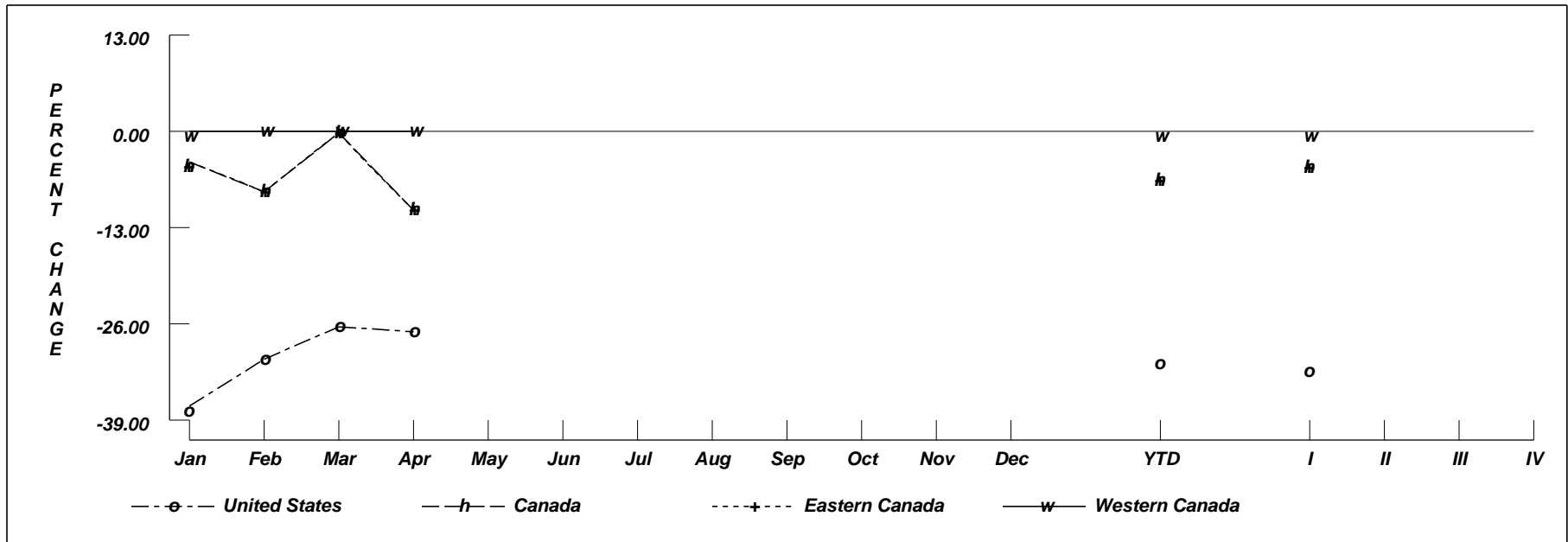
Federally Inspected Heifer Calf Slaughter



	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	1,090	112.3	971	1,090	112.3			
Apr	1,232	1,168	94.8	1,232	1,168	94.8			
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	4,480	4,604	102.8	4,480	4,604	102.8			
I	3,248	3,436	105.8	3,248	3,436	105.8			
II	3,242			3,242					
III	3,234			3,234					
IV	3,499			3,499					
Year	13,223			13,223					

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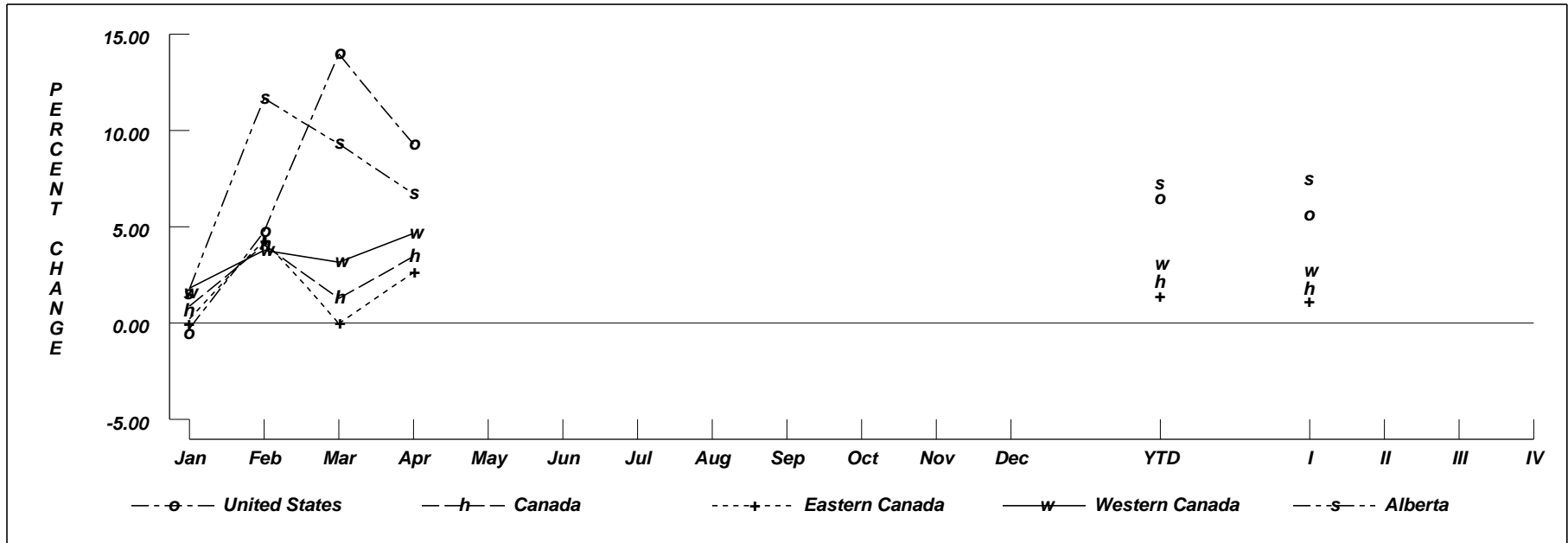
Federally Inspected Calf Slaughter (Total)



	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	39	73.6	15,691	15,657	99.8	15,691	15,657	99.8			
Apr	48	35	72.9	19,832	17,723	89.4	19,832	17,723	89.4			
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	215	149	69.3	71,839	67,524	94.0	71,839	67,524	94.0			
I	167	114	68.3	52,007	49,801	95.8	52,007	49,801	95.8			
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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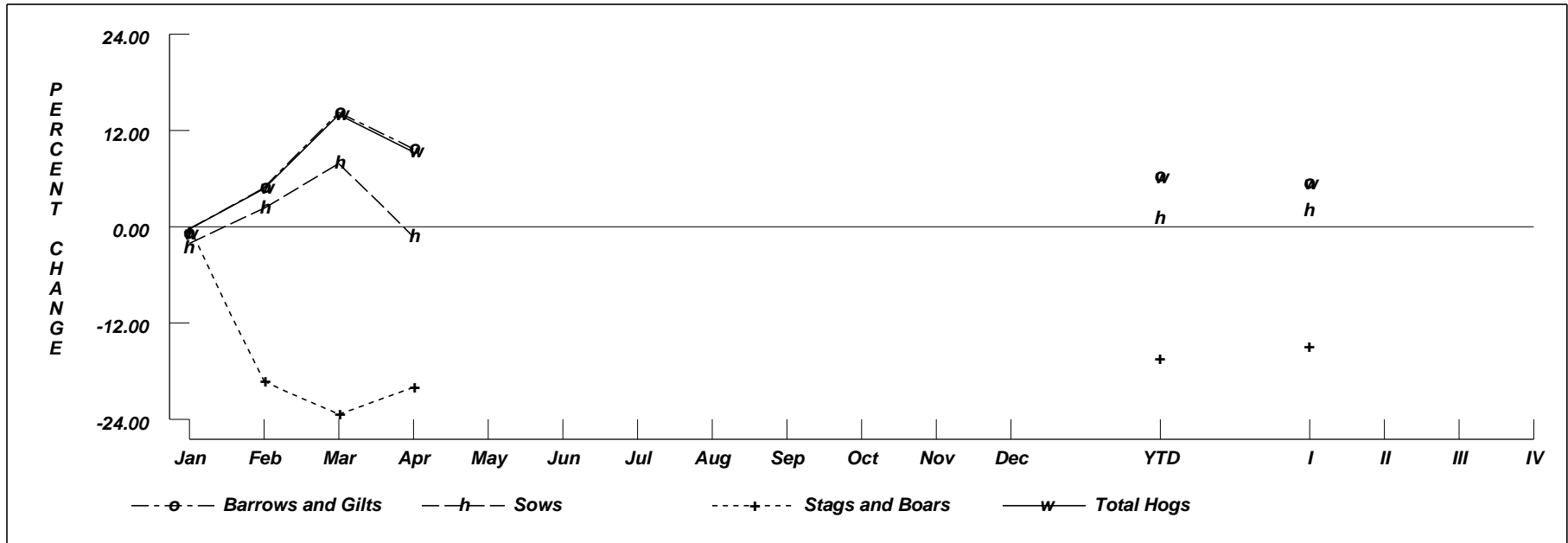
Federally and Provincially Inspected Hog Slaughter



	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	1,606,746	100.9	934,198	936,150	100.2	658,654	670,596	101.8	193,680	197,099	101.8
Feb	8,609	9,018	104.8	1,586,041	1,650,535	104.1	941,096	981,255	104.3	644,945	669,280	103.8	190,805	213,057	111.7
Mar	8,614	9,818	114.0	2,007,421	2,033,229	101.3	1,181,398	1,181,118	100.0	826,023	852,111	103.2	239,202	261,485	109.3
Apr	8,794	9,612	109.3	1,515,531	1,567,939	103.5	893,540	916,962	102.6	621,991	650,977	104.7	186,187	198,692	106.7
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	35,743	38,146	106.7	6,701,845	6,858,449	102.3	3,950,232	4,015,485	101.7	2,751,613	2,842,964	103.3	809,874	870,333	107.5
I	26,949	28,534	105.9	5,186,314	5,290,510	102.0	3,056,692	3,098,523	101.4	2,129,622	2,191,987	102.9	623,687	671,641	107.7
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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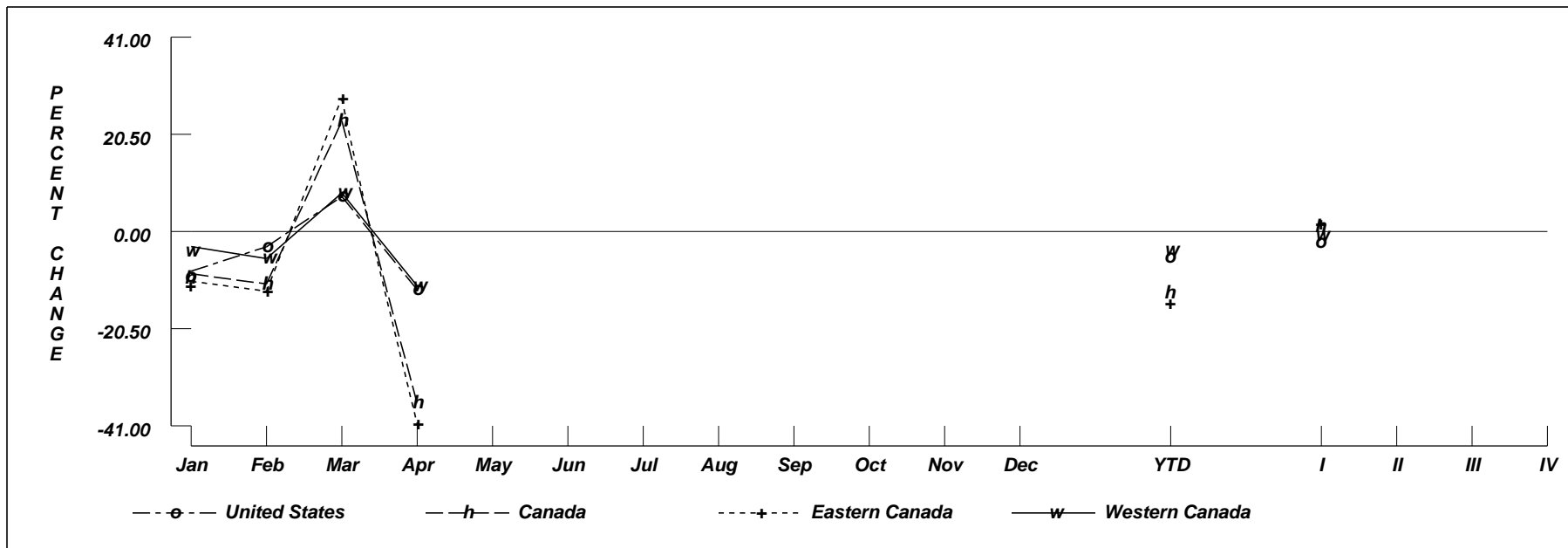
Sex of Federally Inspected Hog Kill: U.S.A. (Thousand Head)



	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	21	80.8	8,609	9,018	104.8
Mar	8,356	9,547	114.3	229	247	107.9	30	23	76.7	8,614	9,818	114.0
Apr	8,527	9,354	109.7	237	234	98.7	30	24	80.0	8,794	9,612	109.3
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	34,708	37,111	106.9	923	938	101.6	114	96	84.2	35,743	38,146	106.7
I	26,181	27,757	106.0	686	704	102.6	84	72	85.7	26,949	28,534	105.9
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	33,788	91.1	28,897	25,853	89.5	8,197	7,935	96.8
Feb	155	150	96.8	36,340	32,307	88.9	28,309	24,733	87.4	8,031	7,574	94.3
Mar	177	190	107.3	41,355	51,006	123.3	31,574	40,430	128.0	9,781	10,576	108.1
Apr	204	179	87.7	65,757	41,921	63.8	55,880	33,176	59.4	9,877	8,745	88.5
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	703	672	95.6	180,546	159,022	88.1	144,660	124,192	85.9	35,886	34,830	97.1
I	499	493	98.8	114,789	117,101	102.0	88,780	91,016	102.5	26,009	26,085	100.3
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	2,105			580,775			462,012			118,763		

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 NOTE: Eastern and Canadian totals shown do not include Atlantic provincial slaughter.