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National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Mr. Dennis J. Fixler
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Dear Mr. Fixler,

Thank you for your comments in support of the Federal Register Notice for the renewal of the Livestock Slaughter Survey. As you mentioned there are many agencies that rely on this data to give them a look at future meat supplies and future inventory levels.

At the current time no changes are planned to the current survey forms but NASS will keep BEA informed of any changes that would affect the data you use. Your willingness in helping provide support for this document to the Office of Management and Budget if needed is much appreciated.

Thank you again. We appreciate your interest and support of NASS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Summa".

Brad Summa
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