



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Below Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009.

**Beef production**, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,500 head, up 1 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,700 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

**January to April 2010 commercial red meat production** was 15.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009.

Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

**April 2009** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**April 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.



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## Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Type	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as % of		January - April <sup>1</sup>		
				April 2009	March 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,133.4	2,212.1	2,140.1	100	97	8,381.4	8,390.9	100
Veal .....	11.2	12.2	11.1	99	91	46.4	45.6	98
Pork .....	1,925.0	2,039.9	1,848.8	96	91	7,739.0	7,456.2	96
Lamb and mutton .....	15.5	17.6	13.0	84	74	57.3	55.7	97
Total red meat .....	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	98	94	16,224.0	15,948.4	98

<sup>1</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Type	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as % of		January - April <sup>1</sup>		
				April 2009	March 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,102.1	2,180.7	2,110.6	100	97	8,255.7	8,269.6	100
Veal .....	11.0	11.9	10.8	98	91	45.4	44.4	98
Pork .....	1,910.8	2,025.1	1,835.9	96	91	7,682.4	7,403.8	96
Lamb and mutton .....	14.7	17.0	12.3	84	72	54.9	53.4	97
Total red meat .....	4,038.6	4,234.7	3,969.6	98	94	16,038.5	15,771.2	98

<sup>1</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

# Livestock Slaughter, Number of Head and Average Live Weight - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Species	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as % of 2009	January - April <sup>1</sup>		
					2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,724.4	2,863.6	2,801.4	103	10,552.1	10,824.7	103
Other ..... 1,000	48.2	49.1	45.7	95	196.1	189.9	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,772.6	2,912.7	2,847.1	103	10,748.2	11,014.6	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	1,278	1,275	1,255	98	1,302	1,277	98
Other ..... pounds	1,143	1,135	1,132	99	1,141	1,133	99
Commercial ..... pounds	1,276	1,273	1,253	98	1,299	1,275	98
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	67.1	78.8	67.4	100	302.5	300.6	99
Other ..... 1,000	1.0	1.1	1.2	121	4.0	4.5	112
Commercial ..... 1,000	68.0	79.8	68.5	101	306.6	305.1	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	279	257	273	98	259	252	97
Other ..... pounds	408	429	435	107	409	432	105
Commercial ..... pounds	281	259	275	98	261	254	98
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,353.4	9,947.0	8,979.8	96	37,614.1	36,383.1	97
Other ..... 1,000	83.3	83.5	74.3	89	325.7	302.3	93
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,436.7	10,030.5	9,054.1	96	37,939.7	36,685.4	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	272	272	273	100	272	272	100
Other ..... pounds	237	246	240	101	242	242	100
Commercial ..... pounds	272	272	273	100	272	272	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	212.8	249.4	174.9	82	770.0	764.8	99
Other ..... 1,000	16.1	12.9	15.8	98	49.0	53.2	109
Commercial ..... 1,000	228.9	262.3	190.7	83	819.0	818.0	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	138	137	141	102	143	140	98
Other ..... pounds	93	89	86	93	98	89	91
Commercial ..... pounds	135	135	136	101	140	137	98
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	55.2	58.3	46.8	85	203.1	187.3	92
Other ..... 1,000	12.8	10.9	11.8	92	53.1	46.3	87
Commercial ..... 1,000	68.0	69.1	58.5	86	256.2	233.6	91
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	60	63	63	105	61	62	102
Other ..... pounds	70	71	73	104	70	68	97
Commercial ..... pounds	62	64	65	105	63	63	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.4	5.2	4.9	112	17.7	18.9	107
Other ..... 1,000	1.4	1.0	0.9	64	5.4	4.2	78
Commercial ..... 1,000	5.8	6.2	5.9	100	23.1	23.1	100

<sup>1</sup> Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

## Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as % of 2009 <sup>1</sup>
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	2.0	2.0	1.6	80
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	30.6	34.1	33.8	111
Arkansas .....	4.3	5.5	3.6	84
California .....	139.0	148.1	142.3	102
Colorado .....	169.7	193.8	168.7	99
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.1	3.8	3.2	105
Florida .....	8.5	10.2	9.6	113
Georgia .....	12.0	10.6	10.7	89
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.9	0.9	104
Idaho .....	19.2	17.4	16.4	85
Illinois .....	240.5	240.2	224.0	93
Indiana .....	144.0	140.6	147.8	103
Iowa .....	576.8	623.6	541.5	94
Kansas .....	443.9	442.0	434.5	98
Kentucky .....	46.7	50.4	44.5	95
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.6	0.5	89
Michigan .....	43.1	46.9	44.6	104
Minnesota .....	205.4	233.0	219.3	107
Mississippi .....	2.1	2.4	1.9	90
Missouri .....	148.9	154.1	143.6	96
Montana .....	1.7	1.2	1.6	94
Nebraska .....	580.4	596.9	577.8	100
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	94
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	1.2	1.1	1.2	101
New Jersey .....	4.2	4.8	4.6	109
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	78
New York .....	2.5	3.0	2.8	109
North Carolina .....	215.6	221.0	203.9	95
North Dakota .....	2.6	3.6	3.2	124
Ohio .....	24.6	26.1	24.0	98
Oklahoma .....	102.0	102.2	98.2	96
Oregon .....	4.5	4.9	4.7	103
Pennsylvania .....	106.4	120.1	103.6	97
South Carolina .....	19.8	21.9	21.2	107
South Dakota .....	80.4	89.6	80.4	100
Tennessee .....	15.8	21.6	16.2	103
Texas .....	432.0	415.9	412.9	96
Utah .....	35.5	39.2	35.3	99
Virginia .....	36.9	50.3	38.4	104
Washington .....	64.8	74.4	67.1	103
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.7	0.5	90
Wisconsin .....	111.1	122.2	121.5	109
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	82
United States .....	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	98

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter - States and United States: April 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	0.8	0.6	732	563	915	969
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	41.7	47.4	54,154	61,368	1,303	1,298
Arkansas .....	0.9	0.7	839	691	984	953
California .....	131.9	143.5	170,766	184,243	1,314	1,309
Colorado .....	199.5	205.4	259,536	257,537	1,302	1,254
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.4	3.6	4,468	4,677	1,314	1,303
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	21.9	19.2	21,418	19,467	984	1,021
Hawaii .....	0.9	1.0	1,060	1,082	1,122	1,064
Idaho .....	26.4	22.0	33,486	27,847	1,288	1,294
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.7	3.2	3,878	3,347	1,054	1,053
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	548.6	547.7	686,739	673,754	1,252	1,231
Kentucky .....	1.9	1.6	1,834	1,620	957	997
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.5	519	394	758	831
Michigan .....	50.1	53.9	67,762	71,552	1,358	1,335
Minnesota .....	62.7	74.0	87,855	103,185	1,409	1,401
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	102	92	788	645
Missouri .....	8.1	4.9	9,696	5,786	1,205	1,172
Montana .....	2.2	2.0	2,700	2,426	1,245	1,197
Nebraska .....	547.7	573.9	727,343	734,858	1,330	1,282
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	98	100	970	1,024
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.1	1.3	1,172	1,370	1,079	1,040
New Jersey .....	2.8	3.4	3,194	3,819	1,147	1,140
New Mexico .....	0.6	0.5	648	494	1,095	1,095
New York .....	2.3	2.8	2,770	3,285	1,213	1,188
North Carolina .....	18.7	19.8	21,546	23,161	1,157	1,177
North Dakota .....	1.2	2.0	1,567	2,434	1,257	1,240
Ohio .....	8.5	9.8	10,246	11,609	1,215	1,197
Oklahoma .....	2.5	2.5	2,875	2,534	1,157	1,009
Oregon .....	2.9	3.4	3,491	3,982	1,240	1,211
Pennsylvania .....	78.1	75.6	97,552	93,775	1,264	1,257
South Carolina .....	12.1	14.5	13,348	16,108	1,120	1,121
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.1	4.0	2,673	3,158	877	809
Texas .....	564.9	557.8	691,696	668,833	1,227	1,202
Utah .....	(D)	44.5	(D)	57,440	(D)	1,293
Virginia .....	1.0	1.0	1,085	1,033	1,078	1,073
Washington .....	83.6	85.6	105,839	109,080	1,271	1,279
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.6	752	684	1,139	1,169
Wisconsin .....	132.6	148.1	176,387	194,552	1,345	1,326
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.6	773	648	1,128	1,174
United States .....	2,772.6	2,847.1	3,526,020	3,553,969	1,276	1,253

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.



## Commercial Calf Slaughter - States and United States: April 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2009 (pounds)	2010 (pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
California .....	16.0	16.3	1,802	1,728	114	108
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.2	0.3	61	69	286	260
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	42	29	458	496
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	3.2	1.6	1,312	695	410	445
Indiana .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa .....	(D)	0.1	(D)	20	(D)	302
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	133	239	530	534
Michigan .....	1.5	1.5	675	638	445	418
Minnesota .....	0.1	-	42	-	463	-
Mississippi .....	-	0.1	-	33	-	486
Missouri .....	0.1	-	25	-	398	-
Montana .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	(D)	257	(D)	99	(D)
New Jersey .....	5.6	6.0	2,342	2,571	418	426
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	10.3	9.3	1,040	932	104	104
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	52	64	491	511
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	4.7	8.6	2,221	2,225	479	262
Oklahoma .....	-	0.1	-	23	-	448
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10.7	10.3	4,523	4,415	424	430
South Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	0.1	-	39	-	475	-
Texas .....	2.4	1.7	505	821	211	493
Utah .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia .....	(D)	0.1	(D)	30	(D)	376
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	8.3	(D)	3,663	(D)	441
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	68.0	68.5	18,899	18,659	281	275

- Represents zero.

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<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Commercial Hog Slaughter - States and United States: April 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	6.8	5.3	2,896	2,365	427	445
Alaska .....	-	0.2	-	31	-	187
Arizona .....	0.2	0.2	47	45	244	260
Arkansas .....	12.7	10.7	5,779	4,879	455	458
California .....	216.0	202.3	52,758	48,640	244	241
Colorado .....	0.7	0.6	182	149	258	254
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.9	1.0	223	253	241	250
Florida .....	6.2	5.4	1,088	793	175	146
Georgia .....	6.3	5.8	1,584	1,397	251	242
Hawaii .....	1.2	1.3	282	315	227	241
Idaho .....	10.3	8.9	2,651	2,223	257	252
Illinois .....	812.6	751.6	229,495	210,804	283	281
Indiana .....	700.3	727.3	186,967	191,926	267	264
Iowa .....	2,658.2	2,459.1	719,623	671,784	271	273
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	1.4	0.9	254	185	185	201
Michigan .....	9.2	6.7	3,498	2,684	381	402
Minnesota .....	795.2	816.5	209,473	217,406	264	267
Mississippi .....	10.1	8.3	2,892	2,561	285	309
Missouri .....	686.9	658.1	190,200	185,496	277	282
Montana .....	1.0	1.1	237	248	236	236
Nebraska .....	649.9	621.7	175,629	168,659	270	271
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	1.4	270	338	214	235
New Jersey .....	7.8	8.3	752	861	97	104
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.1	20	20	250	233
New York .....	1.9	1.9	353	356	188	188
North Carolina .....	1,019.7	972.7	270,232	254,611	265	262
North Dakota .....	9.4	9.4	2,435	2,449	260	260
Ohio .....	87.5	84.0	24,136	22,284	277	266
Oklahoma .....	473.9	456.1	131,722	126,988	278	278
Oregon .....	13.4	13.0	3,417	3,260	256	251
Pennsylvania .....	242.4	235.9	62,190	61,559	257	261
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	365.5	361.3	95,730	95,520	262	265
Tennessee .....	46.5	46.6	21,195	21,445	458	461
Texas .....	36.7	36.4	8,982	7,987	245	220
Utah .....	4.1	3.1	810	515	199	170
Virginia .....	177.7	185.2	47,722	49,590	269	268
Washington .....	2.2	(D)	525	(D)	234	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.4	112	83	245	219
Wisconsin .....	46.5	46.7	20,491	20,842	447	450
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	88	64	260	247
United States .....	9,436.7	9,054.1	2,565,380	2,466,226	272	273

- Represents zero.

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<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter - States and United States: April 2009 and 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2009 (pounds)	2010 (pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	0.2	0.2	27	30	136	135
Arkansas .....	0.1	-	6	-	116	-
California .....	(D)	23.2	(D)	3,341	(D)	145
Colorado .....	83.8	72.5	13,715	11,747	164	162
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.8	4.1	365	396	97	97
Florida .....	0.4	(D)	19	(D)	51	(D)
Georgia .....	0.4	0.4	33	28	85	70
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	8	7	142	145
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	27	24	135	131
Illinois .....	(D)	7.2	(D)	937	(D)	130
Indiana .....	4.4	3.8	452	420	103	110
Iowa .....	29.2	18.4	4,653	2,735	159	149
Kansas .....	0.3	0.2	29	21	102	94
Kentucky .....	1.0	0.8	126	100	126	123
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	22	21	55	76
Michigan .....	16.3	14.6	2,115	1,935	130	133
Minnesota .....	1.9	0.4	254	44	137	111
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	4	4	40	56
Missouri .....	0.4	0.5	53	54	126	118
Montana .....	0.3	0.2	28	22	93	95
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	8	7	152	124
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	11	9	136	133
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	3.0	414	264	82	88
New Jersey .....	16.5	11.6	1,207	934	73	81
New Mexico .....	1.2	1.2	188	173	150	142
New York .....	5.6	3.4	421	349	75	101
North Carolina .....	0.7	0.9	57	69	77	74
North Dakota .....	0.1	0.1	8	9	122	114
Ohio .....	1.9	0.9	207	96	109	105
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	14	13	109	96
Oregon .....	1.9	1.9	262	262	142	140
Pennsylvania .....	6.1	3.4	546	312	89	93
South Carolina .....	0.2	(D)	17	(D)	82	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	26	20	127	124
Tennessee .....	1.1	0.9	74	65	69	68
Texas .....	4.8	9.1	353	644	74	71
Utah .....	3.1	2.6	434	356	140	137
Virginia .....	2.0	1.0	187	92	95	93
Washington .....	0.5	0.6	90	106	173	164
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	0.9	106	127	134	135
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	11	8	164	155
United States .....	228.9	190.7	30,801	25,972	135	136

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	January - April		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	January - April	
				2009	2010				2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,386	1,397	1,396	5,169	5,244	50.9	48.8	49.8	49.0	48.4
Heifers .....	819	864	815	3,196	3,297	30.1	30.2	29.1	30.3	30.5
All cows .....	471	549	532	2,016	2,091	17.3	19.2	19.0	19.1	19.3
Dairy cows .....	215	256	235	978	946	7.9	9.0	8.4	9.3	8.7
Other cows .....	256	292	298	1,038	1,145	9.4	10.2	10.6	9.8	10.6
Bulls .....	48	54	58	171	193	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.8
Total .....	2,724	2,864	2,801	10,552	10,825	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	67	79	67	303	301	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,054	9,626	8,704	36,440	35,250	96.8	96.8	96.9	96.9	96.9
Sows .....	262	281	244	1,035	996	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7
Boars .....	37	40	32	140	138	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total .....	9,353	9,947	8,980	37,614	36,383	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10	15	15	36	53	4.6	6.0	8.4	4.7	6.9
Lambs and yearlings .....	203	235	160	734	712	95.4	94.0	91.6	95.3	93.1
Total .....	213	249	175	770	765	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

## Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight, By Class - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	January - April	
				2009	2010
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	774	764	756	785	767
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	829	820	809	845	824
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	767	760	749	786	765
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	613	616	612	620	614
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	884	875	884	879	873
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	165	153	162	152	150
<b>Hogs</b> .....	204	204	205	204	204
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	202	201	202	202	201
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	305	304	307	303	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	200	194	200	199	196
<b>Sheep</b> .....	69	68	70	71	70
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	67	66	64	67	65
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	69	69	71	72	70

<sup>1</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>2</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>3</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

## Federally Inspected Slaughter - Regions and United States: April 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	1.2	0.4	0.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2 .....	6.0	1.9	0.4	3.3	2.8	0.5	0.5	15.3
3 .....	78.3	32.2	6.6	37.6	29.9	7.8	1.9	10.6
4 .....	73.2	1.8	0.7	59.4	11.1	48.3	11.3	0.2
5 .....	356.3	160.8	43.7	141.0	75.0	66.0	10.8	20.4
6 .....	555.9	288.9	155.1	98.1	17.9	80.1	13.8	1.7
7 .....	1,166.1	638.7	459.7	59.0	0.9	58.1	8.6	0.1
8 .....	263.3	138.4	105.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9 .....	191.4	84.8	14.0	87.5	74.4	13.1	5.2	16.2
10 .....	109.7	48.5	28.7	29.1	16.2	12.8	3.5	(D)
United States .....	2,801.4	1,396.4	814.6	532.2	234.7	297.5	58.1	67.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1 .....	1.2	1.2	-	-	2.7	0.3	2.4	
2 .....	10.0	9.7	(D)	(D)	14.4	2.6	11.8	
3 .....	421.3	410.3	(D)	(D)	9.0	0.4	8.6	
4 .....	1,302.6	1,239.1	62.1	1.4	3.5	0.7	2.7	
5 .....	2,405.5	2,292.5	109.1	3.9	23.8	3.4	20.4	
6 .....	491.0	476.2	14.8	-	3.4	2.3	1.1	
7 .....	3,754.1	3,680.9	56.3	16.8	18.9	1.5	17.4	
8 .....	373.0	372.8	0.2	-	74.9	2.7	72.2	
9 .....	198.0	198.0	0.1	-	22.3	0.6	21.6	
10 .....	23.2	23.1	0.1	-	2.1	0.2	1.9	
United States .....	8,979.8	8,703.8	244.0	32.1	174.9	14.7	160.1	

- Represents zero.

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<sup>1</sup> States included in regions are as follows: 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; 2 - New Jersey, New York; 3 - Delaware-Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee; 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin; 6 - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas; 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 8- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

## Federally Inspected Slaughter - Regions and United States: January - April 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	4.3	1.9	0.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2 .....	22.2	7.4	1.4	11.8	10.1	1.6	1.6	67.7
3 .....	315.1	127.5	29.8	152.1	121.1	31.0	5.7	42.2
4 .....	277.1	7.7	2.7	227.8	47.1	180.7	39.0	0.8
5 .....	1,359.7	585.9	171.4	565.7	298.4	267.3	36.7	87.1
6 .....	2,102.4	1,076.9	629.4	349.4	75.8	273.6	46.8	13.6
7 .....	4,493.1	2,386.6	1,831.4	247.2	5.8	241.4	28.0	0.3
8 .....	1,068.7	544.2	449.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9 .....	739.3	322.0	55.2	347.6	299.0	48.6	14.5	80.6
10 .....	442.8	183.7	125.6	121.7	63.5	58.2	11.9	(D)
United States .....	10,824.7	5,243.6	3,297.0	2,091.3	946.2	1,145.1	192.8	300.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1 .....	3.9	3.8	0.1	0.1	8.6	0.9	7.7	
2 .....	39.7	39.0	(D)	(D)	58.2	7.5	50.7	
3 .....	1,763.9	1,707.2	(D)	(D)	33.7	2.0	31.6	
4 .....	5,412.7	5,129.1	277.8	5.8	13.6	2.8	10.8	
5 .....	9,460.1	9,032.3	413.7	14.0	99.7	11.9	87.8	
6 .....	1,925.4	1,845.7	79.4	0.3	12.2	6.7	5.5	
7 .....	15,403.7	15,120.3	217.6	65.8	107.1	3.3	103.8	
8 .....	1,471.9	1,471.0	0.9	-	329.0	15.4	313.6	
9 .....	807.0	806.6	0.3	-	94.9	1.7	93.3	
10 .....	94.8	94.5	0.2	-	7.8	0.6	7.2	
United States .....	36,383.1	35,249.6	995.8	137.7	764.8	52.8	712.0	

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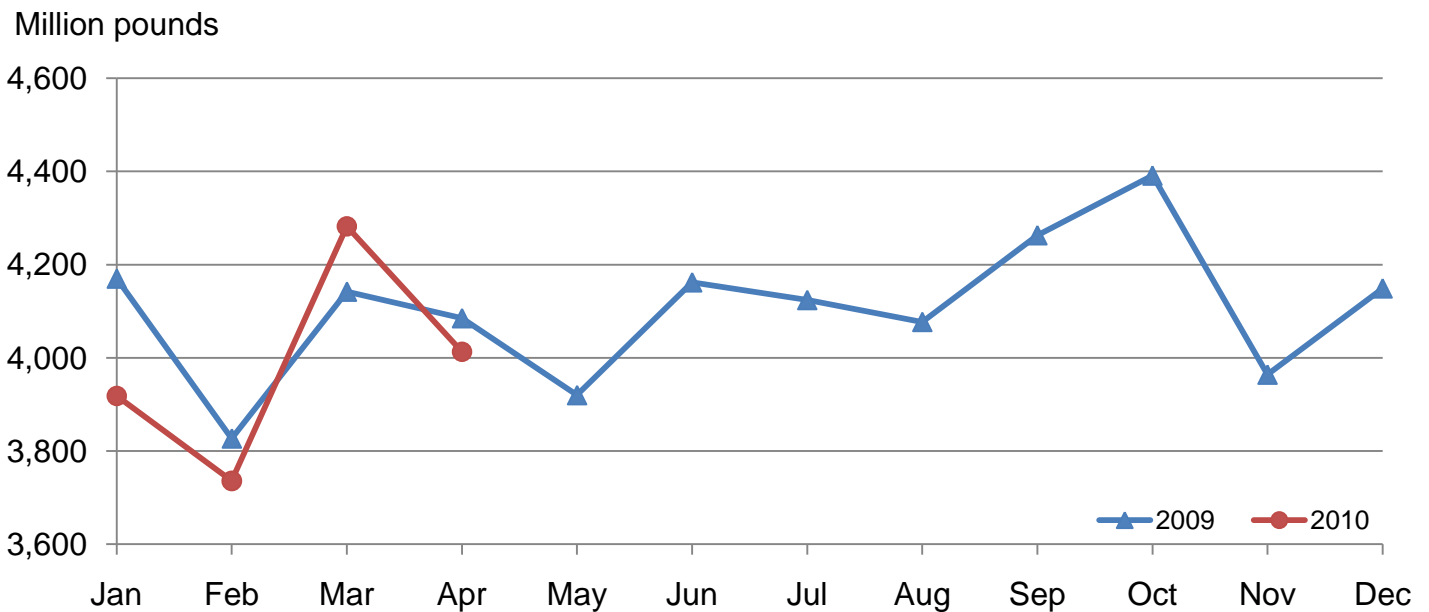
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## Federally Inspected Slaughter, Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter - United States

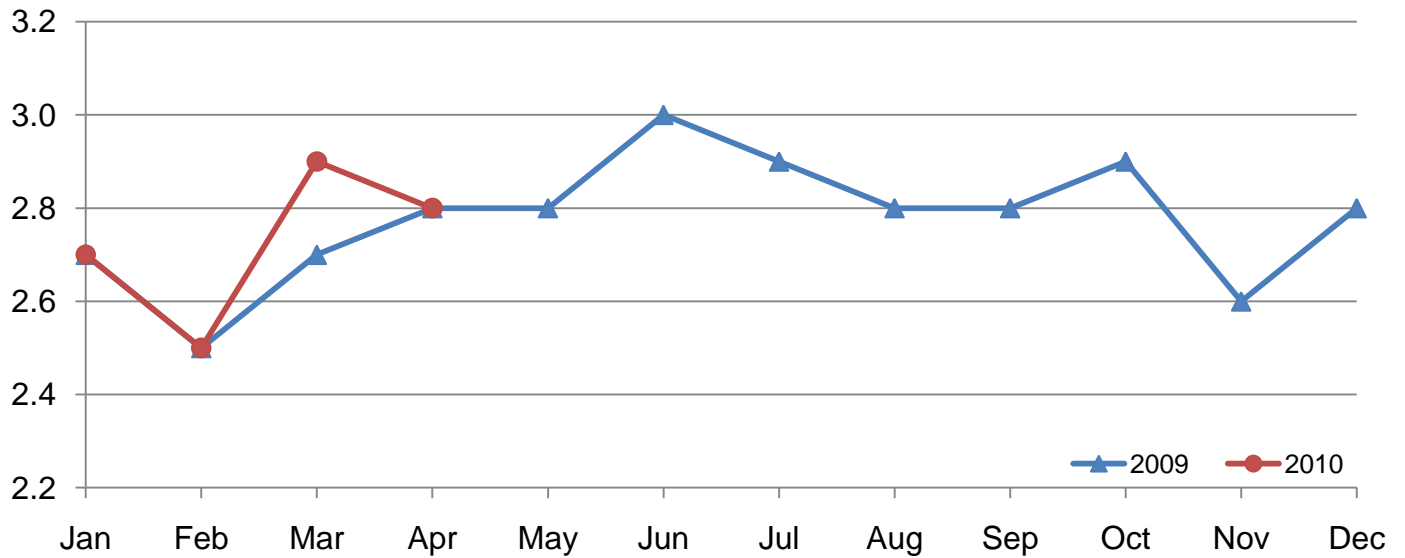
Species	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	January - April	
				2009	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.3	98.3	98.4	98.2	98.3
Calves .....	98.6	98.7	98.3	98.7	98.5
Hogs .....	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2
Sheep .....	93.0	95.1	91.7	94.0	93.5

## Commercial Red Meat Production - United States



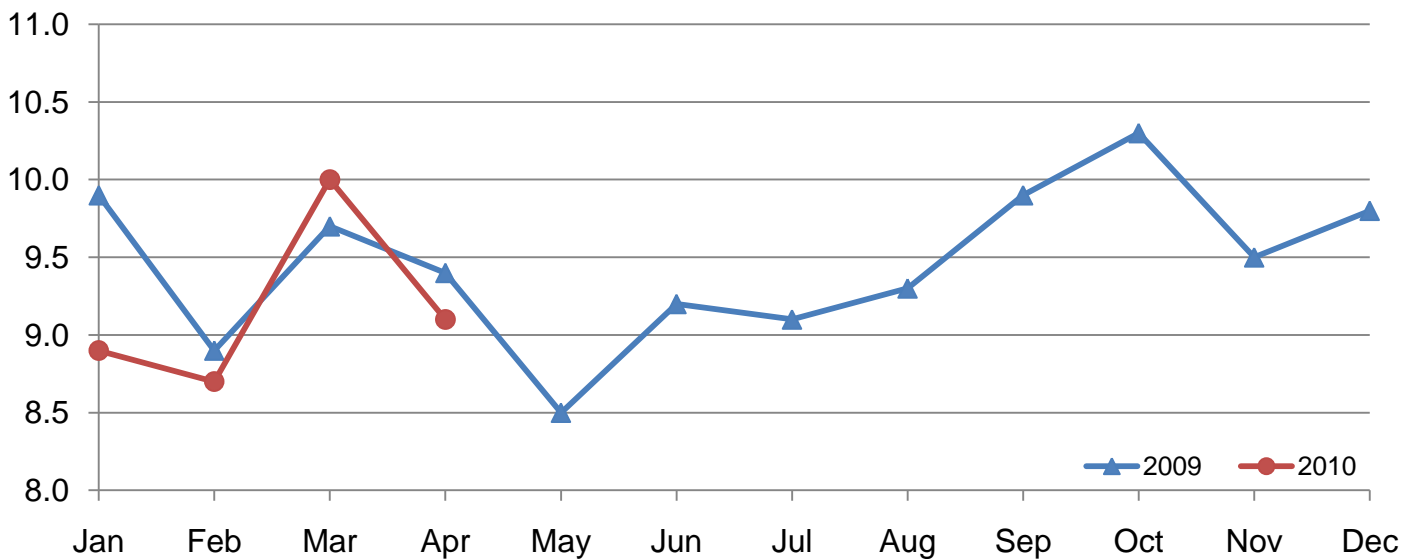
## Commercial Cattle Slaughter - United States

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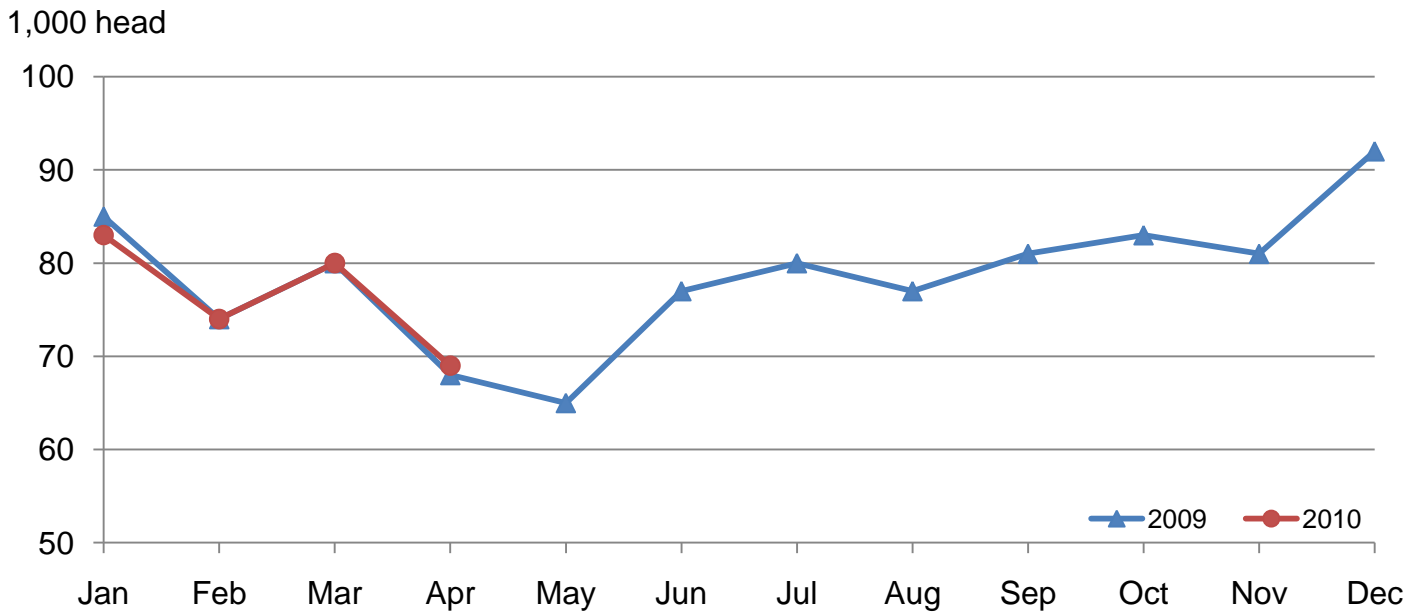
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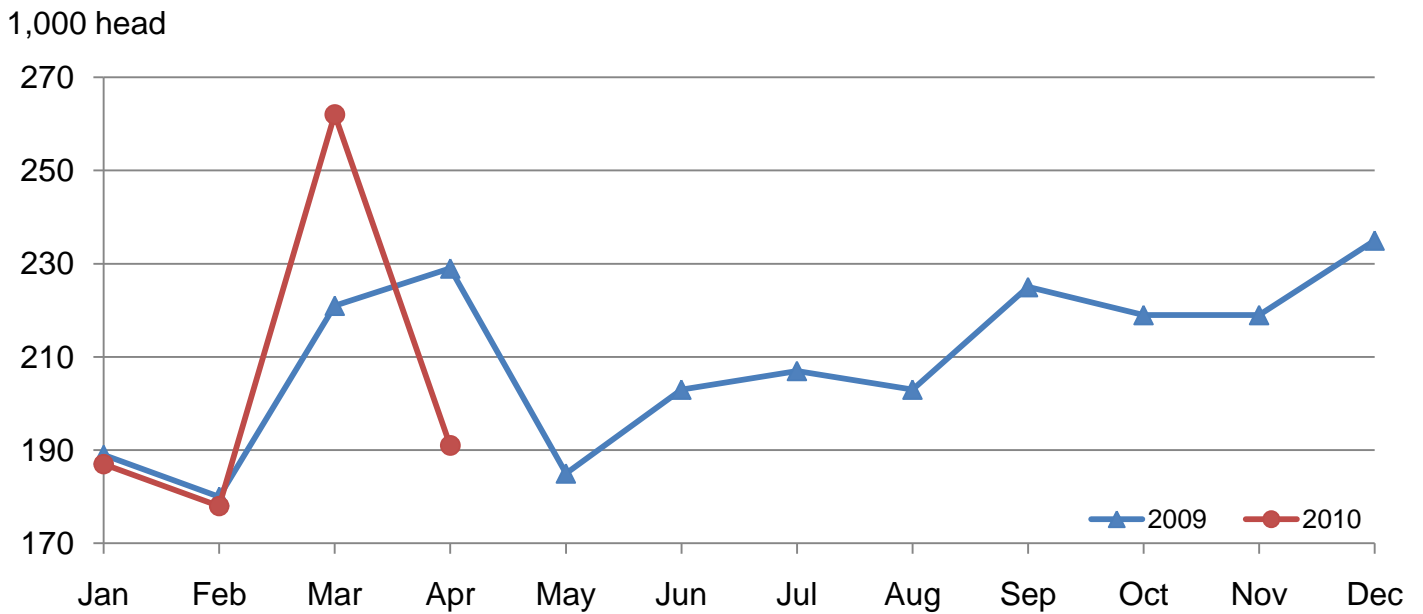




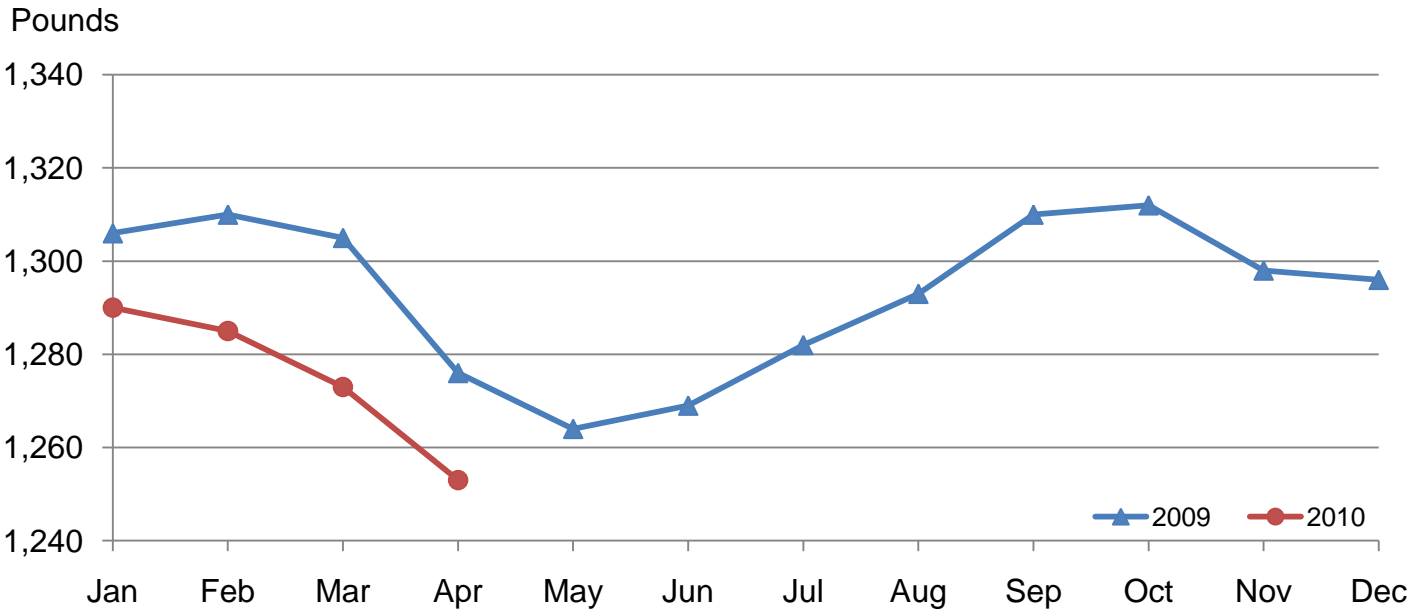
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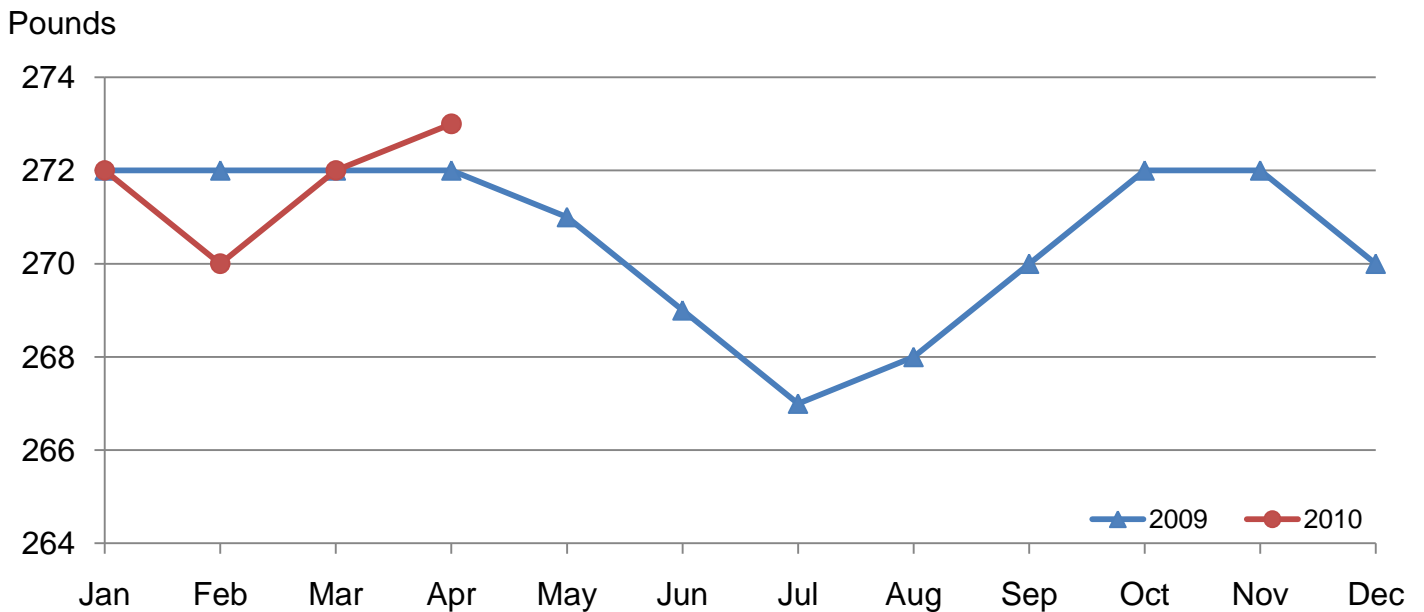
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## Commercial Cattle Slaughter - United States Average Live Weight

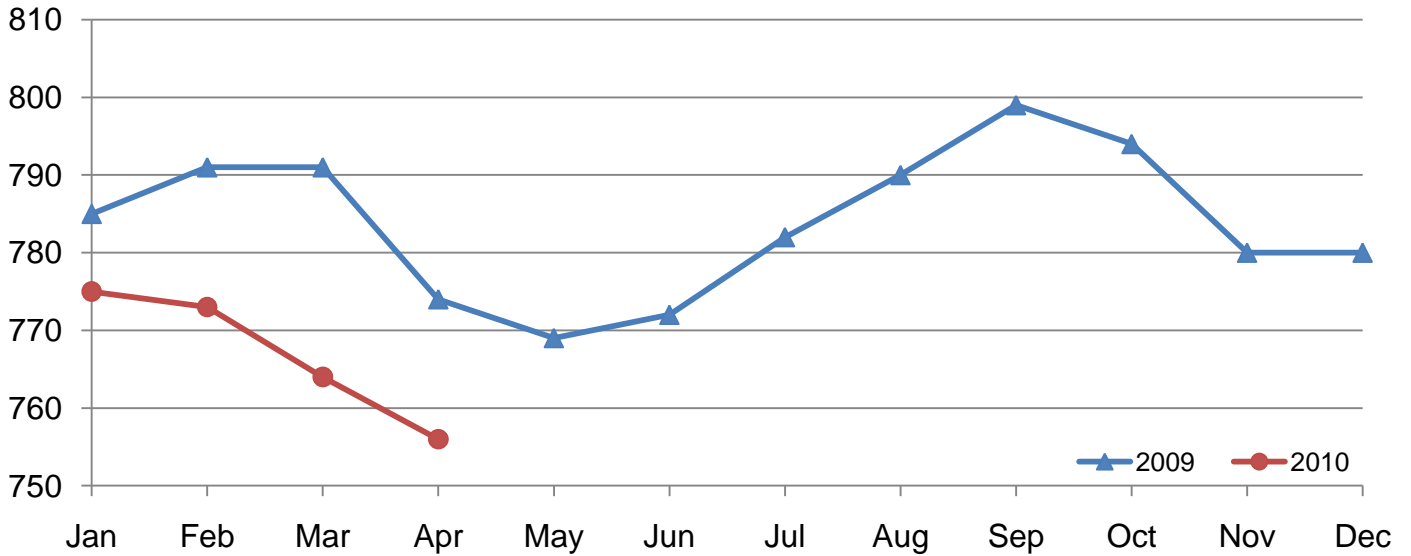


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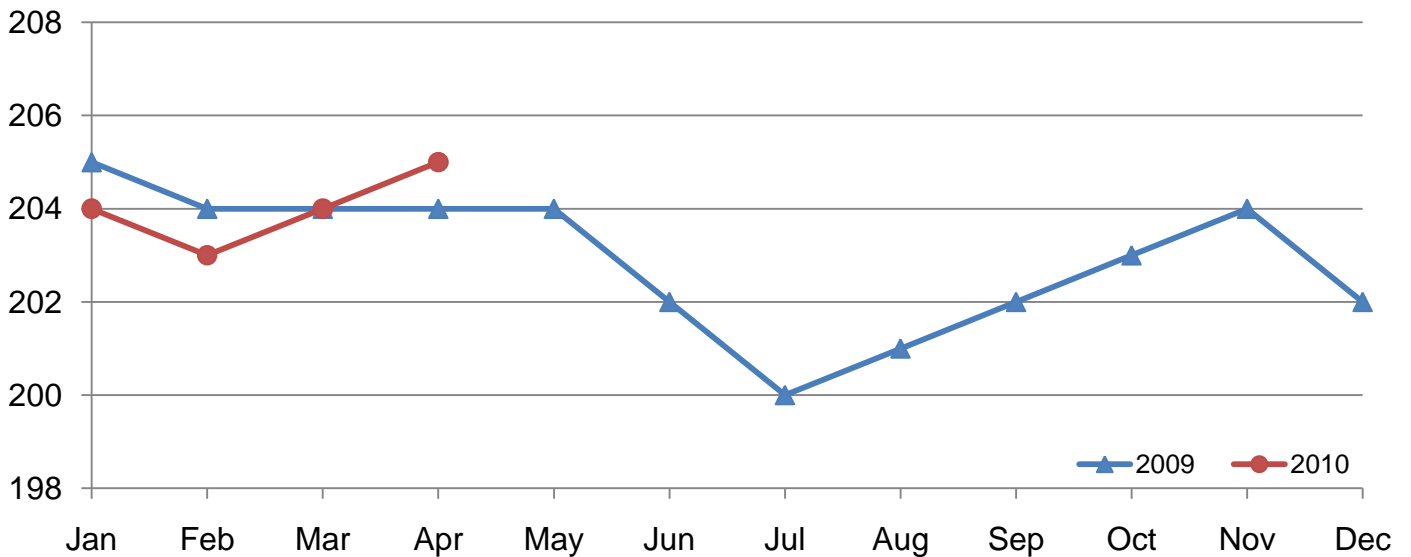
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Pounds



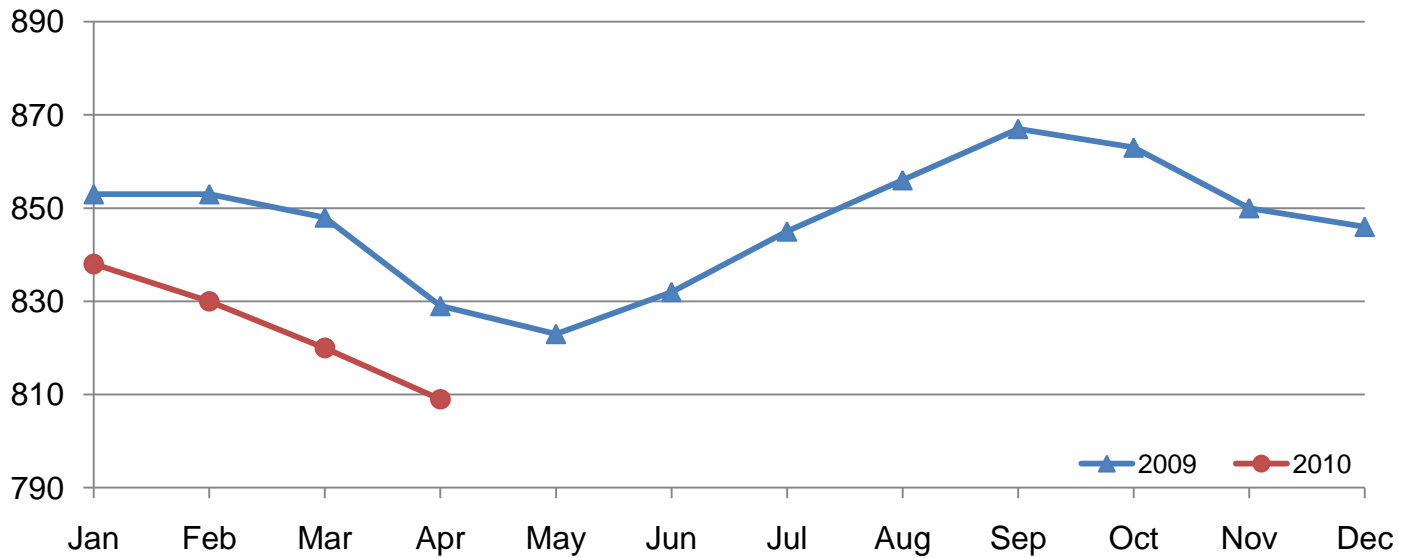
## Federally Inspected Hogs - United States Average Dressed Weight

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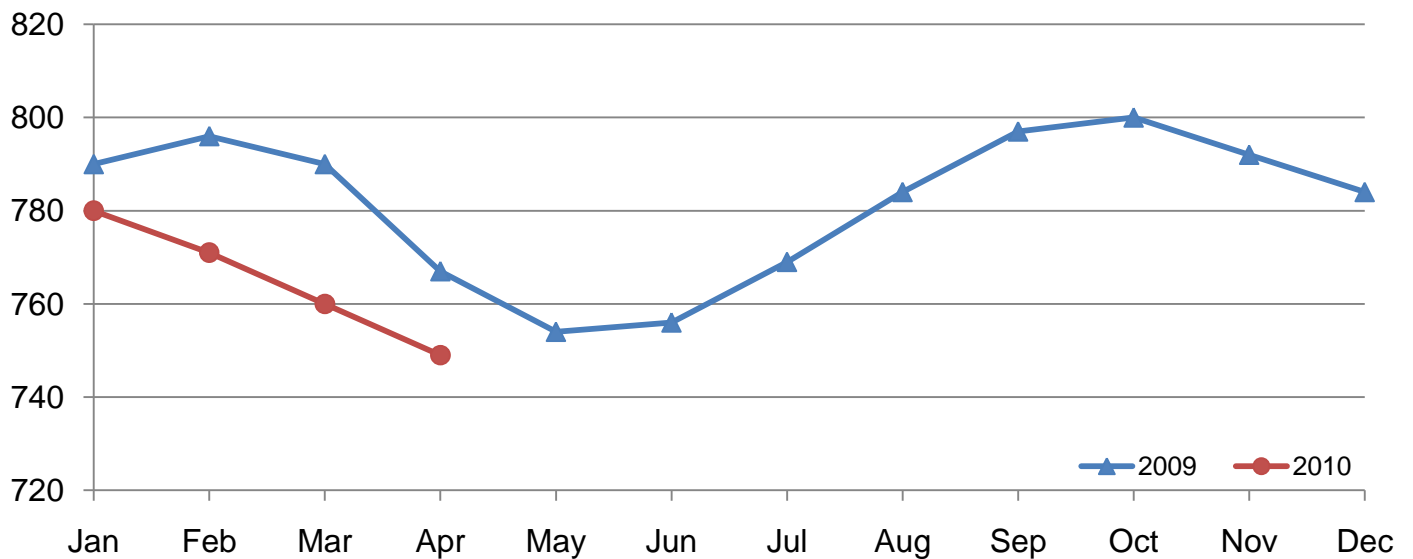
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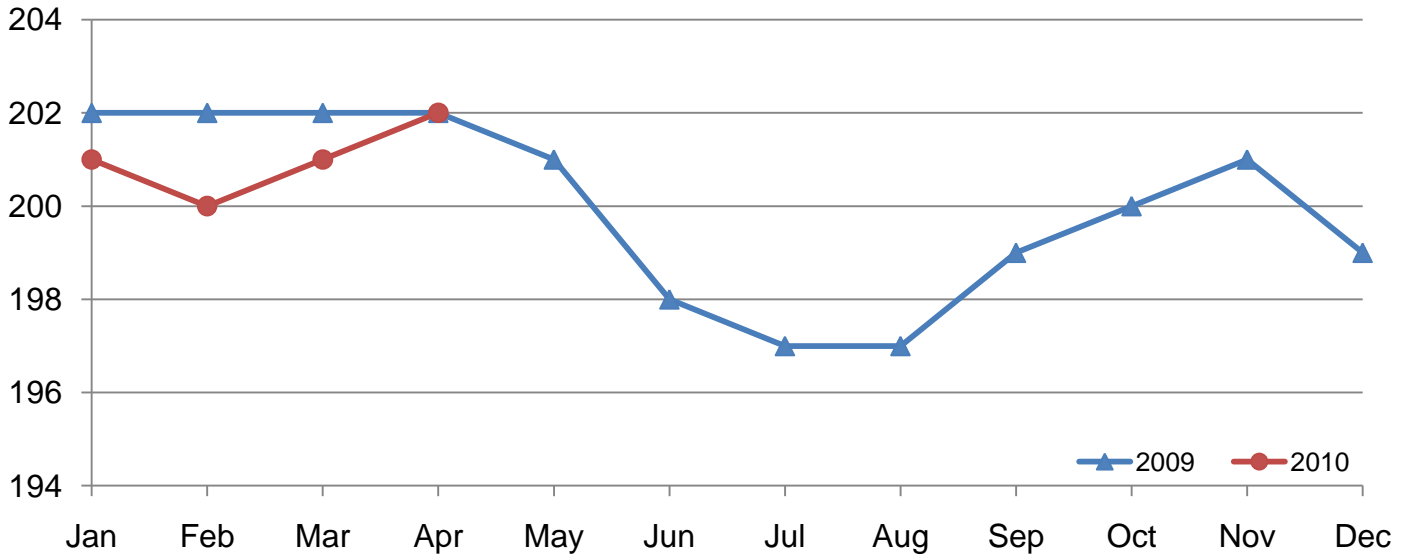
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Pounds



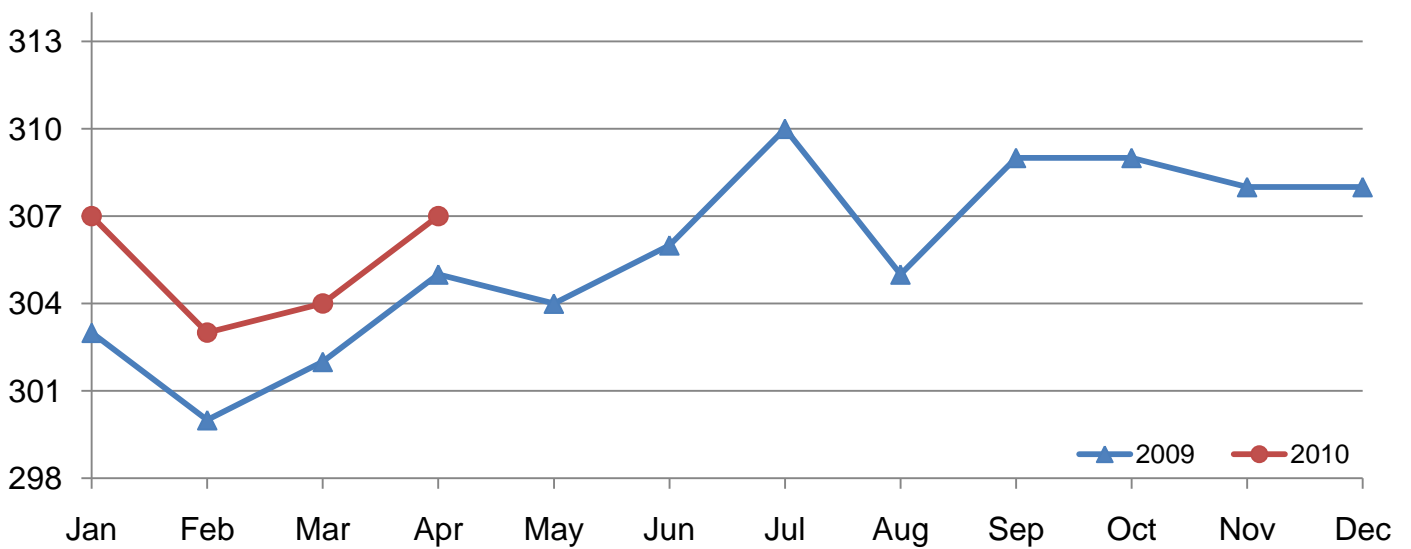
## Federally Inspected Barrows and Gilts - United States Average Dressed Weight

Pounds



## Federally Inspected Sows - United States Average Dressed Weight

Pounds



## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Primary data for the *Livestock Slaughter* publication are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates.

There are nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and over 2,000 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 23). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

**Revision Policy:** Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in April.

**Procedures and Reliability:** The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. A computer program compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the computer program provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Computer imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the United States head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics and are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the computer edit program and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, as indicated with a (D), these data are still included in United States and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Commercial Production:** Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Based on packers' dressed weights.

**Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

**Dressed Weight:** The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any state whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

**Food and Meat Inspection:** Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

**Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual state standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

**Red Meat:** Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is  $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$ .

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

**Slaughter, Farm:** Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

**Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by state employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Wholesome Meat Act:** Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

## Information Contacts

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