



Livestock Slaughter

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Lamb and Mutton Production Again at Record Low for Month

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 6 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down 1 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

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Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

[Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

Type	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2010 as % of		January - August		
				August 2009	July 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,184.2	2,230.4	2,287.4	105	103	17,305.5	17,317.4	100
Veal	10.6	10.9	11.2	106	103	89.6	88.6	99
Pork	1,868.9	1,702.3	1,815.0	97	107	15,000.8	14,426.0	96
Lamb and mutton	13.3	12.8	12.8	96	100	111.4	108.0	97
Total red meat	4,077.0	3,956.4	4,126.5	101	104	32,507.4	31,940.0	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

[Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

Type	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2010 as % of		January - August		
				August 2009	July 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,155.4	2,204.1	2,258.5	105	102	17,065.7	17,083.8	100
Veal	10.3	10.7	10.9	106	103	87.5	86.3	99
Pork	1,853.5	1,689.8	1,800.9	97	107	14,888.7	14,321.8	96
Lamb and mutton	12.6	11.9	11.9	95	100	105.8	102.4	97
Total red meat	4,031.8	3,916.5	4,082.2	101	104	32,147.8	31,594.3	98

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

[Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

Species	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2010 as % of 2009	January - August		
					2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,737.9	2,859.8	2,912.0	106	21,910.1	22,343.5	102
Other 1,000	44.0	40.4	44.0	100	372.4	363.1	97
Commercial 1,000	2,781.9	2,900.2	2,955.9	106	22,282.6	22,706.7	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspectedpounds	1,296	1,275	1,279	99	1,290	1,272	99
Otherpounds	1,147	1,137	1,147	100	1,136	1,133	100
Commercialpounds	1,293	1,273	1,277	99	1,288	1,270	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	75.6	74.1	74.9	99	597.2	576.0	96
Other 1,000	1.2	1.1	1.3	106	8.9	9.5	107
Commercial 1,000	76.8	75.1	76.2	99	606.1	585.5	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspectedpounds	231	249	251	109	251	256	102
Otherpounds	389	433	417	107	405	426	105
Commercialpounds	234	251	254	109	253	259	102
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,250.3	8,395.5	9,030.4	98	73,406.3	70,674.2	96
Other 1,000	89.7	73.7	82.9	92	657.3	608.5	93
Commercial 1,000	9,340.0	8,469.3	9,113.2	98	74,063.6	71,282.7	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspectedpounds	268	269	267	100	271	271	100
Otherpounds	239	235	236	99	238	238	100
Commercialpounds	268	269	267	100	270	271	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	186.6	178.3	184.8	99	1,497.8	1,489.5	99
Other 1,000	16.9	19.1	19.2	114	119.5	124.6	104
Commercial 1,000	203.4	197.4	204.0	100	1,617.2	1,614.0	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspectedpounds	135	134	129	95	141	138	98
Otherpounds	95	98	97	103	96	93	97
Commercialpounds	131	131	126	96	138	134	97
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	60.5	50.2	58.5	97	427.4	394.6	92
Other 1,000	14.2	11.9	16.4	115	108.9	96.8	89
Commercial 1,000	74.8	62.1	74.9	100	536.4	491.4	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspectedpounds	62	61	62	100	61	62	102
Otherpounds	70	75	54	77	71	69	97
Commercialpounds	63	64	60	95	63	63	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.9	4.7	3.7	97	34.9	36.3	104
Other 1,000	1.1	0.8	0.8	75	10.0	7.5	75
Commercial 1,000	4.9	5.5	4.5	92	45.0	43.8	97

Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

State	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.9	1.8	1.9	100
Alaska	0.1	-	0.1	119
Arizona	30.7	31.5	32.8	107
Arkansas	5.2	3.7	4.4	85
California	137.3	144.1	146.9	107
Colorado	176.8	178.3	183.4	104
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	2.9	3.4	101
Florida	9.0	9.5	9.7	108
Georgia	9.7	9.5	9.8	102
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1.0	116
Idaho	18.3	17.0	17.4	95
Illinois	236.1	208.1	225.7	96
Indiana	142.1	136.7	143.6	101
Iowa	586.3	496.3	524.6	89
Kansas	450.6	465.6	485.0	108
Kentucky	43.4	41.8	44.4	102
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	0.4	93
Michigan	43.7	42.4	43.9	101
Minnesota	212.4	216.8	222.8	105
Mississippi	2.2	1.6	2.0	91
Missouri	145.0	127.5	133.1	92
Montana	1.3	1.3	1.5	115
Nebraska	593.4	600.4	603.5	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	63
New England ¹	1.4	1.3	1.6	115
New Jersey	4.1	4.5	4.9	120
New Mexico	0.4	0.3	0.4	104
New York	2.7	2.6	2.9	108
North Carolina	198.2	182.3	195.6	99
North Dakota	2.4	3.1	4.0	165
Ohio	24.7	24.2	26.2	106
Oklahoma	89.6	90.3	95.3	106
Oregon	5.1	4.4	5.3	104
Pennsylvania	100.6	99.4	106.8	106
South Carolina	18.2	19.5	19.7	108
South Dakota	75.4	72.9	81.9	109
Tennessee	22.8	20.0	21.4	94
Texas	430.7	434.5	448.4	104
Utah	36.1	38.3	39.8	110
Virginia	32.8	36.1	40.8	124
Washington	66.6	73.8	75.6	113
West Virginia	0.6	0.4	0.7	111
Wisconsin	113.6	110.0	113.0	100
Wyoming	0.9	0.5	0.8	94
United States	4,077.0	3,956.4	4,126.5	101

- Represents zero.

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter - States and United States: August 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	0.5	0.4	509	395	936	926
Alaska	0.1	0.1	67	85	1,152	1,098
Arizona	45.4	44.1	57,325	56,893	1,268	1,294
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	651	615	1,008	981
California	134.1	147.2	170,321	186,690	1,287	1,292
Colorado	202.4	215.5	269,830	282,196	1,334	1,310
Delaware-Maryland	3.6	3.6	4,732	4,668	1,300	1,282
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	17.6	17.8	17,525	17,521	1,002	990
Hawaii	0.9	1.2	1,080	1,324	1,145	1,124
Idaho	25.3	23.2	31,364	28,725	1,260	1,257
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.5	3.4	3,712	3,549	1,059	1,056
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	536.8	585.9	694,317	751,072	1,294	1,282
Kentucky	1.3	1.3	1,243	1,275	948	1,000
Louisiana	0.6	0.4	418	320	691	784
Michigan	51.1	51.9	69,324	69,643	1,364	1,349
Minnesota	69.2	76.6	97,379	105,948	1,417	1,388
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	42	57	652	495
Missouri	6.7	4.3	8,111	5,181	1,218	1,199
Montana	1.4	1.7	1,773	2,077	1,230	1,231
Nebraska	563.6	591.2	755,154	770,271	1,341	1,304
Nevada	0.2	0.1	173	101	953	1,052
New England ¹	1.3	1.7	1,322	1,742	1,025	1,027
New Jersey	2.8	3.7	3,199	4,236	1,147	1,152
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	573	550	1,106	1,119
New York	2.6	2.6	3,131	3,065	1,222	1,180
North Carolina	17.9	19.3	21,168	22,434	1,188	1,169
North Dakota	1.2	2.7	1,438	3,367	1,220	1,228
Ohio	8.2	10.0	9,843	11,876	1,204	1,191
Oklahoma	2.0	2.1	2,087	2,011	1,048	968
Oregon	3.7	3.6	4,235	4,245	1,200	1,200
Pennsylvania	73.7	82.7	89,783	99,682	1,234	1,219
South Carolina	13.1	14.7	14,551	16,177	1,119	1,113
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	2.6	3.2	2,208	2,692	865	857
Texas	552.8	584.7	686,832	720,821	1,245	1,236
Utah	(D)	48.9	(D)	64,406	(D)	1,319
Virginia	0.7	0.8	754	867	1,036	1,044
Washington	83.3	93.0	107,613	121,877	1,297	1,317
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	707	767	1,155	1,161
Wisconsin	136.0	139.9	181,893	182,626	1,349	1,317
Wyoming	0.8	0.8	1,031	962	1,226	1,207
United States	2,781.9	2,955.9	3,587,063	3,763,591	1,293	1,277

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Commercial Calf Slaughter - States and United States: August 2009 and 2010

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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	21.9	19.6	2,264	2,066	105	106
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.3	69	85	270	265
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	0.1	0.1	32	33	488	495
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1.4	1.6	604	724	445	444
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	0.1	-	37	-	471
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	180	250	504	525
Michigan	1.3	1.6	570	679	430	432
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	0.1	0.1	19	18	328	349
Montana	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	3.3	(D)	315	(D)	96	(D)
New Jersey	5.4	6.0	2,324	2,515	430	421
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	8.9	11.7	828	1,181	95	104
North Carolina	0.1	0.2	61	105	454	481
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	10.3	11.3	2,198	2,522	213	232
Oklahoma	-	0.1	-	27	-	391
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.6	10.3	4,536	4,359	427	425
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	3.6	1.3	407	372	114	301
Utah	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	(D)	0.1	(D)	37	(D)	378
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Wisconsin	(D)	8.2	(D)	3,637	(D)	447
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	76.8	76.2	17,787	19,082	234	254

- Represents zero.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter - States and United States: August 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	6.7	7.1	2,891	3,108	432	442
Alaska	0.1	0.1	33	36	227	255
Arizona	-	0.1	-	23	-	262
Arkansas	15.8	13.5	7,305	6,175	463	459
California	214.3	217.5	51,792	52,041	242	239
Colorado	1.7	1.7	431	427	253	250
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	2.0	440	469	242	237
Florida	8.2	7.9	951	927	116	117
Georgia	5.6	5.8	1,459	1,456	259	251
Hawaii	1.3	1.4	314	340	234	245
Idaho	8.4	9.5	2,127	2,383	254	251
Illinois	787.5	771.6	216,848	210,005	276	272
Indiana	708.7	721.3	184,763	186,777	261	259
Iowa	2,722.4	2,410.0	729,410	644,206	268	268
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.8	0.7	148	124	193	181
Michigan	12.1	11.6	4,289	3,780	354	325
Minnesota	799.3	827.8	210,309	218,932	264	265
Mississippi	10.0	8.9	3,122	2,841	313	321
Missouri	673.3	636.6	186,619	172,536	277	271
Montana	1.5	1.5	343	366	232	240
Nebraska	618.2	627.8	163,698	168,254	265	268
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.0	2.6	401	519	204	198
New Jersey	8.3	8.5	793	864	95	101
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	71	76	239	242
New York	2.9	3.0	523	545	181	184
North Carolina	987.0	960.9	249,100	245,149	253	255
North Dakota	9.2	11.2	2,351	2,879	256	258
Ohio	91.6	94.3	24,754	24,801	271	264
Oklahoma	433.7	474.7	116,998	124,663	270	263
Oregon	14.4	15.3	3,613	3,792	252	248
Pennsylvania	241.1	238.6	61,649	60,820	256	255
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	344.3	377.5	89,413	98,285	260	260
Tennessee	69.2	64.9	31,775	29,423	461	454
Texas	34.1	33.6	8,423	6,961	247	207
Utah	5.5	4.6	1,159	714	213	157
Virginia	163.6	200.8	42,669	52,883	261	263
Washington	2.1	(D)	440	(D)	208	(D)
West Virginia	0.8	1.0	191	233	228	243
Wisconsin	45.0	42.9	19,339	18,713	435	440
Wyoming	1.1	1.1	292	279	262	260
United States	9,340.0	9,113.2	2,500,176	2,427,975	268	267

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter - States and United States: August 2009 and 2010

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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	0.3	0.3	24	29	94	113
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	13	11	101	110
California	(D)	25.2	(D)	3,299	(D)	131
Colorado	64.8	64.7	10,059	9,495	155	147
Delaware-Maryland	4.4	5.2	426	508	96	98
Florida	0.3	(D)	14	(D)	55	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.8	17	53	70	70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	0.7	0.4	90	48	139	127
Illinois	(D)	10.7	(D)	1,367	(D)	128
Indiana	3.6	3.8	381	418	105	111
Iowa	35.1	20.7	5,205	2,778	148	135
Kansas	0.4	0.5	42	51	112	110
Kentucky	1.1	1.2	109	141	103	122
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	25	30	60	56
Michigan	17.9	17.7	2,315	2,242	130	127
Minnesota	1.5	1.2	203	144	134	117
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	5	10	59	55
Missouri	0.6	0.7	75	84	120	115
Montana	0.4	0.3	50	44	135	131
Nebraska	0.2	0.1	32	15	146	127
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	15	126	124
New England ¹	3.2	2.7	276	244	86	91
New Jersey	12.2	14.2	989	1,154	81	81
New Mexico	0.9	1.4	128	201	137	141
New York	2.9	3.4	279	328	96	95
North Carolina	1.0	1.6	78	130	76	80
North Dakota	-	0.1	-	7	-	122
Ohio	1.1	1.4	117	149	107	106
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	11	10	113	107
Oregon	2.1	2.4	277	321	135	132
Pennsylvania	4.1	4.0	407	392	99	98
South Carolina	0.1	(D)	10	(D)	79	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	43	42	131	134
Tennessee	1.4	1.6	100	119	74	73
Texas	7.0	8.6	523	701	75	82
Utah	3.3	2.5	431	339	131	138
Virginia	1.4	1.4	133	135	98	98
Washington	0.7	0.8	114	126	158	160
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.5	1.2	192	150	130	129
Wyoming	0.4	0.3	52	48	134	144
United States	203.4	204.0	26,720	25,602	131	126

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Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	January - August		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	January - August	
				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)
Cattle										
Steers	1,386	1,475	1,461	11,049	11,142	50.6	51.6	50.2	50.4	49.9
Heifers	800	824	881	6,477	6,640	29.2	28.8	30.3	29.6	29.7
All cows	501	511	515	4,011	4,153	18.3	17.9	17.7	18.3	18.6
Dairy cows	239	226	231	1,912	1,826	8.7	7.9	7.9	8.7	8.2
Other cows	262	285	284	2,100	2,327	9.6	10.0	9.8	9.6	10.4
Bulls	50	50	55	373	408	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8
Total	2,738	2,860	2,912	21,910	22,344	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	76	74	75	597	576	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,929	8,126	8,759	70,995	68,473	96.5	96.8	97.0	96.7	96.9
Sows	288	240	244	2,129	1,946	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.8
Boars	33	30	27	282	255	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total	9,250	8,396	9,030	73,406	70,674	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	13	10	12	86	103	7.0	5.9	6.7	5.7	6.9
Lambs and yearlings	173	168	172	1,412	1,386	93.0	94.1	93.3	94.3	93.1
Total	187	178	185	1,498	1,489	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	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	January - August	
				2009	2010
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	790	773	778	782	767
Steers ¹	856	834	842	842	825
Heifers ¹	784	760	767	776	760
All cows ¹	604	604	604	613	611
Bulls ¹	890	886	883	884	881
Calves and vealers	137	146	148	148	152
Hogs	201	201	200	203	203
Barrows and gilts ²	197	198	197	200	200
Sows ²	305	306	303	305	306
Boars ²	199	199	195	198	198
Sheep	67	67	64	71	69
Mature sheep ³	61	65	68	65	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	68	67	64	71	69

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter - Regions and United States: August 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	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	1.5	0.7	0.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	6.2	2.3	0.3	3.1	2.7	0.5	0.5	17.7
3	86.0	38.4	6.8	39.1	31.1	8.0	1.7	10.7
4	71.3	1.5	0.6	59.2	12.2	46.9	9.9	0.3
5	350.9	157.1	41.4	142.0	82.1	59.9	10.5	22.9
6	583.1	284.5	190.9	94.7	20.8	73.9	13.0	1.2
7	1,225.1	667.3	493.3	56.4	1.5	54.9	8.1	0.1
8	277.4	160.4	98.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	191.9	96.4	14.2	76.8	59.8	17.0	4.5	19.5
10	118.6	52.3	35.2	27.3	13.2	14.1	3.9	(D)
United States	2,912.0	1,460.8	881.0	515.1	230.9	284.2	55.0	74.9
	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	2.2	2.2	-	-	2.5	0.4	2.1	
2	11.2	11.0	(D)	(D)	16.9	1.9	15.0	
3	439.7	434.0	(D)	(D)	11.4	0.3	11.0	
4	1,311.0	1,228.1	82.2	0.7	5.3	1.1	4.3	
5	2,432.0	2,332.1	95.2	4.7	30.7	4.0	26.7	
6	517.4	498.0	19.4	-	2.8	1.4	1.3	
7	3,684.7	3,621.4	46.2	17.1	21.5	0.4	21.1	
8	393.0	392.9	0.1	-	66.8	2.0	64.9	
9	213.1	213.1	-	-	24.1	0.8	23.3	
10	26.2	26.2	0.1	-	2.8	0.1	2.7	
United States	9,030.4	8,758.9	244.4	27.0	184.8	12.4	172.4	

- Represents zero.

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

¹ 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 - August 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	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)	(1,000 head)
1	9.6	4.1	2.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	45.4	15.0	2.8	23.9	20.5	3.4	3.6	130.5
3	643.9	270.1	57.7	303.0	240.9	62.0	13.1	82.3
4	556.8	14.2	5.3	460.3	89.0	371.3	77.0	1.8
5	2,757.5	1,232.0	331.2	1,116.2	612.0	504.2	78.1	172.3
6	4,419.4	2,245.1	1,345.9	729.8	143.5	586.3	98.6	18.3
7	9,318.1	5,104.0	3,673.5	480.4	10.9	469.5	60.2	0.4
8	2,174.2	1,170.5	855.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	1,508.3	688.2	114.5	673.5	541.6	131.9	32.0	148.3
10	910.5	398.5	251.8	233.8	115.2	118.6	26.5	(D)
United States	22,343.5	11,141.8	6,640.3	4,153.3	1,826.0	2,327.3	408.1	576.0
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
								(1,000 head)
1	11.0	10.6	0.3	0.2	16.9	1.9	15.0	
2	82.1	80.6	(D)	(D)	116.9	14.9	102.1	
3	3,410.6	3,319.8	(D)	(D)	72.8	3.6	69.2	
4	10,367.3	9,799.5	558.6	9.2	31.3	6.7	24.5	
5	18,747.2	17,905.3	810.3	31.7	208.1	26.8	181.3	
6	3,857.9	3,710.4	147.3	0.3	26.1	14.8	11.3	
7	29,474.9	28,926.5	416.6	131.8	193.0	6.0	187.0	
8	2,919.9	2,918.4	1.4	0.1	597.0	22.8	574.3	
9	1,611.4	1,610.8	0.5	0.1	209.8	4.7	205.1	
10	191.9	191.4	0.4	0.1	17.5	1.3	16.2	
United States	70,674.2	68,473.2	1,946.0	255.1	1,489.5	103.4	1,386.0	

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

Species	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	January - August	
				2009	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.6	98.5	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.4	98.6	98.3	98.5	98.4
Hogs	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1
Sheep	91.7	90.3	90.6	92.6	92.3

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 15). 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.

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Monday October 25, 2010

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