



Livestock Slaughter

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Lamb and Mutton Production Continues Record Low Trend

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in September 2009.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 3 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, down 6 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from September a year ago.

January to September 2010 commercial red meat production was 36.1 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 4 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

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

Type	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January - September		
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,234.1	2,287.5	2,252.8	101	98	19,539.5	19,570.3	100
Veal	11.7	11.2	11.3	96	101	101.3	99.9	99
Pork	2,002.1	1,815.0	1,883.3	94	104	17,002.9	16,309.3	96
Lamb and mutton	14.8	12.8	13.1	88	102	126.2	121.1	96
Total red meat	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98	101	36,770.0	36,100.5	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

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

Type	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January - September		
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,202.4	2,258.5	2,222.1	101	98	19,268.2	19,305.9	100
Veal	11.4	10.9	11.0	96	100	98.9	97.3	98
Pork	1,986.4	1,800.9	1,867.8	94	104	16,875.1	16,189.6	96
Lamb and mutton	13.9	11.9	12.1	87	102	119.7	114.5	96
Total red meat	4,214.2	4,082.2	4,113.0	98	101	36,361.9	35,707.3	98

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

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

Species	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of 2009	January - September		
					2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,766.1	2,912.0	2,850.8	103	24,676.3	25,194.3	102
Other 1,000	48.6	44.0	47.4	98	421.0	410.5	97
Commercial 1,000	2,814.7	2,956.0	2,898.2	103	25,097.3	25,604.9	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,313	1,279	1,292	98	1,293	1,274	99
Other pounds	1,145	1,147	1,140	100	1,137	1,134	100
Commercial pounds	1,310	1,277	1,289	98	1,290	1,272	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	79.9	74.9	70.0	88	677.1	646.0	95
Other 1,000	1.3	1.3	1.2	92	10.2	10.7	105
Commercial 1,000	81.3	76.2	71.2	88	687.3	656.7	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	242	251	271	112	249	258	103
Other pounds	423	417	436	103	407	428	105
Commercial pounds	245	254	273	112	252	260	103
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,848.4	9,030.4	9,256.7	94	83,254.7	79,930.9	96
Other 1,000	91.3	82.9	88.2	97	748.6	696.7	93
Commercial 1,000	9,939.8	9,113.2	9,344.9	94	84,003.3	80,627.6	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	270	267	271	100	271	271	100
Other pounds	240	236	243	101	238	239	100
Commercial pounds	270	267	270	100	270	271	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	206.6	184.8	185.9	90	1,704.3	1,675.3	98
Other 1,000	18.7	19.2	18.1	97	138.1	142.7	103
Commercial 1,000	225.2	204.0	204.0	91	1,842.4	1,818.0	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	134	129	130	98	140	137	98
Other pounds	94	97	110	117	96	95	99
Commercial pounds	130	126	129	99	137	134	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	60.1	58.5	56.4	94	487.5	451.0	92
Other 1,000	16.0	16.4	16.7	104	124.9	113.5	91
Commercial 1,000	76.1	74.9	73.1	96	612.5	564.5	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	62	62	62	100	61	62	102
Other pounds	71	54	66	93	71	68	96
Commercial pounds	64	60	63	99	63	63	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.3	3.7	4.3	99	39.2	40.6	103
Other 1,000	0.9	0.8	0.8	84	11.0	8.3	75
Commercial 1,000	5.2	4.5	5.1	97	50.2	48.8	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	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of 2009
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	2.2	1.9	1.9	87
Alaska	-	0.1	-	-
Arizona	29.0	32.8	32.3	111
Arkansas	5.5	4.4	4.0	73
California	140.2	146.9	144.3	103
Colorado	173.3	183.4	182.2	105
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	3.4	3.1	92
Florida	8.7	9.7	10.0	114
Georgia	10.1	9.8	11.0	108
Hawaii	0.8	1.0	0.9	110
Idaho	19.6	17.4	17.7	90
Illinois	248.2	225.7	227.7	92
Indiana	154.6	143.6	146.6	95
Iowa	615.6	524.6	548.7	89
Kansas	454.7	485.0	453.1	100
Kentucky	49.5	44.4	48.3	98
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	0.5	95
Michigan	46.1	43.9	43.9	95
Minnesota	228.5	222.8	235.1	103
Mississippi	2.0	2.0	2.5	123
Missouri	148.9	133.1	141.8	95
Montana	1.3	1.5	1.3	103
Nebraska	627.9	603.5	612.1	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	83
New England ¹	1.7	1.6	1.6	93
New Jersey	4.5	4.9	4.6	102
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.4	97
New York	2.9	2.9	2.8	98
North Carolina	217.5	195.6	199.3	92
North Dakota	2.6	4.0	3.5	133
Ohio	26.5	26.2	25.9	98
Oklahoma	97.5	95.3	96.9	99
Oregon	4.9	5.3	5.3	108
Pennsylvania	113.2	106.8	109.4	97
South Carolina	20.4	19.7	20.4	100
South Dakota	78.6	81.9	85.1	108
Tennessee	22.0	21.4	22.9	104
Texas	429.1	448.4	436.2	102
Utah	33.4	39.8	37.3	112
Virginia	42.9	40.8	40.9	95
Washington	73.2	75.6	76.7	105
West Virginia	1.0	0.7	0.9	94
Wisconsin	119.2	113.0	120.9	101
Wyoming	0.5	0.8	0.5	109
United States	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98

- Represents zero.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter - States and United States: September 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	0.6	0.5	508	483	894	884
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	41.7	44.3	52,975	56,843	1,276	1,289
Arkansas	0.9	0.8	878	790	971	986
California	135.6	144.6	171,959	183,612	1,284	1,293
Colorado	195.9	209.6	263,680	279,504	1,347	1,334
Delaware-Maryland	3.6	3.3	4,616	4,245	1,291	1,283
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	17.9	19.8	18,368	19,813	1,029	1,003
Hawaii	0.9	1.1	1,044	1,221	1,164	1,099
Idaho	26.5	24.3	33,025	29,696	1,267	1,240
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.2	4.1	4,425	4,332	1,058	1,056
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	531.0	541.1	701,785	701,696	1,322	1,297
Kentucky	1.5	1.4	1,503	1,352	988	975
Louisiana	0.6	0.5	406	396	733	749
Michigan	52.9	52.7	72,293	70,148	1,376	1,339
Minnesota	72.8	81.4	102,391	112,811	1,411	1,392
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	39	79	616	504
Missouri	7.1	4.6	8,620	5,470	1,218	1,195
Montana	1.4	1.5	1,729	1,793	1,219	1,217
Nebraska	580.9	589.8	798,245	783,056	1,376	1,329
Nevada	0.1	0.1	149	117	1,004	1,032
New England ¹	1.6	1.8	1,652	1,796	1,034	1,004
New Jersey	3.2	3.3	3,602	3,730	1,130	1,146
New Mexico	0.6	0.5	626	552	1,128	1,095
New York	2.9	2.8	3,424	3,251	1,184	1,157
North Carolina	19.1	19.4	22,322	22,435	1,175	1,164
North Dakota	1.4	2.1	1,780	2,489	1,233	1,204
Ohio	8.5	9.8	10,059	11,501	1,190	1,184
Oklahoma	2.2	1.9	2,402	1,943	1,085	1,002
Oregon	3.7	3.9	4,288	4,536	1,193	1,187
Pennsylvania	80.9	83.6	99,629	101,496	1,246	1,228
South Carolina	13.2	15.1	14,669	16,396	1,120	1,092
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.0	4.0	2,563	3,409	879	874
Texas	549.1	566.9	686,251	701,897	1,253	1,242
Utah	(D)	45.7	(D)	60,236	(D)	1,321
Virginia	0.9	1.2	910	1,296	1,004	1,042
Washington	90.1	93.0	117,975	124,004	1,315	1,340
West Virginia	1.3	1.2	1,260	1,170	1,001	1,012
Wisconsin	144.5	151.2	193,369	196,938	1,351	1,314
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	674	742	1,187	1,226
United States	2,814.7	2,898.2	3,676,850	3,723,564	1,310	1,289

- Represents zero.

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Commercial Calf Slaughter - States and United States: September 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	20.9	17.3	2,132	1,821	104	106
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware-Maryland	0.2	0.3	62	67	280	264
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	0.1	-	30	-	498	-
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	2.2	1.5	984	689	439	448
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	(D)	0.1	(D)	13	(D)	260
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	0.1	-	29	-	498
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	255	255	537	548
Michigan	1.4	1.5	590	634	432	434
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	0.1	0.1	21	32	356	414
Montana	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	3.7	(D)	345	(D)	94	(D)
New Jersey	6.0	6.4	2,573	2,701	432	424
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	9.0	9.6	859	1,009	99	109
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	62	63	472	496
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	11.4	10.2	2,419	2,597	212	265
Oklahoma	0.1	-	36	-	422	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.3	10.1	4,832	4,314	427	428
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	4.1	2.0	558	846	136	429
Utah	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	(D)	0.1	(D)	31	(D)	378
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Wisconsin	(D)	8.1	(D)	3,608	(D)	445
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	81.3	71.2	19,678	19,199	245	273

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Commercial Hog Slaughter - States and United States: September 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	7.9	6.8	3,436	2,965	438	439
Alaska	0.1	0.1	20	21	252	247
Arizona	0.2	0.2	56	49	240	252
Arkansas	16.4	11.9	7,507	5,391	459	454
California	221.4	212.5	53,847	51,190	243	241
Colorado	1.3	1.0	320	268	254	261
Delaware-Maryland	1.9	1.7	456	396	239	236
Florida	8.5	7.5	1,039	870	123	116
Georgia	6.2	5.8	1,566	1,441	254	249
Hawaii	1.3	1.2	300	294	225	239
Idaho	10.3	9.0	2,607	2,274	255	253
Illinois	827.7	796.4	230,014	217,885	278	274
Indiana	764.3	723.5	201,053	190,286	263	263
Iowa	2,845.7	2,503.4	768,280	678,979	270	271
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.1	0.9	191	169	179	191
Michigan	12.3	10.8	4,713	3,855	384	358
Minnesota	866.9	866.9	229,114	231,410	265	267
Mississippi	9.5	10.9	2,845	3,478	300	319
Missouri	690.0	665.0	192,035	184,290	279	277
Montana	1.2	1.3	300	310	247	247
Nebraska	658.0	626.7	176,416	169,805	268	271
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.3	2.7	517	555	222	207
New Jersey	9.3	8.6	906	864	98	101
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	64	60	258	247
New York	2.8	3.0	548	533	195	178
North Carolina	1,073.0	969.5	273,641	250,763	255	259
North Dakota	9.0	11.3	2,282	2,908	255	258
Ohio	96.2	91.4	26,731	24,705	279	271
Oklahoma	463.0	473.8	127,194	126,602	275	267
Oregon	13.1	14.5	3,314	3,641	254	252
Pennsylvania	269.8	247.8	69,902	64,429	259	260
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	360.4	390.5	93,401	102,151	259	262
Tennessee	66.1	68.4	30,399	31,023	461	454
Texas	36.2	38.4	9,576	9,493	265	248
Utah	5.6	4.4	1,101	681	198	157
Virginia	211.5	200.3	55,680	52,869	264	264
Washington	2.1	(D)	451	(D)	217	(D)
West Virginia	0.9	0.8	245	204	259	260
Wisconsin	43.0	44.4	18,549	19,497	436	443
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	119	123	269	259
United States	9,939.8	9,344.9	2,679,933	2,524,527	270	270

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter - States and United States: September 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	0.1	-	4	-	77	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	0.4	0.3	35	34	100	116
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	11	10	112	122
California	(D)	24.7	(D)	3,311	(D)	134
Colorado	80.2	70.7	12,002	10,199	150	144
Delaware-Maryland	4.6	4.3	421	403	93	95
Florida	0.4	(D)	21	(D)	53	(D)
Georgia	0.3	0.5	24	36	77	77
Hawaii	0.1	-	10	-	123	-
Idaho	0.4	0.4	55	43	127	120
Illinois	(D)	11.9	(D)	1,481	(D)	125
Indiana	3.7	3.9	397	431	107	111
Iowa	38.5	22.3	5,468	3,224	142	145
Kansas	0.3	0.3	38	36	112	106
Kentucky	1.0	1.2	117	140	120	115
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	27	24	60	70
Michigan	18.0	15.9	2,334	1,996	130	126
Minnesota	0.7	0.9	99	99	135	113
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	3	7	69	57
Missouri	0.6	0.6	76	70	123	111
Montana	0.4	0.3	51	43	129	128
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	12	11	140	125
Nevada	0.1	0.1	8	11	116	117
New England ¹	4.1	2.1	369	180	90	87
New Jersey	13.0	12.3	1,046	999	81	81
New Mexico	1.3	1.6	171	220	136	136
New York	3.1	3.7	284	335	93	90
North Carolina	1.0	1.4	76	107	79	78
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	10	11	137	136
Ohio	1.3	1.8	137	190	105	106
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	12	7	103	115
Oregon	2.2	2.2	289	295	133	137
Pennsylvania	3.9	3.2	382	321	98	99
South Carolina	0.2	(D)	12	(D)	79	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	38	38	124	128
Tennessee	1.5	1.3	106	105	73	78
Texas	7.5	7.7	549	826	74	107
Utah	3.0	2.6	412	361	135	138
Virginia	1.3	1.2	128	112	98	96
Washington	0.9	0.9	123	130	145	152
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	1.0	159	129	135	128
Wyoming	0.1	0.2	21	26	156	151
United States	225.2	204.0	29,341	26,200	130	129

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¹ 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	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	January - September		September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	January - September	
				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	1,388	1,461	1,392	12,437	12,534	50.2	50.2	48.8	50.4	49.7
Heifers	817	881	854	7,294	7,494	29.5	30.3	30.0	29.6	29.7
All cows	508	515	545	4,519	4,698	18.4	17.7	19.1	18.3	18.6
Dairy cows	237	231	243	2,148	2,069	8.6	7.9	8.5	8.7	8.2
Other cows	271	284	302	2,371	2,629	9.8	9.8	10.6	9.6	10.4
Bulls	54	55	59	426	467	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.9
Total	2,766	2,912	2,851	24,676	25,194	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	80	75	70	677	646	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,519	8,759	8,977	80,515	77,450	96.7	97.0	97.0	96.7	96.9
Sows	294	244	251	2,422	2,197	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7
Boars	35	27	29	318	284	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total	9,848	9,030	9,257	83,255	79,931	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	15	12	12	101	116	7.3	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.9
Lambs and yearlings	191	172	174	1,604	1,560	92.7	93.3	93.4	94.1	93.1
Total	207	185	186	1,704	1,675	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	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	January - September	
				2009	2010
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	799	778	782	783	769
Steers ¹	867	842	852	845	828
Heifers ¹	797	767	778	778	762
All cows ¹	606	604	598	612	609
Bulls ¹	880	883	873	883	880
Calves and vealers	144	148	159	148	153
Hogs	202	200	202	203	203
Barrows and gilts ²	199	197	199	200	200
Sows ²	309	303	304	305	306
Boars ²	198	195	200	198	198
Sheep	67	64	65	70	68
Mature sheep ³	65	68	64	65	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	68	64	65	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: September 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	0.8	0.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	5.9	2.0	0.4	2.9	2.4	0.5	0.6	16.0
3	86.4	32.5	7.9	43.8	34.8	9.0	2.1	10.4
4	75.1	1.9	0.6	61.0	17.8	43.2	11.6	0.2
5	361.9	151.7	43.1	154.8	88.3	66.5	12.3	21.6
6	565.3	275.7	173.7	102.2	17.7	84.5	13.7	2.0
7	1,177.8	625.3	491.3	53.1	1.1	51.9	8.2	0.1
8	267.6	159.1	89.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	189.5	85.7	18.1	81.5	62.2	19.3	4.1	17.1
10	119.8	57.6	29.0	29.6	12.0	17.6	3.7	(D)
United States	2,850.8	1,392.3	854.1	545.0	243.4	301.6	59.3	70.0
	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	2.1	-	-	1.7	0.2	1.5	
2	11.4	11.2	(D)	(D)	15.3	1.5	13.8	
3	448.4	443.0	(D)	(D)	9.6	0.4	9.1	
4	1,340.0	1,253.5	85.0	1.5	4.5	1.0	3.5	
5	2,495.6	2,392.5	98.0	5.1	29.5	3.6	26.0	
6	514.4	496.3	18.0	0.1	3.0	1.5	1.6	
7	3,806.4	3,740.2	48.0	18.3	22.9	1.5	21.3	
8	405.6	405.4	0.1	-	73.2	1.8	71.3	
9	208.1	208.0	-	-	23.6	0.5	23.1	
10	24.5	24.5	-	-	2.5	0.2	2.3	
United States	9,256.7	8,976.7	250.7	29.2	185.9	12.3	173.6	

- 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 - September 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	11.1	4.9	2.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	51.4	17.0	3.3	26.8	23.0	3.9	4.2	146.5
3	730.2	302.7	65.6	346.8	275.8	71.0	15.2	92.7
4	631.9	16.1	5.9	521.2	106.7	414.5	88.6	2.0
5	3,119.3	1,383.7	374.3	1,271.0	700.3	570.7	90.4	193.8
6	4,984.6	2,520.8	1,519.6	831.9	161.2	670.7	112.3	20.3
7	10,495.9	5,729.3	4,164.8	533.4	12.0	521.4	68.4	0.5
8	2,441.8	1,329.6	945.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	1,697.8	774.0	132.6	755.0	603.8	151.2	36.2	165.5
10	1,030.4	456.0	280.8	263.4	127.2	136.2	30.1	(D)
United States	25,194.3	12,534.1	7,494.5	4,698.4	2,069.5	2,628.9	467.4	646.0
	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	13.1	12.7	0.3	0.2	18.7	2.1	16.6	
2	93.5	91.8	(D)	(D)	132.2	16.4	115.8	
3	3,859.1	3,762.8	(D)	(D)	82.4	4.0	78.3	
4	11,707.3	11,053.0	643.6	10.7	35.8	7.7	28.0	
5	21,242.9	20,297.8	908.3	36.8	237.6	30.3	207.3	
6	4,372.3	4,206.6	165.3	0.4	29.2	16.2	12.9	
7	33,281.3	32,666.7	464.6	150.0	215.8	7.5	208.3	
8	3,325.4	3,323.8	1.5	0.1	670.2	24.6	645.6	
9	1,819.5	1,818.8	0.6	0.1	233.4	5.3	228.2	
10	216.4	215.9	0.5	0.1	20.0	1.5	18.5	
United States	79,930.9	77,449.9	2,196.6	284.3	1,675.3	115.7	1,559.6	

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

Species	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	January - September	
				2009	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.5	98.4	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.5	98.4
Hogs	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1
Sheep	91.7	90.6	91.1	92.5	92.1

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 1,900 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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