



Livestock Slaughter

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Veal Production at Record Low for April

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010.

Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

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

April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production - United States

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

Type	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January - April		
				April 2010	March 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,139.3	2,266.3	2,054.9	96	91	8,387.3	8,466.0	101
Veal	11.1	12.1	10.2	92	85	45.6	43.6	96
Pork	1,849.1	2,054.6	1,791.0	97	87	7,456.4	7,510.7	101
Lamb and mutton	12.9	14.1	14.3	111	102	55.8	50.5	90
Total red meat	4,012.4	4,347.0	3,870.4	96	89	15,945.1	16,070.8	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

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

Type	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January - April		
				April 2010	March 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,110.8	2,236.7	2,028.0	96	91	8,269.8	8,351.8	101
Veal	10.8	11.8	10.0	92	84	44.4	42.6	96
Pork	1,835.9	2,040.2	1,778.6	97	87	7,403.8	7,459.2	101
Lamb and mutton	12.3	13.6	13.7	111	101	53.4	48.4	91
Total red meat	3,969.7	4,302.3	3,830.2	96	89	15,771.4	15,902.0	101

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

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

Species	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of 2010	January - April		
					2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,801.6	2,913.0	2,679.9	96	10,824.9	10,860.1	100
Other 1,000	44.4	46.2	42.2	95	184.9	178.7	97
Commercial 1,000	2,846.0	2,959.2	2,722.0	96	11,009.8	11,038.8	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,255	1,278	1,259	100	1,277	1,282	100
Other pounds	1,124	1,129	1,124	100	1,130	1,132	100
Commercial pounds	1,253	1,276	1,257	100	1,275	1,280	100
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	67.4	71.8	57.9	86	300.6	268.4	89
Other 1,000	1.2	1.1	1.0	90	4.7	4.0	86
Commercial 1,000	68.5	72.9	58.9	86	305.3	272.4	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	273	281	293	108	252	273	109
Other pounds	433	436	422	98	429	434	101
Commercial pounds	275	283	296	107	254	276	108
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,979.9	9,794.6	8,559.4	95	36,383.1	35,830.0	98
Other 1,000	76.3	78.4	71.3	93	303.0	286.8	95
Commercial 1,000	9,056.2	9,873.0	8,630.6	95	36,686.1	36,116.8	98
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	273	278	277	102	272	278	102
Other pounds	240	257	241	100	242	249	103
Commercial pounds	273	278	277	102	272	278	102
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	174.9	183.5	191.8	110	764.8	671.2	88
Other 1,000	15.3	10.4	14.9	98	54.0	45.6	84
Commercial 1,000	190.2	193.9	206.7	109	818.8	716.8	88
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	141	148	142	101	140	144	103
Other pounds	86	100	88	103	92	94	102
Commercial pounds	136	146	138	101	137	141	103
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	46.8	42.6	47.4	101	187.3	168.5	90
Other 1,000	11.5	12.3	14.4	125	47.1	52.1	111
Commercial 1,000	58.3	54.8	61.7	106	234.5	220.6	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	63	65	63	100	62	64	102
Other pounds	74	74	65	88	70	68	96
Commercial pounds	65	67	64	98	64	65	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.9	3.9	3.7	76	18.9	14.9	79
Other 1,000	0.9	0.9	0.8	84	4.2	3.5	83
Commercial 1,000	5.9	4.9	4.5	77	23.1	18.4	80

Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

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

State	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.6	1.9	1.6	100
Alaska	-	-	-	-
Arizona	33.8	33.4	29.7	88
Arkansas	3.6	3.8	3.1	84
California	142.6	154.7	139.8	98
Colorado	168.7	191.4	157.6	93
Delaware-Maryland	3.2	3.2	2.7	83
Florida	9.6	10.1	9.6	101
Georgia	10.7	10.9	9.9	93
Hawaii	0.9	1.0	0.9	104
Idaho	16.3	13.4	14.4	89
Illinois	224.0	237.9	210.6	94
Indiana	147.8	158.6	137.3	93
Iowa	541.7	600.1	526.5	97
Kansas	434.6	459.1	425.3	98
Kentucky	44.5	51.4	42.3	95
Louisiana	0.5	0.6	0.5	87
Michigan	44.6	41.8	43.5	97
Minnesota	219.2	239.3	208.7	95
Mississippi	1.9	3.1	2.0	109
Missouri	143.6	160.1	150.3	105
Montana	1.6	1.0	1.4	88
Nebraska	577.3	609.1	542.7	94
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	111
New England ¹	1.2	1.3	1.2	96
New Jersey	4.6	5.0	4.5	99
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.3	94
New York	2.8	2.5	2.3	84
North Carolina	203.9	219.4	191.7	94
North Dakota	3.2	4.1	3.9	123
Ohio	24.0	26.4	23.0	96
Oklahoma	98.2	115.4	96.0	98
Oregon	4.5	5.9	5.2	115
Pennsylvania	103.6	112.3	100.0	96
South Carolina	21.2	21.6	20.4	96
South Dakota	80.5	95.7	79.9	99
Tennessee	16.2	19.9	14.9	92
Texas	412.9	453.8	412.2	100
Utah	35.3	38.0	34.2	97
Virginia	38.4	40.9	34.8	91
Washington	67.1	72.8	67.9	101
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	98
Wisconsin	121.2	124.5	116.7	96
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	0.4	96
United States	4,012.4	4,347.0	3,870.4	96

- Represents zero.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter - States and United States: April 2010 and 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (pounds)	2011 (pounds)
Alabama	0.6	0.6	563	536	969	959
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	47.4	39.8	61,368	50,845	1,298	1,281
Arkansas	0.7	0.6	691	527	953	945
California	143.5	139.6	184,263	177,675	1,309	1,297
Colorado	205.4	189.3	257,537	238,743	1,254	1,262
Delaware-Maryland	3.6	2.9	4,677	3,784	1,303	1,298
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	19.2	17.9	19,467	17,584	1,021	983
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,082	1,151	1,064	1,123
Idaho	21.8	20.1	27,695	24,522	1,296	1,247
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.2	2.9	3,347	3,057	1,053	1,057
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	547.7	528.2	673,779	656,691	1,231	1,244
Kentucky	1.6	1.4	1,620	1,405	997	1,014
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	394	341	831	789
Michigan	53.9	51.6	71,552	69,048	1,335	1,347
Minnesota	73.9	67.5	103,013	94,432	1,401	1,407
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	92	75	645	577
Missouri	4.9	6.5	5,762	7,909	1,172	1,214
Montana	2.0	1.8	2,412	2,095	1,185	1,193
Nebraska	573.2	531.4	733,984	685,186	1,282	1,291
Nevada	0.1	0.1	100	112	1,024	1,074
New England ¹	1.3	1.2	1,370	1,239	1,040	1,034
New Jersey	3.4	3.2	3,819	3,566	1,140	1,132
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	485	489	1,097	1,274
New York	2.8	2.5	3,284	2,803	1,188	1,145
North Carolina	19.8	17.9	23,161	20,370	1,177	1,140
North Dakota	1.9	3.3	2,392	4,379	1,241	1,329
Ohio	9.8	9.1	11,609	10,691	1,197	1,188
Oklahoma	2.5	2.7	2,534	2,802	1,009	1,045
Oregon	3.2	4.2	3,735	5,061	1,216	1,250
Pennsylvania	75.6	78.9	93,707	93,785	1,257	1,200
South Carolina	14.5	13.9	16,108	16,014	1,121	1,168
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.0	4.1	3,159	3,414	809	863
Texas	557.8	553.3	668,833	668,279	1,202	1,211
Utah	44.5	44.0	57,440	55,868	1,293	1,271
Virginia	1.0	1.3	1,033	1,459	1,073	1,082
Washington	85.6	86.5	109,073	110,488	1,279	1,284
West Virginia	0.6	0.6	662	639	1,091	1,093
Wisconsin	147.9	143.4	194,239	188,444	1,326	1,326
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	648	590	1,174	1,155
United States	2,846.0	2,722.0	3,552,510	3,408,872	1,253	1,257

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Commercial Calf Slaughter - States and United States: April 2010 and 2011

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (pounds)	2011 (pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	16.3	14.9	1,726	1,568	107	106
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.3	69	70	260	264
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	0.1	-	29	-	496	-
Hawaii	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1.6	1.3	695	572	445	428
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	0.1	-	23	-	302	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	0.1	-	35	-	617
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	239	182	534	537
Michigan	1.5	1.5	638	639	418	432
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	0.1	-	33	-	486	-
Missouri	-	0.1	-	36	-	409
Montana	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	(D)	0.7	(D)	89	(D)	135
New Jersey	6.0	6.4	2,571	2,666	426	416
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	9.3	4.6	932	554	104	130
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	64	57	511	504
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	8.6	7.2	2,225	1,996	262	300
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	23	35	448	451
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.3	9.8	4,415	4,162	430	425
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	0.1	-	29	-	467
Texas	1.7	0.7	821	442	493	709
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	0.1	-	30	-	376	-
Washington	(D)	2.1	(D)	153	(D)	73
West Virginia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Wisconsin	8.3	8.3	3,659	3,676	441	444
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	68.5	58.9	18,657	17,139	275	296

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Commercial Hog Slaughter - States and United States: April 2010 and 2011

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (pounds)	2011 (pounds)
Alabama	5.3	5.7	2,365	2,384	445	417
Alaska	0.2	(D)	31	(D)	187	(D)
Arizona	0.2	0.2	45	40	260	260
Arkansas	10.7	9.0	4,879	4,168	458	461
California	204.3	208.7	48,999	50,225	240	241
Colorado	0.6	0.6	149	162	254	265
Delaware-Maryland	1.0	1.1	253	266	250	250
Florida	5.4	6.6	793	911	146	139
Georgia	5.8	5.4	1,397	1,361	242	252
Hawaii	1.3	1.2	315	304	241	251
Idaho	8.8	9.1	2,207	2,301	252	252
Illinois	751.6	714.8	210,804	202,918	281	284
Indiana	727.3	655.0	191,926	178,378	264	272
Iowa	2,459.2	2,362.8	671,818	656,498	273	278
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.9	1.0	185	183	201	191
Michigan	6.7	9.1	2,684	3,528	402	389
Minnesota	816.8	786.3	217,490	210,157	267	268
Mississippi	8.3	10.7	2,561	2,837	309	265
Missouri	658.1	676.9	185,496	193,229	282	286
Montana	1.0	1.1	245	269	246	250
Nebraska	621.9	589.5	168,711	161,742	271	274
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	14	(D)	246
New England ¹	1.5	1.4	346	356	235	251
New Jersey	8.3	7.8	861	765	104	98
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	20	22	233	221
New York	1.9	1.9	359	346	188	183
North Carolina	972.7	876.7	254,611	240,142	262	274
North Dakota	9.4	7.6	2,454	1,909	260	252
Ohio	84.0	80.0	22,284	21,521	266	269
Oklahoma	456.1	441.4	126,988	123,966	278	281
Oregon	12.8	12.8	3,220	3,204	252	251
Pennsylvania	235.9	214.0	61,571	55,169	261	258
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	361.3	361.8	95,520	96,236	265	266
Tennessee	46.6	41.3	21,445	19,372	461	470
Texas	36.4	33.4	7,987	9,178	220	275
Utah	3.1	3.7	515	529	170	143
Virginia	185.2	166.4	49,590	44,833	268	269
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.4	90	108	227	246
Wisconsin	46.5	44.0	20,788	20,162	451	461
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	64	83	247	247
United States	9,056.2	8,630.6	2,466,680	2,390,248	273	277

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter - States and United States: April 2010 and 2011

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2010 (pounds)	2011 (pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	0.2	0.3	30	32	135	125
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	23.1	25.4	3,341	3,695	145	146
Colorado	72.5	86.3	11,747	14,577	162	169
Delaware-Maryland	4.1	3.5	396	344	97	98
Florida	(D)	0.2	(D)	14	(D)	61
Georgia	0.7	0.2	42	15	63	65
Hawaii	0.1	-	7	-	145	-
Idaho	0.2	0.2	23	20	131	131
Illinois	7.2	12.5	937	1,594	130	128
Indiana	3.8	3.6	420	366	110	102
Iowa	18.4	9.6	2,736	1,442	149	151
Kansas	0.2	0.2	21	21	94	101
Kentucky	0.8	0.9	100	118	123	132
Louisiana	0.3	0.2	21	15	76	62
Michigan	14.6	15.2	1,935	1,971	133	130
Minnesota	0.3	0.2	35	29	110	123
Mississippi	0.1	(D)	4	(D)	56	(D)
Missouri	0.5	0.3	54	37	118	115
Montana	0.2	0.2	22	17	100	92
Nebraska	-	0.1	-	6	-	120
Nevada	0.1	-	9	-	133	-
New England ¹	3.0	3.7	264	287	88	77
New Jersey	11.6	15.1	934	1,149	81	76
New Mexico	1.2	0.9	173	145	142	152
New York	3.4	4.8	349	332	101	69
North Carolina	0.9	1.3	69	95	74	73
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	8	8	113	118
Ohio	0.9	1.4	96	149	105	105
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	13	15	96	119
Oregon	1.9	2.2	263	320	140	145
Pennsylvania	3.1	4.5	298	418	97	92
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	20	19	124	125
Tennessee	0.9	0.6	65	45	68	70
Texas	9.1	6.6	644	482	71	74
Utah	2.6	2.4	356	334	137	143
Virginia	1.0	0.8	92	70	93	93
Washington	0.7	0.7	113	100	165	153
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.6	0.7	78	94	132	130
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	8	14	155	157
United States	190.2	206.7	25,917	28,579	136	138

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Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

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Class	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	January - April		April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	January - April	
				2010	2011				2010	2011
	(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	1,396	1,410	1,309	5,244	5,223	49.8	48.4	48.8	48.4	48.1
Heifers	815	904	801	3,297	3,331	29.1	31.0	29.9	30.5	30.7
All cows	532	545	519	2,091	2,115	19.0	18.7	19.4	19.3	19.5
Dairy cows	235	268	238	946	1,019	8.4	9.2	8.9	8.7	9.4
Other cows	298	277	281	1,145	1,096	10.6	9.5	10.5	10.6	10.1
Bulls	58	54	52	193	191	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Total	2,802	2,913	2,680	10,825	10,860	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	67	72	58	301	268	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,704	9,501	8,295	35,250	34,762	96.9	97.0	96.9	96.9	97.0
Sows	244	265	237	996	960	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Boars	32	29	28	138	108	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total	8,980	9,795	8,559	36,383	35,830	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	15	11	11	53	40	8.4	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.9
Lambs and yearlings	160	173	181	712	632	91.6	94.1	94.2	93.1	94.1
Total	175	183	192	765	671	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 2010	March 2011	April 2011	January - April	
				2010	2011
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	756	771	759	767	772
Steers ¹	809	827	817	824	832
Heifers ¹	749	770	755	765	772
All cows ¹	612	613	606	614	612
Bulls ¹	884	877	882	873	873
Calves and vealers	162	168	175	150	162
Hogs	205	208	208	204	208
Barrows and gilts ²	202	206	205	201	206
Sows ²	307	308	308	305	308
Boars ²	200	211	212	196	211
Sheep	70	74	71	70	72
Mature sheep ³	64	69	67	65	68
Lambs and yearlings ³	71	74	72	70	72

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: April 2011

[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	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	0.2	0.6
2	5.5	1.6	0.5	3.0	2.6	0.4	0.4	11.0
3	81.1	29.9	6.8	42.0	33.4	8.6	2.4	10.1
4	68.9	2.1	0.8	56.0	13.3	42.7	9.9	0.2
5	334.1	157.1	33.7	133.5	84.1	49.4	9.8	18.4
6	550.9	267.3	165.8	104.4	17.1	87.3	13.4	0.7
7	1,102.0	600.0	437.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8	246.6	117.0	109.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	179.9	83.1	19.1	74.1	63.0	11.0	3.6	14.7
10	109.9	50.2	26.7	29.8	15.8	14.0	3.1	2.1
United States	2,679.9	1,309.0	800.5	518.7	237.8	280.9	51.7	57.9
	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	1.2	1.2	-	-	3.4	0.4	3.1	
2	9.5	9.4	(D)	(D)	19.3	1.5	17.8	
3	380.6	379.4	(D)	(D)	9.6	0.4	9.2	
4	1,188.0	1,127.8	55.7	4.4	3.5	0.8	2.7	
5	2,264.0	2,149.8	109.3	4.9	28.3	2.7	25.5	
6	475.9	460.5	15.3	0.1	2.5	1.2	1.4	
7	3,642.2	3,569.3	54.9	18.0	10.0	0.7	9.3	
8	372.6	372.4	0.2	-	88.5	3.0	85.5	
9	202.3	202.3	-	-	24.5	0.4	24.1	
10	23.1	23.0	0.1	-	2.3	0.1	2.2	
United States	8,559.4	8,295.0	236.8	27.6	191.8	11.2	180.6	

- 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 - April 2011

[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	4.7	2.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.3
2	22.7	7.4	2.0	11.7	10.0	1.7	1.6	57.5
3	328.1	116.2	28.4	176.0	140.8	35.3	7.5	40.1
4	285.7	7.7	3.2	236.9	60.7	176.2	37.9	0.9
5	1,320.5	591.5	142.5	550.0	342.4	207.6	36.4	84.5
6	2,172.1	1,088.4	646.6	386.9	83.4	303.5	50.3	6.4
7	4,498.3	2,370.9	1,863.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	1,033.2	497.6	455.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	763.1	349.5	72.2	328.7	284.5	44.1	12.7	65.9
10	431.7	191.9	115.8	113.5	62.5	51.0	10.5	10.5
United States	10,860.1	5,223.2	3,330.9	2,114.8	1,018.6	1,096.2	191.2	268.4
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	5.0	4.8	0.1	0.1	8.8	1.1	7.7	
2	41.1	40.4	(D)	(D)	48.7	6.1	42.7	
3	1,618.7	1,608.9	(D)	(D)	30.5	1.2	29.3	
4	5,048.3	4,786.7	248.8	12.8	12.0	2.8	9.1	
5	9,499.5	9,060.3	419.0	20.1	106.1	10.9	95.2	
6	2,015.3	1,946.3	68.9	0.2	7.6	2.4	5.2	
7	15,043.9	14,757.3	217.4	69.2	46.4	2.2	44.2	
8	1,639.7	1,638.8	0.9	-	316.3	11.0	305.3	
9	818.3	818.1	0.2	-	87.3	1.4	85.9	
10	100.2	99.9	0.2	-	7.5	0.5	7.0	
United States	35,830.0	34,761.5	960.1	108.4	671.2	39.6	631.6	

- Represents zero.

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

Species	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	January - April	
				2010	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.5	98.2	98.5	98.5
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2
Sheep	92.0	94.6	92.8	93.4	93.6

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 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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