



Livestock Slaughter

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Record High Pork Production in August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in August 2010.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,270 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 1 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.53 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from August 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 6 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2011 commercial red meat production was 32.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

August 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2011 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 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 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		
				August 2010	July 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,286.6	2,135.2	2,386.7	104	112	17,311.2	17,492.0	101
Veal	11.2	10.1	11.3	101	112	88.6	86.5	98
Pork	1,815.3	1,637.2	1,891.5	104	116	14,426.8	14,619.0	101
Lamb and mutton	12.8	10.9	13.1	102	120	108.2	100.0	92
Total red meat	4,126.0	3,793.4	4,302.6	104	113	31,934.8	32,297.5	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		
				August 2010	July 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,258.5	2,110.6	2,358.2	104	112	17,084.1	17,271.2	101
Veal	10.9	9.9	11.1	102	113	86.3	84.5	98
Pork	1,800.9	1,625.3	1,876.2	104	115	14,321.8	14,515.2	101
Lamb and mutton	11.9	10.2	12.3	104	121	102.4	95.0	93
Total red meat	4,082.2	3,755.9	4,257.9	104	113	31,594.6	31,965.8	101

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

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

Species	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of 2010	January to August		
					2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,912.0	2,728.3	3,053.1	105	22,344.0	22,475.1	101
Other 1,000	42.8	37.5	43.6	102	353.4	343.4	97
Commercial 1,000	2,954.9	2,765.8	3,096.7	105	22,697.4	22,818.5	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,279	1,274	1,272	99	1,272	1,274	100
Other pounds	1,143	1,138	1,144	100	1,132	1,133	100
Commercial pounds	1,277	1,272	1,270	99	1,270	1,272	100
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	74.8	72.4	78.9	106	575.9	551.1	96
Other 1,000	1.2	1.0	1.0	81	9.4	8.2	87
Commercial 1,000	76.0	73.4	79.9	105	585.3	559.2	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	252	242	245	98	256	265	104
Other pounds	423	417	402	95	427	426	100
Commercial pounds	254	244	247	97	259	268	103
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,030.4	8,088.8	9,440.0	105	70,674.3	70,694.8	100
Other 1,000	84.5	69.7	87.0	103	613.6	589.3	96
Commercial 1,000	9,114.9	8,158.5	9,527.0	105	71,287.9	71,284.1	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	267	268	266	100	271	274	101
Other pounds	237	237	243	102	238	244	103
Commercial pounds	267	268	266	100	271	274	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	184.8	149.6	182.6	99	1,489.5	1,337.4	90
Other 1,000	19.8	15.3	15.6	79	126.5	105.3	83
Commercial 1,000	204.7	164.9	198.2	97	1,616.0	1,442.7	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	129	136	135	105	138	142	103
Other pounds	98	104	100	102	95	96	102
Commercial pounds	126	133	132	105	135	139	103
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	58.5	50.3	60.3	103	394.6	373.0	95
Other 1,000	16.8	15.4	18.5	110	97.8	114.4	117
Commercial 1,000	75.3	65.7	78.8	105	492.4	487.4	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	62	62	63	101	62	63	102
Other pounds	56	60	63	113	70	67	96
Commercial pounds	60	62	63	104	64	64	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.7	3.7	3.5	93	36.3	29.7	82
Other 1,000	0.8	0.8	0.8	106	7.4	6.6	90
Commercial 1,000	4.5	4.4	4.3	95	43.7	36.3	83

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 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.9	1.4	1.6	84
Alaska	0.1	-	0.1	92
Arizona	32.8	36.2	37.6	115
Arkansas	4.4	3.8	4.0	90
California	146.8	135.2	149.6	102
Colorado	183.4	180.4	204.9	112
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	2.6	3.4	99
Florida	9.7	9.3	10.4	108
Georgia	9.8	10.4	11.9	121
Hawaii	1.0	0.9	0.9	92
Idaho	17.3	3.1	3.4	20
Illinois	225.7	203.1	240.0	106
Indiana	143.6	126.2	146.9	102
Iowa	524.7	466.3	543.3	104
Kansas	485.1	443.2	497.1	102
Kentucky	44.4	39.8	43.6	98
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.5	105
Michigan	43.9	40.1	46.6	106
Minnesota	222.9	208.2	229.8	103
Mississippi	2.0	1.9	2.5	124
Missouri	133.1	124.6	140.8	106
Montana	1.7	1.4	1.6	94
Nebraska	602.3	568.7	635.7	106
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	105
New England ¹	1.6	1.3	1.5	99
New Jersey	4.9	4.2	5.1	105
New Mexico	0.5	0.3	0.3	74
New York	2.9	2.6	3.2	109
North Carolina	195.6	173.8	200.7	103
North Dakota	4.0	2.1	2.9	72
Ohio	26.2	22.3	26.1	99
Oklahoma	95.3	89.7	100.3	105
Oregon	5.4	5.5	6.7	124
Pennsylvania	106.8	93.3	109.0	102
South Carolina	19.7	17.6	21.2	107
South Dakota	81.9	71.0	83.2	102
Tennessee	21.4	15.4	23.9	112
Texas	448.4	431.5	474.4	106
Utah	39.8	36.5	41.8	105
Virginia	40.8	37.4	41.9	103
Washington	75.6	71.2	79.7	105
West Virginia	0.7	0.4	0.6	94
Wisconsin	113.3	109.5	122.9	108
Wyoming	0.8	0.5	0.9	114
United States	4,126.0	3,793.4	4,302.6	104

- Represents zero.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	0.4	0.4	395	328	926	922
Alaska	0.1	0.1	86	71	1,111	997
Arizona	44.1	52.0	56,893	65,592	1,294	1,267
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	615	508	981	963
California	147.1	154.3	186,567	192,521	1,292	1,268
Colorado	215.5	233.8	282,195	309,820	1,310	1,326
Delaware-Maryland	3.6	3.7	4,668	4,668	1,282	1,278
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	17.8	22.6	17,521	21,659	990	961
Hawaii	1.2	1.0	1,324	1,183	1,124	1,143
Idaho	23.1	2.5	28,573	2,483	1,259	1,114
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	3.9	3,549	4,142	1,056	1,063
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	585.9	592.0	751,122	764,727	1,282	1,292
Kentucky	1.3	1.2	1,275	1,190	1,000	1,015
Louisiana	0.4	0.6	320	425	784	761
Michigan	51.9	57.3	69,643	75,130	1,349	1,323
Minnesota	76.7	79.2	106,079	106,638	1,388	1,352
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	57	42	495	549
Missouri	4.3	4.6	5,182	5,130	1,201	1,119
Montana	1.9	1.8	2,372	2,219	1,224	1,225
Nebraska	589.6	621.5	768,222	809,349	1,304	1,303
Nevada	0.1	0.1	101	103	1,052	1,061
New England ¹	1.7	1.6	1,744	1,639	1,026	1,001
New Jersey	3.7	4.0	4,236	4,550	1,152	1,141
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	580	488	1,111	1,267
New York	2.6	3.1	3,065	3,483	1,180	1,142
North Carolina	19.3	20.2	22,434	22,608	1,169	1,122
North Dakota	2.7	3.6	3,305	4,641	1,228	1,288
Ohio	10.0	9.4	11,876	10,813	1,191	1,153
Oklahoma	2.1	1.7	2,011	1,655	968	990
Oregon	3.6	5.3	4,362	6,305	1,213	1,203
Pennsylvania	82.7	86.4	99,694	98,912	1,219	1,158
South Carolina	14.7	13.4	16,177	15,444	1,113	1,165
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.2	4.7	2,692	3,862	857	842
Texas	584.7	629.6	720,821	763,781	1,236	1,217
Utah	48.9	49.4	64,406	67,302	1,319	1,364
Virginia	0.8	0.9	867	1,045	1,044	1,105
Washington	93.0	97.8	121,885	128,767	1,316	1,322
West Virginia	0.7	0.6	719	683	1,088	1,079
Wisconsin	140.1	156.9	182,947	198,725	1,317	1,277
Wyoming	0.8	0.9	962	1,076	1,207	1,233
United States	2,954.9	3,096.7	3,762,226	3,921,226	1,277	1,270

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

Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	19.6	19.4	2,050	2,062	106	108
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.4	85	104	265	261
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	33	36	495	452
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1.6	1.8	724	777	444	439
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	0.1	0.1	37	29	471	542
Louisiana	0.5	0.3	250	157	525	484
Michigan	1.6	1.8	679	760	432	422
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	0.1	-	18	-	349	-
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	(D)	2.1	(D)	208	(D)	99
New Jersey	6.0	6.4	2,515	2,680	421	416
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	11.6	11.5	1,169	1,084	104	100
North Carolina	0.2	0.1	105	75	481	514
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	11.3	13.6	2,522	2,607	232	211
Oklahoma	0.1	-	27	-	391	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.3	9.6	4,358	4,102	425	426
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	0.1	-	67	-	564
Texas	1.3	1.7	372	364	301	219
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	0.1	-	37	-	378	-
Washington	(D)	1.5	(D)	112	(D)	78
West Virginia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Wisconsin	8.2	8.5	3,637	3,752	447	441
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	76.0	79.9	19,053	19,218	254	247

- Represents zero.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	7.1	5.7	3,108	2,409	442	421
Alaska	0.1	(D)	36	(D)	255	(D)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	23	23	262	273
Arkansas	13.5	12.3	6,179	5,608	459	455
California	217.6	217.8	52,090	51,276	240	236
Colorado	1.7	1.8	427	449	250	255
Delaware-Maryland	2.0	1.9	469	475	237	246
Florida	7.9	11.6	927	1,195	117	103
Georgia	5.8	6.5	1,456	1,605	251	246
Hawaii	1.4	1.4	340	326	245	237
Idaho	9.5	11.1	2,367	2,745	251	248
Illinois	771.6	864.0	210,005	231,424	272	268
Indiana	721.3	730.2	186,777	190,551	259	261
Iowa	2,410.1	2,523.6	644,241	666,915	268	264
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.7	124	147	181	201
Michigan	11.6	13.1	3,780	4,547	325	347
Minnesota	828.1	871.7	219,003	228,818	265	263
Mississippi	8.9	10.8	2,841	3,541	321	328
Missouri	636.6	680.2	172,536	182,741	271	269
Montana	1.6	1.6	381	379	239	234
Nebraska	628.4	652.8	168,410	173,709	268	266
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	14	(D)	247
New England ¹	2.6	2.7	518	542	198	202
New Jersey	8.5	9.8	864	973	101	99
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	74	45	242	233
New York	3.0	3.4	545	608	184	178
North Carolina	960.9	979.5	245,149	251,124	255	256
North Dakota	11.2	0.3	2,887	88	258	276
Ohio	94.3	98.1	24,801	25,213	264	258
Oklahoma	474.7	485.9	124,663	130,837	263	269
Oregon	15.6	17.2	3,863	4,259	248	248
Pennsylvania	238.3	249.1	60,751	63,256	255	254
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	377.5	382.9	98,282	98,495	260	257
Tennessee	64.9	71.2	29,423	32,282	454	454
Texas	33.6	37.6	6,961	10,523	207	281
Utah	4.6	9.0	714	1,190	157	133
Virginia	200.8	208.8	52,883	54,307	263	260
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	1.0	1.1	231	268	241	245
Wisconsin	43.6	49.7	18,889	22,297	437	451
Wyoming	1.1	1.3	279	345	260	256
United States	9,114.9	9,527.0	2,428,444	2,529,193	267	266

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	0.3	0.3	29	38	113	111
Arkansas	0.1	-	11	-	110	-
California	25.1	25.5	3,298	3,371	132	132
Colorado	64.7	83.9	9,495	13,077	147	156
Delaware-Maryland	5.2	4.0	508	392	98	98
Florida	(D)	0.4	(D)	23	(D)	63
Georgia	0.8	0.5	53	41	70	81
Hawaii	-	0.1	-	5	-	106
Idaho	0.4	0.3	47	40	127	118
Illinois	10.7	14.7	1,367	1,931	128	132
Indiana	3.8	3.9	418	422	111	109
Iowa	20.7	0.3	2,781	38	135	139
Kansas	0.5	0.4	51	41	110	116
Kentucky	1.2	1.2	141	145	122	123
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	30	24	56	56
Michigan	17.7	17.3	2,242	2,188	127	126
Minnesota	1.4	0.4	169	56	118	136
Mississippi	0.2	(D)	10	(D)	55	(D)
Missouri	0.7	0.6	82	69	115	113
Montana	0.4	0.4	55	53	123	123
Nebraska	0.2	0.1	25	11	123	122
Nevada	0.1	0.1	15	11	124	111
New England ¹	2.7	2.4	244	211	91	88
New Jersey	14.2	11.4	1,154	966	81	85
New Mexico	1.4	0.7	202	101	141	138
New York	3.4	3.7	328	310	95	84
North Carolina	1.6	1.5	130	109	80	71
North Dakota	0.1	-	9	-	124	-
Ohio	1.4	1.6	149	173	106	106
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	10	8	107	104
Oregon	2.5	2.5	336	345	132	136
Pennsylvania	4.0	4.5	397	449	99	100
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	42	32	134	117
Tennessee	1.6	1.0	119	70	73	67
Texas	8.6	6.9	701	525	82	76
Utah	2.5	2.5	339	334	138	135
Virginia	1.4	0.7	135	70	98	96
Washington	0.8	0.8	126	133	160	160
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.3	0.9	165	125	129	136
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	48	46	144	144
United States	204.7	198.2	25,685	26,134	126	132

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Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

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Class	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	January to August		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	January to August	
				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	1,461	1,405	1,561	11,142	11,214	50.2	51.5	51.1	49.9	49.9
Heifers	881	761	841	6,640	6,593	30.3	27.9	27.5	29.7	29.3
All cows	515	519	600	4,154	4,287	17.7	19.0	19.6	18.6	19.1
Dairy cows	231	207	245	1,826	1,909	7.9	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.5
Other cows	284	312	355	2,327	2,378	9.8	11.4	11.6	10.4	10.6
Bulls	55	43	52	408	381	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
Total	2,912	2,728	3,053	22,344	22,475	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	75	72	79	576	551	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,759	7,834	9,142	68,473	68,509	97.0	96.9	96.8	96.9	96.9
Sows	244	229	270	1,946	1,968	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8
Boars	27	25	28	255	218	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total	9,030	8,089	9,440	70,674	70,695	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12	11	12	103	93	6.7	7.4	6.3	6.9	7.0
Lambs and yearlings	172	139	171	1,386	1,244	93.3	92.6	93.7	93.1	93.0
Total	185	150	183	1,489	1,337	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 2010	July 2011	August 2011	January to August	
				2010	2011
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	778	776	775	767	771
Steers ¹	842	846	847	825	834
Heifers ¹	767	769	773	760	767
All cows ¹	604	588	579	611	601
Bulls ¹	883	877	868	881	874
Calves and vealers	148	142	145	152	157
Hogs	200	201	199	203	205
Barrows and gilts ²	197	198	196	200	203
Sows ²	303	305	303	306	307
Boars ²	195	210	211	198	211
Sheep	64	68	68	69	71
Mature sheep ³	68	63	63	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	64	68	68	69	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: August 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	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.1
2	7.1	2.2	0.6	3.7	3.2	0.5	0.6	17.9
3	89.7	32.6	6.7	48.3	38.7	9.6	2.0	10.1
4	78.2	2.2	0.9	65.5	15.4	50.1	9.5	0.4
5	371.5	153.6	39.5	167.6	86.5	81.1	10.9	26.0
6	628.2	300.9	185.8	131.0	15.6	115.4	10.4	1.7
7	1,266.8	739.8	460.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
8	298.9	179.8	97.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	206.9	94.3	18.4	88.8	64.0	24.8	5.3	19.2
10	104.6	54.9	30.2	17.6	12.3	5.3	1.9	1.5
United States	3,053.1	1,560.9	840.8	599.8	244.6	355.2	51.5	78.9
	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	-	-	2.2	0.2	2.0	
2	13.1	12.9	(D)	(D)	14.4	1.9	12.5	
3	458.4	457.4	(D)	(D)	9.5	0.5	9.1	
4	1,344.4	1,254.0	86.7	3.8	4.9	1.1	3.8	
5	2,586.4	2,473.3	107.3	5.8	33.8	3.7	30.1	
6	530.9	510.9	20.0	-	3.4	1.4	2.0	
7	3,869.6	3,796.7	54.7	18.2	0.8	-	0.8	
8	391.8	391.5	0.2	-	86.0	2.2	83.8	
9	213.3	213.3	0.1	-	24.5	0.5	24.1	
10	29.8	29.8	-	-	2.9	0.2	2.7	
United States	9,440.0	9,141.8	270.2	28.0	182.6	11.6	171.0	

- 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 to August 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	10.1	4.5	2.2	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.4	10.4
2	47.7	15.1	4.1	24.9	21.2	3.7	3.5	118.6
3	662.0	236.9	65.1	344.6	275.1	69.4	15.4	79.4
4	572.1	16.6	6.6	476.4	115.8	360.6	72.5	1.9
5	2,691.3	1,206.7	286.7	1,121.3	652.7	468.6	76.6	176.5
6	4,614.6	2,241.7	1,415.3	864.6	138.8	725.8	93.0	10.7
7	9,318.6	5,188.7	3,607.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.4
8	2,162.8	1,173.2	832.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	1,557.0	718.5	153.1	655.0	530.2	124.9	30.4	136.7
10	839.0	412.1	220.4	188.7	109.4	79.3	17.8	16.4
United States	22,475.1	11,214.0	6,592.5	4,287.1	1,909.4	2,377.7	381.5	551.1
	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	12.6	12.1	0.3	0.2	17.1	2.3	14.8	
2	88.2	86.7	(D)	(D)	100.8	13.6	87.3	
3	3,289.9	3,276.0	(D)	(D)	63.3	2.9	60.4	
4	10,016.2	9,477.3	509.2	29.7	28.4	6.7	21.7	
5	19,005.7	18,101.6	862.5	41.6	212.8	23.2	189.6	
6	4,007.5	3,864.3	142.9	0.4	25.6	14.0	11.6	
7	29,373.3	28,792.5	441.7	139.0	53.0	2.5	50.5	
8	3,078.0	3,076.4	1.6	0.1	628.2	23.3	604.9	
9	1,614.6	1,614.1	0.5	0.1	190.9	3.4	187.5	
10	208.9	208.4	0.4	0.1	17.3	1.1	16.2	
United States	70,694.8	68,509.4	1,967.8	217.5	1,337.4	93.0	1,244.4	

- Represents zero.

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

Species	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	January to August	
				2010	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.5
Calves	98.4	98.6	98.8	98.4	98.5
Hogs	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.2
Sheep	90.3	90.7	92.1	92.2	92.7

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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Monday October 17, 2011

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