



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Lows in October for Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in October 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from October 2010. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.91 million head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 11 percent from October 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,600 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2011 commercial red meat production was 40.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

October 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		
				October 2010	September 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,234.9	2,215.5	2,215.2	99	100	21,798.3	21,922.7	101
Veal	11.4	10.7	10.5	92	99	111.3	107.7	97
Pork	2,002.7	1,953.8	2,033.5	102	104	18,312.9	18,606.4	102
Lamb and mutton	13.1	11.8	11.7	89	99	134.4	123.5	92
Total red meat	4,262.2	4,191.8	4,270.9	100	102	40,356.9	40,760.2	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		
				October 2010	September 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,201.3	2,185.7	2,181.2	99	100	21,507.6	21,638.0	101
Veal	11.0	10.4	10.3	93	99	108.3	105.1	97
Pork	1,988.8	1,939.2	2,018.9	102	104	18,178.5	18,473.3	102
Lamb and mutton	12.3	11.1	11.0	90	100	126.9	117.1	92
Total red meat	4,213.5	4,146.4	4,221.4	100	102	39,921.1	40,333.6	101

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

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

Species	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of 2010	January to October		
					2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,809.2	2,830.4	2,803.7	100	28,004.0	28,109.2	100
Other 1,000	52.8	46.1	53.2	101	452.9	442.7	98
Commercial 1,000	2,862.1	2,876.5	2,857.0	100	28,456.9	28,551.9	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,301	1,280	1,292	99	1,277	1,276	100
Other pounds	1,126	1,135	1,124	100	1,131	1,132	100
Commercial pounds	1,298	1,278	1,289	99	1,275	1,274	100
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	70.0	72.5	71.5	102	715.9	695.0	97
Other 1,000	1.4	1.2	1.1	77	12.1	10.5	87
Commercial 1,000	71.5	73.7	72.6	102	728.0	705.6	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	271	249	250	92	259	262	101
Other pounds	446	415	412	92	431	424	98
Commercial pounds	275	252	252	92	262	265	101
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,651.1	9,603.5	9,823.3	102	89,582.0	90,121.6	101
Other 1,000	81.1	84.5	83.2	103	784.6	757.0	96
Commercial 1,000	9,732.2	9,688.0	9,906.4	102	90,366.6	90,878.6	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	276	271	276	100	272	274	101
Other pounds	238	240	244	103	238	244	102
Commercial pounds	276	270	275	100	271	274	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	184.6	162.8	160.8	87	1,860.0	1,661.0	89
Other 1,000	17.5	14.2	13.8	79	162.7	133.3	82
Commercial 1,000	202.1	177.0	174.6	86	2,022.7	1,794.3	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	134	137	138	103	137	141	103
Other pounds	93	103	98	106	96	97	101
Commercial pounds	130	134	134	103	133	138	103
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	50.7	50.8	51.6	102	501.8	475.3	95
Other 1,000	14.3	16.5	15.3	107	129.1	146.2	113
Commercial 1,000	65.1	67.3	66.9	103	630.9	621.6	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	62	63	63	100	62	63	101
Other pounds	67	60	65	98	69	66	96
Commercial pounds	63	62	63	100	63	64	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.9	3.6	3.3	85	44.4	36.6	82
Other 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.8	89	9.1	8.1	89
Commercial 1,000	4.8	4.3	4.1	85	53.6	44.7	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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	2.0	1.2	1.6	78
Alaska	0.1	-	0.1	158
Arizona	31.2	34.5	33.3	107
Arkansas	4.5	4.1	3.3	73
California	142.7	142.2	139.1	98
Colorado	174.2	187.0	178.2	102
Delaware-Maryland	3.2	3.1	2.9	93
Florida	10.2	10.9	10.9	107
Georgia	11.0	12.9	12.8	116
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	0.9	99
Idaho	17.7	3.3	3.5	20
Illinois	253.0	239.3	258.8	102
Indiana	155.8	149.8	155.7	100
Iowa	579.2	563.5	587.6	101
Kansas	444.9	442.7	438.4	99
Kentucky	50.9	47.6	50.3	99
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	0.5	90
Michigan	44.9	40.7	45.4	101
Minnesota	246.4	243.0	249.2	101
Mississippi	1.9	2.2	2.3	122
Missouri	151.5	146.6	157.1	104
Montana	1.8	1.5	1.9	104
Nebraska	630.0	615.6	641.7	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	180
New England ¹	1.8	1.6	1.8	102
New Jersey	4.8	4.6	4.6	96
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.4	90
New York	2.9	3.0	3.2	112
North Carolina	210.2	197.1	196.5	93
North Dakota	3.0	2.2	2.6	87
Ohio	27.4	25.0	26.0	95
Oklahoma	98.5	101.1	96.4	98
Oregon	5.2	5.9	6.2	118
Pennsylvania	107.9	112.0	111.9	104
South Carolina	20.9	21.0	20.6	98
South Dakota	88.8	89.3	98.7	111
Tennessee	23.3	25.4	23.8	102
Texas	427.6	430.3	416.2	97
Utah	39.8	39.4	43.8	110
Virginia	43.1	45.3	44.7	104
Washington	78.3	73.0	78.4	100
West Virginia	1.2	0.9	1.3	113
Wisconsin	118.3	120.7	118.1	100
Wyoming	0.2	0.5	0.2	100
United States	4,262.2	4,191.8	4,270.9	100

- Represents zero.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	0.3	567	256	897	934
Alaska	0.1	0.1	115	180	1,273	1,217
Arizona	43.0	46.4	55,603	58,966	1,298	1,274
Arkansas	0.8	0.8	777	805	979	1,001
California	142.6	139.9	181,773	175,921	1,296	1,274
Colorado	198.5	201.9	265,677	270,495	1,339	1,341
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	3.3	4,460	4,190	1,302	1,277
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	20.0	23.5	20,375	23,388	1,021	998
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,089	1,128	1,111	1,147
Idaho	24.2	2.7	30,107	2,756	1,264	1,125
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.9	4.2	5,133	4,393	1,053	1,052
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	523.8	518.1	688,559	678,798	1,315	1,311
Kentucky	1.6	1.6	1,594	1,541	976	985
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	355	393	730	720
Michigan	54.2	55.9	72,180	73,357	1,339	1,322
Minnesota	76.7	79.2	106,390	108,872	1,393	1,380
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	62	44	498	566
Missouri	5.5	5.7	6,269	6,092	1,144	1,074
Montana	2.2	2.3	2,603	2,713	1,170	1,171
Nebraska	585.3	592.6	787,210	798,101	1,346	1,348
Nevada	0.1	0.1	75	139	1,000	1,034
New England ¹	1.9	1.9	1,943	1,866	998	973
New Jersey	3.4	3.4	3,895	3,881	1,140	1,137
New Mexico	0.6	0.5	663	639	1,091	1,250
New York	3.0	3.4	3,307	3,704	1,144	1,107
North Carolina	18.5	18.2	21,124	20,596	1,147	1,133
North Dakota	1.7	3.1	2,015	4,205	1,182	1,352
Ohio	11.5	10.5	13,454	12,165	1,173	1,158
Oklahoma	2.0	2.3	2,022	2,224	1,014	970
Oregon	4.0	5.1	4,765	6,044	1,215	1,197
Pennsylvania	81.0	89.3	98,391	103,962	1,228	1,168
South Carolina	15.1	12.9	16,307	14,471	1,086	1,137
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.1	4.8	3,409	3,798	851	808
Texas	559.3	555.6	690,784	675,451	1,239	1,220
Utah	48.3	51.4	64,338	70,637	1,336	1,375
Virginia	1.3	1.1	1,376	1,085	1,053	1,016
Washington	93.9	95.8	126,476	127,333	1,353	1,336
West Virginia	1.7	2.0	1,734	1,866	997	939
Wisconsin	147.0	149.9	192,465	193,058	1,321	1,295
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	331	318	1,280	1,144
United States	2,862.1	2,857.0	3,700,942	3,671,294	1,298	1,289

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	16.0	16.9	1,697	1,798	107	108
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.3	68	69	269	261
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	29	27	455	480
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1.5	1.7	698	776	455	452
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	0.1	0.1	33	46	511	504
Louisiana	0.6	0.4	326	201	536	516
Michigan	1.5	1.6	668	655	436	421
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	(D)	1.2	(D)	138	(D)	120
New Jersey	7.1	6.7	3,038	2,774	426	416
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	10.1	10.2	1,002	957	105	101
North Carolina	0.2	0.1	85	54	467	490
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	10.9	11.5	2,512	2,346	244	214
Oklahoma	0.1	-	39	-	494	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9.9	8.9	4,292	3,763	432	421
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	0.1	28	39	545	467
Texas	2.1	1.9	827	592	403	315
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	0.1	-	37	-	397	-
Washington	(D)	1.3	(D)	103	(D)	79
West Virginia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Wisconsin	7.9	7.3	3,481	3,215	442	442
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	71.5	72.6	19,294	17,917	275	252

- Represents zero.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	5.8	3,124	2,532	441	436
Alaska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arizona	0.1	0.2	30	41	246	246
Arkansas	13.4	9.5	6,103	4,239	457	448
California	211.2	212.0	51,269	51,175	243	242
Colorado	0.8	1.1	217	254	269	242
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.5	372	371	244	250
Florida	8.0	10.2	1,012	1,078	126	106
Georgia	5.6	7.5	1,378	1,776	247	237
Hawaii	1.3	1.1	318	276	245	244
Idaho	8.6	10.5	2,180	2,645	255	253
Illinois	863.3	946.2	241,623	263,338	280	278
Indiana	747.3	748.0	202,466	203,282	271	272
Iowa	2,599.9	2,638.8	719,146	728,735	277	276
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.9	0.9	174	172	197	193
Michigan	9.7	11.6	3,737	4,694	385	407
Minnesota	931.1	945.1	251,766	255,470	271	271
Mississippi	9.0	10.2	2,629	3,232	293	316
Missouri	684.0	724.3	196,702	204,427	288	282
Montana	1.2	1.2	315	309	259	253
Nebraska	698.5	714.3	191,981	196,148	275	275
Nevada	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New England ¹	2.6	2.7	618	713	235	260
New Jersey	8.4	9.0	808	884	96	98
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	76	55	263	267
New York	2.6	3.0	494	664	187	224
North Carolina	999.0	932.7	265,691	248,127	266	266
North Dakota	10.2	0.5	2,642	148	260	297
Ohio	93.1	92.0	25,329	24,522	273	267
Oklahoma	468.3	457.9	128,291	126,027	274	275
Oregon	13.6	15.1	3,443	3,809	253	252
Pennsylvania	245.2	242.1	64,796	63,583	265	263
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	402.3	446.6	106,988	119,630	266	268
Tennessee	69.5	72.7	31,689	32,086	456	442
Texas	39.4	37.6	9,896	10,903	251	290
Utah	4.1	7.0	625	916	153	132
Virginia	207.0	217.0	56,001	58,380	271	269
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.8	1.0	206	273	264	266
Wisconsin	42.9	46.9	19,095	20,614	448	442
Wyoming	0.1	0.2	30	43	249	263
United States	9,732.2	9,906.4	2,684,878	2,726,869	276	275

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	0.2	28	26	122	118
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	8	120	108
California	24.5	22.1	3,327	3,008	136	136
Colorado	74.4	83.1	11,090	12,697	149	153
Delaware-Maryland	4.0	3.1	388	298	96	96
Florida	(D)	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	71
Georgia	0.5	0.4	35	35	77	82
Hawaii	-	0.1	-	7	-	121
Idaho	0.3	0.3	38	39	123	124
Illinois	11.6	12.4	1,601	1,717	139	138
Indiana	3.4	3.1	385	341	113	110
Iowa	19.5	0.2	2,809	28	145	135
Kansas	0.4	0.3	36	29	100	108
Kentucky	0.7	0.9	86	111	117	126
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	28	24	63	63
Michigan	15.6	11.8	1,941	1,505	125	128
Minnesota	1.5	0.5	181	60	120	125
Mississippi	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Missouri	0.4	0.4	45	41	116	112
Montana	0.5	0.5	46	47	97	95
Nebraska	-	0.1	-	8	-	120
Nevada	-	0.1	-	14	-	130
New England ¹	3.1	2.8	281	244	90	88
New Jersey	10.4	8.3	871	721	84	87
New Mexico	1.2	0.8	163	113	133	142
New York	3.4	3.4	295	286	87	84
North Carolina	1.2	1.1	96	78	81	74
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	5	7	109	117
Ohio	2.3	1.3	244	134	106	105
Oklahoma	0.1	0.4	12	41	96	99
Oregon	2.1	2.1	275	275	130	133
Pennsylvania	3.0	3.6	293	353	98	98
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	25	26	122	117
Tennessee	0.9	0.7	80	52	84	74
Texas	8.9	4.2	667	301	75	72
Utah	2.5	2.1	318	295	131	138
Virginia	1.0	0.6	96	53	96	94
Washington	0.9	0.6	136	99	150	159
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	1.2	151	160	122	130
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	202.1	174.6	26,275	23,435	130	134

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Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

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Class	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	January to October		October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	January to October	
				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	1,343	1,364	1,345	13,877	13,923	47.8	48.2	48.0	49.6	49.5
Heifers	854	804	809	8,348	8,205	30.4	28.4	28.8	29.8	29.2
All cows	558	610	600	5,256	5,497	19.9	21.6	21.4	18.8	19.6
Dairy cows	231	247	243	2,301	2,399	8.2	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.5
Other cows	326	363	357	2,955	3,098	11.6	12.8	12.7	10.6	11.0
Bulls	55	53	50	522	484	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7
Total	2,809	2,830	2,804	28,004	28,109	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	70	73	71	716	695	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,366	9,309	9,532	86,816	87,350	97.0	96.9	97.0	96.9	96.9
Sows	258	266	265	2,455	2,499	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
Boars	27	28	26	311	272	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,651	9,604	9,823	89,582	90,122	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	15	12	13	130	118	7.9	7.4	8.3	7.0	7.1
Lambs and yearlings	170	151	148	1,730	1,543	92.1	92.6	91.7	93.0	92.9
Total	185	163	161	1,860	1,661	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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	January to October	
				2010	2011
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	786	775	780	771	772
Steers ¹	859	855	859	831	838
Heifers ¹	788	780	791	764	771
All cows ¹	599	579	582	608	596
Bulls ¹	862	863	851	878	871
Calves and vealers	160	147	147	153	155
Hogs	206	202	206	203	205
Barrows and gilts ²	204	199	203	200	202
Sows ²	305	299	302	305	306
Boars ²	205	209	211	199	211
Sheep	67	68	69	68	71
Mature sheep ³	63	64	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	67	69	69	69	71

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: October 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	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.1
2	6.7	2.1	0.6	3.4	2.9	0.6	0.5	16.8
3	91.4	30.7	8.6	49.8	39.4	10.3	2.3	9.3
4	77.6	2.2	1.0	63.8	13.8	50.0	10.6	2.0
5	353.8	142.1	38.5	162.1	81.7	80.4	11.1	22.2
6	553.2	264.6	157.4	121.7	15.5	106.1	9.5	1.9
7	1,162.1	637.3	448.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
8	268.1	138.2	107.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	186.8	76.5	14.5	91.7	67.7	24.1	4.0	16.8
10	102.4	50.4	31.9	18.3	13.2	5.1	1.7	1.3
United States	2,803.7	1,345.0	808.8	599.9	242.8	357.1	50.0	71.5
	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	2.1	2.0	-	-	2.5	0.3	2.2	
2	11.7	11.5	(D)	(D)	11.0	1.7	9.3	
3	459.3	458.1	(D)	(D)	7.7	0.6	7.1	
4	1,323.1	1,230.0	89.1	4.1	3.3	0.8	2.5	
5	2,753.4	2,644.3	104.2	4.9	25.8	3.0	22.8	
6	498.2	482.2	16.0	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.7	
7	4,088.4	4,016.9	54.5	17.0	0.5	-	0.5	
8	453.1	452.8	0.2	-	85.0	5.4	79.6	
9	207.3	207.2	-	-	21.2	0.5	20.7	
10	26.6	26.6	-	-	2.4	0.2	2.2	
United States	9,823.3	9,531.6	265.3	26.4	160.8	13.3	147.5	

- 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 October 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	13.1	5.9	2.9	2.4	1.4	1.1	1.9	13.3
2	61.1	19.3	5.3	31.8	27.0	4.8	4.6	150.8
3	845.6	303.1	80.3	442.2	353.0	89.3	20.1	98.2
4	730.7	20.9	8.5	607.8	144.9	462.9	93.5	5.1
5	3,408.0	1,490.6	362.9	1,454.7	823.2	631.5	99.9	221.0
6	5,738.9	2,772.1	1,743.3	1,111.2	169.6	941.6	112.2	15.1
7	11,632.4	6,451.7	4,506.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.5
8	2,702.5	1,467.5	1,033.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	1,939.8	877.9	184.0	839.1	663.3	175.9	38.8	172.0
10	1,036.9	513.5	277.8	224.4	134.8	89.6	21.3	19.0
United States	28,109.2	13,922.6	8,205.0	5,497.4	2,399.3	3,098.2	484.1	695.0
	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	17.0	16.5	0.3	0.2	21.8	2.7	19.2	
2	111.8	109.9	(D)	(D)	122.4	16.8	105.6	
3	4,216.6	4,200.1	(D)	(D)	79.2	4.1	75.1	
4	12,677.4	11,949.3	689.8	38.3	35.4	8.5	26.9	
5	24,383.9	23,263.8	1,068.7	51.3	264.5	29.1	235.4	
6	5,037.6	4,859.5	177.6	0.5	29.0	15.7	13.3	
7	37,448.3	36,725.1	548.2	174.9	54.1	2.5	51.6	
8	3,942.1	3,940.1	2.0	0.1	799.6	33.3	766.2	
9	2,025.9	2,025.3	0.6	0.1	233.0	4.3	228.7	
10	261.0	260.5	0.4	0.1	22.1	1.4	20.7	
United States	90,121.6	87,350.1	2,499.1	272.4	1,661.0	118.4	1,542.6	

- Represents zero.

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

Species	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	January to October	
				2010	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.4	98.1	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.0	98.3	98.5	98.3	98.5
Hogs	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.1	99.2
Sheep	91.4	92.0	92.1	92.0	92.6

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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