



Livestock Slaughter

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November Pork Production at Record High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in November 2010.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 3 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,000 head, up slightly from November 2010. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.04 million head, up 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 12 percent from November 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,700 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2011 commercial red meat production was 45.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		
				November 2010	October 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,235.5	2,215.2	2,149.4	96	97	24,033.8	24,072.1	100
Veal	11.3	10.5	10.8	95	103	122.6	118.5	97
Pork	2,068.0	2,033.5	2,086.9	101	103	20,381.0	20,693.2	102
Lamb and mutton	14.4	11.7	12.6	88	108	148.8	136.1	91
Total red meat	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98	100	44,686.1	45,019.8	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		
				November 2010	October 2011	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,206.5	2,181.2	2,119.8	96	97	23,714.1	23,757.8	100
Veal	11.0	10.3	10.5	96	103	119.3	115.7	97
Pork	2,055.0	2,018.8	2,073.6	101	103	20,233.5	20,546.8	102
Lamb and mutton	13.5	11.0	11.8	88	107	140.4	129.0	92
Total red meat	4,286.1	4,221.3	4,215.8	98	100	44,207.2	44,549.3	101

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

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

Species	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of 2010	January to November		
					2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,830.4	2,803.7	2,739.1	97	30,834.4	30,848.2	100
Other 1,000	45.9	53.2	46.5	101	498.8	489.3	98
Commercial 1,000	2,876.3	2,857.0	2,785.6	97	31,333.2	31,337.5	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,302	1,292	1,296	99	1,279	1,278	100
Other pounds	1,123	1,124	1,131	101	1,131	1,132	100
Commercial pounds	1,299	1,289	1,293	100	1,277	1,276	100
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	71.7	71.5	71.9	100	787.6	766.9	97
Other 1,000	1.2	1.1	1.1	92	13.3	11.7	88
Commercial 1,000	73.0	72.6	73.0	100	800.9	778.6	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	266	250	252	95	260	261	101
Other pounds	438	412	401	92	432	421	98
Commercial pounds	269	252	255	95	263	264	100
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,894.9	9,822.4	9,968.1	101	99,476.9	100,088.9	101
Other 1,000	76.6	83.2	74.9	98	861.1	831.9	97
Commercial 1,000	9,971.5	9,905.6	10,043.0	101	100,338.1	100,920.7	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	278	276	279	100	272	275	101
Other pounds	237	244	245	104	238	244	102
Commercial pounds	278	275	278	100	272	274	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	201.1	160.8	171.9	86	2,061.1	1,833.0	89
Other 1,000	17.7	13.8	14.8	83	180.4	148.0	82
Commercial 1,000	218.8	174.6	186.7	85	2,241.5	1,981.0	88
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	134	138	138	103	136	141	103
Other pounds	102	98	105	102	97	98	101
Commercial pounds	131	134	135	103	133	137	103
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	57.7	51.6	58.6	102	559.5	533.9	95
Other 1,000	17.4	15.3	18.6	107	146.5	164.8	113
Commercial 1,000	75.1	66.9	77.2	103	706.0	698.7	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	63	63	63	100	62	63	101
Other pounds	61	65	67	109	68	66	97
Commercial pounds	62	63	64	103	63	64	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.8	3.3	3.9	102	48.3	40.5	84
Other 1,000	0.9	0.8	0.9	95	10.1	9.0	89
Commercial 1,000	4.8	4.1	4.8	101	58.4	49.5	85

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of 2010
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.8	1.6	1.6	88
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	86
Arizona	34.5	33.3	33.2	96
Arkansas	4.4	3.3	3.0	70
California	148.1	139.1	147.5	100
Colorado	171.1	178.2	170.0	99
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	2.9	3.0	93
Florida	9.9	10.9	10.3	104
Georgia	11.8	12.8	12.8	108
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	0.7	84
Idaho	18.7	3.5	3.8	20
Illinois	249.4	258.8	264.4	106
Indiana	162.3	155.7	158.6	98
Iowa	593.8	587.6	604.5	102
Kansas	456.1	438.4	424.8	93
Kentucky	54.1	50.3	51.4	95
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	0.6	115
Michigan	44.1	45.4	42.8	97
Minnesota	249.2	249.2	248.7	100
Mississippi	1.9	2.3	2.4	126
Missouri	153.0	157.1	158.6	104
Montana	1.7	1.9	1.7	104
Nebraska	633.9	641.7	612.5	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	114
New England ¹	1.8	1.8	1.8	102
New Jersey	5.0	4.6	4.6	92
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.4	83
New York	2.9	3.2	3.1	107
North Carolina	224.0	196.5	212.4	95
North Dakota	3.3	2.6	2.4	72
Ohio	26.3	26.0	25.8	98
Oklahoma	102.6	96.4	104.0	101
Oregon	5.4	6.2	6.3	116
Pennsylvania	113.7	111.9	112.4	99
South Carolina	20.6	20.6	21.3	104
South Dakota	98.6	98.7	101.0	102
Tennessee	23.3	23.8	24.2	104
Texas	417.5	416.2	402.2	96
Utah	36.3	43.8	37.3	103
Virginia	47.8	44.7	48.3	101
Washington	72.9	78.4	74.9	103
West Virginia	1.0	1.3	1.0	105
Wisconsin	120.9	118.1	118.7	98
Wyoming	0.5	0.2	0.5	101
United States	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	559	241	926	922
Alaska	0.1	0.1	145	118	1,235	1,089
Arizona	47.9	46.3	61,829	59,323	1,295	1,285
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	587	473	1,014	1,024
California	149.7	150.8	191,461	192,114	1,300	1,291
Colorado	195.8	194.6	261,610	259,132	1,337	1,333
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	3.3	4,438	4,242	1,294	1,277
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	21.9	23.2	21,780	23,285	997	1,006
Hawaii	1.0	0.8	1,129	923	1,093	1,119
Idaho	26.3	2.8	32,131	2,839	1,242	1,094
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	3.4	3,553	3,543	1,056	1,058
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	540.3	503.6	707,381	660,383	1,309	1,312
Kentucky	1.4	1.2	1,272	1,218	938	977
Louisiana	0.5	0.6	333	438	727	736
Michigan	51.2	51.9	69,801	69,072	1,372	1,344
Minnesota	80.1	81.1	111,698	113,096	1,402	1,400
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	32	32	637	526
Missouri	3.8	2.9	4,477	3,465	1,172	1,190
Montana	2.1	2.2	2,481	2,580	1,175	1,178
Nebraska	592.7	567.1	799,495	766,210	1,350	1,352
Nevada	0.1	0.1	114	136	953	1,015
New England ¹	2.0	2.0	1,971	1,983	985	978
New Jersey	3.6	3.3	4,080	3,670	1,129	1,122
New Mexico	0.7	0.5	704	638	1,095	1,261
New York	2.9	3.2	3,250	3,588	1,158	1,122
North Carolina	18.6	18.7	21,509	21,339	1,158	1,148
North Dakota	2.1	2.8	2,702	3,817	1,314	1,356
Ohio	10.7	11.5	12,686	13,390	1,193	1,165
Oklahoma	1.9	2.0	1,865	1,926	981	974
Oregon	3.8	5.0	4,465	5,925	1,196	1,209
Pennsylvania	86.0	84.9	106,530	100,648	1,250	1,188
South Carolina	14.0	12.8	15,220	14,262	1,103	1,130
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.3	4.6	3,543	3,784	837	846
Texas	545.7	538.9	677,430	657,760	1,246	1,225
Utah	45.0	45.1	58,830	60,382	1,308	1,340
Virginia	1.4	1.4	1,498	1,432	1,063	1,014
Washington	89.1	92.1	118,678	122,541	1,337	1,336
West Virginia	1.4	1.6	1,392	1,524	987	955
Wisconsin	152.7	153.1	198,873	196,706	1,315	1,292
Wyoming	0.7	0.7	765	784	1,170	1,100
United States	2,876.3	2,785.6	3,723,819	3,590,900	1,299	1,293

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	15.5	15.9	1,697	1,674	111	106
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	0.2	0.3	54	67	271	261
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	-	0.1	-	32	-	528
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	1.7	1.4	746	636	439	443
Indiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	248	216	541	454
Michigan	1.5	1.4	637	600	425	423
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	0.1	-	18	-	361	-
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	(D)	1.7	(D)	181	(D)	110
New Jersey	6.9	6.5	2,906	2,736	424	420
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	11.3	10.4	1,066	900	100	93
North Carolina	0.2	0.1	81	62	472	520
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	12.3	11.9	2,760	2,221	239	188
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	35	27	497	497
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9.6	10.0	4,087	4,270	427	427
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	0.1	24	54	445	550
Texas	2.3	2.1	734	774	332	377
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	0.1	0.1	30	19	401	382
Washington	(D)	1.2	(D)	92	(D)	75
West Virginia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Wisconsin	7.9	8.0	3,597	3,522	457	442
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	73.0	73.0	19,161	18,339	269	255

- Represents zero.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	6.3	5.9	2,690	2,489	431	424
Alaska	0.1	(D)	25	(D)	264	(D)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	30	22	210	246
Arkansas	13.2	9.2	6,109	4,204	462	457
California	212.3	207.8	51,666	50,661	244	244
Colorado	0.7	0.9	167	206	247	233
Delaware-Maryland	2.0	1.6	525	417	264	261
Florida	7.7	9.1	938	1,047	122	115
Georgia	6.6	7.8	1,655	1,865	250	239
Hawaii	1.3	1.1	324	276	251	245
Idaho	10.6	11.5	2,705	2,954	256	257
Illinois	874.2	947.8	245,497	267,243	281	282
Indiana	776.1	758.6	212,144	207,491	273	274
Iowa	2,659.7	2,700.5	739,726	752,438	278	279
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.2	1.5	190	239	164	157
Michigan	11.2	12.0	4,414	4,821	396	402
Minnesota	930.7	925.2	252,747	252,652	272	273
Mississippi	9.4	11.1	2,611	3,324	279	299
Missouri	692.8	727.1	200,202	208,164	289	286
Montana	1.3	1.4	322	331	241	241
Nebraska	687.6	677.6	189,991	187,792	276	277
Nevada	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New England ¹	2.3	2.4	549	568	237	236
New Jersey	9.3	9.8	872	961	94	98
New Mexico	0.2	0.1	48	26	253	250
New York	2.4	2.6	461	524	193	200
North Carolina	1,043.6	991.6	283,114	269,155	271	272
North Dakota	9.6	0.5	2,510	143	261	284
Ohio	86.6	86.6	24,236	23,478	280	272
Oklahoma	480.6	483.8	133,597	135,861	278	281
Oregon	15.2	15.9	3,872	4,074	255	256
Pennsylvania	253.8	252.1	66,881	66,622	264	264
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	445.8	454.3	119,521	122,790	268	270
Tennessee	70.3	74.2	31,640	32,939	451	445
Texas	38.9	36.0	10,766	10,678	277	297
Utah	4.7	5.9	663	798	142	136
Virginia	227.5	231.0	61,842	62,713	272	272
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.7	0.7	178	195	265	270
Wisconsin	43.2	46.5	19,387	20,916	452	452
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	62	59	254	283
United States	9,971.5	10,043.0	2,770,613	2,794,976	278	278

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	25	30	118	110
Arkansas	0.1	-	9	-	116	-
California	25.7	23.3	3,350	3,196	131	137
Colorado	85.4	88.5	12,988	13,664	152	155
Delaware-Maryland	4.7	3.5	454	333	96	95
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	0.5	0.5	45	44	84	81
Hawaii	-	0.1	-	8	-	119
Idaho	0.3	0.3	38	33	123	125
Illinois	11.4	13.6	1,565	1,873	138	138
Indiana	4.4	3.9	490	435	112	110
Iowa	19.8	0.3	2,726	38	138	136
Kansas	0.4	0.3	36	31	94	108
Kentucky	1.0	0.9	104	124	102	131
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	17	22	58	62
Michigan	15.3	12.1	1,978	1,532	129	127
Minnesota	1.3	0.4	159	55	123	124
Mississippi	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	59	(D)
Missouri	0.4	0.4	48	49	113	123
Montana	0.4	0.4	34	35	77	81
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	10	6	121	121
Nevada	0.1	-	7	-	115	-
New England ¹	4.1	3.1	343	286	85	92
New Jersey	11.6	9.7	1,023	806	88	83
New Mexico	1.3	0.8	170	117	133	147
New York	4.7	4.8	392	405	84	84
North Carolina	1.9	1.4	147	99	77	73
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	1.4	1.1	148	118	108	109
Oklahoma	0.1	0.6	9	76	92	125
Oregon	2.2	2.1	295	280	134	136
Pennsylvania	3.2	3.8	313	383	98	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.3	30	29	126	114
Tennessee	1.2	0.7	91	51	76	70
Texas	7.6	3.6	711	327	94	91
Utah	2.4	2.4	319	327	133	139
Virginia	1.1	0.7	106	63	95	91
Washington	1.0	0.6	155	94	159	162
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	0.8	157	101	130	131
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	12	19	150	157
United States	218.8	186.7	28,702	25,225	131	135

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Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

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Class	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	January to November		November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	January to November	
				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	1,337	1,345	1,302	15,215	15,224	47.3	48.0	47.5	49.3	49.4
Heifers	849	809	775	9,197	8,980	30.0	28.8	28.3	29.8	29.1
All cows	592	600	613	5,848	6,110	20.9	21.4	22.4	19.0	19.8
Dairy cows	241	243	253	2,542	2,652	8.5	8.7	9.2	8.2	8.6
Other cows	351	357	360	3,306	3,458	12.4	12.7	13.1	10.7	11.2
Bulls	52	50	50	574	534	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7
Total	2,830	2,804	2,739	30,834	30,848	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	72	71	72	788	767	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,611	9,531	9,672	96,426	97,022	97.1	97.0	97.0	96.9	96.9
Sows	258	265	268	2,713	2,767	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Boars	26	26	27	337	300	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,895	9,822	9,968	99,477	100,089	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	15	13	12	146	130	7.6	8.3	7.0	7.1	7.1
Lambs and yearlings	186	148	160	1,915	1,703	92.4	91.7	93.0	92.9	92.9
Total	201	161	172	2,061	1,833	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	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	January to November	
				2010	2011
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	782	780	776	772	773
Steers ¹	855	859	854	833	840
Heifers ¹	790	791	788	767	772
All cows ¹	599	582	587	607	596
Bulls ¹	862	851	856	876	869
Calves and vealers	157	147	149	154	155
Hogs	208	206	208	204	205
Barrows and gilts ²	205	203	206	201	203
Sows ²	305	302	302	305	305
Boars ²	215	211	208	200	210
Sheep	67	69	69	68	70
Mature sheep ³	64	65	66	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	67	69	69	68	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: November 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	1.6	
2	6.4	1.9	0.6	3.3	2.7	0.6	0.6	16.9	
3	87.3	28.1	8.2	48.7	38.4	10.3	2.3	10.3	
4	76.3	2.0	1.2	62.7	14.3	48.4	10.4	0.9	
5	360.0	138.9	39.0	170.7	89.3	81.4	11.4	23.0	
6	537.5	259.2	145.6	123.0	17.0	106.1	9.6	2.0	
7	1,119.5	605.6	438.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	
8	254.3	132.6	99.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	
9	197.4	81.3	14.3	97.9	71.3	26.6	4.0	15.8	
10	98.7	51.2	27.4	18.5	12.1	6.4	1.5	1.2	
United States	2,739.1	1,301.6	774.8	612.8	252.8	360.0	49.9	71.9	
	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	1.9	1.9	-	-	2.6	0.2	2.4		
2	12.2	12.0	(D)	(D)	13.0	1.5	11.5		
3	483.3	482.0	(D)	(D)	8.4	0.8	7.6		
4	1,391.7	1,296.9	90.9	3.9	3.6	0.9	2.7		
5	2,747.0	2,633.8	107.5	5.7	27.4	3.9	23.6		
6	523.6	507.1	16.4	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.9		
7	4,116.9	4,047.4	52.0	17.5	0.6	-	0.6		
8	459.6	459.5	0.1	-	90.5	3.6	86.8		
9	203.2	203.1	0.1	-	22.1	0.4	21.7		
10	28.7	28.7	-	-	2.3	0.1	2.2		
United States	9,968.1	9,672.4	268.3	27.4	171.9	12.0	160.0		

- 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 November 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	14.7	6.7	3.3	2.6	1.5	1.1	2.1	14.9
2	67.4	21.2	5.9	35.1	29.7	5.4	5.2	167.7
3	932.9	331.1	88.5	490.9	391.4	99.6	22.3	108.5
4	807.0	22.9	9.7	670.6	159.2	511.3	103.9	6.0
5	3,768.0	1,629.5	401.9	1,625.4	912.6	712.8	111.2	244.1
6	6,276.4	3,031.3	1,889.0	1,234.3	186.6	1,047.7	121.9	17.1
7	12,752.0	7,057.3	4,944.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.6
8	2,956.9	1,600.2	1,133.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	2,137.3	959.2	198.3	937.0	734.5	202.5	42.7	187.8
10	1,135.6	564.7	305.2	242.9	146.9	96.0	22.8	20.3
United States	30,848.2	15,224.2	8,979.7	6,110.2	2,652.1	3,458.1	534.1	766.9
	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	19.0	18.4	0.3	0.2	24.4	2.9	21.6	
2	124.0	121.9	(D)	(D)	135.4	18.3	117.1	
3	4,699.1	4,681.3	(D)	(D)	87.6	5.0	82.7	
4	14,069.1	13,246.1	780.7	42.2	39.1	9.4	29.7	
5	27,130.9	25,897.7	1,176.2	57.0	291.9	32.9	259.0	
6	5,561.2	5,366.7	194.0	0.6	30.3	16.2	14.1	
7	41,565.2	40,772.6	600.2	192.4	54.7	2.5	52.2	
8	4,401.7	4,399.6	2.1	0.1	890.0	37.0	853.0	
9	2,229.1	2,228.4	0.6	0.1	255.1	4.7	250.4	
10	289.7	289.1	0.5	0.1	24.4	1.5	22.8	
United States	100,088.9	97,021.6	2,767.4	299.8	1,833.0	130.4	1,702.6	

- Represents zero.

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

Species	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	January to November	
				2010	2011
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.1	98.3	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.5	98.4	98.3	98.5
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.1	99.2
Sheep	91.9	92.1	92.1	92.0	92.5

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 (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = 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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