



# Livestock Slaughter

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## June Commercial Red Meat Production Down from Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in June, down 5 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in June 2011.

**Beef production**, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 8 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 8.9 million pounds, 20 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 23 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.55 million head, down 4 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,900 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up 10 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2012 commercial red meat production** was 24.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

**June 2011** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**June 2012** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		
				June 2011	May 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,375.0	2,232.0	2,252.2	95	101	12,968.8	12,757.3	98
Veal .....	11.2	10.4	8.9	80	86	65.1	59.5	91
Pork .....	1,820.0	1,926.8	1,750.4	96	91	11,089.2	11,376.6	103
Lamb and mutton .....	12.6	13.6	12.4	99	91	76.1	77.5	102
Total red meat .....	4,218.8	4,182.8	4,024.0	95	96	24,199.1	24,271.0	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		
				June 2011	May 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,347.1	2,206.4	2,225.9	95	101	12,802.5	12,592.5	98
Veal .....	11.0	10.1	8.7	79	86	63.5	58.0	91
Pork .....	1,807.1	1,913.9	1,738.5	96	91	11,013.5	11,300.9	103
Lamb and mutton .....	11.8	12.9	11.8	99	91	72.5	73.9	102
Total red meat .....	4,177.0	4,143.3	3,984.9	95	96	23,952.1	24,025.3	100

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

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

Species	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of 2011	January to June		
					2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3,058.4	2,835.9	2,825.8	92	16,693.9	16,083.0	96
Other ..... 1,000	43.3	39.7	40.5	94	260.1	255.4	98
Commercial ..... 1,000	3,101.7	2,875.6	2,866.2	92	16,953.9	16,338.4	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	1,263	1,283	1,293	102	1,274	1,295	102
Other ..... pounds	1,129	1,132	1,135	100	1,127	1,136	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,262	1,280	1,290	102	1,272	1,293	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	71.5	58.2	55.0	77	399.8	353.0	88
Other ..... 1,000	1.1	1.0	1.0	90	6.6	6.0	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	72.5	59.2	56.0	77	406.4	359.0	88
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	264	293	267	101	273	277	101
Other ..... pounds	414	426	421	102	427	423	99
Commercial ..... pounds	266	295	270	101	276	280	101
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,865.6	9,211.9	8,481.3	96	53,166.0	54,345.7	102
Other ..... 1,000	73.4	73.0	66.9	91	427.2	417.6	98
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,939.0	9,284.9	8,548.2	96	53,593.2	54,763.2	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	273	277	274	100	277	278	100
Other ..... pounds	243	244	245	101	246	250	102
Commercial ..... pounds	273	277	274	100	276	277	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	168.2	164.4	154.8	92	1,005.3	973.3	97
Other ..... 1,000	15.5	15.9	14.2	91	76.5	77.5	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	183.7	180.4	168.9	92	1,081.8	1,050.9	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	141	157	152	108	144	152	105
Other ..... pounds	97	90	91	94	95	94	100
Commercial ..... pounds	137	151	147	107	141	148	105
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	49.5	45.5	44.6	90	262.4	261.8	100
Other ..... 1,000	14.6	13.1	14.0	96	82.8	79.1	96
Commercial ..... 1,000	64.1	58.7	58.5	91	345.2	340.9	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	62	64	64	103	63	63	100
Other ..... pounds	81	70	69	85	72	68	95
Commercial ..... pounds	66	65	65	98	65	64	99
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.0	3.7	3.6	90	22.5	20.9	93
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.8	0.9	114	4.9	5.0	103
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.7	4.5	4.5	94	27.4	26.0	95

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.9	1.5	0.6	32
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	38.6	32.3	35.1	91
Arkansas .....	3.5	3.4	3.5	101
California .....	152.1	149.5	146.4	96
Colorado .....	195.3	185.1	190.8	98
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.1	2.6	2.4	77
Florida .....	10.0	9.5	8.8	88
Georgia .....	11.5	11.9	11.2	98
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.9	0.8	85
Idaho .....	3.1	3.6	3.5	113
Illinois .....	218.2	247.6	232.1	106
Indiana .....	141.2	147.3	129.7	92
Iowa .....	525.1	549.5	506.1	96
Kansas .....	506.7	458.7	463.9	92
Kentucky .....	43.6	45.1	42.0	96
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	82
Michigan .....	40.3	41.1	40.4	100
Minnesota .....	228.1	229.6	217.2	95
Mississippi .....	2.0	1.9	2.2	108
Missouri .....	138.3	147.6	135.1	98
Montana .....	1.7	1.5	1.7	101
Nebraska .....	622.8	626.8	609.9	98
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	56
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.4	1.4	95
New Jersey .....	4.8	4.6	4.1	86
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.2	0.2	75
New York .....	2.6	2.7	2.6	100
North Carolina .....	198.9	203.1	179.3	90
North Dakota .....	3.4	0.6	0.6	18
Ohio .....	25.3	22.6	22.9	90
Oklahoma .....	103.2	95.0	90.3	87
Oregon .....	5.9	6.3	6.2	106
Pennsylvania .....	104.5	104.9	100.9	96
South Carolina .....	19.5	21.6	20.0	103
South Dakota .....	76.0	82.7	74.0	97
Tennessee .....	17.5	17.5	16.3	93
Texas .....	494.5	449.4	455.0	92
Utah .....	40.5	38.5	42.7	105
Virginia .....	37.6	44.5	39.1	104
Washington .....	76.5	80.5	78.0	102
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	84
Wisconsin .....	116.8	108.4	105.6	90
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	0.4	88
United States .....	4,218.8	4,182.8	4,024.0	95

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<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 2011 and 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (pounds)	2012 (pounds)
Alabama .....	0.6	0.4	523	379	924	975
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	52.0	48.6	66,475	61,819	1,281	1,273
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.5	510	474	971	993
California .....	156.3	149.1	197,557	189,320	1,284	1,278
Colorado .....	236.3	220.3	299,405	289,692	1,268	1,316
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.4	2.5	4,386	3,279	1,285	1,300
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	21.6	19.7	20,691	19,862	961	1,010
Hawaii .....	1.1	0.9	1,282	1,052	1,134	1,117
Idaho .....	2.2	2.2	2,241	2,367	1,128	1,125
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.3	3.3	3,469	3,539	1,063	1,057
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	612.0	545.9	782,729	709,836	1,279	1,301
Kentucky .....	1.2	1.0	1,278	1,041	1,039	1,020
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.3	388	256	741	776
Michigan .....	47.2	46.6	63,393	64,525	1,352	1,392
Minnesota .....	77.8	75.7	105,445	106,089	1,362	1,407
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	44	75	469	688
Missouri .....	6.2	4.1	7,308	4,515	1,182	1,103
Montana .....	2.2	2.2	2,604	2,599	1,175	1,181
Nebraska .....	618.9	587.1	799,121	784,001	1,292	1,336
Nevada .....	0.2	0.1	170	92	1,063	978
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	1.5	1,626	1,601	1,044	1,085
New Jersey .....	3.6	3.1	4,022	3,509	1,123	1,146
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	423	264	1,185	1,042
New York .....	2.7	2.6	2,973	2,935	1,142	1,150
North Carolina .....	18.8	15.3	21,030	17,811	1,121	1,168
North Dakota .....	3.3	0.8	4,256	951	1,294	1,214
Ohio .....	10.1	9.8	11,831	11,386	1,177	1,166
Oklahoma .....	2.2	1.7	2,140	1,671	992	973
Oregon .....	4.4	5.2	5,278	6,204	1,216	1,200
Pennsylvania .....	82.0	79.2	95,359	93,210	1,177	1,181
South Carolina .....	13.3	13.2	15,232	15,497	1,156	1,182
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.9	3.6	3,219	3,150	843	906
Texas .....	657.6	592.0	795,345	729,590	1,212	1,235
Utah .....	50.3	51.4	65,433	69,181	1,304	1,349
Virginia .....	1.1	0.7	1,227	837	1,152	1,120
Washington .....	94.9	95.4	123,246	126,098	1,305	1,326
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.3	428	359	1,058	1,059
Wisconsin .....	141.4	127.1	183,256	166,221	1,308	1,314
Wyoming .....	0.6	0.5	711	613	1,149	1,144
United States .....	3,101.7	2,866.2	3,901,030	3,691,499	1,262	1,290

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 2011 and 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (pounds)	2012 (pounds)
Alabama .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	17.7	11.9	1,824	1,391	104	117
Colorado .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.4	0.3	95	80	265	255
Florida .....	(D)	0.1	(D)	30	(D)	386
Georgia .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	58	(X)	758
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.5	1.1	663	499	431	457
Indiana .....	(D)	0.6	(D)	150	(D)	259
Iowa .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	0.1	(Y)	38	(X)	587	(X)
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.3	176	173	525	532
Michigan .....	1.7	1.0	718	396	423	415
Minnesota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	0.9	222	97	94	103
New Jersey .....	6.7	5.4	2,864	2,245	426	418
New Mexico .....	0.3	(Y)	24	(X)	77	(X)
New York .....	9.3	7.1	876	683	102	97
North Carolina .....	0.1	(Y)	72	(X)	506	(X)
North Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Ohio .....	10.5	8.5	2,518	1,844	256	218
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	22	37	393	461
Oregon .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	10.1	8.5	4,328	3,635	427	429
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	55	(X)	577
Texas .....	0.6	0.2	367	123	607	549
Utah .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	1.5	2.4	118	147	77	62
West Virginia .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	8.4	7.2	3,785	3,282	450	456
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	72.5	56.0	18,936	15,022	266	270

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 2011 and 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (pounds)	2012 (pounds)
Alabama .....	6.7	1.4	2,842	607	428	421
Alaska .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	20	23	264	245
Arkansas .....	10.5	10.6	4,894	4,886	464	463
California .....	201.6	197.7	48,297	47,706	240	241
Colorado .....	0.5	0.9	127	181	257	195
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.4	337	293	218	217
Florida .....	8.1	6.4	1,057	766	131	120
Georgia .....	6.4	6.7	1,556	1,625	244	243
Hawaii .....	1.3	1.2	331	298	258	251
Idaho .....	10.0	11.7	2,505	2,946	251	253
Illinois .....	740.0	795.4	206,132	222,850	279	280
Indiana .....	689.0	637.8	183,652	168,670	267	265
Iowa .....	2,378.7	2,286.9	648,669	627,638	273	275
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.9	0.8	173	165	194	202
Michigan .....	11.5	10.4	4,106	3,697	357	355
Minnesota .....	851.0	796.8	226,345	212,106	266	266
Mississippi .....	9.2	9.0	2,862	3,063	310	341
Missouri .....	642.2	632.2	178,100	175,475	278	278
Montana .....	1.2	1.2	263	299	229	245
Nebraska .....	625.7	596.7	168,924	162,879	270	273
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	2.2	452	469	202	217
New Jersey .....	9.7	9.3	920	925	94	100
New Mexico .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	254
New York .....	3.0	3.0	498	618	165	203
North Carolina .....	938.9	841.3	249,592	226,120	266	269
North Dakota .....	4.9	0.2	1,253	64	255	309
Ohio .....	88.8	81.7	23,618	21,216	267	260
Oklahoma .....	477.7	434.6	133,907	117,298	280	270
Oregon .....	15.5	14.9	3,863	3,769	250	253
Pennsylvania .....	234.6	225.8	59,585	58,296	254	258
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	345.9	328.7	90,197	88,139	261	268
Tennessee .....	49.3	47.0	23,346	21,842	474	465
Texas .....	37.6	24.8	10,158	7,567	271	306
Utah .....	5.9	4.7	810	626	137	133
Virginia .....	182.8	189.4	48,576	50,893	266	269
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.3	100	87	212	249
Wisconsin .....	53.1	48.5	24,481	22,444	463	464
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	50	49	244	252
United States .....	8,939.0	8,548.2	2,434,839	2,337,674	273	274

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 2011 and 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2011 (pounds)	2012 (pounds)
Alabama .....	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	78	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.2	0.1	26	19	121	145
Arkansas .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	115
California .....	36.2	26.9	5,238	3,853	145	144
Colorado .....	73.3	73.6	11,924	13,436	163	183
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.2	3.0	297	281	92	94
Florida .....	0.2	0.2	11	14	54	61
Georgia .....	0.4	0.4	25	30	61	70
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	10	9	118	114
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	26	23	137	129
Illinois .....	10.1	10.0	1,357	1,411	135	141
Indiana .....	2.6	2.8	285	306	109	108
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	34	23	143	140
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	28	22	97	86
Kentucky .....	0.9	1.1	116	139	125	130
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.3	19	19	58	63
Michigan .....	12.9	13.0	1,599	1,674	125	129
Minnesota .....	0.3	0.2	37	23	131	137
Mississippi .....	(D)	0.3	(D)	18	(D)	67
Missouri .....	0.4	0.5	45	51	102	109
Montana .....	0.3	0.3	27	27	96	88
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	8	7	135	136
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	2.1	198	190	90	90
New Jersey .....	9.5	8.3	815	698	85	84
New Mexico .....	0.9	0.8	123	121	143	154
New York .....	2.9	3.7	246	362	84	99
North Carolina .....	1.4	1.0	94	73	68	71
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	0.9	1.1	96	113	106	106
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	5	12	88	112
Oregon .....	2.3	1.8	319	245	139	138
Pennsylvania .....	3.3	4.4	320	457	96	103
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.3	27	30	116	118
Tennessee .....	0.8	0.8	52	51	69	67
Texas .....	11.4	6.4	995	400	88	63
Utah .....	2.3	1.9	321	265	141	141
Virginia .....	0.5	0.2	50	20	97	101
Washington .....	0.7	0.8	121	118	163	153
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.7	0.8	93	119	135	146
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	10	8	145	145
United States .....	183.7	168.9	25,146	24,810	137	147

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	January to June		June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	January to June	
				2011	2012				2011	2012
	(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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,596	1,489	1,504	8,248	8,018	52.2	52.5	53.2	49.4	49.9
Heifers .....	878	786	774	4,991	4,713	28.7	27.7	27.4	29.9	29.3
All cows .....	538	514	501	3,168	3,087	17.6	18.1	17.7	19.0	19.2
Dairy cows .....	219	251	229	1,458	1,523	7.2	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.5
Other cows .....	319	263	272	1,710	1,563	10.4	9.3	9.6	10.2	9.7
Bulls .....	47	47	47	287	266	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total .....	3,058	2,836	2,826	16,694	16,083	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	71	58	55	400	353	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,570	8,931	8,209	51,533	52,727	96.7	97.0	96.8	96.9	97.0
Sows .....	268	252	243	1,469	1,451	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7
Boars .....	28	29	29	164	168	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,866	9,212	8,481	53,166	54,346	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	16	11	10	70	57	9.4	6.5	6.4	7.0	5.8
Lambs and yearlings .....	152	154	145	935	917	90.6	93.5	93.6	93.0	94.2
Total .....	168	164	155	1,005	973	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	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	January to June	
				2011	2012
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	770	780	789	770	785
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	832	839	853	830	847
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	758	771	777	766	784
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	594	612	607	607	615
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	878	884	891	875	883
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	156	175	159	162	165
<b>Hogs</b> .....	204	208	205	207	208
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	201	205	202	204	205
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	309	312	310	308	309
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	210	211	208	211	209
<b>Sheep</b> .....	71	79	76	72	76
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	62	66	65	67	65
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	71	79	77	73	77

<sup>1</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>2</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>3</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

## Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: June 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	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 .....	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.9	
2 .....	5.6	1.8	0.7	2.7	2.4	0.2	0.4	12.5	
3 .....	81.4	30.6	1.1	47.4	37.8	9.6	2.3	8.8	
4 .....	65.7	2.7	1.2	52.6	13.3	39.3	9.2	0.3	
5 .....	325.2	151.0	33.0	131.0	70.4	60.6	10.2	18.2	
6 .....	590.1	296.1	190.1	94.0	23.4	70.7	9.9	0.2	
7 .....	1,174.4	697.8	412.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8 .....	281.9	175.1	88.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	198.1	92.5	19.5	82.0	59.8	22.3	4.0	11.7	
10 .....	101.9	55.5	26.9	18.3	14.4	3.9	1.2	2.4	
United States .....	2,825.8	1,503.5	774.2	500.8	229.2	271.6	47.3	55.0	
	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 .....	1.9	1.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.0	0.1	1.9		
2 .....	12.2	12.1	0.1	(Y)	11.4	1.6	9.8		
3 .....	415.5	414.6	(D)	(D)	8.3	0.8	7.5		
4 .....	1,158.8	1,097.3	(D)	(D)	3.8	1.0	2.8		
5 .....	2,342.0	2,221.0	115.6	5.3	24.3	2.2	22.1		
6 .....	465.8	451.2	14.6	(Y)	1.5	0.7	0.8		
7 .....	3,531.0	3,456.9	54.0	20.0	0.6	(Y)	0.6		
8 .....	333.4	333.3	0.1	(Y)	75.3	2.6	72.7		
9 .....	192.9	192.8	0.1	(Y)	25.6	0.8	24.8		
10 .....	27.8	27.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.0	0.1	1.9		
United States .....	8,481.3	8,208.9	243.3	29.1	154.8	9.9	144.8		

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<sup>1</sup> 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 June 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	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 .....	7.7	3.4	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.2	3.6
2 .....	33.6	10.1	3.8	16.8	14.7	2.1	2.9	78.4
3 .....	494.9	185.7	15.1	281.4	224.5	56.9	12.8	56.0
4 .....	410.0	14.9	7.1	330.8	88.9	241.9	57.2	1.6
5 .....	1,855.8	805.7	196.8	800.0	446.9	353.1	53.4	114.4
6 .....	3,292.4	1,645.4	1,007.4	579.8	178.7	401.1	59.8	4.5
7 .....	6,668.9	3,651.4	2,635.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8 .....	1,596.0	892.8	588.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,144.5	504.6	97.7	520.9	429.3	91.6	21.2	80.8
10 .....	579.3	303.5	159.3	110.0	88.8	21.2	6.4	13.5
United States .....	16,083.0	8,017.5	4,712.7	3,086.8	1,523.3	1,563.5	265.9	353.0
	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 .....	8.7	8.4	0.2	0.2	13.4	0.8	12.6	
2 .....	69.2	67.7	0.9	0.6	71.6	10.2	61.4	
3 .....	2,584.6	2,578.7	(D)	(D)	47.9	3.5	44.3	
4 .....	7,517.8	7,121.6	(D)	(D)	20.9	5.3	15.7	
5 .....	15,132.9	14,443.0	658.4	31.5	158.9	14.8	144.1	
6 .....	2,875.0	2,786.3	87.6	1.1	8.8	3.9	4.9	
7 .....	22,577.5	22,142.2	321.6	113.7	3.0	0.1	2.9	
8 .....	2,227.6	2,226.9	0.6	(Y)	492.9	14.4	478.5	
9 .....	1,190.3	1,189.9	0.4	(Y)	143.1	2.9	140.3	
10 .....	162.0	161.8	0.2	0.1	12.7	0.7	12.0	
United States .....	54,345.7	52,726.5	1,450.7	168.4	973.3	56.7	916.6	

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

Species	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	January to June	
				2011	2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.4
Calves .....	98.5	98.3	98.3	98.4	98.3
Hogs .....	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2
Sheep .....	91.6	91.2	91.6	92.9	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.

## Information Contacts

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