



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Up from Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2011.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, up 1 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,295 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.5 million pounds, 6 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,500 head, down 8 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 241 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.57 million head, up 5 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 14 percent from July 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,600 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 7 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2012 commercial red meat production was 28.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

July 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

July 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		
				July 2011	June 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,134.1	2,252.1	2,200.8	103	98	15,103.0	14,958.0	99
Veal	10.1	8.9	9.5	94	106	75.2	68.9	92
Pork	1,637.1	1,750.4	1,721.8	105	98	12,726.3	13,098.4	103
Lamb and mutton	10.9	12.4	12.5	114	101	87.0	90.0	103
Total red meat	3,792.3	4,023.9	3,944.5	104	98	27,991.5	28,215.4	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		
				July 2011	June 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,110.6	2,225.8	2,176.8	103	98	14,913.1	14,769.2	99
Veal	9.9	8.7	9.2	94	106	73.4	67.2	92
Pork	1,625.3	1,738.5	1,708.7	105	98	12,638.8	13,009.6	103
Lamb and mutton	10.2	11.8	11.8	116	100	82.7	85.7	104
Total red meat	3,755.9	3,984.9	3,906.5	104	98	27,708.0	27,931.8	101

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

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

Species	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of 2011	January to July		
					2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,728.3	2,825.8	2,755.2	101	19,422.1	18,838.2	97
Other 1,000	36.2	40.5	36.8	102	296.3	292.2	99
Commercial 1,000	2,764.5	2,866.2	2,792.0	101	19,718.4	19,130.4	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,274	1,293	1,297	102	1,274	1,296	102
Other pounds	1,127	1,135	1,140	101	1,127	1,137	101
Commercial pounds	1,272	1,290	1,295	102	1,272	1,293	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	72.4	55.0	66.5	92	472.1	419.5	89
Other 1,000	1.1	1.0	0.9	88	7.7	6.9	91
Commercial 1,000	73.4	56.0	67.5	92	479.8	426.4	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	242	267	239	99	269	271	101
Other pounds	415	421	416	100	425	422	99
Commercial pounds	245	270	241	99	271	274	101
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,088.8	8,481.3	8,492.6	105	61,254.8	62,838.3	103
Other 1,000	69.0	66.9	73.4	106	496.1	491.0	99
Commercial 1,000	8,157.8	8,548.2	8,566.1	105	61,750.9	63,329.3	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	268	274	269	100	276	276	100
Other pounds	237	245	246	104	244	250	102
Commercial pounds	268	274	269	100	275	276	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	149.6	154.8	164.5	110	1,154.9	1,137.8	99
Other 1,000	15.0	14.2	14.1	94	91.5	91.6	100
Commercial 1,000	164.6	168.9	178.6	109	1,246.4	1,229.5	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	136	152	144	106	143	151	105
Other pounds	102	91	97	95	96	95	99
Commercial pounds	133	147	140	106	140	147	105
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	50.3	44.6	52.0	103	312.7	313.8	100
Other 1,000	15.4	14.0	13.3	86	98.2	92.4	94
Commercial 1,000	65.7	58.5	65.3	99	410.9	406.2	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	62	64	63	102	63	63	101
Other pounds	63	69	77	122	71	70	99
Commercial pounds	62	65	66	106	65	65	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.7	3.6	3.5	96	26.2	24.4	93
Other 1,000	0.7	0.9	0.8	104	5.6	5.8	103
Commercial 1,000	4.4	4.5	4.3	98	31.8	30.2	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	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.4	0.6	0.5	34
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	36.2	35.1	30.8	85
Arkansas	3.8	3.5	3.6	95
California	135.4	146.4	141.0	104
Colorado	180.4	190.8	190.5	106
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.4	2.5	97
Florida	9.3	8.8	9.5	102
Georgia	10.4	11.2	11.2	108
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	0.9	99
Idaho	3.0	3.5	3.5	116
Illinois	203.1	232.1	228.6	113
Indiana	126.2	129.7	128.3	102
Iowa	466.7	506.1	486.8	104
Kansas	443.2	463.9	464.7	105
Kentucky	39.8	42.0	42.2	106
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	87
Michigan	40.1	40.4	41.9	104
Minnesota	208.0	217.2	215.8	104
Mississippi	1.9	2.2	1.8	94
Missouri	124.6	135.1	131.3	105
Montana	1.0	1.7	1.2	118
Nebraska	568.5	609.8	593.6	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	70
New England ¹	1.3	1.4	1.5	115
New Jersey	4.2	4.1	4.4	103
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	0.2	75
New York	2.6	2.6	2.6	98
North Carolina	173.8	179.3	182.2	105
North Dakota	2.1	0.6	0.5	24
Ohio	22.3	22.9	21.4	96
Oklahoma	89.7	90.3	89.5	100
Oregon	5.6	6.2	5.9	105
Pennsylvania	93.2	100.9	101.0	108
South Carolina	17.6	20.0	19.5	111
South Dakota	71.0	74.0	70.8	100
Tennessee	15.4	16.3	18.7	122
Texas	431.5	455.0	437.9	101
Utah	36.5	42.7	42.4	116
Virginia	37.4	39.1	36.9	99
Washington	71.2	78.0	74.5	105
West Virginia	0.4	0.3	0.4	87
Wisconsin	108.6	105.6	103.2	95
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.5	99
United States	3,792.3	4,023.9	3,944.5	104

(X) Not applicable.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	0.3	0.3	311	333	1,004	963
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	49.5	42.2	62,763	54,227	1,272	1,287
Arkansas	0.5	0.6	427	550	937	956
California	139.4	144.1	174,788	182,662	1,276	1,275
Colorado	211.0	215.2	274,511	287,340	1,302	1,336
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	2.6	3,679	3,406	1,278	1,286
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	20.3	20.8	19,144	20,207	946	975
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,073	1,110	1,128	1,154
Idaho	2.1	2.4	2,204	2,547	1,136	1,133
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.1	3.5	3,296	3,752	1,062	1,062
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	523.5	543.8	681,833	711,088	1,303	1,308
Kentucky	1.0	1.0	1,060	1,056	1,017	1,033
Louisiana	0.5	0.3	362	273	709	806
Michigan	47.7	48.8	63,886	67,362	1,349	1,387
Minnesota	70.9	77.6	96,161	107,720	1,362	1,393
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	45	61	491	687
Missouri	4.2	4.1	4,787	4,345	1,156	1,062
Montana	1.2	1.4	1,378	1,696	1,175	1,204
Nebraska	561.7	563.0	728,797	755,017	1,298	1,342
Nevada	0.1	0.1	156	102	1,088	1,025
New England ¹	1.4	1.6	1,407	1,719	1,017	1,065
New Jersey	3.4	3.3	3,855	3,744	1,128	1,144
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	354	202	1,212	1,026
New York	2.6	2.2	2,842	2,523	1,134	1,139
North Carolina	15.9	15.7	17,551	18,225	1,109	1,167
North Dakota	2.7	0.6	3,370	751	1,255	1,205
Ohio	7.8	7.3	9,052	8,585	1,165	1,182
Oklahoma	1.8	1.7	1,767	1,707	969	1,013
Oregon	4.7	5.2	5,616	6,193	1,207	1,204
Pennsylvania	74.9	78.5	86,690	91,460	1,170	1,169
South Carolina	12.4	14.1	13,879	16,158	1,131	1,158
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.9	3.8	3,115	3,349	823	904
Texas	572.3	565.1	696,324	701,609	1,220	1,244
Utah	44.2	50.0	59,031	68,666	1,338	1,373
Virginia	0.9	0.7	997	728	1,113	1,077
Washington	87.0	90.4	114,572	120,573	1,324	1,338
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	492	401	1,071	1,063
Wisconsin	135.3	125.7	174,316	162,996	1,299	1,303
Wyoming	0.5	0.6	683	652	1,251	1,144
United States	2,764.5	2,792.0	3,504,409	3,609,824	1,272	1,295

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 2011 and 2012

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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	17.9	14.5	1,965	1,589	110	110
Colorado	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.4	85	88	264	248
Florida	(D)	0.1	(D)	29	(D)	434
Georgia	0.1	0.1	24	56	432	613
Hawaii	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	1.3	1.4	570	634	431	443
Indiana	(D)	0.5	(D)	149	(D)	321
Iowa	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	167	155	524	542
Michigan	1.6	1.1	678	463	422	429
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 ¹	2.2	0.6	211	75	95	135
New Jersey	5.3	5.7	2,147	2,604	408	454
New Mexico	0.2	(Y)	16	(X)	77	(X)
New York	11.3	10.4	1,033	935	98	91
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	53	36	478	472
North Dakota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Ohio	13.6	13.5	2,562	2,060	224	153
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania	8.5	9.9	3,617	4,220	426	427
South Carolina	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	0.1	30	32	497	426
Texas	1.1	0.4	526	214	474	599
Utah	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia	0.1	(Y)	23	(X)	373	(X)
Washington	1.4	2.8	112	175	78	63
West Virginia	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Wisconsin	7.2	5.6	3,154	2,565	437	460
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	73.4	67.5	17,216	16,193	245	241

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 2011 and 2012

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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	5.1	1.2	2,167	454	423	375
Alaska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	16	21	232	278
Arkansas	11.5	10.8	5,362	4,925	465	457
California	191.9	199.4	45,536	47,386	237	238
Colorado	0.5	1.3	135	275	252	215
Delaware-Maryland	1.1	1.5	262	348	234	231
Florida	9.1	6.6	1,028	752	114	115
Georgia	5.1	6.2	1,228	1,518	242	244
Hawaii	1.3	1.3	332	293	248	229
Idaho	9.9	11.5	2,480	2,861	251	249
Illinois	708.3	808.4	192,704	221,086	272	274
Indiana	625.7	635.7	163,527	166,564	261	262
Iowa	2,141.6	2,248.7	573,051	602,124	268	268
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.6	133	135	186	208
Michigan	10.6	11.0	3,864	3,911	366	355
Minnesota	782.3	802.3	206,007	210,636	264	263
Mississippi	8.3	7.4	2,629	2,424	317	330
Missouri	588.5	632.9	161,455	170,561	275	270
Montana	1.2	1.3	290	293	240	235
Nebraska	574.8	615.3	153,415	165,690	267	269
Nevada	0.1	0.1	27	23	247	238
New England ¹	2.1	2.2	428	508	207	229
New Jersey	7.8	9.1	799	868	102	95
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	17	27	299	247
New York	2.6	3.2	445	628	172	195
North Carolina	837.9	865.9	218,786	229,171	261	265
North Dakota	0.2	0.3	61	77	297	287
Ohio	81.7	82.2	21,328	21,260	262	259
Oklahoma	425.5	439.7	116,355	116,710	274	265
Oregon	13.2	13.2	3,303	3,289	250	249
Pennsylvania	206.1	233.7	52,112	59,764	253	256
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	328.1	314.4	84,558	82,806	258	263
Tennessee	43.2	54.7	20,243	25,210	469	462
Texas	32.2	26.7	8,775	8,010	273	301
Utah	5.5	5.5	743	708	135	130
Virginia	184.5	180.2	48,538	47,951	263	266
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	144	162	233	238
Wisconsin	44.0	47.7	20,091	21,754	459	457
Wyoming	0.2	0.3	60	89	256	261
United States	8,157.8	8,566.1	2,186,476	2,299,433	268	269

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 2011 and 2012

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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	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.2	0.3	23	30	111	116
Arkansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	102
California	22.0	21.1	3,069	2,855	140	135
Colorado	69.2	76.1	10,802	13,117	156	173
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	3.8	296	348	91	92
Florida	0.1	0.3	6	21	64	70
Georgia	0.4	0.5	27	37	65	69
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	7	104	105
Idaho	0.2	0.2	27	25	117	124
Illinois	10.2	12.0	1,301	1,575	127	132
Indiana	2.8	3.4	311	360	110	107
Iowa	0.2	0.4	30	52	143	137
Kansas	0.3	0.4	31	48	104	107
Kentucky	0.8	1.3	104	160	126	126
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	22	23	59	60
Michigan	14.6	15.8	1,887	2,063	130	131
Minnesota	0.3	0.3	38	39	129	122
Mississippi	(D)	0.3	(D)	20	(D)	66
Missouri	0.5	0.4	53	48	114	110
Montana	0.2	0.3	21	30	98	109
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	7	10	137	140
Nevada	0.1	0.1	10	10	111	108
New England ¹	1.8	2.6	152	229	86	89
New Jersey	10.0	10.2	849	845	85	83
New Mexico	0.8	0.8	117	126	139	152
New York	3.3	3.6	283	363	87	100
North Carolina	1.5	1.1	102	83	69	75
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.5	1.4	157	142	107	103
Oklahoma	0.1	0.2	13	18	105	110
Oregon	2.0	2.7	270	364	134	137
Pennsylvania	3.1	5.5	302	584	97	105
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.3	23	33	119	119
Tennessee	0.9	1.1	60	82	69	74
Texas	8.5	6.5	749	499	88	77
Utah	1.9	2.1	263	283	137	136
Virginia	0.6	0.2	61	24	97	98
Washington	0.6	0.7	107	109	168	162
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.5	1.2	62	166	125	143
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	18	13	142	138
United States	164.6	178.6	21,796	24,968	133	140

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ 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	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	January to July		July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	January to July	
				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)
Cattle										
Steers	1,405	1,504	1,457	9,653	9,475	51.5	53.2	52.9	49.7	50.3
Heifers	761	774	726	5,752	5,439	27.9	27.4	26.4	29.6	28.9
All cows	519	501	526	3,687	3,613	19.0	17.7	19.1	19.0	19.2
Dairy cows	207	229	239	1,665	1,762	7.6	8.1	8.7	8.6	9.4
Other cows	312	272	287	2,022	1,851	11.4	9.6	10.4	10.4	9.8
Bulls	43	47	45	330	311	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Total	2,728	2,826	2,755	19,422	18,838	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	72	55	67	472	420	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	7,834	8,209	8,223	59,368	60,949	96.9	96.8	96.8	96.9	97.0
Sows	229	243	242	1,698	1,693	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7
Boars	25	29	28	190	196	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	8,089	8,481	8,493	61,255	62,838	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	10	13	81	70	7.4	6.4	7.8	7.1	6.1
Lambs and yearlings	139	145	152	1,073	1,068	92.6	93.6	92.2	92.9	93.9
Total	150	155	164	1,155	1,138	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	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	January to July	
				2011	2012
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	776	789	792	771	786
Steers ¹	846	853	860	832	849
Heifers ¹	769	777	785	766	784
All cows ¹	588	606	603	604	613
Bulls ¹	877	891	880	875	882
Calves and vealers	142	159	140	159	161
Hogs	201	205	201	206	207
Barrows and gilts ²	198	202	198	204	204
Sows ²	305	310	306	308	308
Boars ²	210	208	208	211	208
Sheep	68	76	72	72	75
Mature sheep ³	63	65	64	66	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	68	77	73	72	76

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: July 2012

[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	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	
2	5.4	2.0	0.7	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.5	16.1	
3	81.1	28.5	1.2	49.4	39.2	10.1	2.0	10.3	
4	69.3	2.3	1.2	56.8	14.4	42.4	9.0	0.3	
5	325.7	144.9	31.4	139.7	75.7	64.0	9.6	21.9	
6	563.5	287.9	164.4	101.4	24.6	76.8	9.8	0.3	
7	1,148.0	674.0	406.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	277.0	181.1	76.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	186.8	80.6	22.1	80.3	60.7	19.5	3.8	14.3	
10	97.0	55.3	22.4	18.1	14.3	3.9	1.2	2.8	
United States	2,755.2	1,457.2	726.4	526.3	239.0	287.3	45.4	66.5	
	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	1.9	1.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.5	0.2	2.2		
2	12.2	12.1	(Y)	(Y)	13.3	1.6	11.7		
3	414.6	413.6	(D)	(D)	10.0	1.1	8.9		
4	1,191.5	1,122.3	(D)	(D)	4.8	1.2	3.6		
5	2,354.9	2,239.3	110.3	5.3	29.5	3.0	26.5		
6	471.4	457.0	14.2	0.1	3.3	1.6	1.7		
7	3,506.1	3,436.8	51.1	18.2	0.7	(Y)	0.7		
8	320.3	320.2	0.1	(Y)	77.9	3.3	74.7		
9	194.1	194.1	0.1	(Y)	19.8	0.8	19.1		
10	25.7	25.6	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.1	2.7		
United States	8,492.6	8,222.8	242.1	27.8	164.5	12.9	151.6		

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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 July 2012

[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	9.2	4.1	2.1	1.5	0.9	0.6	1.5	4.1
2	39.0	12.1	4.5	19.0	16.7	2.3	3.4	94.5
3	576.0	214.1	16.3	330.7	263.7	67.1	14.8	66.2
4	479.3	17.3	8.2	387.6	103.2	284.3	66.2	1.9
5	2,181.5	950.6	228.3	939.6	522.6	417.1	63.0	136.3
6	3,855.9	1,933.3	1,171.8	681.2	203.3	477.9	69.6	4.8
7	7,816.8	4,325.4	3,041.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.3
8	1,872.9	1,073.8	664.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,331.2	585.2	119.8	601.2	490.1	111.1	25.0	95.1
10	676.3	358.7	181.7	128.2	103.1	25.1	7.6	16.3
United States	18,838.2	9,474.7	5,439.1	3,613.1	1,762.3	1,850.8	311.3	419.5
	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	10.6	10.2	0.2	0.2	15.9	1.0	14.9	
2	81.3	79.8	1.0	0.6	84.9	11.9	73.0	
3	2,999.2	2,992.3	(D)	(D)	57.8	4.6	53.2	
4	8,709.3	8,243.9	(D)	(D)	25.7	6.5	19.2	
5	17,487.8	16,682.3	768.7	36.9	188.3	17.8	170.5	
6	3,346.4	3,243.3	101.9	1.2	12.1	5.5	6.6	
7	26,083.6	25,579.1	372.6	131.9	3.7	0.1	3.6	
8	2,547.8	2,547.1	0.7	(Y)	570.8	17.7	553.2	
9	1,384.5	1,383.9	0.5	(Y)	163.0	3.6	159.3	
10	187.7	187.4	0.2	0.1	15.5	0.8	14.7	
United States	62,838.3	60,949.3	1,692.8	196.2	1,137.8	69.6	1,068.3	

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

Species	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	January to July	
				2011	2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.7	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.5
Calves	98.5	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.4
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.2
Sheep	90.9	91.6	92.1	92.7	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 $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

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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Monday October 22, 2012

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This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook Meeting that will be held at the same location on Tuesday October 23, 2012. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting, see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at <http://www.lmic.info/> or contact Erica Rosa 303-236-0461 at rosa@lmic.info or Laura Lahr 303-236-0464 at lahr@lmic.info.