



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.31 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in November 2011.

**Beef production**, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down slightly from November 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.1 million pounds, 7 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,500 head, down 4 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.08 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.11 million head, up 1 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from November 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2012 commercial red meat production** was 45.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

**November 2011** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**November 2012** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		
				November 2011	October 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,148.8	2,343.7	2,206.6	103	94	24,068.7	23,891.8	99
Veal .....	10.8	10.3	10.1	93	98	118.6	108.3	91
Pork .....	2,086.7	2,210.4	2,078.7	100	94	20,692.6	21,296.5	103
Lamb and mutton .....	12.6	14.2	12.4	98	88	136.3	143.4	105
Total red meat .....	4,258.9	4,578.6	4,307.8	101	94	45,016.2	45,439.9	101

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		
				November 2011	October 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,119.8	2,307.6	2,178.8	103	94	23,757.9	23,580.2	99
Veal .....	10.5	10.0	9.8	93	98	115.7	105.5	91
Pork .....	2,073.6	2,194.9	2,065.1	100	94	20,546.7	21,149.5	103
Lamb and mutton .....	11.8	13.3	11.6	98	87	129.0	135.8	105
Total red meat .....	4,215.8	4,525.8	4,265.3	101	94	44,549.2	44,971.0	101

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

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

Species	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of 2011	January to November		
					2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,739.1	2,897.4	2,740.3	100	30,848.4	29,925.3	97
Other ..... 1,000	45.6	55.8	43.5	95	484.7	481.6	99
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,784.7	2,953.2	2,783.8	100	31,333.1	30,406.9	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	1,296	1,322	1,324	102	1,278	1,303	102
Other ..... pounds	1,126	1,139	1,131	100	1,128	1,138	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,293	1,318	1,321	102	1,276	1,300	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	71.9	71.6	69.4	96	766.9	695.3	91
Other ..... 1,000	1.2	1.4	1.1	96	12.6	11.5	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	73.1	72.9	70.5	96	779.6	706.8	91
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	252	238	242	96	261	257	99
Other ..... pounds	408	426	414	101	419	421	100
Commercial ..... pounds	255	242	244	96	264	260	99
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,968.1	10,769.6	10,030.4	101	100,088.7	102,872.0	103
Other ..... 1,000	74.3	86.1	74.9	101	829.4	814.9	98
Commercial ..... 1,000	10,042.4	10,855.7	10,105.3	101	100,918.2	103,687.0	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	279	274	276	99	275	275	100
Other ..... pounds	245	251	252	103	244	250	102
Commercial ..... pounds	278	274	276	99	274	275	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	171.9	189.5	165.5	96	1,833.0	1,838.9	100
Other ..... 1,000	15.3	17.7	16.3	107	151.2	154.4	102
Commercial ..... 1,000	187.2	207.2	181.8	97	1,984.2	1,993.3	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	138	140	140	102	141	148	105
Other ..... pounds	105	106	105	100	98	100	102
Commercial ..... pounds	135	137	137	101	137	144	105
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	58.6	52.5	44.6	76	533.9	509.6	95
Other ..... 1,000	19.5	18.6	17.2	88	167.6	156.1	93
Commercial ..... 1,000	78.1	71.1	61.8	79	701.6	665.7	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected ..... pounds	63	63	63	99	63	63	101
Other ..... pounds	70	62	66	93	69	68	99
Commercial ..... pounds	65	63	64	98	64	65	100
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.9	3.3	3.8	98	40.5	38.0	94
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	1.1	0.9	119	8.5	9.3	109
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.6	4.4	4.7	101	49.0	47.3	97

## 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 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of 2011
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.7	0.8	0.6	34
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	102
Arizona .....	33.2	32.8	32.3	97
Arkansas .....	3.0	4.3	4.0	133
California .....	147.7	156.0	144.9	98
Colorado .....	170.0	196.7	193.7	114
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.0	2.6	2.5	84
Florida .....	10.3	11.7	10.4	101
Georgia .....	12.8	12.8	13.1	102
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.9	0.8	105
Idaho .....	3.7	4.2	3.7	99
Illinois .....	264.4	285.3	271.4	103
Indiana .....	158.6	168.8	155.2	98
Iowa .....	604.4	627.6	589.6	98
Kansas .....	424.8	476.0	440.2	104
Kentucky .....	51.5	49.1	44.7	87
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.5	0.5	84
Michigan .....	42.8	46.6	43.8	102
Minnesota .....	248.6	266.5	250.2	101
Mississippi .....	2.4	2.5	2.4	101
Missouri .....	158.6	162.8	152.7	96
Montana .....	1.8	1.9	1.7	94
Nebraska .....	612.6	677.6	624.1	102
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	70
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	2.2	2.0	108
New Jersey .....	4.6	3.9	3.8	83
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	81
New York .....	3.1	3.5	3.0	98
North Carolina .....	212.4	237.5	229.4	108
North Dakota .....	2.4	1.0	0.5	21
Ohio .....	25.8	26.2	24.7	96
Oklahoma .....	103.8	105.0	103.2	99
Oregon .....	6.3	6.9	6.4	101
Pennsylvania .....	112.2	117.9	112.5	100
South Carolina .....	21.3	22.8	21.3	100
South Dakota .....	101.0	107.4	102.5	102
Tennessee .....	24.2	27.6	23.6	97
Texas .....	402.2	423.9	408.3	102
Utah .....	37.3	47.5	41.5	111
Virginia .....	48.3	49.1	48.2	100
Washington .....	74.9	84.5	77.5	104
West Virginia .....	1.1	1.1	0.7	69
Wisconsin .....	118.0	121.8	115.1	98
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.3	0.4	83
United States .....	4,258.9	4,578.6	4,307.8	101

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	0.4	0.4	367	403	919	936
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	118	122	1,089	1,087
Arizona .....	46.3	45.9	59,323	58,394	1,285	1,276
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.3	473	348	1,024	1,007
California .....	151.1	146.4	192,300	186,583	1,290	1,282
Colorado .....	194.6	219.4	259,132	295,116	1,333	1,346
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.3	2.6	4,242	3,450	1,277	1,310
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	23.2	23.6	23,285	23,494	1,006	999
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.9	923	1,003	1,119	1,137
Idaho .....	2.7	2.6	2,781	2,722	1,092	1,120
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.4	3.1	3,543	3,347	1,058	1,069
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	503.6	507.0	660,383	677,411	1,312	1,336
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.2	1,271	1,178	973	998
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.4	438	332	736	776
Michigan .....	51.9	50.4	69,072	70,602	1,344	1,408
Minnesota .....	81.0	81.0	112,938	113,792	1,400	1,410
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	32	60	526	732
Missouri .....	2.9	3.1	3,465	3,337	1,190	1,092
Montana .....	2.2	2.1	2,609	2,455	1,170	1,161
Nebraska .....	567.2	571.8	766,323	795,792	1,352	1,393
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	136	82	1,015	993
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	2.1	2,002	2,162	979	1,031
New Jersey .....	3.3	3.0	3,670	3,421	1,122	1,138
New Mexico .....	0.6	0.5	694	466	1,260	960
New York .....	3.3	2.7	3,594	3,004	1,122	1,141
North Carolina .....	18.7	15.7	21,339	18,531	1,148	1,184
North Dakota .....	2.8	0.5	3,811	672	1,357	1,228
Ohio .....	11.5	10.3	13,390	12,023	1,165	1,168
Oklahoma .....	1.8	1.8	1,802	1,792	975	983
Oregon .....	5.0	5.7	5,931	6,743	1,209	1,197
Pennsylvania .....	84.6	85.9	100,332	102,061	1,190	1,191
South Carolina .....	12.8	14.4	14,262	16,694	1,130	1,169
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	4.6	4.2	3,784	3,763	846	910
Texas .....	538.9	525.5	657,760	662,385	1,225	1,264
Utah .....	45.1	48.5	60,382	66,832	1,340	1,379
Virginia .....	1.4	1.2	1,467	1,245	1,039	1,057
Washington .....	92.1	95.0	122,532	127,288	1,336	1,343
West Virginia .....	1.7	1.1	1,580	1,001	955	900
Wisconsin .....	152.2	145.8	195,570	190,737	1,292	1,316
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.6	784	632	1,100	1,070
United States .....	2,784.7	2,783.8	3,589,715	3,668,408	1,293	1,321

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

## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	16.0	15.0	1,696	1,562	107	105
Colorado .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	0.3	67	69	261	258
Florida .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	32	63	528	629
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.4	1.1	636	495	443	442
Indiana .....	(D)	0.4	(D)	136	(D)	350
Iowa .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	21	(X)	421
Kentucky .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.3	216	174	454	524
Michigan .....	1.4	0.5	600	192	423	417
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> .....	1.7	0.8	181	131	110	166
New Jersey .....	6.5	4.9	2,736	2,037	420	413
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York .....	10.4	11.3	900	1,289	93	115
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	62	33	520	501
North Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Ohio .....	11.9	13.7	2,221	2,464	188	181
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	27	30	497	461
Oregon .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	10.0	11.2	4,264	4,786	427	427
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	0.1	0.1	54	36	550	542
Texas .....	2.1	0.7	774	234	377	346
Utah .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	0.1	(Y)	19	(X)	382	(X)
Washington .....	1.2	3.0	92	210	75	70
West Virginia .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	8.0	6.8	3,522	3,097	442	458
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	73.1	70.5	18,355	17,153	255	244

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	6.1	1.3	2,543	525	419	413
Alaska .....	(D)	0.1	(D)	21	(D)	257
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	22	25	246	265
Arkansas .....	9.2	12.7	4,204	5,843	457	460
California .....	208.0	210.0	50,701	50,741	244	242
Colorado .....	0.9	1.4	206	332	233	236
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.6	417	423	261	262
Florida .....	9.1	5.5	1,047	806	115	147
Georgia .....	7.8	7.5	1,865	1,822	239	243
Hawaii .....	1.1	1.2	276	295	245	251
Idaho .....	11.5	11.8	2,940	2,974	256	252
Illinois .....	947.8	982.3	267,243	272,834	282	278
Indiana .....	758.6	755.5	207,491	203,911	274	270
Iowa .....	2,700.5	2,704.8	752,431	744,184	279	275
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	1.5	1.3	239	227	157	178
Michigan .....	12.0	12.5	4,821	4,942	402	395
Minnesota .....	925.1	951.8	252,601	255,545	273	269
Mississippi .....	11.1	10.3	3,324	3,326	299	323
Missouri .....	727.1	707.9	208,164	200,764	286	284
Montana .....	1.3	1.3	359	337	267	252
Nebraska .....	678.0	658.7	187,908	179,649	277	273
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	2.6	568	691	236	269
New Jersey .....	9.8	8.4	961	780	98	93
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.2	30	50	251	250
New York .....	2.6	2.8	525	622	200	222
North Carolina .....	991.6	1,063.4	269,155	293,176	272	276
North Dakota .....	0.5	0.4	140	128	284	289
Ohio .....	86.6	83.1	23,478	22,881	272	276
Oklahoma .....	483.2	494.1	135,677	134,709	281	273
Oregon .....	16.0	14.5	4,087	3,653	256	252
Pennsylvania .....	251.9	257.2	66,574	67,708	264	263
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	454.2	456.4	122,769	123,209	270	270
Tennessee .....	74.2	72.9	32,927	32,110	445	441
Texas .....	36.0	36.7	10,678	11,474	297	313
Utah .....	5.9	6.9	798	897	136	131
Virginia .....	231.0	227.3	62,713	62,833	272	277
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.7	198	192	269	276
Wisconsin .....	46.1	41.4	20,804	18,729	453	453
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	59	54	283	265
United States .....	10,042.4	10,105.3	2,794,793	2,787,932	278	276

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.3	0.2	30	24	110	133
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	23.9	25.1	3,251	3,451	136	138
Colorado .....	88.5	77.5	13,664	12,342	155	160
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.5	3.2	333	297	95	94
Florida .....	(Y)	0.2	(X)	12	(X)	72
Georgia .....	0.5	0.7	44	52	81	79
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	8	6	119	117
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	32	29	127	121
Illinois .....	13.6	13.0	1,873	1,838	138	142
Indiana .....	3.9	2.6	435	288	110	111
Iowa .....	0.3	0.4	37	50	136	130
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	31	28	108	91
Kentucky .....	0.9	1.1	124	128	131	120
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	22	20	62	67
Michigan .....	12.1	15.7	1,532	2,116	127	135
Minnesota .....	0.4	0.4	49	55	125	122
Mississippi .....	(D)	0.2	(D)	19	(D)	79
Missouri .....	0.4	0.4	49	46	123	114
Montana .....	0.5	0.5	41	43	84	90
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	9	9	150	139
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	11	(X)	108
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	3.2	286	287	92	89
New Jersey .....	9.7	8.0	806	671	83	84
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.8	118	110	147	144
New York .....	4.9	4.0	408	380	84	95
North Carolina .....	1.4	1.3	99	92	73	74
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.1	1.2	118	127	109	103
Oklahoma .....	0.2	0.3	17	35	90	105
Oregon .....	2.1	2.2	280	294	136	132
Pennsylvania .....	3.8	4.7	383	483	102	103
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.3	21	38	114	119
Tennessee .....	0.7	0.8	51	55	70	72
Texas .....	3.6	7.4	327	712	91	97
Utah .....	2.4	2.4	327	311	139	128
Virginia .....	0.7	0.5	63	50	91	95
Washington .....	0.9	0.5	159	78	172	151
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	1.0	103	140	131	134
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	19	20	157	151
United States .....	187.2	181.8	25,281	24,863	135	137

(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	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	January to November		November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	January to November	
				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 .....	1,302	1,431	1,308	15,224	14,955	47.5	49.4	47.7	49.4	50.0
Heifers .....	775	804	785	8,980	8,572	28.3	27.7	28.7	29.1	28.6
All cows .....	613	611	599	6,110	5,890	22.4	21.1	21.9	19.8	19.7
Dairy cows .....	253	285	269	2,652	2,843	9.2	9.9	9.8	8.6	9.5
Other cows .....	360	325	330	3,458	3,047	13.1	11.2	12.0	11.2	10.2
Bulls .....	50	51	48	534	508	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
Total .....	2,739	2,897	2,740	30,848	29,925	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	72	72	69	767	695	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,672	10,448	9,743	97,022	99,779	97.0	97.0	97.1	96.9	97.0
Sows .....	268	291	257	2,767	2,775	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7
Boars .....	27	31	31	300	318	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	9,968	10,770	10,030	100,089	102,872	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	12	20	11	130	134	7.0	10.5	6.6	7.1	7.3
Lambs and yearlings .....	160	170	155	1,703	1,705	93.0	89.5	93.4	92.9	92.7
Total .....	172	189	165	1,833	1,839	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 2011	October 2012	November 2012	January to November	
				2011	2012
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	776	798	797	773	790
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	854	877	875	840	857
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	788	805	809	772	791
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	587	597	602	596	608
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	856	862	863	869	878
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	149	140	142	155	152
<b>Hogs</b> .....	208	204	206	205	206
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	206	201	203	203	203
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	302	304	302	305	307
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	208	207	203	210	208
<b>Sheep</b> .....	69	70	70	70	74
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	66	60	62	66	64
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	69	71	71	71	75

<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: November 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 .....	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.8
2 .....	5.5	1.8	0.6	2.7	2.3	0.4	0.4	16.2
3 .....	87.9	22.1	5.3	57.9	46.4	11.4	2.6	11.5
4 .....	74.0	2.6	1.4	58.8	14.7	44.2	11.2	0.2
5 .....	354.0	143.5	35.5	164.4	89.6	74.7	10.6	22.2
6 .....	523.8	244.9	158.9	109.9	26.3	83.6	10.2	0.7
7 .....	1,116.3	617.8	424.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8 .....	282.1	149.8	110.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	192.6	74.1	18.5	96.6	66.9	29.7	3.5	14.8
10 .....	102.3	50.4	29.7	20.9	14.7	6.2	1.3	3.0
United States .....	2,740.3	1,307.9	785.2	598.9	268.8	330.0	48.4	69.4
	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	(Y)	(Y)	3.0	0.1	2.9	
2 .....	11.0	10.9	0.1	0.1	11.4	1.4	10.0	
3 .....	484.7	483.5	(D)	(D)	8.8	1.0	7.8	
4 .....	1,418.8	1,327.5	(D)	(D)	4.0	0.9	3.1	
5 .....	2,799.1	2,692.0	100.9	6.2	30.1	2.6	27.5	
6 .....	535.1	515.0	20.0	0.1	2.2	0.7	1.5	
7 .....	4,084.1	4,016.7	46.5	20.8	0.7	(Y)	0.7	
8 .....	463.1	462.9	0.2	(Y)	79.5	3.6	75.9	
9 .....	205.3	205.2	(Y)	(Y)	23.3	0.4	22.9	
10 .....	27.2	27.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.4	0.1	2.4	
United States .....	10,030.4	9,743.0	256.8	30.6	165.5	10.9	154.6	

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<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 November 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 .....	16.0	7.3	3.9	2.4	1.5	0.9	2.4	7.3
2 .....	61.1	19.7	7.3	29.0	25.4	3.5	5.1	157.2
3 .....	927.6	325.9	30.1	547.2	437.1	110.0	24.4	110.0
4 .....	767.7	27.0	12.4	619.9	163.6	456.4	108.4	3.0
5 .....	3,545.5	1,536.3	366.4	1,537.8	867.9	670.0	105.0	222.8
6 .....	6,015.0	2,986.7	1,805.5	1,112.8	316.6	796.3	109.9	8.0
7 .....	12,419.9	6,875.0	4,806.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.5
8 .....	2,981.5	1,721.3	1,045.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	2,105.7	891.1	195.7	980.1	775.4	204.7	38.9	158.2
10 .....	1,085.5	565.2	298.7	208.3	163.4	44.9	13.3	28.3
United States .....	29,925.3	14,955.5	8,572.3	5,889.9	2,842.7	3,047.2	507.6	695.3
	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 .....	19.6	19.0	0.4	0.3	28.0	1.7	26.4	
2 .....	128.9	127.0	1.3	0.7	133.7	18.2	115.5	
3 .....	4,912.9	4,901.2	(D)	(D)	97.8	10.4	87.3	
4 .....	14,292.7	13,447.6	(D)	(D)	43.8	10.7	33.1	
5 .....	28,737.9	27,482.1	1,195.9	59.8	312.5	29.7	282.8	
6 .....	5,399.9	5,217.0	181.2	1.6	27.5	15.6	11.9	
7 .....	42,551.8	41,759.7	577.3	214.8	7.0	0.2	6.8	
8 .....	4,322.9	4,321.7	1.1	0.1	901.3	40.9	860.5	
9 .....	2,207.5	2,206.7	0.7	0.1	260.7	5.2	255.5	
10 .....	297.9	297.5	0.3	0.1	26.5	1.3	25.2	
United States .....	102,872.0	99,779.5	2,774.8	317.8	1,838.9	133.9	1,705.0	

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

Species	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	January to November	
				2011	2012
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.4	98.1	98.4	98.5	98.4
Calves .....	98.4	98.1	98.4	98.4	98.4
Hogs .....	99.3	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.2
Sheep .....	91.8	91.4	91.0	92.4	92.3

## 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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