



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.99 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in March 2012.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 6 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.2 million pounds, 8 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,700 head, up 5 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.32 million head, down 2 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 196,100 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2013 commercial red meat production was 12.0 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2013 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	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		
				March 2012	February 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,159.5	1,873.7	2,038.6	94	109	6,281.6	6,172.2	98
Veal	10.0	9.0	9.2	92	103	30.2	28.6	95
Pork	1,987.7	1,779.0	1,932.7	97	109	5,858.0	5,777.2	99
Lamb and mutton	14.2	11.5	13.8	97	120	38.6	37.6	97
Total red meat	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	96	109	12,208.5	12,015.7	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		
				March 2012	February 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,133.3	1,845.0	2,012.3	94	109	6,196.2	6,085.3	98
Veal	9.7	8.8	9.0	92	102	29.5	28.0	95
Pork	1,975.1	1,766.7	1,920.4	97	109	5,819.4	5,739.1	99
Lamb and mutton	13.6	10.9	13.1	96	120	37.0	35.7	96
Total red meat	4,131.8	3,631.3	3,954.7	96	109	12,082.1	11,888.0	98

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

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

Species	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of 2012	January to March		
					2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,713.0	2,314.6	2,544.9	94	7,893.3	7,644.7	97
Other 1,000	40.3	44.4	40.6	101	132.4	134.4	102
Commercial 1,000	2,753.4	2,359.0	2,585.4	94	8,025.7	7,779.1	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	1,302	1,323	1,315	101	1,305	1,323	101
Other pounds	1,141	1,141	1,141	100	1,138	1,142	100
Commercial pounds	1,299	1,320	1,313	101	1,302	1,320	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	58.5	58.7	61.6	105	184.4	190.2	103
Other 1,000	1.0	0.9	1.1	108	3.0	2.9	97
Commercial 1,000	59.5	59.6	62.7	105	187.4	193.1	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	281	256	250	89	271	252	93
Other pounds	428	411	403	94	428	412	96
Commercial pounds	283	258	252	89	273	254	93
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,453.6	8,526.1	9,251.9	98	27,895.2	27,663.1	99
Other 1,000	67.1	68.3	66.9	100	209.4	210.4	101
Commercial 1,000	9,520.7	8,594.4	9,318.8	98	28,104.5	27,873.5	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	279	277	277	99	279	277	99
Other pounds	260	248	256	99	255	250	98
Commercial pounds	279	277	277	99	278	277	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	180.0	150.3	184.0	102	488.3	499.0	102
Other 1,000	9.9	11.4	12.1	122	31.8	36.2	114
Commercial 1,000	189.9	161.7	196.1	103	520.1	535.1	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	152	145	142	94	152	143	94
Other pounds	106	113	119	113	101	112	111
Commercial pounds	149	142	141	94	149	141	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	44.1	34.0	44.8	102	125.8	118.6	94
Other 1,000	10.7	14.0	10.0	93	38.8	36.3	94
Commercial 1,000	54.9	48.0	54.8	100	164.6	155.0	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected pounds	63	65	64	101	63	64	102
Other pounds	75	59	71	95	68	65	96
Commercial pounds	66	64	65	99	64	64	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.2	3.2	3.6	110	10.5	10.4	100
Other 1,000	0.8	1.0	0.9	112	2.5	2.9	114
Commercial 1,000	4.0	4.2	4.5	111	13.0	13.3	102

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.6	0.7	0.9	58
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	33.9	29.8	30.8	91
Arkansas	3.8	3.4	3.9	103
California	147.7	130.8	139.1	94
Colorado	187.4	176.1	178.6	95
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.4	2.3	83
Florida	9.6	8.0	9.8	102
Georgia	11.8	9.1	11.2	95
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	92
Idaho	3.5	3.7	3.5	100
Illinois	248.3	226.7	242.6	98
Indiana	148.3	126.2	146.7	99
Iowa	564.4	501.4	546.6	97
Kansas	441.9	396.2	424.3	96
Kentucky	48.6	41.7	43.6	90
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	0.5	97
Michigan	41.1	37.2	38.8	95
Minnesota	240.0	211.2	227.6	95
Mississippi	2.6	1.7	2.2	84
Missouri	158.2	139.1	155.8	98
Montana	0.7	0.8	0.8	118
Nebraska	605.7	526.5	571.9	94
Nevada	0.1	0.1	(Y)	65
New England ¹	1.3	1.3	1.3	104
New Jersey	4.4	3.9	4.3	97
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.2	86
New York	2.6	2.3	2.4	94
North Carolina	205.1	195.0	204.5	100
North Dakota	2.7	0.7	0.8	28
Ohio	22.4	22.1	21.8	97
Oklahoma	97.1	93.2	103.4	107
Oregon	5.9	5.9	6.2	105
Pennsylvania	107.5	93.8	99.6	93
South Carolina	20.6	18.1	18.5	90
South Dakota	86.6	80.3	85.6	99
Tennessee	18.3	16.0	21.2	116
Texas	416.5	324.1	382.2	92
Utah	41.9	36.5	38.4	92
Virginia	45.8	39.3	40.7	89
Washington	76.9	65.6	73.8	96
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	0.5	78
Wisconsin	111.1	99.9	106.2	96
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.4	81
United States	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	96

(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: March 2012 and 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	0.6	0.6	545	617	982	1,037
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	46.2	41.1	60,042	54,026	1,301	1,320
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	597	435	963	947
California	147.5	137.6	189,435	180,047	1,293	1,317
Colorado	209.6	201.7	282,138	270,266	1,347	1,341
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	2.4	3,968	3,170	1,321	1,321
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	21.0	18.9	20,961	19,854	999	1,055
Hawaii	1.0	0.9	1,112	996	1,134	1,106
Idaho	2.4	2.4	2,490	2,621	1,132	1,166
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2.9	3.1	3,104	3,324	1,063	1,057
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	533.3	508.6	681,352	653,813	1,278	1,286
Kentucky	1.5	1.4	1,589	1,399	1,029	1,017
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	367	308	808	778
Michigan	46.9	44.6	64,701	61,587	1,386	1,390
Minnesota	66.9	65.0	97,382	91,818	1,461	1,417
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	54	96	721	830
Missouri	5.1	4.6	5,648	5,025	1,108	1,093
Montana	0.9	1.0	1,021	1,155	1,194	1,206
Nebraska	554.3	518.8	750,437	717,011	1,355	1,383
Nevada	0.1	0.1	90	58	972	1,011
New England ¹	1.4	1.4	1,416	1,512	1,046	1,071
New Jersey	3.1	3.2	3,556	3,563	1,139	1,128
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	331	275	1,229	1,157
New York	2.6	2.1	2,934	2,463	1,162	1,173
North Carolina	17.8	12.1	20,827	14,536	1,172	1,208
North Dakota	3.3	1.0	4,429	1,185	1,351	1,220
Ohio	7.9	8.7	9,294	10,302	1,186	1,188
Oklahoma	2.2	2.0	2,344	2,129	1,068	1,066
Oregon	4.6	5.3	5,590	6,489	1,233	1,246
Pennsylvania	82.2	74.4	99,532	89,838	1,215	1,211
South Carolina	12.7	13.2	14,954	15,672	1,191	1,201
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.8	3.8	3,129	3,565	841	944
Texas	542.0	496.5	672,623	618,741	1,244	1,249
Utah	49.1	45.4	67,807	62,020	1,384	1,367
Virginia	1.0	1.2	1,120	1,289	1,072	1,066
Washington	94.0	89.0	125,133	120,499	1,336	1,358
West Virginia	0.7	0.5	767	554	1,047	1,067
Wisconsin	133.6	127.4	177,852	172,973	1,339	1,365
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	748	591	1,260	1,116
United States	2,753.4	2,585.4	3,569,546	3,386,167	1,299	1,313

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: March 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California	13.4	15.5	1,407	1,597	106	103
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.3	73	70	264	260
Florida	0.1	0.1	28	29	437	463
Georgia	0.1	0.1	74	55	766	614
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.2	0.9	494	364	429	419
Indiana	0.4	0.5	113	161	287	299
Iowa	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	161	178	521	521
Michigan	1.6	0.5	694	226	429	417
Minnesota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(Y)	0.1	(X)	28	(X)	436
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.5	0.5	81	88	169	171
New Jersey	6.2	5.2	2,589	2,196	417	419
New Mexico	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York	6.9	8.2	719	941	105	116
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	37	48	507	491
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	7.6	10.1	1,842	1,883	245	188
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	50	23	456	453
Oregon	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9.6	11.0	4,116	4,420	430	402
South Carolina	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	0.1	0.1	25	63	447	594
Texas	0.6	0.7	398	440	633	636
Utah	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.2	2.3	139	165	64	71
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	8.2	5.9	3,652	2,711	448	460
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	59.5	62.7	16,781	15,748	283	252

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: March 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	5.5	2.3	2,275	833	416	358
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	14	(X)	272
Arizona	0.2	0.2	44	43	279	255
Arkansas	11.4	12.2	5,188	5,554	456	455
California	208.1	193.1	50,776	47,584	244	247
Colorado	0.8	1.1	188	262	242	230
Delaware-Maryland	1.3	1.3	326	339	259	271
Florida	5.1	5.5	773	826	151	150
Georgia	6.6	6.6	1,634	1,599	247	242
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	279	278	249	250
Idaho	11.2	10.7	2,840	2,749	255	258
Illinois	892.7	863.4	252,590	243,007	283	282
Indiana	714.0	706.5	193,256	191,433	271	271
Iowa	2,519.8	2,466.3	705,140	684,634	280	278
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.1	1.2	226	244	204	209
Michigan	11.0	11.8	4,248	4,487	388	380
Minnesota	925.3	898.9	250,762	240,344	271	267
Mississippi	9.9	9.2	3,647	3,012	367	327
Missouri	722.4	714.9	205,539	202,571	285	283
Montana	0.7	0.8	167	214	247	257
Nebraska	684.1	643.4	190,212	175,683	278	273
Nevada	0.1	(Y)	14	(X)	254	(X)
New England ¹	1.6	1.5	421	383	258	256
New Jersey	9.9	10.8	979	988	99	92
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	23	24	254	271
New York	2.4	2.3	510	485	211	215
North Carolina	941.0	956.0	258,165	261,207	274	273
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	82	92	294	285
Ohio	83.2	75.6	22,097	20,454	266	271
Oklahoma	449.1	490.0	126,332	133,913	281	273
Oregon	14.8	14.0	3,762	3,602	254	258
Pennsylvania	237.4	226.8	61,809	60,412	261	267
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	384.4	373.0	104,372	100,691	272	270
Tennessee	53.3	63.9	24,795	28,640	466	449
Texas	27.6	30.1	8,622	9,247	312	308
Utah	3.9	4.0	566	696	144	175
Virginia	220.5	194.8	59,698	52,864	271	271
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	159	143	251	266
Wisconsin	44.7	44.5	20,353	19,954	456	449
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	81	76	263	262
United States	9,520.7	9,318.8	2,653,214	2,579,523	279	277

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: March 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	0.1	(Y)	4	(X)	70	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	36	33	133	125
Arkansas	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	105	(X)
California	27.4	27.8	4,002	3,938	146	142
Colorado	92.1	85.8	15,873	14,272	173	166
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	3.2	291	319	100	98
Florida	0.3	0.4	19	25	70	71
Georgia	0.4	0.7	32	44	88	66
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	7	129	110
Idaho	0.2	0.2	23	24	150	132
Illinois	12.4	12.2	1,938	1,789	157	147
Indiana	2.7	2.9	293	323	108	110
Iowa	0.1	0.2	19	13	153	87
Kansas	0.3	0.3	28	28	101	87
Kentucky	0.9	1.1	112	137	131	121
Louisiana	0.2	0.3	19	19	80	64
Michigan	15.3	16.1	2,038	2,068	134	128
Minnesota	0.2	0.3	29	39	118	122
Mississippi	0.2	0.3	15	20	67	74
Missouri	0.3	0.5	41	61	134	131
Montana	0.1	0.4	17	45	112	120
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	119
New England ¹	2.3	2.8	205	226	91	81
New Jersey	8.9	12.7	737	972	83	77
New Mexico	0.9	0.8	139	123	155	148
New York	3.8	4.2	345	356	91	85
North Carolina	1.0	1.4	78	112	81	82
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	0.5	0.4	53	39	107	105
Oklahoma	0.2	0.1	22	12	125	118
Oregon	2.3	2.5	330	342	146	138
Pennsylvania	4.1	5.4	403	522	98	96
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	22	30	114	131
Tennessee	0.6	1.0	46	75	77	74
Texas	3.9	6.4	359	806	92	126
Utah	2.4	2.3	337	316	142	138
Virginia	0.3	0.4	34	35	103	97
Washington	0.5	0.6	93	92	175	157
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.7	0.8	102	97	141	115
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	9	9	158	148
United States	189.9	196.1	28,308	27,534	149	141

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(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	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	January to March		March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	January to March	
				2012	2013				2012	2013
	(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	1,305	1,110	1,221	3,774	3,702	48.1	48.0	48.0	47.8	48.4
Heifers	840	689	763	2,387	2,246	31.0	29.8	30.0	30.2	29.4
All cows	522	479	519	1,603	1,576	19.2	20.7	20.4	20.3	20.6
Dairy cows	278	259	274	803	830	10.2	11.2	10.8	10.2	10.9
Other cows	244	219	245	800	746	9.0	9.5	9.6	10.1	9.8
Bulls	46	37	42	129	121	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
Total	2,713	2,315	2,545	7,893	7,645	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	58	59	62	184	190	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,178	8,275	8,978	27,086	26,845	97.1	97.1	97.0	97.1	97.0
Sows	245	222	245	725	728	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Boars	30	29	29	85	90	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,454	8,526	9,252	27,895	27,663	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9	9	9	26	27	5.0	5.9	5.1	5.3	5.4
Lambs and yearlings	171	141	175	462	472	95.0	94.1	94.9	94.7	94.6
Total	180	150	184	488	499	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	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	January to March	
				2012	2013
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	788	799	792	787	798
Steers ¹	846	867	856	851	866
Heifers ¹	793	807	798	793	804
All cows ¹	626	622	625	617	622
Bulls ¹	889	882	882	876	881
Calves and vealers	168	150	146	161	147
Hogs	209	207	208	209	208
Barrows and gilts ²	206	205	205	206	205
Sows ²	309	307	304	307	306
Boars ²	206	207	201	208	204
Sheep	76	72	71	76	72
Mature sheep ³	66	66	66	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	76	73	71	77	72

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: March 2013

[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	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	
2	5.2	1.6	0.5	2.6	2.3	0.3	0.5	13.4	
3	75.9	17.4	3.9	52.9	42.5	10.3	1.7	11.3	
4	62.1	3.2	1.2	48.2	14.5	33.7	9.6	0.3	
5	307.4	124.4	33.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	17.7	
6	494.9	250.1	141.4	93.6	34.5	59.2	9.8	0.7	
7	1,063.4	566.8	434.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	
8	259.7	138.0	103.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	179.0	68.8	18.8	88.4	73.9	14.5	2.9	15.3	
10	95.9	49.8	25.0	20.0	15.7	4.3	1.1	2.3	
United States	2,544.9	1,220.6	762.5	519.3	274.2	245.1	42.5	61.6	
	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	1.2	1.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.7	0.1	2.6		
2	12.9	12.8	0.1	0.1	16.3	1.5	14.8		
3	421.1	419.9	1.1	(Y)	9.5	0.8	8.7		
4	1,286.4	1,206.7	76.4	3.2	4.8	1.1	3.7		
5	2,576.9	2,468.6	101.3	6.9	30.1	2.3	27.8		
6	525.0	507.0	17.8	0.3	2.7	0.8	1.9		
7	3,837.1	3,770.7	47.5	18.9	0.7	0.1	0.6		
8	377.1	376.6	0.4	(Y)	87.9	2.3	85.6		
9	188.8	188.6	0.1	(Y)	26.7	0.4	26.3		
10	25.5	25.4	0.1	(Y)	2.6	(Y)	2.6		
United States	9,251.9	8,977.6	244.9	29.5	184.0	9.4	174.5		

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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 March 2013

[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	4.1	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.7	
2	15.8	5.1	1.8	7.7	6.7	1.0	1.1	41.2	
3	236.2	50.4	14.8	165.5	132.9	32.6	5.6	34.1	
4	181.2	8.7	3.6	142.8	43.7	99.1	26.1	0.9	
5	927.2	375.2	93.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	57.6	
6	1,470.6	741.8	428.4	272.1	97.1	175.0	28.4	2.7	
7	3,189.4	1,710.1	1,290.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2	
8	791.8	448.8	286.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	544.8	213.2	53.5	269.3	225.7	43.7	8.7	44.4	
10	283.6	147.5	72.2	60.9	49.8	11.2	3.0	7.5	
United States	7,644.7	3,702.4	2,245.6	1,576.0	830.5	745.5	120.6	190.2	
	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	4.0	3.8	0.1	0.1	7.3	0.3	7.0		
2	37.7	37.2	0.3	0.2	38.2	4.4	33.8		
3	1,277.6	1,274.2	3.2	0.1	24.7	2.0	22.8		
4	3,878.2	3,658.9	207.6	11.7	12.5	2.9	9.5		
5	7,633.8	7,300.1	314.2	19.5	88.5	6.7	81.8		
6	1,530.8	1,481.9	48.5	0.4	7.3	2.3	4.9		
7	11,482.6	11,272.6	152.3	57.6	2.1	0.1	2.0		
8	1,169.4	1,168.1	1.2	0.1	235.5	6.8	228.7		
9	569.1	568.7	0.3	(Y)	75.9	1.3	74.6		
10	80.0	79.8	0.1	(Y)	6.9	0.1	6.9		
United States	27,663.1	26,845.5	727.9	89.7	499.0	26.9	472.0		

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

Species	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	January to March	
				2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.5	98.1	98.4	98.4	98.3
Calves	98.3	98.5	98.3	98.4	98.5
Hogs	99.3	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2
Sheep	94.8	93.0	93.8	93.9	93.2

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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