



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Up From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in April, up 6 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in April 2012.

**Beef production**, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up 6 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,295 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 9.1 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,600 head, up 4 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.94 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.36 million head, up 6 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 191,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

**January to April 2013 commercial red meat production** was 16.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

**April 2012** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**April 2013** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		
				April 2012	March 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,990.6	2,038.6	2,127.3	107	104	8,272.1	8,299.5	100
Veal .....	9.9	9.2	9.1	92	99	40.1	37.8	94
Pork .....	1,841.9	1,932.7	1,941.6	105	100	7,699.9	7,718.8	100
Lamb and mutton .....	12.9	13.8	13.4	104	98	51.5	51.0	99
Total red meat .....	3,855.2	3,994.3	4,091.4	106	102	16,063.6	16,107.1	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		
				April 2012	March 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,964.0	2,012.3	2,101.1	107	104	8,160.2	8,186.4	100
Veal .....	9.6	9.0	8.9	92	99	39.1	36.9	94
Pork .....	1,829.2	1,920.4	1,928.7	105	100	7,648.5	7,667.8	100
Lamb and mutton .....	12.2	13.1	12.5	102	96	49.3	48.2	98
Total red meat .....	3,815.0	3,954.7	4,051.2	106	102	15,897.1	15,939.2	100

Species	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of 2012	January to April		
					2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,528.1	2,544.9	2,688.7	106	10,421.4	10,333.4	99
Other ..... 1,000	41.4	40.6	40.8	99	173.8	175.2	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,569.5	2,585.4	2,729.5	106	10,595.2	10,508.7	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,284	1,315	1,298	101	1,300	1,317	101
Other ..... pounds	1,133	1,141	1,129	100	1,136	1,139	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,281	1,313	1,295	101	1,297	1,314	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	55.4	61.6	57.6	104	239.8	247.8	103
Other ..... 1,000	1.1	1.1	1.0	91	4.1	3.9	95
Commercial ..... 1,000	56.5	62.7	58.6	104	243.8	251.7	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	292	250	264	90	276	255	92
Other ..... pounds	428	403	403	94	428	410	96
Commercial ..... pounds	295	252	266	90	278	257	92
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,757.3	9,251.9	9,291.2	106	36,652.5	36,954.3	101
Other ..... 1,000	69.8	66.9	70.3	101	279.2	280.7	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,827.1	9,318.8	9,361.5	106	36,931.6	37,235.0	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	279	277	277	99	279	277	99
Other ..... pounds	252	256	252	100	254	250	99
Commercial ..... pounds	278	277	277	99	278	277	99
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	165.8	184.0	174.7	105	654.1	673.7	103
Other ..... 1,000	15.1	12.1	17.0	113	46.9	53.2	113
Commercial ..... 1,000	180.9	196.1	191.7	106	701.0	726.9	104
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	147	142	143	97	151	143	95
Other ..... pounds	87	119	112	129	96	112	116
Commercial ..... pounds	142	141	140	99	147	141	96
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	45.9	44.8	42.0	91	171.7	160.6	94
Other ..... 1,000	11.7	10.0	10.7	92	50.5	47.0	93
Commercial ..... 1,000	57.6	54.8	52.7	92	222.2	207.6	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	64	65	102	63	64	102
Other ..... pounds	63	71	65	104	66	65	97
Commercial ..... pounds	63	65	65	103	64	64	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.1	3.6	3.7	117	13.6	14.1	103
Other ..... 1,000	0.9	0.9	0.9	103	3.4	3.8	111
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.0	4.5	4.6	114	17.0	17.9	105

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.4	0.9	1.0	72
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	32.5	30.8	36.8	113
Arkansas .....	3.3	3.9	1.9	58
California .....	143.3	139.1	144.4	101
Colorado .....	170.8	178.6	177.6	104
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	2.3	2.5	96
Florida .....	9.2	9.8	11.1	120
Georgia .....	11.4	11.2	11.4	100
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.8	0.7	82
Idaho .....	3.5	3.5	3.8	110
Illinois .....	230.8	242.6	256.6	111
Indiana .....	136.8	146.7	145.4	106
Iowa .....	531.6	546.6	563.6	106
Kansas .....	408.2	424.3	443.2	109
Kentucky .....	41.3	43.6	43.1	104
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	96
Michigan .....	38.6	38.8	38.3	99
Minnesota .....	214.6	227.6	214.6	100
Mississippi .....	2.0	2.2	2.5	121
Missouri .....	145.0	155.8	152.2	105
Montana .....	1.7	0.8	1.6	95
Nebraska .....	547.8	571.9	597.4	109
Nevada .....	0.1	(Y)	0.1	109
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	1.3	1.5	115
New Jersey .....	4.5	4.3	4.5	100
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.2	0.3	106
New York .....	2.3	2.4	2.4	105
North Carolina .....	189.4	204.5	211.2	111
North Dakota .....	1.0	0.8	0.7	74
Ohio .....	22.1	21.8	21.4	97
Oklahoma .....	94.6	103.4	99.6	105
Oregon .....	5.6	6.2	8.0	143
Pennsylvania .....	99.1	99.6	106.7	108
South Carolina .....	20.1	18.5	19.9	99
South Dakota .....	81.9	85.6	89.1	109
Tennessee .....	14.3	21.2	18.9	132
Texas .....	398.3	382.2	384.4	97
Utah .....	37.9	38.4	40.5	107
Virginia .....	42.6	40.7	39.3	92
Washington .....	66.6	73.8	73.6	110
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	103
Wisconsin .....	94.9	106.2	118.3	125
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	105
United States .....	3,855.2	3,994.3	4,091.4	106

(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.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 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 .....	0.7	0.7	638	729	947	1,054
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	59	(X)	1,152
Arizona .....	44.4	49.7	57,543	65,117	1,300	1,315
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.4	590	442	978	1,001
California .....	144.4	145.3	186,668	188,262	1,301	1,304
Colorado .....	196.6	207.9	257,937	270,340	1,313	1,301
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.6	3,656	3,515	1,330	1,335
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	20.3	19.6	20,144	20,126	995	1,026
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.8	1,170	913	1,177	1,123
Idaho .....	2.4	2.7	2,568	2,893	1,151	1,154
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.2	3.0	3,353	3,198	1,057	1,060
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	501.2	535.7	628,390	681,465	1,254	1,272
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.4	1,366	1,432	1,052	1,010
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	267	301	814	767
Michigan .....	44.3	45.1	60,724	60,530	1,377	1,348
Minnesota .....	60.3	68.4	86,026	95,067	1,431	1,396
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	68	127	656	874
Missouri .....	5.2	5.0	5,793	5,499	1,110	1,112
Montana .....	2.1	2.1	2,505	2,462	1,192	1,192
Nebraska .....	507.6	562.4	674,277	755,955	1,329	1,345
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	100	101	945	970
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	1.6	1,455	1,686	1,029	1,051
New Jersey .....	3.2	3.4	3,591	3,855	1,125	1,142
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.3	289	306	1,172	1,053
New York .....	2.2	2.3	2,480	2,668	1,145	1,171
North Carolina .....	15.3	12.4	18,084	14,994	1,183	1,212
North Dakota .....	1.2	1.0	1,579	1,173	1,300	1,215
Ohio .....	9.2	8.3	10,762	9,770	1,170	1,184
Oklahoma .....	2.1	2.0	2,211	2,137	1,039	1,045
Oregon .....	4.6	7.3	5,613	9,274	1,246	1,285
Pennsylvania .....	74.4	80.6	89,501	96,870	1,208	1,206
South Carolina .....	12.4	14.1	14,731	16,545	1,197	1,185
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.3	3.6	2,829	3,204	875	898
Texas .....	520.4	500.5	641,422	621,750	1,235	1,245
Utah .....	44.7	47.9	61,509	65,214	1,378	1,364
Virginia .....	1.0	1.0	1,096	1,048	1,115	1,009
Washington .....	82.4	89.4	108,252	120,025	1,318	1,347
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.6	641	608	1,094	1,094
Wisconsin .....	113.1	140.9	148,973	191,141	1,325	1,364
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	581	607	1,171	1,145
United States .....	2,569.5	2,729.5	3,285,778	3,528,441	1,281	1,295

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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: April 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 .....	(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 .....	12.7	15.4	1,465	1,615	116	105
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	0.3	79	67	261	256
Florida .....	0.1	0.1	33	29	458	489
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	62	40	938	544
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.4	1.3	628	575	442	438
Indiana .....	0.4	0.5	114	164	295	339
Iowa .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.2	203	132	534	529
Michigan .....	1.4	0.8	623	334	433	427
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> .....	0.4	0.6	62	100	144	165
New Jersey .....	6.4	5.6	2,727	2,377	426	427
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5.8	4.3	648	552	114	130
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	30	55	465	496
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	6.9	9.5	1,845	1,979	268	211
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	27	(X)	453
Oregon .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9.1	10.5	3,908	4,200	428	400
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Tennessee .....	0.1	0.1	45	40	558	506
Texas .....	0.4	0.6	264	346	630	628
Utah .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	2.3	2.8	142	196	61	70
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	7.8	5.7	3,583	2,621	458	458
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	56.5	58.6	16,566	15,516	295	266

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 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 .....	4.2	2.3	1,733	809	415	345
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	23	18	245	277
Arizona .....	0.2	0.2	56	43	257	241
Arkansas .....	9.7	5.7	4,401	2,479	455	438
California .....	200.0	193.4	47,835	47,004	239	243
Colorado .....	0.9	1.2	205	258	227	221
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.2	1.1	284	275	244	253
Florida .....	5.2	5.0	737	758	144	151
Georgia .....	6.8	6.8	1,667	1,676	246	245
Hawaii .....	1.1	1.1	267	271	251	249
Idaho .....	11.3	11.9	2,854	3,029	252	256
Illinois .....	828.3	893.8	234,994	252,789	284	283
Indiana .....	655.6	705.0	177,842	190,104	271	270
Iowa .....	2,369.4	2,533.3	663,316	705,030	280	278
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.9	0.9	164	178	182	209
Michigan .....	10.1	10.4	3,863	3,793	383	364
Minnesota .....	826.1	823.6	224,465	220,291	272	268
Mississippi .....	8.4	10.1	2,817	3,357	334	332
Missouri .....	662.6	699.1	187,734	197,642	283	283
Montana .....	1.1	1.1	305	279	269	263
Nebraska .....	624.6	648.5	173,400	177,002	278	273
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	17	24	245	257
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.7	386	440	250	261
New Jersey .....	7.9	8.8	776	872	98	99
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.1	31	40	294	276
New York .....	2.3	2.6	490	599	217	230
North Carolina .....	876.4	987.5	238,838	270,258	273	274
North Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	69	75	306	303
Ohio .....	76.7	77.1	20,518	20,330	268	264
Oklahoma .....	438.7	473.7	122,395	128,955	279	272
Oregon .....	13.3	14.0	3,343	3,551	252	254
Pennsylvania .....	223.0	239.1	58,283	63,467	262	266
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	363.0	384.4	98,976	104,179	273	271
Tennessee .....	40.8	56.4	19,170	25,578	471	454
Texas .....	27.8	29.7	8,708	8,795	313	296
Utah .....	3.6	4.1	509	754	140	184
Virginia .....	202.1	187.1	55,333	51,348	274	275
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.6	97	138	263	247
Wisconsin .....	43.6	52.4	19,959	23,806	459	455
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.4	83	104	260	280
United States .....	8,827.1	9,361.5	2,457,434	2,592,981	278	277

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 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 .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	4	(X)	66
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.2	0.3	32	37	148	126
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	21.2	27.4	2,989	3,886	142	142
Colorado .....	75.5	73.3	13,681	12,639	181	172
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.7	3.4	365	324	99	95
Florida .....	0.3	0.6	17	36	59	61
Georgia .....	0.6	1.2	61	79	97	67
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	6	7	109	120
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	24	28	147	143
Illinois .....	15.4	15.8	1,984	2,267	129	144
Indiana .....	3.7	3.2	386	355	104	113
Iowa .....	0.1	0.2	19	25	153	142
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	26	29	98	84
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.0	129	126	131	122
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.3	18	16	61	53
Michigan .....	13.7	15.6	1,891	2,066	138	133
Minnesota .....	0.4	0.4	66	52	163	119
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.4	20	28	70	80
Missouri .....	0.4	0.5	43	64	114	125
Montana .....	0.2	0.3	22	30	93	111
Nebraska .....	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	122	(X)
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.4	283	277	79	82
New Jersey .....	12.4	12.8	986	1,015	79	79
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.9	127	121	156	140
New York .....	5.1	4.3	425	380	83	88
North Carolina .....	1.1	1.3	85	94	74	72
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.3	1.4	140	145	107	102
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	17	13	124	114
Oregon .....	1.9	2.4	277	340	144	142
Pennsylvania .....	5.7	6.5	548	662	96	102
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.2	33	27	127	132
Tennessee .....	0.8	1.2	57	86	71	70
Texas .....	5.2	7.6	271	928	53	121
Utah .....	2.3	2.2	332	312	142	139
Virginia .....	0.3	0.3	26	31	95	91
Washington .....	0.5	0.6	83	92	178	166
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	0.8	102	82	136	107
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	11	16	161	158
United States .....	180.9	191.7	25,740	26,891	142	140

(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	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	January to April		April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	January to April	
				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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,251	1,221	1,313	5,025	5,016	49.5	48.0	48.8	48.2	48.5
Heifers .....	765	763	780	3,152	3,026	30.3	30.0	29.0	30.2	29.3
All cows .....	469	519	548	2,072	2,124	18.6	20.4	20.4	19.9	20.6
Dairy cows .....	240	274	268	1,043	1,099	9.5	10.8	10.0	10.0	10.6
Other cows .....	230	245	280	1,029	1,026	9.1	9.6	10.4	9.9	9.9
Bulls .....	43	42	47	172	168	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6
Total .....	2,528	2,545	2,689	10,421	10,333	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	55	62	58	240	248	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,501	8,978	9,005	35,586	35,850	97.1	97.0	96.9	97.1	97.0
Sows .....	231	245	255	956	983	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.7
Boars .....	26	29	31	111	121	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,757	9,252	9,291	36,652	36,954	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10	9	10	36	37	6.1	5.1	6.0	5.5	5.6
Lambs and yearlings .....	156	175	164	618	636	93.9	94.9	94.0	94.5	94.4
Total .....	166	184	175	654	674	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	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	January to April	
				2012	2013
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	779	792	783	785	794
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	835	856	844	847	860
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	776	798	784	789	799
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	621	625	626	618	623
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	893	882	885	880	882
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	175	146	155	164	149
<b>Hogs</b> .....	209	208	208	209	208
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	206	205	205	206	205
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	310	304	304	308	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	208	201	201	208	204
<b>Sheep</b> .....	74	71	72	75	72
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	66	66	66	65	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	74	71	72	76	72

<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: April 2013

[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 .....	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
2 .....	5.6	1.8	0.6	2.7	2.2	0.5	0.4	9.8
3 .....	82.7	21.6	5.3	53.5	43.1	10.4	2.4	10.8
4 .....	66.5	3.2	1.7	51.2	13.2	37.9	10.5	0.3
5 .....	332.1	139.2	32.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	17.6
6 .....	498.7	251.4	140.0	97.3	28.8	68.5	10.0	0.5
7 .....	1,137.9	625.6	446.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
8 .....	269.7	143.6	104.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	195.3	76.2	20.8	94.5	75.1	19.4	3.7	15.2
10 .....	98.6	49.9	27.6	19.9	15.9	3.9	1.3	2.8
United States .....	2,688.7	1,313.1	780.2	548.4	268.4	280.0	47.1	57.6
	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 .....	1.4	1.3	(Y)	(Y)	3.3	0.1	3.1	
2 .....	11.3	11.2	0.1	(Y)	16.6	1.7	14.9	
3 .....	426.2	425.3	0.9	(Y)	10.7	1.7	9.0	
4 .....	1,314.3	1,241.1	68.8	4.4	5.1	1.0	4.1	
5 .....	2,536.8	2,414.0	116.7	6.1	32.1	2.9	29.2	
6 .....	501.3	491.4	9.8	0.1	2.4	0.7	1.7	
7 .....	3,896.2	3,817.6	57.8	20.8	0.8	(Y)	0.7	
8 .....	388.3	387.7	0.6	(Y)	75.3	1.7	73.6	
9 .....	188.5	188.3	0.1	(Y)	26.0	0.5	25.5	
10 .....	27.0	27.0	(Y)	(Y)	2.5	(Y)	2.5	
United States .....	9,291.2	9,004.9	254.9	31.5	174.7	10.5	164.3	

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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 April 2013

[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 .....	5.5	2.2	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	2.3
2 .....	21.4	7.0	2.4	10.5	8.9	1.5	1.6	51.0
3 .....	318.9	72.0	20.1	218.9	176.0	43.0	7.9	44.9
4 .....	247.7	11.8	5.3	193.9	56.9	137.1	36.6	1.1
5 .....	1,259.4	514.5	126.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	75.2
6 .....	1,969.4	993.2	568.3	369.4	125.9	243.6	38.4	3.3
7 .....	4,327.3	2,335.7	1,736.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8 .....	1,061.5	592.4	391.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	740.1	289.5	74.3	363.8	300.8	63.1	12.5	59.6
10 .....	382.2	197.4	99.7	80.8	65.7	15.1	4.3	10.3
United States .....	10,333.4	5,015.5	3,025.7	2,124.4	1,098.9	1,025.5	167.7	247.8
	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)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	5.3	5.1	0.1	0.1	10.5	0.4	10.2	
2 .....	49.0	48.4	0.5	0.2	54.8	6.1	48.8	
3 .....	1,703.8	1,699.5	4.1	0.2	35.4	3.6	31.8	
4 .....	5,192.4	4,900.0	276.4	16.1	17.6	3.9	13.6	
5 .....	10,170.5	9,714.1	430.9	25.6	120.6	9.7	110.9	
6 .....	2,032.1	1,973.3	58.4	0.5	9.7	3.1	6.6	
7 .....	15,378.9	15,090.3	210.2	78.4	2.9	0.1	2.7	
8 .....	1,557.7	1,555.9	1.7	0.1	310.8	8.5	302.3	
9 .....	757.6	757.1	0.4	(Y)	101.9	1.9	100.1	
10 .....	107.0	106.8	0.1	(Y)	9.5	0.1	9.4	
United States .....	36,954.3	35,850.4	982.8	121.1	673.7	37.4	636.3	

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

Species	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	January to April	
				2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.3
Calves .....	98.1	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.5
Hogs .....	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.2
Sheep .....	91.7	93.8	91.1	93.3	92.7

## 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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