



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Up From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in July, up 5 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in July 2012.

**Beef production**, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, up 4 percent from July 2012. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 9.6 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,000 head, up 4 percent from July 2012. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.08 million head, up 6 percent from July 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.1 million pounds, was up 13 percent from July 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 211,600 head, 19 percent above last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 7 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2013 commercial red meat production** was 28.3 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 up 2 percent.

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

**July 2013** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	July 2013 as % of		January to July		
				July 2012	June 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,201.4	2,161.4	2,293.5	104	106	14,956.2	14,982.5	100
Veal .....	9.5	8.5	9.6	101	113	68.9	64.9	94
Pork .....	1,721.9	1,677.1	1,840.9	107	110	13,099.1	13,137.0	100
Lamb and mutton .....	12.5	12.7	14.1	113	111	89.9	92.1	102
Total red meat .....	3,945.2	3,859.8	4,158.0	105	108	28,214.1	28,276.4	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	July 2013 as % of		January to July		
				July 2012	June 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,176.8	2,136.7	2,268.3	104	106	14,769.2	14,792.9	100
Veal .....	9.2	8.3	9.4	101	113	67.2	63.3	94
Pork .....	1,708.7	1,665.1	1,827.1	107	110	13,009.6	13,048.0	100
Lamb and mutton .....	11.8	12.0	13.1	111	109	85.7	86.7	101
Total red meat .....	3,906.5	3,822.0	4,117.8	105	108	27,931.8	27,990.9	100

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

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

Species	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	July 2013 as % of 2012	January to July		
					2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,755.2	2,692.9	2,855.5	104	18,838.2	18,704.5	99
Other ..... 1,000	37.6	38.3	39.2	104	289.5	293.9	102
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,792.8	2,731.1	2,894.7	104	19,127.7	18,998.4	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,297	1,305	1,304	101	1,296	1,309	101
Other ..... pounds	1,142	1,131	1,120	98	1,136	1,133	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,295	1,303	1,302	100	1,293	1,307	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	66.5	56.7	69.1	104	419.5	430.8	103
Other ..... 1,000	0.9	0.9	0.9	99	6.9	6.7	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	67.4	57.6	70.0	104	426.4	437.5	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	239	248	232	97	271	251	93
Other ..... pounds	432	400	403	93	430	407	95
Commercial ..... pounds	241	250	234	97	274	254	93
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,492.6	8,132.1	9,003.0	106	62,838.3	63,237.1	101
Other ..... 1,000	73.7	68.0	77.1	105	493.4	494.3	100
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,566.3	8,200.1	9,080.2	106	63,331.7	63,731.4	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	269	274	271	101	276	276	100
Other ..... pounds	248	245	246	99	250	248	99
Commercial ..... pounds	269	274	271	101	276	275	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	164.5	167.7	192.9	117	1,137.9	1,222.8	107
Other ..... 1,000	13.9	15.7	18.6	134	90.1	103.6	115
Commercial ..... 1,000	178.4	183.5	211.6	119	1,228.0	1,326.4	108
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	144	142	136	94	151	142	94
Other ..... pounds	97	101	110	113	94	109	116
Commercial ..... pounds	140	139	133	95	147	139	95
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	52.0	40.7	53.3	103	313.8	299.3	95
Other ..... 1,000	12.7	12.4	15.0	119	89.7	87.2	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	64.6	53.1	68.4	106	403.5	386.5	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	65	64	101	63	64	101
Other ..... pounds	74	61	78	105	68	68	99
Commercial ..... pounds	66	64	67	103	64	65	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.5	3.7	4.3	123	24.4	26.4	108
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.8	0.8	109	5.9	6.3	108
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.3	4.5	5.2	121	30.3	32.7	108

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	July 2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.5	1.1	1.2	251
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	30.8	34.0	35.0	113
Arkansas .....	3.6	0.3	0.3	9
California .....	140.8	139.3	147.8	105
Colorado .....	190.5	193.7	211.5	111
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	2.4	2.6	105
Florida .....	9.5	9.1	10.5	110
Georgia .....	11.2	10.4	11.4	102
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.7	0.8	92
Idaho .....	3.6	3.4	3.8	107
Illinois .....	228.6	226.3	247.2	108
Indiana .....	128.3	131.9	145.1	113
Iowa .....	486.9	473.0	520.6	107
Kansas .....	464.8	478.9	513.9	111
Kentucky .....	42.2	36.5	41.4	98
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	106
Michigan .....	41.9	38.3	40.0	95
Minnesota .....	215.9	198.6	214.2	99
Mississippi .....	1.8	2.0	1.7	99
Missouri .....	131.3	132.3	143.2	109
Montana .....	1.1	1.7	1.2	108
Nebraska .....	593.8	587.3	632.5	107
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	109
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.4	1.6	107
New Jersey .....	4.4	4.0	4.4	100
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	0.3	131
New York .....	2.6	2.5	3.1	119
North Carolina .....	182.2	184.3	188.1	103
North Dakota .....	0.5	0.6	0.6	127
Ohio .....	21.4	20.7	22.5	105
Oklahoma .....	89.5	80.5	92.8	104
Oregon .....	5.9	6.6	6.8	114
Pennsylvania .....	101.0	94.4	100.4	99
South Carolina .....	19.5	18.3	20.1	103
South Dakota .....	70.8	76.5	82.2	116
Tennessee .....	18.7	14.9	19.4	103
Texas .....	437.9	389.8	407.5	93
Utah .....	42.4	38.3	41.5	98
Virginia .....	36.9	37.3	44.6	121
Washington .....	74.5	75.2	82.1	110
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	113
Wisconsin .....	103.4	111.7	112.9	109
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.4	0.4	93
United States .....	3,945.2	3,859.8	4,158.0	105

(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: July 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 .....	0.3	0.5	333	468	963	971
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	63	(X)	1,067
Arizona .....	42.2	46.1	54,227	60,452	1,287	1,315
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.4	550	446	956	1,020
California .....	144.0	151.6	182,615	194,388	1,276	1,290
Colorado .....	215.2	238.5	287,340	320,020	1,336	1,343
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	2.8	3,406	3,603	1,286	1,266
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	20.8	18.9	20,207	20,136	975	1,066
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.9	1,110	1,037	1,154	1,123
Idaho .....	2.4	2.9	2,617	3,180	1,144	1,159
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.5	3.4	3,752	3,597	1,062	1,059
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	543.9	598.0	711,177	787,989	1,308	1,318
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.1	1,056	1,183	1,033	1,042
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.5	282	379	812	771
Michigan .....	48.8	46.4	67,362	62,290	1,387	1,348
Minnesota .....	77.6	68.2	107,666	94,119	1,393	1,386
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	61	72	687	752
Missouri .....	4.1	4.0	4,345	4,362	1,062	1,084
Montana .....	1.3	1.4	1,575	1,725	1,204	1,197
Nebraska .....	563.3	613.7	755,374	816,548	1,342	1,331
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	102	124	1,025	1,035
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	1.7	1,735	1,742	1,070	1,053
New Jersey .....	3.3	3.6	3,744	3,764	1,144	1,056
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.3	202	285	1,026	1,125
New York .....	2.2	2.8	2,523	3,204	1,139	1,150
North Carolina .....	15.7	11.1	18,225	13,220	1,167	1,197
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.8	734	977	1,206	1,215
Ohio .....	7.3	9.1	8,585	10,472	1,182	1,164
Oklahoma .....	1.7	1.8	1,707	1,746	1,013	990
Oregon .....	5.3	6.4	6,280	7,732	1,203	1,223
Pennsylvania .....	78.5	75.1	91,458	87,816	1,169	1,174
South Carolina .....	14.1	13.3	16,158	15,705	1,158	1,188
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.8	3.2	3,349	2,870	904	897
Texas .....	565.1	526.5	701,609	654,523	1,244	1,246
Utah .....	50.0	48.6	68,666	66,564	1,373	1,370
Virginia .....	0.7	0.8	728	819	1,077	1,038
Washington .....	90.4	99.1	120,573	132,325	1,338	1,339
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.4	401	466	1,063	1,126
Wisconsin .....	126.0	132.8	163,383	180,678	1,303	1,367
Wyoming .....	0.6	0.6	652	638	1,144	1,063
United States .....	2,792.8	2,894.7	3,610,808	3,761,477	1,295	1,302

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(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 Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	14.4	14.7	1,572	1,556	110	106
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.4	0.4	88	88	248	251
Florida .....	0.1	0.1	29	31	434	450
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	56	49	613	579
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.4	1.3	634	574	443	432
Indiana .....	0.5	0.7	149	178	321	266
Iowa .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.2	165	115	543	521
Michigan .....	1.1	0.1	463	30	429	324
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> .....	0.6	0.9	75	121	136	134
New Jersey .....	5.7	5.5	2,604	2,282	454	416
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York .....	10.4	9.7	935	1,022	91	107
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	36	30	472	445
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	13.5	15.1	2,060	2,340	153	156
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	23	(X)	453
Oregon .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9.9	11.1	4,222	4,442	427	399
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Tennessee .....	0.1	0.1	32	27	426	498
Texas .....	0.4	0.3	214	154	599	598
Utah .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	2.8	3.1	175	220	63	72
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	5.6	6.5	2,567	2,951	460	452
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	67.4	70.0	16,192	16,284	241	234

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	1.2	4.2	454	1,328	375	317
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	21	21	278	275
Arkansas .....	10.8	0.5	4,925	129	457	255
California .....	198.5	198.0	47,208	47,170	238	238
Colorado .....	1.3	1.6	275	346	215	211
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.5	1.5	348	361	231	234
Florida .....	6.6	6.8	752	828	115	122
Georgia .....	6.2	6.8	1,518	1,623	244	239
Hawaii .....	1.3	1.2	293	281	229	230
Idaho .....	11.6	11.4	2,880	2,853	250	251
Illinois .....	808.4	872.5	221,086	241,340	274	277
Indiana .....	635.7	716.1	166,564	188,888	262	264
Iowa .....	2,248.7	2,379.1	602,128	646,474	268	272
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.7	143	132	210	186
Michigan .....	11.0	13.0	3,911	4,707	355	361
Minnesota .....	802.7	833.7	210,753	218,961	263	263
Mississippi .....	7.4	8.4	2,424	2,384	330	285
Missouri .....	632.9	682.5	170,561	186,730	270	274
Montana .....	1.3	1.3	305	300	235	233
Nebraska .....	615.6	616.4	165,782	165,839	269	269
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	23	15	238	142
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	2.4	505	557	230	237
New Jersey .....	9.1	8.7	868	845	95	97
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.1	27	32	247	281
New York .....	3.2	3.5	628	689	195	199
North Carolina .....	865.9	905.0	229,171	239,926	265	265
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.2	78	61	290	283
Ohio .....	82.2	79.6	21,260	20,942	259	263
Oklahoma .....	439.7	453.1	116,710	120,944	265	267
Oregon .....	13.4	13.9	3,328	3,463	249	250
Pennsylvania .....	233.9	235.2	59,798	61,305	256	261
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	314.4	367.8	82,806	98,482	263	268
Tennessee .....	54.7	58.7	25,210	26,477	462	452
Texas .....	26.7	32.1	8,010	9,430	301	294
Utah .....	5.5	5.1	708	920	130	179
Virginia .....	180.2	219.2	47,951	58,492	266	267
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.6	162	154	238	253
Wisconsin .....	47.7	54.9	21,740	24,831	457	453
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	89	61	261	245
United States .....	8,566.3	9,080.2	2,299,589	2,458,493	269	271

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	0.3	0.3	30	42	116	121
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	8	8	102	108
California .....	20.8	28.4	2,818	4,016	136	141
Colorado .....	76.1	81.5	13,117	12,906	173	159
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.8	4.4	348	402	92	90
Florida .....	0.3	0.6	21	34	70	61
Georgia .....	0.5	2.2	37	130	69	59
Hawaii .....	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	105	(X)
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	29	31	135	133
Illinois .....	12.0	16.0	1,575	2,189	132	137
Indiana .....	3.4	4.2	360	469	107	112
Iowa .....	0.4	0.3	50	35	137	128
Kansas .....	0.4	0.4	48	42	107	103
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.4	160	174	126	121
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	24	28	61	56
Michigan .....	15.8	19.0	2,063	2,440	131	129
Minnesota .....	0.4	0.6	50	83	121	139
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.6	20	49	66	80
Missouri .....	0.4	0.7	48	80	110	118
Montana .....	0.3	0.4	34	41	108	114
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	14	13	146	141
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	10	9	108	107
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	3.2	228	290	89	90
New Jersey .....	10.2	13.1	845	1,080	83	83
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.9	126	128	152	145
New York .....	3.6	4.2	363	402	100	95
North Carolina .....	1.1	1.5	83	96	75	66
North Dakota .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	7	(X)	144
Ohio .....	1.4	1.9	142	196	103	102
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.3	11	24	114	83
Oregon .....	2.6	2.2	361	272	138	122
Pennsylvania .....	5.5	5.1	582	516	105	102
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	33	45	119	134
Tennessee .....	1.1	1.5	82	100	74	65
Texas .....	6.5	9.8	499	1,089	77	111
Utah .....	2.1	2.1	283	292	136	138
Virginia .....	0.2	0.5	24	48	98	94
Washington .....	0.7	0.6	108	88	160	155
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.2	1.1	176	138	143	122
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	13	16	138	157
United States .....	178.4	211.6	24,949	28,185	140	133

(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	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	January to July		July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	January to July	
				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 .....	1,457	1,435	1,474	9,475	9,379	52.9	53.3	51.6	50.3	50.1
Heifers .....	726	726	808	5,439	5,323	26.4	27.0	28.3	28.9	28.5
All cows .....	526	485	525	3,613	3,691	19.1	18.0	18.4	19.2	19.7
Dairy cows .....	239	220	251	1,762	1,818	8.7	8.2	8.8	9.4	9.7
Other cows .....	287	265	275	1,851	1,873	10.4	9.8	9.6	9.8	10.0
Bulls .....	45	47	48	311	312	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total .....	2,755	2,693	2,855	18,838	18,705	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	67	57	69	420	431	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,223	7,885	8,730	60,949	61,326	96.8	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.0
Sows .....	242	220	242	1,693	1,702	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Boars .....	28	27	30	196	209	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,493	8,132	9,003	62,838	63,237	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	13	11	11	70	71	7.8	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.8
Lambs and yearlings .....	152	157	182	1,068	1,151	92.2	93.7	94.3	93.9	94.2
Total .....	165	168	193	1,138	1,223	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

## Federally Inspected Slaughter, Average Dressed Weight, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	January to July	
				2012	2013
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	792	795	796	786	793
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	860	857	863	849	857
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	785	780	783	784	790
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	603	624	619	613	622
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	880	895	886	882	886
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	140	146	136	161	148
<b>Hogs</b> .....	201	205	203	207	206
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	198	202	200	204	204
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	306	307	304	308	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	208	209	204	208	205
<b>Sheep</b> .....	72	71	68	75	71
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	64	65	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	73	72	68	76	71

<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: July 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 .....	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.9	
2 .....	6.3	2.2	0.8	2.8	2.5	0.3	0.5	15.1	
3 .....	77.8	22.8	6.1	47.0	37.9	9.2	1.9	11.5	
4 .....	62.7	3.5	1.3	46.9	12.0	34.8	11.1	0.2	
5 .....	326.4	138.2	31.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	23.5	
6 .....	524.5	254.4	162.2	99.1	24.9	74.2	8.9	0.2	
7 .....	1,252.4	724.7	462.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8 .....	298.5	182.2	97.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	198.2	86.3	18.3	90.0	68.1	21.9	3.7	14.5	
10 .....	107.3	59.2	27.4	19.4	14.1	5.3	1.2	3.1	
United States .....	2,855.5	1,474.0	808.3	525.4	250.7	274.7	47.7	69.1	
	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 .....	2.0	1.9	0.1	(Y)	3.1	0.2	2.9		
2 .....	12.1	11.9	0.1	(Y)	16.6	1.6	15.0		
3 .....	454.7	453.7	0.9	(Y)	10.5	1.0	9.5		
4 .....	1,232.4	1,157.3	68.9	6.1	7.4	1.3	6.1		
5 .....	2,537.5	2,422.2	109.9	5.3	37.2	3.3	33.8		
6 .....	479.0	473.8	5.2	(Y)	4.0	1.1	2.9		
7 .....	3,691.7	3,616.6	56.4	18.7	0.9	(Y)	0.9		
8 .....	373.6	372.9	0.7	(Y)	83.3	1.6	81.7		
9 .....	193.6	193.5	0.1	(Y)	27.4	0.7	26.7		
10 .....	26.5	26.4	(Y)	(Y)	2.5	0.2	2.3		
United States .....	9,003.0	8,730.4	242.3	30.3	192.9	11.1	181.8		

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<sup>1</sup> States included in regions are as follows: 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; 2 - New Jersey, New York; 3 - Delaware-Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee; 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin; 6 - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas; 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 8- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

## Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January to July 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 .....	9.8	4.1	2.3	1.6	1.1	0.5	1.7	4.3
2 .....	39.2	13.1	4.5	18.6	15.8	2.8	3.0	89.0
3 .....	552.7	138.5	38.9	360.2	289.2	71.1	15.1	78.9
4 .....	431.7	22.0	10.1	331.9	91.8	240.1	67.8	1.8
5 .....	2,231.4	929.2	220.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	135.8
6 .....	3,503.4	1,751.2	1,025.6	660.7	196.0	464.7	65.9	4.4
7 .....	7,977.8	4,485.7	3,038.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.3
8 .....	1,931.5	1,116.1	677.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,329.8	544.5	130.8	630.3	495.2	135.1	24.2	97.7
10 .....	697.1	374.5	175.1	138.7	106.6	32.0	8.9	18.6
United States .....	18,704.5	9,378.9	5,322.7	3,690.6	1,817.6	1,872.9	312.4	430.8
	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 .....	10.9	10.5	0.3	0.2	19.8	0.9	18.9	
2 .....	85.2	84.0	0.8	0.4	102.0	11.1	90.9	
3 .....	2,988.8	2,981.6	7.0	0.2	66.8	7.9	58.9	
4 .....	8,847.1	8,349.6	465.7	31.8	36.5	7.4	29.1	
5 .....	17,586.4	16,771.6	772.4	42.3	221.6	19.0	202.5	
6 .....	3,403.5	3,329.6	73.4	0.5	20.8	7.2	13.6	
7 .....	26,146.8	25,635.3	378.1	133.4	5.5	0.3	5.2	
8 .....	2,661.7	2,657.8	3.8	0.1	549.7	13.4	536.4	
9 .....	1,320.6	1,319.8	0.7	(Y)	183.5	3.5	180.1	
10 .....	186.1	185.8	0.2	0.1	16.6	0.7	15.8	
United States .....	63,237.1	61,325.6	1,702.4	209.0	1,222.8	71.4	1,151.4	

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

Species	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	January to July	
				2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.7	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.5
Calves .....	98.7	98.4	98.7	98.4	98.5
Hogs .....	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2
Sheep .....	92.2	91.4	91.2	92.7	92.2

## 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.

## Information Contacts

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Rose Armstrong (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or at [rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov](mailto:rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov).

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