



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.20 billion pounds in August, down 4 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in August 2012.

**Beef production**, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 6 percent from August 2012. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,310 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 9.1 million pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,500 head, down 11 percent from August 2012. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.94 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.56 million head, down 4 percent from August 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from August 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 208,100 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 9 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2013 commercial red meat production** was 32.5 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

**August 2012** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**August 2013** contained 22 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	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		
				August 2012	July 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,368.6	2,293.5	2,241.6	95	98	17,324.8	17,224.1	99
Veal .....	10.1	9.6	9.1	89	95	79.0	73.9	94
Pork .....	1,998.1	1,840.8	1,938.7	97	105	15,097.3	15,075.7	100
Lamb and mutton .....	14.2	14.1	13.8	97	98	104.1	106.0	102
Total red meat .....	4,391.0	4,158.0	4,203.3	96	101	32,605.1	32,479.7	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		
				August 2012	July 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,338.6	2,268.3	2,215.6	95	98	17,107.7	17,008.4	99
Veal .....	9.9	9.4	8.8	89	94	77.1	72.2	94
Pork .....	1,983.0	1,827.1	1,924.1	97	105	14,992.6	14,972.1	100
Lamb and mutton .....	13.4	13.1	12.8	95	98	99.1	99.5	100
Total red meat .....	4,344.8	4,117.8	4,161.3	96	101	32,276.6	32,152.2	100

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

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

Species	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of 2012	January to August		
					2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,952.3	2,855.5	2,778.4	94	21,790.5	21,482.9	99
Other ..... 1,000	45.4	39.2	39.9	88	334.9	333.9	100
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,997.7	2,894.7	2,818.3	94	22,125.4	21,816.7	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,303	1,304	1,312	101	1,297	1,310	101
Other ..... pounds	1,153	1,120	1,139	99	1,138	1,134	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,300	1,302	1,310	101	1,294	1,307	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	71.6	69.1	63.5	89	491.1	494.4	101
Other ..... 1,000	1.1	0.9	1.0	95	7.9	7.7	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	72.7	70.0	64.5	89	499.0	502.0	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	235	232	237	101	266	249	94
Other ..... pounds	426	403	408	96	429	407	95
Commercial ..... pounds	237	234	240	101	268	252	94
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,858.1	9,002.9	9,473.9	96	72,696.4	72,710.9	100
Other ..... 1,000	85.3	77.1	83.2	98	578.7	577.6	100
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,943.4	9,080.1	9,557.2	96	73,275.1	73,288.4	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	269	271	272	101	275	275	100
Other ..... pounds	245	246	242	99	249	247	99
Commercial ..... pounds	269	271	271	101	275	275	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	185.5	192.9	189.5	102	1,323.3	1,412.3	107
Other ..... 1,000	15.0	18.6	18.6	124	105.1	122.3	116
Commercial ..... 1,000	200.5	211.6	208.1	104	1,428.5	1,534.5	107
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	145	136	134	93	150	141	94
Other ..... pounds	110	110	116	106	97	110	114
Commercial ..... pounds	142	133	133	94	146	138	95
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	54.3	53.3	48.6	90	368.1	348.0	95
Other ..... 1,000	14.4	15.0	14.2	99	104.1	101.4	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	68.7	68.4	62.8	91	472.2	449.4	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	63	64	101
Other ..... pounds	73	78	63	87	69	67	97
Commercial ..... pounds	66	67	64	97	65	65	100
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.4	4.3	4.1	120	27.9	30.5	109
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.8	0.7	93	6.6	7.0	106
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.2	5.2	4.9	115	34.5	37.5	109

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.6	1.2	1.0	165
Alaska .....	0.1	(Y)	0.1	(X)
Arizona .....	32.3	35.0	30.7	95
Arkansas .....	4.0	0.3	0.3	7
California .....	147.4	147.8	149.9	102
Colorado .....	204.9	211.5	206.8	101
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.8	2.6	2.7	97
Florida .....	10.1	10.5	10.0	99
Georgia .....	12.7	11.4	13.2	104
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.8	0.8	96
Idaho .....	3.8	3.8	4.0	105
Illinois .....	263.0	247.2	259.1	99
Indiana .....	159.1	145.1	148.5	93
Iowa .....	575.1	520.6	556.4	97
Kansas .....	487.3	513.9	481.6	99
Kentucky .....	48.1	41.4	44.4	92
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	109
Michigan .....	43.8	40.0	38.8	89
Minnesota .....	239.4	214.2	222.1	93
Mississippi .....	2.3	1.7	2.1	94
Missouri .....	149.2	143.2	151.8	102
Montana .....	1.3	1.2	1.4	107
Nebraska .....	667.5	632.5	635.1	95
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	135
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	1.6	1.7	101
New Jersey .....	4.2	4.4	4.1	96
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	0.4	114
New York .....	2.8	3.1	3.1	110
North Carolina .....	202.3	188.1	206.0	102
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.6	0.6	95
Ohio .....	24.9	22.5	22.4	90
Oklahoma .....	95.3	92.8	98.1	103
Oregon .....	6.6	6.8	7.2	110
Pennsylvania .....	114.7	100.4	102.9	90
South Carolina .....	21.6	20.1	20.1	93
South Dakota .....	85.8	82.2	87.3	102
Tennessee .....	24.3	19.4	21.8	90
Texas .....	461.2	407.5	399.1	87
Utah .....	43.3	41.5	41.2	95
Virginia .....	46.1	44.6	37.5	81
Washington .....	81.1	82.1	77.0	95
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.4	0.6	88
Wisconsin .....	116.6	112.9	110.1	94
Wyoming .....	0.8	0.4	0.7	91
United States .....	4,391.0	4,158.0	4,203.3	96

(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: August 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	0.4	302	400	945	943
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	58	84	1,028	1,221
Arizona .....	45.9	41.2	58,235	53,676	1,271	1,306
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.4	565	362	986	965
California .....	150.4	151.7	188,596	195,302	1,262	1,296
Colorado .....	231.7	232.0	309,297	312,899	1,336	1,349
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.0	2.9	3,812	3,739	1,282	1,271
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	23.0	22.4	23,044	23,915	1,004	1,071
Hawaii .....	1.0	1.0	1,158	1,115	1,149	1,124
Idaho .....	2.5	3.1	2,744	3,420	1,136	1,165
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4.3	3.2	4,538	3,444	1,061	1,073
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	571.5	557.3	747,116	739,845	1,308	1,328
Kentucky .....	1.1	1.1	1,111	1,121	1,005	1,007
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.5	260	351	816	775
Michigan .....	50.0	44.9	68,842	60,360	1,383	1,351
Minnesota .....	76.0	66.2	105,339	92,120	1,393	1,399
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	63	57	748	802
Missouri .....	4.8	4.3	5,222	4,770	1,082	1,100
Montana .....	1.4	1.6	1,730	1,847	1,208	1,188
Nebraska .....	623.5	599.2	850,275	809,642	1,365	1,352
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	93	134	1,046	1,078
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	1.7	1,797	1,813	1,027	1,049
New Jersey .....	3.4	3.4	3,836	3,608	1,122	1,071
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.4	343	412	1,117	1,082
New York .....	2.4	2.9	2,644	3,286	1,141	1,148
North Carolina .....	16.1	11.5	18,800	13,851	1,172	1,207
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.7	868	815	1,235	1,222
Ohio .....	9.0	8.7	10,444	10,064	1,171	1,170
Oklahoma .....	1.8	1.6	1,762	1,620	990	1,030
Oregon .....	5.8	7.1	6,856	8,545	1,205	1,220
Pennsylvania .....	87.7	79.4	102,582	93,050	1,174	1,177
South Carolina .....	15.3	13.7	17,171	16,215	1,135	1,192
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.4	3.6	3,023	3,093	902	882
Texas .....	596.9	514.1	740,420	642,013	1,243	1,252
Utah .....	50.0	48.0	69,374	66,134	1,390	1,379
Virginia .....	0.8	0.8	842	820	1,058	1,062
Washington .....	98.5	93.7	131,516	124,429	1,340	1,331
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.6	738	634	1,099	1,148
Wisconsin .....	143.0	129.8	186,345	175,760	1,310	1,361
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.7	913	812	1,249	1,194
United States .....	2,997.7	2,818.3	3,890,060	3,683,306	1,300	1,310

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

## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: August 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 .....	15.9	15.6	1,716	1,541	108	99
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	0.3	90	76	259	254
Florida .....	0.1	0.1	27	28	443	367
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	58	37	576	533
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.1	1.1	497	480	450	438
Indiana .....	0.4	0.6	143	173	338	276
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	155	132	537	536
Michigan .....	1.4	0.1	587	21	438	301
Minnesota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	0.1	(Y)	21	(X)	378	(X)
Montana .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.0	0.7	110	102	112	140
New Jersey .....	5.0	4.6	2,093	1,918	416	415
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York .....	11.3	9.2	1,067	978	95	107
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	27	32	492	461
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	14.7	11.4	2,440	1,978	167	175
Oklahoma .....	0.1	0.1	53	32	461	453
Oregon .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11.4	11.8	4,900	4,609	430	391
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Tennessee .....	0.1	(Y)	44	(X)	487	(X)
Texas .....	1.1	0.4	504	241	480	618
Utah .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	3.0	1.6	197	121	67	77
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	5.1	6.5	2,370	2,871	463	446
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	72.7	64.5	17,172	15,425	237	240

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: August 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 .....	1.7	3.6	701	1,164	417	326
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	21	31	227	245
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	21	25	257	268
Arkansas .....	12.1	0.6	5,587	148	460	247
California .....	215.7	201.1	50,780	49,061	236	244
Colorado .....	2.3	2.3	553	505	239	223
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.7	1.6	401	387	232	243
Florida .....	6.1	7.7	803	876	131	114
Georgia .....	6.9	6.7	1,683	1,559	243	234
Hawaii .....	1.3	1.3	315	292	238	232
Idaho .....	12.4	11.2	3,061	2,860	247	256
Illinois .....	947.1	924.0	257,297	255,103	272	276
Indiana .....	790.4	730.4	207,712	193,352	263	265
Iowa .....	2,664.1	2,543.2	712,527	691,729	268	272
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.8	158	147	212	195
Michigan .....	13.5	14.6	4,840	5,081	359	348
Minnesota .....	929.5	875.6	245,151	231,587	264	265
Mississippi .....	9.8	9.6	3,165	2,970	324	308
Missouri .....	712.8	716.3	193,852	198,053	272	277
Montana .....	1.4	1.5	335	346	236	238
Nebraska .....	683.9	647.6	183,680	175,251	269	271
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	17	17	252	256
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.0	704	692	234	232
New Jersey .....	9.6	9.4	913	954	95	101
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	98	99	261	256
New York .....	3.9	3.5	775	736	200	212
North Carolina .....	967.1	996.3	256,314	262,966	265	264
North Dakota .....	0.4	0.4	102	116	278	283
Ohio .....	91.6	81.1	24,162	21,465	264	265
Oklahoma .....	468.7	484.5	124,169	128,399	265	265
Oregon .....	15.2	13.8	3,744	3,513	246	255
Pennsylvania .....	265.5	230.0	68,512	60,508	258	263
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	390.9	396.9	102,745	105,480	263	266
Tennessee .....	73.3	67.3	33,512	29,926	458	445
Texas .....	28.1	25.3	8,990	7,362	321	292
Utah .....	8.1	5.9	1,149	1,038	142	177
Virginia .....	223.5	183.3	60,070	48,940	269	267
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	1.0	0.9	245	220	244	246
Wisconsin .....	53.8	56.5	24,308	25,237	453	448
Wyoming .....	1.2	1.2	306	291	264	251
United States .....	9,943.4	9,557.2	2,672,602	2,592,086	269	271

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: August 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 .....	0.1	(Y)	4	(X)	75	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.2	0.3	26	38	124	128
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	5	9	95	125
California .....	27.6	27.8	3,854	3,614	140	130
Colorado .....	84.3	83.5	14,551	13,042	173	156
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.8	3.9	369	372	97	94
Florida .....	0.3	0.3	20	21	62	64
Georgia .....	0.5	1.5	38	90	70	62
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	6	10	117	127
Idaho .....	0.3	0.3	42	46	130	137
Illinois .....	12.1	15.2	1,551	2,105	129	138
Indiana .....	3.8	4.2	416	466	109	111
Iowa .....	0.4	0.3	57	40	134	150
Kansas .....	0.4	0.5	49	54	113	113
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.4	167	170	125	120
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	14	25	57	63
Michigan .....	19.2	18.5	2,423	2,328	127	126
Minnesota .....	0.5	0.8	63	92	129	117
Mississippi .....	0.2	0.4	18	27	74	72
Missouri .....	0.7	0.7	83	87	114	117
Montana .....	0.3	0.4	37	57	130	131
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	20	19	138	141
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	9	9	112	129
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.1	279	292	95	94
New Jersey .....	9.7	11.1	805	895	83	81
New Mexico .....	0.9	1.0	128	145	150	143
New York .....	4.4	4.1	441	397	101	98
North Carolina .....	1.3	1.4	99	99	75	73
North Dakota .....	0.1	0.1	9	7	122	118
Ohio .....	1.6	1.3	173	140	106	105
Oklahoma .....	0.2	0.3	22	31	114	92
Oregon .....	2.3	2.2	326	269	140	123
Pennsylvania .....	5.8	5.6	646	565	111	101
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.4	41	54	119	133
Tennessee .....	1.1	1.2	80	84	76	70
Texas .....	6.9	8.9	719	1,062	105	119
Utah .....	2.6	2.4	361	329	138	135
Virginia .....	0.4	0.5	36	45	98	95
Washington .....	0.6	0.7	99	106	157	150
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.3	1.7	177	205	136	123
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	44	48	131	141
United States .....	200.5	208.1	28,446	27,628	142	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	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	January to August		August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	January to August	
				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 .....	1,505	1,474	1,418	10,980	10,797	51.0	51.6	51.0	50.4	50.3
Heifers .....	836	808	801	6,275	6,124	28.3	28.3	28.8	28.8	28.5
All cows .....	561	525	507	4,174	4,198	19.0	18.4	18.3	19.2	19.5
Dairy cows .....	275	251	266	2,038	2,084	9.3	8.8	9.6	9.4	9.7
Other cows .....	286	275	241	2,136	2,114	9.7	9.6	8.7	9.8	9.8
Bulls .....	51	48	52	362	364	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.7
Total .....	2,952	2,855	2,778	21,790	21,483	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	72	69	64	491	494	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,542	8,730	9,197	70,491	70,522	96.8	97.0	97.1	97.0	97.0
Sows .....	283	242	246	1,976	1,948	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7
Boars .....	33	30	31	229	240	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	9,858	9,003	9,474	72,696	72,711	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	16	11	10	85	82	8.5	5.7	5.5	6.4	5.8
Lambs and yearlings .....	170	182	179	1,238	1,331	91.5	94.3	94.5	93.6	94.2
Total .....	185	193	189	1,323	1,412	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	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	January to August	
				2012	2013
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	794	796	799	787	793
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	865	863	866	851	859
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	791	783	790	785	790
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	596	619	616	611	621
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	882	886	880	882	885
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	139	136	140	158	147
<b>Hogs</b> .....	201	203	203	206	206
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	198	200	201	203	203
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	307	304	301	308	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	209	204	200	208	205
<b>Sheep</b> .....	72	68	67	75	70
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	65	65	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	73	68	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: August 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	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.7	
2 .....	6.2	2.0	0.8	2.8	2.5	0.3	0.5	13.8	
3 .....	82.1	24.2	6.9	48.5	39.1	9.4	2.4	12.1	
4 .....	66.8	3.5	1.3	49.8	13.7	36.1	12.2	0.2	
5 .....	320.7	134.8	33.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	19.4	
6 .....	512.7	247.7	162.4	92.9	33.6	59.3	9.7	0.4	
7 .....	1,200.9	694.6	449.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8 .....	291.2	173.4	98.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	193.5	86.1	17.6	86.4	67.2	19.1	3.5	15.3	
10 .....	102.8	50.9	31.2	19.0	14.5	4.5	1.7	1.6	
United States .....	2,778.4	1,417.8	801.2	507.3	266.0	241.3	52.1	63.5	
	Hogs				Sheep				
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)		
1 .....	2.6	2.5	0.1	(Y)	2.9	0.2	2.7		
2 .....	12.7	12.5	0.1	0.1	14.5	1.4	13.2		
3 .....	413.3	412.1	1.1	0.1	10.4	0.8	9.5		
4 .....	1,348.4	1,262.5	79.4	6.5	6.0	1.3	4.7		
5 .....	2,645.8	2,527.4	112.5	5.8	35.8	2.8	33.0		
6 .....	506.8	502.3	4.5	(Y)	4.1	1.2	2.9		
7 .....	3,918.6	3,852.3	47.7	18.6	0.9	(Y)	0.8		
8 .....	403.4	403.0	0.5	(Y)	85.6	1.7	83.9		
9 .....	196.4	196.3	0.1	(Y)	26.6	0.5	26.1		
10 .....	25.9	25.9	(Y)	(Y)	2.7	0.3	2.4		
United States .....	9,473.9	9,196.8	246.0	31.1	189.5	10.3	179.1		

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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 August 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 .....	11.3	4.7	2.7	1.9	1.3	0.6	2.0	5.0
2 .....	45.4	15.1	5.3	21.4	18.3	3.1	3.6	102.9
3 .....	634.8	162.7	45.8	408.8	328.3	80.5	17.5	91.0
4 .....	498.5	25.5	11.4	381.7	105.5	276.2	80.0	2.0
5 .....	2,552.2	1,064.0	253.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	155.3
6 .....	4,016.2	1,998.9	1,188.0	753.6	229.6	524.0	75.6	4.8
7 .....	9,178.7	5,180.3	3,487.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.3
8 .....	2,222.7	1,289.5	775.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,523.3	630.6	148.4	716.6	562.4	154.2	27.7	113.0
10 .....	799.9	425.4	206.3	157.7	121.1	36.5	10.5	20.2
United States .....	21,482.9	10,796.6	6,123.9	4,197.9	2,083.7	2,114.2	364.4	494.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	13.5	13.0	0.3	0.2	22.7	1.1	21.6	
2 .....	97.9	96.6	0.9	0.4	116.5	12.5	104.0	
3 .....	3,402.2	3,393.8	8.1	0.3	77.2	8.7	68.5	
4 .....	10,195.5	9,612.1	545.1	38.3	42.5	8.7	33.8	
5 .....	20,232.1	19,298.9	885.0	48.2	257.4	21.8	235.5	
6 .....	3,910.3	3,831.9	77.9	0.5	25.0	8.4	16.5	
7 .....	30,065.5	29,487.7	425.8	152.0	6.4	0.3	6.0	
8 .....	3,065.1	3,060.8	4.2	0.1	635.3	15.1	620.2	
9 .....	1,517.0	1,516.1	0.8	(Y)	210.1	4.0	206.1	
10 .....	212.0	211.6	0.3	0.1	19.2	1.0	18.2	
United States .....	72,710.9	70,522.4	1,948.4	240.1	1,412.3	81.7	1,330.5	

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

Species	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	January to August	
				2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.5
Calves .....	98.5	98.7	98.5	98.4	98.5
Hogs .....	99.1	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.2
Sheep .....	92.5	91.2	91.0	92.6	92.0

## 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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**USDA Data Users' Meeting**  
**Monday, October 21, 2013**

**Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro**  
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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

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).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://www.lmic.info/IOC/>. Or call the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) at 303-236-0460.