



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.25 billion pounds in January, down 2 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in January 2013.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 5 percent from January 2013. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,334 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.3 million pounds, 11 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,800 head, 11 percent below January 2013. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 253 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, 1 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.79 million head, 2 percent below January 2013. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was slightly above January 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,700 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January		
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,260.0	2,046.5	2,141.1	95	105	2,260.0	2,141.1	95
Veal	10.5	9.8	9.3	89	95	10.5	9.3	89
Pork	2,065.5	2,066.5	2,086.1	101	101	2,065.5	2,086.1	101
Lamb and mutton	12.4	13.2	12.4	100	94	12.4	12.4	100
Total red meat	4,348.3	4,136.0	4,249.0	98	103	4,348.3	4,249.0	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January		
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,227.9	2,019.1	2,111.5	95	105	2,227.9	2,111.5	95
Veal	10.2	9.7	9.2	90	95	10.2	9.2	90
Pork	2,052.1	2,053.9	2,074.3	101	101	2,052.1	2,074.3	101
Lamb and mutton	11.7	12.3	11.7	100	95	11.7	11.7	100
Total red meat	4,302.0	4,095.0	4,206.7	98	103	4,302.0	4,206.7	98

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

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

Species	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of 2013	January		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,785.2	2,517.8	2,633.8	95	2,785.2	2,633.8	95
Other 1,000	49.5	43.3	45.5	92	49.5	45.5	92
Commercial 1,000	2,834.7	2,561.1	2,679.3	95	2,834.7	2,679.3	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,331	1,337	1,338	101	1,331	1,338	101
Other pounds	1,143	1,123	1,146	100	1,143	1,146	100
Commercial pounds	1,327	1,333	1,334	101	1,327	1,334	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	69.9	65.8	62.0	89	69.9	62.0	89
Other 1,000	1.0	0.8	0.8	78	1.0	0.8	78
Commercial 1,000	70.9	66.5	62.8	89	70.9	62.8	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	250	250	251	100	250	251	100
Other pounds	421	369	362	86	421	362	86
Commercial pounds	253	252	253	100	253	253	100
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,885.0	9,665.3	9,726.2	98	9,885.0	9,726.2	98
Other 1,000	75.3	70.2	65.0	86	75.3	65.0	86
Commercial 1,000	9,960.3	9,735.5	9,791.2	98	9,960.3	9,791.2	98
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	277	283	284	102	277	284	102
Other pounds	246	245	248	101	246	248	101
Commercial pounds	277	283	284	102	277	284	102
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	164.7	184.6	166.9	101	164.7	166.9	101
Other 1,000	12.7	18.0	13.7	109	12.7	13.7	109
Commercial 1,000	177.4	202.5	180.7	102	177.4	180.7	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	143	133	140	98	143	140	98
Other pounds	103	99	107	104	103	107	104
Commercial pounds	140	130	137	98	140	137	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	39.8	45.3	35.4	89	39.8	35.4	89
Other 1,000	12.4	14.3	13.3	108	12.4	13.3	108
Commercial 1,000	52.1	59.6	48.8	94	52.1	48.8	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	64	64	100
Other pounds	66	62	69	105	66	69	105
Commercial pounds	64	64	65	102	64	65	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.6	4.4	4.8	133	3.6	4.8	133
Other 1,000	1.0	0.9	0.9	94	1.0	0.9	94
Commercial 1,000	4.6	5.3	5.7	124	4.6	5.7	124

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.6	0.7	0.6	112
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Arizona	32.2	33.4	37.8	118
Arkansas	3.9	0.4	0.4	11
California	149.5	148.8	153.2	102
Colorado	195.9	186.2	188.5	96
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.8	2.6	98
Florida	10.1	8.7	9.3	92
Georgia	9.9	13.4	14.4	146
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	99
Idaho	4.2	4.0	4.0	95
Illinois	264.5	263.9	275.9	104
Indiana	148.9	162.2	161.2	108
Iowa	599.4	573.5	600.8	100
Kansas	459.0	415.6	443.0	97
Kentucky	46.4	46.6	46.8	101
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	90
Michigan	42.2	41.3	39.6	94
Minnesota	241.8	232.7	238.8	99
Mississippi	2.3	2.0	1.1	47
Missouri	157.9	163.0	170.0	108
Montana	0.9	1.7	0.8	91
Nebraska	631.3	607.7	639.5	101
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	116
New England ¹	1.6	1.7	1.5	93
New Jersey	4.1	4.3	3.9	94
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.3	94
New York	3.0	3.0	3.1	102
North Carolina	224.4	229.4	212.9	95
North Dakota	0.9	0.6	0.7	86
Ohio	23.3	25.9	23.3	100
Oklahoma	104.8	96.1	85.3	81
Oregon	6.2	6.1	6.4	102
Pennsylvania	109.1	109.9	109.6	100
South Carolina	19.7	19.7	20.2	103
South Dakota	100.2	101.4	108.8	109
Tennessee	19.7	20.8	19.4	99
Texas	443.6	348.6	357.1	81
Utah	41.6	38.0	42.3	102
Virginia	46.6	46.2	44.3	95
Washington	76.8	66.2	72.6	95
West Virginia	0.7	0.7	0.6	87
Wisconsin	116.6	106.7	106.7	91
Wyoming	0.6	0.4	0.5	87
United States	4,348.3	4,136.0	4,249.0	98

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: January 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama	0.4	0.5	422	433	944	949
Alaska	0.1	0.1	81	64	1,147	979
Arizona	43.8	48.6	56,842	65,166	1,301	1,344
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	557	501	935	980
California	151.7	151.1	193,883	199,528	1,287	1,328
Colorado	217.5	210.2	299,658	290,377	1,379	1,383
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.7	3,599	3,483	1,292	1,280
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	17.3	(D)	17,326	(D)	1,007	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1,052	977	1,110	1,097
Idaho	2.9	2.7	3,054	3,032	1,142	1,169
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.3	3.4	4,592	3,598	1,058	1,067
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	532.8	512.1	705,805	686,387	1,325	1,341
Kentucky	1.6	1.4	1,718	1,391	1,044	972
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	298	337	735	855
Michigan	47.9	44.4	67,780	60,877	1,421	1,381
Minnesota	77.8	69.3	109,128	96,484	1,410	1,399
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	50	57	725	757
Missouri	5.7	5.5	6,607	6,298	1,151	1,142
Montana	1.1	0.9	1,270	1,132	1,193	1,204
Nebraska	576.8	583.5	800,877	814,820	1,390	1,398
Nevada	0.1	0.1	72	80	970	940
New England ¹	1.8	1.6	1,858	1,670	1,047	1,052
New Jersey	3.2	2.9	3,658	3,110	1,144	1,075
New Mexico	0.4	0.3	355	352	997	1,023
New York	2.6	3.0	2,962	3,337	1,149	1,146
North Carolina	13.5	6.1	16,093	7,331	1,196	1,200
North Dakota	1.1	0.9	1,300	1,131	1,222	1,219
Ohio	9.2	8.8	10,731	10,262	1,179	1,173
Oklahoma	2.3	2.2	2,245	2,250	996	1,002
Oregon	5.0	5.6	6,022	6,841	1,216	1,241
Pennsylvania	85.4	84.4	101,888	101,005	1,198	1,201
South Carolina	14.3	13.6	16,711	15,307	1,182	1,134
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.2	4.5	3,844	3,905	941	878
Texas	561.4	459.4	715,858	581,977	1,278	1,270
Utah	48.8	49.9	66,922	68,648	1,373	1,377
Virginia	1.3	1.2	1,385	1,232	1,085	987
Washington	94.1	89.6	125,974	119,741	1,345	1,340
West Virginia	1.1	0.9	1,068	934	970	986
Wisconsin	142.2	126.2	192,192	173,482	1,359	1,383
Wyoming	0.8	0.7	858	754	1,059	1,061
United States	2,834.7	2,679.3	3,754,330	3,567,297	1,327	1,334

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: January 2013 and 2014

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
California	15.0	14.3	1,656	1,292	110	91
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	85	(D)	260	(D)
Florida	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	79	45	595	525
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.1	1.1	491	472	433	430
Indiana	0.6	0.6	191	159	310	269
Iowa	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	0.3	0.1	159	45	524	444
Michigan	0.9	0.1	397	27	424	308
Minnesota	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Mississippi	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.7	0.7	105	92	147	123
New Jersey	5.2	4.9	2,162	2,073	412	419
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	10.9	8.5	1,289	993	119	118
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	55	39	492	430
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	12.3	(D)	2,137	(D)	174	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	25	(X)	458	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.7	10.9	4,886	4,401	417	403
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	58	(X)	532	(X)
Texas	1.2	0.8	663	468	544	559
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	3.0	(D)	214	(D)	72	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.8	7.2	3,130	3,265	463	453
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	70.9	62.8	17,858	15,801	253	253

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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: January 2013 and 2014

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama	1.2	1.6	495	586	413	374
Alaska	0.1	0.1	32	21	230	245
Arizona	0.1	0.1	27	32	244	267
Arkansas	11.9	0.8	5,380	198	454	263
California	207.1	212.8	50,909	51,543	246	242
Colorado	1.2	1.4	278	297	225	215
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.6	396	431	265	262
Florida	6.0	3.0	877	512	148	170
Georgia	6.6	7.1	1,598	1,744	244	245
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	269	296	247	251
Idaho	12.9	12.0	3,350	3,109	260	259
Illinois	949.6	980.4	268,167	281,483	282	287
Indiana	713.0	745.4	193,773	208,559	272	280
Iowa	2,706.2	2,633.1	749,610	748,624	277	284
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.0	0.9	183	186	190	204
Michigan	11.6	15.4	4,251	6,290	366	408
Minnesota	923.8	922.5	247,430	252,057	268	273
Mississippi	11.0	5.4	3,194	1,459	291	273
Missouri	726.6	761.2	204,369	220,241	281	289
Montana	0.8	0.8	199	211	264	265
Nebraska	692.4	660.6	188,761	184,628	273	279
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	1.8	2.0	508	533	277	264
New Jersey	9.5	11.9	921	1,109	97	93
New Mexico	0.2	0.1	44	37	273	276
New York	2.7	2.7	630	581	230	217
North Carolina	1,038.0	968.8	286,494	276,706	276	286
North Dakota	0.5	0.4	136	124	287	287
Ohio	82.3	77.1	22,005	22,252	268	289
Oklahoma	491.9	385.3	135,961	109,954	276	285
Oregon	15.2	13.8	3,944	3,552	259	257
Pennsylvania	239.5	237.5	63,467	64,523	265	272
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	430.6	476.0	116,536	132,413	271	278
Tennessee	57.1	57.4	26,265	26,007	460	453
Texas	36.5	27.7	10,606	7,235	291	261
Utah	6.6	6.0	965	957	146	160
Virginia	220.7	206.5	60,311	57,613	273	279
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	150	106	273	265
Wisconsin	43.5	49.0	19,795	21,691	457	444
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	84	69	263	275
United States	9,960.3	9,791.2	2,756,959	2,775,675	277	284

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: January 2013 and 2014

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	34	36	132	123
Arkansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	101
California	27.6	26.2	3,924	3,731	143	142
Colorado	73.0	75.8	11,734	11,903	161	157
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	3.4	280	328	95	96
Florida	0.2	0.5	16	30	67	64
Georgia	0.9	0.8	61	58	71	74
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	9	137	135
Idaho	0.2	0.2	35	27	146	146
Illinois	13.4	11.6	2,017	1,708	151	147
Indiana	2.6	3.4	297	392	114	115
Iowa	0.2	0.2	26	34	112	162
Kansas	0.4	0.4	34	35	81	86
Kentucky	1.1	1.1	134	135	126	126
Louisiana	0.2	0.3	14	24	58	70
Michigan	17.2	16.7	2,367	2,260	137	135
Minnesota	0.4	0.5	48	54	119	114
Mississippi	0.3	0.3	21	19	77	76
Missouri	0.5	0.7	57	73	123	100
Montana	0.3	0.2	35	21	122	110
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	10	11	110	129
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	2.9	2.7	263	258	92	95
New Jersey	8.4	8.0	699	654	84	82
New Mexico	0.8	0.7	113	107	146	146
New York	3.5	4.0	356	395	101	99
North Carolina	1.0	0.8	83	57	82	70
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	0.9	1.0	96	105	106	105
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	17	9	115	112
Oregon	1.9	2.2	268	317	138	143
Pennsylvania	4.3	5.2	438	516	101	100
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.2	31	25	115	131
Tennessee	0.9	1.0	68	70	77	69
Texas	5.4	7.2	481	727	89	101
Utah	2.3	(D)	319	(D)	136	(D)
Virginia	0.4	0.2	37	24	98	99
Washington	0.5	0.5	80	84	161	164
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.8	0.9	96	118	117	132
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	19	19	137	150
United States	177.4	180.7	24,752	24,783	140	137

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January		January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January	
				2013	2014				2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)
Cattle										
Steers	1,371	1,248	1,300	1,371	1,300	49.2	49.6	49.4	49.2	49.4
Heifers	794	726	752	794	752	28.5	28.8	28.5	28.5	28.5
All cows	578	504	540	578	540	20.7	20.0	20.5	20.7	20.5
Dairy cows	297	257	270	297	270	10.7	10.2	10.3	10.7	10.3
Other cows	281	248	269	281	269	10.1	9.8	10.2	10.1	10.2
Bulls	42	40	42	42	42	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
Total	2,785	2,518	2,634	2,785	2,634	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	70	66	62	70	62	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,593	9,397	9,459	9,593	9,459	97.0	97.2	97.3	97.0	97.3
Sows	261	240	240	261	240	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
Boars	32	28	28	32	28	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,885	9,665	9,726	9,885	9,726	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9	12	10	9	10	5.2	6.3	6.1	5.2	6.1
Lambs and yearlings	156	173	157	156	157	94.8	93.7	93.9	94.8	93.9
Total	165	185	167	165	167	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	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	802	804	803	802	803
Steers ¹	873	874	873	873	873
Heifers ¹	806	806	808	806	808
All cows ¹	620	620	623	620	623
Bulls ¹	879	865	874	879	874
Calves and vealers	147	148	148	147	148
Hogs	208	213	213	208	213
Barrows and gilts ²	205	210	211	205	211
Sows ²	305	302	302	305	302
Boars ²	205	202	203	205	203
Sheep	71	67	70	71	70
Mature sheep ³	65	63	65	65	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	72	67	70	72	70

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle							Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total	
				All	Dairy	Other			
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.7	
2	5.7	1.8	0.9	2.6	2.3	0.3	0.5	13.4	
3	85.9	20.3	6.5	56.5	45.5	11.0	2.6	11.2	
4	64.6	2.8	1.4	52.0	15.0	37.0	8.3	0.2	
5	313.9	127.8	32.5	144.8	77.6	67.2	8.8	19.9	
6	457.6	225.8	128.1	93.7	31.9	61.8	10.0	0.8	
7	1,135.5	626.6	441.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	272.1	159.9	91.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	200.1	86.4	20.9	89.4	71.9	17.6	3.4	14.1	
10	97.0	48.3	27.4	20.2	14.7	5.5	1.2	1.5	
United States	2,633.8	1,300.1	751.5	539.6	270.2	269.4	42.4	62.0	
	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	1.7	1.6	(Y)	(Y)	2.6	0.1	2.5		
2	14.4	14.3	0.1	(Y)	11.4	1.2	10.2		
3	443.5	442.5	1.0	(Y)	9.2	0.8	8.4		
4	1,309.1	1,233.6	69.8	5.7	4.3	1.0	3.2		
5	2,764.3	2,644.5	114.8	5.0	30.4	2.3	28.1		
6	406.2	406.1	0.1	(Y)	3.0	1.0	1.9		
7	4,068.6	3,998.8	53.2	16.6	0.7	0.1	0.7		
8	482.2	481.6	0.6	(Y)	77.6	3.2	74.5		
9	209.1	208.9	0.1	(Y)	25.3	0.3	25.0		
10	27.1	27.0	(Y)	(Y)	2.4	0.2	2.2		
United States	9,726.2	9,459.0	239.8	27.5	166.9	10.2	156.7		

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

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

Species	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.3
Calves	98.6	98.9	98.8	98.6	98.8
Hogs	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2	99.3
Sheep	92.9	91.1	92.4	92.9	92.4

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 14). 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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