



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Down Slightly From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.65 billion pounds in February, down 1 percent from the 3.67 billion pounds produced in February 2013.

**Beef production**, at 1.79 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.24 million head, down 5 percent from February 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,330 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 8.2 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 52,200 head, down 12 percent from February 2013. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 267 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.67 million head, up 1 percent from February 2013. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.6 million pounds, was up 1 percent from February 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 4 pounds from February a year ago.

**January to February 2014 commercial red meat production** was 7.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

**February 2013** contained 20 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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		
				February 2013	January 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,873.4	2,141.1	1,788.9	95	84	4,134.8	3,930.0	95
Veal .....	9.0	9.3	8.2	91	88	19.4	17.5	90
Pork .....	1,778.4	2,086.1	1,844.4	104	88	3,843.3	3,930.5	102
Lamb and mutton .....	11.5	12.4	11.6	101	94	23.9	24.0	100
Total red meat .....	3,672.4	4,249.0	3,653.1	99	86	8,021.4	7,902.1	99

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		
				February 2013	January 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,845.0	2,111.5	1,762.2	96	83	4,072.9	3,873.7	95
Veal .....	8.8	9.2	8.0	92	88	19.0	17.2	90
Pork .....	1,766.7	2,074.3	1,833.7	104	88	3,818.8	3,908.0	102
Lamb and mutton .....	10.9	11.7	10.9	100	93	22.6	22.6	100
Total red meat .....	3,631.3	4,206.7	3,614.8	100	86	7,933.3	7,821.5	99

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

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

Species	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of 2013	January to February		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,314.6	2,633.8	2,204.2	95	5,099.8	4,837.9	95
Other ..... 1,000	43.5	45.5	40.7	94	94.2	86.3	92
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,358.1	2,679.3	2,244.9	95	5,194.1	4,924.2	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,323	1,338	1,334	101	1,327	1,336	101
Other ..... pounds	1,152	1,146	1,154	100	1,156	1,150	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,320	1,334	1,330	101	1,324	1,333	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	58.7	62.0	51.5	88	128.9	113.5	88
Other ..... 1,000	0.9	0.8	0.7	77	1.9	1.4	77
Commercial ..... 1,000	59.6	62.8	52.2	88	130.8	114.9	88
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	256	251	266	104	252	258	102
Other ..... pounds	411	362	371	90	413	366	89
Commercial ..... pounds	258	253	267	104	255	259	102
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,526.1	9,726.2	8,608.8	101	18,411.2	18,335.0	100
Other ..... 1,000	65.1	65.0	59.4	91	136.5	124.4	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,591.2	9,791.2	8,668.2	101	18,547.6	18,459.4	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	277	284	283	102	277	284	102
Other ..... pounds	249	248	246	99	248	247	100
Commercial ..... pounds	277	284	283	102	277	283	102
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	150.3	166.9	155.4	103	315.0	322.4	102
Other ..... 1,000	11.9	13.7	12.8	107	24.6	26.6	108
Commercial ..... 1,000	162.3	180.7	168.2	104	339.6	348.9	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	145	140	140	97	144	140	97
Other ..... pounds	114	107	111	98	108	109	101
Commercial ..... pounds	142	137	138	97	141	138	98
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	34.0	35.4	31.4	92	73.8	66.9	91
Other ..... 1,000	14.0	13.3	11.0	79	25.8	24.4	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	48.0	48.8	42.4	89	99.6	91.2	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	64	64	98	65	64	99
Other ..... pounds	59	69	74	125	62	71	115
Commercial ..... pounds	64	65	67	105	64	66	103
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.2	4.8	3.9	119	6.9	8.7	126
Other ..... 1,000	1.0	0.9	0.8	80	2.0	1.7	86
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.2	5.7	4.6	110	8.8	10.4	117

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.7	0.6	0.7	106
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	(Y)	100
Arizona .....	29.8	37.8	32.2	108
Arkansas .....	3.4	0.4	0.4	11
California .....	130.8	153.2	129.5	99
Colorado .....	176.1	188.5	164.3	93
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.4	2.6	2.4	100
Florida .....	8.0	9.3	7.7	96
Georgia .....	9.1	14.4	12.0	131
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.8	0.7	101
Idaho .....	3.6	4.0	3.4	94
Illinois .....	226.7	275.9	236.1	104
Indiana .....	126.2	161.2	138.5	110
Iowa .....	501.6	600.8	535.4	107
Kansas .....	396.2	443.0	363.3	92
Kentucky .....	41.7	46.8	40.5	97
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	0.5	115
Michigan .....	37.2	39.6	38.3	103
Minnesota .....	211.2	238.8	203.2	96
Mississippi .....	1.0	1.1	0.8	81
Missouri .....	139.1	170.0	148.1	106
Montana .....	0.8	0.8	0.8	96
Nebraska .....	526.6	639.5	510.5	97
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	90
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	1.5	1.2	97
New Jersey .....	3.9	3.9	3.3	85
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	0.2	77
New York .....	2.3	3.1	2.6	110
North Carolina .....	195.0	212.9	196.0	101
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.7	0.7	98
Ohio .....	22.1	23.3	21.0	95
Oklahoma .....	93.2	85.3	84.3	90
Oregon .....	5.9	6.4	5.6	96
Pennsylvania .....	93.9	109.6	94.2	100
South Carolina .....	18.1	20.2	18.0	99
South Dakota .....	80.1	108.8	90.7	113
Tennessee .....	16.0	19.4	16.5	103
Texas .....	324.1	357.1	307.7	95
Utah .....	36.5	42.3	37.0	101
Virginia .....	39.3	44.3	46.2	118
Washington .....	65.7	72.6	63.2	96
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.6	0.4	89
Wisconsin .....	99.8	106.7	94.6	95
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	99
United States .....	3,672.4	4,249.0	3,653.1	99

(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: February 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	0.4	0.5	407	501	1,024	1,033
Alaska .....	0.1	(Y)	59	(X)	1,109	(X)
Arizona .....	39.3	41.3	51,826	55,197	1,323	1,339
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.4	434	421	897	964
California .....	130.3	128.7	168,443	168,742	1,301	1,319
Colorado .....	195.4	184.9	267,442	253,380	1,370	1,372
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.4	2.6	3,201	3,268	1,317	1,275
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	15.2	(D)	15,718	(D)	1,041	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.8	901	955	1,114	1,131
Idaho .....	2.5	2.3	2,772	2,470	1,163	1,154
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.2	3.0	3,371	3,221	1,055	1,066
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	464.3	426.6	607,369	562,989	1,308	1,320
Kentucky .....	1.4	1.2	1,400	1,183	1,023	977
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.5	243	403	745	822
Michigan .....	42.4	42.8	59,998	58,525	1,424	1,374
Minnesota .....	60.5	57.9	86,418	83,192	1,434	1,444
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	50	59	743	772
Missouri .....	4.8	5.7	5,362	6,546	1,126	1,156
Montana .....	1.0	0.9	1,220	1,152	1,180	1,225
Nebraska .....	479.8	451.5	659,789	633,740	1,376	1,405
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	96	85	1,023	1,048
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	1.3	1,457	1,409	1,028	1,073
New Jersey .....	2.9	2.7	3,258	2,926	1,142	1,089
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.2	296	212	1,037	972
New York .....	2.1	2.5	2,386	2,888	1,159	1,154
North Carolina .....	11.6	5.6	13,848	6,668	1,195	1,207
North Dakota .....	0.9	0.9	1,156	1,133	1,223	1,245
Ohio .....	10.4	7.8	12,133	9,105	1,179	1,188
Oklahoma .....	2.0	2.0	1,986	1,927	985	987
Oregon .....	4.9	4.7	5,945	5,730	1,234	1,248
Pennsylvania .....	72.0	69.7	86,469	84,509	1,206	1,217
South Carolina .....	12.6	11.3	14,999	12,656	1,201	1,130
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.7	3.9	3,393	3,366	939	867
Texas .....	417.6	393.4	522,539	497,874	1,254	1,269
Utah .....	43.1	43.5	58,921	60,292	1,369	1,388
Virginia .....	1.2	1.1	1,263	1,164	1,045	1,035
Washington .....	79.9	78.7	107,333	104,145	1,348	1,327
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.6	680	577	984	1,013
Wisconsin .....	120.1	109.5	162,315	150,620	1,359	1,384
Wyoming .....	0.6	0.6	617	657	1,012	1,077
United States .....	2,358.1	2,244.9	3,105,695	2,979,783	1,320	1,330

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: February 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 .....	(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 .....	14.4	12.6	1,516	1,182	106	94
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	(D)	69	(D)	253	(D)
Florida .....	0.1	(D)	27	(D)	501	(D)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	55	54	622	598
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.1	1.1	464	465	439	427
Indiana .....	0.5	0.6	158	165	290	279
Iowa .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	0.2	0.1	129	48	520	501
Michigan .....	0.5	0.1	183	33	389	302
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	0.5	0.4	72	62	150	158
New Jersey .....	5.0	4.5	2,119	1,881	421	417
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York .....	6.6	6.3	870	717	132	115
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	43	24	468	384
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	11.0	(D)	2,067	(D)	189	(D)
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10.4	9.9	4,202	4,038	403	407
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	0.1	(Y)	34	(X)	488	(X)
Texas .....	0.8	0.7	517	377	648	574
Utah .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	2.2	(D)	161	(D)	75	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	5.6	6.2	2,555	2,819	460	457
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	59.6	52.2	15,319	13,886	258	267

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: February 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 .....	1.7	1.7	657	649	379	382
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	25	25	237	295
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	27	22	261	236
Arkansas .....	10.3	0.7	4,708	178	459	247
California .....	182.9	173.0	44,834	42,464	245	246
Colorado .....	1.1	1.2	244	285	218	235
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.4	424	386	272	269
Florida .....	7.2	2.8	898	518	125	189
Georgia .....	6.6	5.6	1,617	1,389	246	247
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.9	257	212	246	249
Idaho .....	10.8	10.7	2,820	2,721	261	256
Illinois .....	823.7	832.6	232,654	238,466	283	286
Indiana .....	608.1	645.1	164,870	179,119	271	278
Iowa .....	2,268.6	2,355.9	628,974	669,196	277	284
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	1.0	1.1	214	228	222	207
Michigan .....	10.3	15.3	4,011	6,190	391	405
Minnesota .....	834.5	787.3	222,271	213,567	266	271
Mississippi .....	4.6	4.0	1,335	1,060	292	268
Missouri .....	637.1	667.3	180,186	190,808	283	286
Montana .....	0.7	0.7	178	184	246	246
Nebraska .....	592.5	575.9	161,231	160,391	272	279
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.6	408	408	274	257
New Jersey .....	10.4	6.7	994	651	95	98
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.1	23	27	275	274
New York .....	2.3	2.4	526	549	226	227
North Carolina .....	908.5	895.0	248,947	254,723	274	285
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	89	83	296	284
Ohio .....	71.3	71.1	19,432	20,412	273	287
Oklahoma .....	439.7	377.6	120,632	108,753	274	288
Oregon .....	13.6	13.0	3,531	3,312	260	256
Pennsylvania .....	209.9	212.0	55,839	57,448	266	271
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	351.1	400.0	95,075	110,690	271	277
Tennessee .....	46.0	48.9	21,098	22,042	460	451
Texas .....	30.9	22.9	9,038	5,866	293	257
Utah .....	3.8	3.1	616	699	162	222
Virginia .....	187.1	215.3	50,914	60,053	272	279
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.4	119	100	275	258
Wisconsin .....	40.9	48.5	18,344	21,529	450	445
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.2	67	47	248	259
United States .....	8,591.2	8,668.2	2,374,893	2,452,930	277	283

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: February 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 .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.2	0.2	24	31	118	133
Arkansas .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	5	(X)	97
California .....	24.6	22.6	3,405	3,214	139	142
Colorado .....	70.6	75.1	11,605	11,658	165	155
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.0	3.1	288	307	97	99
Florida .....	0.3	0.6	17	36	68	64
Georgia .....	0.5	0.8	32	53	65	64
Hawaii .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	136
Idaho .....	0.2	0.1	25	20	134	145
Illinois .....	11.4	11.5	1,759	1,692	155	147
Indiana .....	2.3	3.4	268	389	117	116
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	27	30	122	139
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	26	28	88	105
Kentucky .....	0.8	0.9	104	101	131	119
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	32	33	86	92
Michigan .....	13.8	14.0	1,863	1,926	135	138
Minnesota .....	0.3	0.4	33	43	113	110
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.3	19	21	75	74
Missouri .....	0.3	0.5	46	63	133	115
Montana .....	0.2	0.2	25	22	120	116
Nebraska .....	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	127	(X)
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	1.7	173	162	92	96
New Jersey .....	8.2	7.6	687	617	83	81
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.7	127	104	152	146
New York .....	2.9	3.0	279	300	98	101
North Carolina .....	1.1	0.8	90	56	82	71
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	0.9	0.8	95	81	104	106
Oklahoma .....	0.2	0.1	21	8	139	97
Oregon .....	2.0	2.1	276	284	136	135
Pennsylvania .....	3.5	4.2	351	420	101	101
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	28	21	127	130
Tennessee .....	0.8	0.9	65	59	77	68
Texas .....	5.5	7.2	638	777	115	108
Utah .....	2.2	(D)	292	(D)	134	(D)
Virginia .....	0.3	0.3	26	23	100	93
Washington .....	0.5	0.6	75	96	164	162
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	0.7	90	88	117	125
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	15	10	169	139
United States .....	162.3	168.2	23,066	23,195	142	138

(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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	January to February		February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	January to February	
				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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,110	1,300	1,097	2,482	2,397	48.0	49.4	49.8	48.7	49.5
Heifers .....	689	752	635	1,483	1,386	29.8	28.5	28.8	29.1	28.7
All cows .....	479	540	435	1,057	975	20.7	20.5	19.7	20.7	20.1
Dairy cows .....	259	270	237	556	507	11.2	10.3	10.7	10.9	10.5
Other cows .....	219	269	199	500	468	9.5	10.2	9.0	9.8	9.7
Bulls .....	37	42	38	78	80	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7
Total .....	2,315	2,634	2,204	5,100	4,838	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	59	62	51	129	114	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,275	9,459	8,366	17,868	17,825	97.1	97.3	97.2	97.0	97.2
Sows .....	222	240	217	483	457	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
Boars .....	29	28	26	60	54	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,526	9,726	8,609	18,411	18,335	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	9	10	9	18	20	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.6	6.1
Lambs and yearlings .....	141	157	146	297	303	94.1	93.9	94.0	94.4	93.9
Total .....	150	167	155	315	322	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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	January to February	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	799	803	801	800	802
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	867	873	865	870	869
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	807	808	804	806	806
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	622	623	627	621	625
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	882	874	883	881	878
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	150	148	157	148	152
<b>Hogs</b> .....	207	213	213	207	213
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	205	211	211	205	211
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	307	302	304	306	303
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	207	203	203	206	203
<b>Sheep</b> .....	72	70	70	72	70
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	66	65	66	66	65
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	73	70	70	72	70

<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: February 2014

[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 .....	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
2 .....	5.2	1.5	0.9	2.4	2.1	0.3	0.4	10.8
3 .....	71.1	16.8	4.7	47.3	38.3	9.1	2.3	10.2
4 .....	53.9	2.6	1.2	43.0	13.2	29.8	7.1	0.2
5 .....	277.1	116.3	27.6	123.7	72.7	50.9	9.6	15.5
6 .....	391.2	203.3	110.6	69.0	25.9	43.0	8.4	0.7
7 .....	911.4	497.1	363.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
8 .....	237.8	139.1	82.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	170.3	78.6	18.2	70.8	60.5	10.3	2.6	12.4
10 .....	84.9	41.1	25.9	16.9	13.6	3.3	1.0	1.3
United States .....	2,204.2	1,096.8	634.6	435.1	236.6	198.5	37.6	51.5
	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 .....	1.3	1.3	(Y)	(Y)	1.6	0.1	1.6	
2 .....	8.9	8.9	(Y)	(Y)	10.1	1.1	9.0	
3 .....	426.9	425.8	1.1	(Y)	8.1	0.5	7.6	
4 .....	1,191.4	1,127.7	59.3	4.4	3.8	0.7	3.1	
5 .....	2,375.6	2,263.5	107.1	5.0	27.7	2.3	25.4	
6 .....	395.7	395.5	0.1	(Y)	3.3	1.1	2.1	
7 .....	3,612.3	3,547.0	48.8	16.5	0.5	(Y)	0.5	
8 .....	403.4	402.7	0.7	(Y)	76.9	2.7	74.2	
9 .....	168.9	168.9	(Y)	(Y)	21.1	0.5	20.6	
10 .....	24.5	24.5	(Y)	(Y)	2.3	0.2	2.1	
United States .....	8,608.8	8,365.6	217.1	26.1	155.4	9.3	146.1	

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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 February 2014

[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 .....	2.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.1
2 .....	10.9	3.3	1.8	5.0	4.4	0.6	0.9	24.2
3 .....	157.0	37.1	11.2	103.9	83.8	20.1	4.8	21.4
4 .....	118.5	5.5	2.5	95.0	28.2	66.8	15.4	0.4
5 .....	591.1	244.1	60.1	268.5	150.3	118.1	18.4	35.4
6 .....	848.8	429.0	238.7	162.7	57.8	104.8	18.5	1.5
7 .....	2,046.9	1,123.7	805.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8 .....	510.0	298.9	173.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	370.4	165.0	39.1	160.3	132.4	27.9	6.1	26.5
10 .....	181.9	89.4	53.3	37.1	28.3	8.8	2.1	2.9
United States .....	4,837.9	2,397.0	1,386.2	974.7	506.8	467.9	80.0	113.5
	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 .....	3.0	2.9	0.1	(Y)	4.2	0.2	4.0	
2 .....	23.3	23.1	0.1	(Y)	21.6	2.3	19.2	
3 .....	870.4	868.3	2.0	(Y)	17.3	1.3	16.0	
4 .....	2,500.5	2,361.3	129.0	10.1	8.1	1.7	6.3	
5 .....	5,139.9	4,908.0	221.9	10.1	58.1	4.6	53.5	
6 .....	801.9	801.6	0.2	0.1	6.2	2.1	4.1	
7 .....	7,680.9	7,545.8	102.0	33.1	1.3	0.1	1.2	
8 .....	885.6	884.3	1.2	(Y)	154.5	5.9	148.6	
9 .....	378.0	377.8	0.2	(Y)	46.4	0.8	45.5	
10 .....	51.6	51.5	0.1	(Y)	4.7	0.4	4.3	
United States .....	18,335.0	17,824.6	456.9	53.6	322.4	19.5	302.9	

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

Species	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	January to February	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.2	98.2
Calves .....	98.5	98.8	98.7	98.6	98.7
Hogs .....	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	92.6	92.4	92.4	92.7	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 15). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

**Revision Policy:** Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in April.

**Procedures and Reliability:** The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. A computer program compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the computer program provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Computer imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the United States head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and statistics are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the computer edit program and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, as indicated with a (D), these data are still included in United States and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Commercial Production:** Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Based on packers' dressed weights.

**Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

**Dressed Weight:** The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any state whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

**Food and Meat Inspection:** Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

**Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual state standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

**Red Meat:** Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is  $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$ .

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

**Slaughter, Farm:** Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

**Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Wholesome Meat Act:** Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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