



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in March, down 5 percent from the 3.99 billion pounds produced in March 2013.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, down 5 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.7 million pounds, 5 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,600 head, down 14 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from last year, at 277 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.67 million head, down 7 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

January to March 2014 commercial red meat production was 11.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,039.8	1,788.9	1,938.4	95	108	6,174.6	5,868.5	95
Veal	9.2	8.2	8.7	95	107	28.6	26.2	91
Pork	1,932.0	1,844.4	1,854.5	96	101	5,775.2	5,785.1	100
Lamb and mutton	13.8	11.6	13.2	95	114	37.7	37.2	99
Total red meat	3,994.9	3,653.1	3,814.8	95	104	12,016.2	11,716.9	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,012.3	1,762.2	1,913.3	95	109	6,085.3	5,787.1	95
Veal	9.0	8.0	8.6	95	107	28.0	25.8	92
Pork	1,920.4	1,833.7	1,843.7	96	101	5,739.1	5,751.7	100
Lamb and mutton	13.1	10.9	12.6	96	115	35.7	35.2	99
Total red meat	3,954.7	3,614.9	3,778.1	96	105	11,888.0	11,599.7	98

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

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

Species	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of 2013	January to March		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,544.9	2,204.2	2,412.5	95	7,644.7	7,250.5	95
Other 1,000	42.1	40.7	38.0	90	136.3	124.3	91
Commercial 1,000	2,586.9	2,244.9	2,450.6	95	7,781.0	7,374.8	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,315	1,334	1,321	100	1,323	1,331	101
Other pounds	1,152	1,154	1,163	101	1,154	1,154	100
Commercial pounds	1,313	1,330	1,318	100	1,320	1,328	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	61.6	51.5	52.9	86	190.5	166.4	87
Other 1,000	1.0	0.7	0.7	69	2.9	2.2	74
Commercial 1,000	62.6	52.2	53.6	86	193.4	168.5	87
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	250	266	276	110	251	264	105
Other pounds	416	371	385	93	414	373	90
Commercial pounds	252	267	277	110	254	265	104
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,251.9	8,608.8	8,613.9	93	27,663.1	26,948.9	97
Other 1,000	64.3	59.4	60.7	94	200.8	185.1	92
Commercial 1,000	9,316.2	8,668.2	8,674.6	93	27,863.8	27,134.0	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	277	283	285	103	277	284	103
Other pounds	249	246	244	98	248	246	99
Commercial pounds	277	283	285	103	277	284	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	184.0	155.4	176.5	96	499.0	498.8	100
Other 1,000	13.3	12.8	13.5	102	38.0	40.1	106
Commercial 1,000	197.3	168.3	190.0	96	537.0	538.9	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	142	140	142	100	143	141	98
Other pounds	119	111	100	84	112	106	95
Commercial pounds	140	138	139	99	141	138	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	44.8	31.5	36.4	81	118.6	103.4	87
Other 1,000	9.9	11.0	12.0	121	35.7	36.3	102
Commercial 1,000	54.7	42.6	48.4	88	154.3	139.7	91
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	101	64	64	100
Other pounds	69	74	77	112	64	73	115
Commercial pounds	65	67	67	104	64	66	104
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.6	3.9	4.7	131	10.4	13.3	128
Other 1,000	0.9	0.8	0.7	79	2.9	2.4	84
Commercial 1,000	4.5	4.6	5.4	120	13.3	15.8	118

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	0.7	0.8	81
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	100
Arizona	30.8	32.2	30.9	100
Arkansas	3.9	0.4	0.4	10
California	139.0	129.5	142.8	103
Colorado	178.5	164.3	162.2	91
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	2.4	2.6	111
Florida	9.8	7.7	8.5	86
Georgia	11.2	12.0	11.1	99
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	97
Idaho	3.4	3.4	3.4	99
Illinois	242.6	236.1	242.6	100
Indiana	146.7	138.5	143.9	98
Iowa	547.2	535.4	524.0	96
Kansas	424.3	363.3	396.9	94
Kentucky	43.6	40.5	41.5	95
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	0.5	96
Michigan	38.8	38.3	41.1	106
Minnesota	227.6	203.2	206.0	91
Mississippi	1.2	0.8	0.7	63
Missouri	155.8	148.1	158.1	101
Montana	0.8	0.8	0.8	91
Nebraska	572.0	510.5	562.6	98
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	0.1	123
New England ¹	1.3	1.2	1.4	107
New Jersey	4.3	3.3	3.7	87
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.3	106
New York	2.4	2.6	2.7	111
North Carolina	204.5	196.0	193.7	95
North Dakota	0.8	0.7	0.7	91
Ohio	22.4	21.0	21.7	97
Oklahoma	103.4	84.3	91.3	88
Oregon	6.2	5.6	6.3	102
Pennsylvania	99.5	94.2	101.3	102
South Carolina	18.5	18.0	20.5	111
South Dakota	85.4	90.7	87.6	103
Tennessee	21.2	16.5	15.2	72
Texas	382.1	307.7	336.9	88
Utah	38.4	37.0	38.4	100
Virginia	40.7	46.2	39.2	96
Washington	73.8	63.2	68.3	93
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	0.5	103
Wisconsin	106.8	94.6	102.9	96
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.4	87
United States	3,994.9	3,653.1	3,814.8	95

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	0.7	0.6	669	611	1,021	1,033
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	41.1	40.3	54,026	53,122	1,320	1,323
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	435	479	947	934
California	137.6	142.4	180,069	185,142	1,317	1,308
Colorado	201.6	185.2	270,255	248,121	1,341	1,340
Delaware-Maryland	2.4	2.8	3,170	3,551	1,321	1,273
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	18.9	(D)	19,854	(D)	1,055	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	996	984	1,106	1,121
Idaho	2.4	2.2	2,533	2,375	1,169	1,175
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.1	2.9	3,324	3,105	1,057	1,058
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	508.6	475.5	653,813	613,449	1,286	1,291
Kentucky	1.4	1.3	1,399	1,283	1,017	995
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	308	392	778	881
Michigan	44.6	46.3	61,587	63,184	1,390	1,370
Minnesota	64.8	59.9	91,507	86,837	1,417	1,458
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	96	75	830	742
Missouri	4.6	5.1	5,025	5,657	1,093	1,102
Montana	1.0	0.9	1,167	1,048	1,206	1,177
Nebraska	518.8	517.4	717,035	719,951	1,383	1,393
Nevada	0.1	0.1	58	80	1,011	1,051
New England ¹	1.4	1.4	1,512	1,506	1,071	1,089
New Jersey	3.2	2.9	3,563	3,132	1,128	1,094
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	275	295	1,157	1,038
New York	2.1	2.5	2,463	2,917	1,173	1,165
North Carolina	12.1	6.1	14,536	7,427	1,208	1,216
North Dakota	1.0	0.9	1,186	1,061	1,220	1,235
Ohio	9.6	8.2	11,252	10,232	1,180	1,267
Oklahoma	2.0	2.1	2,129	2,239	1,066	1,063
Oregon	5.3	5.3	6,500	6,525	1,246	1,240
Pennsylvania	74.4	76.3	89,758	93,101	1,211	1,224
South Carolina	13.2	14.0	15,672	15,840	1,201	1,145
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.8	4.3	3,565	3,706	944	865
Texas	496.5	435.1	618,732	547,365	1,249	1,261
Utah	45.4	45.6	62,020	62,775	1,367	1,378
Virginia	1.2	1.0	1,289	971	1,066	1,021
Washington	89.0	85.3	120,507	112,125	1,358	1,318
West Virginia	0.5	0.6	554	591	1,067	1,023
Wisconsin	127.9	118.0	173,850	162,220	1,367	1,383
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	591	545	1,116	1,135
United States	2,586.9	2,450.6	3,388,340	3,223,628	1,313	1,318

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	15.5	12.5	1,596	1,204	103	97
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	70	(D)	260	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	29	(D)	463	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	55	49	614	563
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	0.9	1.1	364	494	419	432
Indiana	0.5	0.6	161	162	299	286
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	178	50	521	497
Michigan	0.5	0.1	226	28	417	305
Minnesota	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Mississippi	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	0.1	(Y)	28	(X)	436	(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	0.5	0.4	88	57	171	136
New Jersey	5.2	5.0	2,196	2,100	419	423
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	8.2	6.1	941	821	116	134
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	48	34	491	458
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	10.1	(D)	1,888	(D)	188	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	23	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.0	11.0	4,420	4,409	402	401
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	63	(X)	594	(X)
Texas	0.7	0.6	445	356	634	574
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.3	(D)	164	(D)	71	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.9	6.5	2,704	2,966	461	460
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	62.6	53.6	15,742	14,787	252	277

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	2.4	1.8	857	640	357	359
Alaska	0.1	0.1	14	21	272	273
Arizona	0.2	0.2	43	50	255	269
Arkansas	12.2	0.8	5,554	199	455	248
California	193.4	189.6	47,526	46,713	246	247
Colorado	1.1	1.2	262	292	230	238
Delaware-Maryland	1.3	1.5	339	401	271	263
Florida	5.5	3.0	826	598	150	199
Georgia	6.6	6.1	1,599	1,487	242	245
Hawaii	1.1	1.0	278	258	250	249
Idaho	10.6	10.8	2,716	2,781	258	259
Illinois	863.4	852.7	243,007	246,005	282	289
Indiana	706.5	669.3	191,433	186,273	271	278
Iowa	2,466.6	2,283.4	684,731	653,019	278	286
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.2	1.1	244	246	209	223
Michigan	11.8	16.5	4,487	6,457	380	391
Minnesota	899.4	786.8	240,474	214,725	267	273
Mississippi	4.9	3.8	1,584	967	325	254
Missouri	714.9	705.1	202,571	205,016	283	291
Montana	0.8	0.8	214	212	257	258
Nebraska	643.7	563.5	175,750	158,219	273	281
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	1.5	1.9	383	511	256	274
New Jersey	10.8	7.5	988	692	92	93
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	24	30	271	277
New York	2.3	2.5	485	567	215	229
North Carolina	956.0	882.7	261,207	251,449	273	285
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	92	98	285	290
Ohio	76.1	70.9	20,585	20,506	271	290
Oklahoma	490.0	407.7	133,913	117,884	273	289
Oregon	14.0	14.2	3,602	3,685	258	259
Pennsylvania	226.7	222.7	60,402	59,734	267	268
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	373.0	382.2	100,691	106,715	270	279
Tennessee	63.9	44.7	28,640	20,045	449	449
Texas	29.5	21.8	9,055	5,626	308	259
Utah	4.0	2.3	696	519	175	230
Virginia	194.8	180.5	52,864	50,908	271	282
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	143	126	266	236
Wisconsin	45.1	56.1	20,104	24,777	447	443
Wyoming	0.3	0.2	76	58	262	252
United States	9,316.2	8,674.6	2,578,404	2,470,084	277	285

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	33	37	125	142
Arkansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	5	(X)	92
California	27.7	26.0	3,923	3,771	142	145
Colorado	85.8	82.6	14,273	13,047	166	158
Delaware-Maryland	3.2	3.6	319	347	98	97
Florida	0.4	0.6	25	39	71	66
Georgia	0.7	1.0	44	62	66	60
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	8	110	129
Idaho	0.2	0.1	21	14	129	136
Illinois	12.2	12.7	1,789	1,995	147	157
Indiana	2.9	3.8	323	434	110	115
Iowa	0.2	0.1	17	18	110	146
Kansas	0.3	0.4	28	42	87	99
Kentucky	1.1	1.1	137	134	121	124
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	19	24	64	77
Michigan	16.1	16.0	2,068	2,184	128	136
Minnesota	0.4	0.4	51	44	122	124
Mississippi	0.3	0.4	20	26	74	74
Missouri	0.5	0.6	61	72	131	123
Montana	0.4	0.3	45	33	120	120
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	119	(X)
New England ¹	2.8	2.8	226	291	81	102
New Jersey	12.7	9.1	972	736	77	81
New Mexico	0.8	0.8	123	113	148	148
New York	4.2	3.4	356	343	85	100
North Carolina	1.4	0.9	112	65	82	71
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.5	0.7	157	75	102	104
Oklahoma	0.1	0.2	12	18	118	106
Oregon	2.5	2.5	342	360	138	144
Pennsylvania	5.4	5.4	521	544	96	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	30	31	131	156
Tennessee	1.0	1.0	75	66	74	65
Texas	6.4	7.9	806	737	126	93
Utah	2.3	(D)	316	(D)	138	(D)
Virginia	0.4	0.2	35	24	97	105
Washington	0.6	0.6	92	85	157	136
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.9	0.7	113	88	124	127
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	9	7	148	132
United States	197.3	190.0	27,669	26,381	140	139

(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	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	January to March		March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	January to March	
				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	1,221	1,097	1,199	3,702	3,596	48.0	49.8	49.7	48.4	49.6
Heifers	763	635	702	2,246	2,088	30.0	28.8	29.1	29.4	28.8
All cows	519	435	466	1,576	1,441	20.4	19.7	19.3	20.6	19.9
Dairy cows	274	237	246	830	753	10.8	10.7	10.2	10.9	10.4
Other cows	245	199	220	746	688	9.6	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.5
Bulls	42	38	46	121	126	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.7
Total	2,545	2,204	2,413	7,645	7,250	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	62	51	53	190	166	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,978	8,366	8,356	26,845	26,180	97.0	97.2	97.0	97.0	97.1
Sows	245	217	229	728	686	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.5
Boars	29	26	30	90	83	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,252	8,609	8,614	27,663	26,949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9	9	10	27	29	5.1	6.0	5.5	5.4	5.8
Lambs and yearlings	175	146	167	472	470	94.9	94.0	94.5	94.6	94.2
Total	184	155	176	499	499	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	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	January to March	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	792	801	795	798	800
Steers ¹	856	865	855	866	865
Heifers ¹	798	804	795	804	802
All cows ¹	625	627	628	622	626
Bulls ¹	882	883	898	881	885
Calves and vealers	146	157	163	147	156
Hogs	208	213	214	208	213
Barrows and gilts ²	205	211	212	205	211
Sows ²	304	304	301	306	302
Boars ²	201	203	204	204	203
Sheep	71	70	71	72	71
Mature sheep ³	66	66	65	66	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	71	71	72	72	71

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: March 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	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	
2	5.3	1.7	0.9	2.4	1.7	0.7	0.4	11.1	
3	78.2	19.7	6.3	49.0	39.3	9.7	3.3	11.3	
4	56.2	3.2	1.6	43.8	12.1	31.7	7.7	0.2	
5	293.3	122.3	28.2	131.3	76.7	54.6	11.5	15.5	
6	433.2	218.9	125.1	79.1	26.4	52.7	10.1	0.6	
7	1,028.9	568.4	403.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	240.8	134.7	88.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	183.1	88.3	17.3	74.3	63.8	10.5	3.1	12.4	
10	92.3	41.6	30.3	19.1	14.6	4.4	1.4	1.3	
United States	2,412.5	1,199.1	701.7	465.9	245.7	220.1	45.9	52.9	
	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	1.6	1.5	0.1	(Y)	2.8	0.1	2.7		
2	9.8	9.7	0.1	(Y)	12.0	1.3	10.7		
3	403.3	402.1	1.1	0.1	9.7	0.6	9.1		
4	1,182.3	1,122.6	53.7	6.0	4.6	1.0	3.6		
5	2,428.9	2,303.9	119.5	5.5	31.1	2.7	28.4		
6	424.7	424.2	0.3	0.1	3.4	1.1	2.3		
7	3,567.6	3,496.4	53.4	17.9	0.7	(Y)	0.6		
8	384.7	384.2	0.4	(Y)	84.6	1.7	82.8		
9	184.8	184.8	0.1	(Y)	24.9	0.8	24.1		
10	26.3	26.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.6	0.2	2.4		
United States	8,613.9	8,355.6	228.6	29.6	176.5	9.7	166.8		

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(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 – Regions and United States: January to March 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	3.8	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.5
2	16.2	4.9	2.7	7.4	6.1	1.3	1.2	35.3
3	235.2	56.8	17.4	152.9	123.1	29.8	8.1	32.7
4	174.7	8.6	4.1	138.8	40.3	98.5	23.1	0.6
5	884.4	366.4	88.3	399.8	227.1	172.7	29.9	50.9
6	1,282.0	647.9	363.8	241.8	84.2	157.6	28.5	2.1
7	3,075.8	1,692.2	1,208.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8	750.7	433.6	262.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	553.5	253.3	56.5	234.5	196.1	38.4	9.2	38.9
10	274.1	130.9	83.6	56.2	42.9	13.2	3.5	4.2
United States	7,250.5	3,596.1	2,087.9	1,440.6	752.5	688.1	125.9	166.4
	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	4.6	4.4	0.1	(Y)	7.0	0.3	6.7	
2	33.1	32.8	0.2	(Y)	33.6	3.7	29.9	
3	1,273.6	1,270.4	3.1	0.1	27.0	1.9	25.1	
4	3,682.8	3,483.9	182.7	16.2	12.7	2.7	10.0	
5	7,568.8	7,211.9	341.4	15.5	89.2	7.2	82.0	
6	1,226.6	1,225.9	0.6	0.2	9.6	3.2	6.4	
7	11,248.5	11,042.1	155.4	51.0	1.9	0.1	1.8	
8	1,270.2	1,268.5	1.7	0.1	239.1	7.7	231.4	
9	562.8	562.6	0.2	(Y)	71.3	1.7	69.7	
10	77.8	77.7	0.1	(Y)	7.4	0.7	6.7	
United States	26,948.9	26,180.2	685.5	83.2	498.8	29.2	469.7	

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

Species	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	January to March	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.2	98.4	98.2	98.3
Calves	98.3	98.7	98.7	98.5	98.7
Hogs	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	93.2	92.4	92.9	92.9	92.6

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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