



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in July, down 6 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in July 2013.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.60 million head, down 10 percent from July 2013. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.8 million pounds, 19 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,500 head, down 31 percent from July 2013. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.46 million head, down 7 percent from July 2013. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was down 2 percent from July 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,200 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2014 commercial red meat production was 27.4 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2014 as % of		January to July		
				July 2013	June 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,294.1	2,068.7	2,085.9	91	101	14,982.1	14,137.5	94
Veal	9.6	7.6	7.8	81	103	64.9	57.8	89
Pork	1,840.3	1,734.3	1,799.3	98	104	13,131.5	13,088.6	100
Lamb and mutton	14.2	13.4	13.9	98	104	92.6	93.6	101
Total red meat	4,158.2	3,823.9	3,906.9	94	102	28,271.1	27,377.4	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2014 as % of		January to July		
				July 2013	June 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,268.3	2,044.1	2,060.8	91	101	14,788.4	13,956.3	94
Veal	9.4	7.4	7.7	82	103	63.4	56.8	90
Pork	1,827.1	1,723.9	1,788.3	98	104	13,047.9	13,012.3	100
Lamb and mutton	13.1	12.4	12.9	98	104	86.7	87.7	101
Total red meat	4,117.8	3,787.9	3,869.6	94	102	27,986.4	27,113.1	97

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

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

Species	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2014 as % of 2013	January to July		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,855.5	2,568.3	2,561.9	90	18,704.5	17,533.5	94
Other 1,000	39.4	37.6	38.0	96	296.4	277.3	94
Commercial 1,000	2,894.9	2,605.9	2,599.8	90	19,000.9	17,810.8	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,304	1,309	1,322	101	1,309	1,319	101
Other pounds	1,139	1,139	1,150	101	1,146	1,147	100
Commercial pounds	1,302	1,307	1,320	101	1,306	1,316	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	69.1	44.6	47.8	69	431.5	352.7	82
Other 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.6	69	6.7	5.0	74
Commercial 1,000	70.0	45.3	48.5	69	438.2	357.7	82
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	232	283	274	118	251	274	109
Other pounds	395	373	358	91	405	371	92
Commercial pounds	234	285	275	118	253	275	109
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,002.9	8,040.4	8,394.1	93	63,237.0	60,738.6	96
Other 1,000	74.4	59.1	62.5	84	469.2	426.2	91
Commercial 1,000	9,077.4	8,099.5	8,456.7	93	63,706.2	61,164.8	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	271	285	284	105	276	285	103
Other pounds	245	238	240	98	246	244	99
Commercial pounds	271	285	283	105	275	285	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	192.9	175.3	189.3	98	1,222.9	1,243.9	102
Other 1,000	20.8	18.0	20.9	101	111.5	114.3	102
Commercial 1,000	213.7	193.3	210.2	98	1,334.4	1,358.2	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	136	141	135	100	142	141	99
Other pounds	112	111	104	93	110	106	97
Commercial pounds	133	138	132	99	139	138	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	53.3	44.3	45.2	85	299.3	274.3	92
Other 1,000	14.8	11.7	12.7	86	88.2	86.8	98
Commercial 1,000	68.1	56.0	57.9	85	387.5	361.1	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	63	98	64	64	100
Other pounds	77	78	78	101	67	75	113
Commercial pounds	67	67	66	99	65	67	103
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.3	4.5	4.4	101	26.4	31.1	118
Other 1,000	0.9	0.6	0.6	74	6.3	4.9	78
Commercial 1,000	5.2	5.1	5.0	97	32.7	36.0	110

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	July 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.2	0.7	0.7	56
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)
Arizona	35.0	36.1	36.3	104
Arkansas	0.3	0.4	0.3	91
California	147.7	99.1	108.0	73
Colorado	211.5	187.0	194.1	92
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.5	2.7	102
Florida	10.5	8.3	7.3	69
Georgia	11.4	10.7	10.6	93
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.8	100
Idaho	3.8	3.4	3.8	102
Illinois	247.2	241.5	245.9	99
Indiana	145.1	142.8	142.0	98
Iowa	521.2	507.9	519.6	100
Kansas	513.9	451.5	450.0	88
Kentucky	41.4	38.4	41.4	100
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	101
Michigan	40.0	38.3	36.7	92
Minnesota	214.3	198.4	199.7	93
Mississippi	0.8	0.4	0.4	49
Missouri	143.2	138.1	143.5	100
Montana	1.2	1.5	1.1	99
Nebraska	632.6	620.0	609.3	96
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	137
New England ¹	1.6	1.6	1.8	111
New Jersey	4.4	4.0	4.1	94
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	0.3	102
New York	3.1	3.0	2.9	96
North Carolina	188.1	162.9	180.1	96
North Dakota	0.6	0.5	0.6	100
Ohio	22.5	20.5	22.0	98
Oklahoma	92.8	69.2	79.7	86
Oregon	6.7	6.4	6.9	102
Pennsylvania	100.3	96.4	104.1	104
South Carolina	20.1	19.4	21.1	105
South Dakota	82.1	86.3	87.4	106
Tennessee	19.4	17.5	19.1	99
Texas	407.5	363.3	360.9	89
Utah	41.5	37.1	41.4	100
Virginia	44.6	37.1	38.8	87
Washington	82.1	73.7	77.9	95
West Virginia	0.4	0.3	0.4	88
Wisconsin	113.5	95.7	102.1	90
Wyoming	0.5	0.3	0.4	89
United States	4,158.2	3,823.9	3,906.9	94

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	0.5	0.5	480	514	1,012	996
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	63	(X)	1,067	(X)
Arizona	46.1	44.3	60,452	59,683	1,315	1,351
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	446	372	1,020	927
California	151.6	95.3	194,360	124,024	1,290	1,313
Colorado	238.5	220.3	319,996	296,058	1,343	1,345
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.9	3,603	3,669	1,266	1,257
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	18.9	(D)	20,136	(D)	1,066	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1,037	976	1,123	1,129
Idaho	2.8	2.6	3,092	2,977	1,161	1,204
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	4.3	3,597	4,540	1,059	1,066
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	598.0	522.7	787,989	695,958	1,318	1,332
Kentucky	1.1	1.1	1,183	1,119	1,042	1,009
Louisiana	0.5	0.6	379	446	771	809
Michigan	46.4	40.7	62,290	55,148	1,348	1,364
Minnesota	68.3	49.9	94,251	71,044	1,386	1,431
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	72	79	752	824
Missouri	4.0	4.5	4,362	5,066	1,084	1,116
Montana	1.3	1.2	1,557	1,460	1,196	1,182
Nebraska	613.8	584.5	816,750	796,025	1,332	1,363
Nevada	0.1	0.1	124	153	1,035	1,047
New England ¹	1.7	1.9	1,748	2,017	1,053	1,084
New Jersey	3.6	3.3	3,764	3,513	1,056	1,073
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	285	299	1,125	1,107
New York	2.8	2.8	3,204	3,184	1,150	1,172
North Carolina	11.1	5.9	13,220	7,149	1,197	1,210
North Dakota	0.8	0.7	977	939	1,215	1,258
Ohio	9.1	9.3	10,472	10,804	1,164	1,173
Oklahoma	1.8	1.8	1,746	1,834	990	1,032
Oregon	6.3	6.0	7,669	7,153	1,224	1,208
Pennsylvania	75.0	79.8	87,707	94,892	1,174	1,194
South Carolina	13.3	15.0	15,705	17,517	1,188	1,178
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.2	4.4	2,870	4,015	897	939
Texas	526.2	459.9	654,336	582,542	1,246	1,269
Utah	48.6	49.5	66,564	66,537	1,370	1,346
Virginia	0.8	0.9	819	896	1,038	1,050
Washington	99.1	94.6	132,347	126,300	1,339	1,339
West Virginia	0.4	0.3	466	382	1,126	1,133
Wisconsin	133.2	117.9	181,337	161,397	1,369	1,377
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	638	577	1,063	1,069
United States	2,894.9	2,599.8	3,762,457	3,424,242	1,302	1,320

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	14.7	10.7	1,554	1,027	106	97
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.4	(D)	88	(D)	251	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	31	(D)	450	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	49	48	579	495
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.3	0.9	574	396	432	447
Indiana	0.7	0.4	178	91	266	249
Iowa	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	0.2	(Y)	115	(X)	521	(X)
Michigan	0.1	0.1	30	42	324	299
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	0.9	0.7	121	100	134	144
New Jersey	5.5	5.0	2,282	2,106	416	425
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	9.7	6.2	1,022	691	107	114
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	30	42	445	428
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	15.1	(D)	2,340	(D)	156	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	23	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.1	8.9	4,439	3,780	399	425
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	27	(X)	498	(X)
Texas	0.3	0.4	154	235	598	585
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	3.1	(D)	220	(D)	72	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.6	6.0	2,954	2,738	451	461
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	70.0	48.5	16,283	13,219	234	275

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	4.2	1.5	1,328	576	317	372
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	15	(X)	270
Arizona	0.1	0.1	21	21	275	246
Arkansas	0.5	0.6	129	151	255	253
California	197.3	197.6	47,095	50,245	239	254
Colorado	1.6	1.4	344	332	211	230
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.6	361	351	234	224
Florida	6.8	3.5	828	523	122	151
Georgia	6.8	5.8	1,623	1,437	239	248
Hawaii	1.2	1.2	281	294	230	255
Idaho	11.3	11.2	2,820	3,015	251	269
Illinois	872.5	829.6	241,340	239,377	277	289
Indiana	716.1	654.8	188,888	182,774	264	279
Iowa	2,379.8	2,248.4	646,659	641,510	272	285
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.8	132	159	186	201
Michigan	13.0	16.0	4,707	5,955	361	372
Minnesota	833.7	778.1	218,973	214,549	263	276
Mississippi	4.0	3.1	1,077	466	269	149
Missouri	682.5	640.9	186,730	185,682	274	290
Montana	1.4	1.5	318	353	233	236
Nebraska	616.6	536.8	165,906	151,657	269	283
Nevada	0.1	0.1	15	33	142	257
New England ¹	2.4	2.7	558	602	237	224
New Jersey	8.7	8.9	845	858	97	97
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	32	40	281	275
New York	3.5	3.4	689	745	199	222
North Carolina	905.0	(D)	239,926	(D)	265	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.3	61	80	283	288
Ohio	79.6	73.3	20,942	20,433	263	279
Oklahoma	453.1	368.4	120,944	103,178	267	280
Oregon	13.9	14.4	3,482	3,855	250	268
Pennsylvania	235.1	228.6	61,294	60,932	261	267
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	367.8	375.0	98,482	105,435	268	281
Tennessee	58.7	55.9	26,477	25,377	452	454
Texas	32.0	19.3	9,400	4,817	294	250
Utah	5.1	3.6	920	687	179	192
Virginia	219.2	(D)	58,492	(D)	267	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	154	162	253	238
Wisconsin	56.4	50.6	25,227	23,380	448	463
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	61	69	245	248
United States	9,077.4	8,456.7	2,457,732	2,394,915	271	283

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	42	33	121	127
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	6	108	98
California	28.4	24.8	4,016	3,391	141	137
Colorado	81.5	81.5	12,906	12,929	159	159
Delaware-Maryland	4.4	4.6	402	432	90	93
Florida	0.6	0.6	34	34	61	58
Georgia	2.2	1.6	130	99	59	60
Hawaii	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	125
Idaho	0.2	0.2	28	24	131	137
Illinois	16.0	13.5	2,189	1,918	137	142
Indiana	4.2	5.0	469	556	112	111
Iowa	0.3	0.2	50	32	147	146
Kansas	0.4	0.6	42	58	103	94
Kentucky	1.4	1.8	174	213	121	117
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	28	35	56	65
Michigan	19.0	18.4	2,440	2,422	129	132
Minnesota	0.7	0.6	98	57	138	100
Mississippi	0.6	0.5	49	36	80	81
Missouri	0.7	0.7	80	92	118	127
Montana	0.4	0.4	45	47	113	112
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	12	9	146	137
Nevada	0.1	0.1	9	17	107	129
New England ¹	3.2	3.2	291	292	91	91
New Jersey	13.1	12.3	1,080	995	83	81
New Mexico	0.9	0.7	128	107	145	147
New York	4.2	4.3	402	427	95	100
North Carolina	1.5	1.6	96	105	66	66
North Dakota	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	144	(X)
Ohio	1.9	2.1	196	224	102	105
Oklahoma	0.3	0.3	24	24	83	91
Oregon	2.3	3.3	275	427	122	131
Pennsylvania	5.1	6.2	521	616	102	99
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	45	41	134	156
Tennessee	1.5	1.7	100	114	65	67
Texas	11.4	12.5	1,275	1,235	112	99
Utah	2.1	(D)	292	(D)	138	(D)
Virginia	0.5	0.5	48	42	94	93
Washington	0.6	0.9	87	112	155	131
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.5	1.2	189	163	128	136
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	16	15	157	163
United States	213.7	210.2	28,459	27,773	133	132

(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	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	January to July		July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	January to July	
				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	1,474	1,396	1,390	9,379	9,143	51.6	54.4	54.3	50.1	52.1
Heifers	808	715	692	5,323	4,892	28.3	27.8	27.0	28.5	27.9
All cows	525	411	430	3,691	3,182	18.4	16.0	16.8	19.7	18.2
Dairy cows	251	199	232	1,818	1,623	8.8	7.8	9.0	9.7	9.3
Other cows	275	211	199	1,873	1,560	9.6	8.2	7.8	10.0	8.9
Bulls	48	46	49	312	316	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8
Total	2,855	2,568	2,562	18,705	17,534	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	69	45	48	431	353	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,730	7,795	8,136	61,326	58,950	97.0	96.9	96.9	97.0	97.1
Sows	242	219	229	1,702	1,594	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Boars	30	26	29	209	195	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,003	8,040	8,394	63,237	60,739	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	12	13	71	80	5.7	6.8	7.0	5.8	6.4
Lambs and yearlings	182	163	176	1,151	1,164	94.3	93.2	93.0	94.2	93.6
Total	193	175	189	1,223	1,244	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	January to July	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	796	798	806	792	798
Steers ¹	863	854	868	857	857
Heifers ¹	783	777	787	790	790
All cows ¹	619	627	624	622	628
Bulls ¹	886	906	908	886	898
Calves and vealers	136	167	161	147	162
Hogs	203	214	213	206	214
Barrows and gilts ²	200	212	210	204	212
Sows ²	304	309	308	305	305
Boars ²	204	207	207	205	205
Sheep	68	71	68	71	71
Mature sheep ³	65	67	66	66	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	68	71	68	71	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: July 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	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	
2	5.9	1.7	1.1	2.5	1.9	0.6	0.6	11.1	
3	82.7	25.5	7.0	46.5	37.5	9.0	3.7	9.2	
4	55.2	3.5	1.4	43.0	11.8	31.2	7.4	0.2	
5	287.2	134.9	32.7	108.4	74.3	34.2	11.3	14.4	
6	458.6	232.8	139.2	75.7	25.9	49.8	10.8	0.4	
7	1,147.7	704.2	384.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	280.5	178.9	83.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	140.0	55.6	13.1	67.9	55.0	12.9	3.4	10.5	
10	102.3	52.2	29.9	18.6	13.0	5.5	1.7	1.2	
United States	2,561.9	1,390.1	692.3	430.3	231.6	198.7	49.2	47.8	
	Hogs				Sheep				
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)		
1	2.4	(D)	(Y)	(D)	3.1	0.1	3.0		
2	12.1	12.0	0.1	(Y)	15.9	1.8	14.1		
3	411.5	410.4	0.9	0.1	11.9	0.8	11.0		
4	1,169.9	(D)	64.2	(D)	7.3	1.3	5.9		
5	2,374.8	2,259.5	109.8	5.5	35.0	3.3	31.6		
6	384.7	384.5	0.1	0.1	4.5	1.0	3.5		
7	3,438.5	3,369.2	52.9	16.5	1.0	(Y)	1.0		
8	379.5	378.9	0.5	(Y)	83.2	4.0	79.2		
9	193.9	193.8	(Y)	(Y)	23.8	0.5	23.4		
10	27.1	27.0	(Y)	(Y)	3.5	0.3	3.2		
United States	8,394.1	8,136.2	228.5	29.4	189.3	13.3	176.0		

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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 July 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	9.8	4.3	2.5	1.7	1.1	0.6	1.3	3.5
2	39.6	11.7	6.6	17.3	13.0	4.2	3.9	76.6
3	557.2	153.7	44.4	336.1	269.0	67.1	23.0	71.2
4	367.6	21.0	9.6	288.5	79.3	209.2	48.4	1.4
5	2,047.2	899.0	208.9	861.4	505.7	355.8	77.9	106.5
6	3,162.7	1,591.1	939.2	562.1	175.7	386.4	70.3	4.6
7	7,663.1	4,479.2	2,771.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	1,842.4	1,117.7	600.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,173.8	525.5	116.4	508.7	411.7	97.0	23.1	79.6
10	670.2	339.6	192.9	127.5	92.6	34.9	10.2	9.2
United States	17,533.5	9,142.9	4,892.1	3,182.4	1,622.8	1,559.6	316.1	352.7
	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	12.9	(D)	0.3	(D)	20.1	0.8	19.3	
2	77.2	76.3	0.6	0.2	98.5	10.6	87.9	
3	2,871.0	2,863.6	6.9	0.4	76.6	6.2	70.5	
4	8,223.0	(D)	426.1	(D)	37.3	7.3	30.0	
5	17,144.0	16,322.5	784.6	36.8	222.1	19.3	202.8	
6	2,747.5	2,746.3	0.8	0.4	26.0	6.7	19.3	
7	25,369.7	24,884.3	370.4	115.0	5.5	0.3	5.2	
8	2,805.1	2,801.5	3.4	0.1	567.0	23.0	544.0	
9	1,305.7	1,305.2	0.4	0.1	171.0	4.0	167.0	
10	182.6	182.3	0.2	0.1	19.8	1.6	18.2	
United States	60,738.6	58,949.7	1,593.9	195.0	1,243.9	79.8	1,164.1	

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

Species	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	January to July	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.7	98.4	98.7	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	90.3	90.7	90.1	91.6	91.6

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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