



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.76 billion pounds in November, down 9 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in November 2013.

**Beef production**, at 1.85 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.25 million head, down 12 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.5 million pounds, 29 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,900 head, down 41 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 306 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.89 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.81 million head, down 9 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2014 commercial red meat production** was 43.2 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 15 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

**November 2013** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**November 2014** contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		
				November 2013	October 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,057.6	2,171.5	1,850.5	90	85	23,672.3	22,251.4	94
Veal .....	9.1	7.7	6.5	71	83	101.5	86.3	85
Pork .....	2,039.9	2,126.7	1,890.7	93	89	21,121.7	20,730.0	98
Lamb and mutton .....	11.8	13.4	11.5	97	86	143.0	142.4	100
Total red meat .....	4,118.4	4,319.3	3,759.2	91	87	45,038.6	43,210.0	96

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		
				November 2013	October 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,030.9	2,138.6	1,825.3	90	85	23,365.8	21,960.1	94
Veal .....	8.9	7.6	6.3	71	83	99.2	84.7	85
Pork .....	2,028.9	2,113.7	1,880.4	93	89	20,985.8	20,606.6	98
Lamb and mutton .....	11.1	12.3	10.6	96	86	133.2	132.5	99
Total red meat .....	4,079.8	4,272.1	3,722.7	91	87	44,584.0	42,783.9	96

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

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

Species	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of 2013	January to November		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,527.3	2,590.5	2,209.7	87	29,429.2	27,286.2	93
Other ..... 1,000	41.8	50.2	38.6	92	471.2	444.2	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,569.1	2,640.8	2,248.3	88	29,900.4	27,730.4	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,342	1,359	1,367	102	1,315	1,330	101
Other ..... pounds	1,132	1,146	1,147	101	1,144	1,148	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,339	1,355	1,363	102	1,312	1,327	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	59.7	42.6	35.2	59	685.3	515.3	75
Other ..... 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.6	75	10.2	7.6	75
Commercial ..... 1,000	60.6	43.3	35.9	59	695.5	523.0	75
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	254	303	305	120	247	280	113
Other ..... pounds	388	375	364	94	403	370	92
Commercial ..... pounds	256	304	306	119	250	281	113
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,579.0	9,880.3	8,754.2	91	101,582.6	96,334.6	95
Other ..... 1,000	62.4	72.8	58.0	93	764.0	692.4	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,641.4	9,953.1	8,812.2	91	102,346.7	97,027.0	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	283	286	287	101	276	285	103
Other ..... pounds	242	244	243	101	245	243	99
Commercial ..... pounds	283	286	286	101	276	285	103
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	169.5	186.8	157.1	93	1,935.6	1,921.5	99
Other ..... 1,000	14.4	20.9	16.4	114	183.8	190.9	104
Commercial ..... 1,000	183.9	207.7	173.6	94	2,119.3	2,112.5	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	130	132	135	104	137	137	100
Other ..... pounds	106	105	108	102	110	107	98
Commercial ..... pounds	128	129	133	103	135	135	100
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	41.6	43.9	37.2	89	482.7	439.1	91
Other ..... 1,000	13.3	13.9	10.6	80	145.2	137.9	95
Commercial ..... 1,000	54.9	57.9	47.8	87	628.0	577.0	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	63	63	97	64	64	99
Other ..... pounds	61	81	82	135	65	77	118
Commercial ..... pounds	64	67	67	105	65	67	103
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.1	4.4	3.8	93	42.2	47.3	112
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.8	0.6	80	9.7	7.7	80
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.9	5.1	4.5	91	51.9	55.0	106

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.7	0.9	0.6	93
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Arizona .....	37.0	38.1	31.9	86
Arkansas .....	0.3	0.5	0.4	144
California .....	136.6	120.4	107.0	78
Colorado .....	170.2	199.3	170.0	100
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.4	2.7	2.5	104
Florida .....	8.7	8.1	6.6	76
Georgia .....	12.7	11.9	10.1	79
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.8	0.7	92
Idaho .....	3.7	4.0	3.3	90
Illinois .....	270.7	278.0	246.6	91
Indiana .....	157.0	163.7	140.6	90
Iowa .....	576.3	622.6	549.0	95
Kansas .....	390.4	437.9	375.1	96
Kentucky .....	45.0	46.4	42.6	95
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	104
Michigan .....	40.9	39.5	34.7	85
Minnesota .....	234.3	230.6	201.8	86
Mississippi .....	1.1	0.4	0.4	38
Missouri .....	161.5	172.0	149.7	93
Montana .....	1.8	1.9	1.9	103
Nebraska .....	644.1	687.8	593.1	92
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	93
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.4	1.9	100
New Jersey .....	3.8	3.6	3.2	83
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	97
New York .....	2.6	3.3	2.7	101
North Carolina .....	230.5	208.3	204.5	89
North Dakota .....	0.4	0.8	0.4	97
Ohio .....	24.1	26.5	21.5	89
Oklahoma .....	89.4	98.9	91.0	102
Oregon .....	6.1	7.0	6.1	99
Pennsylvania .....	106.5	124.4	105.3	99
South Carolina .....	19.4	22.4	19.0	98
South Dakota .....	101.0	99.5	87.4	87
Tennessee .....	22.1	24.6	23.1	105
Texas .....	352.2	369.2	298.8	85
Utah .....	38.7	42.6	35.2	91
Virginia .....	50.7	43.3	36.8	73
Washington .....	63.9	78.4	66.4	104
West Virginia .....	0.9	1.0	0.7	79
Wisconsin .....	106.6	94.3	85.4	80
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.2	0.4	106
United States .....	4,118.4	4,319.3	3,759.2	91

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	0.3	496	319	970	983
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	139	112	1,124	1,050
Arizona .....	49.3	38.7	64,905	52,960	1,319	1,371
Arkansas .....	0.3	0.5	349	456	1,021	983
California .....	135.0	94.8	175,274	125,130	1,306	1,331
Colorado .....	189.9	185.9	260,563	259,662	1,373	1,398
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	2.6	3,202	3,353	1,280	1,297
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	21.8	(D)	22,862	(D)	1,052	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.7	926	831	1,129	1,115
Idaho .....	2.7	2.5	3,009	2,725	1,151	1,169
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2.8	2.4	2,980	2,572	1,066	1,065
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	451.8	424.6	607,717	579,789	1,345	1,366
Kentucky .....	1.1	1.0	1,038	991	948	957
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.4	309	366	683	849
Michigan .....	45.9	39.0	62,607	53,730	1,370	1,387
Minnesota .....	73.5	50.2	103,362	73,236	1,412	1,466
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	65	102	906	850
Missouri .....	3.6	2.2	3,734	2,346	1,041	1,094
Montana .....	2.3	2.2	2,678	2,592	1,148	1,185
Nebraska .....	584.8	520.6	831,092	754,371	1,422	1,450
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	136	119	1,112	1,020
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.0	1,946	2,109	1,022	1,042
New Jersey .....	2.6	2.2	2,809	2,427	1,078	1,103
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	449	411	1,011	1,046
New York .....	2.6	2.6	2,890	2,961	1,127	1,147
North Carolina .....	5.6	5.3	6,765	6,334	1,205	1,213
North Dakota .....	0.5	0.5	555	572	1,223	1,194
Ohio .....	9.7	8.7	11,241	10,045	1,164	1,159
Oklahoma .....	1.5	1.6	1,540	1,497	997	966
Oregon .....	5.8	5.1	6,893	6,187	1,207	1,222
Pennsylvania .....	81.7	79.9	98,004	95,964	1,204	1,204
South Carolina .....	13.2	13.6	15,121	15,786	1,150	1,174
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	4.3	4.7	3,626	4,147	846	908
Texas .....	453.7	375.3	575,131	485,899	1,271	1,299
Utah .....	45.7	42.4	62,771	56,964	1,374	1,345
Virginia .....	1.2	1.1	1,172	1,098	1,020	1,028
Washington .....	79.1	79.9	105,256	108,633	1,335	1,364
West Virginia .....	1.4	1.0	1,326	985	961	943
Wisconsin .....	128.8	97.6	175,451	134,438	1,370	1,385
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	555	592	1,156	1,124
United States .....	2,569.1	2,248.3	3,432,127	3,056,916	1,339	1,363

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

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

## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	14.2	6.7	1,335	662	95	100
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	(D)	66	(D)	262	(D)
Florida .....	0.1	(D)	21	(D)	374	(D)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	47	48	532	581
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	27	(X)	496
Illinois .....	1.0	0.6	460	270	442	431
Indiana .....	0.6	0.4	153	113	266	286
Iowa .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	0.1	(Y)	70	(X)	504	(X)
Michigan .....	0.1	0.1	24	29	304	300
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> .....	1.3	0.4	150	66	113	165
New Jersey .....	5.6	4.5	2,385	1,913	423	429
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York .....	5.7	3.7	647	496	115	137
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	31	21	464	374
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	11.6	(D)	2,159	(D)	188	(D)
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10.9	6.7	4,184	2,869	384	427
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.7	0.2	390	111	604	519
Utah .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.1	(Y)	23	(X)	420	(X)
Washington .....	1.2	(D)	96	(D)	80	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	6.9	5.3	3,141	2,466	456	470
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	60.6	35.9	15,459	10,901	256	306

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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: November 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 .....	1.6	1.7	551	629	348	378
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	14	25	260	251
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	31	32	250	253
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.8	109	202	259	257
California .....	196.7	195.8	48,823	49,683	248	254
Colorado .....	1.4	1.2	313	273	229	232
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.5	1.6	384	412	259	266
Florida .....	7.0	5.1	865	672	124	131
Georgia .....	6.5	5.5	1,574	1,323	241	242
Hawaii .....	1.2	1.1	282	255	245	243
Idaho .....	10.7	9.4	2,788	2,490	260	265
Illinois .....	932.0	856.1	267,125	246,833	287	288
Indiana .....	740.8	649.0	204,918	183,316	277	283
Iowa .....	2,550.6	2,393.8	716,758	685,890	281	287
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	1.1	1.2	201	217	185	176
Michigan .....	16.4	13.0	7,060	5,346	431	413
Minnesota .....	891.2	789.7	242,659	217,982	272	276
Mississippi .....	5.1	3.4	1,493	481	293	143
Missouri .....	734.2	674.9	211,645	196,718	288	292
Montana .....	1.5	1.6	393	405	256	247
Nebraska .....	633.5	590.9	177,616	167,985	280	284
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.8	2.4	699	621	252	261
New Jersey .....	8.7	7.4	821	697	95	94
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	43	51	277	271
New York .....	2.8	2.8	622	661	219	240
North Carolina .....	1,056.1	(D)	300,626	(D)	285	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.4	0.3	119	91	293	288
Ohio .....	77.8	71.3	22,754	20,251	293	284
Oklahoma .....	402.0	428.6	116,108	118,593	289	277
Oregon .....	12.5	13.4	3,250	3,545	260	265
Pennsylvania .....	231.0	232.9	62,991	63,397	273	272
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	447.8	(D)	123,330	(D)	276	(D)
Tennessee .....	69.0	69.7	29,898	31,343	434	450
Texas .....	24.8	20.4	6,098	4,882	246	240
Utah .....	4.6	3.3	891	523	195	156
Virginia .....	235.0	(D)	66,070	(D)	281	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.7	177	197	272	285
Wisconsin .....	46.8	43.8	20,697	19,816	444	453
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	74	73	254	280
United States .....	9,641.4	8,812.2	2,723,189	2,522,584	283	286

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	0.1	0.1	5	6	79	90
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.1	0.3	17	29	122	114
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	19.6	19.9	2,592	2,712	133	137
Colorado .....	78.9	74.5	11,657	11,206	148	151
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.7	3.5	337	339	90	96
Florida .....	0.3	0.6	21	41	65	65
Georgia .....	1.0	0.5	64	41	64	81
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	9	7	108	139
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	30	25	127	136
Illinois .....	13.2	10.8	1,744	1,506	132	140
Indiana .....	3.6	3.5	398	401	111	114
Iowa .....	0.4	0.3	59	48	158	182
Kansas .....	0.5	0.5	50	46	108	98
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.0	119	128	117	123
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	22	25	65	72
Michigan .....	16.7	15.2	2,077	2,097	125	138
Minnesota .....	0.5	0.3	56	33	105	102
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.4	34	26	83	72
Missouri .....	0.7	0.7	63	54	96	81
Montana .....	0.5	0.6	49	76	93	119
Nebraska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	137
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	13	11	102	130
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	3.1	296	288	92	92
New Jersey .....	10.6	7.7	880	629	83	82
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.8	106	111	138	143
New York .....	3.9	4.2	376	426	96	102
North Carolina .....	1.2	1.3	88	89	71	70
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.4	1.7	151	172	106	101
Oklahoma .....	0.2	0.3	15	34	83	110
Oregon .....	2.0	2.6	259	350	132	132
Pennsylvania .....	5.5	4.8	546	489	99	102
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	36	44	128	162
Tennessee .....	1.1	0.7	71	51	65	76
Texas .....	6.4	6.8	691	702	109	103
Utah .....	2.1	(D)	273	(D)	132	(D)
Virginia .....	0.5	0.5	49	44	92	89
Washington .....	0.6	1.3	93	175	150	133
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.2	1.0	127	120	107	118
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.2	20	21	156	128
United States .....	183.9	173.6	23,604	23,002	128	133

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

## Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	January to November		November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	January to November	
				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 .....	1,261	1,306	1,084	14,755	14,165	49.9	50.4	49.1	50.1	51.9
Heifers .....	701	766	658	8,406	7,703	27.7	29.6	29.8	28.6	28.2
All cows .....	517	468	426	5,751	4,913	20.5	18.1	19.3	19.5	18.0
Dairy cows .....	249	252	218	2,868	2,559	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.7	9.4
Other cows .....	268	216	208	2,883	2,354	10.6	8.3	9.4	9.8	8.6
Bulls .....	49	50	42	518	505	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9
Total .....	2,527	2,591	2,210	29,429	27,286	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	60	43	35	685	515	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,318	9,588	8,509	98,568	93,496	97.3	97.0	97.2	97.0	97.1
Sows .....	234	260	219	2,691	2,529	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Boars .....	27	32	25	323	309	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	9,579	9,880	8,754	101,583	96,335	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	13	13	10	121	126	7.7	7.1	6.3	6.3	6.6
Lambs and yearlings .....	156	174	147	1,815	1,796	92.3	92.9	93.7	93.7	93.4
Total .....	169	187	157	1,936	1,922	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	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	January to November	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	805	827	828	796	807
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	878	900	903	862	869
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	807	822	827	793	798
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	620	625	630	620	627
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	870	893	894	881	899
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	149	180	181	145	165
<b>Hogs</b> .....	212	214	215	207	214
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	210	212	213	204	212
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	301	306	301	304	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	205	205	205	205	205
<b>Sheep</b> .....	65	66	68	69	69
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	62	65	67	64	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	66	66	68	69	69

<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: November 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 .....	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
2 .....	4.7	1.6	0.8	1.7	1.4	0.4	0.5	8.1
3 .....	81.4	19.0	7.9	50.5	40.1	10.4	4.0	6.9
4 .....	51.3	2.5	1.5	40.6	12.0	28.6	6.6	0.1
5 .....	254.7	111.7	35.0	99.0	55.7	43.3	9.1	12.0
6 .....	374.4	181.4	111.5	73.9	23.3	50.5	7.6	0.2
7 .....	981.2	548.0	369.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
8 .....	239.9	130.7	89.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	133.8	49.3	12.5	69.5	60.3	9.2	2.6	6.5
10 .....	86.4	38.9	29.2	17.0	12.7	4.3	1.4	0.9
United States .....	2,209.7	1,084.1	657.6	425.8	217.9	207.9	42.3	35.2
	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 .....	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	2.9	0.1	2.8	
2 .....	9.9	9.8	0.1	(Y)	11.3	1.5	9.8	
3 .....	398.8	397.7	1.0	0.1	9.3	0.8	8.5	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	79.0	(D)	4.4	0.9	3.5	
5 .....	2,399.0	2,303.9	90.7	4.5	27.6	2.7	24.8	
6 .....	446.5	446.4	0.1	(Y)	3.1	0.4	2.7	
7 .....	3,669.5	3,606.6	48.5	14.5	0.8	(Y)	0.8	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.1	(D)	76.2	2.8	73.3	
9 .....	191.5	191.5	(Y)	(Y)	18.9	0.5	18.4	
10 .....	23.6	23.6	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.1	2.7	
United States .....	8,754.2	8,509.3	219.4	25.4	157.1	9.8	147.3	

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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 November 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 .....	17.0	7.8	4.2	2.7	1.7	1.0	2.4	5.1
2 .....	61.1	18.8	10.6	25.7	19.4	6.2	6.0	113.3
3 .....	900.2	245.1	71.8	543.3	433.7	109.6	40.0	102.0
4 .....	590.7	33.8	16.2	463.2	129.5	333.7	77.5	2.1
5 .....	3,125.4	1,392.5	351.4	1,262.4	752.0	510.3	119.2	159.9
6 .....	4,890.1	2,466.3	1,447.3	868.9	284.9	584.1	107.5	5.8
7 .....	12,013.2	7,006.5	4,360.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8 .....	2,900.6	1,728.5	969.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,735.0	737.1	165.0	797.8	659.0	138.8	35.1	113.5
10 .....	1,052.9	528.7	306.4	201.2	148.8	52.4	16.6	13.4
United States .....	27,286.2	14,165.0	7,702.6	4,913.1	2,558.8	2,354.3	505.5	515.3
	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 .....	(D)	(D)	0.4	(D)	32.3	1.5	30.8	
2 .....	123.5	122.1	1.0	0.4	148.7	17.0	131.8	
3 .....	4,548.1	4,536.2	10.8	1.1	118.6	9.7	109.0	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	736.0	(D)	57.8	11.6	46.2	
5 .....	27,064.3	25,811.2	1,197.2	55.9	342.7	31.3	311.4	
6 .....	4,564.6	4,563.0	1.0	0.5	39.0	8.9	30.0	
7 .....	40,319.6	39,561.8	577.6	180.1	8.8	0.4	8.4	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	4.3	(D)	884.4	37.1	847.3	
9 .....	2,094.6	2,094.0	0.5	0.1	256.2	6.0	250.1	
10 .....	282.3	281.8	0.3	0.2	33.1	2.4	30.7	
United States .....	96,334.6	93,496.3	2,529.1	309.2	1,921.5	125.9	1,795.7	

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

Species	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	January to November	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.4	98.1	98.3	98.4	98.4
Calves .....	98.6	98.3	98.2	98.5	98.5
Hogs .....	99.4	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	92.2	89.9	90.5	91.3	91.0

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Primary data for the *Livestock Slaughter* publication are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates.

There are nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and over 1,900 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 15). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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