



Livestock Slaughter

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Pork Production up 1 Percent from Last Year

January 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, down 4 percent from the 4.25 billion pounds produced in January 2014.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.42 million head, down 10 percent from January 2014. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,358 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.8 million pounds, 27 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,900 head, 37 percent below January 2014. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.10 billion pounds, 1 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.76 million head, slightly below January 2014. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was 7 percent below January 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 165,700 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 3 pounds from January a year ago.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January		
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,141.1	2,000.7	1,963.8	92	98	2,141.2	1,963.8	92
Veal	9.3	7.6	6.8	73	89	9.3	6.8	73
Pork	2,086.1	2,114.5	2,104.7	101	100	2,086.1	2,104.7	101
Lamb and mutton	12.4	13.4	11.5	93	86	12.4	11.5	93
Total red meat	4,249.0	4,136.2	4,086.9	96	99	4,249.0	4,086.9	96

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January		
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,111.5	1,973.4	1,936.3	92	98	2,111.5	1,936.3	92
Veal	9.2	7.5	6.7	73	89	9.2	6.7	73
Pork	2,074.3	2,103.1	2,093.5	101	100	2,074.3	2,093.5	101
Lamb and mutton	11.7	12.6	10.9	93	87	11.7	10.9	93
Total red meat	4,206.7	4,096.6	4,047.4	96	99	4,206.7	4,047.4	96

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

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

Species	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of 2014	January		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,633.8	2,397.9	2,376.5	90	2,633.8	2,376.5	90
Other 1,000	45.5	42.2	41.4	91	45.5	41.4	91
Commercial 1,000	2,679.3	2,440.2	2,418.0	90	2,679.3	2,418.0	90
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,338	1,367	1,362	102	1,338	1,362	102
Other pounds	1,146	1,142	1,167	102	1,146	1,167	102
Commercial pounds	1,334	1,363	1,358	102	1,334	1,358	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	62.0	42.2	39.3	63	62.0	39.3	63
Other 1,000	0.8	0.7	0.6	77	0.8	0.6	77
Commercial 1,000	62.8	43.0	39.9	63	62.8	39.9	63
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	251	302	290	115	251	290	115
Other pounds	362	353	370	102	362	370	102
Commercial pounds	253	302	291	115	253	291	115
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,726.2	9,787.9	9,698.4	100	9,726.2	9,698.4	100
Other 1,000	65.0	63.6	62.0	95	65.0	62.0	95
Commercial 1,000	9,791.2	9,851.4	9,760.4	100	9,791.2	9,760.4	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	284	287	287	101	284	287	101
Other pounds	248	244	247	100	248	247	100
Commercial pounds	284	286	287	101	284	287	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	166.9	182.8	151.9	91	166.9	151.9	91
Other 1,000	13.7	17.1	13.7	100	13.7	13.7	100
Commercial 1,000	180.7	200.0	165.7	92	180.7	165.7	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	140	137	143	102	140	143	102
Other pounds	107	99	104	97	107	104	97
Commercial pounds	137	134	140	102	137	140	102
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	35.4	47.4	35.0	99	35.4	35.0	99
Other 1,000	13.3	14.4	11.3	85	13.3	11.3	85
Commercial 1,000	48.8	61.7	46.3	95	48.8	46.3	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	62	62	98	64	62	98
Other pounds	69	81	80	117	69	80	117
Commercial pounds	65	66	67	102	65	67	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.8	4.4	4.8	100	4.8	4.8	100
Other 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.8	84	0.9	0.8	84
Commercial 1,000	5.7	5.1	5.6	98	5.7	5.6	98

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.6	0.7	0.6	99
Alaska	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	37.8	38.3	37.5	99
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	0.4	92
California	153.2	117.9	113.7	74
Colorado	188.5	178.2	167.0	89
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.7	2.5	96
Florida	9.3	7.7	7.7	83
Georgia	14.4	10.9	10.1	70
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.8	99
Idaho	4.0	3.8	3.6	92
Illinois	275.9	272.0	276.0	100
Indiana	161.2	155.7	153.8	95
Iowa	600.8	605.8	609.1	101
Kansas	443.0	414.5	410.0	93
Kentucky	46.8	47.4	46.9	100
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	114
Michigan	39.6	40.3	37.4	94
Minnesota	238.8	219.9	227.9	95
Mississippi	1.1	0.5	0.4	36
Missouri	170.0	167.8	170.0	100
Montana	0.8	1.8	0.8	103
Nebraska	639.5	624.1	618.5	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	130
New England ¹	1.5	1.9	1.5	100
New Jersey	3.9	3.9	3.3	86
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.3	98
New York	3.1	3.1	2.8	93
North Carolina	212.9	230.7	217.8	102
North Dakota	0.7	0.6	0.7	101
Ohio	23.3	24.8	21.0	90
Oklahoma	85.3	101.1	102.1	120
Oregon	6.4	6.4	6.3	99
Pennsylvania	109.6	119.5	111.2	101
South Carolina	20.2	21.8	20.7	102
South Dakota	108.8	99.1	101.7	93
Tennessee	19.4	26.0	20.6	106
Texas	357.1	331.0	335.0	94
Utah	42.3	39.2	38.9	92
Virginia	44.3	47.9	47.3	107
Washington	72.6	71.0	66.7	92
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	0.6	96
Wisconsin	106.7	94.9	92.5	87
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.4	83
United States	4,249.0	4,136.2	4,086.9	96

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	0.5	0.4	433	389	949	1,027
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	64	(X)	979	(X)
Arizona	48.6	46.6	65,166	63,002	1,344	1,353
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	501	449	980	1,027
California	151.1	111.9	199,528	145,941	1,328	1,316
Colorado	210.2	185.0	290,377	259,546	1,383	1,405
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.6	3,483	3,367	1,280	1,289
Florida	(D)	11.7	(D)	14,695	(D)	1,272
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	977	1,027	1,097	1,135
Idaho	2.7	3.0	3,032	3,422	1,169	1,204
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	3.4	3,598	3,637	1,067	1,057
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	512.1	467.4	686,387	636,671	1,341	1,363
Kentucky	1.4	1.3	1,391	1,424	972	1,075
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	337	405	855	854
Michigan	44.4	41.1	60,877	57,089	1,381	1,398
Minnesota	69.3	50.2	96,484	73,955	1,399	1,480
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	57	94	757	834
Missouri	5.5	5.3	6,298	6,168	1,142	1,167
Montana	0.9	0.9	1,132	1,121	1,204	1,188
Nebraska	583.5	543.2	814,820	773,920	1,398	1,426
Nevada	0.1	0.1	80	95	940	1,032
New England ¹	1.6	1.6	1,673	1,732	1,053	1,087
New Jersey	2.9	2.6	3,110	2,809	1,075	1,073
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	352	318	1,023	1,045
New York	3.0	2.7	3,337	3,163	1,146	1,170
North Carolina	6.1	5.5	7,331	6,706	1,200	1,222
North Dakota	0.9	0.9	1,131	1,147	1,219	1,238
Ohio	8.8	5.0	10,262	5,741	1,173	1,151
Oklahoma	2.2	2.2	2,250	2,185	1,002	1,009
Oregon	5.6	5.1	6,841	6,278	1,241	1,241
Pennsylvania	84.4	83.6	101,005	101,703	1,201	1,221
South Carolina	13.6	15.2	15,307	18,444	1,134	1,228
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.5	5.4	3,905	4,898	878	928
Texas	459.4	421.9	581,977	549,009	1,270	1,305
Utah	49.9	46.7	68,648	63,080	1,377	1,351
Virginia	1.2	1.2	1,232	1,250	987	1,077
Washington	89.6	81.3	119,741	109,608	1,340	1,351
West Virginia	0.9	0.8	934	843	986	1,040
Wisconsin	126.2	103.7	173,482	143,115	1,383	1,388
Wyoming	0.7	0.6	754	594	1,061	1,080
United States	2,679.3	2,418.0	3,567,305	3,277,015	1,334	1,358

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	14.3	7.5	1,292	752	91	102
Colorado	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Georgia	0.1	(Y)	45	(X)	525	(X)
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	1.1	0.5	472	224	430	430
Indiana	0.6	0.6	159	150	269	250
Iowa	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	0.1	(Y)	45	(X)	442	(X)
Michigan	0.1	0.1	27	25	308	302
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nebraska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.7	0.3	92	50	123	175
New Jersey	4.9	4.3	2,073	1,879	419	437
New Mexico	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York	8.5	4.8	993	618	118	130
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	39	32	430	478
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.9	7.4	4,401	3,190	403	430
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.8	0.1	468	81	559	572
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	(D)	1.1	(D)	80	(D)	73
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	7.2	5.6	3,265	2,661	453	472
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	62.8	39.9	15,801	11,533	253	291

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.6	1.7	586	614	374	372
Alaska	0.1	0.1	21	18	245	279
Arizona	0.1	0.2	32	43	267	262
Arkansas	0.8	0.8	198	220	263	269
California	212.8	177.8	51,543	44,608	242	251
Colorado	1.4	1.2	297	313	215	253
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.5	432	407	262	268
Florida	3.0	5.5	512	707	170	128
Georgia	7.1	5.2	1,744	1,248	245	242
Hawaii	1.2	1.0	296	252	251	247
Idaho	12.0	9.3	3,109	2,460	259	264
Illinois	980.4	963.7	281,483	278,912	287	289
Indiana	745.4	709.3	208,559	199,181	280	281
Iowa	2,633.1	2,637.3	748,624	759,198	284	288
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.9	1.0	186	220	204	222
Michigan	15.4	15.1	6,290	6,072	408	404
Minnesota	922.5	910.1	252,057	252,541	273	278
Mississippi	5.4	2.9	1,459	432	273	148
Missouri	761.2	758.3	220,241	220,334	289	291
Montana	0.8	0.8	211	230	265	271
Nebraska	660.6	692.6	184,628	196,083	279	283
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	19	(X)	259
New England ¹	2.0	2.0	533	527	264	265
New Jersey	11.9	7.5	1,109	751	93	100
New Mexico	0.1	0.2	37	58	276	280
New York	2.7	2.7	581	664	217	247
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.4	0.3	124	103	287	313
Ohio	77.1	80.7	22,252	22,872	289	284
Oklahoma	385.3	474.1	109,954	132,349	285	279
Oregon	13.8	14.4	3,552	3,807	257	264
Pennsylvania	237.5	245.2	64,523	66,713	272	272
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	57.4	60.1	26,007	27,151	453	453
Texas	27.7	21.0	7,235	5,303	261	252
Utah	6.0	3.6	957	587	160	165
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.6	106	150	265	274
Wisconsin	49.0	51.0	21,691	23,229	444	456
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	69	88	275	268
United States	9,791.2	9,760.4	2,775,676	2,800,163	284	287

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: January 2014 and 2015

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	36	35	123	132
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	6	5	101	81
California	26.2	22.6	3,731	3,297	142	146
Colorado	75.8	69.6	11,903	11,052	157	159
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	3.0	328	301	96	100
Florida	0.5	0.4	30	25	64	67
Georgia	0.8	0.9	58	59	74	66
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	11	135	141
Idaho	0.2	0.2	27	21	146	138
Illinois	11.6	(D)	1,708	(D)	147	(D)
Indiana	3.4	2.9	392	337	115	117
Iowa	0.2	0.2	34	38	162	181
Kansas	0.4	0.4	35	41	86	92
Kentucky	1.1	1.1	135	131	126	124
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	24	20	70	64
Michigan	16.7	16.5	2,260	2,365	135	144
Minnesota	0.5	0.4	54	44	114	117
Mississippi	0.3	0.3	19	22	76	71
Missouri	0.7	0.8	73	72	100	91
Montana	0.2	0.2	21	28	110	123
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	11	11	129	132
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	11	(X)	128
New England ¹	2.7	2.2	258	233	95	104
New Jersey	8.0	7.5	654	589	82	78
New Mexico	0.7	0.6	107	92	146	151
New York	4.0	4.1	395	431	99	105
North Carolina	0.8	0.8	57	63	70	76
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.0	1.0	105	97	105	101
Oklahoma	0.1	0.2	9	20	112	87
Oregon	2.2	2.3	317	337	143	146
Pennsylvania	5.2	4.2	516	474	100	113
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.3	25	41	131	163
Tennessee	1.0	0.8	70	63	69	76
Texas	7.2	6.3	727	623	101	99
Utah	(D)	2.0	(D)	284	(D)	145
Virginia	0.2	0.3	24	28	99	92
Washington	0.5	1.0	84	132	164	133
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.9	0.9	118	109	132	127
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	19	14	150	141
United States	180.7	165.7	24,783	23,138	137	140

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January	
				2014	2015				2014	2015
	(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	1,300	1,213	1,209	1,300	1,209	49.4	50.6	50.9	49.4	50.9
Heifers	752	675	649	752	649	28.5	28.2	27.3	28.5	27.3
All cows	540	467	481	540	481	20.5	19.5	20.2	20.5	20.2
Dairy cows	270	257	275	270	275	10.3	10.7	11.6	10.3	11.6
Other cows	269	210	205	269	205	10.2	8.8	8.6	10.2	8.6
Bulls	42	42	38	42	38	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
Total	2,634	2,398	2,377	2,634	2,377	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	62	42	39	62	39	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,459	9,501	9,435	9,459	9,435	97.3	97.1	97.3	97.3	97.3
Sows	240	258	235	240	235	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4
Boars	28	28	28	28	28	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,726	9,788	9,698	9,726	9,698	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10	10	9	10	9	6.1	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.8
Lambs and yearlings	157	172	143	157	143	93.9	94.3	94.2	93.9	94.2
Total	167	183	152	167	152	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	803	825	817	803	817
Steers ¹	873	897	884	873	884
Heifers ¹	808	824	814	808	814
All cows ¹	623	631	642	623	642
Bulls ¹	874	898	912	874	912
Calves and vealers	148	179	172	148	172
Hogs	213	215	216	213	216
Barrows and gilts ²	211	213	214	211	214
Sows ²	302	303	305	302	305
Boars ²	203	201	201	203	201
Sheep	70	69	72	70	72
Mature sheep ³	65	65	68	65	68
Lambs and yearlings ³	70	69	72	70	72

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle						Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1	1.4	0.6	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.3
2	5.2	1.5	0.9	2.3	1.8	0.5	0.5	9.1
3	85.0	21.0	5.4	55.7	45.1	10.6	2.9	7.6
4	54.6	2.8	1.5	44.3	15.8	28.4	6.1	0.1
5	267.5	122.2	33.7	103.5	65.4	38.1	8.1	13.6
6	420.5	211.7	118.7	81.8	34.7	47.1	8.3	0.1
7	1,050.1	597.8	381.8	63.5	4.4	59.1	6.9	(D)
8	244.4	152.6	70.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	159.1	53.6	13.0	90.0	80.5	9.5	2.4	7.3
10	88.6	44.8	23.2	20.0	16.9	3.1	0.7	1.1
United States	2,376.5	1,208.7	649.3	480.9	275.4	205.5	37.7	39.3
	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	1.7	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	2.1	0.1	2.0	
2	10.0	9.9	0.1	(Y)	11.1	1.0	10.1	
3	453.2	452.3	0.8	0.1	8.0	1.4	6.5	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	6.9	3.7	0.9	2.8	
5	2,703.4	2,588.2	110.5	4.7	27.8	2.1	25.7	
6	491.8	491.2	0.2	0.4	2.9	0.5	2.4	
7	4,100.9	4,031.1	53.6	16.2	0.7	(Y)	0.7	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	71.3	2.0	69.3	
9	173.8	173.8	(Y)	(Y)	21.7	0.5	21.2	
10	24.8	24.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.5	0.3	2.2	
United States	9,698.4	9,435.0	235.1	28.4	151.9	8.8	143.2	

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

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

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

Species	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.3	98.3
Calves	98.8	98.3	98.5	98.8	98.5
Hogs	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.4
Sheep	92.4	91.4	91.7	92.4	91.7

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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