



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Pork Production for April

April 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in April, up 1 percent from the 3.98 billion pounds produced in April 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 8 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 21 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,400 head, down 27 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.68 million head, up 9 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2015 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014.

Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 23 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,043.1	1,931.6	1,928.5	94	100	7,910.7	7,592.6	96
Veal	8.4	6.9	6.6	79	96	34.6	26.7	77
Pork	1,911.0	2,111.5	2,066.8	108	98	7,695.4	8,228.2	107
Lamb and mutton	15.2	14.3	13.6	90	96	52.4	51.1	98
Total red meat	3,977.7	4,064.3	4,015.5	101	99	15,693.0	15,898.5	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,017.5	1,907.2	1,903.9	94	100	7,804.6	7,492.0	96
Veal	8.3	6.8	6.5	79	96	34.0	26.2	77
Pork	1,899.4	2,099.1	2,055.0	108	98	7,651.1	8,182.2	107
Lamb and mutton	14.3	13.5	12.8	89	95	49.5	48.0	97
Total red meat	3,939.4	4,026.6	3,978.1	101	99	15,539.1	15,748.4	101

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

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

Species	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of 2014	January to April		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,555.7	2,341.5	2,345.9	92	9,806.1	9,198.4	94
Other 1,000	39.6	36.9	37.0	93	163.3	151.8	93
Commercial 1,000	2,595.3	2,378.4	2,382.9	92	9,969.5	9,350.2	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,308	1,351	1,341	103	1,325	1,353	102
Other pounds	1,135	1,161	1,154	102	1,145	1,160	101
Commercial pounds	1,306	1,348	1,338	102	1,322	1,350	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	48.0	39.2	34.7	72	214.4	149.3	70
Other 1,000	0.7	0.5	0.6	85	2.9	2.3	81
Commercial 1,000	48.8	39.7	35.4	73	217.2	151.7	70
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	292	294	317	108	270	298	110
Other pounds	383	370	381	99	379	380	100
Commercial pounds	294	295	318	108	271	299	110
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,793.8	9,817.6	9,611.9	109	35,742.6	38,145.6	107
Other 1,000	64.3	68.1	64.3	100	246.9	253.4	103
Commercial 1,000	8,858.1	9,885.7	9,676.1	109	35,989.5	38,399.0	107
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	287	285	285	99	285	286	100
Other pounds	246	248	250	102	245	247	101
Commercial pounds	287	285	284	99	285	285	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	204.0	190.0	179.1	88	702.8	672.0	96
Other 1,000	17.5	14.6	19.0	109	57.0	62.1	109
Commercial 1,000	221.5	204.6	198.2	89	759.8	734.1	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	140	142	142	102	140	143	102
Other pounds	106	112	94	89	105	104	100
Commercial pounds	137	140	138	101	138	140	101
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	41.6	38.2	35.5	85	145.0	136.9	94
Other 1,000	12.4	10.3	10.5	85	48.1	41.5	86
Commercial 1,000	53.9	48.5	46.0	85	193.0	178.4	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	63	63	98	64	63	98
Other pounds	74	82	81	109	71	81	114
Commercial pounds	66	67	67	101	66	67	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.2	4.6	3.9	93	17.5	17.3	99
Other 1,000	0.7	1.1	0.7	102	3.3	3.3	102
Commercial 1,000	4.9	5.7	4.6	94	20.8	20.7	99

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	0.8	0.8	88
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	33.3	35.9	35.9	108
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	0.4	95
California	138.7	109.3	106.7	77
Colorado	181.0	175.3	169.5	94
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.9	2.7	106
Florida	8.5	7.7	8.4	98
Georgia	2.1	11.0	11.2	527
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.8	110
Idaho	3.4	3.7	3.4	99
Illinois	252.6	279.7	266.1	105
Indiana	151.7	150.9	154.2	102
Iowa	556.8	608.6	598.7	108
Kansas	425.4	412.2	409.5	96
Kentucky	45.2	49.5	47.8	106
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	0.5	103
Michigan	45.9	37.2	36.2	79
Minnesota	208.8	223.0	215.2	103
Mississippi	0.6	0.6	0.5	94
Missouri	162.4	169.1	163.6	101
Montana	1.4	0.8	1.4	100
Nebraska	584.3	601.8	581.1	99
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	119
New England ¹	1.6	1.5	1.6	102
New Jersey	4.0	4.0	3.7	92
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	0.3	108
New York	2.8	2.6	2.9	101
North Carolina	181.9	227.2	215.2	118
North Dakota	0.8	0.8	0.7	85
Ohio	21.7	23.2	21.3	98
Oklahoma	93.8	97.8	108.7	116
Oregon	6.2	6.5	6.2	100
Pennsylvania	107.4	112.2	111.5	104
South Carolina	21.4	21.3	21.0	98
South Dakota	88.1	104.7	103.8	118
Tennessee	18.2	21.3	18.3	100
Texas	365.6	319.6	341.7	93
Utah	39.0	37.8	39.1	100
Virginia	37.4	45.8	43.8	117
Washington	72.1	66.3	71.0	99
West Virginia	0.4	0.5	0.5	107
Wisconsin	107.3	88.7	89.5	83
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.4	98
United States	3,977.7	4,064.3	4,015.5	101

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	0.7	0.6	694	589	1,016	1,038
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	43.1	45.0	56,948	60,468	1,326	1,347
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	452	382	948	1,008
California	137.4	95.7	177,020	127,768	1,296	1,347
Colorado	211.2	191.7	276,742	258,574	1,311	1,350
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.9	3,555	3,899	1,270	1,325
Florida	(D)	12.7	(D)	15,912	(D)	1,260
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	946	1,040	1,107	1,171
Idaho	2.3	2.4	2,421	2,691	1,159	1,237
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2.9	2.9	3,127	3,105	1,068	1,065
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	511.9	477.3	657,363	630,743	1,285	1,322
Kentucky	1.3	1.2	1,335	1,261	989	1,039
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	369	457	799	916
Michigan	53.1	40.1	71,328	54,498	1,350	1,369
Minnesota	56.7	47.1	81,996	71,013	1,453	1,515
Mississippi	0.1	0.3	72	223	762	872
Missouri	5.4	3.7	5,745	4,122	1,075	1,131
Montana	1.8	1.6	2,002	1,965	1,086	1,198
Nebraska	544.9	512.1	739,981	720,806	1,359	1,409
Nevada	0.1	0.1	108	110	932	1,002
New England ¹	1.5	1.6	1,672	1,789	1,098	1,144
New Jersey	2.9	2.9	3,174	3,043	1,083	1,073
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	252	268	1,052	1,025
New York	2.6	2.7	3,051	3,106	1,166	1,163
North Carolina	6.4	5.4	7,795	6,533	1,219	1,218
North Dakota	1.0	0.8	1,258	1,004	1,226	1,229
Ohio	8.2	7.3	9,628	8,467	1,189	1,172
Oklahoma	2.1	2.5	2,244	2,740	1,045	1,082
Oregon	5.0	5.0	6,051	6,280	1,228	1,266
Pennsylvania	83.5	81.9	101,890	99,928	1,225	1,225
South Carolina	15.0	14.4	17,419	17,824	1,172	1,250
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.6	5.0	3,950	4,710	879	958
Texas	471.1	429.1	593,560	551,093	1,263	1,288
Utah	47.7	46.5	63,726	62,939	1,339	1,355
Virginia	1.1	0.8	1,156	913	1,077	1,093
Washington	90.1	86.6	117,654	115,554	1,309	1,337
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	561	510	998	1,041
Wisconsin	122.3	96.7	168,561	133,281	1,386	1,386
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	556	539	1,113	1,146
United States	2,595.3	2,382.9	3,381,709	3,181,809	1,306	1,338

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	10.2	7.0	1,039	681	102	98
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	0.1	38	42	556	543
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	1.2	0.8	498	352	427	436
Indiana	0.4	0.4	135	143	340	358
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)	47	(X)	498	(X)
Michigan	0.1	0.1	42	33	302	311
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	0.4	0.3	72	45	178	173
New Jersey	5.3	4.7	2,240	1,962	426	421
New Mexico	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York	5.1	3.0	627	480	124	164
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	36	(X)	474	(X)
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	10.2	7.1	4,149	3,054	406	432
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.9	0.2	493	138	563	596
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	(D)	0.9	(D)	62	(D)	70
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.8	5.3	3,131	2,466	464	463
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	48.8	35.4	14,251	11,183	294	318

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	2.1	1.9	751	684	356	360
Alaska	0.1	0.1	20	22	264	241
Arizona	0.3	0.2	67	48	254	247
Arkansas	0.9	0.9	230	251	253	272
California	190.4	186.3	47,342	46,164	249	248
Colorado	1.2	1.2	300	308	255	247
Delaware-Maryland	1.2	1.1	313	283	251	249
Florida	2.9	3.7	572	622	198	171
Georgia	5.7	5.8	1,384	1,405	242	244
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	253	268	234	252
Idaho	10.9	10.0	2,819	2,586	259	260
Illinois	867.3	953.3	251,575	275,450	290	289
Indiana	694.3	716.3	196,372	200,473	283	280
Iowa	2,385.6	2,604.1	690,060	740,370	289	284
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.1	0.9	237	211	207	228
Michigan	15.2	14.5	6,016	5,498	396	379
Minnesota	801.3	873.4	221,408	237,144	276	272
Mississippi	3.6	3.3	710	536	197	160
Missouri	722.4	733.7	210,513	213,473	292	291
Montana	1.5	1.2	325	300	219	261
Nebraska	595.5	654.6	168,765	182,354	283	279
Nevada	0.1	0.1	15	32	248	261
New England ¹	2.0	2.1	526	533	269	260
New Jersey	7.8	7.6	732	745	94	98
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	31	40	254	272
New York	2.8	3.1	661	763	235	244
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.3	64	95	288	303
Ohio	74.5	76.8	21,022	21,313	283	278
Oklahoma	418.7	498.6	121,116	140,550	289	282
Oregon	14.2	13.7	3,684	3,573	260	260
Pennsylvania	227.9	249.3	60,528	67,372	266	270
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	54.2	52.0	24,147	23,694	446	456
Texas	22.4	23.9	5,715	5,844	256	245
Utah	2.7	4.5	533	680	196	151
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.7	91	181	256	275
Wisconsin	55.5	55.2	24,437	25,272	441	459
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	78	88	244	294
United States	8,858.1	9,676.1	2,542,383	2,751,047	287	284

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	74	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	44	46	133	144
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	6	8	96	97
California	26.5	27.3	3,856	3,994	146	147
Colorado	86.6	73.0	14,297	12,524	165	172
Delaware-Maryland	4.5	3.7	430	362	96	99
Florida	1.4	1.3	77	79	55	61
Georgia	1.2	0.9	83	69	70	79
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	8	21	131	138
Idaho	0.1	0.1	18	12	148	135
Illinois	15.3	(D)	2,417	(D)	158	(D)
Indiana	5.1	5.0	560	544	110	108
Iowa	0.2	0.3	35	46	156	184
Kansas	0.4	0.5	43	38	98	77
Kentucky	1.3	1.3	151	163	120	121
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	25	32	68	81
Michigan	17.1	16.9	2,305	2,392	135	141
Minnesota	0.4	0.3	50	29	123	110
Mississippi	0.5	0.3	47	15	95	58
Missouri	0.9	0.8	101	68	114	85
Montana	0.4	0.3	47	35	128	116
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	132
New England ¹	4.5	3.7	400	326	89	87
New Jersey	14.7	12.0	1,077	906	74	76
New Mexico	0.7	0.8	109	126	151	153
New York	6.4	5.4	542	496	85	92
North Carolina	1.5	1.1	103	82	70	74
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.5	1.7	161	192	104	116
Oklahoma	0.2	0.3	16	35	92	108
Oregon	3.0	2.5	445	381	147	155
Pennsylvania	9.5	6.9	942	656	99	95
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.3	36	40	155	153
Tennessee	1.4	1.1	89	83	65	76
Texas	9.8	8.8	1,062	708	109	81
Utah	(D)	2.2	(D)	301	(D)	138
Virginia	0.3	0.2	31	22	93	95
Washington	0.9	0.9	128	116	136	135
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.9	0.9	103	104	110	115
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	12	11	136	152
United States	221.5	198.2	30,296	27,247	137	138

(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	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	January to April		April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	January to April	
				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	1,333.2	1,178.6	1,235.4	4,929.3	4,677.6	52.2	50.3	52.7	50.3	50.9
Heifers	714.8	676.0	635.4	2,802.7	2,588.1	28.0	28.9	27.1	28.6	28.1
All cows	458.2	449.4	434.4	1,898.8	1,786.9	17.9	19.2	18.5	19.4	19.4
Dairy cows	229.8	260.7	242.8	982.3	1,021.2	9.0	11.1	10.4	10.0	11.1
Other cows	228.4	188.6	191.5	916.5	765.7	8.9	8.1	8.2	9.3	8.3
Bulls	49.5	37.5	40.7	175.4	145.7	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6
Total	2,555.7	2,341.5	2,345.9	9,806.1	9,198.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	48.0	39.2	34.7	214.4	149.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,526.9	9,547.3	9,353.8	34,707.2	37,111.3	97.0	97.2	97.3	97.1	97.3
Sows	236.9	247.3	234.1	922.4	938.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.5
Boars	30.0	23.0	24.0	113.1	95.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total	8,793.8	9,817.6	9,611.9	35,742.6	38,145.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12.7	9.5	9.7	41.9	35.7	6.2	5.0	5.4	6.0	5.3
Lambs and yearlings	191.3	180.5	169.4	660.9	636.3	93.8	95.0	94.6	94.0	94.7
Total	204.0	190.0	179.1	702.8	672.0	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	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	January to April	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	791	816	813	798	816
Steers ¹	845	873	868	859	876
Heifers ¹	783	818	807	798	814
All cows ¹	632	656	654	628	653
Bulls ¹	906	927	934	891	923
Calves and vealers	173	174	188	159	176
Hogs	216	214	214	214	215
Barrows and gilts ²	214	211	211	212	212
Sows ²	303	308	310	302	307
Boars ²	204	208	206	204	204
Sheep	70	71	71	70	72
Mature sheep ³	66	67	67	66	67
Lambs and yearlings ³	70	71	71	71	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: April 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	0.5	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2	5.5	1.6	1.2	2.2	2.0	0.3	0.4	7.6
3	84.1	24.1	4.8	51.0	40.8	10.2	4.2	7.3
4	55.7	3.3	1.7	44.3	14.3	30.0	6.5	0.1
5	252.7	122.2	26.1	96.7	62.4	34.3	7.8	11.1
6	427.4	237.1	110.7	71.7	29.2	42.5	8.0	0.2
7	1,034.5	588.9	380.3	57.6	4.3	53.3	7.8	(D)
8	249.6	154.9	75.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	141.3	52.8	11.8	73.7	65.3	8.4	3.0	6.8
10	93.6	50.0	23.3	19.0	14.7	4.4	1.3	1.3
United States	2,345.9	1,235.4	635.4	434.4	242.8	191.5	40.7	34.7
	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	1.7	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.5	0.2	3.4	
2	10.5	10.4	0.1	(Y)	17.0	1.3	15.7	
3	448.9	448.1	0.8	0.1	11.2	1.1	10.1	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.4	5.8	1.0	4.8	
5	2,662.4	2,535.7	122.3	4.5	33.5	2.3	31.2	
6	517.0	517.0	(Y)	(Y)	3.2	0.5	2.8	
7	4,008.1	3,936.1	53.1	18.9	0.9	(Y)	0.8	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	75.0	2.3	72.6	
9	183.0	183.0	(Y)	(Y)	26.3	0.7	25.6	
10	25.3	25.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.7	0.3	2.4	
United States	9,611.9	9,353.8	234.1	24.0	179.1	9.7	169.4	

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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 April 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)	(1,000 head)
1	5.4	2.1	1.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.1
2	20.4	5.9	4.1	8.7	7.2	1.5	1.7	35.1
3	328.9	86.1	22.8	207.9	167.6	40.2	12.2	29.1
4	207.6	12.0	5.7	166.3	58.7	107.6	23.5	0.5
5	1,018.6	480.5	112.4	395.2	251.8	143.3	30.6	47.4
6	1,629.9	863.4	441.1	295.4	132.1	163.3	30.1	1.0
7	4,073.7	2,265.8	1,532.2	248.5	16.8	231.6	27.2	(D)
8	975.1	566.5	332.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	587.0	213.6	44.5	319.1	287.3	31.8	9.9	30.1
10	351.9	181.8	91.8	74.6	61.1	13.5	3.6	4.9
United States	9,198.4	4,677.6	2,588.1	1,786.9	1,021.2	765.7	145.7	149.3
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	6.4	6.1	0.2	0.1	10.3	0.5	9.8	
2	43.1	42.6	0.4	0.1	56.5	4.5	52.0	
3	1,769.5	1,765.7	3.6	0.2	37.7	4.7	32.9	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	8.7	17.9	3.8	14.1	
5	10,603.7	10,126.1	459.5	18.1	122.0	8.9	113.1	
6	1,945.1	1,943.7	0.9	0.6	13.4	2.1	11.4	
7	16,018.4	15,736.0	214.5	68.0	3.0	0.1	2.9	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	303.6	7.7	296.0	
9	713.5	713.3	0.1	(Y)	96.7	2.4	94.3	
10	100.6	100.4	0.1	(Y)	11.0	1.1	9.9	
United States	38,145.6	37,111.3	938.5	95.8	672.0	35.7	636.3	

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

Species	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	January to April	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.5	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.5	98.7	98.2	98.7	98.5
Hogs	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	92.1	92.9	90.4	92.5	91.5

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 approximately 800 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and nearly 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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