



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Record Low Lamb and Mutton Production for May

**May 2014** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**May 2015** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in May, down 4 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in May 2014.

**Beef production**, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 10 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,332 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.6 million pounds, 16 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,200 head, down 29 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 335 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.86 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.75 million head, up 1 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.9 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,500 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago.

**January to May 2015 commercial red meat production** was 19.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 22 percent, pork was up 6 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		
				May 2014	April 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,071.7	1,928.5	1,924.9	93	100	9,982.3	9,517.4	95
Veal .....	7.8	6.6	6.6	84	99	42.4	33.2	78
Pork .....	1,859.1	2,066.8	1,861.9	100	90	9,554.4	10,090.0	106
Lamb and mutton .....	13.9	13.6	11.9	86	87	66.2	63.0	95
Total red meat .....	3,952.4	4,015.5	3,805.2	96	95	19,645.3	19,703.7	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		
				May 2014	April 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,046.8	1,903.9	1,902.6	93	100	9,851.4	9,394.6	95
Veal .....	7.6	6.5	6.5	84	99	41.7	32.6	78
Pork .....	1,849.0	2,055.0	1,851.3	100	90	9,500.1	10,033.5	106
Lamb and mutton .....	13.0	12.8	11.1	85	87	62.4	59.1	95
Total red meat .....	3,916.5	3,978.1	3,771.4	96	95	19,455.6	19,519.8	100

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

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

Species	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of 2014	January to May		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,597.2	2,345.9	2,344.9	90	12,403.4	11,543.3	93
Other ..... 1,000	38.3	37.0	33.6	88	201.6	185.4	92
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,635.6	2,382.9	2,378.5	90	12,605.0	11,728.7	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,302	1,341	1,335	103	1,320	1,349	102
Other ..... pounds	1,137	1,154	1,153	101	1,143	1,159	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,299	1,338	1,332	103	1,317	1,346	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	45.9	34.7	32.7	71	260.3	182.0	70
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.6	0.6	74	3.6	2.9	80
Commercial ..... 1,000	46.6	35.4	33.2	71	263.9	184.9	70
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	283	317	334	118	272	304	112
Other ..... pounds	377	381	376	100	378	379	100
Commercial ..... pounds	285	318	335	118	274	305	112
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,561.4	9,611.9	8,686.1	101	44,304.0	46,831.7	106
Other ..... 1,000	57.0	64.3	59.0	103	303.9	312.4	103
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,618.4	9,676.1	8,745.1	101	44,607.9	47,144.1	106
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	287	285	284	99	285	285	100
Other ..... pounds	240	250	245	102	244	247	101
Commercial ..... pounds	287	284	284	99	285	285	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	176.5	179.1	152.7	87	879.3	824.7	94
Other ..... 1,000	17.4	19.0	15.8	90	74.4	77.9	105
Commercial ..... 1,000	194.0	198.2	168.5	87	953.7	902.6	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	147	142	145	99	142	143	101
Other ..... pounds	107	94	110	103	105	105	100
Commercial ..... pounds	143	138	141	99	139	140	101
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	39.8	35.5	33.8	85	184.8	170.7	92
Other ..... 1,000	13.0	10.5	9.7	74	61.1	51.1	84
Commercial ..... 1,000	52.8	46.0	43.4	82	245.8	221.8	90
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	66	63	62	94	64	63	97
Other ..... pounds	75	81	88	118	72	82	114
Commercial ..... pounds	68	67	68	100	66	67	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.6	3.9	4.5	96	22.2	21.8	98
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.6	95	3.9	3.9	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	5.2	4.6	5.0	96	26.0	25.7	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	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.6	0.8	0.8	121
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	33.5	35.9	34.2	102
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	77
California .....	125.9	106.7	103.2	82
Colorado .....	179.9	169.5	172.0	96
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.7	2.6	96
Florida .....	8.8	8.4	8.2	93
Georgia .....	3.7	11.2	9.9	265
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.8	0.7	92
Idaho .....	3.5	3.4	3.2	93
Illinois .....	249.9	266.1	251.3	101
Indiana .....	147.4	154.2	138.8	94
Iowa .....	535.1	598.7	539.4	101
Kansas .....	448.6	409.5	432.0	96
Kentucky .....	41.7	47.8	39.8	95
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	97
Michigan .....	36.9	36.2	31.8	86
Minnesota .....	201.5	215.2	194.5	97
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.5	0.5	128
Missouri .....	163.3	163.6	154.1	94
Montana .....	1.3	1.4	1.4	107
Nebraska .....	609.3	581.1	586.6	96
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	126
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.6	1.7	111
New Jersey .....	4.0	3.7	3.7	91
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.3	0.2	95
New York .....	2.8	2.9	2.8	100
North Carolina .....	189.1	215.2	190.9	101
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.7	0.6	100
Ohio .....	21.1	21.3	20.5	97
Oklahoma .....	77.7	108.7	91.3	117
Oregon .....	6.2	6.2	6.2	99
Pennsylvania .....	102.4	111.5	101.8	99
South Carolina .....	21.0	21.0	20.7	99
South Dakota .....	89.5	103.8	86.4	97
Tennessee .....	16.9	18.3	16.8	100
Texas .....	377.1	341.7	334.8	89
Utah .....	38.2	39.1	35.0	92
Virginia .....	37.4	43.8	37.1	99
Washington .....	74.2	71.0	67.2	91
West Virginia .....	0.3	0.5	0.4	118
Wisconsin .....	95.9	89.5	80.9	84
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	88
United States .....	3,952.4	4,015.5	3,805.2	96

(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.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 .....	0.4	0.4	394	425	1,051	1,079
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	43.4	42.2	57,115	56,933	1,319	1,353
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.3	441	338	939	1,028
California .....	121.3	89.2	155,466	121,107	1,291	1,369
Colorado .....	212.8	198.8	275,360	264,665	1,295	1,332
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.0	2.7	3,832	3,662	1,290	1,335
Florida .....	(D)	12.8	(D)	15,764	(D)	1,236
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.8	1,055	896	1,103	1,126
Idaho .....	2.2	2.3	2,508	2,660	1,202	1,253
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2.8	3.1	2,939	3,341	1,060	1,064
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	536.8	502.1	695,842	666,815	1,297	1,328
Kentucky .....	1.2	1.1	1,223	1,144	1,004	1,034
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.5	422	452	776	913
Michigan .....	41.4	34.8	55,785	48,043	1,354	1,387
Minnesota .....	55.8	43.7	79,757	65,088	1,438	1,498
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	78	189	830	841
Missouri .....	5.0	3.2	5,519	3,597	1,105	1,127
Montana .....	1.8	1.7	2,038	2,027	1,136	1,165
Nebraska .....	583.3	537.2	781,416	744,280	1,341	1,387
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	131	147	1,019	1,045
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	1.8	1,630	2,010	1,078	1,122
New Jersey .....	3.1	2.9	3,446	3,175	1,102	1,103
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	255	230	1,032	1,023
New York .....	2.9	2.8	3,320	3,163	1,154	1,140
North Carolina .....	5.6	4.9	6,807	5,909	1,216	1,211
North Dakota .....	0.8	0.8	1,007	1,005	1,224	1,271
Ohio .....	9.4	6.6	10,973	7,645	1,177	1,171
Oklahoma .....	2.0	2.5	2,133	2,627	1,050	1,067
Oregon .....	5.5	5.2	6,603	6,330	1,217	1,244
Pennsylvania .....	78.3	74.2	95,183	89,535	1,219	1,211
South Carolina .....	14.5	13.9	17,096	17,376	1,187	1,263
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	4.1	4.2	3,625	3,885	909	950
Texas .....	489.2	421.7	612,351	538,887	1,254	1,281
Utah .....	48.1	42.8	62,048	56,442	1,292	1,319
Virginia .....	0.9	0.7	986	742	1,098	1,107
Washington .....	92.5	81.7	121,088	109,239	1,313	1,341
West Virginia .....	0.3	0.4	368	389	1,091	1,068
Wisconsin .....	109.8	88.5	150,851	122,677	1,381	1,396
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.4	506	437	1,099	1,093
United States .....	2,635.6	2,378.5	3,417,149	3,162,417	1,299	1,332

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(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.

## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 .....	(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 .....	10.5	6.0	878	672	85	113
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)	35	(X)	489	(X)
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	1.0	0.7	415	325	420	440
Indiana .....	0.5	0.3	127	83	277	290
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)	50	(X)	516	(X)
Michigan .....	0.1	0.1	40	33	287	303
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	0.4	0.2	67	40	160	165
New Jersey .....	5.0	4.7	2,179	1,988	432	423
New Mexico .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York .....	4.9	2.4	543	401	112	171
North Carolina .....	0.1	(Y)	28	(X)	449	(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 .....	9.5	6.9	3,933	3,028	414	440
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.7	0.3	386	173	561	543
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	(D)	0.8	(D)	54	(D)	71
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	6.0	4.8	2,763	2,331	460	484
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	46.6	33.2	13,199	11,047	285	335

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 .....	1.6	2.0	605	779	379	389
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	27	18	263	258
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	34	37	267	257
Arkansas .....	0.8	0.6	199	168	254	272
California .....	189.5	182.1	47,329	46,063	250	253
Colorado .....	1.2	1.2	291	291	241	235
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.3	1.3	302	298	233	232
Florida .....	2.6	2.9	451	484	176	166
Georgia .....	5.7	5.3	1,392	1,326	243	251
Hawaii .....	1.2	1.1	285	282	239	257
Idaho .....	10.8	9.2	2,831	2,410	263	263
Illinois .....	844.5	895.7	246,105	259,185	292	289
Indiana .....	675.2	646.4	190,835	179,733	283	278
Iowa .....	2,290.1	2,351.6	663,682	665,088	290	283
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.9	0.8	203	178	214	229
Michigan .....	14.5	12.4	5,763	4,605	399	372
Minnesota .....	768.9	787.5	212,716	213,452	277	271
Mississippi .....	3.1	3.3	455	501	147	151
Missouri .....	726.2	694.2	211,689	201,382	292	290
Montana .....	1.1	1.2	234	319	222	269
Nebraska .....	587.2	596.2	166,620	166,916	284	280
Nevada .....	0.1	0.2	21	41	258	258
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.2	583	537	253	248
New Jersey .....	7.7	6.6	746	634	97	96
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.2	31	47	263	290
New York .....	2.7	3.1	621	758	233	241
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.2	79	64	283	331
Ohio .....	68.8	74.3	19,257	20,636	280	278
Oklahoma .....	349.7	423.0	99,993	117,746	286	278
Oregon .....	13.2	13.4	3,465	3,522	263	264
Pennsylvania .....	220.2	229.7	58,616	61,786	266	269
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	49.7	47.5	22,203	22,148	447	467
Texas .....	19.0	23.2	4,785	5,726	253	247
Utah .....	3.0	3.8	590	661	194	175
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.5	94	144	248	272
Wisconsin .....	49.5	45.1	22,279	20,682	450	460
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	58	58	243	262
United States .....	8,618.4	8,745.1	2,471,290	2,479,599	287	284

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.3	0.2	37	34	144	139
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	25.3	22.7	3,649	3,312	144	146
Colorado .....	78.5	64.5	13,406	11,237	171	174
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.9	3.5	367	336	95	96
Florida .....	0.8	1.5	52	96	65	64
Georgia .....	1.1	0.8	72	54	63	69
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	9	14	139	143
Idaho .....	0.1	0.1	19	13	146	144
Illinois .....	13.4	(D)	2,171	(D)	162	(D)
Indiana .....	4.4	3.8	494	427	114	114
Iowa .....	0.1	0.2	11	42	110	188
Kansas .....	0.5	0.5	48	40	93	84
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.4	128	158	125	117
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	19	34	70	83
Michigan .....	15.3	15.2	2,194	2,157	144	142
Minnesota .....	0.3	0.3	32	32	110	99
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.3	21	15	66	54
Missouri .....	0.7	0.7	70	65	107	89
Montana .....	0.3	0.3	41	33	127	100
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	13	19	133	148
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	2.5	306	259	103	104
New Jersey .....	10.6	10.5	855	817	80	78
New Mexico .....	0.7	0.7	113	107	152	154
New York .....	3.5	4.1	355	442	101	108
North Carolina .....	1.4	1.2	95	80	66	67
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.5	1.3	158	154	103	115
Oklahoma .....	0.2	0.2	18	28	94	112
Oregon .....	2.5	2.5	382	391	152	154
Pennsylvania .....	6.1	4.7	625	498	102	106
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.3	34	47	157	160
Tennessee .....	1.1	1.2	70	78	63	66
Texas .....	10.9	8.6	1,158	876	106	102
Utah .....	(D)	2.0	(D)	279	(D)	142
Virginia .....	0.3	0.2	26	23	101	96
Washington .....	1.0	0.9	133	126	137	140
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.7	0.9	100	123	136	133
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	13	12	146	150
United States .....	194.0	168.5	27,739	23,807	143	141

(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	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	January to May		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	January to May	
				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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,427.0	1,235.4	1,327.3	6,356.3	6,005.0	54.9	52.7	56.6	51.2	52.0
Heifers .....	682.1	635.4	588.8	3,484.8	3,177.0	26.3	27.1	25.1	28.1	27.5
All cows .....	442.7	434.4	392.2	2,341.5	2,179.1	17.0	18.5	16.7	18.9	18.9
Dairy cows .....	209.5	242.8	214.0	1,191.8	1,235.2	8.1	10.4	9.1	9.6	10.7
Other cows .....	233.2	191.5	178.3	1,149.7	943.9	9.0	8.2	7.6	9.3	8.2
Bulls .....	45.5	40.7	36.5	220.9	182.2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6
Total .....	2,597.2	2,345.9	2,344.9	12,403.4	11,543.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	45.9	34.7	32.7	260.3	182.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,311.5	9,353.8	8,434.0	43,018.6	45,545.2	97.1	97.3	97.1	97.1	97.3
Sows .....	223.5	234.1	230.3	1,145.9	1,168.9	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.5
Boars .....	26.4	24.0	21.8	139.5	117.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,561.4	9,611.9	8,686.1	44,304.0	46,831.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	12.8	9.7	9.5	54.6	45.2	7.2	5.4	6.2	6.2	5.5
Lambs and yearlings .....	163.7	169.4	143.2	824.7	779.5	92.8	94.6	93.8	93.8	94.5
Total .....	176.5	179.1	152.7	879.3	824.7	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	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	January to May	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	790	813	813	796	816
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	842	868	866	855	874
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	775	807	792	793	810
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	632	654	653	628	653
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	908	934	928	894	924
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	168	188	199	161	180
<b>Hogs</b> .....	216	214	213	215	214
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	214	211	211	212	212
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	306	310	312	303	308
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	208	206	203	204	204
<b>Sheep</b> .....	74	71	72	71	72
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	66	67	67	66	67
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	74	71	73	71	72

<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: May 2015

[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 .....	1.6	0.6	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2 .....	5.6	1.7	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.4	0.6	7.1
3 .....	76.4	24.3	4.3	43.8	34.8	9.0	4.0	7.1
4 .....	52.3	2.8	1.4	42.8	13.7	29.1	5.3	0.1
5 .....	233.2	117.3	23.6	85.8	54.9	30.9	6.6	10.9
6 .....	420.3	231.1	115.2	67.1	28.6	38.6	6.9	0.3
7 .....	1,083.1	670.5	353.3	51.6	3.4	48.2	7.7	(D)
8 .....	251.8	171.5	62.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	131.9	55.6	9.6	64.2	55.8	8.4	2.5	5.8
10 .....	88.6	51.9	17.1	18.2	12.2	6.0	1.4	1.1
United States .....	2,344.9	1,327.3	588.8	392.2	214.0	178.3	36.5	32.7
	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 .....	1.9	1.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.4	0.1	2.3	
2 .....	9.5	9.3	0.2	(Y)	14.2	1.3	12.9	
3 .....	399.6	398.8	0.8	0.1	9.0	0.6	8.4	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	6.2	1.1	5.1	
5 .....	2,435.8	2,315.5	116.8	3.5	26.0	2.7	23.2	
6 .....	441.6	441.5	0.1	(Y)	3.2	0.4	2.8	
7 .....	3,661.1	3,584.4	58.7	18.1	0.7	(Y)	0.7	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	66.3	2.2	64.0	
9 .....	178.9	178.9	(Y)	(Y)	22.0	0.7	21.3	
10 .....	24.0	24.0	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.3	2.5	
United States .....	8,686.1	8,434.0	230.3	21.8	152.7	9.5	143.2	

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<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 May 2015

[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 .....	7.0	2.6	1.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.3
2 .....	26.0	7.6	5.2	11.0	9.1	1.8	2.2	42.2
3 .....	405.3	110.4	27.0	251.7	202.4	49.3	16.1	36.2
4 .....	259.9	14.9	7.1	209.1	72.4	136.7	28.8	0.6
5 .....	1,251.8	597.8	136.0	480.9	306.7	174.2	37.1	58.3
6 .....	2,050.3	1,094.5	556.3	362.5	160.6	201.9	37.0	1.3
7 .....	5,156.8	2,936.3	1,885.6	300.1	20.2	279.9	34.8	(D)
8 .....	1,226.8	738.0	394.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	718.9	269.2	54.1	383.3	343.1	40.2	12.4	35.9
10 .....	440.5	233.7	108.9	92.8	73.3	19.5	5.1	6.0
United States .....	11,543.3	6,005.0	3,177.0	2,179.1	1,235.2	943.9	182.2	182.0
	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 .....	8.2	7.9	0.2	0.1	12.7	0.6	12.1	
2 .....	52.6	51.9	0.6	0.1	70.6	5.8	64.9	
3 .....	2,169.1	2,164.5	4.4	0.3	46.6	5.4	41.3	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	8.8	24.0	4.9	19.2	
5 .....	13,039.4	12,441.6	576.3	21.5	148.0	11.7	136.3	
6 .....	2,386.7	2,385.2	1.0	0.6	16.6	2.4	14.2	
7 .....	19,679.6	19,320.3	273.2	86.1	3.7	0.1	3.6	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	369.9	9.9	360.0	
9 .....	892.4	892.2	0.2	(Y)	118.7	3.1	115.6	
10 .....	124.6	124.4	0.2	0.1	13.8	1.4	12.4	
United States .....	46,831.7	45,545.2	1,168.9	117.6	824.7	45.2	779.5	

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

Species	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	January to May	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.5	98.4	98.6	98.4	98.4
Calves .....	98.4	98.2	98.3	98.6	98.4
Hogs .....	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	91.0	90.4	90.6	92.2	91.4

## 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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