



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Pork Production at Record High for July

**July 2014** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**July 2015** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in July, up 3 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in July 2014.

**Beef production**, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.49 million head, down 4 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,346 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.9 million pounds, 11 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,500 head, down 25 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 322 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.40 million head, up 11 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.9 million pounds, was down 7 percent from July 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,100 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2015 commercial red meat production** was 27.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 18 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		
				July 2014	June 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,087.4	2,001.2	2,046.1	98	102	14,138.2	13,564.7	96
Veal .....	7.8	7.0	6.9	89	99	57.7	47.1	82
Pork .....	1,799.8	1,995.8	1,972.6	110	99	13,088.2	14,058.4	107
Lamb and mutton .....	13.9	13.4	12.9	93	96	93.5	89.4	96
Total red meat .....	3,908.9	4,017.4	4,038.5	103	101	27,377.7	27,759.6	101

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		
				July 2014	June 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,060.8	1,977.6	2,023.4	98	102	13,956.3	13,395.6	96
Veal .....	7.7	6.9	6.8	89	100	56.8	46.3	82
Pork .....	1,788.3	1,984.5	1,960.4	110	99	13,012.3	13,978.5	107
Lamb and mutton .....	12.8	12.3	11.8	92	96	87.6	83.2	95
Total red meat .....	3,869.5	3,981.4	4,002.5	103	101	27,113.0	27,503.6	101

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

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

Species	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of 2014	January to July		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,561.9	2,430.0	2,458.5	96	17,533.5	16,431.8	94
Other ..... 1,000	39.8	35.5	33.7	84	279.6	254.6	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,601.7	2,465.5	2,492.2	96	17,813.1	16,686.4	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,322	1,335	1,348	102	1,319	1,347	102
Other ..... pounds	1,160	1,153	1,170	101	1,145	1,160	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,320	1,332	1,346	102	1,316	1,344	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	47.8	34.5	36.0	75	352.7	252.5	72
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.5	80	4.9	4.0	83
Commercial ..... 1,000	48.4	35.2	36.5	75	357.6	256.5	72
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	274	335	322	118	274	311	114
Other ..... pounds	371	373	379	102	377	378	100
Commercial ..... pounds	275	336	322	117	275	312	113
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,394.1	9,363.8	9,331.9	111	60,738.6	65,527.4	108
Other ..... 1,000	65.8	63.1	68.6	104	427.5	444.1	104
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,459.9	9,426.9	9,400.5	111	61,166.0	65,971.5	108
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	284	282	280	99	285	284	100
Other ..... pounds	241	243	244	101	243	246	101
Commercial ..... pounds	283	282	280	99	285	284	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	188.9	172.8	166.8	88	1,243.5	1,164.3	94
Other ..... 1,000	21.5	21.2	20.3	94	113.7	119.4	105
Commercial ..... 1,000	210.4	193.9	187.1	89	1,357.2	1,283.7	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	135	142	141	105	141	143	102
Other ..... pounds	104	110	109	104	106	107	101
Commercial ..... pounds	132	139	138	104	138	139	101
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	45.3	40.1	38.5	85	274.4	249.2	91
Other ..... 1,000	12.1	12.0	11.9	98	84.0	75.0	89
Commercial ..... 1,000	57.4	52.1	50.3	88	358.4	324.2	90
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	61	61	97	64	62	97
Other ..... pounds	76	86	76	100	73	82	112
Commercial ..... pounds	66	67	65	99	66	67	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.4	4.2	4.7	106	31.1	30.7	99
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.8	0.6	93	5.1	5.3	103
Commercial ..... 1,000	5.1	5.0	5.3	105	36.2	36.0	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	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	86
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	36.3	38.8	38.0	105
Arkansas .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	95
California .....	107.8	108.0	109.0	101
Colorado .....	194.1	182.1	188.0	97
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	3.0	2.8	106
Florida .....	7.3	8.5	8.5	116
Georgia .....	10.7	10.6	9.7	90
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.7	0.8	97
Idaho .....	3.9	3.7	3.9	100
Illinois .....	246.0	274.8	276.5	112
Indiana .....	142.0	145.6	148.7	105
Iowa .....	520.0	581.3	569.2	109
Kansas .....	450.0	432.4	444.5	99
Kentucky .....	41.4	44.6	45.5	110
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	104
Michigan .....	36.7	38.0	39.9	109
Minnesota .....	199.8	215.6	214.3	107
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	108
Missouri .....	143.5	158.4	158.3	110
Montana .....	1.8	1.5	1.1	61
Nebraska .....	609.2	602.0	615.6	101
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	97
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	1.9	1.9	106
New Jersey .....	4.1	4.4	3.9	96
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	0.2	88
New York .....	2.9	3.1	3.1	107
North Carolina .....	180.1	194.5	181.3	101
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.6	0.5	84
Ohio .....	22.0	22.4	23.7	107
Oklahoma .....	79.7	100.6	97.6	122
Oregon .....	6.8	6.6	6.5	96
Pennsylvania .....	104.2	109.6	108.8	104
South Carolina .....	21.1	17.1	16.4	78
South Dakota .....	87.4	95.1	96.0	110
Tennessee .....	19.1	20.2	19.9	104
Texas .....	360.9	354.2	359.8	100
Utah .....	41.4	38.0	40.6	98
Virginia .....	38.8	40.8	40.7	105
Washington .....	78.0	72.4	76.9	99
West Virginia .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	116
Wisconsin .....	103.0	82.9	83.7	81
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	96
United States .....	3,908.9	4,017.4	4,038.5	103

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	514	371	996	1,019
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	44.3	45.9	59,683	63,366	1,351	1,385
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.3	372	314	927	1,026
California .....	95.2	96.7	123,924	130,828	1,314	1,365
Colorado .....	220.3	209.9	296,058	287,283	1,345	1,369
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.9	3.0	3,669	3,999	1,257	1,327
Florida .....	(D)	13.2	(D)	16,193	(D)	1,236
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.9	976	946	1,129	1,111
Idaho .....	2.7	2.8	3,023	3,360	1,203	1,262
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4.3	2.7	4,540	2,899	1,066	1,067
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	522.7	504.7	695,958	681,287	1,332	1,350
Kentucky .....	1.1	1.0	1,119	1,031	1,009	1,050
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.5	446	447	809	928
Michigan .....	40.7	43.3	55,148	60,017	1,364	1,394
Minnesota .....	49.9	44.1	71,130	64,927	1,431	1,479
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	79	108	824	849
Missouri .....	4.5	2.7	5,066	3,045	1,116	1,144
Montana .....	2.2	1.2	2,543	1,396	1,133	1,208
Nebraska .....	584.4	556.3	795,919	774,200	1,363	1,393
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	153	131	1,047	1,072
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.0	2,017	2,245	1,084	1,146
New Jersey .....	3.3	3.0	3,513	3,389	1,073	1,125
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.2	299	242	1,107	1,124
New York .....	2.8	3.1	3,184	3,551	1,172	1,157
North Carolina .....	5.9	4.9	7,149	5,892	1,210	1,212
North Dakota .....	0.8	0.6	977	788	1,244	1,221
Ohio .....	9.3	7.7	10,804	8,858	1,173	1,157
Oklahoma .....	1.8	2.0	1,834	1,946	1,032	959
Oregon .....	5.9	5.6	7,033	6,956	1,209	1,261
Pennsylvania .....	79.8	77.2	94,962	91,850	1,195	1,194
South Carolina .....	15.0	14.3	17,517	17,634	1,178	1,247
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	4.4	4.5	4,015	4,063	939	941
Texas .....	459.9	446.2	582,542	576,403	1,269	1,295
Utah .....	49.5	48.0	66,537	64,931	1,346	1,355
Virginia .....	0.9	0.7	896	787	1,050	1,067
Washington .....	94.6	90.4	126,313	124,484	1,339	1,381
West Virginia .....	0.3	0.4	382	410	1,133	1,167
Wisconsin .....	118.4	94.9	162,042	130,309	1,377	1,382
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	577	522	1,069	1,088
United States .....	2,601.7	2,492.2	3,426,784	3,347,550	1,320	1,346

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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: July 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 .....	10.7	7.7	1,031	795	98	106
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)	48	(X)	495	(X)
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.9	0.5	396	217	447	447
Indiana .....	0.4	0.4	91	113	249	274
Iowa .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	0.1	0.1	42	31	299	297
Minnesota .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(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> .....	0.7	0.2	100	35	144	143
New Jersey .....	5.0	4.6	2,106	1,973	425	431
New Mexico .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York .....	6.2	2.6	691	434	114	171
North Carolina .....	0.1	(Y)	42	(X)	428	(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 .....	8.9	7.2	3,778	3,107	425	433
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.4	0.3	235	195	585	609
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	(D)	0.8	(D)	59	(D)	70
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	6.0	5.6	2,742	2,634	461	472
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	48.4	36.5	13,223	11,688	275	322

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	1.5	1.5	576	564	372	372
Alaska .....	0.1	0.2	15	38	270	256
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	21	22	246	259
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.6	151	158	253	278
California .....	196.7	188.0	49,973	46,480	254	247
Colorado .....	1.4	1.5	332	351	230	239
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.5	351	354	224	237
Florida .....	3.5	4.8	523	654	151	137
Georgia .....	5.8	5.6	1,437	1,374	248	247
Hawaii .....	1.2	1.1	294	282	255	262
Idaho .....	11.3	10.7	3,039	2,775	269	259
Illinois .....	829.8	969.9	239,410	278,001	289	287
Indiana .....	654.8	700.3	182,774	192,824	279	275
Iowa .....	2,249.0	2,526.7	641,669	704,292	285	279
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.8	0.8	159	178	201	235
Michigan .....	16.0	17.2	5,955	6,445	372	375
Minnesota .....	778.5	888.7	214,659	239,519	276	270
Mississippi .....	3.1	3.1	466	495	149	160
Missouri .....	640.9	722.7	185,682	207,562	290	287
Montana .....	1.7	1.4	364	320	220	232
Nebraska .....	536.5	640.7	151,590	177,253	283	277
Nevada .....	0.1	0.2	33	40	257	257
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	2.6	602	616	224	235
New Jersey .....	8.9	8.4	858	809	97	96
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.2	40	48	275	254
New York .....	3.4	3.8	745	866	222	228
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	82	87	289	279
Ohio .....	73.3	86.5	20,433	23,906	279	277
Oklahoma .....	368.4	464.8	103,178	126,659	280	273
Oregon .....	14.3	13.5	3,824	3,505	268	259
Pennsylvania .....	228.7	262.7	60,954	70,251	267	267
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	55.9	57.5	25,377	26,760	454	466
Texas .....	19.3	25.3	4,817	6,246	250	247
Utah .....	3.6	3.8	687	630	192	164
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.8	162	212	238	256
Wisconsin .....	53.8	43.6	24,244	19,128	452	440
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.4	69	96	248	261
United States .....	8,459.9	9,400.5	2,395,776	2,627,635	283	280

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	0.3	33	36	127	122
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	6	8	98	106
California .....	24.7	24.1	3,370	3,601	137	150
Colorado .....	81.5	68.0	12,929	11,472	159	169
Delaware-Maryland .....	4.6	3.7	432	352	93	96
Florida .....	0.6	1.4	34	91	58	64
Georgia .....	1.6	0.7	99	51	60	75
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	11	16	128	135
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	32	30	138	128
Illinois .....	13.1	(D)	1,813	(D)	138	(D)
Indiana .....	5.0	4.5	556	502	111	111
Iowa .....	0.3	0.3	46	64	146	186
Kansas .....	0.6	0.6	58	46	94	82
Kentucky .....	1.8	1.6	213	201	117	124
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.4	35	39	65	88
Michigan .....	18.4	17.7	2,422	2,380	132	134
Minnesota .....	0.5	0.3	53	37	101	111
Mississippi .....	0.5	0.3	36	18	81	54
Missouri .....	0.7	0.8	92	72	127	90
Montana .....	0.5	0.4	70	49	130	120
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	0.1	0.2	17	23	129	121
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	3.0	292	308	91	103
New Jersey .....	12.3	12.5	995	970	81	77
New Mexico .....	0.7	0.8	107	120	147	147
New York .....	4.3	5.0	427	524	100	104
North Carolina .....	1.6	1.3	105	99	66	74
North Dakota .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	11	(X)	120
Ohio .....	2.1	1.8	224	201	105	113
Oklahoma .....	0.3	0.3	24	30	91	98
Oregon .....	3.3	2.9	431	424	131	144
Pennsylvania .....	6.2	4.6	620	492	99	106
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	41	54	156	161
Tennessee .....	1.7	1.3	114	95	67	71
Texas .....	12.5	9.7	1,235	946	99	97
Utah .....	(D)	2.1	(D)	302	(D)	142
Virginia .....	0.5	0.3	42	32	93	105
Washington .....	1.1	1.4	145	194	132	136
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.4	1.5	188	218	136	147
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	16	19	163	146
United States .....	210.4	187.1	27,753	25,783	132	138

(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	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	January to July		July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	January to July	
				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 .....	1,390.1	1,400.2	1,417.5	9,142.9	8,822.7	54.3	57.6	57.7	52.1	53.7
Heifers .....	692.3	584.5	590.7	4,892.1	4,352.1	27.0	24.1	24.0	27.9	26.5
All cows .....	430.3	403.2	409.9	3,182.4	2,992.2	16.8	16.6	16.7	18.2	18.2
Dairy cows .....	231.6	221.5	238.6	1,622.8	1,695.3	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.3	10.3
Other cows .....	198.7	181.7	171.3	1,559.6	1,297.0	7.8	7.5	7.0	8.9	7.9
Bulls .....	49.2	42.1	40.4	316.1	264.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6
Total .....	2,561.9	2,430.0	2,458.5	17,533.5	16,431.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	47.8	34.5	36.0	352.7	252.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,136.2	9,087.3	9,062.4	58,949.7	63,694.9	96.9	97.0	97.1	97.1	97.2
Sows .....	228.5	251.1	245.0	1,593.9	1,665.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5
Boars .....	29.4	25.5	24.4	195.0	167.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	8,394.1	9,363.8	9,331.9	60,738.6	65,527.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	13.3	10.2	9.4	79.8	64.9	7.0	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.6
Lambs and yearlings .....	175.6	162.6	157.4	1,163.7	1,099.5	93.0	94.1	94.3	93.6	94.4
Total .....	188.9	172.8	166.8	1,243.5	1,164.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	January to July	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	806	816	825	798	817
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	868	870	884	857	875
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	787	792	801	790	806
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	624	647	641	628	651
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	908	932	922	898	925
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	161	200	191	162	185
<b>Hogs</b> .....	213	212	210	214	213
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	210	209	207	212	211
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	308	313	310	305	309
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	207	208	205	205	205
<b>Sheep</b> .....	68	71	71	71	72
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	66	68	69	66	67
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	68	72	71	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: July 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 .....	1.7	0.7	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2 .....	6.0	1.8	1.0	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.8	7.2
3 .....	80.1	23.0	5.9	47.9	38.9	9.1	3.3	7.4
4 .....	52.4	2.7	1.5	42.3	14.7	27.6	5.8	0.2
5 .....	260.9	136.2	24.7	91.5	64.1	27.4	8.4	11.9
6 .....	444.3	248.4	118.4	70.0	30.9	39.1	7.7	0.3
7 .....	1,104.0	700.5	344.6	50.7	3.3	47.4	8.2	(D)
8 .....	267.9	193.3	57.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	143.1	56.1	13.7	70.5	61.3	9.2	2.8	7.5
10 .....	98.1	54.8	22.9	19.1	14.0	5.1	1.4	1.3
United States .....	2,458.5	1,417.5	590.7	409.9	238.6	171.3	40.4	36.0
	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 .....	2.3	2.2	0.1	(Y)	2.9	0.1	2.7	
2 .....	12.1	11.9	0.1	0.1	17.0	1.4	15.7	
3 .....	450.5	449.6	0.8	(Y)	9.2	0.9	8.3	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.4	6.6	1.3	5.3	
5 .....	2,672.1	2,553.2	115.2	3.8	30.6	2.7	28.0	
6 .....	486.7	486.4	0.3	(Y)	3.0	0.4	2.6	
7 .....	3,908.1	3,827.3	61.9	19.0	0.9	(Y)	0.8	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	69.9	1.6	68.3	
9 .....	185.2	185.2	(Y)	(Y)	23.4	0.7	22.7	
10 .....	26.0	26.0	(Y)	(Y)	3.4	0.3	3.1	
United States .....	9,331.9	9,062.4	245.0	24.4	166.8	9.4	157.4	

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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 July 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 .....	10.5	4.0	2.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.8
2 .....	38.2	11.4	7.2	15.7	13.6	2.1	4.0	56.8
3 .....	565.4	158.8	38.8	344.4	277.2	67.2	23.3	51.3
4 .....	366.8	20.4	10.3	295.5	101.6	193.9	40.5	0.9
5 .....	1,767.2	865.9	186.7	661.0	430.2	230.8	53.6	81.0
6 .....	2,936.9	1,594.5	786.8	503.6	219.8	283.8	52.1	1.8
7 .....	7,351.6	4,319.7	2,577.1	402.4	27.0	375.4	52.4	(D)
8 .....	1,759.3	1,116.8	515.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	1,003.0	386.1	78.5	520.3	461.2	59.1	18.2	50.2
10 .....	632.9	345.1	149.0	131.0	100.3	30.7	7.8	8.5
United States .....	16,431.8	8,822.7	4,352.1	2,992.2	1,695.3	1,297.0	264.7	252.5
	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 .....	12.9	12.4	0.3	0.2	18.6	0.9	17.7	
2 .....	77.6	76.4	0.9	0.3	105.4	8.5	96.9	
3 .....	3,067.3	3,061.0	6.0	0.4	66.2	7.1	59.1	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	12.9	38.6	7.5	31.1	
5 .....	18,357.8	17,517.3	811.5	29.0	209.9	17.4	192.5	
6 .....	3,364.5	3,362.5	1.4	0.6	23.3	3.4	20.0	
7 .....	27,515.1	26,991.7	399.5	123.9	5.5	0.2	5.3	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	508.1	13.5	494.7	
9 .....	1,268.2	1,267.9	0.2	(Y)	168.0	4.5	163.5	
10 .....	177.4	177.2	0.2	0.1	20.7	2.0	18.7	
United States .....	65,527.4	63,694.9	1,665.0	167.5	1,164.3	64.9	1,099.5	

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

Species	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	January to July	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.5	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.5
Calves .....	98.7	98.1	98.6	98.6	98.4
Hogs .....	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	89.8	89.1	89.2	91.6	90.7

## 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 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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