



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Up 3 Percent From Last Year

August 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in August, up 3 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in August 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.32 million head, down 7 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,500 head, down 21 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.35 million head, up 13 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,100 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2015 commercial red meat production was 31.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was up 8 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	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		
				August 2014	July 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,023.5	2,046.1	1,934.1	96	95	16,161.5	15,498.9	96
Veal	7.1	6.9	6.5	91	93	64.8	53.6	83
Pork	1,752.2	1,972.6	1,949.1	111	99	14,840.5	16,007.5	108
Lamb and mutton	11.7	12.9	11.7	100	91	105.2	101.1	96
Total red meat	3,794.5	4,038.5	3,901.4	103	97	31,171.9	31,661.1	102

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		
				August 2014	July 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,999.0	2,023.4	1,911.0	96	94	15,955.3	15,306.6	96
Veal	6.9	6.8	6.3	91	93	63.7	52.7	83
Pork	1,740.2	1,960.5	1,935.8	111	99	14,752.5	15,914.3	108
Lamb and mutton	10.6	11.8	10.6	100	90	98.3	93.8	96
Total red meat	3,756.7	4,002.5	3,863.8	103	97	30,869.7	31,367.5	102

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

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

Species	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of 2014	January to August		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,462.7	2,458.5	2,288.4	93	19,996.2	18,720.2	94
Other 1,000	36.9	33.7	33.9	92	316.5	288.4	91
Commercial 1,000	2,499.6	2,492.2	2,322.3	93	20,312.7	19,008.7	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,332	1,348	1,365	103	1,320	1,349	102
Other pounds	1,154	1,170	1,182	102	1,146	1,162	101
Commercial pounds	1,329	1,346	1,363	103	1,318	1,346	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	43.0	36.0	33.9	79	395.7	286.4	72
Other 1,000	0.6	0.5	0.6	101	5.5	4.6	85
Commercial 1,000	43.6	36.5	34.5	79	401.2	291.0	73
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	276	322	317	115	274	312	114
Other pounds	385	379	388	101	378	379	100
Commercial pounds	277	322	318	115	275	313	114
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,199.4	9,331.9	9,272.1	113	68,938.0	74,799.5	109
Other 1,000	69.6	68.6	75.1	108	497.1	519.2	104
Commercial 1,000	8,269.1	9,400.5	9,347.1	113	69,435.1	75,318.7	108
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	283	280	278	98	285	283	99
Other pounds	237	244	244	103	242	246	101
Commercial pounds	282	280	278	98	285	283	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	161.4	166.8	155.5	96	1,404.9	1,319.8	94
Other 1,000	19.6	20.3	19.6	100	133.3	139.0	104
Commercial 1,000	181.0	187.1	175.1	97	1,538.2	1,458.8	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	131	141	137	104	139	142	102
Other pounds	109	109	113	104	107	108	101
Commercial pounds	129	138	134	104	137	139	102
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	40.9	38.5	37.2	91	315.3	286.5	91
Other 1,000	11.0	11.9	8.6	79	95.0	83.6	88
Commercial 1,000	51.9	50.3	45.9	88	410.3	370.1	90
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	61	62	99	64	62	97
Other pounds	75	76	85	114	73	82	113
Commercial pounds	65	65	67	102	66	67	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.9	4.7	4.2	107	35.0	34.9	100
Other 1,000	0.7	0.6	0.7	101	5.8	5.9	103
Commercial 1,000	4.6	5.3	4.9	106	40.8	40.9	100

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.6	0.6	0.6	99
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
Arizona	34.6	38.0	34.4	99
Arkansas	0.3	0.3	0.4	113
California	100.1	109.0	108.9	109
Colorado	186.7	188.0	178.3	95
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	2.8	3.0	119
Florida	6.0	8.5	6.7	110
Georgia	11.4	9.7	9.4	83
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.7	90
Idaho	3.6	3.9	3.7	102
Illinois	235.8	276.5	269.4	114
Indiana	141.1	148.7	147.5	105
Iowa	508.3	569.2	544.4	107
Kansas	432.9	444.5	411.6	95
Kentucky	40.5	45.5	44.8	111
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	104
Michigan	36.9	39.9	35.9	97
Minnesota	188.8	214.3	209.3	111
Mississippi	0.4	0.4	0.4	102
Missouri	151.6	158.3	159.6	105
Montana	1.3	1.1	1.4	108
Nebraska	609.6	615.6	626.5	103
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	96
New England ¹	1.7	1.9	1.9	110
New Jersey	3.7	3.9	3.7	100
New Mexico	0.4	0.2	0.4	99
New York	2.9	3.1	3.1	109
North Carolina	156.8	181.3	166.1	106
North Dakota	0.5	0.5	0.5	96
Ohio	22.3	23.7	21.9	98
Oklahoma	87.2	97.6	102.0	117
Oregon	6.6	6.5	6.6	101
Pennsylvania	103.1	108.8	106.2	103
South Carolina	20.1	16.4	18.9	94
South Dakota	84.0	96.0	91.0	108
Tennessee	20.6	19.9	19.5	95
Texas	354.9	359.8	332.4	94
Utah	39.3	40.6	39.9	102
Virginia	33.7	40.7	38.6	114
Washington	73.9	76.9	72.7	98
West Virginia	0.6	0.4	0.6	102
Wisconsin	87.2	83.7	77.3	89
Wyoming	0.7	0.4	0.7	95
United States	3,794.5	4,038.5	3,901.4	103

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	423	376	1,033	1,058
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	61	(X)	1,118
Arizona	42.3	40.8	56,932	57,202	1,349	1,404
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	394	400	983	1,024
California	92.1	93.0	118,579	127,245	1,298	1,380
Colorado	211.0	194.2	285,282	272,328	1,353	1,403
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	3.1	3,398	4,127	1,275	1,320
Florida	(D)	10.5	(D)	12,709	(D)	1,221
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.7	981	844	1,130	1,144
Idaho	2.7	2.7	3,121	3,228	1,208	1,273
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.1	2.8	3,273	2,989	1,069	1,067
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	500.5	462.0	669,946	629,426	1,339	1,363
Kentucky	1.0	1.0	979	1,072	1,022	1,077
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	423	443	812	922
Michigan	41.1	38.8	55,823	53,499	1,367	1,386
Minnesota	49.2	42.4	70,388	62,864	1,439	1,491
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	85	120	821	842
Missouri	4.2	2.6	4,646	2,846	1,118	1,116
Montana	1.4	1.4	1,605	1,698	1,152	1,213
Nebraska	568.9	550.4	784,130	782,042	1,380	1,422
Nevada	0.2	0.1	159	134	1,059	1,047
New England ¹	1.7	1.9	1,849	2,122	1,094	1,127
New Jersey	2.9	2.8	3,120	3,250	1,068	1,153
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	403	363	1,158	1,212
New York	2.8	2.9	3,176	3,289	1,167	1,162
North Carolina	5.9	4.7	7,166	5,655	1,221	1,211
North Dakota	0.6	0.6	794	719	1,233	1,283
Ohio	9.0	6.5	10,417	7,439	1,170	1,154
Oklahoma	1.6	2.2	1,587	2,234	974	1,036
Oregon	6.0	5.6	7,257	6,990	1,229	1,267
Pennsylvania	78.8	72.8	93,751	86,180	1,195	1,188
South Carolina	14.4	13.6	16,702	16,714	1,168	1,235
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.3	4.2	3,713	3,864	893	952
Texas	446.7	409.1	572,304	531,776	1,284	1,303
Utah	46.9	45.5	62,899	63,307	1,343	1,394
Virginia	0.8	0.7	795	695	1,028	1,054
Washington	89.2	83.7	119,874	117,406	1,348	1,405
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	613	611	1,117	1,170
Wisconsin	98.6	88.1	135,166	120,209	1,378	1,373
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	721	722	1,181	1,183
United States	2,499.6	2,322.3	3,314,873	3,157,987	1,329	1,363

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	10.7	7.5	1,012	732	96	99
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	72	49	569	588
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	0.8	(Y)	377	(X)	446	(X)
Indiana	0.3	0.3	86	87	254	296
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	0.2	0.1	46	31	303	301
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	0.2	55	38	154	169
New Jersey	4.4	4.3	1,878	1,807	431	424
New Mexico	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York	5.2	2.6	633	489	123	193
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	23	(X)	433	(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	7.8	6.8	3,335	2,994	426	441
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.3	0.3	151	161	606	479
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	(D)	0.9	(D)	63	(D)	70
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.4	5.4	2,477	2,548	459	474
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	43.6	34.5	11,988	10,924	277	318

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	1.5	1.8	601	644	392	368
Alaska	0.1	0.2	33	45	236	252
Arizona	0.1	0.1	24	38	260	260
Arkansas	0.7	0.7	172	204	256	275
California	175.5	200.4	44,416	49,578	253	248
Colorado	2.3	2.4	547	581	235	247
Delaware-Maryland	1.7	1.8	402	469	244	255
Florida	2.8	4.4	466	602	165	137
Georgia	6.1	6.1	1,472	1,437	240	237
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	281	274	242	261
Idaho	10.0	10.4	2,640	2,708	265	260
Illinois	796.4	970.6	226,705	275,915	285	284
Indiana	654.0	702.4	182,748	191,649	280	273
Iowa	2,210.9	2,496.5	627,395	691,329	284	277
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.7	154	149	227	229
Michigan	16.2	17.1	6,123	6,347	378	373
Minnesota	727.2	873.8	200,811	234,809	276	269
Mississippi	3.0	2.7	455	434	151	159
Missouri	681.1	733.6	197,240	209,640	290	286
Montana	1.6	1.7	351	408	218	244
Nebraska	571.3	663.0	160,648	182,245	281	275
Nevada	0.1	0.1	24	34	237	253
New England ¹	2.9	2.7	646	659	223	241
New Jersey	8.7	8.3	875	820	100	99
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	82	101	246	272
New York	3.3	4.5	750	1,033	231	231
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.4	78	113	291	278
Ohio	73.6	82.3	21,085	22,665	287	276
Oklahoma	411.6	487.8	113,191	132,659	275	272
Oregon	12.9	14.1	3,426	3,674	267	260
Pennsylvania	228.6	262.9	60,807	70,831	266	269
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	61.7	57.0	27,614	26,235	448	461
Texas	18.3	23.0	4,553	5,670	248	247
Utah	4.4	4.6	783	1,017	180	222
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.9	1.0	239	253	260	257
Wisconsin	47.8	42.6	21,260	18,233	445	429
Wyoming	1.2	1.0	308	265	252	257
United States	8,269.1	9,347.1	2,334,939	2,598,250	282	278

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

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.2	0.2	27	30	133	129
Arkansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	91
California	22.6	22.9	2,881	3,384	128	148
Colorado	70.5	64.5	10,615	10,059	151	156
Delaware-Maryland	4.0	3.7	384	355	95	97
Florida	0.7	1.1	39	68	59	63
Georgia	1.1	0.8	74	54	70	64
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	10	13	134	145
Idaho	0.3	0.2	37	24	135	135
Illinois	9.9	(D)	1,285	(D)	130	(D)
Indiana	4.4	4.0	485	444	111	112
Iowa	0.3	0.4	46	66	166	187
Kansas	0.4	0.4	46	40	106	89
Kentucky	1.3	1.4	153	175	122	125
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	24	30	72	85
Michigan	16.9	17.3	2,177	2,284	129	132
Minnesota	0.4	0.4	52	44	117	110
Mississippi	0.2	0.3	12	18	61	55
Missouri	0.9	0.8	94	78	102	94
Montana	0.4	0.5	60	67	133	131
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	12	11	131	140
Nevada	0.1	0.2	15	21	130	128
New England ¹	2.7	2.8	261	291	98	103
New Jersey	9.6	9.5	796	749	83	79
New Mexico	0.8	0.7	112	108	143	149
New York	3.8	4.7	373	492	100	105
North Carolina	1.2	1.3	80	96	69	73
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	7	7	141	124
Ohio	1.5	1.7	162	196	106	116
Oklahoma	0.2	0.2	16	16	85	77
Oregon	2.8	2.9	369	405	134	142
Pennsylvania	5.8	5.3	598	559	103	106
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	47	45	156	160
Tennessee	1.0	1.0	68	75	71	77
Texas	10.0	8.9	1,074	946	107	107
Utah	(D)	2.0	(D)	275	(D)	140
Virginia	0.5	0.4	45	34	92	97
Washington	1.0	1.5	137	198	131	134
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	1.5	160	215	135	148
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	43	45	148	145
United States	181.0	175.1	23,300	23,447	129	134

(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	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	January to August		August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	January to August	
				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	1,318.8	1,417.5	1,313.8	10,461.6	10,136.6	53.5	57.7	57.4	52.3	54.1
Heifers	685.2	590.7	557.8	5,577.3	4,909.9	27.8	24.0	24.4	27.9	26.2
All cows	410.4	409.9	377.2	3,592.8	3,369.4	16.7	16.7	16.5	18.0	18.0
Dairy cows	228.5	238.6	225.4	1,851.4	1,920.7	9.3	9.7	9.8	9.3	10.3
Other cows	181.8	171.3	151.8	1,741.4	1,448.7	7.4	7.0	6.6	8.7	7.7
Bulls	48.4	40.4	39.6	364.4	304.4	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6
Total	2,462.7	2,458.5	2,288.4	19,996.2	18,720.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	43.0	36.0	33.9	395.7	286.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	7,952.3	9,062.5	9,019.6	66,902.0	72,714.6	97.0	97.1	97.3	97.0	97.2
Sows	218.9	245.0	229.1	1,812.7	1,894.1	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5
Boars	28.3	24.4	23.3	223.3	190.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	8,199.4	9,331.9	9,272.1	68,938.0	74,799.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10.6	9.4	9.4	90.4	74.2	6.6	5.7	6.0	6.4	5.6
Lambs and yearlings	150.8	157.4	146.1	1,314.6	1,245.6	93.4	94.3	94.0	93.6	94.4
Total	161.4	166.8	155.5	1,404.9	1,319.8	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	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	January to August	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	813	825	837	800	819
Steers ¹	878	884	902	860	878
Heifers ¹	795	801	812	791	807
All cows ¹	624	641	637	627	649
Bulls ¹	908	922	922	900	925
Calves and vealers	163	191	188	162	185
Hogs	212	210	209	214	213
Barrows and gilts ²	210	207	206	212	210
Sows ²	307	310	310	305	309
Boars ²	203	205	206	205	205
Sheep	66	71	69	70	71
Mature sheep ³	67	69	70	66	68
Lambs and yearlings ³	66	71	68	70	71

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: August 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	1.6	0.7	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2	5.6	1.8	0.8	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.7	6.8
3	75.6	22.8	3.3	45.9	37.6	8.3	3.6	7.0
4	47.9	3.2	1.1	38.7	13.8	24.9	4.9	0.2
5	239.7	120.5	25.3	85.5	59.9	25.6	8.3	10.6
6	408.0	220.4	115.3	64.9	28.8	36.1	7.4	0.3
7	1,038.1	665.8	320.5	42.7	3.2	39.5	9.1	(D)
8	246.3	173.6	59.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	134.3	53.6	10.3	67.8	58.7	9.1	2.6	7.3
10	91.4	51.4	21.3	17.2	13.3	3.9	1.5	1.5
United States	2,288.4	1,313.8	557.8	377.2	225.4	151.8	39.6	33.9
	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	2.4	2.3	0.1	(Y)	2.7	0.1	2.5	
2	12.5	12.4	0.1	(Y)	13.7	1.3	12.5	
3	442.1	441.3	0.8	(Y)	9.7	1.0	8.7	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.3	5.7	1.1	4.6	
5	2,652.3	2,541.6	107.2	3.5	28.8	2.8	26.0	
6	508.3	508.1	0.2	(Y)	2.9	0.4	2.5	
7	3,908.7	3,833.8	56.5	18.4	0.9	(Y)	0.8	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	66.1	1.7	64.4	
9	197.0	196.9	(Y)	(Y)	21.8	0.7	21.0	
10	25.5	25.5	(Y)	(Y)	3.3	0.2	3.1	
United States	9,272.1	9,019.6	229.1	23.3	155.5	9.4	146.1	

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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 August 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	12.1	4.7	3.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2.0
2	43.8	13.1	7.9	18.1	15.9	2.2	4.6	63.6
3	640.9	181.7	42.1	390.2	314.7	75.5	27.0	58.3
4	414.7	23.7	11.4	334.2	115.4	218.8	45.5	1.1
5	2,006.9	986.5	212.0	746.5	490.1	256.3	61.9	91.7
6	3,344.9	1,814.9	902.1	568.5	248.6	319.9	59.4	2.1
7	8,389.7	4,985.5	2,897.6	445.1	30.2	414.9	61.5	(D)
8	2,005.6	1,290.4	574.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	1,137.3	439.7	88.7	588.1	519.9	68.2	20.8	57.6
10	724.3	396.5	170.2	148.3	113.7	34.6	9.3	9.9
United States	18,720.2	10,136.6	4,909.9	3,369.4	1,920.7	1,448.7	304.4	286.4
	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	15.3	14.7	0.4	0.2	21.2	1.0	20.2	
2	90.1	88.8	1.0	0.3	119.1	9.8	109.4	
3	3,509.4	3,502.2	6.7	0.5	75.9	8.1	67.8	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	14.2	44.3	8.6	35.7	
5	21,010.2	20,059.0	918.7	32.6	238.7	20.2	218.5	
6	3,872.9	3,870.5	1.7	0.7	26.2	3.8	22.5	
7	31,423.8	30,825.5	456.0	142.2	6.3	0.2	6.1	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	574.3	15.2	559.1	
9	1,465.1	1,464.8	0.3	(Y)	189.8	5.2	184.5	
10	203.0	202.7	0.3	0.1	24.0	2.2	21.8	
United States	74,799.5	72,714.6	1,894.1	190.8	1,319.8	74.2	1,245.6	

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

Species	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	January to August	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.5	98.6	98.5	98.4	98.5
Calves	98.6	98.6	98.3	98.6	98.4
Hogs	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.3	99.3
Sheep	89.2	89.2	88.8	91.3	90.5

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 Talmadge-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.

Information Contacts

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at tina.hall@nass.usda.gov .

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://lmic.info/page/meetings>. For more information, contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.