



Livestock Slaughter

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Record High Pork Production for September

September 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in September, up 5 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in September 2014.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,383 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.8 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from last year, at 312 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.73 million head, up 10 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.2 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2015 commercial red meat production was 35.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 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	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		
				September 2014	August 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,068.4	1,934.1	2,085.7	101	108	18,229.8	17,584.6	96
Veal	7.2	6.5	6.8	95	106	72.0	60.4	84
Pork	1,871.9	1,949.1	2,035.6	109	104	16,712.5	18,043.1	108
Lamb and mutton	12.3	11.7	12.2	100	104	117.4	113.3	96
Total red meat	3,959.8	3,901.4	4,140.3	105	106	35,131.7	35,801.4	102

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		
				September 2014	August 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,041.0	1,911.0	2,060.2	101	108	17,996.2	17,366.9	97
Veal	7.1	6.3	6.7	95	106	70.8	59.4	84
Pork	1,860.0	1,935.8	2,022.2	109	104	16,612.5	17,936.5	108
Lamb and mutton	11.2	10.6	11.0	98	103	109.5	104.8	96
Total red meat	3,919.3	3,863.8	4,100.1	105	106	34,789.0	35,467.6	102

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

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

Species	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of 2014	January to September		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,489.8	2,288.4	2,434.7	98	22,486.0	21,155.0	94
Other 1,000	41.3	33.9	38.4	93	357.8	326.8	91
Commercial 1,000	2,531.1	2,322.3	2,473.1	98	22,843.8	21,481.7	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,347	1,365	1,386	103	1,323	1,354	102
Other pounds	1,156	1,182	1,161	100	1,147	1,162	101
Commercial pounds	1,344	1,363	1,383	103	1,321	1,351	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	41.8	33.9	36.8	88	437.5	323.2	74
Other 1,000	0.6	0.6	0.5	73	6.1	5.1	83
Commercial 1,000	42.4	34.5	37.2	88	443.6	328.2	74
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	289	317	311	108	275	312	113
Other pounds	380	388	410	108	378	382	101
Commercial pounds	290	318	312	108	277	313	113
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,762.1	9,272.1	9,651.8	110	77,700.1	84,451.4	109
Other 1,000	67.1	75.1	74.7	111	564.2	593.9	105
Commercial 1,000	8,829.2	9,347.2	9,726.5	110	78,264.3	85,045.2	109
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	283	278	280	99	285	283	99
Other pounds	244	244	248	102	242	246	101
Commercial pounds	283	278	280	99	284	283	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	172.7	155.5	166.7	97	1,577.6	1,486.5	94
Other 1,000	18.8	19.6	24.1	128	152.1	163.1	107
Commercial 1,000	191.5	175.1	190.8	100	1,729.7	1,649.6	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	130	137	132	101	138	141	102
Other pounds	113	113	107	95	107	108	100
Commercial pounds	128	134	128	100	136	138	101
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	42.7	37.2	40.4	95	358.0	326.9	91
Other 1,000	14.3	8.6	20.5	143	109.4	104.1	95
Commercial 1,000	57.0	45.9	60.9	107	467.4	431.0	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	62	62	62	100	64	62	98
Other pounds	74	85	81	109	73	82	112
Commercial pounds	65	67	68	105	66	67	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.1	4.2	4.2	103	39.1	39.2	100
Other 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.7	109	6.4	6.6	104
Commercial 1,000	4.7	4.9	4.9	104	45.5	45.8	101

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	0.6	0.7	69
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Arizona	35.1	34.4	36.6	104
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	0.4	91
California	109.4	108.9	111.6	102
Colorado	193.0	178.3	189.6	98
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	3.0	2.9	105
Florida	7.5	6.7	7.4	98
Georgia	11.4	9.4	10.9	96
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.7	89
Idaho	4.1	3.7	4.4	108
Illinois	251.1	269.4	273.1	109
Indiana	147.0	147.5	151.0	103
Iowa	531.1	544.4	563.1	106
Kansas	435.5	411.6	450.8	104
Kentucky	40.4	44.8	46.0	114
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	103
Michigan	37.9	35.9	39.2	103
Minnesota	209.0	209.3	220.8	106
Mississippi	0.4	0.4	0.4	112
Missouri	162.2	159.6	164.5	101
Montana	1.5	1.4	1.2	82
Nebraska	628.2	626.5	673.9	107
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
New England ¹	2.0	1.9	2.2	110
New Jersey	3.7	3.7	3.8	104
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.3	88
New York	3.1	3.1	3.4	111
North Carolina	174.0	166.1	182.7	105
North Dakota	0.6	0.5	0.6	107
Ohio	23.6	21.9	23.1	98
Oklahoma	92.4	102.0	103.9	112
Oregon	6.6	6.6	6.5	99
Pennsylvania	108.5	106.2	113.8	105
South Carolina	20.9	18.9	19.9	96
South Dakota	88.2	91.0	100.5	114
Tennessee	23.1	19.5	25.0	108
Texas	358.3	332.4	364.8	102
Utah	38.8	39.9	40.8	105
Virginia	37.2	38.6	39.2	105
Washington	74.4	72.7	72.9	98
West Virginia	0.7	0.6	0.7	102
Wisconsin	92.8	77.3	85.9	93
Wyoming	0.5	0.7	0.4	83
United States	3,959.8	3,901.4	4,140.3	105

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.5	0.5	471	467	1,027	1,028
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	65	(X)	1,124	(X)
Arizona	42.5	43.8	57,779	61,536	1,363	1,408
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	460	385	973	1,006
California	97.8	100.5	127,070	136,412	1,312	1,370
Colorado	213.3	201.7	294,801	289,153	1,383	1,435
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	3.0	3,766	3,979	1,291	1,333
Florida	(D)	11.3	(D)	14,297	(D)	1,270
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	925	859	1,094	1,141
Idaho	3.1	3.4	3,445	3,940	1,178	1,237
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.1	3.0	3,277	3,187	1,068	1,067
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	497.9	495.1	673,547	690,321	1,353	1,395
Kentucky	1.1	1.2	1,156	1,228	1,038	1,060
Louisiana	0.6	0.5	446	457	758	927
Michigan	42.1	43.1	57,381	59,559	1,370	1,390
Minnesota	52.4	47.2	75,934	70,190	1,456	1,494
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	83	120	841	830
Missouri	4.6	2.9	5,040	3,214	1,096	1,113
Montana	1.9	1.3	2,125	1,566	1,138	1,208
Nebraska	571.5	582.6	804,965	848,413	1,410	1,457
Nevada	0.1	0.1	140	128	1,053	1,059
New England ¹	2.0	2.1	2,166	2,346	1,067	1,099
New Jersey	2.9	2.7	3,073	2,986	1,070	1,130
New Mexico	0.4	0.3	385	331	1,073	1,004
New York	3.0	3.1	3,417	3,528	1,145	1,135
North Carolina	6.0	5.6	7,225	6,686	1,214	1,210
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	904	930	1,236	1,280
Ohio	8.1	7.0	9,456	8,019	1,173	1,158
Oklahoma	1.7	1.9	1,608	1,845	971	966
Oregon	5.8	5.4	6,940	6,824	1,223	1,276
Pennsylvania	82.6	80.8	98,338	96,397	1,194	1,198
South Carolina	14.7	15.1	17,219	18,278	1,180	1,219
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.3	5.0	3,906	4,590	924	937
Texas	449.8	443.7	577,217	584,072	1,286	1,320
Utah	46.1	46.5	62,387	64,722	1,355	1,395
Virginia	0.9	1.1	947	1,138	1,048	1,026
Washington	89.6	84.1	120,997	118,158	1,355	1,408
West Virginia	0.9	0.8	879	828	958	997
Wisconsin	104.9	99.0	143,913	135,844	1,380	1,380
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	582	458	1,077	1,146
United States	2,531.1	2,473.1	3,393,150	3,411,616	1,344	1,383

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: September 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	8.8	8.2	849	758	99	94
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	51	62	513	583
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	1.0	(Y)	422	(X)	429	(X)
Indiana	0.4	0.4	120	106	282	271
Iowa	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	0.1	(Y)	28	(X)	511	(X)
Louisiana	0.1	(Y)	27	(X)	493	(X)
Michigan	0.1	(Y)	42	(X)	293	(X)
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	0.5	0.3	79	43	175	168
New Jersey	4.5	4.8	1,878	2,082	421	437
New Mexico	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York	4.6	2.7	559	416	122	158
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	27	(X)	409	(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	7.6	7.0	3,246	3,033	428	435
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	0.1	169	71	596	496
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	(D)	0.8	(D)	54	(D)	68
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.0	5.7	2,738	2,694	459	471
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	42.4	37.2	12,221	11,527	290	312

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

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	2.9	2.0	1,190	705	409	361
Alaska	0.1	0.2	20	46	242	258
Arizona	0.2	0.3	60	69	260	261
Arkansas	0.9	0.9	239	233	268	266
California	201.8	196.8	51,001	47,467	253	241
Colorado	1.7	1.8	417	443	246	250
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.9	448	481	246	249
Florida	3.0	4.1	492	554	164	136
Georgia	5.7	6.5	1,410	1,528	247	237
Hawaii	1.1	0.8	268	200	243	248
Idaho	11.2	12.1	2,985	3,037	266	252
Illinois	855.0	976.9	244,293	276,796	286	283
Indiana	684.2	718.7	191,062	196,511	279	274
Iowa	2,327.0	2,636.7	660,274	734,657	284	279
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.8	0.8	170	197	217	242
Michigan	15.0	16.0	6,007	6,252	401	391
Minnesota	814.9	908.6	224,084	245,584	275	270
Mississippi	2.9	3.0	445	471	154	158
Missouri	721.7	756.0	211,180	216,522	293	287
Montana	1.4	1.6	312	383	216	243
Nebraska	600.5	691.6	169,351	191,485	282	277
Nevada	0.1	0.1	16	22	249	257
New England ¹	3.0	3.4	739	852	247	252
New Jersey	8.8	9.5	840	905	95	95
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	80	87	267	268
New York	3.6	5.1	869	1,236	242	240
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.4	82	117	295	279
Ohio	83.4	86.2	23,412	23,704	281	275
Oklahoma	438.6	494.1	120,560	135,467	275	274
Oregon	13.6	14.2	3,625	3,582	267	252
Pennsylvania	241.4	271.0	64,784	73,607	268	272
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	68.9	74.5	31,268	33,680	454	452
Texas	21.7	25.0	5,390	6,327	249	254
Utah	3.8	4.5	616	898	164	198
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.9	1.0	236	261	265	272
Wisconsin	49.4	44.2	22,471	19,046	456	432
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	131	127	273	265
United States	8,829.2	9,726.5	2,498,750	2,721,450	283	280

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

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (pounds)	2015 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.4	33	45	133	126
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	12	84	95
California	23.0	21.9	3,010	3,204	131	147
Colorado	76.2	71.8	11,006	10,565	145	147
Delaware-Maryland	4.4	3.8	420	371	96	97
Florida	0.5	0.6	32	35	61	63
Georgia	0.8	1.0	50	62	60	60
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	6	23	119	147
Idaho	0.3	0.3	42	44	126	129
Illinois	11.8	(D)	1,580	(D)	134	(D)
Indiana	4.4	4.8	492	530	112	110
Iowa	0.3	0.3	49	62	168	184
Kansas	0.3	0.6	37	53	107	88
Kentucky	1.4	1.8	168	212	121	118
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	24	31	65	78
Michigan	17.2	17.0	2,311	2,305	135	135
Minnesota	0.5	0.5	49	53	104	104
Mississippi	0.3	0.4	21	22	68	58
Missouri	1.1	0.9	111	76	99	87
Montana	0.4	0.5	55	58	132	120
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	11	8	138	122
Nevada	0.1	0.2	12	18	116	116
New England ¹	3.2	4.0	305	395	94	98
New Jersey	10.1	10.7	830	856	82	80
New Mexico	0.8	0.6	103	91	137	146
New York	4.1	5.7	385	562	95	99
North Carolina	1.3	2.0	91	155	69	78
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	10	11	122	133
Ohio	0.9	1.5	92	172	104	111
Oklahoma	0.3	0.3	35	30	114	110
Oregon	3.4	3.7	459	493	137	135
Pennsylvania	6.1	4.8	619	500	101	104
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.4	0.4	61	65	158	161
Tennessee	1.1	1.3	80	84	70	64
Texas	9.7	11.7	1,127	1,141	116	98
Utah	(D)	1.9	(D)	268	(D)	139
Virginia	0.4	0.6	40	55	96	99
Washington	1.4	1.4	188	186	130	131
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.1	1.6	141	239	129	147
Wyoming	0.1	0.2	16	22	142	139
United States	191.5	190.8	24,510	24,502	128	128

(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	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	January to September		September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	January to September	
				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	1,313.1	1,313.8	1,388.4	11,774.7	11,525.0	52.7	57.4	57.0	52.4	54.5
Heifers	701.6	557.8	564.6	6,278.9	5,474.5	28.2	24.4	23.2	27.9	25.9
All cows	426.5	377.2	437.5	4,019.4	3,806.9	17.1	16.5	18.0	17.9	18.0
Dairy cows	237.7	225.4	251.8	2,089.1	2,172.4	9.5	9.8	10.3	9.3	10.3
Other cows	188.9	151.8	185.8	1,930.3	1,634.5	7.6	6.6	7.6	8.6	7.7
Bulls	48.5	39.6	44.2	413.0	348.6	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6
Total	2,489.8	2,288.4	2,434.7	22,486.0	21,155.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	41.8	33.9	36.8	437.5	323.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,496.6	9,019.7	9,385.1	75,398.5	82,099.8	97.0	97.3	97.2	97.0	97.2
Sows	237.1	229.1	244.3	2,049.8	2,138.4	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
Boars	28.4	23.3	22.4	251.7	213.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total	8,762.1	9,272.1	9,651.8	77,700.1	84,451.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12.4	9.4	10.8	102.8	85.1	7.2	6.0	6.5	6.5	5.7
Lambs and yearlings	160.2	146.1	155.9	1,474.8	1,401.4	92.8	94.0	93.5	93.5	94.3
Total	172.7	155.5	166.7	1,577.6	1,486.5	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	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	January to September	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	822	837	848	802	823
Steers ¹	890	902	920	863	883
Heifers ¹	806	812	829	792	809
All cows ¹	625	637	637	627	648
Bulls ¹	900	922	910	900	923
Calves and vealers	171	188	184	163	185
Hogs	212	209	210	214	212
Barrows and gilts ²	210	206	207	211	210
Sows ²	307	310	307	305	309
Boars ²	203	206	203	205	205
Sheep	65	69	66	69	71
Mature sheep ³	65	70	69	66	68
Lambs and yearlings ³	65	68	66	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: September 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	1.8	0.8	0.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2	5.6	1.8	0.8	2.4	2.2	0.2	0.6	7.4
3	83.1	22.7	3.6	52.4	42.9	9.5	4.3	7.2
4	54.9	3.1	1.2	44.6	15.6	29.0	6.0	0.2
5	262.6	126.3	25.7	100.6	66.5	34.1	10.1	12.0
6	442.0	243.4	117.0	73.9	29.5	44.3	7.7	0.1
7	1,089.3	712.6	315.7	51.4	3.5	48.0	9.6	(D)
8	258.6	175.3	65.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	144.7	54.3	10.8	77.0	67.8	9.2	2.6	8.0
10	92.0	48.2	23.4	18.9	14.5	4.4	1.4	1.6
United States	2,434.7	1,388.4	564.6	437.5	251.8	185.8	44.2	36.8
	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	2.9	2.8	(Y)	(Y)	3.8	0.1	3.6	
2	14.4	14.3	0.1	(Y)	15.0	1.8	13.2	
3	449.9	448.9	1.0	0.1	9.4	0.8	8.6	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.4	6.6	1.3	5.3	
5	2,715.6	2,602.5	109.5	3.6	29.6	3.6	26.0	
6	515.8	515.6	0.1	(Y)	2.5	0.4	2.2	
7	4,100.0	4,028.1	54.7	17.2	1.0	(Y)	0.9	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	73.5	1.7	71.8	
9	194.0	193.9	(Y)	(Y)	21.2	0.9	20.3	
10	26.3	26.3	(Y)	(Y)	4.1	0.3	3.8	
United States	9,651.8	9,385.1	244.3	22.4	166.7	10.8	155.9	

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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 September 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	13.9	5.5	3.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2.3
2	49.4	14.9	8.8	20.4	18.1	2.3	5.3	71.1
3	724.0	204.4	45.7	442.6	357.6	85.0	31.3	65.5
4	469.6	26.7	12.6	378.9	131.0	247.8	51.4	1.3
5	2,269.5	1,112.7	237.7	847.1	556.6	290.4	72.0	103.7
6	3,786.9	2,058.2	1,019.1	642.4	278.2	364.2	67.2	2.2
7	9,479.0	5,698.1	3,213.3	496.5	33.7	462.9	71.1	(D)
8	2,264.2	1,465.7	640.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	1,282.0	493.9	99.5	665.1	587.7	77.4	23.5	65.5
10	816.3	444.7	193.6	167.2	128.2	39.0	10.7	11.5
United States	21,155.0	11,525.0	5,474.5	3,806.9	2,172.4	1,634.5	348.6	323.2
	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	18.2	17.5	0.4	0.2	25.0	1.1	23.8	
2	104.5	103.1	1.0	0.3	134.1	11.6	122.6	
3	3,959.4	3,951.1	7.7	0.5	85.3	8.9	76.5	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	15.6	50.9	9.9	41.0	
5	23,725.8	22,661.5	1,028.2	36.1	268.3	23.8	244.5	
6	4,388.7	4,386.2	1.8	0.7	28.8	4.1	24.6	
7	35,523.8	34,853.6	510.7	159.5	7.3	0.2	7.0	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	647.8	16.9	630.9	
9	1,659.1	1,658.8	0.3	0.1	211.0	6.1	204.9	
10	229.3	228.9	0.3	0.1	28.1	2.5	25.6	
United States	84,451.4	82,099.8	2,138.4	213.2	1,486.5	85.1	1,401.4	

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

Species	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	January to September	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.4	98.5
Calves	98.5	98.3	98.8	98.6	98.5
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.3
Sheep	90.2	88.8	87.4	91.2	90.1

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.

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