



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Up 7 Percent From Last Year

**November 2014** contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**November 2015** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in November, up 7 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in November 2014.

**Beef production**, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.29 million head, up 2 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,393 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 7.1 million pounds, 9 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 38,800 head, up 8 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 310 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.08 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.76 million head, up 11 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.8 million pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,100 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2015 commercial red meat production** was 44.1 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 13 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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		
				November 2014	October 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,849.5	2,125.3	1,934.1	105	91	22,250.1	21,643.9	97
Veal .....	6.5	7.2	7.1	109	98	86.2	74.7	87
Pork .....	1,890.2	2,168.9	2,080.2	110	96	20,729.0	22,292.2	108
Lamb and mutton .....	11.5	12.0	11.8	103	98	142.3	137.0	96
Total red meat .....	3,757.7	4,313.4	4,033.1	107	94	43,207.6	44,147.9	102

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		
				November 2014	October 2015	2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,825.4	2,096.5	1,911.1	105	91	21,960.2	21,374.5	97
Veal .....	6.3	7.1	6.9	110	98	84.7	73.4	87
Pork .....	1,880.4	2,155.5	2,068.9	110	96	20,606.6	22,160.8	108
Lamb and mutton .....	10.6	10.9	10.9	102	100	132.5	126.6	96
Total red meat .....	3,722.8	4,270.0	3,997.8	107	94	42,784.0	43,735.3	102

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

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

Species	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of 2014	January to November		
					2014	2015	2015 as % of 2014
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,209.7	2,469.4	2,258.2	102	27,286.2	25,882.5	95
Other ..... 1,000	37.1	43.6	34.9	94	444.2	405.4	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,246.8	2,513.0	2,293.2	102	27,730.4	26,287.9	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,367	1,394	1,396	102	1,330	1,361	102
Other ..... pounds	1,146	1,156	1,157	101	1,148	1,161	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,363	1,390	1,393	102	1,327	1,358	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	35.2	39.6	38.2	108	515.3	401.0	78
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.6	0.6	91	7.5	6.3	84
Commercial ..... 1,000	35.9	40.3	38.8	108	522.8	407.3	78
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	305	303	309	102	280	311	111
Other ..... pounds	359	401	376	105	378	383	101
Commercial ..... pounds	306	305	310	102	281	312	111
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	8,754.2	10,172.5	9,700.0	111	96,334.6	104,323.8	108
Other ..... 1,000	55.6	74.0	62.2	112	690.9	730.1	106
Commercial ..... 1,000	8,809.8	10,246.5	9,762.2	111	97,025.5	105,053.9	108
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	287	284	286	100	285	283	99
Other ..... pounds	242	249	252	104	243	247	102
Commercial ..... pounds	286	283	285	100	285	283	99
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	157.1	166.3	162.5	103	1,921.5	1,815.4	94
Other ..... 1,000	15.7	20.0	18.5	118	188.4	201.6	107
Commercial ..... 1,000	172.8	186.3	181.1	105	2,110.0	2,017.0	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	135	131	134	99	137	139	101
Other ..... pounds	109	109	99	91	107	107	100
Commercial ..... pounds	133	129	130	98	135	136	101
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	37.2	36.5	36.2	97	439.1	399.5	91
Other ..... 1,000	10.6	17.4	11.0	104	133.4	132.5	99
Commercial ..... 1,000	47.8	53.9	47.2	99	572.6	532.0	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	62	62	98	64	62	98
Other ..... pounds	83	75	73	88	75	80	108
Commercial ..... pounds	67	66	64	95	66	67	101
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.8	4.2	4.5	117	47.3	47.9	101
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.7	0.7	99	7.9	8.0	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.5	4.9	5.2	115	55.2	55.9	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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of 2014
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.7	0.8	0.9	134
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Arizona .....	31.9	38.2	42.5	133
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.5	0.3	69
California .....	106.7	116.6	110.9	104
Colorado .....	170.0	194.2	171.1	101
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	3.0	3.0	122
Florida .....	6.6	7.6	7.4	112
Georgia .....	10.1	11.0	10.6	105
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	88
Idaho .....	3.3	4.4	4.3	129
Illinois .....	246.7	288.3	275.1	111
Indiana .....	140.6	164.7	164.0	117
Iowa .....	549.3	600.0	577.6	105
Kansas .....	375.0	452.8	391.0	104
Kentucky .....	42.6	46.8	49.5	116
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.5	0.5	119
Michigan .....	34.7	40.4	36.5	105
Minnesota .....	201.7	230.4	211.4	105
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.5	0.5	118
Missouri .....	149.7	169.2	160.5	107
Montana .....	1.5	2.0	1.8	120
Nebraska .....	592.3	687.7	653.4	110
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	114
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.3	2.1	114
New Jersey .....	3.2	3.6	3.6	112
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.4	0.3	89
New York .....	2.7	3.4	3.1	115
North Carolina .....	204.5	210.2	218.9	107
North Dakota .....	0.4	0.7	0.4	91
Ohio .....	21.5	19.8	21.6	100
Oklahoma .....	91.0	110.1	88.0	97
Oregon .....	6.1	6.7	6.2	101
Pennsylvania .....	105.0	124.9	115.4	110
South Carolina .....	19.0	19.9	17.9	94
South Dakota .....	87.4	107.6	98.2	112
Tennessee .....	23.1	27.3	24.9	108
Texas .....	298.8	368.9	324.1	108
Utah .....	35.2	40.8	36.6	104
Virginia .....	36.8	44.1	40.4	110
Washington .....	66.3	75.9	72.6	109
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.9	0.7	98
Wisconsin .....	85.5	85.0	84.3	99
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.2	0.4	97
United States .....	3,757.7	4,313.4	4,033.1	107

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	0.4	0.4	382	442	981	999
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	112	130	1,050	1,132
Arizona .....	38.7	49.3	52,969	69,971	1,371	1,421
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.3	456	263	983	1,020
California .....	94.7	97.5	125,006	132,354	1,332	1,369
Colorado .....	185.9	183.3	259,664	261,810	1,398	1,429
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	3.1	3,353	4,182	1,297	1,339
Florida .....	(D)	11.6	(D)	14,384	(D)	1,243
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.6	823	688	1,107	1,092
Idaho .....	2.5	3.1	2,783	3,570	1,169	1,203
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2.4	2.4	2,572	2,636	1,065	1,109
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	424.4	430.7	579,606	604,485	1,366	1,404
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.1	991	1,101	957	997
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	366	407	849	933
Michigan .....	39.0	39.4	53,730	54,917	1,387	1,402
Minnesota .....	50.0	40.1	72,922	58,318	1,467	1,462
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	102	178	850	863
Missouri .....	2.2	1.4	2,346	1,478	1,094	1,081
Montana .....	1.9	2.2	2,152	2,522	1,122	1,154
Nebraska .....	519.7	563.3	753,219	830,343	1,451	1,475
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	119	113	1,020	1,000
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	2.1	2,109	2,269	1,042	1,081
New Jersey .....	2.2	2.2	2,427	2,446	1,103	1,109
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	420	358	1,046	1,141
New York .....	2.6	2.5	2,961	2,872	1,147	1,169
North Carolina .....	5.3	4.3	6,334	5,070	1,213	1,199
North Dakota .....	0.5	0.4	594	483	1,181	1,298
Ohio .....	8.7	7.0	10,045	8,047	1,159	1,165
Oklahoma .....	1.6	2.0	1,497	2,002	966	996
Oregon .....	5.1	5.0	6,193	6,164	1,221	1,242
Pennsylvania .....	79.5	81.5	95,627	100,261	1,206	1,235
South Carolina .....	13.6	13.5	15,786	15,951	1,174	1,192
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	4.7	4.3	4,147	3,940	908	931
Texas .....	375.3	394.0	485,899	520,936	1,299	1,325
Utah .....	42.4	42.1	56,965	58,236	1,345	1,387
Virginia .....	1.1	1.0	1,098	1,050	1,028	1,056
Washington .....	79.8	82.6	108,614	117,575	1,364	1,426
West Virginia .....	1.0	0.9	985	870	943	940
Wisconsin .....	97.6	98.5	134,516	137,161	1,385	1,401
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	596	570	1,124	1,139
United States .....	2,246.8	2,293.2	3,055,252	3,186,881	1,363	1,393

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	6.7	9.4	656	816	100	88
Colorado .....	(Y)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	48	34	581	499
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	0.1	(D)	29	(D)	484	(D)
Illinois .....	0.6	0.1	270	18	431	321
Indiana .....	0.4	0.4	113	93	286	267
Iowa .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	28	(X)	477
Michigan .....	0.1	0.2	29	61	300	292
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	66	38	165	164
New Jersey .....	4.5	5.5	1,913	2,407	429	440
New Mexico .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York .....	3.7	2.5	496	502	137	202
North Carolina .....	0.1	(Y)	21	(X)	374	(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 .....	6.7	6.8	2,869	2,970	426	436
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.2	0.4	111	193	519	493
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	29	(X)	470
Washington .....	(D)	0.3	(D)	19	(D)	68
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	5.3	5.6	2,469	2,715	470	489
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	35.9	38.8	10,901	11,954	306	310

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	1.7	2.5	646	944	374	385
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	25	31	251	261
Arizona .....	0.1	0.2	32	46	253	259
Arkansas .....	0.8	0.5	202	150	257	273
California .....	194.4	200.1	49,346	50,089	254	250
Colorado .....	1.2	1.4	275	348	232	243
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.8	412	490	266	268
Florida .....	5.1	3.7	672	573	131	155
Georgia .....	5.5	6.6	1,323	1,740	242	262
Hawaii .....	1.1	0.9	257	238	244	259
Idaho .....	9.3	12.1	2,444	3,144	265	261
Illinois .....	856.2	997.3	246,851	288,560	288	289
Indiana .....	649.0	761.1	183,316	214,395	283	282
Iowa .....	2,393.5	2,648.0	685,810	755,389	287	285
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	1.2	1.2	217	271	176	232
Michigan .....	13.0	15.3	5,346	6,444	413	422
Minnesota .....	789.6	889.7	217,951	243,146	276	273
Mississippi .....	3.4	3.4	481	526	143	155
Missouri .....	674.9	728.9	196,718	213,042	292	292
Montana .....	1.1	1.6	255	412	225	251
Nebraska .....	590.5	654.0	167,873	184,467	284	282
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	32	(X)	258
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	3.3	621	872	261	268
New Jersey .....	7.4	8.1	697	820	94	101
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	51	69	271	280
New York .....	2.8	4.6	661	1,201	240	259
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.4	92	133	287	297
Ohio .....	71.3	75.0	20,251	21,838	284	292
Oklahoma .....	428.6	425.5	118,593	115,577	277	272
Oregon .....	13.4	13.8	3,565	3,602	265	261
Pennsylvania .....	232.7	263.1	63,316	73,261	272	278
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	69.7	74.5	31,343	34,071	450	458
Texas .....	20.4	27.1	4,882	6,513	240	240
Utah .....	3.3	4.6	523	825	156	181
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.8	197	246	285	294
Wisconsin .....	44.3	36.5	19,948	15,619	451	429
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	76	83	280	261
United States .....	8,809.8	9,762.2	2,521,944	2,784,828	286	285

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	90	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.3	0.3	29	42	114	135
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California .....	19.6	21.6	2,687	2,877	137	133
Colorado .....	74.5	75.1	11,207	11,338	151	151
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.5	3.4	339	325	96	95
Florida .....	0.6	0.5	41	32	65	63
Georgia .....	0.5	0.7	41	48	81	65
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	6	14	127	135
Idaho .....	0.2	0.3	25	34	136	131
Illinois .....	10.8	(D)	1,506	(D)	140	(D)
Indiana .....	3.5	3.5	401	405	114	115
Iowa .....	0.4	0.4	76	69	180	187
Kansas .....	0.5	0.4	46	41	98	92
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.4	128	169	123	117
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	25	28	72	76
Michigan .....	15.2	15.9	2,097	2,177	138	137
Minnesota .....	0.4	0.5	38	44	102	98
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.3	26	17	72	56
Missouri .....	0.7	0.6	54	53	81	83
Montana .....	0.5	0.5	74	51	137	104
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	11	10	130	108
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.9	288	285	92	97
New Jersey .....	7.7	8.9	629	699	82	78
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.8	112	108	143	143
New York .....	4.2	5.3	426	558	102	105
North Carolina .....	1.3	1.1	89	82	70	73
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.7	1.4	172	156	101	110
Oklahoma .....	0.3	0.3	34	31	110	102
Oregon .....	2.6	2.5	349	342	132	136
Pennsylvania .....	4.8	4.9	493	508	102	103
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	44	46	162	163
Tennessee .....	0.7	1.0	51	70	76	69
Texas .....	6.8	10.0	702	811	103	81
Utah .....	(D)	1.9	(D)	257	(D)	136
Virginia .....	0.5	0.4	44	34	89	93
Washington .....	0.9	1.0	115	132	131	132
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	1.2	101	170	123	141
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.1	22	15	128	140
United States .....	172.8	181.1	22,930	23,531	133	130

(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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	January to November		November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	January to November	
				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 .....	1,084.1	1,335.3	1,185.6	14,165.0	14,045.9	49.1	54.1	52.5	51.9	54.3
Heifers .....	657.6	638.8	604.4	7,702.6	6,717.7	29.8	25.9	26.8	28.2	26.0
All cows .....	425.8	453.2	430.9	4,913.1	4,691.1	19.3	18.4	19.1	18.0	18.1
Dairy cows .....	217.9	256.5	230.3	2,558.8	2,659.3	9.9	10.4	10.2	9.4	10.3
Other cows .....	207.9	196.7	200.6	2,354.3	2,031.8	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	7.9
Bulls .....	42.3	42.0	37.3	505.5	427.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.7
Total .....	2,209.7	2,469.4	2,258.2	27,286.2	25,882.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	35.2	39.6	38.2	515.3	401.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	8,509.3	9,904.0	9,463.2	93,496.3	101,466.9	97.2	97.4	97.6	97.1	97.3
Sows .....	219.4	245.0	219.9	2,529.1	2,603.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5
Boars .....	25.5	23.5	16.9	309.2	253.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total .....	8,754.2	10,172.5	9,700.0	96,334.6	104,323.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	9.8	9.6	8.4	125.9	103.1	6.2	5.8	5.2	6.5	5.7
Lambs and yearlings .....	147.3	156.7	154.1	1,795.7	1,712.3	93.8	94.2	94.8	93.5	94.3
Total .....	157.1	166.3	162.5	1,921.5	1,815.4	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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	January to November	
				2014	2015
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	828	851	848	807	828
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	903	926	923	869	891
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	827	846	850	798	816
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	630	630	634	627	645
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	894	895	893	899	917
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	181	180	183	165	184
<b>Hogs</b> .....	215	212	213	214	212
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	213	210	211	212	210
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	301	311	310	305	309
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	205	199	230	205	206
<b>Sheep</b> .....	68	66	67	69	70
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	67	66	66	66	68
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	68	66	67	69	70

<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: November 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 .....	1.8	0.9	0.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2 .....	4.6	1.6	0.8	1.7	1.5	0.2	0.4	8.0
3 .....	83.7	25.3	4.0	50.6	41.0	9.6	3.8	7.1
4 .....	51.1	2.4	1.1	42.2	12.8	29.4	5.4	0.2
5 .....	243.3	109.4	24.9	100.1	63.1	37.0	8.9	11.4
6 .....	392.5	213.4	101.3	72.2	25.4	46.7	5.7	0.3
7 .....	1,005.9	593.6	350.4	54.0	1.4	52.6	8.0	(D)
8 .....	238.2	133.4	85.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	147.2	59.0	11.7	74.2	64.1	10.1	2.3	9.2
10 .....	89.9	46.7	24.3	17.9	13.5	4.4	1.0	1.7
United States .....	2,258.2	1,185.6	604.4	430.9	230.3	200.6	37.3	38.2
	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 .....	2.8	2.8	(Y)	(Y)	2.7	0.1	2.6	
2 .....	12.5	12.4	0.1	0.1	13.8	1.4	12.4	
3 .....	445.1	444.2	0.9	0.1	9.2	0.7	8.5	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	4.1	5.0	1.0	4.1	
5 .....	2,748.7	2,650.1	95.2	3.5	27.8	2.7	25.1	
6 .....	448.4	448.4	0.1	(Y)	3.1	0.4	2.7	
7 .....	4,045.0	3,992.1	43.8	9.1	0.6	(Y)	0.6	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	76.6	1.5	75.2	
9 .....	197.1	197.1	(Y)	(Y)	20.9	0.5	20.5	
10 .....	26.0	25.9	(Y)	(Y)	2.7	0.2	2.5	
United States .....	9,700.0	9,463.2	219.9	16.9	162.5	8.4	154.1	

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<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 November 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 .....	17.8	7.5	4.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2.7
2 .....	59.1	18.3	10.4	24.3	21.4	2.9	6.1	87.1
3 .....	896.1	254.2	53.2	549.0	444.2	104.7	39.8	80.8
4 .....	577.0	32.6	14.6	467.1	158.8	308.3	62.6	1.6
5 .....	2,772.7	1,343.7	290.9	1,047.9	689.6	358.2	90.3	126.2
6 .....	4,626.3	2,514.5	1,237.2	794.9	332.7	462.2	79.7	2.9
7 .....	11,586.1	6,965.5	3,929.7	603.1	37.1	566.0	88.0	(D)
8 .....	2,767.2	1,760.6	811.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	1,578.6	609.9	121.6	818.7	720.9	97.8	28.4	84.2
10 .....	1,001.6	539.1	244.5	205.1	157.2	47.9	13.0	15.2
United States .....	25,882.5	14,045.9	6,717.7	4,691.1	2,659.3	2,031.8	427.9	401.0
	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 .....	23.8	23.1	0.5	0.2	30.7	1.4	29.3	
2 .....	130.6	129.0	1.2	0.4	162.1	14.4	147.7	
3 .....	4,901.7	4,891.3	9.7	0.7	103.8	10.5	93.3	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	20.5	61.1	11.9	49.2	
5 .....	29,333.3	28,061.1	1,228.9	43.3	325.1	29.1	295.9	
6 .....	5,391.1	5,388.5	1.9	0.7	34.7	4.8	29.8	
7 .....	43,804.1	43,008.1	608.8	187.3	8.8	0.3	8.5	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.3	803.0	20.5	782.5	
9 .....	2,060.8	2,060.4	0.4	0.1	252.0	7.3	244.7	
10 .....	280.5	280.0	0.3	0.1	34.2	2.8	31.4	
United States .....	104,323.8	101,466.9	2,603.3	253.6	1,815.4	103.1	1,712.3	

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

Species	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	January to November	
				2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.3	98.3	98.5	98.4	98.5
Calves .....	98.2	98.4	98.5	98.6	98.5
Hogs .....	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	90.9	89.3	89.8	91.1	90.0

## 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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