



Livestock Slaughter

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Pork Production Down 1 Percent from Last Year

January 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

January 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in January, down 1 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2015.

Beef production, at 1.95 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down 2 percent from January 2015. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,381 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.7 million pounds, 2 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 41,800 head, 5 percent above January 2015. The average live weight was down 17 pounds from last year, at 274 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, 1 percent below the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.74 million head, slightly below January 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 4 percent below January 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,400 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from January a year ago.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January		
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,963.8	2,045.9	1,953.5	99	95	1,963.8	1,953.5	99
Veal	6.8	7.8	6.7	98	86	6.8	6.7	98
Pork	2,104.7	2,207.1	2,084.2	99	94	2,104.7	2,084.2	99
Lamb and mutton	11.7	13.2	11.2	96	85	11.7	11.2	96
Total red meat	4,087.0	4,273.9	4,055.6	99	95	4,087.0	4,055.6	99

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January		
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,936.2	2,020.5	1,927.7	100	95	1,936.2	1,927.7	100
Veal	6.7	7.7	6.6	98	86	6.7	6.6	98
Pork	2,093.5	2,194.5	2,072.7	99	94	2,093.5	2,072.7	99
Lamb and mutton	11.0	12.3	10.3	94	84	11.0	10.3	94
Total red meat	4,047.5	4,234.9	4,017.3	99	95	4,047.5	4,017.3	99

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

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

Species	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of 2015	January		
					2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,376.5	2,413.5	2,319.9	98	2,376.5	2,319.9	98
Other 1,000	41.4	38.5	38.7	93	41.4	38.7	93
Commercial 1,000	2,418.0	2,452.0	2,358.6	98	2,418.0	2,358.6	98
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,362	1,391	1,385	102	1,362	1,385	102
Other pounds	1,167	1,168	1,172	100	1,167	1,172	100
Commercial pounds	1,358	1,388	1,381	102	1,358	1,381	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	39.3	44.5	41.2	105	39.3	41.2	105
Other 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.5	89	0.6	0.5	89
Commercial 1,000	39.9	45.2	41.8	105	39.9	41.8	105
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	294	273	94	290	273	94
Other pounds	370	387	368	99	370	368	99
Commercial pounds	291	295	274	94	291	274	94
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,698.4	10,291.7	9,682.2	100	9,698.4	9,682.2	100
Other 1,000	62.0	68.7	62.4	101	62.0	62.4	101
Commercial 1,000	9,760.4	10,360.4	9,744.6	100	9,760.4	9,744.6	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	287	285	286	99	287	286	99
Other pounds	247	251	254	103	247	254	103
Commercial pounds	287	285	285	99	287	285	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	153.0	182.3	144.4	94	153.0	144.4	94
Other 1,000	13.7	17.3	16.9	123	13.7	16.9	123
Commercial 1,000	166.7	199.6	161.4	97	166.7	161.4	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	144	135	142	99	144	142	99
Other pounds	104	108	110	106	104	110	106
Commercial pounds	140	132	139	99	140	139	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	34.9	41.7	31.1	89	34.9	31.1	89
Other 1,000	11.3	12.0	9.9	88	11.3	9.9	88
Commercial 1,000	46.2	53.8	41.0	89	46.2	41.0	89
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	62	61	62	99	62	62	99
Other pounds	80	88	77	96	80	77	96
Commercial pounds	67	67	66	98	67	66	98
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.8	4.1	4.2	87	4.8	4.2	87
Other 1,000	0.8	0.7	0.7	85	0.8	0.7	85
Commercial 1,000	5.6	4.8	4.9	87	5.6	4.9	87

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.6	0.7	0.6	92
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
Arizona	37.5	42.6	39.0	104
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	0.4	114
California	113.7	122.4	112.9	99
Colorado	167.0	183.6	159.0	95
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	3.3	2.8	112
Florida	7.7	8.5	8.2	107
Georgia	10.1	10.5	9.7	96
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.7	89
Idaho	3.6	4.8	4.3	119
Illinois	276.1	295.9	280.5	102
Indiana	153.8	165.3	155.8	101
Iowa	609.1	606.3	585.5	96
Kansas	410.0	422.4	420.2	102
Kentucky	46.9	53.4	44.2	94
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	0.4	96
Michigan	37.4	40.9	37.3	100
Minnesota	227.9	223.9	215.4	94
Mississippi	0.4	0.5	0.5	123
Missouri	170.0	171.5	165.1	97
Montana	0.8	1.8	0.9	104
Nebraska	618.5	675.3	639.1	103
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	93
New England ¹	1.5	2.2	1.8	117
New Jersey	3.3	4.1	3.1	94
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.3	113
New York	2.8	3.4	3.0	107
North Carolina	217.8	225.6	212.7	98
North Dakota	0.7	0.6	0.8	106
Ohio	21.0	24.5	23.2	111
Oklahoma	102.1	100.2	99.6	98
Oregon	6.3	6.3	5.9	94
Pennsylvania	111.2	128.4	118.0	106
South Carolina	20.7	19.4	18.1	88
South Dakota	101.7	106.7	108.3	106
Tennessee	20.6	24.2	18.9	92
Texas	335.0	343.2	328.1	98
Utah	38.9	41.2	37.3	96
Virginia	47.3	44.0	37.4	79
Washington	66.7	75.7	67.8	102
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	0.5	91
Wisconsin	92.5	87.4	87.6	95
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	0.4	103
United States	4,087.0	4,273.9	4,055.6	99

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: January 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.4	0.3	389	322	1,027	1,043
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	46.6	46.8	63,002	65,240	1,353	1,398
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	449	474	1,027	972
California	111.9	103.7	145,941	139,987	1,316	1,360
Colorado	185.0	171.8	259,546	245,604	1,405	1,431
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.8	3,367	3,863	1,289	1,379
Florida	11.7	12.8	14,695	16,216	1,272	1,274
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	1,024	893	1,133	1,158
Idaho	3.0	3.4	3,422	3,939	1,204	1,247
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	2.8	3,637	3,137	1,057	1,106
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	467.4	469.0	636,671	648,419	1,363	1,383
Kentucky	1.3	1.3	1,424	1,401	1,075	1,052
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	405	384	854	916
Michigan	41.1	39.2	57,089	55,956	1,398	1,438
Minnesota	50.2	(D)	73,955	(D)	1,480	(D)
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	94	165	834	881
Missouri	5.3	3.4	6,168	3,925	1,167	1,163
Montana	0.9	1.0	1,121	1,153	1,188	1,197
Nebraska	543.2	569.1	773,920	826,005	1,426	1,453
Nevada	0.1	0.1	95	79	1,032	1,013
New England ¹	1.6	1.8	1,731	2,061	1,087	1,131
New Jersey	2.6	2.2	2,809	2,362	1,073	1,100
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	318	373	1,045	1,031
New York	2.7	2.8	3,163	3,330	1,170	1,196
North Carolina	5.5	4.7	6,706	5,637	1,222	1,206
North Dakota	0.9	0.9	1,147	1,197	1,238	1,338
Ohio	5.0	7.5	5,741	8,897	1,151	1,199
Oklahoma	2.2	2.5	2,185	2,512	1,009	1,023
Oregon	5.1	(D)	6,278	(D)	1,241	(D)
Pennsylvania	83.6	78.0	101,703	97,089	1,221	1,249
South Carolina	15.2	12.9	18,444	15,581	1,228	1,219
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	5.4	3.9	4,898	3,610	928	950
Texas	421.9	410.3	549,009	535,088	1,305	1,307
Utah	46.7	42.7	63,080	59,943	1,351	1,406
Virginia	1.2	1.2	1,250	1,214	1,077	1,040
Washington	81.3	80.6	109,608	111,887	1,351	1,391
West Virginia	0.8	0.6	843	686	1,040	1,062
Wisconsin	103.7	99.9	143,115	140,075	1,388	1,410
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	594	613	1,080	1,114
United States	2,418.0	2,358.6	3,276,934	3,250,148	1,358	1,381

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: January 2015 and 2016

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (pounds)	2016 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	7.5	11.0	752	934	102	86
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(Y)	0.1	(X)	39	(X)	505
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	1.8	(D)	130	(D)	74
Illinois	0.5	(Y)	224	(X)	430	(X)
Indiana	0.6	0.5	150	109	250	206
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Michigan	0.1	0.1	25	33	302	298
Minnesota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nebraska	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.3	0.3	50	47	175	186
New Jersey	4.3	4.1	1,879	1,797	437	439
New Mexico	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York	4.8	3.3	618	503	130	156
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	32	(X)	478	(X)
North Dakota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	6.2	(D)	1,674	(D)	271
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7.4	6.8	3,190	2,981	430	436
South Carolina	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.1	0.9	81	345	572	404
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	1.1	(D)	80	(D)	73	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.6	5.4	2,661	2,533	472	474
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	39.9	41.8	11,533	11,384	291	274

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: January 2015 and 2016

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (pounds)	2016 (pounds)
Alabama	1.7	1.6	614	601	372	368
Alaska	0.1	0.2	18	39	279	263
Arizona	0.2	(D)	43	(D)	262	(D)
Arkansas	0.8	0.9	220	230	269	267
California	177.8	193.9	44,608	48,134	251	248
Colorado	1.2	1.6	313	398	253	248
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.7	407	462	268	267
Florida	5.5	3.6	707	580	128	160
Georgia	5.2	5.2	1,248	1,230	242	238
Hawaii	1.0	0.8	252	214	247	256
Idaho	9.3	11.3	2,460	2,944	264	262
Illinois	963.7	994.8	278,912	287,629	289	289
Indiana	709.3	715.9	199,181	202,660	281	283
Iowa	2,637.3	2,663.1	759,198	762,353	288	286
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.0	0.9	220	208	222	236
Michigan	15.1	16.2	6,072	6,596	404	408
Minnesota	910.1	897.4	252,541	246,188	278	274
Mississippi	2.9	(D)	432	(D)	148	(D)
Missouri	758.3	744.0	220,334	216,488	291	291
Montana	0.8	0.8	230	225	271	276
Nebraska	692.6	632.8	196,083	179,176	283	283
Nevada	0.1	0.1	19	26	259	259
New England ¹	2.0	2.5	527	687	265	280
New Jersey	7.5	8.7	751	869	100	100
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	58	70	280	273
New York	2.7	3.4	664	907	247	268
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.4	103	117	313	298
Ohio	80.7	81.4	22,872	23,390	284	288
Oklahoma	474.1	464.0	132,349	129,532	279	279
Oregon	14.4	12.4	3,807	3,248	264	262
Pennsylvania	245.2	279.4	66,713	78,504	272	281
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	60.1	55.3	27,151	25,621	453	464
Texas	21.0	22.9	5,303	5,855	252	256
Utah	3.6	5.1	587	927	165	180
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	0.6	(D)	174	(D)	272
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	150	194	274	289
Wisconsin	51.0	40.5	23,229	17,825	456	442
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	88	98	268	289
United States	9,760.4	9,744.6	2,800,163	2,780,385	287	285

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: January 2015 and 2016

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 head)	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (pounds)	2016 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	(D)	35	(D)	132	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	5	8	81	122
California	22.6	20.1	3,297	2,895	146	144
Colorado	69.6	64.2	11,052	10,494	159	164
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	2.8	301	266	100	96
Florida	0.4	0.9	25	56	67	62
Georgia	0.9	1.2	59	81	66	66
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	10	25	135	142
Idaho	0.2	0.2	21	29	138	131
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2.9	3.1	337	350	117	113
Iowa	0.2	0.3	38	41	181	152
Kansas	0.4	0.4	41	31	92	83
Kentucky	1.1	1.4	131	161	124	117
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	20	27	64	86
Michigan	16.5	16.2	2,365	2,281	144	141
Minnesota	0.4	0.4	44	48	117	108
Mississippi	0.3	0.3	22	15	71	57
Missouri	0.8	0.6	72	62	91	96
Montana	0.2	0.2	28	28	123	115
Nebraska	0.1	(Y)	11	(X)	132	(X)
Nevada	0.1	(Y)	11	(X)	128	(X)
New England ¹	2.2	2.2	233	210	104	96
New Jersey	7.5	8.0	589	624	78	78
New Mexico	0.6	0.7	92	104	151	151
New York	4.1	4.3	431	461	105	107
North Carolina	0.8	0.7	63	56	76	76
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.0	1.1	97	122	101	110
Oklahoma	0.2	0.3	20	22	87	86
Oregon	2.3	2.8	337	406	146	147
Pennsylvania	4.2	4.6	474	486	113	106
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	41	50	163	161
Tennessee	0.8	0.9	63	66	76	76
Texas	6.3	9.1	623	963	99	106
Utah	2.0	1.7	284	241	145	142
Virginia	0.3	0.3	28	24	92	94
Washington	1.0	1.2	132	160	133	137
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.9	1.0	109	138	127	139
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	14	16	141	137
United States	166.7	161.4	23,393	22,399	140	139

(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	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January		January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January	
				2015	2016				2015	2016
	(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	1,208.6	1,285.5	1,215.1	1,208.6	1,215.1	50.9	53.3	52.4	50.9	52.4
Heifers	649.4	633.7	611.2	649.4	611.2	27.3	26.3	26.3	27.3	26.3
All cows	480.9	459.8	462.3	480.9	462.3	20.2	19.1	19.9	20.2	19.9
Dairy cows	275.4	255.4	265.5	275.4	265.5	11.6	10.6	11.4	11.6	11.4
Other cows	205.5	204.5	196.8	205.5	196.8	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5
Bulls	37.7	34.5	31.4	37.7	31.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4
Total	2,376.5	2,413.5	2,319.9	2,376.5	2,319.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	39.3	44.5	41.2	39.3	41.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,435.0	10,021.0	9,429.5	9,435.0	9,429.5	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.3	97.4
Sows	235.1	248.2	232.4	235.1	232.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Boars	28.4	22.5	20.3	28.4	20.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	9,698.4	10,291.7	9,682.2	9,698.4	9,682.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	8.8	10.1	7.0	8.8	7.0	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.7	4.9
Lambs and yearlings	144.2	172.2	137.4	144.2	137.4	94.3	94.4	95.1	94.3	95.1
Total	153.0	182.3	144.4	153.0	144.4	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	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January	
				2015	2016
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	817	839	833	817	833
Steers ¹	884	908	900	884	900
Heifers ¹	814	841	835	814	835
All cows ¹	642	638	649	642	649
Bulls ¹	912	888	902	912	902
Calves and vealers	172	173	161	172	161
Hogs	216	213	214	216	214
Barrows and gilts ²	214	211	212	214	212
Sows ²	305	310	311	305	311
Boars ²	201	220	210	201	210
Sheep	72	67	71	72	71
Mature sheep ³	69	66	70	69	70
Lambs and yearlings ³	72	68	71	72	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: January 2016

[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	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	
2	4.8	1.6	0.8	2.1	1.9	0.2	0.4	7.4	
3	80.1	24.3	4.5	49.0	39.7	9.4	2.2	7.1	
4	50.4	2.9	1.1	41.9	15.2	26.7	4.5	0.2	
5	253.2	119.7	24.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12.1	
6	408.6	220.6	96.4	85.8	43.6	42.1	5.9	0.8	
7	1,050.1	603.3	383.2	56.0	2.2	53.8	7.6	(D)	
8	232.4	139.0	69.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
9	150.8	57.0	10.0	82.0	75.0	7.0	1.8	10.9	
10	88.1	46.0	20.3	21.0	16.6	4.4	0.8	2.6	
United States	2,319.9	1,215.1	611.2	462.3	265.5	196.8	31.4	41.2	
	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)	(1,000 head)	
1	2.2	2.1	0.1	(Y)	2.0	0.1	1.9		
2	12.0	11.9	0.1	(Y)	11.9	1.1	10.8		
3	451.8	450.9	0.9	0.1	8.1	0.7	7.4		
4	(D)	(D)	61.9	1.3	4.8	0.7	4.1		
5	2,718.8	2,607.0	108.6	3.2	26.4	1.9	24.5		
6	483.1	483.0	0.1	(Y)	2.7	0.3	2.4		
7	4,057.5	3,982.0	59.8	15.6	0.6	(Y)	0.6		
8	(D)	(D)	1.0	(Y)	65.6	1.3	64.3		
9	190.6	190.5	0.1	(Y)	19.1	0.6	18.5		
10	23.7	23.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.1	0.2	2.9		
United States	9,682.2	9,429.5	232.4	20.3	144.4	7.0	137.4		

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

(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, Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January	
				2015	2016
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.4	98.4	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.5	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.7
Hogs	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.4
Sheep	91.8	91.3	89.5	91.8	89.5

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 Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 14). 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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