



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Record Low Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production for April

**April 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**April 2016** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.98 billion pounds in April, down 1 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in April 2015.

**Beef production**, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.41 million head, up 1 percent from April 2015. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.0 million pounds, 10 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,800 head, down 2 percent from April 2015. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from last year, at 293 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.37 million head, down 3 percent from April 2015. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 6 percent from April 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,000 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

**January to April 2016 commercial red meat production** was 16.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2015.

Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		
				April 2015	March 2016	2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,928.8	2,096.0	1,963.9	102	94	7,593.5	7,898.5	104
Veal .....	6.6	6.4	6.0	90	94	26.7	25.2	94
Pork .....	2,066.9	2,145.1	2,000.1	97	93	8,228.4	8,229.9	100
Lamb and mutton .....	13.7	14.3	12.8	94	90	51.2	50.8	99
Total red meat .....	4,016.0	4,261.7	3,982.9	99	93	15,899.8	16,204.3	102

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		
				April 2015	March 2016	2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	1,903.9	2,069.5	1,939.8	102	94	7,492.0	7,796.8	104
Veal .....	6.5	6.2	5.9	90	94	26.2	24.7	94
Pork .....	2,055.0	2,131.8	1,988.3	97	93	8,182.2	8,181.5	100
Lamb and mutton .....	12.8	13.2	11.8	92	89	48.0	46.9	98
Total red meat .....	3,978.1	4,220.8	3,945.8	99	93	15,748.4	16,049.9	102

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

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

Species	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of 2015	January to April		
					2015	2016	2016 as % of 2015
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,345.9	2,492.9	2,373.2	101	9,198.4	9,437.8	103
Other ..... 1,000	37.4	39.5	35.8	96	153.7	151.8	99
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,383.3	2,532.3	2,409.1	101	9,352.1	9,589.6	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,341	1,373	1,351	101	1,353	1,371	101
Other ..... pounds	1,158	1,168	1,168	101	1,158	1,171	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,338	1,370	1,348	101	1,350	1,368	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	34.7	35.2	34.2	98	149.3	146.4	98
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.6	91	2.4	2.5	102
Commercial ..... 1,000	35.4	35.9	34.8	98	151.8	148.9	98
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	317	301	292	92	298	287	96
Other ..... pounds	372	354	377	101	367	370	101
Commercial ..... pounds	318	302	293	92	299	288	96
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,611.9	10,015.4	9,302.8	97	38,145.6	38,364.1	101
Other ..... 1,000	65.0	71.2	63.5	98	254.7	261.5	103
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,676.8	10,086.6	9,366.3	97	38,400.3	38,625.7	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	285	284	285	100	286	285	100
Other ..... pounds	249	254	255	102	248	254	103
Commercial ..... pounds	284	284	285	100	285	284	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	179.1	187.5	169.7	95	672.0	661.6	98
Other ..... 1,000	20.2	18.4	19.3	95	63.4	70.5	111
Commercial ..... 1,000	199.3	205.9	189.0	95	735.4	732.1	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	142	141	138	97	143	141	99
Other ..... pounds	94	117	108	114	104	113	109
Commercial ..... pounds	137	138	135	98	139	139	99
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	35.5	38.1	32.0	90	136.9	133.7	98
Other ..... 1,000	10.8	10.3	8.0	73	41.3	36.9	89
Commercial ..... 1,000	46.3	48.4	40.0	86	178.2	170.6	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	62	63	100	63	62	99
Other ..... pounds	81	87	86	106	81	84	104
Commercial ..... pounds	67	67	67	100	67	67	100
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	3.9	4.9	4.3	111	17.3	17.7	102
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.8	0.7	103	3.3	2.8	84
Commercial ..... 1,000	4.6	5.7	5.0	110	20.7	20.5	99

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of 2015
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	0.8	0.9	0.8	96
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	35.9	43.9	36.2	101
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	112
California .....	106.9	117.5	101.6	95
Colorado .....	169.5	183.4	170.6	101
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	3.2	2.8	103
Florida .....	8.4	5.4	2.1	25
Georgia .....	11.2	11.6	11.9	106
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.8	0.7	85
Idaho .....	3.4	4.4	3.8	113
Illinois .....	266.5	297.2	257.7	97
Indiana .....	154.2	159.5	145.6	94
Iowa .....	599.1	601.6	570.6	95
Kansas .....	409.0	438.8	433.3	106
Kentucky .....	47.8	49.7	44.1	92
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.5	0.4	97
Michigan .....	36.2	41.9	38.4	106
Minnesota .....	215.2	213.5	206.1	96
Mississippi .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	93
Missouri .....	163.6	176.0	171.2	105
Montana .....	1.2	1.0	1.3	109
Nebraska .....	581.3	671.8	609.6	105
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	91
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	1.8	1.7	104
New Jersey .....	3.7	3.0	2.8	77
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.2	0.3	101
New York .....	2.9	3.3	3.3	115
North Carolina .....	215.2	212.2	193.4	90
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.9	0.8	123
Ohio .....	21.3	22.8	21.1	99
Oklahoma .....	108.7	101.1	88.9	82
Oregon .....	6.2	6.8	5.9	95
Pennsylvania .....	111.4	123.0	113.9	102
South Carolina .....	21.0	21.7	20.2	96
South Dakota .....	103.8	110.8	109.9	106
Tennessee .....	18.3	21.4	18.4	101
Texas .....	341.7	357.1	362.2	106
Utah .....	39.1	41.8	39.6	101
Virginia .....	43.8	42.0	40.0	91
Washington .....	71.0	77.1	69.4	98
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.6	0.5	99
Wisconsin .....	89.6	90.0	80.3	90
Wyoming .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	96
United States .....	4,016.0	4,261.7	3,982.9	99

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 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 .....	0.6	0.5	589	546	1,038	1,055
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	45.0	44.9	60,468	60,576	1,347	1,352
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.4	388	443	1,013	1,001
California .....	95.9	90.7	127,937	120,810	1,346	1,343
Colorado .....	191.7	189.5	258,574	261,834	1,350	1,383
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.9	2.9	3,899	3,977	1,325	1,364
Florida .....	12.7	2.9	15,912	3,501	1,260	1,213
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.7	1,021	838	1,168	1,146
Idaho .....	2.4	2.6	2,709	3,025	1,236	1,233
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2.9	2.4	3,105	2,636	1,065	1,103
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	476.6	496.1	630,032	665,315	1,322	1,341
Kentucky .....	1.2	1.4	1,261	1,449	1,039	1,036
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.5	457	417	916	874
Michigan .....	40.1	41.5	54,498	57,716	1,369	1,400
Minnesota .....	47.1	(D)	71,048	(D)	1,516	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.2	223	209	872	906
Missouri .....	3.7	3.5	4,122	3,987	1,131	1,126
Montana .....	1.5	1.5	1,724	1,848	1,134	1,203
Nebraska .....	512.3	547.1	721,036	768,686	1,409	1,406
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	110	110	1,002	1,056
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	1.6	1,789	1,918	1,144	1,185
New Jersey .....	2.9	2.8	3,043	2,956	1,073	1,067
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	268	301	1,025	1,077
New York .....	2.7	2.9	3,106	3,450	1,163	1,200
North Carolina .....	5.4	5.4	6,539	6,549	1,218	1,215
North Dakota .....	0.8	1.0	1,043	1,328	1,248	1,295
Ohio .....	7.3	6.4	8,440	7,296	1,169	1,148
Oklahoma .....	2.5	2.4	2,740	2,532	1,082	1,064
Oregon .....	5.1	(D)	6,326	(D)	1,265	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	81.7	79.5	99,761	97,393	1,225	1,230
South Carolina .....	14.4	15.2	17,824	19,128	1,250	1,268
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	5.0	5.2	4,710	4,676	958	915
Texas .....	429.1	450.2	551,118	584,287	1,288	1,301
Utah .....	46.5	46.9	62,939	64,317	1,355	1,376
Virginia .....	0.8	0.9	913	975	1,093	1,065
Washington .....	86.6	84.9	115,554	114,773	1,337	1,354
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.5	510	541	1,041	1,084
Wisconsin .....	96.8	92.6	133,410	127,598	1,387	1,387
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	539	519	1,146	1,154
United States .....	2,383.3	2,409.1	3,182,425	3,240,073	1,338	1,348

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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 .....	7.0	8.3	683	780	98	95
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	42	39	543	524
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	1.5	(D)	107	(D)	70
Illinois .....	0.8	0.1	352	23	436	378
Indiana .....	0.4	0.4	143	113	358	303
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	33	31	311	301
Minnesota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Mississippi .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	0.3	0.2	45	38	173	183
New Jersey .....	4.7	1.6	1,962	613	421	382
New Mexico .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New York .....	3.0	2.9	480	473	164	167
North Carolina .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
North Dakota .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	5.3	(D)	1,743	(D)	334
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	7.1	8.1	3,052	3,505	432	435
South Carolina .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.2	0.2	138	80	596	474
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	0.9	(D)	62	(D)	70	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	5.3	4.9	2,469	2,369	463	487
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	35.4	34.8	11,179	10,125	318	293

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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 .....	1.9	1.8	684	670	360	379
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	22	31	241	256
Arizona .....	0.2	(D)	48	(D)	247	(D)
Arkansas .....	0.9	1.0	254	249	271	245
California .....	186.5	185.0	46,211	45,140	248	244
Colorado .....	1.2	1.4	308	341	247	247
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.1	1.2	283	327	249	271
Florida .....	3.7	3.8	622	567	171	148
Georgia .....	5.8	5.2	1,405	1,256	244	242
Hawaii .....	1.1	0.9	268	235	252	251
Idaho .....	10.0	11.5	2,591	2,924	260	255
Illinois .....	953.5	907.4	275,484	265,067	289	292
Indiana .....	716.3	676.7	200,473	189,480	280	280
Iowa .....	2,604.4	2,587.8	740,434	737,817	284	285
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.9	1.0	211	222	228	232
Michigan .....	14.5	16.0	5,498	6,037	379	378
Minnesota .....	873.1	868.6	237,062	236,940	272	273
Mississippi .....	3.3	(D)	536	(D)	160	(D)
Missouri .....	733.7	774.7	213,473	224,103	291	289
Montana .....	1.0	1.1	211	289	219	269
Nebraska .....	654.9	643.4	182,430	182,234	279	283
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	32	21	261	280
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	2.1	533	601	260	284
New Jersey .....	7.6	6.8	745	703	98	104
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.2	40	45	272	287
New York .....	3.1	3.9	763	1,023	244	263
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	92	81	294	314
Ohio .....	76.8	77.5	21,308	21,611	278	280
Oklahoma .....	498.6	421.6	140,550	114,516	282	272
Oregon .....	13.8	12.9	3,588	3,303	260	256
Pennsylvania .....	249.3	266.3	67,384	72,881	270	274
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	52.0	51.4	23,694	23,959	456	467
Texas .....	23.9	22.5	5,841	5,701	245	253
Utah .....	4.5	3.7	680	707	151	193
Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	0.8	(D)	201	(D)	265
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.6	181	163	275	287
Wisconsin .....	55.4	37.9	25,340	16,944	458	449
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	88	80	294	284
United States .....	9,676.8	9,366.3	2,751,185	2,665,736	284	285

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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)	46	(D)	144	(D)
Arkansas .....	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	97	(X)
California .....	27.8	26.3	4,030	3,794	145	144
Colorado .....	73.0	66.0	12,524	11,326	172	172
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.7	3.4	362	336	99	100
Florida .....	1.3	1.4	79	81	61	58
Georgia .....	0.9	1.1	69	73	79	69
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.2	21	32	138	141
Idaho .....	0.1	0.1	15	17	135	125
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5.0	3.9	544	425	108	108
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	23	34	140	153
Kansas .....	0.5	0.4	38	33	77	79
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.4	163	166	121	116
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	32	31	81	94
Michigan .....	16.9	15.2	2,392	2,114	141	139
Minnesota .....	0.3	0.3	34	34	109	113
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.3	15	17	58	55
Missouri .....	0.8	0.8	68	72	85	95
Montana .....	0.4	0.4	48	42	129	105
Nebraska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	135
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	8	9	132	118
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.7	3.2	326	267	87	83
New Jersey .....	12.0	14.1	906	1,079	76	77
New Mexico .....	0.8	0.5	126	75	153	150
New York .....	5.4	7.5	496	684	92	91
North Carolina .....	1.1	1.3	82	85	74	67
North Dakota .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	1.7	1.5	192	167	116	110
Oklahoma .....	0.3	0.2	35	31	108	128
Oregon .....	2.5	2.4	383	351	154	147
Pennsylvania .....	6.9	7.4	657	708	95	96
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	40	44	153	161
Tennessee .....	1.1	1.0	83	69	76	72
Texas .....	8.8	9.7	708	1,074	81	111
Utah .....	2.2	1.9	301	257	138	137
Virginia .....	0.2	0.7	22	54	95	83
Washington .....	1.2	1.0	158	128	135	132
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.0	1.1	112	142	111	133
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	11	14	152	152
United States .....	199.3	189.0	27,351	25,536	137	135

(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	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	January to April		April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	January to April	
				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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,235.4	1,315.4	1,319.5	4,677.7	5,007.2	52.7	52.8	55.6	50.9	53.1
Heifers .....	635.4	668.4	586.1	2,588.1	2,483.5	27.1	26.8	24.7	28.1	26.3
All cows .....	434.4	469.3	426.3	1,786.9	1,802.2	18.5	18.8	18.0	19.4	19.1
Dairy cows .....	242.8	262.2	227.0	1,021.2	1,011.1	10.4	10.5	9.6	11.1	10.7
Other cows .....	191.5	207.1	199.3	765.7	791.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.4
Bulls .....	40.7	39.8	41.3	145.7	144.9	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total .....	2,345.9	2,492.9	2,373.2	9,198.4	9,437.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	34.7	35.2	34.2	149.3	146.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,353.8	9,736.9	9,041.3	37,111.3	37,312.9	97.3	97.2	97.2	97.3	97.3
Sows .....	234.1	257.5	234.8	938.5	960.2	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Boars .....	24.0	21.0	26.7	95.8	91.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Total .....	9,611.9	10,015.4	9,302.8	38,145.6	38,364.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	9.7	8.3	9.2	35.7	32.4	5.4	4.4	5.4	5.3	4.9
Lambs and yearlings .....	169.4	179.2	160.5	636.3	629.2	94.6	95.6	94.6	94.7	95.1
Total .....	179.1	187.5	169.7	672.0	661.6	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	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	January to April	
				2015	2016
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	813	832	819	816	828
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	868	891	874	876	888
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	807	832	813	814	828
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	654	660	648	653	653
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	934	918	909	923	909
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	188	178	173	176	170
<b>Hogs</b> .....	214	213	214	215	213
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	211	210	211	212	211
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	310	310	313	307	310
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	206	214	204	204	209
<b>Sheep</b> .....	71	70	70	72	71
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	67	69	66	67	68
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	71	71	70	72	71

<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: April 2016

[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 .....	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
2 .....	5.6	1.5	0.9	2.5	2.3	0.2	0.7	4.5
3 .....	82.0	24.5	2.8	51.2	41.8	9.4	3.5	8.3
4 .....	49.7	3.1	1.1	39.7	13.7	26.1	5.8	0.2
5 .....	239.2	117.0	20.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10.5
6 .....	448.7	264.9	98.6	77.5	27.7	49.8	7.7	0.1
7 .....	1,059.5	651.3	348.1	51.7	2.2	49.5	8.4	(D)
8 .....	259.2	149.4	82.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	135.8	57.2	10.9	64.9	57.2	7.7	2.8	8.1
10 .....	92.1	50.0	20.1	20.6	15.2	5.4	1.3	2.3
United States .....	2,373.2	1,319.5	586.1	426.3	227.0	199.3	41.3	34.2
	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 .....	1.9	1.8	(Y)	(Y)	3.1	0.1	2.9	
2 .....	10.5	10.3	0.1	(Y)	21.1	1.7	19.4	
3 .....	447.2	446.3	0.9	(Y)	11.8	1.3	10.5	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	56.9	6.3	6.2	1.1	5.1	
5 .....	2,557.6	2,443.2	110.6	3.9	28.3	2.2	26.1	
6 .....	438.2	438.1	(Y)	(Y)	3.2	0.5	2.8	
7 .....	4,024.7	3,942.7	65.6	16.3	0.7	(Y)	0.7	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.7	(Y)	67.8	1.6	66.2	
9 .....	181.3	181.2	0.1	(Y)	24.9	0.5	24.4	
10 .....	24.7	24.7	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.3	2.5	
United States .....	9,302.8	9,041.3	234.8	26.7	169.7	9.2	160.5	

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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 April 2016

[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 .....	5.8	2.5	1.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9
2 .....	20.9	6.2	3.7	9.1	8.3	0.7	2.0	21.2
3 .....	329.5	99.7	16.4	202.2	164.2	38.0	11.3	32.0
4 .....	208.5	11.0	4.7	171.2	59.5	111.7	21.6	0.7
5 .....	1,010.5	481.8	101.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	44.1
6 .....	1,682.5	945.3	392.0	317.5	143.3	174.2	27.7	1.5
7 .....	4,213.7	2,468.9	1,495.5	217.9	9.4	208.5	31.4	(D)
8 .....	995.0	560.2	332.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9 .....	599.7	238.8	43.8	308.5	277.8	30.7	8.6	35.8
10 .....	371.6	192.8	91.5	83.5	65.3	18.3	3.8	10.1
United States .....	9,437.8	5,007.2	2,483.5	1,802.2	1,011.1	791.2	144.9	146.4
	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 .....	8.3	8.0	0.3	(Y)	9.7	0.3	9.4	
2 .....	48.3	47.8	0.4	0.1	66.2	5.6	60.6	
3 .....	1,847.7	1,843.7	3.8	0.2	39.0	3.5	35.6	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	249.0	8.9	21.9	3.6	18.3	
5 .....	10,690.0	10,231.7	442.3	16.1	113.3	8.3	105.0	
6 .....	1,880.0	1,879.7	0.2	0.1	13.1	1.7	11.4	
7 .....	16,284.5	15,958.0	260.9	65.6	2.6	0.1	2.5	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	3.0	(Y)	287.4	6.0	281.4	
9 .....	777.6	777.3	0.3	(Y)	95.4	2.1	93.3	
10 .....	103.5	103.4	0.1	(Y)	12.8	1.0	11.8	
United States .....	38,364.1	37,312.9	960.2	91.1	661.6	32.4	629.2	

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

Species	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	January to April	
				2015	2016
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.4
Calves .....	98.2	98.1	98.3	98.4	98.3
Hogs .....	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep .....	89.9	91.1	89.8	91.4	90.4

## 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 about 1,900 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 15). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

**Revision Policy:** Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in April.

**Procedures and Reliability:** The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. A computer program compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the computer program provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Computer imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the United States head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and statistics are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the computer edit program and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, as indicated with a (D), these data are still included in United States and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Commercial Production:** Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Based on packers' dressed weights.

**Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

**Dressed Weight:** The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any state whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

**Food and Meat Inspection:** Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

**Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual state standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

**Red Meat:** Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is  $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$ .

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

**Slaughter, Farm:** Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

**Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Wholesome Meat Act:** Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

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