



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Low Veal and Lamb Production for April

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

April 2017 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.97 billion pounds in April, down slightly from the 3.98 billion pounds produced in April 2016.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.46 million head, up 2 percent from April 2016. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,325 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.8 million pounds, 3 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,000 head, up 12 percent from April 2016. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 257 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.34 million head, down slightly from April 2016. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2016. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 7 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2017 commercial red meat production was 16.7 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2016.

Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 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	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		
				April 2016	March 2017	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,964.0	2,247.7	1,962.7	100	87	7,901.6	8,262.4	105
Veal	6.0	6.4	5.8	97	91	25.1	24.2	96
Pork	2,000.2	2,267.3	1,988.1	99	88	8,230.5	8,397.3	102
Lamb and mutton	12.9	13.7	11.5	90	84	50.8	48.7	96
Total red meat	3,983.0	4,535.1	3,968.2	100	87	16,208.1	16,732.6	103

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of		January to April		
				April 2016	March 2017	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,939.8	2,220.2	1,936.9	100	87	7,796.8	8,153.6	105
Veal	5.9	6.3	5.7	97	91	24.7	23.6	96
Pork	1,988.3	2,254.6	1,976.9	99	88	8,181.5	8,349.9	102
Lamb and mutton	11.8	12.7	10.4	88	82	46.9	44.9	96
Total red meat	3,945.8	4,493.8	3,929.9	100	87	16,049.9	16,572.0	103

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

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

Species	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of 2016	January to April		
					2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,373.3	2,725.5	2,425.0	102	9,437.8	10,013.2	106
Other 1,000	35.8	40.4	38.0	106	155.5	160.7	103
Commercial 1,000	2,409.1	2,765.9	2,463.0	102	9,593.4	10,174.0	106
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,351	1,352	1,327	98	1,371	1,354	99
Other pounds	1,168	1,183	1,181	101	1,174	1,181	101
Commercial pounds	1,348	1,350	1,325	98	1,368	1,351	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	34.2	44.3	38.4	112	146.5	168.1	115
Other 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.6	116	2.3	2.7	113
Commercial 1,000	34.8	45.0	39.0	112	148.8	170.8	115
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	292	244	255	87	287	242	84
Other pounds	384	388	372	97	384	384	100
Commercial pounds	293	246	257	88	288	244	85
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,302.9	10,611.2	9,282.0	100	38,364.2	39,262.2	102
Other 1,000	64.5	68.4	60.5	94	265.5	256.2	97
Commercial 1,000	9,367.4	10,679.5	9,342.5	100	38,629.6	39,518.4	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	285	284	285	100	285	284	100
Other pounds	253	255	254	101	253	254	100
Commercial pounds	285	284	285	100	284	284	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	169.7	177.3	156.1	92	661.6	639.9	97
Other 1,000	20.0	19.5	23.4	117	71.6	72.8	102
Commercial 1,000	189.8	196.9	179.5	95	733.2	712.7	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	138	143	133	96	141	140	99
Other pounds	109	111	99	91	114	106	94
Commercial pounds	135	140	128	95	139	137	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	32.0	36.8	38.1	119	133.7	144.0	108
Other 1,000	7.4	9.3	8.1	110	36.0	34.1	95
Commercial 1,000	39.4	46.0	46.2	117	169.6	178.0	105
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	62	62	98	62	62	100
Other pounds	88	86	88	99	85	83	98
Commercial pounds	68	67	66	98	67	66	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.3	4.8	4.0	93	17.7	17.1	97
Other 1,000	0.7	0.6	0.4	64	2.9	2.3	80
Commercial 1,000	5.0	5.4	4.5	89	20.6	19.4	94

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 2016	March 2017	April 2017	April 2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.8	1.1	1.1	137
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	0.1	142
Arizona	36.2	41.9	34.4	95
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.4	96
California	101.6	123.4	108.5	107
Colorado	170.6	200.2	164.4	96
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	3.2	2.6	93
Florida	2.1	3.0	2.6	122
Georgia	11.9	14.3	13.1	110
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.7	105
Idaho	3.8	5.5	4.7	123
Illinois	257.9	293.2	260.8	101
Indiana	145.6	166.0	149.3	103
Iowa	570.5	640.7	567.2	99
Kansas	433.4	476.2	411.9	95
Kentucky	44.1	48.8	44.2	100
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	81
Michigan	38.4	43.2	37.2	97
Minnesota	206.1	231.3	204.9	99
Mississippi	0.5	0.6	0.5	104
Missouri	171.2	180.6	159.0	93
Montana	1.1	0.9	1.4	124
Nebraska	609.4	707.1	596.7	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	113
New England ¹	1.7	1.9	1.7	104
New Jersey	2.8	3.2	3.0	107
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.2	80
New York	3.3	3.7	3.3	101
North Carolina	193.4	245.6	197.9	102
North Dakota	0.8	0.8	0.7	94
Ohio	21.1	23.2	20.0	95
Oklahoma	88.9	100.4	94.1	106
Oregon	5.9	5.5	5.4	91
Pennsylvania	114.0	127.1	116.5	102
South Carolina	20.2	10.2	9.3	46
South Dakota	109.9	132.6	112.7	103
Tennessee	18.4	22.8	20.2	110
Texas	362.2	396.1	372.5	103
Utah	39.7	39.9	35.6	90
Virginia	40.0	54.0	42.6	106
Washington	69.4	75.0	67.2	97
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	111
Wisconsin	80.4	109.0	98.0	122
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.3	72
United States	3,983.0	4,535.1	3,968.2	100

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 2016 and 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2016 (1,000 head)	2017 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (pounds)	2017 (pounds)
Alabama	0.6	0.6	584	682	1,038	1,086
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	44.9	43.9	60,576	57,551	1,352	1,314
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	462	467	1,014	983
California	90.6	97.3	120,723	129,430	1,344	1,341
Colorado	189.5	189.9	261,834	255,425	1,383	1,346
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	2.7	3,977	3,624	1,364	1,350
Florida	2.9	3.7	3,501	4,293	1,213	1,185
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	838	945	1,146	1,168
Idaho	2.6	3.6	3,025	4,368	1,233	1,280
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2.4	2.4	2,636	2,604	1,103	1,103
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	496.1	488.9	665,422	639,322	1,342	1,308
Kentucky	1.4	1.4	1,449	1,519	1,036	1,054
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	417	381	874	838
Michigan	41.5	40.0	57,716	55,621	1,400	1,398
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.2	0.3	209	258	906	763
Missouri	3.5	3.6	3,987	4,012	1,126	1,113
Montana	1.4	1.6	1,582	1,968	1,142	1,203
Nebraska	546.9	552.4	768,426	756,263	1,406	1,370
Nevada	0.1	0.1	110	133	1,056	1,056
New England ¹	1.6	1.6	1,918	1,915	1,185	1,186
New Jersey	2.8	3.0	2,956	3,293	1,067	1,089
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	301	224	1,077	1,081
New York	2.9	2.8	3,450	3,348	1,200	1,213
North Carolina	5.4	5.3	6,549	6,460	1,215	1,233
North Dakota	0.9	0.9	1,200	1,136	1,294	1,273
Ohio	6.4	4.2	7,296	4,892	1,148	1,152
Oklahoma	2.4	2.8	2,532	3,072	1,064	1,102
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	79.5	84.7	97,548	104,296	1,230	1,235
South Carolina	15.2	14.1	19,128	17,648	1,268	1,259
South Dakota	(D)	32.7	(D)	46,193	(D)	1,421
Tennessee	5.2	5.9	4,676	5,484	915	957
Texas	450.2	466.9	584,287	604,326	1,301	1,298
Utah	46.9	45.0	64,359	57,944	1,375	1,290
Virginia	0.9	0.9	977	1,071	1,068	1,154
Washington	84.9	84.8	114,782	111,592	1,354	1,319
West Virginia	0.5	0.6	541	621	1,084	1,101
Wisconsin	92.7	107.1	127,702	148,462	1,387	1,395
Wyoming	0.5	0.3	519	367	1,154	1,146
United States	2,409.1	2,463.0	3,240,190	3,255,851	1,348	1,325

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 2016 and 2017

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2016 (1,000 head)	2017 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (pounds)	2017 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	8.3	7.6	768	696	94	93
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	39	67	524	458
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	1.5	1.7	108	139	70	80
Illinois	0.1	0.1	23	29	378	424
Indiana	0.4	(D)	113	(D)	303	(D)
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Michigan	0.1	0.1	31	31	301	301
Minnesota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.2	0.2	40	37	169	175
New Jersey	1.6	1.7	613	632	382	371
New Mexico	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York	2.9	3.9	473	495	167	131
North Carolina	(Y)	0.1	(X)	38	(X)	432
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	5.3	8.9	1,743	1,937	334	218
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8.1	7.9	3,507	3,337	435	425
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.2	0.1	80	49	474	440
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	0.1	(X)	21	(X)	347
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4.9	4.6	2,372	2,081	487	452
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	34.8	39.0	10,121	9,931	293	257

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 2016 and 2017

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2016 (1,000 head)	2017 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (pounds)	2017 (pounds)
Alabama	1.9	2.8	703	1,076	374	390
Alaska	0.1	0.2	31	44	256	251
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	1.0	0.9	254	226	246	260
California	185.4	197.3	45,122	48,610	244	247
Colorado	1.4	1.4	341	350	247	246
Delaware-Maryland	1.2	1.2	327	324	271	264
Florida	3.8	5.6	567	680	148	123
Georgia	5.3	5.1	1,273	1,216	242	240
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	235	204	251	256
Idaho	11.5	12.5	2,917	3,212	255	257
Illinois	907.6	944.7	265,108	271,439	292	287
Indiana	676.7	696.5	189,480	194,864	280	280
Iowa	2,587.7	2,568.2	737,786	732,873	285	285
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.0	0.9	222	195	232	206
Michigan	16.0	15.9	6,037	6,196	378	391
Minnesota	868.6	851.9	236,927	232,615	273	273
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	774.7	717.0	224,103	208,246	289	291
Montana	1.1	1.2	246	313	227	266
Nebraska	643.3	632.8	182,210	178,885	283	283
Nevada	0.1	0.1	21	19	280	263
New England ¹	2.1	2.5	601	667	284	271
New Jersey	6.8	7.3	703	729	104	99
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	45	44	287	256
New York	3.9	4.2	1,023	1,197	263	283
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	75	77	316	311
Ohio	77.5	78.4	21,611	21,666	280	277
Oklahoma	421.6	430.2	114,516	121,614	272	283
Oregon	13.0	12.5	3,310	3,217	256	257
Pennsylvania	266.4	261.8	72,903	70,582	274	270
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	51.4	56.9	23,959	26,060	467	458
Texas	22.5	23.5	5,701	5,690	253	242
Utah	3.7	3.6	719	739	193	205
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	0.7	0.8	196	231	266	283
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	163	151	287	289
Wisconsin	38.1	58.1	17,017	25,712	447	444
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	80	67	284	267
United States	9,367.4	9,342.5	2,665,827	2,658,257	285	285

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 2016 and 2017

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2016 (1,000 head)	2017 (1,000 head)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (pounds)	2017 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California	26.7	24.2	3,853	3,735	145	155
Colorado	66.0	50.8	11,326	8,634	172	170
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	3.9	336	373	100	95
Florida	1.4	1.2	81	70	58	60
Georgia	1.1	1.7	74	127	67	74
Hawaii	0.2	(D)	32	(D)	141	(D)
Idaho	0.1	0.1	16	16	125	139
Illinois	(D)	10.7	(D)	1,059	(D)	99
Indiana	4.0	3.8	431	421	108	110
Iowa	0.2	0.3	32	41	154	159
Kansas	0.4	0.4	33	41	79	95
Kentucky	1.4	1.2	166	138	116	112
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	31	20	94	68
Michigan	15.2	15.3	2,114	2,144	139	141
Minnesota	0.3	0.3	34	29	111	116
Mississippi	0.3	0.3	17	20	55	62
Missouri	0.8	0.8	72	67	95	79
Montana	0.4	0.4	45	41	111	113
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	7	7	120	131
Nevada	0.1	0.1	9	8	118	133
New England ¹	3.2	4.0	267	324	83	81
New Jersey	14.1	15.0	1,079	1,085	77	72
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	75	63	150	149
New York	7.5	7.2	685	565	91	79
North Carolina	1.3	1.1	85	77	67	70
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.5	2.7	167	356	110	130
Oklahoma	0.2	0.3	31	44	128	141
Oregon	2.4	2.8	348	413	147	148
Pennsylvania	7.4	8.4	711	824	96	98
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.4	44	57	161	160
Tennessee	1.0	1.0	69	67	72	68
Texas	9.7	12.3	1,074	1,087	111	88
Utah	1.9	1.8	257	250	137	139
Virginia	0.7	0.7	54	54	83	83
Washington	1.2	1.3	154	182	133	138
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.1	2.4	146	357	137	148
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	14	9	152	158
United States	189.8	179.5	25,638	23,036	135	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	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	January to April		April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	January to April	
				2016	2017				2016	2017
	(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	1,319.6	1,413.3	1,331.6	5,007.3	5,259.2	55.6	51.9	54.9	53.1	52.5
Heifers	586.1	764.1	609.7	2,483.5	2,704.4	24.7	28.0	25.1	26.3	27.0
All cows	426.3	502.2	439.6	1,802.2	1,885.5	18.0	18.4	18.1	19.1	18.8
Dairy cows	227.0	271.1	228.1	1,011.1	1,021.5	9.6	9.9	9.4	10.7	10.2
Other cows	199.3	231.1	211.5	791.2	864.0	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.4	8.6
Bulls	41.3	45.9	44.0	144.9	164.2	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
Total	2,373.3	2,725.5	2,425.0	9,437.8	10,013.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	34.2	44.3	38.4	146.5	168.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,041.4	10,307.7	9,020.7	37,312.9	38,167.4	97.2	97.1	97.2	97.3	97.2
Sows	234.8	272.1	233.1	960.2	982.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Boars	26.7	31.3	28.1	91.1	112.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Total	9,302.9	10,611.2	9,282.0	38,364.2	39,262.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9.2	7.7	9.2	32.4	31.9	5.4	4.4	5.9	4.9	5.0
Lambs and yearlings	160.5	169.6	147.0	629.2	608.0	94.6	95.6	94.1	95.1	95.0
Total	169.7	177.3	156.1	661.6	639.9	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 2016	March 2017	April 2017	January to April	
				2016	2017
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	819	816	801	828	816
Steers ¹	874	872	849	888	873
Heifers ¹	813	814	791	828	814
All cows ¹	648	656	655	653	651
Bulls ¹	909	890	901	909	890
Calves and vealers	173	143	150	170	142
Hogs	214	213	213	213	213
Barrows and gilts ²	211	210	211	211	210
Sows ²	313	309	309	310	308
Boars ²	204	207	202	209	204
Sheep	70	72	67	71	70
Mature sheep ³	66	69	66	68	67
Lambs and yearlings ³	70	72	67	71	70

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: April 2017

[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	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
2	5.7	1.5	0.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.8	5.5
3	86.9	30.6	2.3	49.7	39.0	10.7	4.3	8.1
4	53.0	4.2	0.7	41.8	11.0	30.8	6.3	0.2
5	252.0	120.7	24.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	13.9
6	465.3	273.4	103.0	81.2	25.5	55.6	7.7	0.1
7	1,061.1	640.0	362.3	50.2	3.5	46.7	8.7	(Y)
8	265.7	158.3	77.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	141.5	58.9	12.0	67.6	59.0	8.6	3.1	7.4
10	92.2	43.5	26.0	21.7	15.7	6.0	1.0	2.9
United States	2,425.0	1,331.6	609.7	439.6	228.1	211.5	44.0	38.4
	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	2.1	2.1	(Y)	(Y)	3.9	0.1	3.8	
2	11.4	11.3	0.1	(Y)	21.7	1.3	20.3	
3	458.5	457.5	0.9	0.1	13.4	2.2	11.2	
4	(D)	(D)	61.0	8.2	6.5	0.9	5.6	
5	2,622.0	2,502.3	115.5	4.1	28.4	2.1	26.3	
6	447.8	447.7	0.1	(Y)	3.2	0.3	2.9	
7	3,928.9	3,858.8	54.5	15.6	1.2	(Y)	1.2	
8	(D)	(D)	0.9	(Y)	52.4	1.4	51.0	
9	193.7	193.6	0.1	(Y)	22.5	0.5	21.9	
10	25.4	25.3	(Y)	(Y)	3.0	0.2	2.8	
United States	9,282.0	9,020.7	233.1	28.1	156.1	9.2	147.0	

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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 April 2017

[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	6.2	2.3	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9
2	23.2	6.6	3.7	10.3	9.4	0.9	2.7	26.5
3	352.5	120.8	10.1	206.7	164.1	42.6	14.9	32.5
4	217.6	17.9	3.8	170.5	49.3	121.2	25.3	1.0
5	1,053.2	501.2	107.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	59.8
6	1,810.4	1,035.5	398.8	344.3	119.5	224.8	31.8	0.4
7	4,425.9	2,524.0	1,642.1	225.6	21.9	203.7	34.3	0.1
8	1,108.8	608.0	385.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	634.8	255.0	49.4	320.4	289.2	31.2	10.0	35.9
10	380.6	187.9	101.6	88.0	70.4	17.6	3.0	11.0
United States	10,013.2	5,259.2	2,704.4	1,885.5	1,021.5	864.0	164.2	168.1
	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	9.1	8.8	0.2	0.1	11.2	0.3	10.9	
2	51.7	51.1	0.4	0.1	61.7	4.9	56.8	
3	2,002.7	1,998.6	3.9	0.3	42.4	4.8	37.6	
4	(D)	(D)	256.7	33.5	23.6	3.1	20.5	
5	11,130.0	10,629.4	484.2	16.4	112.9	8.2	104.7	
6	1,853.0	1,852.4	0.4	0.1	12.2	1.3	10.9	
7	16,415.3	16,120.9	232.6	61.7	4.5	0.3	4.3	
8	(D)	(D)	3.6	0.1	265.7	6.1	259.5	
9	791.8	791.6	0.2	(Y)	92.5	1.9	90.6	
10	110.4	110.2	0.2	(Y)	13.2	1.0	12.2	
United States	39,262.2	38,167.4	982.4	112.4	639.9	31.9	608.0	

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

Species	April 2016	March 2017	April 2017	January to April	
				2016	2017
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4
Hogs	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.4
Sheep	89.4	90.1	87.0	90.2	89.8

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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