



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Total Red Meat and Pork Production for June

June 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

June 2017 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in June, up 3 percent from the 4.23 billion pounds produced in June 2016.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 6 percent from June 2016. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.3 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 40,400 head, up 7 percent from June 2016. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 268 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.87 million head, up 3 percent from June 2016. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from June 2016. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2017 commercial red meat production was 25.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2016. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	June 2017 as % of		January to June		
				June 2016	May 2017	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,193.0	2,162.2	2,279.1	104	105	12,124.8	12,703.7	105
Veal	6.4	6.3	6.3	99	100	37.5	36.9	98
Pork	2,013.5	2,095.8	2,053.0	102	98	12,193.0	12,546.0	103
Lamb and mutton	13.3	11.8	12.4	93	105	77.1	72.9	95
Total red meat	4,226.2	4,276.1	4,350.8	103	102	24,432.4	25,359.4	104

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	June 2017 as % of		January to June		
				June 2016	May 2017	2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,168.7	2,135.7	2,254.6	104	106	11,971.2	12,543.8	105
Veal	6.3	6.1	6.2	98	100	36.8	36.0	98
Pork	2,002.0	2,083.8	2,042.2	102	98	12,120.4	12,476.0	103
Lamb and mutton	12.1	10.5	11.3	94	107	71.0	66.7	94
Total red meat	4,189.1	4,236.2	4,314.3	103	102	24,199.4	25,122.5	104

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

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

Species	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	June 2017 as % of 2016	January to June		
					2016	2017	2017 as % of 2016
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,669.8	2,713.0	2,820.9	106	14,586.4	15,547.2	107
Other 1,000	36.2	39.8	36.9	102	228.4	237.4	104
Commercial 1,000	2,706.0	2,752.8	2,857.8	106	14,814.8	15,784.6	107
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,337	1,309	1,323	99	1,359	1,341	99
Other pounds	1,163	1,159	1,154	99	1,171	1,173	100
Commercial pounds	1,334	1,307	1,321	99	1,356	1,338	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	37.0	38.5	39.6	107	218.3	246.2	113
Other 1,000	0.7	0.9	0.8	118	3.7	4.3	116
Commercial 1,000	37.7	39.3	40.4	107	222.0	250.5	113
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	273	266	92	287	251	87
Other pounds	359	405	372	104	380	386	102
Commercial pounds	291	276	268	92	289	253	88
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,504.5	9,886.4	9,809.0	103	56,982.3	58,957.6	103
Other 1,000	63.8	64.5	60.6	95	396.0	381.4	96
Commercial 1,000	9,568.2	9,951.0	9,869.6	103	57,378.3	59,339.0	103
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	281	282	279	99	284	283	100
Other pounds	247	253	244	98	251	252	100
Commercial pounds	280	282	279	99	283	283	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	174.0	157.1	165.5	95	1,002.3	962.5	96
Other 1,000	21.9	23.4	22.5	103	112.5	118.8	106
Commercial 1,000	195.9	180.5	188.0	96	1,114.8	1,081.2	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	138	134	136	99	141	138	98
Other pounds	113	114	101	89	112	107	95
Commercial pounds	136	131	132	97	138	135	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	39.9	45.1	42.9	108	209.0	232.0	111
Other 1,000	11.4	8.7	9.8	86	57.3	52.6	92
Commercial 1,000	51.3	53.9	52.7	103	266.3	284.6	107
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	62	62	62	101	62	62	100
Other pounds	83	80	79	95	84	82	97
Commercial pounds	66	65	65	99	67	66	98
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.9	4.8	5.1	104	27.4	27.0	98
Other 1,000	0.8	0.4	0.4	50	4.3	3.1	72
Commercial 1,000	5.7	5.2	5.5	97	31.7	30.1	95

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	June 2017 as % of 2016
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	1.2	1.2	137
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	0.1	279
Arizona	43.0	35.9	39.1	91
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	0.4	96
California	113.3	117.6	121.8	107
Colorado	198.2	181.5	199.3	101
Delaware-Maryland	3.1	3.4	3.2	102
Florida	2.7	2.6	2.8	103
Georgia	12.7	13.5	13.3	105
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.8	106
Idaho	4.0	5.3	11.7	289
Illinois	279.4	279.9	272.5	98
Indiana	150.7	156.7	155.0	103
Iowa	567.9	588.3	577.8	102
Kansas	469.2	447.2	499.6	106
Kentucky	44.4	44.6	42.1	95
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	94
Michigan	41.5	41.0	41.1	99
Minnesota	209.2	221.5	226.1	108
Mississippi	0.5	0.5	0.5	99
Missouri	160.1	172.2	167.0	104
Montana	1.4	1.6	1.4	103
Nebraska	688.5	680.4	687.6	100
Nevada	0.1	0.2	0.1	104
New England ¹	2.1	2.1	2.2	103
New Jersey	3.4	3.7	3.6	108
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.2	101
New York	3.7	4.0	3.8	102
North Carolina	208.0	213.9	205.2	99
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	0.6	89
Ohio	21.0	21.7	22.0	105
Oklahoma	90.1	102.6	95.7	106
Oregon	6.4	5.9	5.8	91
Pennsylvania	118.0	126.6	126.8	107
South Carolina	9.7	10.2	9.8	101
South Dakota	105.5	122.0	123.8	117
Tennessee	19.5	21.3	20.2	104
Texas	391.5	383.3	392.8	100
Utah	42.3	44.1	47.3	112
Virginia	41.5	38.9	38.5	93
Washington	80.2	75.2	79.8	99
West Virginia	0.4	0.5	0.4	104
Wisconsin	89.4	102.2	107.1	120
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	0.3	104
United States	4,226.2	4,276.1	4,350.8	103

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.5	0.5	508	497	1,122	1,013
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	154	(X)	1,302
Arizona	52.1	48.5	71,200	65,099	1,370	1,345
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	421	443	1,055	964
California	100.0	116.0	135,435	155,011	1,365	1,346
Colorado	226.0	233.7	305,954	309,340	1,355	1,325
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	3.5	4,442	4,566	1,331	1,321
Florida	4.0	4.2	4,738	4,746	1,184	1,154
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	922	1,045	1,122	1,199
Idaho	2.7	13.8	3,247	17,569	1,273	1,305
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2.5	2.5	2,793	2,782	1,103	1,103
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	542.1	589.8	725,921	776,634	1,339	1,317
Kentucky	1.5	1.4	1,536	1,498	1,049	1,071
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	397	395	815	845
Michigan	45.3	44.1	63,174	60,679	1,403	1,385
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.2	0.3	194	205	878	768
Missouri	3.3	3.5	3,611	3,867	1,092	1,099
Montana	1.6	1.8	1,883	2,041	1,154	1,168
Nebraska	654.2	668.7	890,026	897,589	1,361	1,343
Nevada	0.2	0.2	168	175	1,054	1,055
New England ¹	2.0	2.1	2,437	2,479	1,193	1,190
New Jersey	3.4	3.8	3,704	4,127	1,081	1,101
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	269	270	1,078	1,062
New York	3.3	3.3	3,937	3,955	1,195	1,193
North Carolina	6.0	6.1	7,275	7,455	1,216	1,233
North Dakota	0.8	0.7	1,032	939	1,274	1,257
Ohio	4.8	4.3	5,563	5,001	1,169	1,157
Oklahoma	2.2	2.6	2,343	2,671	1,070	1,018
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	81.8	88.8	99,345	107,828	1,219	1,218
South Carolina	14.7	15.0	18,087	18,434	1,238	1,235
South Dakota	(D)	36.9	(D)	51,382	(D)	1,399
Tennessee	5.0	6.6	4,668	6,248	958	975
Texas	488.4	493.5	629,677	639,405	1,292	1,299
Utah	50.1	57.4	68,148	76,560	1,364	1,336
Virginia	1.0	1.0	1,005	1,082	1,049	1,088
Washington	96.7	98.0	131,292	131,241	1,361	1,343
West Virginia	0.4	0.4	409	478	1,138	1,111
Wisconsin	100.4	116.6	138,550	161,316	1,388	1,391
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	416	458	1,096	1,107
United States	2,706.0	2,857.8	3,603,875	3,767,842	1,334	1,321

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	9.6	8.3	880	767	93	94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(Y)	0.1	(X)	23	(X)	435
Georgia	0.1	0.2	59	70	517	466
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	1.5	1.7	127	129	84	77
Illinois	0.1	0.1	32	22	414	416
Indiana	0.5	(D)	142	(D)	289	(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	299
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	0.4	0.2	51	54	134	217
New Jersey	1.8	1.9	683	685	374	366
New Mexico	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York	2.7	3.7	477	519	180	144
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	32	38	456	427
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	5.7	8.6	1,898	1,950	336	228
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8.0	8.1	3,455	3,487	434	433
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.1	0.3	64	112	483	395
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	0.1	0.1	20	36	382	341
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.6	5.3	2,703	2,497	482	469
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	37.7	40.4	10,886	10,770	291	268

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	2.1	3.2	834	1,330	391	420
Alaska	0.1	0.1	28	37	256	253
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.9	0.7	216	187	248	253
California	207.2	192.6	49,413	46,934	239	244
Colorado	1.5	1.7	324	389	218	234
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.5	359	353	234	233
Florida	3.9	5.4	542	691	141	129
Georgia	6.0	5.7	1,443	1,327	242	234
Hawaii	1.0	0.9	254	239	245	259
Idaho	12.0	13.9	3,000	3,547	249	256
Illinois	968.4	983.0	278,458	278,944	288	284
Indiana	712.9	735.5	196,151	202,571	275	276
Iowa	2,592.6	2,657.5	729,325	740,730	281	279
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.0	0.8	203	177	201	212
Michigan	16.2	18.3	6,012	6,900	372	377
Minnesota	877.8	947.6	236,580	255,466	270	270
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	736.5	769.6	209,553	219,240	285	285
Montana	1.3	1.1	278	260	222	237
Nebraska	654.6	650.4	182,451	180,094	279	277
Nevada	0.1	0.1	26	22	254	258
New England ¹	3.2	3.3	781	821	247	247
New Jersey	8.9	9.2	858	935	96	102
New Mexico	0.1	0.2	42	46	282	273
New York	5.1	5.1	1,242	1,305	245	255
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.2	86	68	305	323
Ohio	82.7	88.9	22,685	24,134	275	272
Oklahoma	437.1	465.9	116,797	123,706	267	266
Oregon	15.0	13.9	3,734	3,572	250	256
Pennsylvania	285.9	303.6	76,609	81,586	268	269
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	55.5	55.5	25,738	25,611	464	462
Texas	23.7	24.6	5,874	5,735	248	234
Utah	4.9	4.3	905	830	183	194
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	1.3	0.9	312	235	242	260
West Virginia	0.6	0.6	165	163	262	276
Wisconsin	46.1	62.7	20,954	28,617	456	458
Wyoming	0.3	0.2	65	57	259	275
United States	9,568.2	9,869.6	2,682,127	2,749,476	280	279

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	97	(X)
California	29.7	26.8	4,292	3,916	145	146
Colorado	66.4	58.8	11,605	9,807	175	167
Delaware-Maryland	3.8	4.1	354	374	92	91
Florida	1.9	1.0	110	60	58	62
Georgia	1.6	1.9	89	117	56	63
Hawaii	0.2	(D)	30	(D)	138	(D)
Idaho	0.1	0.2	17	24	121	145
Illinois	(D)	4.8	(D)	447	(D)	93
Indiana	4.7	3.9	510	456	109	116
Iowa	0.3	0.2	53	33	165	174
Kansas	0.5	0.4	38	37	85	88
Kentucky	1.7	1.3	208	164	122	128
Louisiana	0.5	0.3	36	17	71	53
Michigan	16.4	20.5	2,166	2,842	132	139
Minnesota	0.3	0.6	41	65	118	117
Mississippi	0.7	0.6	41	38	62	65
Missouri	0.9	1.0	82	84	90	88
Montana	0.6	0.4	68	38	119	104
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	6	8	105	113
Nevada	0.1	0.1	6	15	107	144
New England ¹	3.1	2.9	302	290	97	102
New Jersey	14.1	14.3	1,103	1,113	78	78
New Mexico	0.6	0.4	87	62	152	152
New York	6.2	5.5	624	587	102	108
North Carolina	2.3	1.4	144	96	64	69
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.7	3.5	185	464	110	134
Oklahoma	0.3	0.2	26	23	95	105
Oregon	2.9	3.2	408	446	140	141
Pennsylvania	6.3	6.7	679	736	107	109
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.4	50	57	161	158
Tennessee	1.4	1.1	87	72	63	66
Texas	11.5	13.5	1,273	1,205	110	89
Utah	1.8	1.8	263	253	143	143
Virginia	0.6	0.7	48	50	77	74
Washington	1.3	1.4	171	191	129	140
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	2.8	174	432	147	156
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	11	6	134	124
United States	195.9	188.0	26,532	24,816	136	132

(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	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	January to June		June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	January to June	
				2016	2017				2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)				
Cattle										
Steers	1,567.5	1,526.2	1,583.1	8,003.9	8,368.5	58.7	56.3	56.1	54.9	53.8
Heifers	612.8	667.6	694.8	3,679.4	4,066.8	23.0	24.6	24.6	25.2	26.2
All cows	442.6	468.9	488.3	2,669.3	2,842.7	16.6	17.3	17.3	18.3	18.3
Dairy cows	223.7	237.2	236.7	1,449.3	1,495.4	8.4	8.7	8.4	9.9	9.6
Other cows	219.0	231.7	251.6	1,220.0	1,347.3	8.2	8.5	8.9	8.4	8.7
Bulls	46.9	50.3	54.8	233.8	269.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7
Total	2,669.8	2,713.0	2,820.9	14,586.4	15,547.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	37.0	38.5	39.6	218.3	246.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,239.4	9,600.6	9,520.3	55,411.6	57,288.4	97.2	97.1	97.1	97.2	97.2
Sows	239.9	254.5	256.1	1,426.9	1,492.9	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5
Boars	25.2	31.4	32.5	143.8	176.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,504.5	9,886.4	9,809.0	56,982.3	58,957.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10.2	9.8	9.8	52.5	51.5	5.9	6.3	5.9	5.2	5.4
Lambs and yearlings	163.8	147.2	155.7	949.8	911.0	94.1	93.7	94.1	94.8	94.6
Total	174.0	157.1	165.5	1,002.3	962.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter, Average Dressed Weight, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	January to June	
				2016	2017
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	814	789	801	823	809
Steers ¹	865	836	853	879	863
Heifers ¹	795	771	782	817	802
All cows ¹	646	647	645	651	649
Bulls ¹	923	907	922	913	900
Calves and vealers	171	161	157	170	147
Hogs	211	211	208	213	212
Barrows and gilts ²	208	208	206	210	209
Sows ²	310	310	310	310	309
Boars ²	210	202	204	209	204
Sheep	69	67	68	71	69
Mature sheep ³	68	70	70	68	68
Lambs and yearlings ³	69	67	68	71	69

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: June 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	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	
2	7.0	1.9	1.0	2.9	2.5	0.3	1.2	5.5	
3	92.1	32.6	2.7	52.1	40.8	11.3	4.7	8.5	
4	56.0	4.4	1.0	43.6	10.9	32.6	7.1	0.3	
5	278.7	138.1	26.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	14.3	
6	491.6	264.1	125.9	93.1	24.9	68.3	8.5	0.1	
7	1,287.0	798.6	419.3	56.7	4.7	52.0	12.4	(Y)	
8	326.0	212.3	82.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	165.0	71.6	12.2	77.0	61.3	15.7	4.2	8.0	
10	115.7	58.7	23.9	30.9	17.2	13.7	2.2	2.7	
United States	2,820.9	1,583.1	694.8	488.3	236.7	251.6	54.8	39.6	
	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	3.0	3.0	0.1	(Y)	2.7	0.1	2.6		
2	14.1	14.0	0.1	(Y)	19.1	1.8	17.3		
3	486.9	485.8	1.0	0.1	12.0	1.3	10.7		
4	(D)	(D)	62.1	8.0	7.0	1.1	5.9		
5	2,808.6	2,674.5	128.9	5.1	30.4	2.4	28.1		
6	486.9	486.8	0.1	(Y)	3.7	0.5	3.3		
7	4,094.2	4,012.1	62.8	19.2	1.3	0.1	1.2		
8	(D)	(D)	0.9	(Y)	60.3	1.6	58.7		
9	188.9	188.8	(Y)	(Y)	25.2	0.7	24.5		
10	28.4	28.3	0.1	(Y)	3.6	0.2	3.5		
United States	9,809.0	9,520.3	256.1	32.5	165.5	9.8	155.7		

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ States included in regions are as follows: 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; 2 - New Jersey, New York; 3 - Delaware-Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee; 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin; 6 - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas; 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 8- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January to June 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	9.7	3.8	2.4	2.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4
2	37.3	10.4	5.7	16.1	14.6	1.5	5.1	37.4
3	535.7	183.6	16.9	310.6	245.5	65.0	24.6	49.7
4	329.8	27.4	5.8	257.4	71.5	185.8	39.3	1.6
5	1,604.5	777.0	161.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	86.7
6	2,786.6	1,570.5	641.4	526.2	170.2	356.0	48.5	0.6
7	6,948.1	4,077.4	2,472.5	340.5	31.5	309.0	57.7	0.2
8	1,738.0	1,020.5	540.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	957.8	391.9	74.5	473.5	414.3	59.2	17.8	52.0
10	599.7	305.9	145.5	141.9	102.9	39.0	6.4	16.6
United States	15,547.2	8,368.5	4,066.8	2,842.7	1,495.4	1,347.3	269.3	246.2
	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	14.9	14.5	0.3	0.1	17.5	0.6	16.9	
2	79.8	79.0	0.6	0.2	99.9	8.5	91.5	
3	2,975.5	2,969.3	5.8	0.4	66.9	7.5	59.4	
4	(D)	(D)	382.9	49.4	39.0	5.2	33.8	
5	16,749.4	15,983.8	739.2	26.4	172.3	12.9	159.4	
6	2,843.0	2,842.1	0.6	0.2	19.8	2.2	17.6	
7	24,629.8	24,173.0	357.4	99.4	7.0	0.4	6.7	
8	(D)	(D)	5.5	0.2	376.8	9.5	367.3	
9	1,170.6	1,170.2	0.4	0.1	142.5	3.4	139.0	
10	168.4	168.1	0.3	0.1	20.7	1.3	19.4	
United States	58,957.6	57,288.4	1,492.9	176.3	962.5	51.5	911.0	

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

Species	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	January to June	
				2016	2017
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.7	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.5
Calves	98.2	97.8	98.0	98.3	98.3
Hogs	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.4
Sheep	88.8	87.0	88.0	89.9	89.0

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 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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