

TOTAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION

1957

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Red meat production in 1957 totaled 26.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the all-time high established in 1956, and above any other year of record, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Beef production in 1957 was 14.2 billion pounds--down 2 percent from the 1956 record production of 14.5 billion pounds. Veal production totaled 1,528 million pounds--6 percent less than in 1956. Mutton and lamb production totaled 707 million pounds--5 percent less than a year earlier. Pork production totaled 10.5 billion pounds which was 7 percent below 1956. Beef accounted for 53 percent of the total meat produced in 1957, while pork made up 39 percent. Veal accounted for about 6 percent and lamb and mutton 2 percent. Lard production totaled 2.6 billion pounds in 1957 compared with 2.8 billion pounds in 1956.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1957 was 2 percent below 1956. Cattle slaughter under Federal inspection was down 4 percent from a year earlier, whereas other commercial slaughter was up 2 percent, but farm slaughter declined 4 percent. Calf slaughter in 1957 was down 5 percent. Slaughter of calves under Federal inspection was down 7 percent, while other commercial slaughter was down 2 percent, and farm slaughter declined 6 percent. The total number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1957 declined 6 percent from a year earlier. The number slaughtered under Federal inspection was down 7 percent, other commercial slaughter was off 2 percent, but farm slaughter was unchanged. Total hog slaughter in 1957 was 7 percent less than in 1956. Slaughter in Federally inspected plants was off 8

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UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 1956-57

Species and class of slaughter	1956			1957		
	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight
	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>						
Federally inspected	20,186	989	19,973	19,454	992	19,301
Other commercial	6,676	855	5,710	6,778	859	5,825
Farm	892	817	728	857	822	705
Total	27,754	952	26,411	27,089	954	25,831
<b>CALVES</b>						
Federally inspected	7,843	225	1,764	7,324	214	1,568
Other commercial	4,669	220	1,027	4,580	222	1,019
Farm	485	326	158	458	330	151
Total	12,997	227	2,949	12,362	221	2,738
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS</b>						
Federally inspected	14,228	96	1,363	13,234	97	1,278
Other commercial	1,765	92	163	1,723	93	161
Farm	335	87	29	335	87	29
Total	16,328	95	1,555	15,292	97	1,468
<b>HOGS</b>						
Federally inspected	65,748	235	15,437	60,682	236	14,293
Other commercial	12,765	219	2,792	11,913	219	2,611
Farm	6,680	242	1,616	6,454	241	1,557
Total	85,193	233	19,845	79,049	234	18,461

See other side for meat production estimates.

UNITED STATES MEAT PRODUCTION, 1956-57

Kind of meat and class of slaughter	1956		1957	
	Average dressed weight 1/	Total dressed weight	Average dressed weight 1/	Total dressed weight
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
<b>BEEF</b>				
Federally inspected	548	11,018	552	10,704
Other commercial	460	3,072	464	3,148
Farm	417	372	419	359
Total	523	14,462	526	14,211
<b>VEAL</b>				
Federally inspected	125	974	120	875
Other commercial	121	567	124	567
Farm	187	91	188	86
Total	126	1,632	124	1,528
<b>LAMB AND MUTTON</b>				
Federally inspected	46	650	47	617
Other commercial	44	78	45	77
Farm	40	13	40	13
Total	46	741	46	707
<b>PORK (excluding lard)</b>				
Federally inspected	132	8,638	133	8,043
Other commercial	129	1,646	129	1,536
Farm	140	934	140	903
Total	132	11,218	133	10,482
<b>TOTAL MEAT</b>		<b>28,053</b>		<b>26,928</b>

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection. For pork, the average is pork production per head excluding lard.

UNITED STATES LARD PRODUCTION, 1956-57

Class of slaughter	1956		1957	
	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production
	Pounds	Million pounds	Pounds	Million pounds
<b>LARD 1/</b>				
Federally inspected	14.6	2,255	14.5	2,080
Other commercial	10.9	304	11.0	287
Farm	12.5	202	12.4	193
Total	13.9	2,761	13.9	2,560

1/ Includes rendered pork fat.

percent, while other commercial slaughter was down 7 percent and farm slaughter declined 3 percent. Slaughter cattle averaged 2 pounds heavier, sheep and lambs averaged 1 pound heavier, and hogs 1 pound heavier than in 1956. The average live weight of calves slaughtered was 6 pounds less than in 1956.