



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Red Meat Production Down 10 Percent From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.80 billion pounds in August, down 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in August 2013.

**Beef production**, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.50 million head, down 11 percent from August 2013. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,329 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 7.1 million pounds, 22 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 43,600 head, down 32 percent from August 2013. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 277 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.27 million head, down 13 percent from August 2013. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 15 percent from August 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,400 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 4 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2014 commercial red meat production** was 31.2 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

**August 2013** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**August 2014** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		
				August 2013	July 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,241.2	2,085.9	2,024.4	90	97	17,222.9	16,161.9	94
Veal .....	9.0	7.8	7.1	78	91	73.9	64.8	88
Pork .....	1,938.4	1,799.3	1,752.1	90	97	15,069.9	14,840.7	98
Lamb and mutton .....	13.8	13.9	11.7	85	84	106.4	105.3	99
Total red meat .....	4,202.4	3,906.9	3,795.3	90	97	32,473.1	31,172.7	96

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		
				August 2013	July 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,215.6	2,060.8	1,999.0	90	97	17,004.0	15,955.3	94
Veal .....	8.8	7.7	6.9	79	91	72.2	63.7	88
Pork .....	1,924.1	1,788.3	1,740.2	90	97	14,972.1	14,752.5	99
Lamb and mutton .....	12.8	12.8	10.6	83	83	99.5	98.3	99
Total red meat .....	4,161.3	3,869.5	3,756.7	90	97	32,147.7	30,869.7	96

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

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

Species	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of 2013	January to August		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,778.4	2,561.9	2,462.7	89	21,482.9	19,996.2	93
Other ..... 1,000	38.9	38.0	38.1	98	335.3	315.5	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,817.3	2,599.8	2,500.9	89	21,818.2	20,311.7	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,312	1,322	1,332	101	1,309	1,320	101
Other ..... pounds	1,148	1,150	1,159	101	1,146	1,148	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,310	1,320	1,329	101	1,307	1,318	101
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	63.5	47.8	43.0	68	495.0	395.7	80
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.6	0.6	73	7.6	5.6	74
Commercial ..... 1,000	64.4	48.5	43.6	68	502.6	401.3	80
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	237	274	276	116	249	274	110
Other ..... pounds	417	358	368	88	406	371	91
Commercial ..... pounds	240	275	277	115	252	275	109
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,473.9	8,394.1	8,199.4	87	72,710.9	68,938.0	95
Other ..... 1,000	81.3	62.5	68.7	84	550.6	494.9	90
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,555.3	8,456.7	8,268.1	87	73,261.5	69,432.9	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	271	284	283	104	275	285	104
Other ..... pounds	242	240	238	98	245	243	99
Commercial ..... pounds	271	283	282	104	275	285	104
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	189.5	188.9	161.4	85	1,412.4	1,404.9	99
Other ..... 1,000	18.4	20.9	20.0	109	129.9	134.3	103
Commercial ..... 1,000	207.9	209.8	181.4	87	1,542.3	1,539.2	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	134	135	131	98	141	139	99
Other ..... pounds	117	104	109	94	111	107	97
Commercial ..... pounds	133	132	129	97	138	137	99
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	48.6	45.3	40.9	84	348.0	315.3	91
Other ..... 1,000	13.8	12.7	11.7	85	102.0	98.5	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	62.4	58.0	52.7	84	450.0	413.8	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	63	63	98	64	64	99
Other ..... pounds	64	78	81	125	67	76	114
Commercial ..... pounds	64	66	67	104	65	67	103
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	4.1	4.4	3.9	95	30.5	35.0	115
Other ..... 1,000	0.9	0.6	0.7	83	7.2	5.6	78
Commercial ..... 1,000	5.0	5.0	4.6	93	37.7	40.7	108

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.0	0.7	0.6	62
Alaska .....	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)
Arizona .....	30.7	36.3	34.6	113
Arkansas .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	108
California .....	149.9	108.0	100.4	67
Colorado .....	206.8	194.1	186.7	90
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.7	2.5	93
Florida .....	10.0	7.3	6.0	60
Georgia .....	13.2	10.6	11.4	86
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.8	0.8	92
Idaho .....	3.9	3.8	3.6	92
Illinois .....	259.1	245.8	235.7	91
Indiana .....	148.5	142.0	141.1	95
Iowa .....	556.8	519.6	508.1	91
Kansas .....	481.6	450.0	432.9	90
Kentucky .....	44.4	41.4	40.5	91
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	97
Michigan .....	38.8	36.7	36.9	95
Minnesota .....	221.9	199.7	188.8	85
Mississippi .....	1.2	0.4	0.4	32
Missouri .....	151.8	143.5	151.6	100
Montana .....	1.3	1.1	1.3	102
Nebraska .....	634.9	609.3	610.2	96
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	125
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	1.8	1.7	96
New Jersey .....	4.1	4.1	3.7	91
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	92
New York .....	3.1	2.9	2.9	92
North Carolina .....	206.0	180.1	156.8	76
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.6	0.5	90
Ohio .....	22.4	22.0	22.3	99
Oklahoma .....	98.1	79.7	87.2	89
Oregon .....	7.2	6.9	6.7	93
Pennsylvania .....	102.8	104.1	103.0	100
South Carolina .....	20.1	21.1	20.1	100
South Dakota .....	87.2	87.4	84.0	96
Tennessee .....	21.8	19.1	20.6	94
Texas .....	399.6	360.9	354.9	89
Utah .....	41.2	41.4	39.3	95
Virginia .....	37.5	38.8	33.7	90
Washington .....	77.0	77.9	73.9	96
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.4	0.6	100
Wisconsin .....	110.3	102.1	87.5	79
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.4	0.7	95
United States .....	4,202.4	3,906.9	3,795.3	90

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: August 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama .....	0.4	0.4	399	423	944	1,033
Alaska .....	0.1	(Y)	84	(X)	1,221	(X)
Arizona .....	41.2	42.3	53,676	56,932	1,306	1,349
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.4	362	394	965	983
California .....	151.7	92.3	195,277	118,687	1,295	1,297
Colorado .....	232.0	211.0	312,875	285,282	1,349	1,353
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.9	2.7	3,739	3,398	1,271	1,275
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	22.4	(D)	23,915	(D)	1,071	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.9	1,115	981	1,124	1,130
Idaho .....	3.0	2.6	3,332	3,052	1,167	1,209
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.2	3.1	3,444	3,273	1,073	1,069
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	557.3	500.5	739,845	669,946	1,328	1,339
Kentucky .....	1.1	1.0	1,121	979	1,007	1,022
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.5	351	423	775	812
Michigan .....	44.9	41.1	60,360	55,823	1,351	1,367
Minnesota .....	66.0	49.4	91,896	70,676	1,399	1,439
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.1	57	85	802	821
Missouri .....	4.3	4.2	4,770	4,646	1,100	1,118
Montana .....	1.4	1.4	1,654	1,657	1,186	1,197
Nebraska .....	598.9	569.5	809,309	784,904	1,352	1,379
Nevada .....	0.1	0.2	134	159	1,078	1,059
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	1.7	1,822	1,849	1,049	1,094
New Jersey .....	3.4	2.9	3,608	3,120	1,071	1,068
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	412	403	1,082	1,158
New York .....	2.9	2.8	3,286	3,176	1,148	1,167
North Carolina .....	11.5	5.9	13,851	7,166	1,207	1,221
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.6	815	764	1,222	1,250
Ohio .....	8.7	9.0	10,064	10,417	1,170	1,170
Oklahoma .....	1.6	1.6	1,620	1,587	1,030	974
Oregon .....	7.0	6.0	8,459	7,326	1,221	1,228
Pennsylvania .....	79.2	78.8	92,833	93,688	1,177	1,194
South Carolina .....	13.7	14.4	16,203	16,702	1,192	1,168
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	3.6	4.3	3,094	3,713	882	893
Texas .....	514.1	446.7	642,013	572,304	1,252	1,284
Utah .....	48.0	46.9	66,134	62,899	1,379	1,343
Virginia .....	0.8	0.8	820	795	1,062	1,028
Washington .....	93.7	89.2	124,451	119,874	1,331	1,348
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.5	634	613	1,148	1,117
Wisconsin .....	129.6	99.3	175,632	136,041	1,363	1,378
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.6	812	721	1,194	1,181
United States .....	2,817.3	2,500.9	3,682,412	3,316,507	1,310	1,329

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: August 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
California .....	15.5	10.7	1,504	1,002	98	95
Colorado .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland .....	0.3	(D)	76	(D)	254	(D)
Florida .....	0.1	(D)	28	(D)	367	(D)
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	37	72	533	569
Hawaii .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	1.1	0.8	480	377	438	446
Indiana .....	0.6	0.3	173	86	276	254
Iowa .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	0.2	(Y)	132	(X)	536	(X)
Michigan .....	0.1	0.2	21	46	301	303
Minnesota .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Mississippi .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	0.7	0.4	102	55	140	154
New Jersey .....	4.6	4.4	1,918	1,878	415	431
New Mexico .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York .....	9.2	5.2	978	633	107	123
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	32	23	461	433
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	11.4	(D)	1,978	(D)	175	(D)
Oklahoma .....	0.1	(Y)	32	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11.8	7.8	4,606	3,333	391	427
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.4	0.3	242	151	621	606
Utah .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington .....	1.6	(D)	121	(D)	77	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	6.4	5.4	2,862	2,486	447	458
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	64.4	43.6	15,372	11,988	240	277

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: August 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama .....	3.6	1.5	1,164	601	326	392
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	31	33	245	236
Arizona .....	0.1	0.1	25	24	268	260
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.7	148	172	247	256
California .....	200.8	176.6	49,010	44,727	244	253
Colorado .....	2.3	2.3	505	547	223	235
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.7	387	402	243	244
Florida .....	7.7	2.8	876	466	114	165
Georgia .....	6.7	6.1	1,559	1,472	234	240
Hawaii .....	1.3	1.2	292	281	232	242
Idaho .....	11.1	9.9	2,827	2,612	255	265
Illinois .....	924.0	796.3	255,106	226,685	276	285
Indiana .....	730.4	654.0	193,352	182,748	265	280
Iowa .....	2,543.3	2,210.5	688,966	627,272	271	284
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.8	0.7	147	154	195	227
Michigan .....	14.6	16.2	5,081	6,123	348	378
Minnesota .....	875.5	726.8	231,572	200,695	265	276
Mississippi .....	5.0	3.0	1,631	455	324	151
Missouri .....	716.3	681.1	198,053	197,240	277	290
Montana .....	1.5	1.6	368	388	238	245
Nebraska .....	647.4	571.5	175,217	160,702	271	281
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	17	24	256	237
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	2.9	697	646	232	223
New Jersey .....	9.4	8.7	954	875	101	100
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	99	82	256	246
New York .....	3.5	3.3	739	750	213	231
North Carolina .....	996.3	(D)	262,966	(D)	264	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.4	0.3	116	78	283	291
Ohio .....	81.1	73.6	21,465	21,085	265	287
Oklahoma .....	484.5	411.6	128,399	113,191	265	275
Oregon .....	13.8	13.1	3,501	3,490	255	266
Pennsylvania .....	229.9	228.5	60,489	60,804	263	266
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	396.9	361.1	105,480	101,178	266	280
Tennessee .....	67.3	61.7	29,926	27,614	445	448
Texas .....	27.5	18.3	8,041	4,553	293	248
Utah .....	5.9	4.4	1,038	783	177	180
Virginia .....	183.3	(D)	48,940	(D)	267	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.9	0.9	220	239	246	260
Wisconsin .....	57.9	46.4	25,603	20,876	444	450
Wyoming .....	1.2	1.2	291	308	251	252
United States .....	9,555.3	8,268.1	2,588,811	2,334,731	271	282

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: August 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013 (1,000 head)	2014 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (pounds)	2014 (pounds)
Alabama .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.3	0.2	38	27	128	133
Arkansas .....	0.1	(Y)	9	(X)	125	(X)
California .....	27.9	22.8	3,631	2,901	130	127
Colorado .....	83.5	70.5	13,042	10,615	156	151
Delaware-Maryland .....	3.9	4.0	372	384	94	95
Florida .....	0.3	0.7	21	39	64	59
Georgia .....	1.5	1.1	90	74	62	70
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	10	10	127	134
Idaho .....	0.3	0.2	43	31	136	134
Illinois .....	15.2	9.9	2,105	1,285	138	130
Indiana .....	4.2	4.4	466	485	111	111
Iowa .....	0.3	0.2	51	39	164	165
Kansas .....	0.5	0.4	54	46	113	106
Kentucky .....	1.4	1.3	170	153	120	122
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	25	24	63	72
Michigan .....	18.5	16.9	2,328	2,177	126	129
Minnesota .....	0.6	0.6	66	67	117	116
Mississippi .....	0.4	0.2	27	12	72	61
Missouri .....	0.7	0.9	87	94	117	102
Montana .....	0.5	0.5	65	53	130	116
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	16	19	146	134
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	9	15	129	130
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.7	293	261	94	98
New Jersey .....	11.1	9.6	895	796	81	83
New Mexico .....	1.0	0.8	145	112	143	143
New York .....	4.1	3.8	397	373	98	100
North Carolina .....	1.4	1.2	99	80	73	69
North Dakota .....	0.1	0.1	7	7	118	141
Ohio .....	1.3	1.5	140	162	105	106
Oklahoma .....	0.3	0.2	31	16	92	85
Oregon .....	2.2	2.8	274	373	123	134
Pennsylvania .....	5.5	5.8	557	600	101	103
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.4	0.3	54	47	133	156
Tennessee .....	1.2	1.0	84	68	70	71
Texas .....	8.9	10.0	1,062	1,074	119	107
Utah .....	2.4	(D)	329	(D)	135	(D)
Virginia .....	0.5	0.5	45	45	95	92
Washington .....	0.7	0.8	105	110	150	130
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.5	1.5	187	201	127	135
Wyoming .....	0.3	0.3	48	43	141	148
United States .....	207.9	181.4	27,608	23,342	133	129

(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	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	January to August		August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	January to August	
				2013	2014				2013	2014
	(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 .....	1,418	1,390	1,319	10,797	10,462	51.0	54.3	53.5	50.3	52.3
Heifers .....	801	692	685	6,124	5,577	28.8	27.0	27.8	28.5	27.9
All cows .....	507	430	410	4,198	3,593	18.3	16.8	16.7	19.5	18.0
Dairy cows .....	266	232	229	2,084	1,851	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.7	9.3
Other cows .....	241	199	182	2,114	1,741	8.7	7.8	7.4	9.8	8.7
Bulls .....	52	49	48	364	364	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8
Total .....	2,778	2,562	2,463	21,483	19,996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	64	48	43	495	396	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,197	8,136	7,952	70,522	66,902	97.1	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.0
Sows .....	246	229	219	1,948	1,813	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Boars .....	31	29	28	240	223	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total .....	9,474	8,394	8,199	72,711	68,938	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10	13	11	82	90	5.5	7.0	6.6	5.8	6.4
Lambs and yearlings .....	179	176	151	1,331	1,315	94.5	93.0	93.4	94.2	93.6
Total .....	189	189	161	1,412	1,405	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	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	January to August	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	799	806	813	793	800
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	866	868	878	858	860
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	790	787	795	790	791
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	616	624	624	621	627
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	880	908	908	885	900
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	140	161	163	146	162
<b>Hogs</b> .....	203	213	212	206	214
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	201	210	210	203	212
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	301	308	307	305	305
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	200	207	203	205	205
<b>Sheep</b> .....	67	68	66	70	70
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	65	66	67	65	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	68	68	66	71	70

<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: August 2014

[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 .....	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	
2 .....	5.6	1.6	1.0	2.4	1.8	0.6	0.5	9.6	
3 .....	81.3	24.2	6.4	47.0	37.6	9.4	3.7	8.1	
4 .....	53.6	3.3	1.4	41.9	12.2	29.7	6.9	0.2	
5 .....	265.9	126.8	32.9	95.8	63.5	32.3	10.4	13.0	
6 .....	445.1	225.4	135.5	73.3	27.7	45.7	10.9	0.3	
7 .....	1,109.4	671.1	382.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8 .....	268.4	159.1	90.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	135.0	53.7	10.6	67.6	57.2	10.3	3.2	10.5	
10 .....	96.9	52.8	23.9	18.4	14.2	4.2	1.9	1.0	
United States .....	2,462.7	1,318.8	685.2	410.4	228.5	181.8	48.4	43.0	
	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 .....	2.5	(D)	(Y)	(D)	2.6	0.1	2.4		
2 .....	11.8	11.6	0.1	0.1	12.7	1.9	10.9		
3 .....	388.0	387.0	0.8	0.1	10.7	1.0	9.7		
4 .....	1,051.7	(D)	69.2	(D)	5.0	1.1	3.9		
5 .....	2,281.6	2,178.1	98.6	5.0	29.4	2.7	26.6		
6 .....	428.3	428.3	(Y)	(Y)	3.4	0.5	2.9		
7 .....	3,473.1	3,408.1	49.7	15.3	0.8	(Y)	0.8		
8 .....	366.4	366.1	0.3	(Y)	72.4	2.6	69.8		
9 .....	172.1	172.1	(Y)	(Y)	21.5	0.5	21.0		
10 .....	23.9	23.8	(Y)	(Y)	3.1	0.2	2.8		
United States .....	8,199.4	7,952.3	218.9	28.3	161.4	10.6	150.8		

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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 August 2014

[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)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	11.3	5.0	2.8	2.0	1.2	0.7	1.6	3.9
2 .....	45.1	13.4	7.6	19.7	14.8	4.9	4.4	86.2
3 .....	638.4	177.9	50.8	383.1	306.5	76.5	26.6	79.3
4 .....	421.2	24.4	11.0	330.4	91.5	238.9	55.4	1.6
5 .....	2,313.0	1,025.8	241.7	957.3	569.2	388.1	88.2	119.5
6 .....	3,607.8	1,816.5	1,074.7	635.4	203.3	432.1	81.2	4.8
7 .....	8,772.5	5,150.3	3,153.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8 .....	2,110.9	1,276.8	691.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,308.8	579.2	127.0	576.3	468.9	107.4	26.4	90.1
10 .....	767.1	392.4	216.8	145.9	106.8	39.0	12.0	10.3
United States .....	19,996.2	10,461.6	5,577.3	3,592.8	1,851.4	1,741.4	364.4	395.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	15.4	(D)	0.3	(D)	22.7	1.0	21.7	
2 .....	89.0	88.0	0.7	0.3	111.2	12.5	98.8	
3 .....	3,259.0	3,250.7	7.7	0.6	87.3	7.1	80.2	
4 .....	9,274.7	(D)	495.4	(D)	42.3	8.4	33.9	
5 .....	19,425.6	18,500.6	883.2	41.8	251.1	22.0	229.1	
6 .....	3,175.8	3,174.6	0.8	0.4	29.4	7.2	22.2	
7 .....	28,842.8	28,292.3	420.1	130.3	6.3	0.3	6.0	
8 .....	3,171.5	3,167.7	3.7	0.1	639.4	25.6	613.8	
9 .....	1,477.8	1,477.3	0.4	0.1	192.4	4.5	188.0	
10 .....	206.5	206.1	0.2	0.1	22.8	1.8	21.0	
United States .....	68,938.0	66,902.0	1,812.7	223.3	1,404.9	90.4	1,314.6	

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

Species	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	January to August	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.6	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.4
Calves .....	98.7	98.7	98.6	98.5	98.6
Hogs .....	99.1	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.3
Sheep .....	91.2	90.0	89.0	91.6	91.3

## 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 nearly 800 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and over 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.

## Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to [nass@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass@nass.usda.gov)

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**USDA Data Users' Meeting**  
**Monday, October 20, 2014**

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Rose Armstrong (NASS) at (202) 720-3896 or at [rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov](mailto:rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://www.lmic.info/IOC/>. Or call the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) at (303) 236-0460.