



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in September 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 3 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,344 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.2 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,300 head, down 33 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 57 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, down 2 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 191,900 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2014 commercial red meat production was 35.1 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

September 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		
				September 2013	August 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,073.8	2,024.4	2,067.4	100	102	19,296.2	18,229.3	94
Veal	8.6	7.1	7.2	84	102	82.5	72.0	87
Pork	1,842.9	1,752.1	1,871.9	102	107	16,912.9	16,712.6	99
Lamb and mutton	11.7	11.7	12.3	105	105	118.1	117.5	100
Total red meat	3,937.0	3,795.3	3,958.8	101	104	36,409.6	35,131.5	96

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		
				September 2013	August 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,047.1	1,999.0	2,041.0	100	102	19,051.0	17,996.2	94
Veal	8.4	6.9	7.1	84	102	80.6	70.8	88
Pork	1,830.1	1,740.2	1,860.0	102	107	16,802.2	16,612.5	99
Lamb and mutton	10.8	10.6	11.2	104	106	110.2	109.5	99
Total red meat	3,896.4	3,756.7	3,919.3	101	104	36,044.1	34,789.0	97

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

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

Species	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of 2013	January to September		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,567.9	2,462.7	2,489.8	97	24,050.8	22,486.0	93
Other 1,000	41.0	38.1	39.9	97	376.3	355.3	94
Commercial 1,000	2,608.9	2,500.9	2,529.6	97	24,427.1	22,841.3	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,316	1,332	1,347	102	1,310	1,323	101
Other pounds	1,143	1,159	1,152	101	1,146	1,149	100
Commercial pounds	1,313	1,329	1,344	102	1,307	1,321	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	62.0	43.0	41.7	67	557.0	437.4	79
Other 1,000	0.9	0.6	0.6	74	8.4	6.2	74
Commercial 1,000	62.9	43.6	42.3	67	565.5	443.6	78
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	232	276	289	125	247	276	111
Other pounds	395	368	365	92	405	370	91
Commercial pounds	234	277	291	124	250	277	111
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,952.3	8,199.4	8,762.1	98	81,663.2	77,700.1	95
Other 1,000	71.6	68.7	66.7	93	622.2	561.6	90
Commercial 1,000	9,023.9	8,268.1	8,828.8	98	82,285.3	78,261.7	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	273	283	283	104	275	285	104
Other pounds	246	238	243	99	245	243	99
Commercial pounds	273	282	283	104	275	284	104
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	167.2	161.4	172.6	103	1,579.6	1,577.6	100
Other 1,000	17.6	20.0	19.3	110	147.5	153.6	104
Commercial 1,000	184.8	181.4	191.9	104	1,727.1	1,731.1	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	128	131	130	101	139	138	99
Other pounds	104	109	112	108	110	107	98
Commercial pounds	126	129	128	102	137	136	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	43.7	40.9	42.7	98	391.7	358.0	91
Other 1,000	15.0	11.7	14.8	99	117.0	113.4	97
Commercial 1,000	58.7	52.7	57.5	98	508.7	471.3	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	63	62	97	64	64	99
Other pounds	60	81	76	126	66	76	116
Commercial pounds	63	67	66	104	65	67	103
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.2	3.9	4.1	126	33.7	39.1	116
Other 1,000	0.8	0.7	0.7	86	8.0	6.3	79
Commercial 1,000	4.1	4.6	4.8	118	41.7	45.4	109

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	0.6	1.0	102
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	0.1	100
Arizona	32.3	34.6	35.1	109
Arkansas	0.4	0.3	0.4	105
California	140.3	100.4	109.7	78
Colorado	182.5	186.7	193.0	106
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	2.5	2.8	119
Florida	10.7	6.0	7.5	70
Georgia	13.2	11.4	11.4	87
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.7	93
Idaho	4.0	3.6	4.1	102
Illinois	244.4	235.7	251.0	103
Indiana	143.6	141.1	147.0	102
Iowa	511.6	508.1	531.1	104
Kansas	420.0	432.9	435.5	104
Kentucky	41.3	40.5	40.4	98
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	118
Michigan	38.0	36.9	37.9	100
Minnesota	214.1	188.8	208.9	98
Mississippi	1.2	0.4	0.4	32
Missouri	151.6	151.6	162.2	107
Montana	1.0	1.3	1.1	106
Nebraska	604.4	610.2	628.3	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	109
New England ¹	1.8	1.7	2.0	112
New Jersey	3.8	3.7	3.7	97
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	0.4	101
New York	3.1	2.9	3.1	99
North Carolina	201.8	156.8	174.0	86
North Dakota	0.6	0.5	0.6	98
Ohio	22.1	22.3	23.6	107
Oklahoma	84.9	87.2	92.4	109
Oregon	6.7	6.7	6.6	98
Pennsylvania	101.5	103.0	108.3	107
South Carolina	18.6	20.1	20.9	112
South Dakota	84.0	84.0	88.2	105
Tennessee	21.1	20.6	23.1	109
Texas	374.9	354.9	358.3	96
Utah	40.0	39.3	38.8	97
Virginia	38.7	33.7	37.2	96
Washington	67.9	73.9	74.4	110
West Virginia	0.7	0.6	0.7	99
Wisconsin	104.6	87.5	92.3	88
Wyoming	0.4	0.7	0.5	104
United States	3,937.0	3,795.3	3,958.8	101

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: September 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	0.5	0.4	479	442	1,063	1,030
Alaska	0.1	0.1	96	65	1,269	1,124
Arizona	43.4	42.5	56,461	57,779	1,306	1,363
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	507	460	981	973
California	144.5	97.9	183,628	127,166	1,279	1,312
Colorado	206.2	213.3	278,509	294,801	1,351	1,383
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	2.9	3,172	3,766	1,263	1,291
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	21.9	(D)	23,759	(D)	1,087	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	1,046	925	1,173	1,094
Idaho	3.2	3.1	3,481	3,445	1,153	1,178
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.3	3.1	3,508	3,277	1,064	1,068
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	488.4	497.9	645,716	673,547	1,322	1,353
Kentucky	1.2	1.1	1,215	1,156	991	1,038
Louisiana	0.4	0.6	296	446	760	758
Michigan	44.3	42.1	59,501	57,381	1,352	1,370
Minnesota	62.4	52.3	87,076	75,701	1,403	1,455
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	56	83	792	841
Missouri	4.6	4.6	5,086	5,040	1,098	1,096
Montana	1.1	1.2	1,268	1,422	1,181	1,177
Nebraska	557.3	571.6	767,137	805,095	1,378	1,410
Nevada	0.1	0.1	144	140	1,041	1,053
New England ¹	1.8	2.0	1,851	2,177	1,010	1,067
New Jersey	2.8	2.9	2,992	3,073	1,060	1,070
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	385	385	1,087	1,073
New York	2.9	3.0	3,243	3,417	1,135	1,145
North Carolina	8.0	6.0	9,516	7,225	1,202	1,214
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	879	870	1,240	1,252
Ohio	8.2	8.1	9,537	9,456	1,172	1,173
Oklahoma	1.7	1.7	1,636	1,608	981	971
Oregon	6.5	5.8	7,761	6,940	1,199	1,223
Pennsylvania	77.4	82.5	91,084	98,087	1,181	1,194
South Carolina	13.0	14.7	15,070	17,219	1,174	1,180
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.6	4.3	3,072	3,906	873	924
Texas	483.0	449.8	602,777	577,217	1,251	1,286
Utah	46.7	46.1	64,519	62,387	1,384	1,355
Virginia	1.0	0.9	1,029	947	1,019	1,048
Washington	83.8	89.6	110,771	120,997	1,326	1,355
West Virginia	0.9	0.9	866	879	937	958
Wisconsin	124.6	104.4	168,632	143,302	1,361	1,380
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	573	582	1,123	1,077
United States	2,608.9	2,529.6	3,418,550	3,391,329	1,313	1,344

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: September 2013 and 2014

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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	15.7	8.7	1,513	848	97	99
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	77	(D)	258	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	29	(D)	402	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	61	51	571	513
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.0	1.0	431	422	432	429
Indiana	0.6	0.4	179	120	284	282
Iowa	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	0.1	(D)	28	(D)	511
Louisiana	0.2	0.1	112	27	522	493
Michigan	0.1	0.1	20	42	308	293
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 ¹	0.8	0.5	104	79	132	175
New Jersey	5.0	4.5	2,086	1,878	415	421
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	8.7	4.6	924	559	107	122
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	24	27	442	409
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	11.6	(D)	1,904	(D)	165	(D)
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.5	7.6	4,121	3,246	394	428
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	0.3	123	169	553	596
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	6.1	6.0	2,726	2,732	447	460
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	62.9	42.3	14,634	12,213	234	291

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: September 2013 and 2014

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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	3.4	2.9	1,069	1,184	319	410
Alaska	0.1	0.1	17	20	250	242
Arizona	0.2	0.2	49	60	260	260
Arkansas	0.7	0.9	157	239	238	268
California	186.2	202.6	45,779	51,172	246	253
Colorado	1.6	1.7	364	417	230	246
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.8	368	448	237	246
Florida	6.7	3.0	725	492	108	164
Georgia	6.6	5.7	1,579	1,410	239	247
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	273	268	231	243
Idaho	11.1	11.2	2,844	2,985	258	266
Illinois	863.8	854.9	239,692	244,266	278	286
Indiana	702.6	684.2	187,027	191,062	266	279
Iowa	2,327.6	2,327.0	632,832	660,280	272	284
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.8	152	170	212	217
Michigan	12.9	15.0	4,979	6,007	385	401
Minnesota	851.1	814.7	224,612	224,025	264	275
Mississippi	5.3	2.9	1,631	445	309	154
Missouri	711.0	721.7	197,339	211,180	278	293
Montana	1.5	1.4	354	329	235	233
Nebraska	624.7	600.7	169,838	169,390	272	282
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	249
New England ¹	2.9	2.9	714	709	251	246
New Jersey	9.4	8.8	882	840	94	95
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	67	80	258	267
New York	3.5	3.6	786	869	224	242
North Carolina	971.2	(D)	260,210	(D)	268	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	95	81	293	295
Ohio	79.8	83.4	21,533	23,412	270	281
Oklahoma	402.4	438.6	110,619	120,560	275	275
Oregon	13.3	13.6	3,406	3,625	257	267
Pennsylvania	226.7	241.3	60,421	64,765	267	268
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	382.8	(D)	101,930	(D)	266	(D)
Tennessee	66.1	68.9	28,924	31,268	438	454
Texas	29.7	21.7	9,014	5,390	304	249
Utah	5.1	3.8	925	616	180	164
Virginia	184.9	(D)	50,491	(D)	273	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.8	0.9	217	236	269	265
Wisconsin	50.7	48.6	22,672	22,258	448	459
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	105	131	255	273
United States	9,023.9	8,828.8	2,461,443	2,498,630	273	283

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: September 2013 and 2014

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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	0.3	34	33	131	133
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	7	8	95	84
California	25.8	23.4	3,470	3,055	135	131
Colorado	73.1	76.2	10,397	11,006	142	145
Delaware-Maryland	3.6	4.4	326	420	91	96
Florida	0.3	0.5	17	32	63	61
Georgia	1.6	0.8	106	50	65	60
Hawaii	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	119
Idaho	0.3	0.3	39	42	127	126
Illinois	13.0	11.7	1,741	1,573	134	134
Indiana	3.7	4.4	408	492	111	112
Iowa	0.5	0.3	69	45	143	155
Kansas	0.4	0.3	44	37	100	107
Kentucky	1.1	1.4	136	168	121	121
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	23	24	69	65
Michigan	15.6	17.2	1,956	2,311	125	135
Minnesota	0.7	0.5	77	51	110	107
Mississippi	0.5	0.3	42	21	90	68
Missouri	0.7	1.1	78	111	106	99
Montana	0.5	0.5	61	47	125	105
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	14	16	130	137
Nevada	0.1	0.1	6	12	123	116
New England ¹	2.6	3.2	240	305	92	94
New Jersey	10.7	10.1	892	830	83	82
New Mexico	0.9	0.8	122	103	137	137
New York	4.2	4.1	374	385	89	95
North Carolina	1.2	1.3	89	91	74	69
North Dakota	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	123
Ohio	1.5	0.9	157	92	104	104
Oklahoma	0.3	0.3	25	35	90	114
Oregon	1.8	3.4	214	459	120	137
Pennsylvania	5.1	6.2	500	621	99	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.4	0.4	47	61	132	158
Tennessee	1.1	1.1	83	80	75	70
Texas	7.2	9.7	697	1,127	97	116
Utah	2.0	(D)	275	(D)	135	(D)
Virginia	0.5	0.4	44	40	95	96
Washington	0.7	1.4	107	188	149	130
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.3	1.1	150	139	117	127
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	20	16	153	142
United States	184.8	191.9	23,234	24,543	126	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	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	January to September		September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	January to September	
				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)
Cattle										
Steers	1,295	1,319	1,313	12,092	11,775	50.4	53.5	52.7	50.3	52.4
Heifers	735	685	702	6,859	6,279	28.6	27.8	28.2	28.5	27.9
All cows	487	410	427	4,685	4,019	19.0	16.7	17.1	19.5	17.9
Dairy cows	259	229	238	2,342	2,089	10.1	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.3
Other cows	228	182	189	2,343	1,930	8.9	7.4	7.6	9.7	8.6
Bulls	51	48	49	415	413	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8
Total	2,568	2,463	2,490	24,051	22,486	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	62	43	42	557	437	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,692	7,952	8,497	79,214	75,399	97.1	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.0
Sows	235	219	237	2,183	2,050	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Boars	26	28	28	266	252	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	8,952	8,199	8,762	81,663	77,700	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10	11	12	92	103	6.2	6.6	7.2	5.8	6.5
Lambs and yearlings	157	151	160	1,487	1,475	93.8	93.4	92.8	94.2	93.5
Total	167	161	173	1,580	1,578	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	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	January to September	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	799	813	822	794	802
Steers ¹	868	878	890	859	863
Heifers ¹	794	795	806	790	792
All cows ¹	612	624	625	620	627
Bulls ¹	876	908	900	884	900
Calves and vealers	136	163	171	145	163
Hogs	205	212	212	206	214
Barrows and gilts ²	202	210	210	203	211
Sows ²	299	307	307	304	305
Boars ²	205	203	203	205	205
Sheep	64	66	65	70	69
Mature sheep ³	61	67	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	65	66	65	70	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: September 2014

[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	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	
2	5.8	1.9	1.1	2.2	1.6	0.6	0.5	9.1	
3	84.9	24.2	6.2	50.3	40.2	10.1	4.2	7.9	
4	56.8	3.2	1.5	44.7	12.6	32.1	7.4	0.2	
5	276.6	130.4	35.8	99.2	63.0	36.2	11.3	14.2	
6	447.7	239.1	123.9	75.2	29.4	45.8	9.5	0.3	
7	1,108.0	649.5	402.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	270.0	162.3	88.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	140.8	53.3	12.6	71.9	62.0	9.9	2.9	8.5	
10	97.4	48.4	28.7	18.7	14.4	4.3	1.7	1.1	
United States	2,489.8	1,313.1	701.6	426.5	237.7	188.9	48.5	41.7	
	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	2.6	(D)	(Y)	(D)	3.1	0.1	3.0		
2	12.2	12.1	0.1	(Y)	13.3	1.6	11.7		
3	416.4	415.4	0.8	0.2	11.3	0.9	10.3		
4	1,137.6	(D)	77.6	(D)	5.3	1.2	4.1		
5	2,472.3	2,360.1	108.1	4.1	31.7	3.1	28.6		
6	455.9	455.8	(Y)	(Y)	3.3	0.7	2.6		
7	3,658.2	3,590.6	50.1	17.5	0.8	0.1	0.8		
8	381.9	(D)	0.2	(D)	78.0	4.0	74.0		
9	199.3	199.3	(Y)	(Y)	22.2	0.6	21.6		
10	25.8	25.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.7	0.1	3.6		
United States	8,762.1	8,496.6	237.1	28.4	172.6	12.4	160.2		

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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 September 2014

[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	13.2	5.9	3.2	2.2	1.4	0.8	1.8	4.3
2	50.9	15.3	8.7	21.9	16.4	5.5	5.0	95.3
3	723.3	202.1	57.0	433.4	346.7	86.7	30.8	87.2
4	478.0	27.6	12.6	375.1	104.1	271.0	62.8	1.8
5	2,589.7	1,156.2	277.5	1,056.5	632.2	424.3	99.6	133.7
6	4,055.6	2,055.6	1,198.7	710.6	232.7	477.9	90.6	5.1
7	9,880.5	5,799.8	3,556.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	2,380.8	1,439.1	779.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,449.5	632.4	139.6	648.2	531.0	117.3	29.3	98.6
10	864.5	440.7	245.5	164.6	121.2	43.4	13.7	11.4
United States	22,486.0	11,774.7	6,278.9	4,019.4	2,089.1	1,930.3	413.0	437.4
	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	17.9	(D)	0.3	(D)	25.8	1.1	24.7	
2	101.2	100.0	0.8	0.3	124.5	14.0	110.5	
3	3,675.3	3,666.0	8.6	0.7	98.6	8.1	90.5	
4	10,412.3	(D)	573.0	(D)	47.5	9.6	37.9	
5	21,897.9	20,860.6	991.3	46.0	282.8	25.1	257.7	
6	3,631.7	3,630.4	0.9	0.5	32.7	7.9	24.8	
7	32,500.9	31,882.9	470.2	147.8	7.1	0.4	6.7	
8	3,553.5	(D)	3.9	(D)	717.4	29.6	687.7	
9	1,677.0	1,676.6	0.4	0.1	214.6	5.0	209.6	
10	232.2	231.9	0.3	0.1	26.6	2.0	24.6	
United States	77,700.1	75,398.5	2,049.8	251.7	1,577.6	102.8	1,474.8	

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

Species	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	January to September	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.5	98.4
Calves	98.6	98.6	98.5	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.3
Sheep	90.5	89.0	89.9	91.5	91.1

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.

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