



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.98 billion pounds in April, down 3 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2013.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 5 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.4 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,700 head, down 17 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 294 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.85 million head, down 5 percent from April 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up 13 percent from April 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,000 head, 15 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2014 commercial red meat production was 15.7 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		
				April 2013	March 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,128.6	1,938.4	2,042.8	96	105	8,303.6	7,911.2	95
Veal	9.1	8.7	8.4	92	96	37.8	34.6	92
Pork	1,940.8	1,854.5	1,910.5	98	103	7,716.0	7,695.6	100
Lamb and mutton	13.4	13.2	15.2	113	115	51.2	52.4	102
Total red meat	4,091.9	3,814.8	3,976.9	97	104	16,108.5	15,693.8	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		
				April 2013	March 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,101.1	1,913.3	2,017.5	96	105	8,186.4	7,804.5	95
Veal	8.9	8.6	8.3	93	96	36.9	34.0	92
Pork	1,928.9	1,843.7	1,899.4	98	103	7,668.0	7,651.1	100
Lamb and mutton	12.5	12.6	14.3	114	114	48.2	49.4	103
Total red meat	4,051.4	3,778.1	3,939.4	97	104	15,939.5	15,539.1	97

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

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

Species	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of 2013	January to April		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,688.7	2,412.5	2,555.7	95	10,333.4	9,806.1	95
Other 1,000	42.4	38.0	39.1	92	178.7	163.4	91
Commercial 1,000	2,731.1	2,450.6	2,594.8	95	10,512.1	9,969.5	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,298	1,321	1,308	101	1,317	1,325	101
Other pounds	1,141	1,163	1,137	100	1,151	1,150	100
Commercial pounds	1,296	1,318	1,306	101	1,314	1,322	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	57.7	52.9	48.0	83	248.2	214.4	86
Other 1,000	1.0	0.7	0.7	73	3.9	2.9	74
Commercial 1,000	58.7	53.6	48.7	83	252.1	217.3	86
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	264	276	292	111	254	270	106
Other pounds	402	385	377	94	411	374	91
Commercial pounds	266	277	294	110	257	271	106
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,292.2	8,613.8	8,793.8	95	36,955.2	35,742.6	97
Other 1,000	66.2	60.7	61.2	92	266.9	246.2	92
Commercial 1,000	9,358.3	8,674.4	8,855.0	95	37,222.2	35,988.9	97
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	277	285	287	104	277	285	103
Other pounds	248	244	248	100	248	246	99
Commercial pounds	277	285	287	104	277	285	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	174.9	176.5	203.8	117	673.8	702.7	104
Other 1,000	17.0	13.5	17.2	101	55.0	57.3	104
Commercial 1,000	191.8	190.0	221.0	115	728.8	760.0	104
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	143	142	140	98	143	140	98
Other pounds	113	100	105	93	112	106	94
Commercial pounds	140	139	137	98	141	138	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	42.0	36.4	41.6	99	160.6	145.0	90
Other 1,000	11.1	12.0	12.3	112	46.8	48.7	104
Commercial 1,000	53.0	48.4	53.9	102	207.4	193.6	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	64	64	99	64	64	100
Other pounds	65	77	76	117	64	74	115
Commercial pounds	65	67	67	103	64	67	103
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.7	4.7	4.2	115	14.1	17.5	124
Other 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.7	78	3.8	3.1	82
Commercial 1,000	4.5	5.4	4.9	108	17.9	20.6	116

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	0.8	0.9	84
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)
Arizona	36.8	30.9	33.3	90
Arkansas	1.9	0.4	0.4	22
California	144.0	142.8	138.7	96
Colorado	177.6	162.2	181.0	102
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	2.6	2.6	103
Florida	11.1	8.5	8.5	77
Georgia	11.4	11.1	2.1	19
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.7	103
Idaho	3.8	3.4	3.4	91
Illinois	256.7	242.6	252.4	98
Indiana	145.4	143.9	151.7	104
Iowa	564.0	524.0	556.6	99
Kansas	443.2	396.9	425.4	96
Kentucky	43.1	41.5	45.2	105
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	0.4	111
Michigan	38.3	41.1	45.9	120
Minnesota	214.8	206.0	208.6	97
Mississippi	1.3	0.7	0.6	43
Missouri	152.4	158.1	162.4	107
Montana	1.6	0.8	1.5	93
Nebraska	597.4	562.6	584.6	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	96
New England ¹	1.5	1.4	1.6	106
New Jersey	4.5	3.7	4.0	89
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	0.2	85
New York	2.4	2.7	2.8	116
North Carolina	211.2	193.7	181.9	86
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	0.8	106
Ohio	22.3	21.7	21.6	97
Oklahoma	99.6	91.3	93.8	94
Oregon	8.0	6.3	6.2	77
Pennsylvania	106.6	101.3	107.2	101
South Carolina	19.9	20.5	21.4	107
South Dakota	89.0	87.6	88.1	99
Tennessee	18.9	15.2	18.2	97
Texas	384.3	336.9	365.6	95
Utah	40.5	38.4	39.0	96
Virginia	39.3	39.2	37.4	95
Washington	73.6	68.3	72.0	98
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.4	87
Wisconsin	118.8	102.9	107.2	90
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.4	89
United States	4,091.9	3,814.8	3,976.9	97

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	0.7	0.7	741	694	1,053	1,016
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	59	(X)	1,152	(X)
Arizona	49.7	43.1	65,117	56,948	1,315	1,326
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	442	452	1,001	948
California	145.4	137.5	188,299	177,066	1,304	1,295
Colorado	207.8	211.2	270,328	276,742	1,301	1,311
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.8	3,515	3,555	1,335	1,270
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	19.6	(D)	20,126	(D)	1,026	(D)
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	913	946	1,123	1,107
Idaho	2.6	2.2	2,805	2,415	1,156	1,159
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.0	2.9	3,198	3,127	1,060	1,068
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	535.7	511.9	681,465	657,363	1,272	1,285
Kentucky	1.4	1.3	1,432	1,335	1,010	989
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	306	369	769	799
Michigan	45.1	53.1	60,530	71,328	1,348	1,350
Minnesota	68.6	56.5	95,319	81,698	1,396	1,454
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	127	72	874	762
Missouri	5.0	5.4	5,499	5,745	1,112	1,075
Montana	2.1	1.8	2,462	2,167	1,192	1,201
Nebraska	562.2	545.2	755,810	740,349	1,346	1,359
Nevada	0.1	0.1	101	108	970	932
New England ¹	1.6	1.5	1,686	1,672	1,051	1,098
New Jersey	3.4	2.9	3,855	3,174	1,142	1,083
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	306	252	1,053	1,052
New York	2.3	2.6	2,668	3,051	1,171	1,166
North Carolina	12.4	6.4	14,994	7,795	1,212	1,219
North Dakota	0.9	1.0	1,152	1,213	1,215	1,231
Ohio	9.7	8.2	11,337	9,628	1,175	1,189
Oklahoma	2.0	2.1	2,137	2,244	1,045	1,045
Oregon	7.3	5.0	9,320	6,103	1,284	1,227
Pennsylvania	80.5	83.2	96,705	101,608	1,206	1,225
South Carolina	14.1	15.0	16,545	17,419	1,185	1,172
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.6	4.6	3,204	3,950	898	879
Texas	500.5	471.1	621,740	593,559	1,245	1,263
Utah	47.9	47.7	65,214	63,726	1,364	1,339
Virginia	1.0	1.1	1,048	1,156	1,009	1,077
Washington	89.4	90.1	120,034	117,597	1,347	1,309
West Virginia	0.6	0.6	608	561	1,094	998
Wisconsin	141.0	122.4	191,520	168,669	1,366	1,386
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	607	556	1,145	1,113
United States	2,731.1	2,594.8	3,530,707	3,381,236	1,296	1,306

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	15.4	10.2	1,628	1,029	106	102
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	67	(D)	256	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	29	(D)	489	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	40	38	544	556
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.3	1.2	575	498	438	427
Indiana	0.5	0.4	164	135	339	339
Iowa	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	0.2	0.1	132	47	529	498
Michigan	0.8	0.1	334	42	427	302
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	0.6	0.4	100	72	165	178
New Jersey	5.6	5.3	2,377	2,240	427	426
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	4.3	5.1	552	627	130	124
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	55	36	496	474
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	9.5	(D)	1,991	(D)	211	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	27	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.5	10.2	4,201	4,148	400	406
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	40	(X)	506	(X)
Texas	0.6	0.9	346	493	628	563
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.8	(D)	196	(D)	70	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.7	6.8	2,622	3,130	457	464
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	58.7	48.7	15,539	14,239	266	294

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	2.8	2.1	933	751	331	356
Alaska	0.1	0.1	18	20	277	264
Arizona	0.2	0.3	43	67	241	254
Arkansas	5.7	0.9	2,479	230	438	253
California	191.3	190.1	46,506	47,233	243	249
Colorado	1.2	1.2	258	300	221	255
Delaware-Maryland	1.1	1.2	275	313	253	251
Florida	5.0	2.9	758	572	151	198
Georgia	6.8	5.7	1,676	1,384	245	242
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	271	253	249	234
Idaho	11.8	10.8	2,996	2,802	256	259
Illinois	893.8	867.2	252,804	251,546	283	290
Indiana	705.0	694.3	190,104	196,372	270	283
Iowa	2,533.6	2,385.5	705,121	690,024	278	289
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.8	1.1	177	237	210	207
Michigan	10.4	15.2	3,793	6,016	364	396
Minnesota	824.1	801.1	220,418	221,363	268	276
Mississippi	5.4	3.6	1,778	710	327	197
Missouri	700.0	722.4	197,918	210,513	283	292
Montana	1.1	1.2	279	311	263	269
Nebraska	648.7	595.7	177,081	168,821	273	283
Nevada	0.1	0.1	24	15	257	248
New England ¹	1.7	2.0	440	526	261	269
New Jersey	8.8	7.8	872	732	99	94
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	40	31	276	254
New York	2.6	2.8	599	661	230	235
North Carolina	987.5	822.6	270,258	235,858	274	287
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	72	66	304	288
Ohio	77.2	73.5	20,363	20,866	264	284
Oklahoma	473.7	418.7	128,955	121,116	272	289
Oregon	14.1	14.2	3,582	3,679	254	260
Pennsylvania	239.1	227.8	63,467	60,489	266	266
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	384.4	381.6	104,179	107,376	271	281
Tennessee	56.4	54.2	25,578	24,147	454	446
Texas	28.9	22.4	8,581	5,715	297	256
Utah	4.1	2.7	754	533	184	196
Virginia	187.1	171.4	51,348	48,488	275	283
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.4	138	91	247	256
Wisconsin	54.2	54.6	24,284	24,177	449	444
Wyoming	0.4	0.3	104	78	280	244
United States	9,358.3	8,855.0	2,591,911	2,541,711	277	287

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	0.1	0.1	4	6	66	74
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	37	44	126	133
Arkansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	96
California	27.3	26.6	3,861	3,862	141	145
Colorado	73.3	86.6	12,639	14,297	172	165
Delaware-Maryland	3.4	4.5	324	430	95	96
Florida	0.6	1.2	36	69	61	56
Georgia	1.2	1.2	79	83	67	70
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	8	120	131
Idaho	0.2	0.1	25	18	142	148
Illinois	15.8	15.3	2,267	2,417	144	158
Indiana	3.2	5.1	355	560	113	110
Iowa	0.2	0.2	41	23	163	156
Kansas	0.3	0.4	29	43	84	98
Kentucky	1.0	1.3	126	151	122	120
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	16	25	53	68
Michigan	15.6	17.1	2,066	2,305	133	135
Minnesota	0.4	0.5	48	56	119	123
Mississippi	0.4	0.5	28	47	80	95
Missouri	0.5	0.9	64	101	125	114
Montana	0.2	0.4	28	39	113	109
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	3.4	4.5	277	400	82	89
New Jersey	12.8	14.7	1,015	1,077	79	74
New Mexico	0.9	0.7	121	109	140	151
New York	4.3	6.4	380	542	88	85
North Carolina	1.3	1.5	94	103	72	70
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.4	1.5	145	161	102	104
Oklahoma	0.1	0.2	13	16	114	92
Oregon	2.4	3.0	340	442	142	147
Pennsylvania	6.4	9.4	658	938	102	100
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	27	36	132	155
Tennessee	1.2	1.4	86	89	70	65
Texas	7.6	9.8	928	1,062	121	109
Utah	2.2	(D)	312	(D)	139	(D)
Virginia	0.3	0.3	31	31	91	93
Washington	0.6	0.7	92	93	166	136
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.0	0.9	113	102	113	110
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	16	12	158	136
United States	191.8	221.0	26,897	30,239	140	137

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	January to April		April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	January to April	
				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	1,313	1,199	1,333	5,016	4,929	48.8	49.7	52.2	48.5	50.3
Heifers	780	702	715	3,026	2,803	29.0	29.1	28.0	29.3	28.6
All cows	548	466	458	2,124	1,899	20.4	19.3	17.9	20.6	19.4
Dairy cows	268	246	230	1,099	982	10.0	10.2	9.0	10.6	10.0
Other cows	280	220	228	1,026	916	10.4	9.1	8.9	9.9	9.3
Bulls	47	46	49	168	175	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.8
Total	2,689	2,413	2,556	10,333	9,806	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	58	53	48	248	214	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,006	8,356	8,527	35,851	34,707	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.1
Sows	255	229	237	983	922	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Boars	31	30	30	121	113	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,292	8,614	8,794	36,955	35,743	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	10	13	38	42	6.0	5.5	6.2	5.6	6.0
Lambs and yearlings	164	167	191	636	661	94.0	94.5	93.8	94.4	94.0
Total	175	176	204	674	703	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	January to April	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	783	795	791	794	798
Steers ¹	844	855	845	860	859
Heifers ¹	784	795	783	799	798
All cows ¹	626	628	632	623	628
Bulls ¹	885	898	906	882	891
Calves and vealers	155	163	173	149	159
Hogs	208	214	216	208	214
Barrows and gilts ²	205	212	214	205	212
Sows ²	304	301	303	305	302
Boars ²	201	205	204	204	204
Sheep	72	71	70	72	70
Mature sheep ³	65	65	66	66	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	72	72	70	72	71

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: April 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	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	
2	5.5	1.5	0.9	2.5	1.7	0.8	0.6	10.3	
3	85.7	22.9	7.0	51.2	40.3	10.9	4.6	10.5	
4	40.6	3.2	1.5	31.0	8.4	22.6	4.9	0.2	
5	307.6	138.8	30.6	125.3	72.7	52.6	12.9	14.3	
6	469.0	239.1	132.1	86.0	24.1	61.9	11.9	0.9	
7	1,099.5	636.2	400.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	268.7	155.3	95.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	181.0	86.6	17.8	72.8	59.1	13.7	3.8	10.0	
10	96.8	49.0	28.5	17.7	12.9	4.8	1.5	1.4	
United States	2,555.7	1,333.2	714.8	458.2	229.8	228.4	49.5	48.0	
	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	1.7	1.6	(Y)	(Y)	4.2	0.1	4.1		
2	10.5	10.3	0.1	(Y)	20.4	1.6	18.8		
3	399.3	398.2	1.0	(Y)	14.7	1.3	13.4		
4	1,146.6	1,077.3	62.7	6.6	6.4	1.1	5.3		
5	2,482.2	2,360.6	116.3	5.2	36.0	2.7	33.3		
6	434.2	433.9	0.1	0.2	3.9	1.0	2.8		
7	3,721.5	3,647.4	56.3	17.8	1.0	0.1	0.9		
8	384.5	384.2	0.2	(Y)	88.6	3.9	84.6		
9	187.2	187.1	0.1	(Y)	25.4	0.7	24.7		
10	26.2	26.1	(Y)	(Y)	3.2	0.2	3.0		
United States	8,793.8	8,526.9	236.9	30.0	203.8	12.7	191.1		

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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 April 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)	(1,000 head)
1	5.2	2.2	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.9
2	21.7	6.5	3.6	9.8	7.8	2.1	1.8	45.7
3	320.9	79.6	24.4	204.1	163.4	40.7	12.7	43.2
4	215.2	11.8	5.6	169.8	48.7	121.1	28.1	0.8
5	1,192.0	505.2	118.8	525.1	299.8	225.4	42.8	65.2
6	1,751.0	887.0	495.9	327.8	108.3	219.4	40.4	3.0
7	4,175.3	2,328.4	1,609.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8	1,019.4	588.9	357.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	734.5	339.9	74.2	307.4	255.2	52.2	13.0	48.9
10	371.0	179.9	112.1	73.9	55.8	18.0	5.0	5.6
United States	9,806.1	4,929.3	2,802.7	1,898.8	982.3	916.5	175.4	214.4
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	6.3	6.1	0.2	0.1	11.2	0.5	10.8	
2	43.6	43.1	0.4	0.1	54.0	5.2	48.7	
3	1,672.9	1,668.6	4.1	0.1	41.7	3.2	38.5	
4	4,829.4	4,561.2	245.4	22.8	19.1	3.8	15.3	
5	10,051.0	9,572.5	457.7	20.8	125.3	9.9	115.3	
6	1,660.7	1,659.8	0.6	0.3	13.5	4.3	9.2	
7	14,970.0	14,689.5	211.7	68.8	2.9	0.2	2.7	
8	1,654.7	1,652.7	1.9	0.1	327.7	11.6	316.1	
9	750.1	749.7	0.3	(Y)	96.7	2.3	94.4	
10	104.0	103.9	0.1	(Y)	10.6	0.8	9.8	
United States	35,742.6	34,707.2	922.4	113.1	702.7	41.9	660.8	

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

Species	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	January to April	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.3	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.7	98.5	98.5	98.7
Hogs	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	91.1	92.9	92.2	92.5	92.5

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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