



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in May 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.63 million head, down 8 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.8 million pounds, 14 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 46,700 head, down 20 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from last year, at 284 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.62 million head, down 6 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 194,600 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2014 commercial red meat production was 19.6 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

May 2013 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

May 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		
				May 2013	April 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,227.6	2,042.8	2,071.2	93	101	10,531.1	9,982.5	95
Veal	9.1	8.4	7.8	86	93	46.9	42.4	90
Pork	1,898.9	1,910.5	1,859.4	98	97	9,614.9	9,555.0	99
Lamb and mutton	14.5	15.2	13.9	96	92	65.6	66.3	101
Total red meat	4,150.0	3,976.9	3,952.4	95	99	20,258.4	19,646.2	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		
				May 2013	April 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,201.5	2,017.5	2,046.4	93	101	10,387.9	9,851.0	95
Veal	8.9	8.3	7.6	86	93	45.8	41.7	91
Pork	1,887.8	1,899.4	1,849.0	98	97	9,555.8	9,500.1	99
Lamb and mutton	13.4	14.3	13.0	97	91	61.6	62.4	101
Total red meat	4,111.6	3,939.4	3,916.0	95	99	20,051.1	19,455.1	97

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

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

Species	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of 2013	January to May		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,822.7	2,555.7	2,596.6	92	13,156.1	12,402.7	94
Other 1,000	40.3	39.1	38.4	95	219.0	201.8	92
Commercial 1,000	2,863.0	2,594.8	2,635.0	92	13,375.1	12,604.5	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,291	1,308	1,302	101	1,311	1,320	101
Other pounds	1,130	1,137	1,137	101	1,147	1,148	100
Commercial pounds	1,289	1,306	1,299	101	1,308	1,317	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	57.6	48.0	45.9	80	305.7	260.3	85
Other 1,000	1.0	0.7	0.8	75	4.9	3.6	74
Commercial 1,000	58.6	48.7	46.7	80	310.6	263.9	85
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	262	292	283	108	256	272	106
Other pounds	401	377	371	93	409	373	91
Commercial pounds	265	294	284	108	258	274	106
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,146.7	8,793.8	8,560.7	94	46,101.9	44,303.4	96
Other 1,000	63.7	61.2	58.3	92	330.6	304.6	92
Commercial 1,000	9,210.4	8,855.0	8,619.1	94	46,432.6	44,607.9	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	276	287	287	104	277	285	103
Other pounds	241	248	244	101	247	246	100
Commercial pounds	276	287	287	104	277	285	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	188.4	204.0	176.5	94	862.2	879.3	102
Other 1,000	20.0	17.2	18.1	90	74.9	75.4	101
Commercial 1,000	208.4	221.2	194.6	93	937.2	954.7	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	142	140	147	103	143	142	99
Other pounds	106	105	107	100	111	106	96
Commercial pounds	139	137	143	103	140	139	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	44.7	41.6	39.8	89	205.3	184.8	90
Other 1,000	14.2	12.3	13.7	96	61.0	62.4	102
Commercial 1,000	58.9	53.9	53.5	91	266.3	247.1	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	66	103	64	64	100
Other pounds	71	76	76	108	66	74	113
Commercial pounds	65	67	68	105	65	67	104
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.2	4.2	4.6	110	18.3	22.2	121
Other 1,000	0.9	0.7	0.6	68	4.7	3.7	80
Commercial 1,000	5.1	4.9	5.3	103	23.0	25.9	113

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	0.9	0.6	64
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)
Arizona	34.7	33.3	33.5	97
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	0.4	101
California	153.3	138.7	126.2	82
Colorado	187.8	181.0	179.9	96
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.6	2.7	103
Florida	11.2	8.5	8.8	78
Georgia	11.2	2.1	3.7	34
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	101
Idaho	3.7	3.4	3.4	93
Illinois	259.2	252.4	249.8	96
Indiana	142.3	151.7	147.4	104
Iowa	541.0	556.6	534.9	99
Kansas	471.6	425.4	448.6	95
Kentucky	39.0	45.2	41.7	107
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	124
Michigan	42.7	45.9	36.9	86
Minnesota	222.2	208.6	201.2	91
Mississippi	1.1	0.6	0.4	34
Missouri	150.9	162.4	163.3	108
Montana	1.5	1.5	1.4	91
Nebraska	620.3	584.6	609.7	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	106
New England ¹	1.6	1.6	1.5	97
New Jersey	4.7	4.0	4.0	86
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	0.2	85
New York	2.6	2.8	2.8	107
North Carolina	204.0	181.9	189.1	93
North Dakota	0.7	0.8	0.6	95
Ohio	23.2	21.6	21.2	91
Oklahoma	95.0	93.8	77.7	82
Oregon	6.6	6.2	6.2	94
Pennsylvania	105.1	107.2	102.2	97
South Carolina	19.7	21.4	21.0	106
South Dakota	90.3	88.1	89.5	99
Tennessee	18.8	18.2	16.9	90
Texas	396.5	365.6	377.1	95
Utah	39.6	39.0	38.2	96
Virginia	42.2	37.4	37.4	89
Washington	82.7	72.0	74.1	90
West Virginia	0.3	0.4	0.3	100
Wisconsin	116.6	107.2	96.1	82
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.4	86
United States	4,150.0	3,976.9	3,952.4	95

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	0.5	0.4	488	394	971	1,051
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	56	(X)	1,117	(X)
Arizona	47.2	43.4	61,173	57,115	1,300	1,319
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	418	441	995	939
California	155.5	121.6	201,735	155,621	1,305	1,289
Colorado	223.4	212.8	286,097	275,360	1,281	1,295
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	3.0	3,679	3,832	1,347	1,290
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	19.5	(D)	19,653	(D)	1,010	(D)
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,097	1,055	1,115	1,103
Idaho	2.5	2.2	2,697	2,479	1,161	1,202
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.0	2.8	3,177	2,939	1,056	1,060
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	564.8	536.8	725,027	695,842	1,284	1,297
Kentucky	1.4	1.2	1,419	1,223	1,032	1,018
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	271	422	767	776
Michigan	49.8	41.4	67,343	55,785	1,358	1,354
Minnesota	69.4	55.2	94,769	78,858	1,371	1,437
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	112	78	809	830
Missouri	4.1	5.0	4,481	5,519	1,109	1,105
Montana	2.1	1.8	2,398	2,067	1,157	1,164
Nebraska	609.2	583.7	801,287	781,909	1,316	1,341
Nevada	0.1	0.1	118	131	939	1,019
New England ¹	1.6	1.5	1,753	1,630	1,066	1,078
New Jersey	3.7	3.1	4,142	3,446	1,129	1,102
New Mexico	0.3	0.2	315	255	1,060	1,032
New York	2.4	2.9	2,751	3,322	1,154	1,153
North Carolina	11.4	5.6	13,864	6,807	1,223	1,216
North Dakota	0.8	0.8	1,024	970	1,251	1,242
Ohio	9.9	9.4	11,557	10,973	1,170	1,177
Oklahoma	2.1	2.0	2,121	2,133	1,021	1,050
Oregon	6.1	5.5	7,142	6,574	1,195	1,217
Pennsylvania	79.6	78.1	94,947	94,897	1,197	1,219
South Carolina	13.5	14.5	16,228	17,096	1,209	1,187
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.2	4.1	2,869	3,625	912	909
Texas	516.0	489.2	642,938	612,351	1,249	1,254
Utah	46.9	48.1	63,658	62,048	1,359	1,292
Virginia	1.0	0.9	1,072	986	1,053	1,098
Washington	100.7	92.4	133,721	121,043	1,332	1,313
West Virginia	0.3	0.3	318	368	1,065	1,091
Wisconsin	136.4	110.1	185,228	151,186	1,365	1,381
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	556	506	1,091	1,099
United States	2,863.0	2,635.0	3,682,136	3,416,260	1,289	1,299

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	12.0	10.5	1,259	881	106	85
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	76	(D)	256	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	35	(D)	449	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	38	35	616	491
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.2	1.0	519	415	434	420
Indiana	0.7	0.5	216	127	301	277
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	122	50	531	516
Michigan	0.3	0.1	105	40	376	287
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	0.5	0.4	96	67	182	160
New Jersey	5.5	5.0	2,324	2,179	423	432
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	6.7	4.9	776	540	117	112
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	44	28	503	449
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	10.0	(D)	1,940	(D)	196	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	32	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10.9	9.5	4,291	3,930	394	414
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	53	(X)	578	(X)
Texas	0.4	0.7	268	386	610	561
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.7	(D)	188	(D)	71	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.6	6.0	2,988	2,767	456	460
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	58.6	46.7	15,425	13,201	265	284

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	3.1	1.6	1,012	607	332	381
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	27	(X)	263
Arizona	0.2	0.1	41	34	253	267
Arkansas	0.8	0.8	219	199	262	254
California	202.0	190.3	48,500	47,527	240	250
Colorado	1.4	1.2	281	291	204	241
Delaware-Maryland	1.3	1.3	292	302	227	233
Florida	5.5	2.6	748	451	136	176
Georgia	6.9	5.7	1,662	1,392	241	243
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	258	285	238	239
Idaho	12.0	10.8	3,036	2,831	253	263
Illinois	890.5	844.4	252,334	246,080	283	292
Indiana	697.5	674.6	185,954	190,757	267	283
Iowa	2,421.6	2,290.2	671,124	663,616	277	290
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.8	0.9	166	203	197	214
Michigan	11.4	14.5	4,263	5,763	374	399
Minnesota	867.6	769.2	230,261	212,803	265	277
Mississippi	4.9	3.1	1,506	455	304	147
Missouri	703.6	726.2	197,102	211,689	280	292
Montana	1.1	1.1	291	301	272	273
Nebraska	613.3	587.6	166,290	166,724	271	284
Nevada	0.1	0.1	25	21	272	258
New England ¹	2.0	2.3	495	583	247	253
New Jersey	9.5	7.7	902	746	95	97
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	23	31	264	263
New York	2.9	2.7	636	621	218	233
North Carolina	955.7	871.3	261,658	245,788	274	282
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	74	78	284	283
Ohio	80.2	68.8	21,462	19,407	268	282
Oklahoma	452.3	349.7	123,194	99,993	272	286
Oregon	14.4	13.2	3,672	3,459	256	263
Pennsylvania	235.9	220.1	62,289	58,584	264	266
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	390.1	388.3	104,947	109,685	269	283
Tennessee	55.8	49.7	25,721	22,203	462	447
Texas	30.7	19.0	8,848	4,785	289	253
Utah	4.7	3.0	797	590	171	194
Virginia	200.6	172.4	55,109	48,676	275	283
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.4	102	94	236	248
Wisconsin	58.0	49.4	26,549	22,234	459	451
Wyoming	0.3	0.2	77	58	265	243
United States	9,210.4	8,619.1	2,539,372	2,471,625	276	287

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	39	36	121	144
Arkansas	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	108	(X)
California	29.6	25.8	4,206	3,706	142	144
Colorado	78.9	78.5	13,503	13,406	171	171
Delaware-Maryland	4.4	3.9	394	367	90	95
Florida	1.1	0.8	60	52	56	65
Georgia	1.5	1.1	97	72	63	62
Hawaii	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	139
Idaho	0.2	0.1	24	18	134	147
Illinois	16.0	13.4	2,288	2,171	143	162
Indiana	3.6	4.4	409	494	112	114
Iowa	0.2	0.1	33	18	169	130
Kansas	0.4	0.5	39	48	92	93
Kentucky	1.1	1.0	136	126	123	125
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	18	19	57	70
Michigan	16.6	15.3	2,200	2,194	133	144
Minnesota	0.4	0.5	42	50	116	109
Mississippi	0.4	0.3	38	21	86	66
Missouri	0.5	0.7	62	70	128	107
Montana	0.3	0.4	26	37	89	104
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	13	110	133
New England ¹	3.8	3.0	328	306	87	103
New Jersey	13.4	10.6	1,085	855	81	80
New Mexico	0.9	0.7	142	113	152	152
New York	4.0	3.5	377	355	93	101
North Carolina	1.4	1.4	104	95	74	66
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.6	1.5	168	158	104	103
Oklahoma	0.2	0.2	17	18	97	94
Oregon	2.2	2.5	306	377	140	152
Pennsylvania	6.3	6.2	660	627	105	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.4	0.2	47	34	133	157
Tennessee	1.3	1.1	93	70	72	63
Texas	11.0	10.9	1,177	1,158	107	106
Utah	2.5	(D)	342	(D)	139	(D)
Virginia	0.5	0.3	51	26	98	101
Washington	0.6	0.8	99	108	156	138
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	0.8	144	109	123	131
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	14	13	137	146
United States	208.4	194.6	28,940	27,796	139	143

(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	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	January to May		May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	January to May	
				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	1,455	1,333	1,427	6,470	6,356	51.5	52.2	55.0	49.2	51.2
Heifers	762	715	682	3,788	3,485	27.0	28.0	26.3	28.8	28.1
All cows	555	458	442	2,680	2,341	19.7	17.9	17.0	20.4	18.9
Dairy cows	248	230	209	1,347	1,192	8.8	9.0	8.1	10.2	9.6
Other cows	307	228	233	1,333	1,149	10.9	8.9	9.0	10.1	9.3
Bulls	50	49	45	218	221	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total	2,823	2,556	2,597	13,156	12,403	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	58	48	46	306	260	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,859	8,527	8,311	44,710	43,018	96.9	97.0	97.1	97.0	97.1
Sows	257	237	224	1,240	1,146	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6
Boars	31	30	26	152	139	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,147	8,794	8,561	46,102	44,303	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12	13	13	50	55	6.6	6.2	7.2	5.8	6.2
Lambs and yearlings	176	191	164	812	825	93.4	93.8	92.8	94.2	93.8
Total	188	204	177	862	879	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	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	January to May	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	782	791	790	791	796
Steers ¹	844	845	842	856	855
Heifers ¹	773	783	775	793	793
All cows ¹	620	632	632	622	628
Bulls ¹	889	906	908	884	894
Calves and vealers	155	173	168	150	161
Hogs	206	216	216	207	215
Barrows and gilts ²	204	214	214	205	212
Sows ²	308	303	306	306	303
Boars ²	210	204	208	205	204
Sheep	71	70	74	72	71
Mature sheep ³	66	66	66	66	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	72	70	74	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: May 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	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	
2	5.9	1.8	1.0	2.4	1.6	0.8	0.8	9.9	
3	80.9	24.0	6.6	46.6	37.3	9.4	3.7	9.7	
4	42.5	2.9	1.4	32.9	8.4	24.4	5.3	0.2	
5	283.6	125.1	28.8	117.6	66.3	51.2	12.1	13.4	
6	487.5	244.7	145.6	86.7	21.0	65.6	10.5	0.7	
7	1,160.1	725.7	374.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	269.8	172.5	80.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	165.3	75.1	18.2	68.7	51.9	16.7	3.4	10.3	
10	99.6	54.5	25.1	18.1	12.5	5.6	1.8	1.3	
United States	2,596.6	1,427.0	682.1	442.1	209.3	232.8	45.5	45.9	
	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	2.1	2.0	(Y)	(Y)	2.9	0.2	2.7		
2	10.3	10.1	0.1	(Y)	13.7	1.8	11.9		
3	392.7	391.7	1.0	0.1	10.7	0.8	9.9		
4	1,171.1	1,107.0	58.2	5.9	5.2	1.1	4.2		
5	2,396.4	2,281.1	110.0	5.3	31.4	3.0	28.5		
6	364.8	364.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.9	0.7	3.2		
7	3,620.3	3,551.4	53.8	15.1	0.8	(Y)	0.8		
8	391.5	391.2	0.3	(Y)	80.5	4.5	76.0		
9	186.4	186.4	(Y)	(Y)	24.6	0.5	24.0		
10	25.2	25.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.2	2.6		
United States	8,560.7	8,310.8	223.5	26.4	176.5	12.8	163.7		

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January to May 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	6.6	2.8	1.7	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.9	2.3
2	27.6	8.3	4.6	12.3	9.4	2.8	2.5	55.6
3	401.8	103.6	31.0	250.8	200.7	50.1	16.3	52.9
4	257.7	14.7	7.0	202.7	57.1	145.6	33.4	0.9
5	1,475.6	630.3	147.6	642.7	366.1	276.6	54.9	78.6
6	2,238.5	1,131.7	641.5	414.4	129.4	285.1	50.9	3.7
7	5,335.5	3,054.1	1,983.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1
8	1,289.2	761.4	437.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	899.8	415.0	92.4	376.0	307.1	68.9	16.4	59.2
10	470.5	234.5	137.2	92.0	68.4	23.6	6.8	6.9
United States	12,402.7	6,356.3	3,484.7	2,340.9	1,191.6	1,149.3	220.9	260.3
	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	8.4	8.0	0.2	0.1	14.1	0.6	13.5	
2	53.8	53.3	0.5	0.1	67.6	7.0	60.6	
3	2,065.6	2,060.3	5.1	0.2	52.4	4.0	48.4	
4	6,000.5	5,668.2	303.6	28.6	24.5	4.9	19.6	
5	12,447.4	11,853.6	567.7	26.1	156.7	12.9	143.8	
6	2,025.4	2,024.5	0.7	0.3	17.4	5.0	12.4	
7	18,590.3	18,240.9	265.5	83.9	3.7	0.2	3.5	
8	2,046.2	2,043.9	2.2	0.1	408.1	16.1	392.0	
9	936.5	936.1	0.3	(Y)	121.3	2.9	118.4	
10	129.3	129.1	0.2	(Y)	13.4	1.0	12.3	
United States	44,303.4	43,018.0	1,145.9	139.5	879.3	54.6	824.7	

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

Species	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	January to May	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.6	98.5	98.5	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.5	98.4	98.4	98.6
Hogs	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	90.4	92.2	90.7	92.0	92.1

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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