



Livestock Slaughter

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Veal Production at Record Low For May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in May, down 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in May 2012.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from May 2012. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.1 million pounds, 12 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,200 head, down 2 percent from May 2012. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.22 million head, down 1 percent from May 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 5 percent from May 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,500 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 11 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2013 commercial red meat production was 20.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,231.9	2,127.3	2,228.0	100	105	10,503.9	10,527.5	100
Veal	10.4	9.1	9.1	88	100	50.5	46.9	93
Pork	1,926.8	1,941.8	1,899.9	99	98	9,626.7	9,618.9	100
Lamb and mutton	13.6	13.4	14.3	105	106	65.1	65.3	100
Total red meat	4,182.7	4,091.7	4,151.3	99	101	20,246.1	20,258.6	100

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,206.4	2,101.1	2,201.5	100	105	10,366.6	10,387.9	100
Veal	10.1	8.9	8.9	88	100	49.3	45.7	93
Pork	1,913.9	1,928.9	1,887.7	99	98	9,562.4	9,555.8	100
Lamb and mutton	12.9	12.5	13.4	104	107	62.2	61.6	99
Total red meat	4,143.3	4,051.4	4,111.6	99	101	20,040.4	20,051.1	100

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

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

Species	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of 2012	January to May		
					2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,835.9	2,688.7	2,822.7	100	13,257.3	13,156.1	99
Other 1,000	39.7	40.8	41.2	104	213.5	216.4	101
Commercial 1,000	2,875.6	2,729.5	2,863.9	100	13,470.8	13,372.5	99
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,283	1,298	1,291	101	1,296	1,311	101
Other pounds	1,128	1,129	1,124	100	1,135	1,136	100
Commercial pounds	1,280	1,295	1,289	101	1,294	1,308	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	58.2	57.7	57.2	98	298.0	305.1	102
Other 1,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	102	5.1	4.9	97
Commercial 1,000	59.2	58.6	58.2	98	303.1	310.0	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	293	264	264	90	279	256	92
Other pounds	433	403	404	93	429	408	95
Commercial pounds	295	266	266	90	282	259	92
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,211.9	9,292.2	9,146.7	99	45,864.4	46,101.9	101
Other 1,000	73.1	70.3	68.5	94	352.3	349.2	99
Commercial 1,000	9,285.0	9,362.4	9,215.2	99	46,216.7	46,451.1	101
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	277	277	276	99	278	277	99
Other pounds	243	252	246	101	252	250	99
Commercial pounds	277	277	276	100	278	277	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	164.4	174.7	188.4	115	818.6	862.1	105
Other 1,000	15.5	17.0	16.1	104	62.4	69.3	111
Commercial 1,000	180.0	191.7	204.5	114	881.0	931.4	106
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	157	143	142	91	152	143	94
Other pounds	89	112	107	120	95	111	117
Commercial pounds	151	140	140	92	148	140	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	45.5	42.0	44.7	98	217.2	205.3	95
Other 1,000	12.7	10.7	12.7	100	63.2	59.7	95
Commercial 1,000	58.2	52.7	57.4	99	280.4	265.0	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	65	64	99	63	64	101
Other pounds	69	65	71	103	67	66	99
Commercial pounds	65	65	65	100	64	65	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.7	3.7	4.2	114	17.3	18.3	106
Other 1,000	0.8	0.9	0.9	108	4.3	4.7	110
Commercial 1,000	4.5	4.6	5.1	113	21.6	23.0	107

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 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of 2012
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.5	1.0	0.9	64
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	32.3	36.8	34.7	108
Arkansas	3.4	1.9	0.4	11
California	149.3	144.4	153.5	103
Colorado	185.1	177.6	187.8	101
Delaware-Maryland	2.6	2.5	2.6	100
Florida	9.5	11.1	11.2	118
Georgia	11.9	11.4	11.2	94
Hawaii	0.9	0.7	0.8	91
Idaho	3.7	3.8	3.8	103
Illinois	247.6	256.6	259.0	105
Indiana	147.6	145.4	142.3	96
Iowa	549.3	563.6	541.0	98
Kansas	458.7	443.2	471.6	103
Kentucky	45.1	43.1	39.0	87
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	87
Michigan	41.1	38.3	42.7	104
Minnesota	229.6	214.6	222.2	97
Mississippi	1.9	2.5	2.1	109
Missouri	147.6	152.4	150.9	102
Montana	1.5	1.6	1.5	100
Nebraska	626.8	597.4	620.6	99
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	94
New England ¹	1.4	1.5	1.6	114
New Jersey	4.6	4.5	4.7	101
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	0.3	130
New York	2.7	2.4	2.6	99
North Carolina	203.1	211.2	204.0	100
North Dakota	0.6	0.7	0.7	112
Ohio	22.6	21.4	23.2	103
Oklahoma	95.0	99.6	95.2	100
Oregon	6.3	8.0	6.6	104
Pennsylvania	104.8	106.7	105.2	100
South Carolina	21.6	19.9	19.7	91
South Dakota	82.7	89.1	90.4	109
Tennessee	17.5	18.9	18.8	108
Texas	449.4	384.4	396.5	88
Utah	38.5	40.5	39.6	103
Virginia	44.5	39.3	42.2	95
Washington	80.5	73.6	82.7	103
West Virginia	0.4	0.5	0.3	84
Wisconsin	108.3	118.3	116.4	107
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.4	83
United States	4,182.7	4,091.7	4,151.3	99

(X) Not applicable.

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: May 2012 and 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	0.7	0.5	623	488	931	971
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	56	(X)	1,117
Arizona	44.4	47.2	57,035	61,173	1,287	1,300
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	533	418	977	995
California	150.1	155.4	191,757	201,611	1,286	1,306
Colorado	215.2	223.4	280,521	286,097	1,304	1,281
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.7	3,674	3,679	1,322	1,347
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	21.2	19.5	20,898	19,653	988	1,010
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,149	1,097	1,149	1,127
Idaho	2.5	2.6	2,617	2,785	1,130	1,159
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.4	3.0	3,586	3,177	1,063	1,056
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	552.8	564.8	704,143	725,027	1,274	1,284
Kentucky	1.3	1.4	1,354	1,419	1,022	1,032
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	318	271	790	767
Michigan	46.7	49.8	64,700	67,343	1,392	1,358
Minnesota	69.0	69.5	97,125	94,872	1,413	1,371
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	82	112	602	809
Missouri	4.5	4.1	5,030	4,481	1,127	1,109
Montana	2.1	2.1	2,334	2,398	1,138	1,157
Nebraska	599.1	609.5	793,335	801,602	1,325	1,316
Nevada	0.1	0.1	135	118	1,069	939
New England ¹	1.6	1.6	1,646	1,753	1,048	1,066
New Jersey	3.2	3.7	3,591	4,142	1,136	1,129
New Mexico	0.2	0.3	218	315	1,058	1,060
New York	2.6	2.4	2,997	2,751	1,155	1,154
North Carolina	17.3	11.4	20,226	13,864	1,175	1,223
North Dakota	0.7	0.8	884	1,024	1,183	1,251
Ohio	7.7	9.9	9,016	11,557	1,177	1,170
Oklahoma	2.2	2.4	2,248	2,439	1,022	1,026
Oregon	5.1	5.9	6,125	7,021	1,218	1,196
Pennsylvania	79.1	79.8	93,928	95,171	1,192	1,197
South Carolina	14.0	13.5	16,685	16,211	1,204	1,210
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.5	3.2	3,116	2,869	922	912
Texas	591.1	515.8	724,362	642,769	1,228	1,249
Utah	47.0	46.9	62,526	63,658	1,331	1,359
Virginia	1.0	1.0	1,159	1,072	1,137	1,053
Washington	100.2	100.7	130,523	133,712	1,307	1,331
West Virginia	0.4	0.3	412	318	1,051	1,065
Wisconsin	129.1	136.5	170,285	185,189	1,326	1,364
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	696	556	1,124	1,091
United States	2,875.6	2,863.9	3,674,162	3,682,861	1,280	1,289

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: May 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California	13.3	11.6	1,456	1,258	110	109
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	0.3	72	76	250	256
Florida	0.1	0.1	38	35	452	449
Georgia	0.1	0.1	91	38	847	616
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.2	1.2	526	518	452	434
Indiana	0.4	0.7	118	216	305	301
Iowa	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	0.3	0.2	171	122	541	531
Michigan	1.7	0.3	746	105	430	376
Minnesota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.6	0.5	87	96	143	182
New Jersey	6.9	5.5	2,962	2,324	429	423
New Mexico	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New York	6.1	6.7	698	776	115	117
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	36	44	490	503
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	7.3	10.0	1,965	1,940	273	196
Oklahoma	0.1	0.1	27	32	457	453
Oregon	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9.5	10.9	4,091	4,292	431	394
South Carolina	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South Dakota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	0.1	0.1	51	53	509	578
Texas	0.3	0.4	203	268	656	610
Utah	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.2	2.7	128	188	59	71
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	8.5	6.6	3,831	2,989	453	455
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	59.2	58.2	17,388	15,432	295	266

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: May 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	4.6	3.1	1,947	1,015	419	332
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.2	30	41	246	253
Arkansas	10.0	0.8	4,610	219	459	262
California	211.2	203.4	50,922	48,757	241	240
Colorado	1.1	1.4	237	281	211	204
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.3	315	292	225	227
Florida	6.2	5.5	843	748	137	136
Georgia	6.9	6.9	1,682	1,662	245	241
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	294	258	253	238
Idaho	12.1	12.1	3,050	3,069	254	254
Illinois	871.2	888.9	247,531	252,078	284	284
Indiana	713.2	697.5	192,229	185,954	270	267
Iowa	2,460.9	2,421.8	685,945	671,160	279	277
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.8	0.8	167	166	200	197
Michigan	10.5	11.4	3,858	4,263	366	374
Minnesota	877.9	867.4	236,207	230,209	269	265
Mississippi	9.2	9.3	2,597	2,812	283	302
Missouri	677.9	703.6	191,801	197,102	283	280
Montana	1.1	1.1	301	291	266	272
Nebraska	649.7	613.4	179,095	166,316	276	271
Nevada	0.1	0.1	22	25	239	272
New England ¹	1.8	2.0	420	495	230	247
New Jersey	8.6	9.5	880	902	102	95
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	20	23	279	264
New York	2.9	2.9	586	636	202	218
North Carolina	946.0	955.7	256,047	261,658	271	274
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	96	74	329	284
Ohio	84.5	80.2	22,446	21,462	266	268
Oklahoma	444.8	452.3	123,133	123,195	277	272
Oregon	15.6	14.3	3,949	3,660	253	257
Pennsylvania	242.0	236.0	62,494	62,298	258	264
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	365.1	390.1	99,050	104,947	271	269
Tennessee	50.5	55.8	23,571	25,721	468	462
Texas	26.6	32.1	8,136	9,240	306	289
Utah	5.1	4.7	710	797	140	171
Virginia	211.9	200.6	57,738	55,109	273	275
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.4	134	102	223	236
Wisconsin	47.7	57.2	22,172	26,339	466	461
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	76	77	248	265
United States	9,285.0	9,215.2	2,572,642	2,540,903	277	276

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: May 2012 and 2013

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State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2012 (1,000 head)	2013 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 pounds)	2013 (1,000 pounds)	2012 (pounds)	2013 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.3	25	39	170	121
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	6	7	110	108
California	26.4	29.6	3,851	4,211	146	142
Colorado	77.8	78.9	14,643	13,503	188	171
Delaware-Maryland	3.1	4.4	303	394	97	90
Florida	0.2	1.1	13	60	67	56
Georgia	1.0	1.5	76	97	77	63
Hawaii	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	114	(X)
Idaho	0.2	0.2	26	28	145	136
Illinois	13.0	15.0	2,002	2,202	154	147
Indiana	3.0	3.6	328	409	108	112
Iowa	0.1	0.2	17	25	154	155
Kansas	0.3	0.4	26	39	86	92
Kentucky	1.0	1.1	128	136	133	123
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	15	18	55	57
Michigan	13.7	16.6	1,894	2,200	139	133
Minnesota	0.2	0.4	29	49	126	115
Mississippi	0.2	0.4	17	38	67	86
Missouri	0.4	0.5	46	62	121	128
Montana	0.3	0.3	23	29	90	89
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	6	7	108	130
Nevada	0.1	0.1	11	13	120	110
New England ¹	2.4	3.8	212	328	87	87
New Jersey	9.0	13.4	760	1,085	84	81
New Mexico	0.8	0.9	127	142	157	152
New York	3.6	4.0	331	377	93	93
North Carolina	1.2	1.4	88	104	74	74
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.3	1.6	135	168	105	104
Oklahoma	0.1	0.2	18	17	135	97
Oregon	2.4	2.2	355	306	149	140
Pennsylvania	4.4	6.2	442	656	101	105
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.4	29	47	119	133
Tennessee	1.0	1.3	66	93	65	72
Texas	7.1	8.3	458	883	64	106
Utah	2.3	2.5	326	342	145	139
Virginia	0.2	0.5	23	51	95	98
Washington	0.5	0.6	86	99	164	156
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.7	0.9	102	110	141	121
Wyoming	(Y)	0.1	(X)	14	(X)	137
United States	180.0	204.5	27,182	28,536	151	140

(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 2012	April 2013	May 2013	January to May		May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	January to May	
				2012	2013				2012	2013
	(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	1,489	1,313	1,455	6,514	6,470	52.5	48.8	51.5	49.1	49.2
Heifers	786	780	762	3,939	3,788	27.7	29.0	27.0	29.7	28.8
All cows	514	548	555	2,586	2,680	18.1	20.4	19.7	19.5	20.4
Dairy cows	251	268	248	1,294	1,347	8.9	10.0	8.8	9.8	10.2
Other cows	263	280	307	1,292	1,333	9.3	10.4	10.9	9.7	10.1
Bulls	47	47	50	219	218	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7
Total	2,836	2,689	2,823	13,257	13,156	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	58	58	57	298	305	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,931	9,006	8,859	44,518	44,710	97.0	96.9	96.9	97.1	97.0
Sows	252	255	257	1,207	1,240	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.7
Boars	29	31	31	139	152	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	9,212	9,292	9,147	45,864	46,102	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	10	12	47	50	6.5	6.0	6.6	5.7	5.8
Lambs and yearlings	154	164	176	772	812	93.5	94.0	93.4	94.3	94.2
Total	164	175	188	819	862	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 2012	April 2013	May 2013	January to May	
				2012	2013
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	780	783	782	784	791
Steers ¹	839	844	844	845	856
Heifers ¹	771	784	773	785	793
All cows ¹	612	626	620	617	622
Bulls ¹	884	885	890	881	884
Calves and vealers	175	155	156	166	151
Hogs	208	208	206	209	207
Barrows and gilts ²	205	205	204	206	205
Sows ²	312	304	308	309	306
Boars ²	211	201	210	209	205
Sheep	79	72	71	76	72
Mature sheep ³	66	66	66	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	79	72	72	77	72

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 2013

[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	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	
2	6.0	2.1	0.7	2.8	2.3	0.5	0.5	12.2	
3	82.1	21.9	6.4	50.9	40.6	10.3	2.9	11.2	
4	64.7	3.7	2.0	48.8	12.0	36.8	10.2	0.2	
5	338.4	142.1	33.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	18.5	
6	514.2	249.0	149.1	105.8	24.3	81.6	10.3	0.4	
7	1,218.6	714.6	436.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
8	285.7	175.1	88.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	203.1	84.0	20.2	94.6	67.1	27.5	4.3	11.4	
10	108.5	61.6	25.4	19.9	14.0	5.8	1.7	2.7	
United States	2,822.7	1,454.7	762.4	555.2	247.7	307.5	50.4	57.2	
	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	1.7	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.6	0.2	3.4		
2	12.3	12.1	0.1	0.1	16.8	1.8	15.0		
3	436.6	435.6	1.0	(Y)	11.6	2.0	9.6		
4	1,264.0	1,192.9	66.6	4.5	6.4	1.3	5.1		
5	2,577.4	2,445.3	125.1	7.0	33.3	3.0	30.3		
6	478.4	473.0	5.4	(Y)	4.0	1.9	2.1		
7	3,755.8	3,678.6	58.1	19.1	0.8	(Y)	0.8		
8	395.0	394.5	0.4	(Y)	81.1	1.9	79.3		
9	198.1	198.0	0.1	(Y)	28.3	0.3	28.0		
10	27.4	27.4	(Y)	(Y)	2.4	(Y)	2.4		
United States	9,146.7	8,859.1	256.9	30.8	188.4	12.4	176.1		

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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 May 2013

[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	7.0	2.8	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.3	2.8
2	27.4	9.0	3.1	13.2	11.2	2.1	2.0	63.2
3	401.1	93.9	26.5	269.9	216.6	53.3	10.8	56.1
4	312.4	15.6	7.3	242.7	68.8	173.9	46.9	1.4
5	1,597.7	656.6	159.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	93.7
6	2,483.5	1,242.1	717.4	475.3	150.1	325.2	48.7	3.7
7	5,545.9	3,050.3	2,172.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	1,347.2	767.4	480.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	943.2	373.4	94.5	458.4	367.9	90.6	16.8	71.1
10	490.7	259.0	125.1	100.6	79.7	20.9	6.0	12.9
United States	13,156.1	6,470.2	3,788.2	2,679.6	1,346.6	1,333.0	218.1	305.1
	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	7.1	6.8	0.2	0.1	14.1	0.6	13.6	
2	61.3	60.5	0.6	0.3	71.7	7.9	63.8	
3	2,140.4	2,135.1	5.2	0.2	47.0	5.6	41.4	
4	6,456.4	6,092.9	342.9	20.6	24.0	5.2	18.8	
5	12,747.9	12,159.4	555.9	32.6	153.9	12.7	141.2	
6	2,510.5	2,446.3	63.7	0.5	13.7	4.9	8.7	
7	19,135.6	18,769.7	268.3	97.5	3.7	0.2	3.6	
8	1,952.6	1,950.4	2.2	0.1	391.9	10.4	381.6	
9	955.7	955.1	0.5	(Y)	130.3	2.2	128.1	
10	134.4	134.2	0.2	0.1	11.9	0.1	11.7	
United States	46,101.9	44,710.3	1,239.7	151.9	862.1	49.7	812.4	

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

Species	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	January to May	
				2012	2013
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.6	98.5	98.6	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.3	98.4
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.2
Sheep	91.4	91.1	92.1	92.9	92.6

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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