



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.82 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 3.85 billion pounds produced in June 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 5 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,307 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.6 million pounds, 10 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,300 head, down 21 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 35 pounds from last year, at 285 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.73 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.10 million head, down 1 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from June 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,300 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2014 commercial red meat production was 23.5 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 slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

June 2013 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

June 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	June 2014 as % of		January to June		
				June 2013	May 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,157.0	2,071.6	2,068.7	96	100	12,688.0	12,051.6	95
Veal	8.4	7.8	7.6	90	97	55.3	50.0	90
Pork	1,676.3	1,859.5	1,734.3	103	93	11,291.2	11,289.3	100
Lamb and mutton	12.7	13.9	13.4	105	96	78.3	79.7	102
Total red meat	3,854.5	3,952.8	3,823.9	99	97	24,112.9	23,470.6	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	June 2014 as % of		January to June		
				June 2013	May 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,132.2	2,046.8	2,044.1	96	100	12,520.1	11,895.5	95
Veal	8.3	7.6	7.4	90	97	54.0	49.1	91
Pork	1,665.1	1,849.0	1,723.9	104	93	11,220.9	11,224.1	100
Lamb and mutton	12.0	13.0	12.4	104	96	73.6	74.8	102
Total red meat	3,817.5	3,916.5	3,787.9	99	97	23,868.6	23,243.5	97

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

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

Species	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	June 2014 as % of 2013	January to June		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,692.9	2,597.2	2,568.3	95	15,849.0	14,971.6	94
Other 1,000	38.0	38.4	37.6	99	257.0	239.4	93
Commercial 1,000	2,730.9	2,635.6	2,605.9	95	16,106.0	15,211.0	94
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,302	1,302	1,309	101	1,310	1,318	101
Other pounds	1,142	1,137	1,139	100	1,147	1,146	100
Commercial pounds	1,300	1,299	1,307	101	1,307	1,315	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	56.7	45.9	44.6	79	362.4	304.9	84
Other 1,000	0.9	0.8	0.7	77	5.8	4.3	75
Commercial 1,000	57.6	46.7	45.3	79	368.2	309.3	84
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	248	283	283	114	255	274	108
Other pounds	392	371	373	95	406	373	92
Commercial pounds	250	284	285	114	257	275	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	8,132.1	8,561.4	8,040.4	99	54,234.0	52,344.4	97
Other 1,000	64.1	58.3	59.1	92	394.8	363.7	92
Commercial 1,000	8,196.2	8,619.7	8,099.5	99	54,628.8	52,708.1	96
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	274	287	285	104	276	285	103
Other pounds	242	244	238	98	246	245	99
Commercial pounds	274	287	285	104	276	285	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	167.7	176.5	175.3	105	1,030.0	1,054.6	102
Other 1,000	15.8	18.1	18.0	114	90.8	93.4	103
Commercial 1,000	183.6	194.6	193.3	105	1,120.7	1,148.0	102
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	142	147	141	99	143	142	99
Other pounds	101	107	111	110	109	107	98
Commercial pounds	139	143	138	100	140	139	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	40.7	39.8	44.3	109	246.0	229.1	93
Other 1,000	12.4	13.7	11.7	94	73.4	74.1	101
Commercial 1,000	53.1	53.5	56.0	105	319.4	303.1	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	66	64	98	64	64	100
Other pounds	61	76	78	128	65	75	116
Commercial pounds	64	68	67	104	64	67	104
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	3.7	4.6	4.5	122	22.0	26.7	121
Other 1,000	0.8	0.6	0.6	71	5.5	4.3	78
Commercial 1,000	4.5	5.3	5.1	113	27.5	31.0	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	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	June 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	0.6	0.7	66
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)
Arizona	34.0	33.5	36.1	106
Arkansas	0.3	0.4	0.4	106
California	139.2	126.2	99.1	71
Colorado	193.7	179.9	187.0	97
Delaware-Maryland	2.4	2.7	2.5	104
Florida	9.1	8.8	8.3	91
Georgia	10.4	3.7	10.7	103
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.8	104
Idaho	3.3	3.4	3.4	101
Illinois	226.3	249.8	241.5	107
Indiana	131.9	147.4	142.8	108
Iowa	473.2	534.9	507.9	107
Kansas	478.9	448.6	451.5	94
Kentucky	36.5	41.7	38.4	105
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	116
Michigan	38.3	36.9	38.3	100
Minnesota	198.6	201.6	198.4	100
Mississippi	1.1	0.4	0.4	36
Missouri	132.3	163.3	138.1	104
Montana	1.7	1.4	1.5	90
Nebraska	587.4	609.7	620.0	106
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	102
New England ¹	1.4	1.5	1.6	113
New Jersey	4.0	4.0	4.0	101
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.2	107
New York	2.5	2.8	3.0	120
North Carolina	184.3	189.1	162.9	88
North Dakota	0.6	0.6	0.5	86
Ohio	20.7	21.2	20.5	99
Oklahoma	80.5	77.7	69.2	86
Oregon	6.6	6.2	6.4	97
Pennsylvania	94.4	102.2	96.4	102
South Carolina	18.3	21.0	19.4	106
South Dakota	76.4	89.5	86.3	113
Tennessee	14.9	16.9	17.5	118
Texas	389.8	377.1	363.3	93
Utah	38.3	38.2	37.1	97
Virginia	37.3	37.4	37.1	99
Washington	75.2	74.1	73.7	98
West Virginia	0.3	0.3	0.3	103
Wisconsin	107.4	96.1	95.7	89
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.3	93
United States	3,854.5	3,952.8	3,823.9	99

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.6	525	556	979	989
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	45.2	45.7	58,923	60,393	1,306	1,326
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	435	425	1,003	930
California	142.8	87.9	184,371	113,613	1,299	1,305
Colorado	227.1	218.5	295,454	286,585	1,301	1,313
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.8	3,476	3,529	1,312	1,253
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	17.5	(D)	18,342	(D)	1,051	(D)
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	945	935	1,120	1,107
Idaho	2.4	2.2	2,596	2,434	1,163	1,204
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.0	2.7	3,180	2,836	1,059	1,058
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	564.1	534.2	737,055	701,849	1,307	1,314
Kentucky	1.1	1.1	1,158	1,180	1,060	1,041
Louisiana	0.4	0.6	319	442	771	784
Michigan	44.7	42.7	60,494	57,976	1,359	1,365
Minnesota	61.9	55.2	85,337	78,593	1,384	1,430
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	63	114	747	809
Missouri	3.7	4.2	3,939	4,631	1,079	1,095
Montana	2.2	1.9	2,606	2,226	1,184	1,173
Nebraska	578.7	604.7	769,819	813,458	1,331	1,346
Nevada	0.1	0.1	121	123	1,006	1,043
New England ¹	1.5	1.7	1,579	1,805	1,057	1,089
New Jersey	3.3	3.2	3,509	3,525	1,073	1,094
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	244	259	1,051	1,114
New York	2.4	2.9	2,664	3,365	1,154	1,162
North Carolina	10.2	5.8	12,330	6,989	1,212	1,216
North Dakota	0.8	0.7	1,013	861	1,237	1,234
Ohio	8.4	8.2	9,713	9,525	1,171	1,168
Oklahoma	1.7	1.9	1,780	1,872	1,025	982
Oregon	6.3	5.4	7,479	6,454	1,208	1,215
Pennsylvania	71.4	70.3	84,935	84,825	1,193	1,212
South Carolina	11.9	12.7	14,280	14,999	1,207	1,190
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	3.0	4.2	2,814	3,817	959	933
Texas	497.0	467.3	625,008	585,311	1,260	1,255
Utah	45.5	45.7	61,465	59,916	1,354	1,312
Virginia	0.7	0.8	765	880	1,050	1,051
Washington	91.4	90.5	121,655	119,782	1,335	1,326
West Virginia	0.3	0.4	369	395	1,088	1,080
Wisconsin	126.0	108.2	172,471	149,516	1,376	1,390
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	515	493	1,074	1,095
United States	2,730.9	2,605.9	3,544,008	3,398,307	1,300	1,307

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	12.4	10.1	1,316	974	107	98
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.2	(D)	61	(D)	254	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	33	(D)	495	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	34	53	520	475
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.0	1.2	442	509	425	421
Indiana	0.6	0.4	182	117	284	261
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	113	28	524	529
Michigan	0.1	0.1	26	43	305	295
Minnesota	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Mississippi	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	(Y)	0.1	(X)	34	(X)	459
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	0.6	95	91	148	163
New Jersey	4.6	4.6	1,925	1,937	418	423
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	6.1	5.3	678	644	112	122
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	30	41	465	432
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	11.2	(D)	1,905	(D)	172	(D)
Oklahoma	0.1	(Y)	25	(X)	453	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11.0	8.8	4,221	3,684	383	420
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	0.1	(Y)	24	(X)	470	(X)
Texas	0.5	0.5	309	290	609	596
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Washington	2.6	(D)	182	(D)	72	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6.0	5.7	2,698	2,666	454	466
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	57.6	45.3	14,352	12,824	250	285

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	3.3	1.6	1,102	581	330	361
Alaska	0.1	0.1	14	20	265	261
Arizona	0.1	0.1	23	34	271	257
Arkansas	0.5	0.7	138	179	254	260
California	176.1	180.0	41,835	45,399	238	252
Colorado	1.2	1.3	270	292	221	224
Delaware-Maryland	1.2	1.5	284	320	230	214
Florida	5.4	3.4	607	489	113	144
Georgia	6.5	5.7	1,574	1,376	241	240
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	260	305	231	249
Idaho	10.5	10.6	2,608	2,817	250	267
Illinois	774.7	803.8	217,685	233,806	281	291
Indiana	649.3	654.8	172,506	184,706	266	282
Iowa	2,139.3	2,176.4	589,379	626,137	276	288
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.7	0.9	146	178	209	209
Michigan	10.6	15.0	3,745	5,716	353	381
Minnesota	770.1	754.7	204,300	208,405	265	276
Mississippi	4.5	2.9	1,451	427	319	149
Missouri	620.6	616.0	172,727	179,057	278	291
Montana	1.2	1.1	275	263	237	237
Nebraska	546.1	533.3	147,807	151,373	271	284
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	13	(X)	246
New England ¹	2.1	2.4	503	560	241	236
New Jersey	9.0	8.1	871	792	97	97
New Mexico	0.1	0.1	25	40	272	285
New York	2.9	3.3	610	737	210	224
North Carolina	876.0	765.3	236,407	211,225	270	276
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	59	55	310	314
Ohio	73.4	69.2	19,497	19,425	266	281
Oklahoma	388.0	321.7	104,486	89,313	269	278
Oregon	13.3	14.0	3,323	3,750	250	268
Pennsylvania	211.7	220.4	55,387	58,326	262	265
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	330.7	375.8	87,960	105,504	266	281
Tennessee	43.8	51.5	20,036	23,204	459	451
Texas	32.9	19.3	9,366	4,689	285	243
Utah	4.5	3.2	920	704	204	223
Virginia	182.0	173.3	48,836	48,423	268	280
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.4	95	88	227	234
Wisconsin	49.3	49.1	22,625	22,704	459	463
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	57	41	257	257
United States	8,196.2	8,099.5	2,241,582	2,307,518	274	285

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.2	0.2	27	32	128	130
Arkansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
California	27.1	27.1	3,943	3,787	146	140
Colorado	72.8	73.9	12,133	12,331	167	167
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	4.5	310	416	94	93
Florida	0.6	0.5	31	30	56	59
Georgia	1.1	1.1	69	72	64	64
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	8	9	129	137
Idaho	0.2	0.1	28	20	147	139
Illinois	12.8	10.9	1,884	1,736	147	159
Indiana	2.9	4.7	331	515	112	110
Iowa	0.2	0.2	23	28	123	154
Kansas	0.5	0.4	40	39	89	102
Kentucky	1.0	1.1	126	142	122	125
Louisiana	0.3	0.5	18	37	65	74
Michigan	16.3	16.2	2,142	2,218	132	137
Minnesota	0.6	0.4	76	45	131	106
Mississippi	0.4	0.3	35	22	90	66
Missouri	0.5	0.8	63	85	122	104
Montana	0.2	0.5	27	53	109	114
Nebraska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	11	(X)	130
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	119
New England ¹	2.7	2.9	243	276	91	94
New Jersey	10.7	11.9	878	970	82	82
New Mexico	0.7	0.7	106	103	151	151
New York	3.6	3.7	349	357	96	98
North Carolina	1.2	1.4	84	94	67	66
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	1.3	1.6	140	166	106	105
Oklahoma	0.2	0.2	17	19	81	92
Oregon	2.0	2.6	272	388	137	149
Pennsylvania	5.0	7.0	520	714	103	103
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	35	43	129	156
Tennessee	1.0	1.4	66	90	67	64
Texas	9.0	11.0	821	1,250	91	113
Utah	1.9	(D)	266	(D)	138	(D)
Virginia	0.5	0.3	46	25	92	91
Washington	0.5	0.8	80	114	159	134
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.8	0.7	97	79	124	122
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	10	12	143	166
United States	183.6	193.3	25,474	26,723	139	138

(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	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	January to June		June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	January to June	
				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	1,435	1,427	1,396	7,905	7,753	53.3	54.9	54.4	49.9	51.8
Heifers	726	682	715	4,514	4,200	27.0	26.3	27.8	28.5	28.1
All cows	485	443	411	3,165	2,752	18.0	17.0	16.0	20.0	18.4
Dairy cows	220	210	199	1,567	1,391	8.2	8.1	7.8	9.9	9.3
Other cows	265	233	211	1,598	1,361	9.8	9.0	8.2	10.1	9.1
Bulls	47	45	46	265	267	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
Total	2,693	2,597	2,568	15,849	14,972	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	57	46	45	362	305	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	7,885	8,311	7,795	52,595	50,813	97.0	97.1	96.9	97.0	97.1
Sows	220	224	219	1,460	1,365	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
Boars	27	26	26	179	166	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	8,132	8,561	8,040	54,234	52,344	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	13	12	60	66	6.3	7.2	6.8	5.9	6.3
Lambs and yearlings	157	164	163	970	988	93.7	92.8	93.2	94.1	93.7
Total	168	177	175	1,030	1,055	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	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	January to June	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	793	790	798	792	796
Steers ¹	854	842	854	856	855
Heifers ¹	779	775	777	791	790
All cows ¹	623	632	627	622	628
Bulls ¹	894	908	906	886	896
Calves and vealers	146	168	167	150	162
Hogs	205	216	214	207	214
Barrows and gilts ²	202	214	212	204	212
Sows ²	307	306	309	306	304
Boars ²	209	208	207	205	205
Sheep	71	74	71	72	71
Mature sheep ³	65	66	67	66	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	72	74	71	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: June 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	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
2	6.0	1.8	0.9	2.5	1.7	0.8	0.8	9.9
3	72.7	24.6	6.3	38.8	30.8	8.0	3.0	9.0
4	54.7	2.9	1.2	42.9	10.5	32.5	7.7	0.2
5	283.7	133.8	28.6	109.7	65.1	44.7	11.7	13.4
6	465.7	226.6	158.6	71.9	20.4	51.5	8.6	0.5
7	1,180.0	720.9	403.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
8	272.7	177.3	79.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	133.9	54.9	10.9	64.8	49.6	15.3	3.3	9.9
10	97.3	52.9	25.8	16.9	11.2	5.7	1.6	1.1
United States	2,568.3	1,396.5	715.1	410.7	199.5	211.2	46.0	44.6
	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	2.1	(Y)	(Y)	2.9	0.1	2.8	
2	11.3	11.1	0.1	(Y)	14.9	1.8	13.1	
3	393.9	392.9	0.9	0.1	12.4	1.3	11.1	
4	1,052.7	988.3	58.3	6.0	5.6	1.1	4.4	
5	2,321.3	2,208.9	107.1	5.3	30.5	3.1	27.4	
6	337.4	337.3	0.1	(Y)	4.1	0.7	3.4	
7	3,340.7	3,274.1	52.1	14.6	0.7	(Y)	0.7	
8	379.4	378.7	0.7	(Y)	75.6	2.9	72.7	
9	175.3	175.3	(Y)	(Y)	25.8	0.7	25.2	
10	26.2	26.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.8	0.2	2.6	
United States	8,040.4	7,794.9	219.4	26.1	175.3	11.8	163.5	

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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 June 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	8.1	3.5	2.1	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.1	2.8
2	33.6	10.0	5.5	14.8	11.1	3.7	3.4	65.5
3	474.5	128.2	37.3	289.6	231.5	58.1	19.3	62.0
4	312.4	17.6	8.2	245.6	67.5	178.0	41.1	1.1
5	1,759.9	764.1	176.2	753.0	431.4	321.6	66.6	92.1
6	2,704.2	1,358.3	800.1	486.3	149.7	336.6	59.5	4.2
7	6,515.4	3,775.0	2,387.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	1,561.9	938.7	517.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,033.7	469.9	103.3	440.8	356.7	84.1	19.7	69.1
10	567.8	287.4	163.0	108.9	79.6	29.3	8.5	8.0
United States	14,971.6	7,752.8	4,199.8	2,752.2	1,391.3	1,360.9	266.8	304.9
	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	10.5	10.1	0.3	0.1	17.0	0.7	16.3	
2	65.1	64.4	0.6	0.2	82.5	8.8	73.7	
3	2,459.5	2,453.2	6.0	0.3	64.8	5.3	59.5	
4	7,053.1	6,656.6	362.0	34.6	30.1	6.0	24.1	
5	14,769.2	14,063.0	674.8	31.4	187.2	16.0	171.2	
6	2,362.8	2,361.8	0.7	0.3	21.5	5.7	15.9	
7	21,931.2	21,515.1	317.5	98.5	4.4	0.2	4.2	
8	2,425.6	2,422.6	2.9	0.1	483.8	19.0	464.8	
9	1,111.8	1,111.4	0.4	(Y)	147.1	3.5	143.6	
10	155.5	155.3	0.2	0.1	16.2	1.2	15.0	
United States	52,344.4	50,813.5	1,365.3	165.6	1,054.6	66.5	988.1	

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

Species	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	January to June	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.6	98.5	98.6	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.6
Hogs	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Sheep	91.4	90.7	90.7	91.9	91.9

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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