



Livestock Slaughter

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Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.32 billion pounds in October, down 4 percent from the 4.51 billion pounds produced in October 2013.

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, down 9 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.7 million pounds, 22 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 43,300 head, down 38 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 59 pounds from last year, at 304 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.13 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.95 million head, down 4 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from October 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,700 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2014 commercial red meat production was 39.5 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2014 as % of		January to October		
				October 2013	September 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,318.2	2,067.4	2,171.5	94	105	21,614.4	20,400.8	94
Veal	9.9	7.2	7.7	78	107	92.4	79.8	86
Pork	2,169.0	1,871.9	2,126.7	98	114	19,081.8	18,839.2	99
Lamb and mutton	13.1	12.3	13.4	102	109	131.2	130.9	100
Total red meat	4,510.2	3,958.8	4,319.3	96	109	40,919.9	39,450.8	96

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2014 as % of		January to October		
				October 2013	September 2014	2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,283.8	2,041.0	2,138.6	94	105	21,334.8	20,134.8	94
Veal	9.7	7.1	7.6	78	107	90.3	78.4	87
Pork	2,154.7	1,860.0	2,113.7	98	114	18,956.9	18,726.2	99
Lamb and mutton	11.9	11.2	12.3	103	110	122.1	121.8	100
Total red meat	4,460.1	3,919.3	4,272.1	96	109	40,504.2	39,061.2	96

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

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

Species	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2014 as % of 2013	January to October		
					2013	2014	2014 as % of 2013
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,851.1	2,489.8	2,590.5	91	26,901.9	25,076.5	93
Other 1,000	53.2	39.9	50.2	95	429.5	405.6	94
Commercial 1,000	2,904.3	2,529.6	2,640.8	91	27,331.3	25,482.1	93
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,331	1,347	1,359	102	1,312	1,327	101
Other pounds	1,144	1,152	1,146	100	1,145	1,148	100
Commercial pounds	1,327	1,344	1,355	102	1,310	1,324	101
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	68.5	41.8	42.6	62	625.6	480.1	77
Other 1,000	0.9	0.6	0.7	83	9.3	7.0	75
Commercial 1,000	69.4	42.4	43.3	62	634.9	487.1	77
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	243	289	303	125	247	278	113
Other pounds	398	365	375	94	404	371	92
Commercial pounds	245	290	304	124	249	279	112
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,340.5	8,762.1	9,880.3	96	92,003.7	87,580.4	95
Other 1,000	79.5	66.7	72.8	92	701.6	634.4	90
Commercial 1,000	10,420.0	8,828.8	9,953.1	96	92,705.3	88,214.8	95
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	279	283	286	103	275	285	103
Other pounds	246	243	244	99	245	243	99
Commercial pounds	278	283	286	103	275	285	103
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	186.5	172.7	186.8	100	1,766.1	1,764.4	100
Other 1,000	21.8	19.3	20.9	96	169.4	174.5	103
Commercial 1,000	208.3	191.9	207.7	100	1,935.4	1,938.9	100
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	127	130	132	103	138	138	100
Other pounds	112	112	105	94	110	107	97
Commercial pounds	126	128	129	103	136	135	100
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	49.5	42.7	43.9	89	441.2	401.9	91
Other 1,000	14.9	14.8	13.9	93	131.9	127.3	97
Commercial 1,000	64.4	57.5	57.9	90	573.1	529.2	92
Live weight per head							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	62	63	98	64	64	99
Other pounds	67	76	81	121	66	77	116
Commercial pounds	65	66	67	104	65	67	103
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.4	4.1	4.4	99	38.1	43.5	114
Other 1,000	0.8	0.7	0.8	90	8.9	7.1	80
Commercial 1,000	5.2	4.8	5.1	98	47.0	50.6	108

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2014 as % of 2013
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	1.0	0.9	83
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Arizona	37.0	35.1	38.1	103
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	0.5	88
California	152.4	109.7	120.4	79
Colorado	201.3	193.0	199.3	99
Delaware-Maryland	2.9	2.8	2.7	91
Florida	11.1	7.5	8.1	73
Georgia	14.4	11.4	11.9	83
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	100
Idaho	4.4	4.1	4.0	90
Illinois	284.4	251.0	278.0	98
Indiana	165.8	147.0	163.7	99
Iowa	605.1	531.1	622.6	103
Kansas	493.6	435.5	437.9	89
Kentucky	48.8	40.4	46.4	95
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	0.5	88
Michigan	43.5	37.9	39.5	91
Minnesota	249.6	208.9	230.6	92
Mississippi	1.2	0.4	0.4	35
Missouri	173.4	162.2	172.0	99
Montana	2.0	1.1	1.9	97
Nebraska	694.0	628.3	687.8	99
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	118
New England ¹	2.2	2.0	2.4	109
New Jersey	4.3	3.7	3.6	86
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.4	85
New York	3.6	3.1	3.3	92
North Carolina	229.1	174.0	208.3	91
North Dakota	0.8	0.6	0.8	101
Ohio	26.1	23.6	26.5	102
Oklahoma	110.6	92.4	98.9	89
Oregon	7.4	6.6	7.0	95
Pennsylvania	117.1	108.3	124.4	106
South Carolina	21.7	20.9	22.4	103
South Dakota	95.2	88.2	99.5	105
Tennessee	26.9	23.1	24.6	91
Texas	386.2	358.3	369.2	96
Utah	43.3	38.8	42.6	99
Virginia	55.6	37.2	43.3	78
Washington	74.4	74.4	78.4	105
West Virginia	1.1	0.7	1.0	92
Wisconsin	115.8	92.3	94.3	81
Wyoming	0.2	0.5	0.2	106
United States	4,510.2	3,958.8	4,319.3	96

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: October 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.6	0.4	559	381	951	990
Alaska	0.1	0.1	172	105	1,303	1,093
Arizona	49.6	46.1	64,992	62,830	1,314	1,366
Arkansas	0.7	0.6	632	539	968	966
California	150.9	105.0	195,142	137,819	1,301	1,325
Colorado	228.1	217.4	310,062	303,883	1,360	1,399
Delaware-Maryland	3.2	2.9	4,101	3,688	1,282	1,286
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	24.2	(D)	26,194	(D)	1,086	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1,089	1,049	1,162	1,143
Idaho	3.4	2.9	3,745	3,239	1,164	1,170
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.4	3.9	4,673	4,102	1,063	1,065
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	569.6	497.6	764,240	676,939	1,342	1,361
Kentucky	1.7	1.5	1,606	1,572	958	1,033
Louisiana	0.6	0.6	418	433	721	764
Michigan	49.9	44.3	66,959	60,388	1,351	1,373
Minnesota	75.1	54.7	105,214	79,283	1,408	1,455
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	58	114	819	847
Missouri	5.8	5.8	6,172	6,229	1,063	1,083
Montana	2.6	2.4	2,987	2,778	1,134	1,139
Nebraska	635.8	609.8	888,851	874,642	1,399	1,436
Nevada	0.1	0.2	152	169	1,061	1,019
New England ¹	2.3	2.5	2,341	2,616	1,021	1,061
New Jersey	3.0	2.5	3,262	2,690	1,085	1,094
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	552	471	1,101	1,001
New York	3.4	3.3	3,684	3,599	1,117	1,120
North Carolina	6.6	6.6	7,832	7,993	1,193	1,218
North Dakota	1.0	0.9	1,144	1,127	1,182	1,244
Ohio	9.7	10.8	11,327	12,480	1,180	1,165
Oklahoma	2.1	1.8	2,106	1,867	1,013	1,015
Oregon	7.0	6.4	8,367	7,608	1,213	1,217
Pennsylvania	90.2	93.9	107,044	112,461	1,191	1,201
South Carolina	15.3	16.0	17,480	18,787	1,151	1,183
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	4.7	5.3	4,021	4,654	870	904
Texas	499.3	461.6	627,813	596,910	1,260	1,296
Utah	50.9	50.6	69,813	68,796	1,373	1,360
Virginia	1.4	1.4	1,447	1,437	1,002	1,015
Washington	92.2	93.8	122,124	127,647	1,329	1,364
West Virginia	1.6	1.5	1,608	1,420	987	927
Wisconsin	139.8	105.1	189,413	144,384	1,363	1,381
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	317	339	1,172	1,094
United States	2,904.3	2,640.8	3,846,407	3,570,938	1,327	1,355

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	15.6	8.5	1,514	801	98	96
Colorado	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Delaware-Maryland	0.3	(D)	69	(D)	256	(D)
Florida	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.1	81	65	534	581
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Idaho	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Illinois	1.1	0.6	505	262	440	429
Indiana	0.6	0.4	175	121	278	285
Iowa	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	0.3	0.1	123	25	478	500
Michigan	0.1	0.1	27	34	307	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	0.7	0.5	108	72	159	150
New Jersey	6.2	5.1	2,601	2,192	418	431
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	9.7	4.8	1,066	644	111	136
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	25	25	473	447
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	12.9	(D)	2,234	(D)	175	(D)
Oklahoma	(Y)	0.1	(X)	23	(X)	460
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	12.4	7.7	4,649	3,279	375	428
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.6	0.4	354	268	592	600
Utah	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	(Y)	0.1	(X)	27	(X)	452
Washington	1.3	(D)	103	(D)	77	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	7.2	6.4	3,219	2,928	449	457
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	69.4	43.3	16,940	13,074	245	304

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	2.4	1,075	1,006	323	411
Alaska	0.1	0.1	16	16	248	261
Arizona	0.2	0.2	49	41	247	262
Arkansas	1.0	0.8	238	213	244	254
California	215.7	230.0	53,968	58,583	250	255
Colorado	1.7	1.2	385	286	230	237
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.5	380	384	251	252
Florida	6.8	2.7	788	518	116	191
Georgia	7.2	6.2	1,747	1,532	242	247
Hawaii	1.2	1.3	277	299	241	232
Idaho	12.2	11.3	3,192	2,977	261	265
Illinois	1,017.2	969.3	286,525	279,901	282	289
Indiana	795.8	758.7	215,786	213,172	271	281
Iowa	2,721.2	2,707.4	754,418	775,630	277	287
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	1.2	1.0	244	221	209	217
Michigan	16.6	15.6	6,813	6,400	412	410
Minnesota	971.1	913.6	260,033	251,739	268	276
Mississippi	5.6	3.2	1,696	485	303	152
Missouri	792.1	762.6	225,427	223,787	285	294
Montana	1.4	1.4	330	320	241	236
Nebraska	702.5	668.1	193,575	189,680	276	284
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	22	(X)	252
New England ¹	3.2	3.5	837	892	259	257
New Jersey	9.0	9.0	868	858	96	96
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	82	74	273	274
New York	3.9	3.7	895	898	231	246
North Carolina	1,074.6	(D)	298,362	(D)	278	(D)
North Dakota	0.5	0.5	130	140	286	300
Ohio	90.2	88.1	25,280	24,888	281	283
Oklahoma	514.0	467.5	143,599	129,041	279	276
Oregon	15.0	14.1	3,830	3,730	256	266
Pennsylvania	256.2	276.7	68,981	75,440	269	273
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	424.7	(D)	115,559	(D)	272	(D)
Tennessee	83.4	73.2	36,656	32,991	440	451
Texas	32.2	23.6	8,597	5,846	267	248
Utah	6.2	4.1	1,160	626	188	154
Virginia	261.0	(D)	72,603	(D)	278	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.8	0.9	230	272	276	301
Wisconsin	52.3	53.0	23,422	24,379	449	461
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	47	47	259	249
United States	10,420.0	9,953.1	2,898,550	2,842,390	278	286

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: October 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)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	100
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.3	36	40	126	123
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	8	101	88
California	25.3	23.9	3,334	3,070	132	128
Colorado	80.3	88.9	11,575	13,151	144	148
Delaware-Maryland	4.6	4.2	435	403	95	97
Florida	0.4	0.5	31	29	71	63
Georgia	1.5	1.4	85	92	58	66
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	13	111	126
Idaho	0.3	0.3	37	32	123	124
Illinois	16.6	11.8	2,105	1,547	127	131
Indiana	4.9	5.2	535	579	110	112
Iowa	0.4	0.3	67	45	153	165
Kansas	0.4	0.6	45	57	110	96
Kentucky	1.3	1.3	152	158	115	122
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	32	27	64	73
Michigan	17.5	16.9	2,125	2,247	121	133
Minnesota	0.8	0.6	91	61	110	101
Mississippi	0.4	0.3	39	21	97	61
Missouri	0.9	1.0	96	97	104	101
Montana	0.6	0.6	64	64	103	108
Nebraska	0.2	0.2	30	26	130	128
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	14	120	118
New England ¹	4.1	4.0	373	383	92	95
New Jersey	10.9	9.2	901	750	83	82
New Mexico	1.1	0.9	148	122	134	140
New York	5.7	5.2	529	486	93	94
North Carolina	1.7	2.2	126	147	73	68
North Dakota	(Y)	0.1	(X)	7	(X)	113
Ohio	2.3	1.6	240	165	106	103
Oklahoma	0.3	0.3	30	29	94	103
Oregon	2.5	3.3	310	454	123	136
Pennsylvania	5.2	5.5	504	564	98	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.4	0.4	52	56	133	159
Tennessee	1.4	1.2	96	88	69	71
Texas	8.8	8.1	1,136	870	129	107
Utah	2.2	(D)	291	(D)	131	(D)
Virginia	0.5	0.6	46	60	95	94
Washington	0.8	1.5	114	186	137	125
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.6	1.3	180	151	112	115
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	10	11	165	135
United States	208.3	207.7	26,176	26,758	126	129

(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	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	January to October		October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	January to October	
				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	1,402	1,313	1,306	13,494	13,081	49.2	52.7	50.4	50.2	52.2
Heifers	846	702	766	7,705	7,045	29.7	28.2	29.6	28.6	28.1
All cows	549	427	468	5,234	4,487	19.3	17.1	18.1	19.5	17.9
Dairy cows	277	238	252	2,619	2,341	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.3
Other cows	272	189	216	2,615	2,146	9.5	7.6	8.3	9.7	8.6
Bulls	54	49	50	469	463	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8
Total	2,851	2,490	2,591	26,902	25,076	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	69	42	43	626	480	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,036	8,497	9,588	89,250	84,987	97.1	97.0	97.0	97.0	97.0
Sows	274	237	260	2,457	2,310	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6
Boars	30	28	32	296	284	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	10,340	8,762	9,880	92,004	87,580	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	16	12	13	108	116	8.5	7.2	7.1	6.1	6.6
Lambs and yearlings	171	160	174	1,658	1,648	91.5	92.8	92.9	93.9	93.4
Total	186	173	187	1,766	1,764	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	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	January to October	
				2013	2014
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	803	822	827	795	805
Steers ¹	875	890	900	861	867
Heifers ¹	800	806	822	791	796
All cows ¹	615	625	625	620	627
Bulls ¹	868	900	893	882	899
Calves and vealers	143	171	180	145	164
Hogs	208	212	214	206	214
Barrows and gilts ²	206	210	212	203	211
Sows ²	302	307	306	304	305
Boars ²	204	203	205	205	205
Sheep	64	65	66	69	69
Mature sheep ³	61	65	65	64	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	64	65	66	70	69

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: October 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	2.1	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5
2	5.6	1.9	1.1	2.1	1.6	0.4	0.5	9.9
3	95.5	24.0	6.9	59.4	46.9	12.5	5.2	7.9
4	61.4	3.6	2.1	47.4	13.3	34.1	8.2	0.2
5	281.0	124.6	38.9	106.9	64.2	42.7	10.6	14.2
6	460.1	229.3	137.1	84.4	28.8	55.6	9.3	0.5
7	1,151.5	658.7	434.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
8	279.9	158.7	100.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	151.6	55.4	12.9	80.1	67.7	12.4	3.2	8.3
10	101.9	49.0	31.7	19.6	14.9	4.7	1.6	1.1
United States	2,590.5	1,306.2	766.1	467.9	251.8	216.1	50.2	42.6
	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	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	3.6	0.2	3.4	
2	12.3	12.2	0.1	(Y)	13.0	1.5	11.5	
3	473.9	472.5	1.2	0.2	10.8	0.9	9.9	
4	(D)	(D)	84.0	(D)	5.8	1.1	4.7	
5	2,767.4	2,646.7	115.2	5.5	32.3	3.4	28.9	
6	486.4	486.3	0.1	(Y)	3.3	0.7	2.5	
7	4,149.1	4,072.3	58.9	17.9	0.9	(Y)	0.9	
8	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	90.9	4.7	86.2	
9	226.0	226.0	0.1	(Y)	22.7	0.5	22.1	
10	26.4	26.4	(Y)	(Y)	3.7	0.3	3.5	
United States	9,880.3	9,588.4	259.9	32.0	186.8	13.2	173.6	

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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 October 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	15.3	7.0	3.7	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.1	4.7
2	56.4	17.2	9.8	24.0	18.1	5.9	5.5	105.2
3	818.8	226.1	63.9	492.8	393.6	99.2	36.0	95.1
4	539.3	31.2	14.6	422.6	117.4	305.1	70.9	2.0
5	2,870.7	1,280.8	316.4	1,163.4	696.4	467.0	110.1	147.9
6	4,515.7	2,284.9	1,335.8	795.1	261.6	533.5	99.9	5.6
7	11,032.0	6,458.5	3,991.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
8	2,660.7	1,597.7	880.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,601.1	687.8	152.5	728.3	598.6	129.7	32.5	107.0
10	966.4	489.8	277.2	184.2	136.1	48.1	15.3	12.5
United States	25,076.5	13,081.0	7,045.0	4,487.3	2,340.9	2,146.4	463.2	480.1
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	(D)	(D)	0.4	(D)	29.4	1.3	28.0	
2	113.5	112.2	1.0	0.3	137.5	15.5	122.0	
3	4,149.2	4,138.5	9.8	0.9	109.4	8.9	100.4	
4	(D)	(D)	657.0	(D)	53.3	10.7	42.6	
5	24,665.3	23,507.4	1,106.5	51.4	315.1	28.5	286.6	
6	4,118.1	4,116.6	1.0	0.5	35.9	8.6	27.4	
7	36,650.0	35,955.2	529.2	165.7	8.0	0.4	7.6	
8	(D)	(D)	4.1	(D)	808.2	34.3	773.9	
9	1,903.1	1,902.5	0.5	0.1	237.3	5.6	231.7	
10	258.6	258.2	0.3	0.1	30.3	2.2	28.1	
United States	87,580.4	84,986.9	2,309.7	283.8	1,764.4	116.0	1,648.4	

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

Species	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	January to October	
				2013	2014
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.4	98.1	98.4	98.4
Calves	98.7	98.5	98.3	98.5	98.6
Hogs	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.3
Sheep	89.5	90.0	89.9	91.2	91.0

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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