



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent from Last Year

January 2025 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2026 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.58 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.89 billion pounds produced in January 2025.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 11 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 12 percent from January 2025. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,464 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.6 million pounds, 33 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 8,500 head, 37 percent below January 2025. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from last year, at 334 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.45 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, 3 percent below January 2025. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was 4 percent below January 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 172,600 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January		
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,370.1	2,298.3	2,118.5	89	92	2,370.1	2,118.5	89
Veal	2.5	2.1	1.6	67	77	2.5	1.6	67
Pork	2,501.8	2,516.4	2,449.5	98	97	2,501.8	2,449.5	98
Lamb and mutton	10.9	12.4	10.4	96	84	10.9	10.4	96
Total red meat	4,885.2	4,829.3	4,580.1	94	95	4,885.2	4,580.1	94

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January		
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,335.6	2,267.3	2,086.3	89	92	2,335.6	2,086.3	89
Veal	2.3	2.0	1.5	65	76	2.3	1.5	65
Pork	2,492.5	2,508.3	2,441.2	98	97	2,492.5	2,441.2	98
Lamb and mutton	9.7	11.1	9.3	96	83	9.7	9.3	96
Total red meat	4,840.1	4,788.8	4,538.3	94	95	4,840.1	4,538.3	94

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of 2025	January		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,668.3	2,536.6	2,333.8	87	2,668.3	2,333.8	87
Other 1,000	48.3	43.4	44.8	93	48.3	44.8	93
Commercial 1,000	2,716.6	2,580.0	2,378.6	88	2,716.6	2,378.6	88
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,443	1,467	1,468	102	1,443	1,468	102
Other pounds	1,245	1,244	1,260	101	1,245	1,260	101
Commercial pounds	1,439	1,463	1,464	102	1,439	1,464	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	13.0	10.3	7.9	61	13.0	7.9	61
Other 1,000	0.6	0.6	0.6	99	0.6	0.6	99
Commercial 1,000	13.6	11.0	8.5	63	13.6	8.5	63
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	309	330	330	107	309	330	107
Other pounds	381	401	396	104	381	396	104
Commercial pounds	312	334	334	107	312	334	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	11,418.6	11,480.7	11,107.3	97	11,418.6	11,107.3	97
Other 1,000	48.6	43.0	43.1	89	48.6	43.1	89
Commercial 1,000	11,467.1	11,523.7	11,150.4	97	11,467.1	11,150.4	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	293	293	295	101	293	295	101
Other pounds	263	258	264	100	263	264	100
Commercial pounds	293	293	294	101	293	294	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	151.6	190.5	151.4	100	151.6	151.4	100
Other 1,000	21.9	26.8	21.2	97	21.9	21.2	97
Commercial 1,000	173.5	217.3	172.6	99	173.5	172.6	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	125	115	120	96	125	120	96
Other pounds	108	95	105	97	108	105	97
Commercial pounds	123	113	118	96	123	118	96
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	43.5	55.8	41.6	96	43.5	41.6	96
Other 1,000	9.5	11.9	8.8	93	9.5	8.8	93
Commercial 1,000	53.0	67.7	50.4	95	53.0	50.4	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	64	64	100
Other pounds	83	82	84	101	83	84	101
Commercial pounds	68	67	68	100	68	68	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.1	5.8	4.6	76	6.1	4.6	76
Other 1,000	0.4	0.3	0.3	82	0.4	0.3	82
Commercial 1,000	6.5	6.1	4.9	77	6.5	4.9	77

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	1.1	1.0	106
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
Arizona	44.8	41.1	39.8	89
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.5	91
California	96.0	85.9	86.0	90
Colorado	196.4	185.7	185.9	95
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	2.0	1.9	81
Florida	5.5	3.4	4.3	77
Georgia	7.9	9.4	10.0	127
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.6	89
Idaho	50.4	49.9	47.0	93
Illinois	304.4	296.6	293.3	96
Indiana	185.0	182.0	177.3	96
Iowa	816.8	818.8	807.8	99
Kansas	511.2	501.4	464.8	91
Kentucky	53.8	55.7	52.6	98
Louisiana	0.3	0.3	0.4	128
Michigan	139.6	140.6	138.1	99
Minnesota	245.2	244.2	240.1	98
Mississippi	0.8	0.8	0.7	89
Missouri	183.4	195.6	194.6	106
Montana	1.3	2.6	1.3	101
Nebraska	715.3	709.0	622.5	87
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	128
New England ¹	2.8	2.6	2.3	83
New Jersey	4.3	5.4	4.1	97
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.5	96
New York	2.7	2.9	2.7	99
North Carolina	237.4	246.5	226.8	96
North Dakota	0.9	0.6	0.9	97
Ohio	26.3	27.0	24.2	92
Oklahoma	115.7	105.1	99.1	86
Oregon	2.3	2.3	2.3	99
Pennsylvania	139.7	135.8	127.7	91
South Carolina	15.3	12.8	11.7	76
South Dakota	133.8	131.0	127.2	95
Tennessee	24.2	27.9	26.3	109
Texas	381.9	371.3	333.6	87
Utah	48.3	51.7	47.9	99
Virginia	1.2	1.1	1.1	98
Washington	82.8	79.6	78.6	95
West Virginia	0.9	0.8	0.6	66
Wisconsin	100.5	96.1	91.2	91
Wyoming	1.0	0.8	0.8	83
United States	4,885.2	4,829.3	4,580.1	94

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.7	0.6	759	691	1,136	1,202
Alaska	0.1	0.1	57	105	1,029	1,204
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.7	0.6	767	681	1,082	1,115
California	99.9	90.0	143,083	127,743	1,442	1,429
Colorado	206.0	189.8	309,616	291,564	1,504	1,537
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	1.9	3,205	2,565	1,396	1,385
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.1	0.8	1,192	1,034	1,136	1,242
Idaho	61.6	56.6	85,670	77,950	1,400	1,385
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	8.0	9.3	9,606	11,721	1,210	1,275
Iowa	50.0	45.9	71,779	67,175	1,438	1,466
Kansas	544.0	480.8	787,930	713,238	1,449	1,484
Kentucky	6.1	5.7	7,153	6,949	1,181	1,230
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	397	521	1,012	1,049
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.5	0.4	479	436	1,060	1,079
Missouri	5.3	20.6	6,298	28,311	1,192	1,383
Montana	1.5	1.5	1,815	1,851	1,234	1,231
Nebraska	591.9	484.3	891,635	743,411	1,508	1,537
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	114	(D)	1,144
New England ¹	3.1	2.5	3,776	3,118	1,223	1,257
New Jersey	4.6	4.5	5,295	5,169	1,145	1,165
New Mexico	0.6	0.6	662	632	1,079	1,135
New York	2.8	2.8	3,608	3,551	1,282	1,288
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	1.1	1.0	1,398	1,376	1,322	1,332
Ohio	6.8	6.3	9,036	8,455	1,326	1,347
Oklahoma	6.7	7.4	8,174	9,259	1,238	1,257
Oregon	1.3	1.2	1,600	1,459	1,211	1,257
Pennsylvania	94.7	82.0	127,625	110,930	1,352	1,356
South Carolina	21.6	16.8	29,858	22,735	1,388	1,358
South Dakota	41.2	(D)	62,038	(D)	1,513	(D)
Tennessee	3.1	2.9	3,154	2,869	1,030	1,025
Texas	457.6	385.2	624,547	542,625	1,368	1,413
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.4	1.3	1,513	1,484	1,045	1,144
Washington	91.4	84.0	134,663	126,143	1,476	1,505
West Virginia	1.1	0.6	1,329	757	1,215	1,231
Wisconsin	106.2	95.3	149,515	133,475	1,415	1,407
Wyoming	1.3	1.0	1,543	1,258	1,181	1,236
United States	2,716.6	2,378.6	3,902,488	3,476,036	1,439	1,464

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	0.2	0.1	64	57	416	387
Georgia	0.1	(D)	27	(D)	486	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	0.3	0.2	122	81	406	411
Indiana	(D)	0.4	(D)	160	(D)	394
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	25	(X)	435
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Mississippi	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.1	0.1	21	16	210	265
New Jersey	1.4	1.1	513	430	376	388
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	46	21	347	327
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	5.1	(D)	2,165	(D)	423	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	0.1	0.1	44	28	476	478
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	13.6	8.5	4,191	2,820	312	334

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.8	2.1	749	888	423	433
Alaska	0.1	0.1	17	13	265	247
Arizona	0.1	0.1	23	20	286	271
Arkansas	0.4	0.3	111	83	272	276
California	89.1	78.7	20,476	18,792	230	239
Colorado	3.3	2.3	502	410	151	175
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.6	532	452	291	289
Florida	3.1	3.9	469	458	149	117
Georgia	5.1	5.2	1,319	1,342	259	260
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	40	57	300	275
Idaho	12.7	13.9	3,296	3,681	260	264
Illinois	1,088.5	1,060.1	316,679	307,385	291	290
Indiana	828.5	778.9	239,356	227,157	289	292
Iowa	3,547.0	3,486.6	1,041,236	1,030,701	294	296
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	43	44	221	224
Michigan	433.4	436.8	129,790	128,974	299	295
Minnesota	1,039.0	1,028.1	293,468	293,868	282	286
Mississippi	4.0	3.4	693	604	173	179
Missouri	809.3	801.6	239,701	240,093	296	300
Montana	0.8	0.8	231	230	299	304
Nebraska	743.0	723.4	217,389	211,740	293	293
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.1	1.9	581	555	278	286
New Jersey	10.4	7.6	1,051	770	101	102
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	64	40	275	239
New York	1.8	1.6	435	414	249	256
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	95	72	307	269
Ohio	94.1	84.6	27,677	25,688	294	304
Oklahoma	501.5	415.0	145,834	122,855	291	296
Oregon	5.5	5.6	1,429	1,465	260	264
Pennsylvania	300.9	(D)	84,942	(D)	282	(D)
South Carolina	1.6	1.3	427	351	264	264
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	73.1	80.0	33,793	37,370	463	468
Texas	23.9	20.4	4,606	3,932	193	193
Utah	1.9	1.8	528	389	273	216
Virginia	0.9	1.0	281	311	303	304
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.5	125	142	288	309
Wisconsin	74.1	68.2	30,974	29,609	419	435
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	73	74	278	290
United States	11,467.1	11,150.4	3,355,801	3,282,736	293	294

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: January 2025 and 2026

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.1	0.1	6	7	91	89
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.7	(D)	77	(D)	107	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	6	11	96	109
California	20.7	18.9	3,066	2,707	148	143
Colorado	32.6	35.7	5,517	5,826	169	163
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.3	136	127	98	99
Florida	2.8	2.1	143	106	51	51
Georgia	3.2	3.0	192	191	61	65
Hawaii	0.2	0.1	25	14	136	116
Idaho	0.2	0.2	33	24	141	148
Illinois	5.7	5.6	512	464	89	83
Indiana	5.6	4.7	588	467	105	99
Iowa	0.1	0.1	15	15	120	113
Kansas	0.2	0.2	21	18	109	85
Kentucky	0.8	0.7	75	78	100	108
Louisiana	0.6	0.6	36	35	58	60
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.7	0.7	53	54	79	82
Mississippi	0.2	0.1	14	9	64	70
Missouri	1.5	1.5	125	112	81	74
Montana	0.4	0.3	43	38	118	112
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	8	8	131	125
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	4.2	3.2	407	291	97	92
New Jersey	13.3	15.1	1,094	1,328	82	88
New Mexico	0.4	0.6	53	85	139	141
New York	5.6	6.4	573	640	102	100
North Carolina	5.3	7.1	332	452	63	63
North Dakota	0.1	(Y)	9	(X)	129	(X)
Ohio	5.3	3.6	810	532	154	148
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	3.9	4.4	626	681	159	154
Pennsylvania	11.4	10.0	1,170	1,013	103	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	21	23	113	132
Tennessee	(D)	1.2	(D)	102	(D)	88
Texas	22.6	18.8	2,513	1,480	111	79
Utah	1.3	1.3	170	169	136	132
Virginia	1.0	0.6	77	47	77	83
Washington	1.4	1.4	187	180	137	133
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.7	0.7	87	67	118	91
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	14	19	127	142
United States	173.5	172.6	21,334	20,421	123	118

(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	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January		January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January	
				2025	2026				2025	2026
	(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	1,330.7	1,249.6	1,137.8	1,330.7	1,137.8	49.9	49.3	48.8	49.9	48.8
Heifers	839.5	808.8	741.2	839.5	741.2	31.5	31.9	31.8	31.5	31.8
All cows	467.1	444.0	424.5	467.1	424.5	17.5	17.5	18.2	17.5	18.2
Dairy cows	247.8	248.4	246.8	247.8	246.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	9.3	10.6
Other cows	219.3	195.7	177.7	219.3	177.7	8.2	7.7	7.6	8.2	7.6
Bulls	31.0	34.2	30.3	31.0	30.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Total	2,668.3	2,536.6	2,333.8	2,668.3	2,333.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	13.0	10.3	7.9	13.0	7.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	11,124.0	11,198.5	10,841.3	11,124.0	10,841.3	97.4	97.5	97.6	97.4	97.6
Sows	270.4	262.2	244.8	270.4	244.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.2
Boars	24.2	20.0	21.2	24.2	21.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	11,418.6	11,480.7	11,107.3	11,418.6	11,107.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9.3	12.8	10.6	9.3	10.6	6.1	6.7	7.0	6.1	7.0
Lambs and yearlings	142.4	177.7	140.8	142.4	140.8	93.9	93.3	93.0	93.9	93.0
Total	151.6	190.5	151.4	151.6	151.4	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	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	877	896	896	877	896
Steers ¹	955	983	985	955	985
Heifers ¹	869	893	893	869	893
All cows ¹	667	650	658	667	658
Bulls ¹	894	909	927	894	927
Calves and vealers	182	194	194	182	194
Hogs	218	219	220	218	220
Barrows and gilts ²	216	217	218	216	218
Sows ²	296	299	300	296	300
Boars ²	222	227	225	222	225
Sheep	64	58	61	64	61
Mature sheep ³	65	63	64	65	64
Lambs and yearlings ³	64	58	61	64	61

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: January 2026

[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	2.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
2	7.2	2.3	(D)	2.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.8
3	83.0	32.0	(D)	42.7	33.8	8.9	(D)	(D)
4	54.0	5.5	2.0	41.7	13.8	27.9	4.8	0.2
5	237.4	115.1	30.4	(D)	61.5	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	387.5	156.3	142.9	79.2	33.7	45.5	9.0	(D)
7	1,022.0	568.2	395.7	(D)	(D)	41.4	(D)	0.1
8	264.9	147.5	105.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	134.5	51.5	19.2	62.9	54.8	8.1	0.9	(D)
10	141.2	58.4	39.2	42.3	32.5	9.8	1.3	(Y)
United States	2,333.8	1,137.8	741.2	424.5	246.8	177.7	30.3	7.9
	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	1.8	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.1	0.2	2.9	
2	9.2	9.1	(Y)	(Y)	21.0	2.7	18.3	
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	12.6	1.1	11.5	
4	(D)	(D)	82.3	(D)	12.1	0.8	11.2	
5	3,439.5	3,345.2	88.6	5.6	27.1	1.4	25.8	
6	431.9	431.7	0.1	0.1	14.5	1.2	13.3	
7	5,028.0	4,942.8	73.4	11.8	1.7	0.1	1.6	
8	(D)	(D)	0.1	(D)	36.9	(D)	(D)	
9	75.3	75.3	(Y)	(Y)	17.9	(D)	(D)	
10	20.6	20.5	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.1	4.5	
United States	11,107.3	10,841.3	244.8	21.2	151.4	10.6	140.8	

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

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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 Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.3	98.1	98.2	98.1
Calves	95.7	94.1	93.1	95.7	93.1
Hogs	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Sheep	87.4	87.7	87.7	87.4	87.7

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.

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 approximately 1,100 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and about 1,825 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmadge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 13). 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.

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