



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 2 Percent from Last Year

February 2025 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2026 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in February, down 2 percent from the 4.23 billion pounds produced in February 2025.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.17 million head, down 7 percent from February 2025. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,466 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.6 million pounds, 20 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 8,200 head, down 27 percent from February 2025. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 342 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, down 1 percent from February 2025. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.8 million pounds, was up 3 percent from February 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 121 pounds, down 2 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2026 commercial red meat production was 8.72 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2025. Accumulated beef production was down 8 percent from last year, veal was down 27 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	February 2026 as % of		January to February		
				February 2025	January 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,020.2	2,118.5	1,932.8	96	91	4,390.3	4,051.3	92
Veal	2.0	1.6	1.6	80	99	4.5	3.3	73
Pork	2,200.5	2,449.5	2,199.4	100	90	4,702.3	4,648.9	99
Lamb and mutton	10.5	10.4	10.8	103	104	21.4	21.2	99
Total red meat	4,233.3	4,580.1	4,144.7	98	90	9,118.5	8,724.8	96

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	February 2026 as % of		January to February		
				February 2025	January 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	1,989.2	2,086.3	1,902.7	96	91	4,324.9	3,989.0	92
Veal	1.9	1.5	1.5	78	99	4.3	3.0	71
Pork	2,192.0	2,441.2	2,191.8	100	90	4,684.5	4,633.0	99
Lamb and mutton	9.4	9.3	9.8	105	106	19.1	19.1	100
Total red meat	4,192.6	4,538.3	4,105.9	98	90	9,032.7	8,644.2	96

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	February 2026 as % of 2025	January to February		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,280.2	2,333.9	2,128.7	93	4,948.5	4,462.6	90
Other 1,000	43.6	44.8	41.5	95	91.9	86.2	94
Commercial 1,000	2,323.8	2,378.6	2,170.2	93	5,040.5	4,548.9	90
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,436	1,468	1,469	102	1,440	1,469	102
Other pounds	1,232	1,260	1,268	103	1,239	1,264	102
Commercial pounds	1,432	1,464	1,466	102	1,436	1,465	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10.6	7.9	7.7	72	23.6	15.6	66
Other 1,000	0.6	0.6	0.6	95	1.2	1.2	97
Commercial 1,000	11.2	8.5	8.2	73	24.8	16.7	67
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	311	330	338	109	310	334	108
Other pounds	372	396	396	106	376	396	105
Commercial pounds	314	334	342	109	313	338	108
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,119.8	11,107.3	10,049.2	99	21,538.4	21,156.5	98
Other 1,000	44.2	43.1	39.1	88	92.7	82.2	89
Commercial 1,000	10,164.0	11,150.4	10,088.3	99	21,631.1	21,238.7	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	291	295	292	101	292	293	101
Other pounds	264	264	266	101	264	265	101
Commercial pounds	291	294	292	101	292	293	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	147.4	151.5	157.7	107	299.0	309.1	103
Other 1,000	21.7	21.2	18.8	87	43.6	40.0	92
Commercial 1,000	169.1	172.7	176.4	104	342.6	349.1	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	126	120	123	98	125	122	97
Other pounds	102	105	102	100	105	103	99
Commercial pounds	123	118	121	98	123	120	97
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	42.0	41.4	42.1	100	85.5	83.5	98
Other 1,000	7.9	8.8	8.1	103	17.4	16.9	97
Commercial 1,000	49.9	50.3	50.1	101	102.9	100.4	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	64	64	99	64	64	100
Other pounds	79	84	86	109	81	85	104
Commercial pounds	67	68	68	101	67	68	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.3	4.6	3.9	74	11.4	8.6	75
Other 1,000	0.3	0.3	0.4	137	0.7	0.7	107
Commercial 1,000	5.6	4.9	4.4	77	12.1	9.3	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	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	February 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	1.0	1.0	108
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
Arizona	39.2	39.8	37.7	96
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	0.5	117
California	80.9	86.0	79.9	99
Colorado	164.9	185.9	166.3	101
Delaware-Maryland	1.9	1.9	1.9	99
Florida	4.8	4.3	4.6	95
Georgia	7.3	10.0	9.6	132
Hawaii	0.6	0.6	0.7	112
Idaho	43.1	47.0	42.4	98
Illinois	262.7	293.3	262.7	100
Indiana	159.8	177.3	158.7	99
Iowa	704.7	807.8	720.6	102
Kansas	443.8	464.8	434.3	98
Kentucky	47.2	52.6	52.6	112
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.3	97
Michigan	126.0	138.1	125.9	100
Minnesota	213.6	240.1	217.1	102
Mississippi	0.8	0.7	0.8	101
Missouri	161.0	194.6	177.7	110
Montana	1.4	1.3	1.6	118
Nebraska	589.9	622.5	549.7	93
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	86
New England ¹	2.5	2.3	2.1	86
New Jersey	4.0	4.1	4.3	108
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	0.4	87
New York	2.6	2.7	2.7	104
North Carolina	234.5	226.8	195.9	84
North Dakota	0.8	0.9	0.7	94
Ohio	23.6	24.2	23.7	101
Oklahoma	96.8	99.1	100.7	104
Oregon	2.1	2.3	2.1	97
Pennsylvania	126.8	127.7	119.6	94
South Carolina	15.0	11.7	11.4	76
South Dakota	119.0	127.2	111.2	93
Tennessee	21.2	26.3	24.0	113
Texas	330.8	333.6	296.3	90
Utah	43.8	47.9	44.8	102
Virginia	1.1	1.1	1.3	123
Washington	65.5	78.6	70.7	108
West Virginia	0.9	0.6	0.6	64
Wisconsin	85.6	91.2	85.1	99
Wyoming	0.9	0.8	0.8	83
United States	4,233.3	4,580.1	4,144.7	98

(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: February 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	0.8	0.7	900	857	1,135	1,197
Alaska	0.1	0.1	70	87	1,134	1,142
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	634	703	1,007	1,119
California	83.4	82.7	119,843	116,558	1,447	1,419
Colorado	174.8	169.0	259,864	258,910	1,488	1,533
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.8	2,502	2,531	1,357	1,413
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	942	1,051	1,178	1,248
Idaho	52.5	50.3	73,038	69,856	1,398	1,398
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	7.8	9.4	9,088	12,137	1,180	1,296
Iowa	43.3	44.4	62,906	65,229	1,455	1,470
Kansas	473.4	453.0	682,205	668,033	1,441	1,475
Kentucky	5.8	5.6	6,779	6,809	1,182	1,233
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	514	462	1,032	1,038
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.6	0.5	591	546	1,037	1,064
Missouri	4.5	19.9	5,666	27,386	1,261	1,384
Montana	1.6	1.9	1,993	2,369	1,256	1,272
Nebraska	485.6	426.9	725,837	657,006	1,496	1,541
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	82	(D)	1,190
New England ¹	2.7	2.3	3,270	2,842	1,236	1,262
New Jersey	4.5	4.4	5,287	5,125	1,169	1,169
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	585	482	1,129	1,103
New York	2.7	2.8	3,389	3,640	1,255	1,308
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	1.0	0.8	1,234	1,154	1,289	1,361
Ohio	5.6	5.8	7,453	7,782	1,327	1,337
Oklahoma	6.1	6.9	7,381	8,483	1,217	1,244
Oregon	1.1	1.0	1,383	1,239	1,205	1,274
Pennsylvania	87.0	79.3	116,510	108,213	1,344	1,369
South Carolina	20.8	16.2	29,289	22,151	1,413	1,374
South Dakota	34.9	(D)	53,153	(D)	1,528	(D)
Tennessee	2.9	2.9	2,942	3,023	1,034	1,072
Texas	395.2	338.4	538,499	479,779	1,366	1,422
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.3	1.6	1,379	1,871	1,055	1,186
Washington	73.0	75.4	106,496	113,161	1,463	1,504
West Virginia	1.1	0.6	1,311	779	1,212	1,287
Wisconsin	89.8	87.8	126,575	124,532	1,418	1,425
Wyoming	1.2	1.0	1,425	1,171	1,206	1,231
United States	2,323.8	2,170.2	3,322,068	3,173,867	1,432	1,466

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

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)	2025 (1,000 pounds)	2026 (1,000 pounds)	2025 (pounds)	2026 (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	0.1	0.1	54	30	400	371
Georgia	0.1	(D)	40	(D)	485	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	0.2	0.2	76	65	400	406
Indiana	(D)	0.3	(D)	133	(D)	403
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
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	25	20	223	257
New Jersey	1.2	1.1	451	424	377	390
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	46	(X)	349	(X)
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	4.3	(D)	1,777	(D)	417	(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	36	43	479	477
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	11.2	8.2	3,501	2,802	314	342

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: February 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	1.4	1.7	586	728	407	438
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	25	28	303	327
Arkansas	0.3	0.5	91	133	260	281
California	72.8	80.7	17,408	18,722	240	232
Colorado	3.0	2.3	436	380	147	167
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.5	464	427	296	293
Florida	4.1	3.9	540	463	132	120
Georgia	5.0	4.4	1,329	1,216	264	279
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	43	46	293	269
Idaho	11.1	12.4	2,882	3,246	259	261
Illinois	941.6	963.7	271,292	276,527	288	287
Indiana	717.9	701.5	205,983	202,411	287	289
Iowa	3,082.6	3,125.9	897,935	914,132	291	292
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	49	58	218	241
Michigan	400.5	391.2	118,416	114,169	296	292
Minnesota	922.0	924.7	257,728	263,076	280	285
Mississippi	3.3	3.7	614	668	186	182
Missouri	721.5	739.1	210,514	217,557	292	294
Montana	0.8	0.8	223	232	294	294
Nebraska	639.8	644.5	186,306	188,076	291	292
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	1.9	1.7	499	473	267	278
New Jersey	7.4	10.5	704	1,096	95	104
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	50	48	269	265
New York	1.5	1.5	360	359	248	243
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.3	53	74	269	290
Ohio	85.5	84.8	25,264	25,482	296	301
Oklahoma	421.3	414.7	121,748	125,090	289	302
Oregon	5.1	5.1	1,320	1,337	260	261
Pennsylvania	268.3	(D)	75,755	(D)	282	(D)
South Carolina	1.5	1.4	396	369	256	255
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	65.4	73.8	29,418	33,786	451	458
Texas	22.9	21.5	4,490	4,224	196	197
Utah	1.5	2.3	365	359	246	155
Virginia	0.9	0.8	259	256	301	303
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	166	106	307	267
Wisconsin	65.2	65.1	26,808	28,141	412	433
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	44	51	266	262
United States	10,164.0	10,088.3	2,952,686	2,946,221	291	292

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: February 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	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	95
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.8	(D)	87	(D)	111	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	15	13	100	93
California	18.5	18.4	2,749	2,748	149	150
Colorado	32.2	38.0	5,527	6,341	172	167
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.3	137	126	95	93
Florida	3.3	2.6	161	135	49	52
Georgia	2.9	3.1	165	197	58	63
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	16	25	137	132
Idaho	0.1	0.2	19	26	158	150
Illinois	5.5	4.8	474	391	86	81
Indiana	5.6	5.2	581	530	105	101
Iowa	0.1	0.1	13	14	125	112
Kansas	0.2	0.2	18	15	94	83
Kentucky	0.8	0.7	84	72	106	109
Louisiana	0.9	0.9	55	53	62	56
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.6	0.7	44	56	80	81
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	17	12	72	82
Missouri	1.6	1.6	133	117	84	76
Montana	0.3	0.3	35	34	119	116
Nebraska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	10	(X)	115
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	4.4	3.3	439	321	100	98
New Jersey	13.0	15.5	1,067	1,394	82	90
New Mexico	0.4	0.6	55	94	142	150
New York	5.6	6.1	592	621	106	101
North Carolina	5.1	6.2	315	388	62	63
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	7	8	122	112
Ohio	5.1	3.7	807	567	159	153
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.1	4.3	665	683	163	160
Pennsylvania	10.0	10.5	1,060	1,077	106	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.1	0.1	18	16	122	116
Tennessee	(D)	1.4	(D)	121	(D)	85
Texas	23.2	20.3	2,415	1,632	104	80
Utah	1.1	1.2	152	156	138	134
Virginia	1.0	0.3	75	27	78	81
Washington	1.0	1.0	132	133	133	134
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.7	0.9	78	74	115	81
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	15	13	153	124
United States	169.1	176.4	20,727	21,307	123	121

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(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	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	January to February		February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	January to February	
				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	1,119.9	1,137.9	1,034.1	2,450.6	2,172.0	49.1	48.8	48.6	49.5	48.7
Heifers	728.2	741.2	675.0	1,567.7	1,416.2	31.9	31.8	31.7	31.7	31.7
All cows	403.8	424.5	392.1	870.9	816.6	17.7	18.2	18.4	17.6	18.3
Dairy cows	217.0	246.8	237.3	464.8	484.1	9.5	10.6	11.1	9.4	10.8
Other cows	186.7	177.7	154.8	406.1	332.5	8.2	7.6	7.3	8.2	7.5
Bulls	28.3	30.3	27.4	59.3	57.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Total	2,280.2	2,333.9	2,128.7	4,948.5	4,462.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	10.6	7.9	7.7	23.6	15.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,857.4	10,841.3	9,802.6	20,981.4	20,643.9	97.4	97.6	97.5	97.4	97.6
Sows	241.8	244.8	228.5	512.2	473.2	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2
Boars	20.5	21.2	18.1	44.8	39.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,119.8	11,107.3	10,049.2	21,538.4	21,156.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	8.9	10.5	11.4	18.2	21.9	6.1	6.9	7.2	6.1	7.1
Lambs and yearlings	138.5	141.0	146.3	280.8	287.2	93.9	93.1	92.8	93.9	92.9
Total	147.4	151.5	157.7	299.0	309.1	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	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	January to February	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	874	896	896	876	896
Steers ¹	948	985	982	952	984
Heifers ¹	869	893	892	869	892
All cows ¹	674	658	669	670	663
Bulls ¹	900	927	928	897	927
Calves and vealers	183	194	199	183	196
Hogs	217	220	218	218	219
Barrows and gilts ²	215	218	216	216	217
Sows ²	293	300	297	294	298
Boars ²	220	225	227	221	226
Sheep	64	61	62	64	62
Mature sheep ³	67	64	63	66	63
Lambs and yearlings ³	64	61	62	64	62

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: February 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	2.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
2	7.2	2.1	(D)	2.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.7
3	80.6	31.8	(D)	41.0	33.4	7.6	(D)	(D)
4	53.2	5.4	2.1	41.0	15.5	25.5	4.6	0.2
5	221.7	103.5	27.6	(D)	59.5	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	340.6	148.8	121.8	62.5	32.2	30.3	7.5	(D)
7	935.5	509.2	370.3	(D)	(D)	39.5	(D)	(Y)
8	237.3	126.8	98.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	124.5	51.2	15.2	57.2	49.4	7.7	0.9	(D)
10	126.2	54.5	33.1	37.5	30.1	7.4	1.1	(Y)
United States	2,128.7	1,034.1	675.0	392.1	237.3	154.8	27.4	7.7
	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	1.5	1.5	(Y)	(Y)	3.2	0.2	3.0	
2	12.0	11.9	(Y)	(Y)	21.1	3.2	17.9	
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	13.2	0.6	12.6	
4	(D)	(D)	75.9	(D)	12.5	0.8	11.7	
5	3,114.9	3,024.7	84.8	5.4	28.4	1.5	26.9	
6	432.7	432.6	0.1	0.1	15.8	1.9	13.9	
7	4,523.4	4,445.9	67.5	10.0	1.7	0.1	1.6	
8	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	39.0	(D)	(D)	
9	77.9	77.9	(Y)	(Y)	18.1	(D)	(D)	
10	18.8	18.7	(Y)	(Y)	4.6	0.1	4.5	
United States	10,049.2	9,802.6	228.5	18.1	157.7	11.4	146.3	

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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 – Regions and United States: January to February 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	4.3	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1
2	14.4	4.4	(D)	5.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	3.5
3	163.5	63.8	(D)	83.7	67.3	16.5	(D)	(D)
4	107.2	10.9	4.1	82.7	29.4	53.4	9.4	0.4
5	459.2	218.7	57.9	(D)	121.0	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	728.1	305.1	264.7	141.8	65.9	75.8	16.5	(D)
7	1,957.5	1,077.4	766.1	(D)	(D)	80.9	(D)	0.1
8	502.2	274.4	203.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	259.0	102.7	34.4	120.1	104.2	15.9	1.7	(D)
10	267.4	112.9	72.4	79.7	62.6	17.1	2.3	0.1
United States	4,462.6	2,172.0	1,416.2	816.6	484.1	332.5	57.8	15.6
	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	3.2	3.2	(Y)	(Y)	6.3	0.4	5.9	
2	21.2	21.0	0.1	(Y)	42.0	5.8	36.2	
3	(D)	(D)	0.3	(D)	25.8	1.7	24.1	
4	(D)	(D)	158.2	(D)	24.8	1.7	23.1	
5	6,554.4	6,369.9	173.4	11.1	55.6	2.9	52.7	
6	864.6	864.3	0.1	0.2	30.3	3.1	27.2	
7	9,551.4	9,388.7	140.9	21.8	3.3	0.2	3.1	
8	(D)	(D)	0.1	(D)	75.8	(D)	(D)	
9	153.3	153.2	0.1	(Y)	36.0	(D)	(D)	
10	39.3	39.3	(Y)	(Y)	9.2	0.2	9.0	
United States	21,156.5	20,643.9	473.2	39.4	309.1	21.9	287.2	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	January to February	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.1
Calves	94.6	93.1	93.0	95.2	93.0
Hogs	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Sheep	87.2	87.7	89.4	87.3	88.5

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 Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 14). 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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