



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent from Last Year

May 2025 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

May 2026 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in May, down 6 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in May 2025.

Beef production, at 1.95 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.18 million head, down 11 percent from May 2025. The average live weight was up 42 pounds from the previous year, at 1,464 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.5 million pounds, 33 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 6,700 head, down 36 percent from May 2025. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from last year, at 381 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.81 million head, down 6 percent from May 2025. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.4 million pounds, was down 19 percent from May 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 167,500 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 110 pounds, down 12 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2026 commercial red meat production was 21.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2025. Accumulated beef production was down 7 percent from last year, veal was down 27 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	May 2026 as % of		January to May		
				May 2025	April 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,122.9	2,097.0	1,951.8	92	93	10,908.8	10,196.3	93
Veal	2.2	1.5	1.5	67	97	11.0	8.1	73
Pork	2,239.7	2,346.9	2,140.1	96	91	11,539.3	11,537.4	100
Lamb and mutton	11.5	10.4	9.4	81	90	58.7	53.1	91
Total red meat	4,376.4	4,455.9	4,102.8	94	92	22,517.7	21,794.9	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	May 2026 as % of		January to May		
				May 2025	April 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,092.2	2,064.3	1,922.2	92	93	10,745.7	10,039.0	93
Veal	2.1	1.4	1.4	66	97	10.4	7.5	73
Pork	2,231.6	2,339.1	2,132.5	96	91	11,495.7	11,497.6	100
Lamb and mutton	10.2	9.4	8.3	82	88	52.2	48.0	92
Total red meat	4,336.1	4,414.2	4,064.5	94	92	22,304.0	21,592.1	97

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	May 2026 as % of 2025	January to May		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,405.9	2,296.4	2,143.5	89	12,316.6	11,194.0	91
Other 1,000	43.6	45.1	40.7	93	229.5	216.9	95
Commercial 1,000	2,449.4	2,341.5	2,184.2	89	12,546.2	11,411.0	91
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,425	1,471	1,468	103	1,434	1,470	103
Other pounds	1,230	1,263	1,263	103	1,240	1,263	102
Commercial pounds	1,422	1,467	1,464	103	1,430	1,466	103
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10.0	6.7	6.3	63	53.6	36.4	68
Other 1,000	0.5	0.4	0.4	82	2.9	2.5	85
Commercial 1,000	10.5	7.1	6.7	64	56.5	38.8	69
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	360	368	377	105	329	352	107
Other pounds	417	430	436	105	397	414	104
Commercial pounds	362	371	381	105	333	356	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,353.9	10,704.2	9,766.9	94	53,020.6	52,598.0	99
Other 1,000	43.5	40.6	39.2	90	228.5	205.7	90
Commercial 1,000	10,397.4	10,744.8	9,806.1	94	53,249.1	52,803.7	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	289	293	292	101	291	293	101
Other pounds	256	265	263	103	262	265	101
Commercial pounds	289	293	292	101	291	293	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	159.7	160.1	145.9	91	812.4	793.6	98
Other 1,000	27.2	18.9	21.6	79	123.9	99.2	80
Commercial 1,000	186.9	179.0	167.5	90	936.3	892.9	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	126	115	112	89	127	119	94
Other pounds	96	102	98	102	102	102	100
Commercial pounds	122	114	110	91	123	117	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	41.9	38.7	38.9	93	215.9	207.9	96
Other 1,000	8.6	8.0	8.1	95	44.5	42.0	94
Commercial 1,000	50.5	46.7	47.0	93	260.4	249.9	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	65	101	65	64	99
Other pounds	83	81	84	101	83	83	100
Commercial pounds	67	67	68	101	68	67	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.5	5.1	4.5	100	27.1	22.9	85
Other 1,000	0.2	0.3	0.2	113	1.4	1.7	115
Commercial 1,000	4.7	5.4	4.7	100	28.5	24.6	86

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	May 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	1.2	1.0	99
Alaska	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	39.0	42.4	37.7	97
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.5	94
California	81.7	78.5	76.0	93
Colorado	181.5	133.2	96.8	53
Delaware-Maryland	2.2	1.8	1.7	77
Florida	4.0	4.8	4.4	110
Georgia	7.6	9.0	8.0	105
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.6	79
Idaho	46.8	44.6	40.4	86
Illinois	267.1	275.0	262.0	98
Indiana	161.5	170.6	158.3	98
Iowa	739.0	763.7	711.6	96
Kansas	437.4	480.2	467.4	107
Kentucky	50.0	53.8	49.3	99
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	100
Michigan	125.8	136.4	122.2	97
Minnesota	215.8	233.0	209.0	97
Mississippi	0.9	0.9	0.8	92
Missouri	157.2	183.3	169.3	108
Montana	2.2	2.1	1.9	84
Nebraska	640.6	620.4	582.1	91
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	92
New England ¹	2.7	2.2	1.9	73
New Jersey	4.2	4.3	4.2	100
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	93
New York	2.6	2.8	2.5	98
North Carolina	224.1	228.0	186.6	83
North Dakota	0.8	0.8	0.7	87
Ohio	21.4	25.1	23.2	108
Oklahoma	110.1	109.0	93.8	85
Oregon	2.3	2.2	2.2	96
Pennsylvania	127.6	130.4	121.3	95
South Carolina	15.9	10.9	10.7	68
South Dakota	106.7	119.9	102.6	96
Tennessee	25.3	24.0	25.5	101
Texas	354.7	328.1	323.8	91
Utah	46.2	51.7	43.9	95
Virginia	1.2	1.2	1.1	96
Washington	76.0	83.2	72.3	95
West Virginia	0.7	0.9	0.8	116
Wisconsin	89.5	93.0	82.9	93
Wyoming	0.9	0.9	0.8	88
United States	4,376.4	4,455.9	4,102.8	94

(X) Not applicable.

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	1.0	1.0	1,133	1,168	1,128	1,147
Alaska	0.1	0.1	66	71	1,048	1,208
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.8	0.7	853	764	1,125	1,133
California	83.5	76.7	118,988	107,783	1,435	1,415
Colorado	195.3	102.3	284,364	151,581	1,458	1,484
Delaware-Maryland	2.1	1.6	3,085	2,255	1,436	1,401
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.0	0.8	1,258	990	1,209	1,280
Idaho	57.0	48.3	79,226	66,670	1,400	1,390
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	8.5	9.7	10,486	12,551	1,251	1,300
Iowa	42.6	40.4	60,769	59,080	1,427	1,464
Kansas	473.1	485.8	671,794	721,620	1,421	1,486
Kentucky	6.3	6.0	7,477	7,254	1,192	1,212
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	533	542	1,005	1,100
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.7	0.6	685	650	1,028	1,038
Missouri	10.5	20.6	12,835	29,130	1,234	1,420
Montana	2.6	2.1	3,281	2,640	1,267	1,270
Nebraska	536.2	455.2	794,698	696,886	1,484	1,532
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	119	(D)	1,199
New England ¹	2.8	2.2	3,435	2,730	1,248	1,247
New Jersey	4.3	4.1	4,948	4,784	1,165	1,170
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	534	493	1,078	1,070
New York	2.6	2.6	3,323	3,283	1,262	1,263
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.9	0.8	1,192	1,023	1,282	1,346
Ohio	5.8	5.7	7,751	7,586	1,338	1,338
Oklahoma	6.8	6.5	8,144	7,984	1,204	1,241
Oregon	1.3	1.1	1,609	1,407	1,250	1,274
Pennsylvania	87.8	79.5	118,773	108,377	1,358	1,368
South Carolina	21.8	15.6	31,050	20,880	1,431	1,343
South Dakota	27.1	(D)	42,691	(D)	1,576	(D)
Tennessee	3.2	3.0	3,288	3,056	1,064	1,041
Texas	423.4	364.3	575,180	522,063	1,362	1,437
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.3	1.3	1,489	1,451	1,106	1,145
Washington	83.8	79.2	121,312	115,983	1,452	1,470
West Virginia	0.7	0.9	961	1,160	1,286	1,290
Wisconsin	94.1	84.8	132,456	120,064	1,415	1,422
Wyoming	0.9	0.8	1,190	1,072	1,295	1,276
United States	2,449.4	2,184.2	3,475,007	3,190,441	1,422	1,464

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	(Y)	52	(X)	424	(X)
Georgia	0.1	(D)	33	(D)	435	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	0.1	0.1	46	37	400	413
Indiana	(D)	0.4	(D)	143	(D)	407
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	21	9	229	172
New Jersey	1.6	1.0	630	408	388	392
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	22	(X)	360	(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	4.8	(D)	2,010	(D)	418	(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	61	54	481	483
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	10.5	6.7	3,769	2,534	362	381

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	1.5	1.3	631	555	410	414
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	16	(X)	261	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	23	19	275	245
Arkansas	0.3	0.3	81	82	265	293
California	83.4	79.3	19,183	18,976	230	240
Colorado	2.0	1.6	345	285	177	174
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.4	381	375	276	272
Florida	2.7	2.0	341	253	126	124
Georgia	5.0	4.6	1,262	1,253	251	271
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	49	49	286	285
Idaho	11.3	11.5	2,864	2,989	254	261
Illinois	974.8	926.7	280,619	265,066	288	286
Indiana	723.8	692.5	207,168	200,322	286	289
Iowa	3,243.0	3,087.3	944,963	906,806	291	294
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.3	0.2	57	57	214	261
Michigan	398.7	380.3	115,126	109,606	289	288
Minnesota	927.3	885.7	258,059	250,797	278	283
Mississippi	3.8	3.3	663	598	176	181
Missouri	690.3	700.6	200,970	204,880	291	292
Montana	1.0	1.1	293	315	294	280
Nebraska	670.0	672.3	194,814	194,675	291	290
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.1	1.3	579	362	272	269
New Jersey	8.3	8.4	839	971	101	115
New Mexico	0.1	0.2	35	40	268	256
New York	1.6	1.7	416	430	253	249
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	65	72	291	297
Ohio	77.9	84.2	22,147	24,831	285	295
Oklahoma	478.5	376.0	139,037	115,702	291	308
Oregon	5.1	5.3	1,286	1,368	255	260
Pennsylvania	272.1	(D)	74,790	(D)	275	(D)
South Carolina	1.7	1.5	447	383	256	253
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	76.3	75.5	35,211	35,675	462	473
Texas	23.2	18.7	4,494	3,642	194	195
Utah	1.7	1.9	425	361	245	191
Virginia	1.1	1.0	306	318	281	316
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.4	0.5	113	133	279	286
Wisconsin	60.7	61.1	26,371	27,472	436	450
Wyoming	0.8	0.7	211	175	275	266
United States	10,397.4	9,806.1	3,005,881	2,863,932	289	292

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	(Y)	7	(X)	108	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.6	(D)	73	(D)	116	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	9	14	93	103
California	19.8	16.6	2,960	2,344	150	141
Colorado	34.0	25.5	6,045	4,127	178	162
Delaware-Maryland	1.3	1.4	127	137	97	97
Florida	3.1	3.0	154	141	50	47
Georgia	3.5	3.6	207	235	60	65
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	15	11	153	121
Idaho	0.1	0.2	24	36	160	150
Illinois	6.8	6.7	551	521	81	78
Indiana	5.9	6.7	599	670	102	100
Iowa	0.1	0.2	17	17	118	105
Kansas	0.2	0.3	20	24	92	85
Kentucky	0.9	0.7	90	77	104	109
Louisiana	0.8	0.6	44	33	57	55
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.5	0.7	46	56	84	78
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	17	15	69	68
Missouri	2.0	1.9	152	134	76	72
Montana	0.3	0.3	33	40	117	126
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	6	5	113	106
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	4.8	2.5	476	236	99	95
New Jersey	16.1	17.1	1,334	1,546	83	91
New Mexico	0.8	0.6	118	86	151	141
New York	6.0	5.8	628	582	105	100
North Carolina	6.5	7.5	371	452	57	60
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	4.7	3.7	730	582	155	158
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.4	4.4	724	673	166	153
Pennsylvania	10.0	8.9	1,073	911	107	103
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	22	19	144	103
Tennessee	(D)	1.6	(D)	135	(D)	86
Texas	26.9	25.2	2,500	1,892	93	75
Utah	1.1	1.0	155	132	137	132
Virginia	1.1	0.7	72	47	63	69
Washington	1.3	1.1	179	143	138	135
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.6	0.8	58	68	105	84
Wyoming	0.2	0.1	25	10	123	156
United States	186.9	167.5	22,731	18,446	122	110

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	January to May		May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	January to May	
				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	1,180.1	1,110.8	1,082.6	6,003.7	5,489.5	49.1	48.4	50.5	48.7	49.0
Heifers	787.1	766.3	665.4	4,035.5	3,573.9	32.7	33.4	31.0	32.8	31.9
All cows	401.6	384.2	361.5	2,106.8	1,970.8	16.7	16.7	16.9	17.1	17.6
Dairy cows	196.8	215.1	191.7	1,086.7	1,130.0	8.2	9.4	8.9	8.8	10.1
Other cows	204.8	169.2	169.8	1,020.1	840.8	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.5
Bulls	37.1	35.2	34.1	170.7	159.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4
Total	2,405.9	2,296.4	2,143.5	12,316.6	11,194.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	10.0	6.7	6.3	53.6	36.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,081.9	10,441.3	9,518.0	51,633.0	51,296.1	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.4	97.5
Sows	249.5	243.5	229.1	1,276.2	1,202.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
Boars	22.4	19.5	19.8	111.4	99.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,353.9	10,704.2	9,766.9	53,020.6	52,598.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10.8	10.9	11.1	51.3	54.9	6.7	6.8	7.6	6.3	6.9
Lambs and yearlings	148.9	149.1	134.8	761.1	738.7	93.3	93.2	92.4	93.7	93.1
Total	159.7	160.1	145.9	812.4	793.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	January to May	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	872	901	899	874	899
Steers ¹	942	980	978	947	982
Heifers ¹	866	900	893	869	896
All cows ¹	669	667	664	669	667
Bulls ¹	940	936	950	919	934
Calves and vealers	215	217	224	195	208
Hogs	216	219	218	217	219
Barrows and gilts ²	213	217	216	215	217
Sows ²	301	302	306	298	301
Boars ²	224	233	235	222	229
Sheep	64	59	57	64	60
Mature sheep ³	65	62	63	66	63
Lambs and yearlings ³	64	59	57	64	60

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: May 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	1.9	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	6.6	2.2	(D)	2.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.2
3	80.9	34.6	(D)	36.4	26.7	9.7	(D)	(D)
4	49.8	5.9	2.5	36.7	10.1	26.6	4.7	0.1
5	227.0	111.7	29.6	(D)	51.3	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	366.4	168.6	130.4	58.7	23.9	34.9	8.7	(D)
7	993.2	565.1	372.9	(D)	(D)	39.7	(D)	(Y)
8	171.3	91.3	67.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	118.5	52.0	18.4	46.7	35.8	11.0	1.3	(D)
10	127.9	50.4	38.1	37.8	29.4	8.4	1.7	(Y)
United States	2,143.5	1,082.6	665.4	361.5	191.7	169.8	34.1	6.3
	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	1.2	1.2	(Y)	(Y)	2.5	0.1	2.4	
2	10.1	10.1	(Y)	(Y)	22.5	3.3	19.2	
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	11.9	0.9	11.0	
4	(D)	(D)	78.5	(D)	15.0	0.9	14.1	
5	3,015.1	2,929.3	80.7	5.1	26.5	1.8	24.7	
6	392.0	391.9	0.1	0.1	18.7	1.2	17.5	
7	4,472.9	4,391.9	69.5	11.5	2.0	0.1	1.9	
8	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	26.2	(D)	(D)	
9	75.4	75.3	(Y)	(Y)	16.0	(D)	(D)	
10	18.1	18.1	(Y)	(Y)	4.6	(Y)	4.6	
United States	9,766.9	9,518.0	229.1	19.8	145.9	11.1	134.8	

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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 May 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	10.4	3.9	2.6	2.8	2.0	0.8	1.1	0.3
2	36.1	11.1	(D)	13.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	8.1
3	423.4	173.0	(D)	204.9	160.5	44.4	(D)	(D)
4	263.2	29.4	11.4	198.1	65.6	132.5	24.4	0.9
5	1,169.5	563.4	146.9	(D)	289.5	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	1,848.4	811.0	665.9	328.2	148.6	179.5	43.4	(D)
7	5,043.5	2,785.5	1,974.1	(D)	(D)	201.7	(D)	0.2
8	1,082.1	569.6	444.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	636.6	272.0	90.7	268.3	227.0	41.3	5.6	(D)
10	680.7	270.5	207.9	195.1	156.1	39.0	7.2	0.2
United States	11,194.0	5,489.5	3,573.9	1,970.8	1,130.0	840.8	159.8	36.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	7.4	7.3	0.1	(Y)	16.7	0.8	16.0	
2	55.4	55.1	0.2	0.1	114.5	15.1	99.4	
3	(D)	(D)	0.9	(D)	69.3	5.2	64.1	
4	(D)	(D)	398.8	(D)	67.9	4.7	63.1	
5	16,264.8	15,797.1	441.0	26.6	143.8	8.2	135.6	
6	2,186.8	2,185.9	0.4	0.4	82.9	6.1	76.8	
7	23,725.0	23,308.4	360.2	56.3	9.3	0.5	8.7	
8	(D)	(D)	0.3	(D)	176.5	(D)	(D)	
9	385.5	385.2	0.2	0.1	88.5	(D)	(D)	
10	99.4	99.3	0.1	(Y)	24.3	0.4	23.8	
United States	52,598.0	51,296.1	1,202.1	99.8	793.6	54.9	738.7	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	January to May	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.1
Calves	95.3	93.9	94.0	94.8	93.6
Hogs	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Sheep	85.4	89.4	87.1	86.8	88.9

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 1,125 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and about 1,800 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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