



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Up 4 Percent from Last Year

June 2025 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

June 2026 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in June, up 4 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in June 2025.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 2 percent from June 2025. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,447 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.7 million pounds, 15 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 7,600 head, down 21 percent from June 2025. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from last year, at 387 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.27 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, up 5 percent from June 2025. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,900 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 5 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2026 commercial red meat production was 26.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2025.

Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 25 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	June 2026 as % of		January to June		
				June 2025	May 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,086.6	1,951.9	2,105.1	101	108	12,995.4	12,301.5	95
Veal	2.0	1.5	1.7	85	116	13.0	9.8	75
Pork	2,123.3	2,139.9	2,268.5	107	106	13,662.6	13,805.7	101
Lamb and mutton	11.6	9.4	10.4	89	110	70.3	63.5	90
Total red meat	4,223.5	4,102.7	4,385.7	104	107	26,741.2	26,180.5	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	June 2026 as % of		January to June		
				June 2025	May 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,054.2	1,922.3	2,074.0	101	108	12,799.9	12,113.2	95
Veal	1.9	1.4	1.6	85	117	12.3	9.2	75
Pork	2,114.9	2,132.4	2,260.0	107	106	13,610.6	13,757.5	101
Lamb and mutton	10.2	8.3	9.2	90	110	62.5	57.1	91
Total red meat	4,181.3	4,064.4	4,344.9	104	107	26,485.3	25,936.9	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	June 2026 as % of 2025	January to June		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,379.3	2,143.6	2,337.2	98	14,696.0	13,531.3	92
Other 1,000	45.7	40.7	42.9	94	275.2	259.8	94
Commercial 1,000	2,425.0	2,184.3	2,380.1	98	14,971.2	13,791.1	92
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,411	1,468	1,451	103	1,430	1,467	103
Other pounds	1,225	1,263	1,254	102	1,238	1,262	102
Commercial pounds	1,408	1,464	1,447	103	1,427	1,463	103
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9.1	6.3	7.2	78	62.7	43.5	69
Other 1,000	0.6	0.4	0.5	81	3.5	2.9	84
Commercial 1,000	9.7	6.7	7.6	79	66.2	46.4	70
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	354	377	384	108	333	357	107
Other pounds	416	436	434	104	400	417	104
Commercial pounds	358	381	387	108	337	361	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9,923.6	9,766.5	10,453.2	105	62,944.2	63,050.8	100
Other 1,000	43.9	39.2	43.7	99	272.4	249.4	92
Commercial 1,000	9,967.6	9,805.7	10,496.9	105	63,216.6	63,300.2	100
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	286	292	290	101	290	292	101
Other pounds	260	263	263	101	262	264	101
Commercial pounds	286	292	289	101	290	292	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	161.4	145.9	152.9	95	973.7	946.5	97
Other 1,000	28.8	21.6	23.1	80	152.7	122.3	80
Commercial 1,000	190.1	167.5	175.9	93	1,126.5	1,068.8	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	125	112	118	94	126	119	94
Other pounds	95	98	100	106	101	102	101
Commercial pounds	121	110	116	96	123	117	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	41.4	39.0	40.9	99	257.3	248.8	97
Other 1,000	9.9	8.1	9.1	92	54.4	51.2	94
Commercial 1,000	51.2	47.1	50.0	98	311.6	300.0	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	66	65	64	97	65	64	99
Other pounds	84	84	81	96	83	82	99
Commercial pounds	69	68	67	97	68	67	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	4.9	4.5	5.0	103	31.9	27.9	87
Other 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.2	76	1.7	1.9	109
Commercial 1,000	5.1	4.7	5.2	102	33.6	29.8	89

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	June 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	1.0	1.2	116
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
Arizona	40.3	37.7	40.6	101
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.5	105
California	75.7	76.0	80.5	106
Colorado	170.9	96.8	110.3	65
Delaware-Maryland	1.9	1.7	2.0	103
Florida	3.3	4.4	5.1	155
Georgia	8.7	8.0	8.9	103
Hawaii	0.6	0.6	0.6	100
Idaho	44.9	40.4	45.4	101
Illinois	250.2	262.0	257.8	103
Indiana	152.3	158.3	167.5	110
Iowa	674.4	711.6	737.1	109
Kansas	458.3	467.4	494.6	108
Kentucky	49.6	49.3	51.4	104
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	0.4	108
Michigan	118.0	122.2	127.5	108
Minnesota	212.1	209.0	216.9	102
Mississippi	0.8	0.8	0.8	93
Missouri	153.2	169.3	178.7	117
Montana	3.2	1.9	2.2	68
Nebraska	607.4	582.1	636.0	105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	141
New England ¹	2.5	1.9	2.2	87
New Jersey	4.1	4.2	4.6	113
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	0.4	107
New York	2.5	2.5	2.7	107
North Carolina	223.6	186.6	220.5	99
North Dakota	0.6	0.7	0.7	117
Ohio	21.7	23.0	24.4	112
Oklahoma	106.5	93.8	114.2	107
Oregon	2.4	2.2	2.3	96
Pennsylvania	125.4	121.3	129.3	103
South Carolina	15.1	10.7	11.3	75
South Dakota	107.5	102.6	110.2	102
Tennessee	26.2	25.5	27.9	106
Texas	343.4	323.8	346.7	101
Utah	45.9	43.9	48.7	106
Virginia	1.0	1.1	1.1	113
Washington	74.4	72.3	78.9	106
West Virginia	0.7	0.8	0.8	108
Wisconsin	91.0	82.9	91.8	101
Wyoming	0.8	0.8	0.8	95
United States	4,223.5	4,102.7	4,385.7	104

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.9	1.1	1,065	1,233	1,132	1,124
Alaska	0.1	0.1	67	99	1,148	1,176
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.7	0.7	703	737	1,076	1,088
California	76.8	83.6	108,684	114,605	1,426	1,380
Colorado	186.4	118.7	268,270	172,214	1,441	1,452
Delaware-Maryland	1.9	2.0	2,642	2,754	1,422	1,394
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	1,005	1,000	1,164	1,228
Idaho	55.1	54.2	75,358	74,383	1,375	1,382
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	8.6	10.8	10,608	13,763	1,239	1,286
Iowa	42.8	46.6	59,519	66,612	1,393	1,431
Kansas	495.4	518.4	702,378	762,336	1,418	1,471
Kentucky	6.2	6.7	7,326	8,136	1,183	1,215
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	491	548	1,016	1,089
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.6	0.6	582	558	1,031	1,015
Missouri	10.9	21.8	13,379	30,850	1,238	1,421
Montana	3.6	2.4	4,469	3,059	1,256	1,256
Nebraska	518.3	509.7	750,438	769,551	1,450	1,512
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	108	(D)	1,136
New England ¹	2.6	2.3	3,266	2,945	1,241	1,258
New Jersey	4.2	4.4	4,834	5,151	1,156	1,185
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	458	489	1,062	1,062
New York	2.5	2.7	3,169	3,347	1,258	1,263
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.8	0.9	990	1,175	1,201	1,331
Ohio	6.4	6.1	8,539	8,086	1,333	1,335
Oklahoma	6.7	7.1	7,801	8,660	1,177	1,231
Oregon	1.4	1.2	1,709	1,443	1,258	1,228
Pennsylvania	84.9	86.0	114,210	115,934	1,350	1,351
South Carolina	21.1	16.6	29,572	21,977	1,408	1,333
South Dakota	27.5	(D)	42,434	(D)	1,544	(D)
Tennessee	2.7	2.7	2,742	2,779	1,025	1,060
Texas	411.4	394.5	554,870	558,940	1,352	1,421
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.2	1.3	1,328	1,475	1,070	1,142
Washington	82.2	86.6	118,980	126,473	1,452	1,465
West Virginia	0.7	0.8	871	1,089	1,198	1,290
Wisconsin	95.3	93.7	134,366	131,921	1,418	1,415
Wyoming	1.0	1.0	1,219	1,196	1,262	1,258
United States	2,425.0	2,380.1	3,406,610	3,436,936	1,408	1,447

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.1	(Y)	33	(X)	370	(X)
Georgia	0.1	(D)	35	(D)	427	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	0.1	(D)	23	(D)	427
Illinois	0.1	0.1	26	54	390	423
Indiana	(D)	0.3	(D)	143	(D)	421
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	13	18	170	214
New Jersey	1.6	1.2	612	461	388	390
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	28	(X)	345	(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	4.2	(D)	1,746	(D)	419	(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	0.2	0.1	79	63	484	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	9.7	7.6	3,444	2,936	358	387

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	1.6	596	656	425	411
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	22	30	289	253
Arkansas	0.4	0.3	96	94	266	285
California	81.5	83.7	18,654	19,872	229	238
Colorado	2.2	2.0	367	346	169	169
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.5	394	404	273	269
Florida	3.0	3.2	386	486	129	154
Georgia	4.9	5.2	1,341	1,444	274	279
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	56	62	263	266
Idaho	11.2	13.8	2,830	3,614	253	261
Illinois	887.5	937.0	250,804	267,063	283	285
Indiana	691.0	740.0	194,433	211,880	281	286
Iowa	2,980.8	3,229.0	859,673	935,193	288	290
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	45	60	244	258
Michigan	363.2	394.9	104,098	111,479	287	282
Minnesota	922.2	933.8	256,742	261,697	278	280
Mississippi	3.7	3.3	663	598	181	184
Missouri	680.3	746.2	195,293	215,134	287	288
Montana	1.9	1.2	560	342	293	283
Nebraska	648.8	714.3	185,970	204,823	287	287
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.2	2.0	544	470	250	240
New Jersey	8.4	9.7	862	1,134	102	117
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	45	47	264	248
New York	1.8	1.9	419	478	232	252
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	43	56	268	285
Ohio	76.0	88.6	21,853	25,910	288	293
Oklahoma	475.6	465.7	134,715	142,317	283	306
Oregon	5.4	5.6	1,377	1,465	254	262
Pennsylvania	271.7	(D)	75,262	(D)	277	(D)
South Carolina	1.6	1.8	402	450	249	248
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	78.9	84.4	37,034	39,475	470	469
Texas	21.6	22.3	4,083	4,357	189	195
Utah	1.7	1.6	407	347	244	210
Virginia	0.8	0.9	243	296	293	315
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	154	136	272	279
Wisconsin	62.1	70.6	27,560	31,833	445	451
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	142	119	282	267
United States	9,967.6	10,496.9	2,850,301	3,037,571	286	289

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	10	9	89	80
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.5	(D)	58	(D)	105	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.2	14	16	105	100
California	22.1	19.4	3,351	2,740	152	142
Colorado	32.5	27.9	5,717	4,568	176	164
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.4	141	131	104	97
Florida	3.3	2.7	164	128	50	48
Georgia	4.1	3.3	251	229	61	69
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	10	6	146	103
Idaho	0.2	0.2	35	28	158	147
Illinois	6.9	6.0	566	492	82	82
Indiana	7.1	5.3	727	526	103	100
Iowa	0.2	0.2	23	20	114	111
Kansas	0.2	0.2	20	22	97	111
Kentucky	1.0	0.8	110	96	106	115
Louisiana	0.6	0.6	34	34	56	58
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.5	0.9	36	75	71	80
Mississippi	0.3	0.2	18	17	68	75
Missouri	1.8	1.8	139	138	78	76
Montana	0.6	0.4	71	56	123	130
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	4.5	3.1	450	305	100	99
New Jersey	14.8	17.6	1,234	1,617	83	92
New Mexico	0.6	0.5	82	75	145	145
New York	6.0	7.3	610	722	101	100
North Carolina	7.6	6.8	474	414	62	61
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	12	7	120	127
Ohio	5.2	4.3	821	659	157	153
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	5.0	5.1	827	787	166	154
Pennsylvania	9.8	10.0	1,023	1,042	104	104
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	29	20	146	108
Tennessee	(D)	1.0	(D)	98	(D)	94
Texas	26.5	23.0	2,483	1,825	94	79
Utah	1.1	1.1	152	147	134	134
Virginia	0.6	0.7	47	55	73	75
Washington	1.3	1.1	177	157	137	137
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.7	0.8	79	76	107	92
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	9	13	137	149
United States	190.1	175.9	22,934	20,334	121	116

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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	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	January to June		June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	January to June	
				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	1,211.0	1,082.6	1,213.5	7,214.6	6,703.0	50.9	50.5	51.9	49.1	49.5
Heifers	747.3	665.4	690.5	4,782.7	4,264.3	31.4	31.0	29.5	32.5	31.5
All cows	382.3	361.5	392.1	2,489.1	2,362.9	16.1	16.9	16.8	16.9	17.5
Dairy cows	188.8	191.7	208.1	1,275.5	1,338.2	7.9	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.9
Other cows	193.5	169.8	184.0	1,213.6	1,024.8	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.3	7.6
Bulls	38.8	34.1	41.2	209.5	201.0	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.5
Total	2,379.3	2,143.6	2,337.2	14,696.0	13,531.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	9.1	6.3	7.2	62.7	43.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,654.9	9,518.0	10,181.2	61,287.9	61,477.3	97.3	97.5	97.4	97.4	97.5
Sows	248.5	228.7	251.0	1,524.7	1,452.7	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
Boars	20.3	19.8	21.1	131.6	120.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	9,923.6	9,766.5	10,453.2	62,944.2	63,050.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10.4	11.1	10.9	61.7	65.8	6.5	7.6	7.1	6.3	7.0
Lambs and yearlings	150.9	134.8	142.0	912.0	880.7	93.5	92.4	92.9	93.7	93.0
Total	161.4	145.9	152.9	973.7	946.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	January to June	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	865	899	889	873	897
Steers ¹	933	978	966	945	979
Heifers ¹	855	893	883	867	894
All cows ¹	659	664	654	668	665
Bulls ¹	936	950	960	922	939
Calves and vealers	212	224	229	197	211
Hogs	213	218	216	216	218
Barrows and gilts ²	211	216	214	214	216
Sows ²	302	305	307	299	302
Boars ²	233	235	240	224	231
Sheep	63	57	60	64	60
Mature sheep ³	65	63	64	65	63
Lambs and yearlings ³	63	57	60	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: June 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	2.1	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
2	6.9	2.4	(D)	2.7	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.4
3	87.9	37.8	(D)	39.0	29.2	9.8	(D)	(D)
4	54.2	5.9	2.0	41.4	11.2	30.2	4.9	0.1
5	235.1	117.9	24.5	(D)	57.2	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	396.8	182.0	138.8	66.1	25.4	40.7	9.9	(D)
7	1,087.3	634.8	393.4	(D)	(D)	39.7	(D)	(Y)
8	196.1	116.3	64.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	129.5	54.4	21.6	52.2	38.7	13.4	1.4	(D)
10	141.3	61.0	38.1	39.4	30.2	9.1	2.7	0.1
United States	2,337.2	1,213.5	690.5	392.1	208.1	184.0	41.2	7.2
	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	1.7	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	3.1	0.2	2.9	
2	11.5	11.4	0.1	(Y)	23.9	2.8	21.1	
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	13.0	0.8	12.2	
4	(D)	(D)	86.1	(D)	13.4	1.1	12.4	
5	3,146.6	3,047.6	94.1	4.9	29.1	1.6	27.5	
6	483.8	483.7	0.1	0.1	15.6	1.4	14.2	
7	4,702.7	4,619.6	70.3	12.8	1.9	0.1	1.8	
8	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	28.7	(D)	(D)	
9	81.0	80.9	(Y)	(Y)	18.6	(D)	(D)	
10	20.8	20.8	(Y)	(Y)	5.5	0.1	5.4	
United States	10,453.2	10,181.2	251.0	21.1	152.9	10.9	142.0	

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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 June 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	12.5	4.8	3.0	3.5	2.4	1.1	1.3	0.4
2	43.0	13.6	(D)	16.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	9.4
3	511.3	210.8	(D)	243.9	189.7	54.2	(D)	(D)
4	317.4	35.3	13.4	239.5	76.8	162.7	29.2	1.0
5	1,404.6	681.2	171.4	(D)	346.6	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	2,245.3	993.0	804.7	394.2	174.1	220.2	53.3	(D)
7	6,130.8	3,420.3	2,367.4	(D)	(D)	241.4	(D)	0.3
8	1,278.2	686.0	509.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	766.1	326.5	112.3	320.4	265.7	54.8	6.9	(D)
10	822.0	331.6	246.1	234.4	186.3	48.1	9.9	0.3
United States	13,531.3	6,703.0	4,264.3	2,362.9	1,338.2	1,024.8	201.0	43.5
	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	9.1	9.0	0.1	0.1	19.8	0.9	18.8	
2	66.9	66.5	0.3	0.1	138.4	17.9	120.5	
3	(D)	(D)	1.1	(D)	82.2	5.9	76.3	
4	(D)	(D)	484.9	(D)	81.3	5.8	75.5	
5	19,410.9	18,844.7	534.7	31.5	172.9	9.8	163.1	
6	2,670.6	2,669.6	0.4	0.5	98.5	7.5	91.0	
7	28,427.6	27,928.1	430.5	69.1	11.2	0.6	10.5	
8	(D)	(D)	0.3	(D)	205.3	(D)	(D)	
9	466.5	466.1	0.2	0.1	107.1	(D)	(D)	
10	120.3	120.1	0.1	(Y)	29.7	0.6	29.2	
United States	63,050.8	61,477.3	1,452.7	120.9	946.5	65.8	880.7	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	June 2025	May 2026	June 2026	January to June	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.1
Calves	94.2	94.0	94.1	94.7	93.7
Hogs	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Sheep	84.9	87.1	86.9	86.4	88.6

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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