



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent from Last Year

July 2024 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

July 2025 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.36 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in July 2024.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 7 percent from July 2024. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,410 pounds.

Veal production totaled 2.1 million pounds, 37 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 9,900 head, down 44 percent from July 2024. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 359 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from July 2024. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.1 million pounds, was down 2 percent from July 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,200 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 115 pounds, down 5 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2025 commercial red meat production was 31.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2024.

Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 38 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	July 2025 as % of		January to July		
				July 2024	June 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,287.1	2,087.2	2,184.9	96	105	15,606.8	15,180.7	97
Veal	3.3	2.0	2.1	63	103	24.5	15.1	62
Pork	2,253.1	2,123.2	2,158.5	96	102	16,059.2	15,820.9	99
Lamb and mutton	11.3	11.6	11.1	98	95	78.4	81.2	104
Total red meat	4,554.8	4,224.1	4,356.6	96	103	31,769.0	31,097.9	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	July 2025 as % of		January to July		
				July 2024	June 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,255.9	2,054.2	2,154.7	96	105	15,378.8	14,954.6	97
Veal	3.2	1.9	2.0	62	105	23.5	14.3	61
Pork	2,242.6	2,114.9	2,148.6	96	102	15,993.9	15,759.2	99
Lamb and mutton	10.0	10.2	9.8	98	95	69.9	72.2	103
Total red meat	4,511.7	4,181.3	4,315.1	96	103	31,466.1	30,800.3	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	July 2025 as % of 2024	January to July		
					2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,678.8	2,379.3	2,494.0	93	18,257.5	17,189.9	94
Other 1,000	43.8	46.6	42.2	96	328.8	317.9	97
Commercial 1,000	2,722.6	2,425.9	2,536.2	93	18,586.3	17,507.8	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,382	1,411	1,413	102	1,391	1,428	103
Other pounds	1,232	1,225	1,238	100	1,220	1,235	101
Commercial pounds	1,380	1,408	1,410	102	1,388	1,424	103
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	17.1	9.1	9.6	56	125.3	72.3	58
Other 1,000	0.5	0.6	0.4	68	4.8	3.7	78
Commercial 1,000	17.6	9.7	9.9	56	130.1	76.0	58
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	320	354	357	111	319	336	106
Other pounds	373	418	412	110	378	397	105
Commercial pounds	322	358	359	111	321	339	106
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,626.3	9,923.6	10,215.8	96	74,391.8	73,160.0	98
Other 1,000	55.5	43.5	52.6	95	343.1	323.6	94
Commercial 1,000	10,681.9	9,967.1	10,268.4	96	74,735.0	73,483.5	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	283	286	282	100	289	289	100
Other pounds	260	260	259	99	262	261	100
Commercial pounds	283	286	282	100	289	289	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	160.6	161.3	162.1	101	1,117.8	1,135.8	102
Other 1,000	24.5	28.3	27.1	111	164.8	176.5	107
Commercial 1,000	185.1	189.7	189.2	102	1,282.5	1,312.3	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	122	125	119	97	123	125	102
Other pounds	105	96	95	90	101	100	99
Commercial pounds	120	121	115	96	120	122	101
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	47.3	41.4	42.5	90	321.9	299.7	93
Other 1,000	8.6	9.7	8.3	97	64.0	61.9	97
Commercial 1,000	55.9	51.1	50.8	91	385.8	361.6	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	66	64	101	63	65	102
Other pounds	84	84	80	95	82	82	100
Commercial pounds	67	69	67	100	66	68	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.6	4.9	5.5	84	47.4	37.5	79
Other 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.2	73	1.9	1.9	99
Commercial 1,000	6.9	5.1	5.8	83	49.3	39.3	80

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	July 2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	1.0	1.0	109
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
Arizona	41.9	40.3	42.5	102
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	0.4	75
California	95.1	75.7	84.2	89
Colorado	182.9	170.9	182.2	100
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	1.9	2.1	74
Florida	5.9	3.3	4.0	67
Georgia	11.0	8.6	8.0	73
Hawaii	0.8	0.6	0.8	97
Idaho	46.5	44.9	50.0	108
Illinois	274.4	250.2	258.1	94
Indiana	159.2	152.2	151.1	95
Iowa	750.0	674.5	703.5	94
Kansas	487.9	458.3	473.9	97
Kentucky	52.3	49.6	52.9	101
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	0.4	99
Michigan	127.5	118.0	126.8	99
Minnesota	228.8	212.1	218.6	96
Mississippi	0.8	0.8	0.8	101
Missouri	162.9	153.2	158.2	97
Montana	1.4	4.0	1.9	132
Nebraska	660.1	607.4	623.8	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	159
New England ¹	2.7	2.5	2.6	97
New Jersey	4.3	4.1	4.5	105
New Mexico	0.4	0.3	0.4	103
New York	2.5	2.4	2.5	100
North Carolina	200.8	223.6	200.8	100
North Dakota	0.7	0.6	0.7	102
Ohio	25.9	21.7	23.7	92
Oklahoma	108.5	106.4	107.9	99
Oregon	2.5	2.3	2.6	104
Pennsylvania	132.0	125.4	126.1	96
South Carolina	15.8	15.1	12.7	80
South Dakota	118.2	107.5	113.1	96
Tennessee	26.0	26.2	26.1	100
Texas	397.8	343.4	368.7	93
Utah	49.1	45.8	48.2	98
Virginia	1.1	1.0	1.0	92
Washington	76.7	74.4	76.1	99
West Virginia	0.7	0.7	0.6	87
Wisconsin	93.9	91.2	91.8	98
Wyoming	1.0	0.8	1.0	103
United States	4,554.8	4,224.1	4,356.6	96

(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: July 2024 and 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.9	0.8	993	907	1,093	1,138
Alaska	0.1	0.1	58	77	1,071	1,227
Arizona	47.3	(D)	66,973	(D)	1,418	(D)
Arkansas	0.8	0.6	828	645	1,048	1,077
California	108.2	84.9	142,840	120,411	1,330	1,430
Colorado	202.8	197.5	285,271	286,852	1,408	1,454
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.0	4,000	2,787	1,447	1,417
Florida	9.0	(D)	11,405	(D)	1,269	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,255	1,207	1,208	1,234
Idaho	(D)	60.4	(D)	84,274	(D)	1,404
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6.7	9.3	7,750	11,158	1,157	1,212
Iowa	49.2	45.8	67,455	63,365	1,371	1,385
Kansas	536.2	510.0	749,481	726,336	1,398	1,425
Kentucky	6.5	6.4	7,507	7,596	1,164	1,192
Louisiana	0.6	0.5	572	524	947	996
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.5	0.5	510	503	1,029	1,025
Missouri	4.3	13.6	5,194	17,829	1,220	1,321
Montana	1.5	2.0	1,932	2,551	1,269	1,286
Nebraska	580.5	540.6	825,545	781,565	1,423	1,447
Nevada	0.1	(D)	85	(D)	1,236	(D)
New England ¹	2.9	2.8	3,536	3,459	1,214	1,249
New Jersey	4.7	4.7	5,393	5,440	1,147	1,162
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	512	508	1,125	1,126
New York	2.6	2.6	3,197	3,243	1,237	1,245
North Carolina	6.6	(D)	8,118	(D)	1,235	(D)
North Dakota	0.9	0.9	1,120	1,105	1,294	1,239
Ohio	6.7	6.3	8,772	8,421	1,318	1,332
Oklahoma	6.4	6.2	7,307	7,305	1,160	1,191
Oregon	1.4	1.5	1,732	1,888	1,227	1,285
Pennsylvania	96.3	86.9	124,189	114,457	1,295	1,322
South Carolina	22.7	18.3	30,939	24,695	1,366	1,356
South Dakota	37.5	29.3	54,527	44,283	1,458	1,514
Tennessee	3.2	2.6	3,264	2,782	1,027	1,071
Texas	486.0	439.6	648,757	596,636	1,338	1,361
Utah	54.1	(D)	76,692	(D)	1,419	(D)
Virginia	1.3	1.2	1,374	1,280	1,054	1,084
Washington	87.9	83.5	123,519	121,926	1,410	1,464
West Virginia	0.8	0.6	944	754	1,238	1,213
Wisconsin	101.7	99.0	141,204	136,825	1,396	1,390
Wyoming	1.1	1.2	1,379	1,457	1,244	1,241
United States	2,722.6	2,536.2	3,749,719	3,567,801	1,380	1,410

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 2024 and 2025

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(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	(D)	0.1	(D)	38	(D)	396
Georgia	0.1	0.1	47	28	447	431
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.1	0.1	52	50	430	400
Indiana	0.4	(D)	176	(D)	414	(D)
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)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(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	30	24	231	207
New Jersey	1.2	1.6	471	633	381	385
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	(Y)	50	(X)	341	(X)
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	3.1	(D)	1,072	(D)	351	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	6.7	4.4	2,982	1,846	442	418
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas	0.1	0.1	40	44	478	480
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(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	17.6	9.9	5,628	3,546	322	359

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 2024 and 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.5	1.8	580	773	399	427
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	21	(X)	292	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	0.1	(X)	26	(X)	280
Arkansas	0.5	0.3	135	76	275	280
California	81.0	90.0	18,240	20,835	225	232
Colorado	3.3	3.1	563	534	169	172
Delaware-Maryland	1.7	1.6	455	469	268	284
Florida	5.5	3.0	600	377	109	127
Georgia	5.7	4.9	1,550	1,317	273	270
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	52	55	268	266
Idaho	11.2	12.2	2,788	3,074	248	252
Illinois	995.5	937.2	281,052	259,786	282	277
Indiana	743.5	687.6	206,502	192,328	278	280
Iowa	3,334.2	3,152.5	954,030	894,201	286	284
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	46	53	238	251
Michigan	399.9	398.3	114,742	112,419	287	282
Minnesota	973.0	951.5	268,616	263,756	276	277
Mississippi	3.5	3.6	636	654	182	183
Missouri	742.8	701.6	212,783	198,757	287	283
Montana	1.4	1.6	369	430	256	264
Nebraska	686.0	642.3	196,003	181,304	286	282
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.4	2.3	632	572	260	254
New Jersey	8.2	8.7	869	891	105	103
New Mexico	0.2	0.1	58	33	275	239
New York	2.0	1.8	479	420	244	230
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	57	55	277	277
Ohio	92.8	84.9	26,774	24,782	289	292
Oklahoma	493.0	494.7	137,087	136,991	278	277
Oregon	5.8	5.8	1,442	1,455	248	252
Pennsylvania	275.3	281.5	75,145	75,943	273	270
South Carolina	1.8	1.8	477	457	259	258
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	81.5	80.2	36,335	36,848	447	460
Texas	24.6	22.8	4,526	4,356	184	191
Utah	1.7	1.7	433	413	257	247
Virginia	0.9	1.1	275	294	290	280
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.7	0.7	205	197	285	283
Wisconsin	66.7	65.4	28,191	28,264	423	433
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	159	141	259	261
United States	10,681.9	10,268.4	3,023,967	2,893,889	283	282

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 2024 and 2025

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.1	(Y)	5	(X)	82	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.7	0.6	67	72	102	113
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	11	10	85	88
California	22.3	23.2	3,164	3,471	142	150
Colorado	32.0	31.2	5,212	5,122	163	164
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.5	151	149	94	98
Florida	2.9	3.3	150	160	52	49
Georgia	(D)	3.3	(D)	207	(D)	62
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	13	13	113	140
Idaho	0.3	0.2	36	25	141	152
Illinois	6.9	7.0	602	616	87	88
Indiana	5.8	6.4	634	640	108	100
Iowa	0.3	0.3	35	34	121	122
Kansas	0.3	0.3	40	38	118	116
Kentucky	1.3	1.2	139	124	106	104
Louisiana	0.7	0.8	49	45	67	58
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.6	0.7	48	54	76	75
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	13	13	67	69
Missouri	1.4	1.8	119	147	85	82
Montana	0.4	0.4	57	56	144	141
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	7	9	116	117
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	4.2	3.7	406	367	97	98
New Jersey	15.6	16.6	1,309	1,422	84	86
New Mexico	0.4	0.6	59	87	136	142
New York	5.9	6.3	602	643	102	101
North Carolina	4.6	7.6	293	460	64	61
North Dakota	0.1	(Y)	9	(X)	118	(X)
Ohio	6.4	4.5	945	687	149	151
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.5	4.6	697	722	153	156
Pennsylvania	9.6	10.4	1,019	1,049	106	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	21	21	126	125
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	28.1	26.2	3,090	2,211	110	84
Utah	1.4	1.2	194	153	134	133
Virginia	1.2	0.9	87	66	75	71
Washington	1.2	1.1	160	150	134	136
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.1	1.1	134	119	119	110
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	15	17	136	154
United States	185.1	189.2	22,181	21,783	120	115

(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	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	January to July		July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	January to July	
				2024	2025				2024	2025
	(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	1,360.2	1,211.0	1,300.2	8,852.7	8,514.8	50.8	50.9	52.1	48.5	49.5
Heifers	817.0	747.3	744.2	5,809.7	5,526.9	30.5	31.4	29.8	31.8	32.2
All cows	456.7	382.3	410.3	3,313.0	2,899.4	17.1	16.1	16.5	18.1	16.9
Dairy cows	225.9	188.8	225.8	1,614.0	1,501.3	8.4	7.9	9.1	8.8	8.7
Other cows	230.9	193.5	184.5	1,699.0	1,398.1	8.6	8.1	7.4	9.3	8.1
Bulls	44.9	38.8	39.3	282.0	248.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Total	2,678.8	2,379.3	2,494.0	18,257.5	17,189.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	17.1	9.1	9.6	125.3	72.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,342.7	9,654.9	9,947.8	72,332.2	71,235.7	97.3	97.3	97.4	97.2	97.4
Sows	259.0	248.5	248.6	1,889.7	1,773.2	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4
Boars	24.6	20.3	19.4	170.0	151.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,626.3	9,923.6	10,215.8	74,391.8	73,160.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11.5	10.4	11.3	75.8	73.0	7.2	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.4
Lambs and yearlings	149.1	150.9	150.7	1,042.0	1,062.7	92.8	93.5	93.0	93.2	93.6
Total	160.6	161.3	162.1	1,117.8	1,135.8	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	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	January to July	
				2024	2025
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	844	865	866	844	872
Steers ¹	917	933	937	919	944
Heifers ¹	834	855	853	841	865
All cows ¹	635	659	656	644	666
Bulls ¹	915	936	926	903	923
Calves and vealers	191	212	212	189	199
Hogs	211	213	210	215	215
Barrows and gilts ²	209	211	208	213	213
Sows ²	298	302	300	298	299
Boars ²	231	233	235	224	225
Sheep	62	63	60	63	64
Mature sheep ³	65	65	64	65	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	62	63	60	62	64

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: July 2025

[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	2.5	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	7.2	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.2	0.5	0.3	2.3
3	88.9	39.3	5.1	39.0	30.9	8.0	5.5	4.6
4	51.1	4.9	2.2	38.8	13.4	25.4	5.2	0.2
5	247.5	124.3	(D)	87.1	64.5	22.6	(D)	1.5
6	440.5	199.3	148.2	83.8	33.8	50.1	9.1	(D)
7	1,101.4	638.5	(D)	52.6	8.8	43.8	(D)	(Y)
8	278.7	170.4	(D)	14.5	2.6	11.9	(D)	(Y)
9	131.6	60.2	22.8	47.1	40.8	6.3	1.5	(D)
10	144.6	60.0	38.2	44.1	28.4	15.7	2.3	(D)
United States	2,494.0	1,300.2	744.2	410.3	225.8	184.5	39.3	9.6
	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	2.1	2.0	(Y)	(Y)	3.7	0.2	3.5	
2	10.4	10.4	0.1	(Y)	22.5	3.0	19.5	
3	283.1	282.9	0.2	(Y)	13.6	0.7	12.9	
4	(D)	(D)	84.6	(D)	14.8	1.1	13.7	
5	3,098.6	3,005.6	87.7	5.2	28.5	1.5	26.9	
6	514.5	514.3	0.1	0.1	17.5	0.9	16.5	
7	4,506.6	4,420.9	75.6	10.1	1.9	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	32.2	(D)	(D)	
9	87.4	87.3	(Y)	(Y)	22.5	2.9	19.6	
10	19.3	19.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.9	0.2	4.7	
United States	10,215.8	9,947.8	248.6	19.4	162.1	11.3	150.7	

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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 July 2025

[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	17.2	7.0	4.8	4.0	2.5	1.4	1.4	0.7
2	49.4	15.6	13.9	18.1	14.1	4.0	1.7	16.0
3	635.7	237.2	59.7	298.2	222.0	76.2	40.6	33.2
4	385.3	36.6	16.1	292.6	85.6	207.1	40.0	1.6
5	1,696.8	849.5	(D)	591.7	394.8	197.0	(D)	10.8
6	3,016.4	1,335.8	1,036.5	582.6	202.2	380.3	61.6	(D)
7	7,559.1	4,215.4	(D)	336.6	43.5	293.1	(D)	0.4
8	1,927.8	1,047.2	(D)	123.9	31.2	92.7	(D)	(Y)
9	919.5	410.1	153.3	347.3	303.9	43.4	8.8	(D)
10	982.5	360.3	304.4	304.3	201.5	102.8	13.5	(D)
United States	17,189.9	8,514.8	5,526.9	2,899.4	1,501.3	1,398.1	248.8	72.3
	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	12.8	12.5	0.1	0.1	32.4	1.3	31.2	
2	72.3	71.8	0.3	0.1	144.8	13.9	130.9	
3	1,945.5	1,944.1	1.2	0.2	101.7	10.9	90.8	
4	(D)	(D)	547.3	(D)	95.0	7.0	88.1	
5	22,380.8	21,652.0	692.4	36.5	198.6	10.4	188.2	
6	3,446.7	3,445.4	0.7	0.6	119.6	5.4	114.1	
7	32,374.1	31,761.8	529.6	82.7	12.9	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	1.1	(D)	251.6	(D)	(D)	
9	553.4	553.0	0.3	0.1	145.9	17.9	128.0	
10	129.2	129.0	0.2	0.1	33.4	1.2	32.2	
United States	73,160.0	71,235.7	1,773.2	151.0	1,135.8	73.0	1,062.7	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	January to July	
				2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.4	98.1	98.3	98.2	98.2
Calves	97.0	94.3	96.4	96.3	95.1
Hogs	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.6
Sheep	86.8	85.1	85.7	87.2	86.6

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 1,100 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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