



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 2 Percent from Last Year

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

July 2026 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.29 billion pounds in July, down 2 percent from the 4.36 billion pounds produced in July 2025.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.37 million head, down 7 percent from July 2025. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,438 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.5 million pounds, 29 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 6,700 head, down 32 percent from July 2025. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 380 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.19 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down slightly from July 2025. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.7 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 172,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 111 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2026 commercial red meat production was 30.5 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	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	July 2026 as % of		January to July		
				July 2025	June 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,185.4	2,105.2	2,085.0	95	99	15,180.7	14,386.7	95
Veal	2.1	1.7	1.5	71	86	15.1	11.3	75
Pork	2,158.5	2,268.5	2,190.5	101	97	15,821.1	15,996.2	101
Lamb and mutton	11.1	10.4	9.7	88	94	81.4	73.2	90
Total red meat	4,357.1	4,385.8	4,286.8	98	98	31,098.3	30,467.4	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	July 2026 as % of		January to July		
				July 2025	June 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,154.8	2,074.2	2,056.4	95	99	14,954.8	14,169.7	95
Veal	2.0	1.6	1.4	69	86	14.3	10.5	74
Pork	2,148.6	2,260.1	2,181.5	102	97	15,759.2	15,939.0	101
Lamb and mutton	9.8	9.2	8.7	89	94	72.2	65.8	91
Total red meat	4,315.2	4,345.0	4,247.9	98	98	30,800.5	30,185.0	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	July 2026 as % of 2025	January to July		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,494.1	2,337.3	2,325.8	93	17,190.1	15,857.2	92
Other 1,000	42.8	42.9	39.6	92	318.1	299.5	94
Commercial 1,000	2,537.0	2,380.2	2,365.4	93	17,508.2	16,156.7	92
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,413	1,451	1,441	102	1,428	1,463	102
Other pounds	1,235	1,254	1,245	101	1,238	1,260	102
Commercial pounds	1,410	1,447	1,438	102	1,424	1,459	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9.6	7.2	6.3	66	72.3	49.8	69
Other 1,000	0.4	0.5	0.4	120	3.8	3.4	87
Commercial 1,000	9.9	7.6	6.7	68	76.2	53.2	70
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	357	384	377	106	336	360	107
Other pounds	410	434	434	106	401	419	104
Commercial pounds	359	387	380	106	340	364	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,215.9	10,453.2	10,216.4	100	73,160.2	73,267.2	100
Other 1,000	52.7	43.7	47.1	89	325.1	296.5	91
Commercial 1,000	10,268.7	10,496.9	10,263.5	100	73,485.3	73,563.7	100
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	282	290	286	101	289	291	101
Other pounds	258	263	263	102	261	264	101
Commercial pounds	282	289	286	101	289	291	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	162.1	152.9	151.1	93	1,135.8	1,097.6	97
Other 1,000	27.3	23.1	21.2	78	180.0	143.5	80
Commercial 1,000	189.4	175.9	172.2	91	1,315.8	1,241.1	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	119	118	112	95	125	118	94
Other pounds	95	100	99	105	100	101	101
Commercial pounds	115	116	111	96	122	116	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	42.5	40.9	43.8	103	299.7	292.6	98
Other 1,000	8.1	9.1	9.5	116	62.5	60.6	97
Commercial 1,000	50.6	50.1	53.2	105	362.2	353.2	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	99	65	64	99
Other pounds	81	81	82	101	83	82	99
Commercial pounds	67	67	67	100	68	67	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.5	5.0	4.6	83	37.5	32.6	87
Other 1,000	0.2	0.2	0.1	68	1.9	2.0	105
Commercial 1,000	5.8	5.2	4.8	83	39.4	34.6	88

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 2025	June 2026	July 2026	July 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	1.2	1.0	99
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	99
Arizona	42.5	40.6	35.7	84
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	0.5	109
California	84.2	80.5	81.1	96
Colorado	182.2	110.3	111.8	61
Delaware-Maryland	2.1	2.0	1.9	92
Florida	4.0	5.1	4.3	106
Georgia	8.1	8.9	10.5	129
Hawaii	0.8	0.6	0.7	97
Idaho	50.0	45.4	45.3	91
Illinois	258.1	257.8	257.1	100
Indiana	151.1	167.5	162.0	107
Iowa	703.6	737.1	715.4	102
Kansas	473.9	494.7	501.0	106
Kentucky	52.9	51.4	48.9	92
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.3	94
Michigan	126.8	127.5	130.5	103
Minnesota	218.6	216.9	216.8	99
Mississippi	0.8	0.8	0.7	95
Missouri	158.2	178.7	172.9	109
Montana	1.9	2.2	1.7	87
Nebraska	623.8	636.0	616.9	99
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	101
New England ¹	2.7	2.2	2.2	82
New Jersey	4.5	4.6	4.6	101
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.3	91
New York	2.5	2.7	2.6	104
North Carolina	200.7	220.5	197.7	99
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	0.7	96
Ohio	23.9	24.4	26.9	112
Oklahoma	108.1	114.2	104.3	97
Oregon	2.5	2.3	2.3	89
Pennsylvania	126.1	129.3	123.5	98
South Carolina	12.7	11.3	11.8	92
South Dakota	113.1	110.2	108.6	96
Tennessee	26.1	27.9	23.9	92
Texas	368.7	346.7	339.7	92
Utah	48.3	48.7	49.0	101
Virginia	1.0	1.1	1.1	103
Washington	76.1	78.9	81.2	107
West Virginia	0.6	0.8	0.6	86
Wisconsin	91.8	91.8	87.9	96
Wyoming	1.0	0.8	0.8	81
United States	4,357.1	4,385.8	4,286.8	98

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	0.9	907	1,062	1,138	1,136
Alaska	0.1	0.1	77	85	1,227	1,267
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	645	677	1,077	1,124
California	84.9	87.3	120,407	115,757	1,430	1,334
Colorado	197.5	119.9	286,860	174,997	1,454	1,461
Delaware-Maryland	2.0	1.9	2,787	2,623	1,417	1,391
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,207	1,167	1,234	1,206
Idaho	60.4	54.4	84,274	74,014	1,404	1,369
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	9.3	10.6	11,210	13,257	1,212	1,256
Iowa	45.9	44.1	63,544	62,808	1,385	1,425
Kansas	510.0	524.4	726,336	772,438	1,425	1,473
Kentucky	6.4	6.0	7,596	7,183	1,192	1,199
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	532	517	996	1,083
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.5	0.5	503	520	1,025	1,004
Missouri	13.6	22.1	17,782	30,508	1,322	1,390
Montana	2.0	1.7	2,551	2,151	1,286	1,276
Nebraska	540.6	497.4	781,565	741,213	1,447	1,491
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	153	(D)	1,152
New England ¹	2.8	2.4	3,516	2,992	1,250	1,250
New Jersey	4.8	4.8	5,471	5,568	1,163	1,175
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	508	454	1,126	1,073
New York	2.6	2.7	3,243	3,361	1,245	1,247
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.9	0.8	1,105	1,056	1,239	1,311
Ohio	6.5	5.9	8,654	7,921	1,332	1,332
Oklahoma	6.4	6.5	7,525	8,011	1,188	1,237
Oregon	1.5	1.2	1,888	1,480	1,285	1,220
Pennsylvania	86.8	85.3	114,297	111,299	1,322	1,309
South Carolina	18.3	17.4	24,713	22,927	1,356	1,327
South Dakota	29.3	(D)	44,277	(D)	1,514	(D)
Tennessee	2.6	1.9	2,782	2,100	1,071	1,100
Texas	439.6	386.3	596,636	546,325	1,361	1,418
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.2	1.2	1,280	1,337	1,084	1,137
Washington	83.5	88.4	121,926	129,396	1,464	1,468
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	754	672	1,213	1,291
Wisconsin	99.0	90.5	136,842	125,942	1,390	1,399
Wyoming	1.2	1.0	1,461	1,166	1,241	1,209
United States	2,537.0	2,365.4	3,568,622	3,394,569	1,410	1,438

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 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)	38	(X)	396	(X)
Georgia	0.1	(D)	28	(D)	431	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	0.1	0.2	50	72	400	418
Indiana	(D)	0.4	(D)	158	(D)	411
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	17	210	153
New Jersey	1.7	1.0	640	393	386	389
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	19	25	368	402
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	4.4	(D)	1,846	(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	44	56	480	481
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	9.9	6.7	3,559	2,555	359	380

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	1.8	1.4	773	588	427	413
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	26	21	280	249
Arkansas	0.3	0.3	76	82	280	289
California	90.0	83.5	20,835	19,885	232	238
Colorado	3.1	2.6	536	463	172	181
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.4	469	395	284	279
Florida	3.0	5.4	392	554	129	102
Georgia	4.9	4.8	1,317	1,307	270	271
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	55	46	265	277
Idaho	12.2	13.9	3,074	3,610	252	260
Illinois	937.5	909.6	259,799	258,293	277	284
Indiana	687.7	722.1	192,381	204,886	280	284
Iowa	3,152.5	3,181.9	894,215	908,313	284	285
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	53	46	251	255
Michigan	398.3	413.3	112,419	116,134	282	281
Minnesota	951.5	940.7	263,752	262,495	277	279
Mississippi	3.6	3.2	654	590	183	185
Missouri	701.6	731.2	198,746	207,032	283	283
Montana	1.6	1.5	430	407	264	268
Nebraska	642.3	701.9	181,304	200,305	282	285
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.3	1.6	575	397	254	245
New Jersey	8.7	8.9	891	1,017	103	114
New Mexico	0.1	0.2	33	53	239	255
New York	1.8	1.9	420	439	230	235
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	55	54	277	301
Ohio	85.0	100.8	24,801	29,410	292	292
Oklahoma	494.7	437.1	136,991	130,145	277	298
Oregon	5.6	5.7	1,417	1,475	252	261
Pennsylvania	281.5	(D)	75,993	(D)	270	(D)
South Carolina	1.8	1.4	457	358	258	254
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	80.2	72.7	36,848	34,093	460	470
Texas	22.8	20.1	4,356	3,871	191	193
Utah	1.7	1.8	415	369	247	210
Virginia	1.1	0.9	294	287	280	308
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.7	0.5	197	129	283	275
Wisconsin	65.4	69.6	28,272	31,114	433	448
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	141	134	261	255
United States	10,268.7	10,263.5	2,893,955	2,931,772	282	286

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	84
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.6	(D)	72	(D)	113	(D)
Arkansas	0.1	0.2	12	16	95	95
California	23.2	19.1	3,471	2,608	150	137
Colorado	31.2	25.8	5,122	4,074	164	158
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.4	149	136	98	94
Florida	3.3	2.9	160	146	49	51
Georgia	3.5	3.3	224	240	64	73
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	13	8	140	121
Idaho	0.2	0.2	25	35	152	144
Illinois	7.0	6.1	618	480	88	79
Indiana	6.4	6.3	640	618	100	99
Iowa	0.2	0.2	28	17	124	100
Kansas	0.3	0.3	38	32	116	100
Kentucky	1.2	0.8	124	90	104	117
Louisiana	0.8	0.5	45	28	58	55
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.7	0.8	52	60	74	73
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	13	15	69	71
Missouri	1.8	1.7	147	129	82	77
Montana	0.4	0.4	56	46	141	133
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	9	7	117	107
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	3.8	3.1	369	297	98	96
New Jersey	16.6	16.2	1,424	1,450	86	89
New Mexico	0.6	0.6	87	79	142	141
New York	6.3	7.6	643	748	101	99
North Carolina	7.5	6.2	455	381	61	61
North Dakota	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	116
Ohio	4.6	4.2	697	637	151	150
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.6	3.9	717	565	157	146
Pennsylvania	10.4	10.5	1,049	1,068	101	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	21	16	125	106
Tennessee	(D)	1.2	(D)	113	(D)	92
Texas	26.2	23.0	2,211	1,760	84	76
Utah	1.2	1.1	158	149	132	132
Virginia	0.9	1.1	66	74	71	70
Washington	1.1	1.0	150	136	136	135
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.1	1.2	124	113	111	95
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	17	16	154	149
United States	189.4	172.2	21,808	19,068	115	111

(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 2025	June 2026	July 2026	January to July		July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	January to July	
				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	1,300.3	1,213.5	1,231.3	8,514.9	7,934.4	52.1	51.9	52.9	49.5	50.0
Heifers	744.3	690.6	660.8	5,527.0	4,925.2	29.8	29.5	28.4	32.2	31.1
All cows	410.3	392.1	396.8	2,899.4	2,759.7	16.5	16.8	17.1	16.9	17.4
Dairy cows	225.8	208.1	227.6	1,501.3	1,565.8	9.1	8.9	9.8	8.7	9.9
Other cows	184.5	184.0	169.2	1,398.1	1,194.0	7.4	7.9	7.3	8.1	7.5
Bulls	39.3	41.2	36.9	248.8	237.9	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.5
Total	2,494.1	2,337.3	2,325.8	17,190.1	15,857.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	9.6	7.2	6.3	72.3	49.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,948.0	10,181.2	9,960.2	71,235.9	71,437.5	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.4	97.5
Sows	248.6	251.0	234.9	1,773.2	1,687.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
Boars	19.4	21.1	21.3	151.0	142.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,215.9	10,453.2	10,216.4	73,160.2	73,267.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11.4	10.9	10.4	73.1	76.3	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.4	6.9
Lambs and yearlings	150.7	142.0	140.6	1,062.7	1,021.3	93.0	92.9	93.1	93.6	93.1
Total	162.1	152.9	151.1	1,135.8	1,097.6	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	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	January to July	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	866	889	886	872	895
Steers ¹	937	966	964	944	977
Heifers ¹	853	883	877	865	891
All cows ¹	656	654	650	666	663
Bulls ¹	926	960	947	923	941
Calves and vealers	212	229	223	199	213
Hogs	210	216	214	215	218
Barrows and gilts ²	208	214	211	213	216
Sows ²	300	307	308	299	303
Boars ²	235	240	232	225	231
Sheep	60	60	57	64	60
Mature sheep ³	64	64	64	65	64
Lambs and yearlings ³	60	60	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: July 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	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	7.3	2.5	(D)	3.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.3
3	87.2	34.7	(D)	43.0	33.6	9.4	(D)	(D)
4	54.7	5.5	1.8	42.9	14.2	28.7	4.4	0.1
5	238.0	118.7	26.9	(D)	58.7	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	388.5	175.8	137.6	65.6	30.9	34.7	9.5	(D)
7	1,079.0	651.2	373.5	(D)	(D)	34.7	(D)	(Y)
8	197.2	124.0	59.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	128.5	52.4	20.3	54.6	40.9	13.7	1.2	(D)
10	143.4	65.7	35.6	39.4	30.7	8.7	2.6	(Y)
United States	2,325.8	1,231.3	660.8	396.8	227.6	169.2	36.9	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	1.5	1.4	(Y)	(Y)	3.0	0.2	2.8	
2	10.7	10.7	(Y)	(Y)	23.3	2.6	20.7	
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	14.1	1.2	12.9	
4	(D)	(D)	76.2	(D)	13.6	0.9	12.7	
5	3,134.8	3,034.8	94.6	5.4	29.4	1.6	27.8	
6	454.5	454.3	0.1	0.1	16.6	1.4	15.3	
7	4,623.6	4,547.6	63.6	12.5	1.8	(Y)	1.7	
8	(D)	(D)	0.1	(D)	26.8	(D)	(D)	
9	80.6	80.6	(Y)	(Y)	18.3	(D)	(D)	
10	20.7	20.7	(Y)	(Y)	4.1	0.1	4.0	
United States	10,216.4	9,960.2	234.9	21.3	151.1	10.4	140.6	

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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 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	14.6	5.5	3.5	4.2	2.8	1.3	1.4	0.5
2	50.3	16.1	(D)	18.9	(D)	(D)	(D)	10.7
3	598.5	245.5	(D)	286.9	223.3	63.6	(D)	(D)
4	372.1	40.8	15.3	282.4	91.0	191.4	33.7	1.1
5	1,642.6	800.0	198.3	(D)	405.3	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	2,633.8	1,168.8	942.3	459.8	204.9	254.9	62.8	(D)
7	7,209.9	4,071.5	2,741.0	(D)	(D)	276.1	(D)	0.3
8	1,475.4	810.0	568.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	894.6	378.8	132.6	375.1	306.6	68.5	8.2	(D)
10	965.4	397.3	281.7	273.9	217.0	56.9	12.6	0.3
United States	15,857.2	7,934.4	4,925.2	2,759.7	1,565.8	1,194.0	237.9	49.8
	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	10.6	10.4	0.1	0.1	22.8	1.1	21.7	
2	77.6	77.2	0.3	0.1	161.7	20.6	141.2	
3	(D)	(D)	1.3	(D)	96.3	7.2	89.1	
4	(D)	(D)	561.0	(D)	94.9	6.7	88.2	
5	22,545.8	21,879.5	629.3	36.9	202.3	11.4	191.0	
6	3,125.0	3,123.9	0.6	0.6	115.2	8.9	106.3	
7	33,051.3	32,475.6	494.1	81.6	12.9	0.7	12.3	
8	(D)	(D)	0.4	(D)	232.1	(D)	(D)	
9	547.1	546.7	0.3	0.1	125.4	(D)	(D)	
10	141.0	140.8	0.1	(Y)	33.9	0.7	33.2	
United States	73,267.2	71,437.5	1,687.5	142.2	1,097.6	76.3	1,021.3	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	January to July	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.2	98.3	98.2	98.1
Calves	96.3	94.1	93.4	94.9	93.7
Hogs	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.6
Sheep	85.6	86.9	87.7	86.3	88.4

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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