



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 7 Percent from Last Year

November 2024 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2025 contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 7 percent from the 4.56 billion pounds produced in November 2024.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.27 million head, down 11 percent from November 2024. The average live weight was up 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,457 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.8 million pounds, 40 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 9,000 head, down 42 percent from November 2024. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from last year, at 354 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.23 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down 5 percent from November 2024. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.8 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,100 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 110 pounds, down 8 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2025 commercial red meat production was 48.9 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2024. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 39 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	November 2025 as % of		January to November		
				November 2024	October 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,216.0	2,326.7	2,021.0	91	87	24,782.8	23,702.5	96
Veal	3.1	2.0	1.8	60	92	37.1	22.8	61
Pork	2,334.3	2,552.8	2,231.6	96	87	25,459.9	25,060.8	98
Lamb and mutton	10.4	10.7	9.8	94	91	121.8	122.0	100
Total red meat	4,563.8	4,892.2	4,264.2	93	87	50,401.6	48,908.1	97

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	November 2025 as % of		January to November		
				November 2024	October 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,185.0	2,292.1	1,991.4	91	87	24,416.4	23,346.8	96
Veal	3.0	1.9	1.7	58	90	35.6	21.6	61
Pork	2,325.7	2,542.4	2,224.0	96	87	25,352.0	24,960.2	98
Lamb and mutton	9.2	9.5	8.7	94	91	108.0	108.1	100
Total red meat	4,522.9	4,845.9	4,225.8	93	87	49,912.0	48,436.7	97

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	November 2025 as % of 2024	January to November		
					2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,523.1	2,584.8	2,233.5	89	28,762.1	26,715.3	93
Other 1,000	44.1	47.8	40.7	92	526.6	497.5	94
Commercial 1,000	2,567.2	2,632.6	2,274.3	89	29,288.7	27,212.8	93
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,428	1,451	1,461	102	1,399	1,433	102
Other pounds	1,228	1,256	1,255	102	1,220	1,241	102
Commercial pounds	1,425	1,448	1,457	102	1,396	1,429	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	14.9	9.2	8.4	57	188.2	107.7	57
Other 1,000	0.7	0.4	0.6	78	7.6	5.7	75
Commercial 1,000	15.6	9.6	9.0	58	195.8	113.4	58
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	336	356	351	104	320	341	107
Other pounds	374	401	398	106	381	398	104
Commercial pounds	338	358	354	105	323	344	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,798.3	11,773.4	10,220.3	95	118,352.6	116,149.9	98
Other 1,000	45.3	53.6	39.0	86	568.1	525.4	92
Commercial 1,000	10,843.6	11,827.0	10,259.3	95	118,920.7	116,675.4	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	289	290	292	101	288	288	100
Other pounds	259	267	267	103	261	263	100
Commercial pounds	289	290	292	101	288	288	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	150.2	169.0	152.0	101	1,739.7	1,766.1	102
Other 1,000	23.9	24.5	23.1	97	265.5	274.4	103
Commercial 1,000	174.0	193.5	175.1	101	2,005.2	2,040.4	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	120	110	112	93	122	120	99
Other pounds	101	99	97	97	102	100	98
Commercial pounds	118	109	110	94	119	118	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	46.9	50.5	44.0	94	513.0	483.0	94
Other 1,000	10.0	10.0	9.7	97	104.9	100.1	95
Commercial 1,000	56.9	60.4	53.7	94	617.9	583.1	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	64	64	101
Other pounds	88	83	79	90	83	82	99
Commercial pounds	68	67	67	98	67	67	101
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.6	5.4	5.2	93	70.9	57.6	81
Other 1,000	0.3	0.3	0.4	112	3.1	3.0	98
Commercial 1,000	5.9	5.8	5.6	94	73.9	60.6	82

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	November 2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	0.9	1.3	1.0	113
Alaska	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	40.4	40.9	33.0	82
Arkansas	0.5	0.6	0.4	89
California	90.6	88.9	76.3	84
Colorado	168.1	169.1	165.9	99
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	2.0	1.8	77
Florida	6.4	5.3	4.3	66
Georgia	6.9	10.0	8.3	119
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.6	94
Idaho	46.6	54.1	45.2	97
Illinois	278.5	298.9	264.7	95
Indiana	176.4	188.0	169.3	96
Iowa	768.3	838.1	724.1	94
Kansas	470.0	497.1	423.9	90
Kentucky	51.7	58.2	51.5	100
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	0.3	81
Michigan	128.7	145.4	132.3	103
Minnesota	234.8	252.7	224.2	96
Mississippi	0.8	0.9	0.8	95
Missouri	166.9	206.9	174.8	105
Montana	1.8	2.2	2.0	112
Nebraska	681.3	727.0	626.0	92
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	92
New England ¹	2.8	3.2	2.5	91
New Jersey	3.9	4.7	4.4	112
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	0.4	106
New York	2.6	3.0	2.5	97
North Carolina	216.0	239.2	213.4	99
North Dakota	0.6	0.7	0.8	137
Ohio	25.0	26.8	23.8	95
Oklahoma	117.3	93.7	90.6	77
Oregon	2.4	2.6	2.1	89
Pennsylvania	125.6	138.3	116.7	93
South Carolina	16.6	14.6	12.3	74
South Dakota	126.6	135.4	115.6	91
Tennessee	25.8	30.1	25.0	97
Texas	357.6	376.5	317.2	89
Utah	46.9	52.4	47.5	101
Virginia	1.2	1.3	1.1	89
Washington	73.8	82.1	69.0	93
West Virginia	1.1	1.0	0.9	75
Wisconsin	93.9	96.5	86.9	93
Wyoming	0.8	0.8	0.7	90
United States	4,563.8	4,892.2	4,264.2	93

(X) Not applicable.

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	0.7	0.6	817	714	1,095	1,152
Alaska	0.1	0.1	92	66	1,165	1,120
Arizona	44.5	(D)	65,111	(D)	1,466	(D)
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	714	603	1,100	1,121
California	97.5	78.6	133,639	110,937	1,380	1,419
Colorado	178.9	172.6	265,373	260,281	1,485	1,510
Delaware-Maryland	2.3	1.7	3,159	2,292	1,373	1,377
Florida	9.8	(D)	12,767	(D)	1,313	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1,121	1,051	1,199	1,202
Idaho	(D)	54.1	(D)	74,680	(D)	1,389
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	7.4	8.1	8,575	9,967	1,175	1,245
Iowa	48.3	43.2	69,009	63,406	1,430	1,467
Kansas	506.7	436.5	729,890	651,431	1,441	1,493
Kentucky	6.4	6.2	7,560	7,342	1,190	1,195
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	461	363	982	1,000
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.5	0.4	525	421	972	1,040
Missouri	2.6	17.4	3,160	22,889	1,209	1,325
Montana	2.1	2.3	2,576	2,832	1,211	1,223
Nebraska	568.2	505.5	856,527	774,213	1,509	1,533
Nevada	0.1	(D)	86	(D)	1,137	(D)
New England ¹	3.0	2.6	3,600	3,129	1,209	1,219
New Jersey	4.3	4.5	4,876	5,212	1,146	1,169
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	486	485	1,059	1,050
New York	2.6	2.5	3,327	3,125	1,265	1,229
North Carolina	5.6	(D)	6,979	(D)	1,246	(D)
North Dakota	0.7	0.9	863	1,188	1,323	1,373
Ohio	6.6	6.2	8,741	8,237	1,326	1,333
Oklahoma	7.2	7.6	8,446	9,336	1,192	1,246
Oregon	1.4	1.2	1,757	1,477	1,237	1,239
Pennsylvania	84.6	74.4	110,715	99,954	1,314	1,347
South Carolina	24.3	17.9	32,467	23,773	1,343	1,334
South Dakota	43.0	28.2	63,148	44,967	1,474	1,598
Tennessee	3.4	3.3	3,344	3,241	998	1,011
Texas	435.7	372.5	586,870	515,549	1,350	1,388
Utah	50.5	(D)	73,190	(D)	1,450	(D)
Virginia	1.5	1.2	1,550	1,397	1,049	1,151
Washington	82.7	73.7	119,214	110,317	1,446	1,501
West Virginia	1.4	1.0	1,656	1,150	1,153	1,142
Wisconsin	103.6	94.6	144,502	132,000	1,402	1,402
Wyoming	1.0	0.9	1,244	1,116	1,223	1,258
United States	2,567.2	2,274.3	3,650,661	3,306,563	1,425	1,457

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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)	53	(D)	393
Georgia	0.1	0.1	29	36	426	442
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.2	0.3	62	105	413	414
Indiana	0.5	(D)	196	(D)	424	(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	34	30	234	257
New Jersey	1.2	1.5	455	582	383	386
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.2	0.1	51	25	335	376
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	2.7	(D)	1,009	(D)	379	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	6.1	3.3	2,664	1,362	437	414
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	58	54	481	483
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	15.6	9.0	5,230	3,153	338	354

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	1.6	2.0	650	891	417	445
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(Y)	0.1	(X)	17	(X)	282
Arkansas	0.3	0.3	79	85	270	271
California	83.5	76.6	19,598	17,647	235	231
Colorado	2.3	2.0	396	341	172	169
Delaware-Maryland	1.7	1.7	495	507	286	292
Florida	5.3	4.0	657	478	124	120
Georgia	4.9	4.4	1,296	1,228	265	280
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	44	34	299	247
Idaho	11.3	13.1	2,905	3,373	257	257
Illinois	1,007.6	968.5	289,543	278,487	287	288
Indiana	791.6	752.5	228,887	217,949	289	290
Iowa	3,396.4	3,151.2	979,221	922,901	288	293
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.3	0.2	62	45	203	266
Michigan	406.8	415.0	120,070	123,413	295	297
Minnesota	982.7	950.0	275,603	272,019	281	286
Mississippi	3.8	3.8	654	676	173	178
Missouri	747.8	734.8	220,467	217,931	295	297
Montana	1.2	1.3	323	378	279	283
Nebraska	688.8	644.8	199,957	188,398	290	292
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.3	2.4	663	679	294	284
New Jersey	8.8	9.0	864	912	98	101
New Mexico	0.2	0.1	50	33	261	261
New York	1.7	1.7	429	400	248	241
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.4	85	105	281	279
Ohio	86.8	82.3	25,534	24,983	294	304
Oklahoma	516.1	400.7	147,886	113,128	287	282
Oregon	5.4	5.1	1,386	1,301	257	257
Pennsylvania	275.5	264.6	78,148	75,390	284	285
South Carolina	2.3	2.5	520	569	229	230
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	79.4	75.4	35,777	34,991	451	465
Texas	24.7	22.1	4,667	4,085	189	185
Utah	1.6	1.7	407	373	253	219
Virginia	1.1	1.0	356	320	316	322
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.6	198	155	309	275
Wisconsin	59.5	55.3	24,560	23,861	413	433
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	61	69	288	280
United States	10,843.6	10,259.3	3,135,756	2,997,334	289	292

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	0.1	6	5	93	90
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.8	0.7	82	79	108	110
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	11	7	85	113
California	21.5	17.9	3,059	2,389	142	133
Colorado	30.3	33.9	4,684	4,919	155	145
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.3	145	117	96	93
Florida	2.7	2.7	146	136	53	51
Georgia	(D)	3.0	(D)	181	(D)	60
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	6	9	104	114
Idaho	0.2	0.2	29	30	136	142
Illinois	5.9	6.4	507	546	86	86
Indiana	5.9	5.4	624	546	105	102
Iowa	0.3	0.2	30	23	112	113
Kansas	0.4	0.3	39	27	109	105
Kentucky	0.8	0.6	82	68	104	106
Louisiana	0.8	0.6	48	37	60	60
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.6	0.7	48	56	82	82
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	11	13	66	78
Missouri	1.4	1.5	111	111	78	75
Montana	0.4	0.4	55	54	134	133
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	4.7	4.4	460	412	97	94
New Jersey	13.2	15.9	1,090	1,378	82	87
New Mexico	0.4	0.6	48	80	132	136
New York	5.8	7.1	571	718	99	101
North Carolina	5.2	7.5	335	463	64	61
North Dakota	0.1	(Y)	16	(X)	126	(X)
Ohio	5.6	4.3	898	632	159	148
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.3	4.3	644	604	148	140
Pennsylvania	11.4	9.4	1,114	953	98	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	28	23	115	120
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	23.8	20.2	2,552	1,632	107	81
Utah	1.3	1.2	167	150	132	129
Virginia	1.1	0.9	91	64	80	75
Washington	1.3	1.3	169	170	135	134
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.1	0.9	134	91	118	99
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	23	25	133	160
United States	174.0	175.1	20,470	19,274	118	110

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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	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	January to November		November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	January to November	
				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	1,204.3	1,284.2	1,096.2	13,990.2	13,286.1	47.7	49.7	49.1	48.6	49.7
Heifers	831.4	797.9	705.5	9,174.5	8,468.4	33.0	30.9	31.6	31.9	31.7
All cows	446.7	458.1	394.2	5,140.3	4,548.4	17.7	17.7	17.6	17.9	17.0
Dairy cows	210.3	243.0	204.1	2,501.0	2,393.0	8.3	9.4	9.1	8.7	9.0
Other cows	236.4	215.2	190.1	2,639.3	2,155.4	9.4	8.3	8.5	9.2	8.1
Bulls	40.7	44.6	37.7	457.1	412.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total	2,523.1	2,584.8	2,233.5	28,762.1	26,715.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	14.9	9.2	8.4	188.2	107.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,538.3	11,490.6	9,990.7	115,189.5	113,207.8	97.6	97.6	97.8	97.3	97.5
Sows	239.3	261.3	212.9	2,897.1	2,713.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.3
Boars	20.7	21.6	16.7	266.0	228.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,798.3	11,773.4	10,220.3	118,352.6	116,149.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9.4	11.5	10.3	117.1	117.1	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6
Lambs and yearlings	140.7	157.5	141.7	1,622.6	1,648.9	93.7	93.2	93.2	93.3	93.4
Total	150.2	169.0	152.0	1,739.7	1,766.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	January to November	
				2024	2025
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	868	889	894	851	876
Steers ¹	956	978	984	929	953
Heifers ¹	866	884	891	846	869
All cows ¹	631	645	642	640	658
Bulls ¹	889	906	905	900	917
Calves and vealers	200	209	206	190	202
Hogs	215	216	218	214	215
Barrows and gilts ²	214	214	216	212	213
Sows ²	298	302	301	298	300
Boars ²	223	240	239	223	229
Sheep	61	56	57	62	61
Mature sheep ³	63	65	64	64	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	61	56	57	62	61

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: November 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	2.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	7.0	2.1	2.1	2.5	1.8	0.7	0.3	2.1
3	76.0	31.2	5.0	35.1	27.2	8.0	4.7	3.4
4	52.4	5.4	1.9	39.9	10.8	29.1	5.3	0.2
5	231.2	113.1	(D)	80.8	54.7	26.1	(D)	1.6
6	375.1	153.3	129.6	83.8	28.9	54.9	8.4	(D)
7	995.6	561.8	(D)	48.9	11.7	37.2	(D)	0.1
8	249.4	136.4	(D)	12.5	2.0	10.6	(D)	(Y)
9	116.2	45.0	18.4	51.4	42.0	9.4	1.4	(D)
10	128.3	46.9	40.9	38.9	25.0	13.9	1.7	(D)
United States	2,233.5	1,096.2	705.5	394.2	204.1	190.1	37.7	8.4
	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	2.2	2.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.3	0.1	4.2	
2	10.6	10.6	(Y)	(Y)	22.4	2.8	19.5	
3	266.2	266.1	0.2	(Y)	12.4	0.7	11.7	
4	(D)	(D)	76.8	(D)	12.9	0.9	12.0	
5	3,207.5	3,128.5	74.2	4.8	27.0	1.5	25.5	
6	419.9	419.8	0.1	0.1	14.8	0.9	13.8	
7	4,545.1	4,475.0	61.4	8.6	1.6	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	34.8	(D)	(D)	
9	74.6	74.6	(Y)	(Y)	17.1	2.4	14.8	
10	19.4	19.4	(Y)	(Y)	4.6	0.2	4.5	
United States	10,220.3	9,990.7	212.9	16.7	152.0	10.3	141.7	

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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 November 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	27.6	11.4	7.6	6.2	4.0	2.3	2.3	1.1
2	78.8	24.7	22.2	28.8	22.0	6.8	3.1	24.9
3	974.4	376.0	82.7	451.5	342.5	109.0	64.2	48.7
4	609.5	58.8	25.1	462.4	132.2	330.2	63.2	2.5
5	2,650.3	1,321.6	(D)	923.8	631.4	292.4	(D)	16.6
6	4,670.9	2,029.9	1,606.1	935.0	335.5	599.4	99.8	(D)
7	11,775.1	6,631.1	(D)	537.7	90.3	447.4	(D)	0.5
8	2,969.9	1,638.0	(D)	175.3	40.1	135.2	(D)	(Y)
9	1,414.3	613.7	229.2	556.5	482.6	73.9	14.9	(D)
10	1,544.5	580.8	469.6	471.3	312.3	158.9	22.8	(D)
United States	26,715.3	13,286.1	8,468.4	4,548.4	2,393.0	2,155.4	412.4	107.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	22.4	22.0	0.2	0.1	50.9	2.1	48.7	
2	115.5	114.8	0.5	0.1	234.6	25.7	208.9	
3	3,095.1	3,092.8	2.0	0.3	155.6	14.0	141.6	
4	(D)	(D)	877.1	(D)	150.6	10.8	139.8	
5	35,670.9	34,592.7	1,019.6	58.6	317.0	17.1	299.9	
6	5,269.2	5,267.2	1.1	0.9	183.6	9.5	174.1	
7	51,526.8	50,593.4	810.9	122.5	20.3	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	1.4	(D)	381.9	(D)	(D)	
9	874.2	873.6	0.4	0.1	217.3	27.5	189.7	
10	207.2	206.9	0.3	0.1	54.4	1.9	52.5	
United States	116,149.9	113,207.8	2,713.4	228.7	1,766.1	117.1	1,648.9	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025	January to November	
				2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2
Calves	95.5	95.6	93.8	96.1	95.0
Hogs	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.5
Sheep	86.3	87.3	86.8	86.8	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 Talmadge-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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