Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

October 2025 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
October 2026 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.72 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.89 billion pounds produced in October 2025.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.48 million head, down 6 percent from October 2025. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,466 pounds.

Veal production totaled 1.6 million pounds, 19 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 7,800 head, down 20 percent from October 2025. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 362 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.49 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, down 3 percent from October 2025. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2025. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,200 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 111 pounds, up 2 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2026 commercial red meat production was 43.6 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2025. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 23 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	October 2026 as % of		January to October		
				October 2025	September 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,327.9	2,038.3	2,225.4	96	109	21,682.6	20,632.1	95
Veal	2.0	1.7	1.6	81	98	21.0	16.2	77
Pork	2,552.6	2,273.0	2,486.9	97	109	22,829.5	22,858.4	100
Lamb and mutton	10.8	9.8	10.2	95	105	112.4	102.9	92
Total red meat	4,893.3	4,322.8	4,724.1	97	109	44,645.5	43,609.6	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	October 2026 as % of		January to October		
				October 2025	September 2026	2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,292.1	2,004.7	2,188.6	95	109	21,355.4	20,316.4	95
Veal	1.9	1.6	1.5	79	97	19.9	15.1	76
Pork	2,542.4	2,263.7	2,477.1	97	109	22,736.2	22,771.3	100
Lamb and mutton	9.5	8.6	9.1	95	105	99.5	91.9	92
Total red meat	4,845.9	4,278.5	4,676.4	97	109	44,210.9	43,194.8	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	October 2026 as % of 2025	January to October		
					2025	2026	2026 as % of 2025
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,584.8	2,256.7	2,434.7	94	24,481.9	22,752.0	93
Other 1,000	49.9	46.2	50.0	100	460.1	434.7	94
Commercial 1,000	2,634.7	2,302.9	2,484.7	94	24,941.9	23,186.7	93
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,451	1,451	1,470	101	1,430	1,461	102
Other ..... pounds	1,249	1,252	1,270	102	1,240	1,259	102
Commercial ..... pounds	1,447	1,447	1,466	101	1,426	1,457	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	9.2	7.5	7.3	79	99.3	71.5	72
Other 1,000	0.5	0.4	0.5	100	5.3	4.7	88
Commercial 1,000	9.7	7.9	7.8	80	104.6	76.1	73
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	356	356	358	101	340	360	106
Other ..... pounds	393	416	424	108	400	420	105
Commercial ..... pounds	358	359	362	101	343	364	106
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	11,773.4	10,591.3	11,447.1	97	105,929.7	105,169.9	99
Other 1,000	52.4	48.6	50.5	96	487.6	451.6	93
Commercial 1,000	11,825.8	10,639.9	11,497.5	97	106,417.3	105,621.5	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	287	291	100	288	290	101
Other ..... pounds	268	264	266	99	262	264	101
Commercial ..... pounds	290	287	290	100	288	290	101
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	169.0	152.5	157.7	93	1,614.1	1,557.9	97
Other 1,000	25.1	23.4	23.5	94	255.8	214.9	84
Commercial 1,000	194.1	175.9	181.2	93	1,869.9	1,772.8	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	110	111	113	102	121	116	96
Other ..... pounds	99	97	97	99	100	100	100
Commercial ..... pounds	109	109	111	102	118	114	96
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	50.5	46.5	49.4	98	439.0	433.3	99
Other 1,000	12.2	10.2	11.2	92	93.3	91.3	98
Commercial 1,000	62.7	56.7	60.6	97	532.3	524.6	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	99	65	64	99
Other ..... pounds	80	81	81	101	82	82	100
Commercial ..... pounds	67	67	67	99	68	67	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.4	4.1	4.4	80	52.4	45.3	86
Other 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.2	63	2.7	2.6	95
Commercial 1,000	5.8	4.3	4.5	79	55.2	47.9	87

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	October 2026 as % of 2025
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.3	1.5	1.6	124
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	40.9	38.0	39.1	96
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.6	118
California	88.9	79.7	81.3	92
Colorado	169.1	139.1	162.2	96
Delaware-Maryland	2.1	2.1	2.3	110
Florida	5.3	4.0	4.7	89
Georgia	10.0	7.5	8.4	84
Hawaii	0.8	0.6	0.7	92
Idaho	54.0	47.7	50.6	94
Illinois	298.8	205.7	230.5	77
Indiana	188.8	172.5	183.7	97
Iowa	838.3	753.6	846.4	101
Kansas	497.1	477.4	541.0	109
Kentucky	58.1	49.1	53.2	92
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	0.4	115
Michigan	145.8	131.4	151.1	104
Minnesota	252.8	233.2	251.6	100
Mississippi	0.9	0.8	0.9	95
Missouri	206.7	186.8	203.6	98
Montana	1.5	3.2	2.1	140
Nebraska	727.0	616.7	660.7	91
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	97
New England [1]	3.3	2.5	2.7	83
New Jersey	4.7	4.7	4.9	103
New Mexico	0.5	0.4	0.5	93
New York	3.0	3.0	3.0	102
North Carolina	239.2	192.3	214.5	90
North Dakota	0.7	0.8	0.8	113
Ohio	27.2	27.1	29.7	109
Oklahoma	93.7	102.1	103.2	110
Oregon	2.6	2.4	2.4	94
Pennsylvania	138.0	93.0	99.3	72
South Carolina	14.6	13.0	13.9	95
South Dakota	135.4	125.3	128.9	95
Tennessee	30.1	26.5	25.6	85
Texas	376.7	335.0	369.5	98
Utah	52.4	52.0	51.0	97
Virginia	1.5	1.3	1.3	87
Washington	82.1	82.6	86.6	105
West Virginia	1.1	1.1	1.3	115
Wisconsin	96.6	105.2	107.4	111
Wyoming	0.8	0.8	0.7	88
United States	4,893.3	4,322.8	4,724.1	97

(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: October 2025 and 2026

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.0	1.3	1,120	1,508	1,133	1,145
Alaska	0.1	0.1	100	64	1,126	1,125
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	0.6	0.8	731	860	1,129	1,127
California	91.9	84.9	130,231	115,586	1,427	1,371
Colorado	176.8	165.6	265,476	253,114	1,504	1,531
Delaware-Maryland	2.0	2.3	2,756	3,157	1,376	1,382
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.1	0.9	1,288	1,139	1,135	1,259
Idaho	65.4	61.0	90,286	83,608	1,391	1,381
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	10.4	11.5	13,321	14,777	1,285	1,297
Iowa	50.6	52.6	73,169	76,589	1,447	1,458
Kansas	514.8	556.6	763,100	837,531	1,483	1,505
Kentucky	7.1	7.0	8,393	8,484	1,193	1,209
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	504	590	1,010	1,098
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.6	0.7	610	686	1,039	1,018
Missouri	22.3	23.4	28,873	32,648	1,299	1,403
Montana	1.7	2.4	2,072	2,987	1,233	1,250
Nebraska	587.3	520.4	888,578	798,080	1,515	1,535
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	151	(D)	1,159
New England [1]	3.3	2.9	4,041	3,640	1,219	1,252
New Jersey	4.9	5.2	5,639	6,030	1,169	1,167
New Mexico	0.6	0.6	650	648	1,152	1,132
New York	3.1	3.1	3,768	3,905	1,220	1,267
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.9	1.0	1,121	1,285	1,288	1,341
Ohio	7.4	7.2	9,897	9,600	1,334	1,336
Oklahoma	7.6	7.5	9,630	9,334	1,286	1,255
Oregon	1.5	1.4	1,886	1,689	1,219	1,251
Pennsylvania	88.1	51.2	118,366	62,984	1,348	1,235
South Carolina	21.2	20.6	28,404	27,062	1,346	1,318
South Dakota	30.0	(D)	47,628	(D)	1,590	(D)
Tennessee	3.6	2.8	3,549	2,964	1,001	1,091
Texas	442.6	420.6	610,912	597,221	1,384	1,424
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	1.8	1.6	2,078	1,825	1,135	1,147
Washington	88.4	90.2	131,090	137,414	1,487	1,527
West Virginia	1.3	1.5	1,573	1,935	1,178	1,288
Wisconsin	101.9	115.9	141,376	162,454	1,396	1,408
Wyoming	1.0	0.9	1,199	1,070	1,225	1,226
United States	2,634.7	2,484.7	3,804,984	3,634,874	1,447	1,466

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

Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	(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	0.2	(Y)	63	(X)	389	(X)
Georgia	0.1	(D)	30	(D)	451	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Illinois	0.3	0.2	111	100	421	425
Indiana	(D)	0.4	(D)	161	(D)	411
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	0.1	(Y)	25	(X)	498	(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	33	26	260	247
New Jersey	1.6	1.2	607	478	385	390
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	35	39	351	401
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	4.0	(D)	1,682	(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	0.1	0.1	50	72	482	486
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	7.8	3,453	2,807	358	362

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	2.2	2.4	924	1,027	423	435
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	29	25	270	252
Arkansas	0.3	0.4	93	115	274	283
California	89.5	90.0	21,058	21,500	236	239
Colorado	2.8	2.5	491	472	178	189
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.5	530	445	295	288
Florida	4.4	4.6	504	486	114	107
Georgia	5.6	5.0	1,514	1,375	272	273
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	35	37	249	264
Idaho	13.2	13.7	3,400	3,706	257	270
Illinois	1,108.6	1,045.9	313,661	295,223	283	282
Indiana	837.1	809.7	241,146	233,670	288	289
Iowa	3,665.9	3,681.9	1,067,175	1,075,500	291	292
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.1	0.3	39	67	279	256
Michigan	455.6	478.5	134,883	139,219	296	291
Minnesota	1,073.9	1,047.2	304,857	302,636	284	289
Mississippi	4.1	3.6	750	627	182	175
Missouri	870.8	837.7	255,856	245,431	294	293
Montana	1.1	1.4	309	376	291	277
Nebraska	775.0	738.4	225,610	216,844	291	294
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England [1]	3.3	2.4	888	608	270	255
New Jersey	10.3	8.9	1,061	1,046	104	118
New Mexico	0.3	0.3	73	64	248	250
New York	2.1	2.3	515	572	240	250
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	79	90	288	285
Ohio	94.9	107.4	28,266	32,117	298	299
Oklahoma	425.2	467.0	116,977	130,030	275	278
Oregon	5.9	6.1	1,522	1,596	257	261
Pennsylvania	318.4	(D)	89,342	(D)	281	(D)
South Carolina	1.9	2.0	492	481	253	244
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	91.2	76.5	42,189	36,124	463	473
Texas	27.7	24.9	5,242	4,769	189	191
Utah	2.3	1.1	385	272	165	249
Virginia	1.1	1.0	330	314	304	313
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.8	0.7	216	210	284	281
Wisconsin	71.0	63.9	30,967	27,487	437	431
Wyoming	0.2	0.2	52	50	279	271
United States	11,825.8	11,497.5	3,426,700	3,339,350	290	290

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	0.1	0.1	4	7	90	82
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.8	(D)	90	(D)	117	(D)
Arkansas	0.2	0.2	18	21	90	92
California	20.0	18.9	2,650	2,451	132	130
Colorado	34.9	32.1	4,989	4,724	143	147
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.6	130	153	95	98
Florida	3.0	2.5	153	137	51	54
Georgia	3.1	3.3	209	223	67	68
Hawaii	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	108	(X)
Idaho	0.2	0.3	23	38	136	137
Illinois	7.0	5.9	559	481	79	82
Indiana	6.4	5.6	657	553	102	99
Iowa	0.2	0.2	28	24	118	105
Kansas	0.3	0.3	30	34	106	106
Kentucky	0.7	0.7	78	77	112	112
Louisiana	0.8	0.6	48	35	58	55
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.8	1.0	63	81	79	83
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	15	17	73	77
Missouri	1.8	1.6	136	119	76	75
Montana	0.3	0.4	40	51	132	124
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	13	13	153	109
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England [1]	5.5	3.6	517	353	94	97
New Jersey	16.8	16.4	1,445	1,512	86	92
New Mexico	0.7	0.7	94	88	131	132
New York	7.5	7.4	764	746	102	101
North Carolina	6.9	5.9	429	386	62	65
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	10	11	123	124
Ohio	4.9	4.0	725	588	147	148
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	5.0	3.9	683	538	137	139
Pennsylvania	11.0	9.3	1,109	978	101	105
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	32	33	146	134
Tennessee	(D)	1.4	(D)	128	(D)	91
Texas	23.7	25.0	1,844	1,924	78	77
Utah	1.4	1.1	187	138	133	131
Virginia	1.0	0.8	79	64	77	77
Washington	1.2	1.2	161	160	134	133
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.2	1.2	126	121	103	104
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	13	10	135	140
United States	194.1	181.2	21,134	20,107	109	111

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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	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	January to October		October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	January to October	
				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	1,284.2	1,188.6	1,268.4	12,190.0	11,581.8	49.7	52.7	52.1	49.8	50.9
Heifers	797.9	631.2	708.3	7,762.9	6,876.5	30.9	28.0	29.1	31.7	30.2
All cows	458.1	400.8	422.4	4,154.2	3,948.4	17.7	17.8	17.4	17.0	17.4
Dairy cows	243.0	234.8	234.3	2,188.9	2,256.1	9.4	10.4	9.6	8.9	9.9
Other cows	215.2	166.0	188.1	1,965.3	1,692.4	8.3	7.4	7.7	8.0	7.4
Bulls	44.6	36.1	35.6	374.7	345.3	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total	2,584.8	2,256.7	2,434.7	24,481.9	22,752.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	9.2	7.5	7.3	99.3	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	11,490.6	10,338.5	11,195.3	103,217.2	102,601.7	97.6	97.6	97.8	97.4	97.6
Sows	261.3	233.0	229.9	2,500.5	2,364.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2
Boars	21.6	19.9	21.9	212.0	203.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	11,773.4	10,591.3	11,447.1	105,929.7	105,169.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11.5	10.0	10.2	106.9	105.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.8
Lambs and yearlings	157.5	142.5	147.5	1,507.2	1,452.1	93.2	93.4	93.5	93.4	93.2
Total	169.0	152.5	157.7	1,614.1	1,557.9	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	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	January to October	
				2025	2026
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	889	890	901	874	895
Steers [1]	978	978	991	950	977
Heifers [1]	884	883	895	867	890
All cows [1]	645	636	637	660	656
Bulls [1]	906	928	905	919	935
Calves and vealers	209	209	209	202	213
Hogs	216	214	216	215	217
Barrows and gilts [2]	214	212	215	213	215
Sows [2]	302	308	306	299	304
Boars [2]	240	233	235	229	231
Sheep	56	57	58	62	59
Mature sheep [3]	65	65	64	65	64
Lambs and yearlings [3]	56	56	57	61	59

[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: October 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	2.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1
2	8.2	2.8	(D)	3.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.5
3	53.0	10.7	(D)	35.2	28.3	6.9	(D)	(D)
4	59.1	6.2	2.9	45.2	15.3	29.9	4.8	0.1
5	216.0	110.5	13.5	(D)	59.3	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	423.2	189.3	145.2	81.1	34.8	46.3	7.7	(D)
7	1,142.2	684.6	400.3	(D)	(D)	39.2	(D)	(Y)
8	247.9	147.4	86.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	130.9	47.8	18.3	63.9	48.5	15.4	1.0	(D)
10	151.7	68.2	37.7	43.9	31.5	12.4	2.0	(Y)
United States	2,434.7	1,268.4	708.3	422.4	234.3	188.1	35.6	7.3

	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	2.2	2.2	(Y)	(Y)	3.6	0.2	3.4
2	11.1	11.0	(Y)	(Y)	23.3	3.0	20.3
3	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	12.7	1.3	11.4
4	(D)	(D)	80.0	(D)	12.8	1.0	11.8
5	3,531.6	3,444.7	80.5	6.4	31.5	1.4	30.1
6	487.5	487.3	0.1	0.1	16.8	1.0	15.7
7	5,265.9	5,185.4	69.0	11.5	1.7	0.1	1.6
8	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	32.9	(D)	(D)
9	86.7	86.6	(Y)	(Y)	18.1	(D)	(D)
10	21.2	21.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.4	0.2	4.2
United States	11,447.1	11,195.3	229.9	21.9	157.7	10.2	147.5

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

[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 October 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	21.9	8.3	5.2	6.3	4.1	2.3	2.1	0.9
2	73.4	24.0	(D)	28.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	15.1
3	759.2	282.7	(D)	390.3	306.2	84.1	(D)	(D)
4	532.7	58.0	23.1	404.9	135.5	269.4	46.8	1.3
5	2,263.6	1,109.9	241.1	(D)	584.2	(D)	(D)	(D)
6	3,820.5	1,702.2	1,349.5	681.4	308.7	372.7	87.4	(D)
7	10,459.9	6,063.3	3,841.0	(D)	(D)	379.6	(D)	0.4
8	2,138.9	1,223.0	780.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	1,280.5	521.7	188.5	558.9	444.8	114.0	11.5	(D)
10	1,401.2	588.7	395.9	396.5	309.5	86.9	20.1	0.4
United States	22,752.0	11,581.8	6,876.5	3,948.4	2,256.1	1,692.4	345.3	71.5

	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	16.4	16.1	0.2	0.1	32.6	1.6	31.0
2	110.3	109.7	0.4	0.2	230.1	28.3	201.8
3	(D)	(D)	1.9	(D)	136.6	11.1	125.5
4	(D)	(D)	790.5	(D)	134.4	9.5	124.9
5	32,441.3	31,509.8	875.3	56.1	289.4	15.7	273.7
6	4,524.3	4,522.6	0.9	0.8	163.0	12.3	150.8
7	47,597.5	46,790.8	694.3	112.4	18.1	0.9	17.3
8	(D)	(D)	0.5	(D)	326.3	(D)	(D)
9	790.7	790.2	0.4	0.2	180.5	(D)	(D)
10	202.6	202.4	0.2	0.1	46.9	1.2	45.8
United States	105,169.9	102,601.7	2,364.4	203.8	1,557.9	105.8	1,452.1

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	October 2025	September 2026	October 2026	January to October	
				2025	2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.1	98.0	98.0	98.2	98.1
Calves	95.1	94.7	93.8	95.0	93.9
Hogs	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.6
Sheep	87.1	86.7	87.0	86.3	87.9

Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Based on packers' dressed weights.

Custom-Exempt Plants: Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any state whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants: Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual state standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = 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, Poultry, and Grain Market News**, Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection, 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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