



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent from Last Year

**March 2024** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**March 2025** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.42 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in March 2024.

**Beef production**, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.48 million head, down 1 percent from March 2024. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,426 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 2.1 million pounds, 42 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 10,900 head, down 43 percent from March 2024. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 327 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.25 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down slightly from March 2024. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 4 percent from March 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 199,200 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 5 pounds from March a year ago.

**January to March 2025 commercial red meat production** was 13.5 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2024. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 40 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	March 2025 as % of		January to March		
				March 2024	February 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,109.3	2,020.2	2,152.9	102	107	6,558.9	6,543.2	100
Veal .....	3.6	2.0	2.1	58	101	11.0	6.6	60
Pork .....	2,250.0	2,200.5	2,254.0	100	102	7,093.3	6,956.3	98
Lamb and mutton .....	12.4	10.5	12.8	104	122	33.9	34.2	101
Total red meat .....	4,375.2	4,233.3	4,421.8	101	104	13,697.1	13,540.3	99

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	March 2025 as % of		January to March		
				March 2024	February 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,076.5	1,989.2	2,119.2	102	107	6,457.6	6,444.1	100
Veal .....	3.4	1.9	1.9	56	100	10.6	6.2	58
Pork .....	2,240.7	2,192.0	2,245.1	100	102	7,064.5	6,929.6	98
Lamb and mutton .....	11.1	9.4	11.5	104	123	30.5	30.6	100
Total red meat .....	4,331.7	4,192.6	4,377.7	101	104	13,563.2	13,410.5	99

# Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	March 2025 as % of 2024	January to March		
					2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,461.2	2,280.2	2,436.2	99	7,706.2	7,384.7	96
Other ..... 1,000	47.3	43.6	47.7	101	146.3	139.6	95
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,508.5	2,323.8	2,483.9	99	7,852.4	7,524.3	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,396	1,436	1,430	102	1,392	1,437	103
Other ..... pounds	1,220	1,232	1,227	101	1,220	1,235	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,392	1,432	1,426	102	1,388	1,433	103
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	18.2	10.6	10.3	56	59.0	33.9	57
Other ..... 1,000	0.8	0.6	0.6	82	2.2	1.8	82
Commercial ..... 1,000	19.0	11.2	10.9	57	61.2	35.7	58
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	320	311	322	100	306	313	102
Other ..... pounds	367	372	414	113	365	389	107
Commercial ..... pounds	322	314	327	102	308	317	103
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	10,407.2	10,119.8	10,367.8	100	32,661.1	31,906.2	98
Other ..... 1,000	48.2	44.2	46.2	96	147.9	139.0	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	10,455.3	10,164.0	10,414.1	100	32,809.0	32,045.2	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	291	291	100	291	291	100
Other ..... pounds	265	264	264	100	268	264	99
Commercial ..... pounds	289	291	291	100	291	291	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	174.7	147.4	176.2	101	479.3	475.2	99
Other ..... 1,000	24.9	21.7	23.0	92	66.2	66.6	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	199.6	169.1	199.2	100	545.6	541.8	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	125	126	129	103	125	127	101
Other ..... pounds	100	102	111	112	100	107	107
Commercial ..... pounds	122	123	127	104	122	124	102
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	48.2	42.0	46.2	96	136.2	131.6	97
Other ..... 1,000	9.7	7.9	9.9	102	28.7	27.3	95
Commercial ..... 1,000	57.9	49.9	56.0	97	164.9	158.9	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	62	65	66	106	63	65	103
Other ..... pounds	83	79	81	97	82	81	99
Commercial ..... pounds	66	67	68	104	66	68	102
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	6.9	5.3	5.7	83	21.2	17.1	81
Other ..... 1,000	0.3	0.3	0.3	121	1.0	1.0	104
Commercial ..... 1,000	7.1	5.6	6.0	84	22.2	18.1	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	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	March 2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.4	0.9	1.1	82
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	38.8	39.2	40.3	104
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.4	0.6	90
California .....	97.2	80.9	84.2	87
Colorado .....	163.4	164.9	188.1	115
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	1.9	2.0	79
Florida .....	5.8	4.8	5.3	92
Georgia .....	13.1	7.3	8.6	66
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.6	0.7	99
Idaho .....	42.3	43.1	46.1	109
Illinois .....	272.6	262.7	262.7	96
Indiana .....	152.6	159.8	163.0	107
Iowa .....	764.5	704.7	725.0	95
Kansas .....	438.9	443.8	454.4	104
Kentucky .....	49.8	47.2	52.6	106
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	86
Michigan .....	120.4	126.0	132.2	110
Minnesota .....	222.0	213.6	226.0	102
Mississippi .....	0.9	0.8	0.9	91
Missouri .....	171.3	161.0	163.9	96
Montana .....	1.9	1.4	2.2	116
Nebraska .....	622.5	589.9	626.0	101
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	2.5	2.6	99
New Jersey .....	4.3	4.0	4.4	103
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	110
New York .....	3.3	2.6	2.9	87
North Carolina .....	201.6	234.5	233.8	116
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.8	0.8	118
Ohio .....	25.5	23.6	25.3	99
Oklahoma .....	110.9	96.8	105.6	95
Oregon .....	2.2	2.1	2.3	104
Pennsylvania .....	123.4	126.8	128.7	104
South Carolina .....	16.1	15.0	16.3	101
South Dakota .....	119.3	119.0	118.3	99
Tennessee .....	25.0	21.2	23.0	92
Texas .....	339.4	330.8	361.0	106
Utah .....	45.4	43.8	46.1	102
Virginia .....	1.4	1.1	1.3	91
Washington .....	75.7	65.5	70.6	93
West Virginia .....	0.9	0.9	0.9	99
Wisconsin .....	92.7	85.6	90.2	97
Wyoming .....	0.8	0.9	0.8	102
United States .....	4,375.2	4,233.3	4,421.8	101

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<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: March 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 .....	1.3	1.0	1,407	1,167	1,110	1,123
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	55	(X)	1,108
Arizona .....	43.3	(D)	62,112	(D)	1,435	(D)
Arkansas .....	0.9	0.8	931	853	1,042	1,072
California .....	109.2	86.3	147,387	124,272	1,360	1,451
Colorado .....	176.8	199.6	254,824	293,468	1,443	1,472
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	1.9	3,603	2,691	1,400	1,391
Florida .....	8.5	(D)	10,712	(D)	1,268	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.0	1.0	1,154	1,121	1,137	1,177
Idaho .....	(D)	57.2	(D)	77,509	(D)	1,363
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4.1	8.3	4,880	10,209	1,204	1,242
Iowa .....	44.2	46.7	63,534	68,004	1,440	1,455
Kansas .....	494.9	491.0	678,958	697,971	1,372	1,422
Kentucky .....	5.8	6.3	6,744	7,414	1,160	1,187
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.4	510	461	974	1,048
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.6	844	662	1,015	1,071
Missouri .....	12.2	6.2	13,940	7,508	1,148	1,218
Montana .....	2.2	2.4	2,794	3,094	1,266	1,269
Nebraska .....	534.5	524.1	784,734	783,505	1,470	1,496
Nevada .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	2.7	3,341	3,372	1,226	1,270
New Jersey .....	4.7	4.7	5,411	5,457	1,157	1,172
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.5	520	544	996	1,063
New York .....	3.7	3.0	4,684	3,855	1,264	1,271
North Carolina .....	7.3	(D)	8,957	(D)	1,239	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.9	1.0	1,110	1,269	1,264	1,315
Ohio .....	6.7	6.5	8,931	8,736	1,327	1,341
Oklahoma .....	5.8	8.1	6,828	9,091	1,193	1,134
Oregon .....	1.2	1.2	1,486	1,517	1,222	1,230
Pennsylvania .....	85.1	90.6	110,706	123,223	1,307	1,365
South Carolina .....	22.9	22.6	31,583	31,983	1,390	1,424
South Dakota .....	39.3	33.6	58,842	52,086	1,503	1,555
Tennessee .....	3.8	3.5	3,924	3,516	1,055	1,028
Texas .....	416.7	431.2	554,657	586,501	1,334	1,363
Utah .....	49.6	(D)	70,737	(D)	1,426	(D)
Virginia .....	1.8	1.5	1,856	1,600	1,031	1,045
Washington .....	85.7	79.3	122,260	114,112	1,429	1,442
West Virginia .....	1.1	1.1	1,235	1,261	1,170	1,195
Wisconsin .....	98.6	95.1	138,805	134,218	1,417	1,419
Wyoming .....	1.0	1.0	1,241	1,295	1,229	1,253
United States .....	2,508.5	2,483.9	3,485,361	3,534,503	1,392	1,426

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: March 2024 and 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024 (1,000 head)	2025 (1,000 head)	2024 (1,000 pounds)	2025 (1,000 pounds)	2024 (pounds)	2025 (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)	51	(D)	409
Georgia .....	0.1	0.1	45	37	466	498
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.2	0.2	88	92	422	424
Indiana .....	0.5	(D)	203	(D)	416	(D)
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	0.1	(Y)	26	(X)	450	(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 <sup>1</sup> .....	0.1	0.1	33	21	235	233
New Jersey .....	1.3	1.4	503	533	382	386
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	0.2	0.1	43	31	243	359
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	2.9	(D)	985	(D)	344	(D)
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	7.6	4.7	3,315	1,964	439	417
South Carolina .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas .....	0.2	0.2	82	90	475	485
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 .....	19.0	10.9	6,058	3,530	322	327

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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: March 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 .....	2.2	1.8	920	713	411	397
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	38	23	301	270
Arizona .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	31	(X)	286
Arkansas .....	0.7	0.5	180	132	267	276
California .....	75.0	76.1	17,212	17,681	230	233
Colorado .....	2.7	2.7	433	400	162	149
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.5	1.7	450	478	293	286
Florida .....	4.5	4.0	649	560	143	139
Georgia .....	5.2	5.3	1,347	1,396	261	263
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.2	42	54	262	285
Idaho .....	10.9	11.7	2,740	3,000	253	256
Illinois .....	977.9	964.7	279,943	277,729	286	288
Indiana .....	716.2	735.9	199,482	210,081	279	286
Iowa .....	3,379.6	3,147.5	981,344	921,063	290	293
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.2	87	58	208	268
Michigan .....	382.4	425.3	111,475	124,282	292	292
Minnesota .....	944.7	961.2	264,092	270,417	280	281
Mississippi .....	3.3	3.4	587	613	180	182
Missouri .....	748.1	728.5	219,152	212,849	293	292
Montana .....	1.1	1.4	308	396	272	288
Nebraska .....	631.4	640.0	184,659	186,521	292	291
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	1.9	579	526	299	279
New Jersey .....	8.6	9.1	811	925	95	101
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	49	54	252	263
New York .....	1.8	1.7	439	432	247	253
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.2	0.3	61	81	280	280
Ohio .....	89.9	89.3	26,240	26,703	292	299
Oklahoma .....	471.0	451.9	140,145	132,128	298	292
Oregon .....	4.9	5.3	1,238	1,368	254	257
Pennsylvania .....	260.3	267.0	74,254	74,119	285	278
South Carolina .....	1.8	1.6	450	415	249	255
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	75.9	69.3	34,424	31,677	454	458
Texas .....	22.7	22.6	4,654	4,493	206	199
Utah .....	1.8	1.7	535	393	292	233
Virginia .....	0.9	1.0	300	297	329	290
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.5	192	162	309	307
Wisconsin .....	65.6	65.6	28,029	27,650	428	422
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	66	63	301	264
United States .....	10,455.3	10,414.1	3,025,444	3,025,439	289	291

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: March 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 .....	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	78	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.8	0.7	89	76	118	108
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	8	9	80	106
California .....	27.3	21.9	4,301	3,474	158	159
Colorado .....	37.1	42.7	6,241	7,566	168	177
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.9	1.8	194	174	103	97
Florida .....	3.2	3.8	167	188	52	49
Georgia .....	(D)	3.3	(D)	185	(D)	56
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.2	10	25	146	137
Idaho .....	0.1	0.2	19	32	147	166
Illinois .....	6.5	6.3	517	543	79	87
Indiana .....	6.1	6.0	616	613	102	103
Iowa .....	0.1	0.2	15	19	129	125
Kansas .....	0.5	0.3	46	31	97	103
Kentucky .....	1.7	0.9	168	94	97	109
Louisiana .....	1.1	1.0	64	62	60	61
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.7	0.6	53	47	80	76
Mississippi .....	0.3	0.3	20	26	70	76
Missouri .....	1.4	2.0	117	151	81	76
Montana .....	0.2	0.3	28	36	130	134
Nebraska .....	0.1	0.1	7	6	110	116
Nevada .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	5.4	5.0	510	498	94	99
New Jersey .....	16.1	15.5	1,314	1,266	82	81
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.5	53	72	140	145
New York .....	7.4	6.4	662	660	90	103
North Carolina .....	3.4	5.4	213	330	62	61
North Dakota .....	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	145	(X)
Ohio .....	5.7	5.9	868	902	153	154
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5.2	4.6	839	787	162	170
Pennsylvania .....	13.1	11.9	1,268	1,259	97	106
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.1	0.1	18	16	126	119
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	26.3	24.7	2,663	2,663	101	108
Utah .....	1.4	1.2	183	168	134	137
Virginia .....	1.3	1.4	90	101	69	73
Washington .....	1.0	0.9	137	123	134	133
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.8	0.7	95	78	115	108
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	11	12	163	139
United States .....	199.6	199.2	24,273	25,257	122	127

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<sup>1</sup> 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	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	January to March		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	January to March	
				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)
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers .....	1,138.1	1,119.9	1,140.0	3,623.9	3,590.6	46.2	49.1	46.8	47.0	48.6
Heifers .....	819.5	728.2	835.2	2,466.0	2,403.0	33.3	31.9	34.3	32.0	32.5
All cows .....	466.1	403.8	423.7	1,510.2	1,294.6	18.9	17.7	17.4	19.6	17.5
Dairy cows .....	244.6	217.0	217.9	747.6	682.8	9.9	9.5	8.9	9.7	9.2
Other cows .....	221.5	186.7	205.8	762.6	611.8	9.0	8.2	8.4	9.9	8.3
Bulls .....	37.5	28.3	37.2	106.0	96.5	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.3
Total .....	2,461.2	2,280.2	2,436.2	7,706.2	7,384.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	18.2	10.6	10.3	59.0	33.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	10,125.4	9,857.4	10,093.4	31,770.2	31,074.8	97.3	97.4	97.4	97.3	97.4
Sows .....	259.8	241.8	252.4	819.9	764.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
Boars .....	22.0	20.5	22.0	71.0	66.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	10,407.2	10,119.8	10,367.8	32,661.1	31,906.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10.2	8.9	10.4	29.0	28.6	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.0
Lambs and yearlings .....	164.5	138.5	165.8	450.4	446.6	94.2	93.9	94.1	94.0	94.0
Total .....	174.7	147.4	176.2	479.3	475.2	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	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	January to March	
				2024	2025
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	846	874	872	840	874
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	923	948	947	919	950
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	847	869	871	839	870
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	648	674	665	646	668
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	889	900	920	877	906
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	190	183	189	181	185
<b>Hogs</b> .....	215	217	217	216	217
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	213	215	215	214	215
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	298	293	299	297	296
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	226	220	223	224	221
<b>Sheep</b> .....	63	64	65	64	64
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	64	67	66	65	66
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	63	64	65	64	64

<sup>1</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>2</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>3</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

# Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: March 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	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 .....	2.4	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
2 .....	7.7	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.0	0.7	0.3	2.3
3 .....	92.5	29.7	10.3	45.9	33.2	12.7	6.6	4.9
4 .....	60.1	5.1	2.4	45.9	12.4	33.5	6.7	0.3
5 .....	232.5	112.3	(D)	86.7	55.2	31.4	(D)	1.0
6 .....	433.4	187.6	151.4	85.1	28.7	56.5	9.2	(D)
7 .....	1,057.3	568.4	(D)	43.8	4.9	38.9	(D)	0.1
8 .....	282.3	126.5	(D)	18.9	5.5	13.4	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	130.9	59.2	20.4	50.2	45.7	4.5	1.1	(D)
10 .....	137.2	47.7	43.7	44.0	30.0	14.0	1.8	(D)
United States .....	2,436.2	1,140.0	835.2	423.7	217.9	205.8	37.2	10.3
	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 .....	1.6	1.6	(Y)	(Y)	5.0	0.2	4.8	
2 .....	10.8	10.7	(Y)	(Y)	21.3	1.8	19.5	
3 .....	268.4	268.2	0.2	(Y)	16.0	1.6	14.4	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	73.3	(D)	14.1	1.0	13.1	
5 .....	3,221.4	3,113.8	102.8	4.7	30.2	1.6	28.6	
6 .....	471.0	470.8	0.1	0.1	17.4	0.5	16.8	
7 .....	4,527.8	4,439.0	75.9	12.9	2.1	(D)	(D)	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	(Y)	(D)	43.6	(D)	(D)	
9 .....	73.1	73.1	(Y)	(Y)	21.6	2.7	18.9	
10 .....	18.3	18.3	(Y)	(Y)	5.0	0.2	4.9	
United States .....	10,367.8	10,093.4	252.4	22.0	176.2	10.4	165.8	

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

<sup>1</sup> 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 March 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions <sup>1</sup>	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)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	7.5	3.2	2.0	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.3
2 .....	22.2	6.9	6.6	8.0	6.3	1.7	0.7	7.0
3 .....	277.5	92.7	30.9	138.2	102.3	35.9	15.8	14.6
4 .....	170.1	15.6	6.7	130.7	39.3	91.4	17.2	0.8
5 .....	721.9	353.8	(D)	264.5	170.2	94.3	(D)	4.9
6 .....	1,289.4	563.7	447.6	252.7	88.1	164.6	25.4	(D)
7 .....	3,235.3	1,801.0	(D)	137.7	14.5	123.2	(D)	0.2
8 .....	837.3	420.4	(D)	64.4	21.1	43.3	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	406.5	181.2	60.8	161.6	146.4	15.2	2.8	(D)
10 .....	417.0	152.2	125.0	135.0	93.5	41.5	4.7	(D)
United States .....	7,384.7	3,590.6	2,403.0	1,294.6	682.8	611.8	96.5	33.9
	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 .....	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.1	13.4	0.6	12.8	
2 .....	31.7	31.5	0.1	0.1	57.9	4.8	53.1	
3 .....	839.7	839.1	0.5	0.1	43.4	4.5	38.9	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	218.7	(D)	38.3	2.8	35.5	
5 .....	9,870.1	9,534.5	320.5	15.1	81.2	4.2	77.0	
6 .....	1,433.6	1,433.1	0.3	0.2	51.7	1.7	49.9	
7 .....	14,093.6	13,832.9	223.8	36.9	5.4	(D)	(D)	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.4	(D)	110.5	(D)	(D)	
9 .....	228.8	228.6	0.1	(Y)	59.7	7.3	52.4	
10 .....	54.9	54.8	0.1	(Y)	13.7	0.5	13.2	
United States .....	31,906.2	31,074.8	764.7	66.8	475.2	28.6	446.6	

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## Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	January to March	
				2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1
Calves .....	96.0	94.6	94.4	96.4	94.9
Hogs .....	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.6
Sheep .....	87.5	87.2	88.4	87.9	87.7

## 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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**April 29, 2025**

**Starting at 12:00 pm ET**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2025 Spring Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Representatives will provide agency updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns from data users.

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