



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent from Last Year

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

May 2025 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 4.62 billion pounds produced in May 2024.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, down 11 percent from May 2024. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,422 pounds.

Veal production totaled 2.2 million pounds, 37 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 10,400 head, down 41 percent from May 2024. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 362 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.24 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 2 percent from May 2024. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was up slightly from May 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,200 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2025 commercial red meat production was 22.5 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2024. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 39 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	May 2025 as % of		January to May		
				May 2024	April 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,324.4	2,242.4	2,122.7	91	95	11,186.5	10,908.3	98
Veal	3.5	2.1	2.2	63	104	18.1	10.9	61
Pork	2,278.2	2,343.2	2,239.7	98	96	11,688.7	11,539.2	99
Lamb and mutton	11.4	12.8	11.5	100	90	56.7	58.5	103
Total red meat	4,617.5	4,600.5	4,376.1	95	95	22,950.0	22,516.9	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	May 2025 as % of		January to May		
				May 2024	April 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,292.3	2,209.4	2,091.9	91	95	11,019.2	10,745.4	98
Veal	3.4	2.0	2.1	63	104	17.3	10.4	60
Pork	2,269.5	2,334.5	2,231.6	98	96	11,642.1	11,495.6	99
Lamb and mutton	10.2	11.4	10.2	100	89	50.8	52.2	103
Total red meat	4,575.4	4,557.3	4,335.8	95	95	22,729.5	22,303.6	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	May 2025 as % of 2024	January to May		
					2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,697.0	2,526.0	2,405.5	89	13,083.7	12,316.2	94
Other 1,000	45.9	45.9	43.6	95	241.7	229.1	95
Commercial 1,000	2,742.9	2,571.9	2,449.1	89	13,325.3	12,545.3	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,398	1,434	1,425	102	1,394	1,434	103
Other pounds	1,219	1,250	1,230	101	1,220	1,237	101
Commercial pounds	1,395	1,431	1,422	102	1,391	1,430	103
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	17.2	9.8	10.0	58	93.0	53.6	58
Other 1,000	0.7	0.6	0.5	70	3.6	2.8	78
Commercial 1,000	17.8	10.3	10.4	59	96.7	56.4	58
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	333	354	360	108	317	329	104
Other pounds	392	377	417	106	375	391	104
Commercial pounds	336	355	362	108	319	333	104
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,534.3	10,760.4	10,353.8	98	53,896.1	53,020.5	98
Other 1,000	46.6	45.3	43.2	93	242.9	227.5	94
Commercial 1,000	10,580.8	10,805.8	10,397.1	98	54,139.0	53,248.0	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	291	289	100	290	291	100
Other pounds	256	263	257	100	264	262	99
Commercial pounds	290	291	289	100	290	291	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	163.0	177.5	159.3	98	806.9	812.0	101
Other 1,000	23.5	27.6	26.9	115	113.9	121.1	106
Commercial 1,000	186.5	205.0	186.2	100	920.8	933.0	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	123	127	126	102	124	127	102
Other pounds	104	99	96	92	102	103	101
Commercial pounds	121	123	122	101	121	123	102
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	47.6	42.3	41.7	88	231.3	215.7	93
Other 1,000	8.3	8.4	8.3	101	45.6	43.9	96
Commercial 1,000	55.8	50.7	50.0	90	276.9	259.6	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	63	65	102
Other pounds	81	85	83	102	81	82	102
Commercial pounds	66	67	67	101	66	68	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.7	5.5	4.5	66	34.6	27.1	78
Other 1,000	0.2	0.2	0.2	153	1.4	1.4	102
Commercial 1,000	6.9	5.7	4.7	68	36.0	28.5	79

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	May 2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.0	1.2	1.0	101
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
Arizona	40.6	43.2	39.0	96
Arkansas	0.6	0.5	0.5	87
California	99.2	85.8	81.7	82
Colorado	183.2	185.3	181.5	99
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.1	2.2	79
Florida	6.6	4.5	4.0	60
Georgia	11.6	6.9	7.6	65
Hawaii	0.9	0.7	0.8	92
Idaho	45.9	47.4	46.8	102
Illinois	282.6	283.2	267.0	94
Indiana	158.1	166.3	161.3	102
Iowa	752.8	758.1	739.0	98
Kansas	517.7	486.9	437.4	84
Kentucky	52.5	53.3	50.0	95
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	91
Michigan	126.1	127.3	125.8	100
Minnesota	228.6	235.0	215.6	94
Mississippi	0.9	0.9	0.9	97
Missouri	157.8	184.7	157.2	100
Montana	1.6	2.4	2.8	178
Nebraska	659.6	655.7	640.6	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	162
New England ¹	2.8	2.6	2.6	96
New Jersey	4.1	4.0	4.1	99
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	0.4	115
New York	3.4	2.6	2.6	75
North Carolina	223.4	220.2	224.1	100
North Dakota	0.7	0.9	0.8	110
Ohio	26.3	25.6	21.3	81
Oklahoma	110.9	115.7	110.1	99
Oregon	2.3	2.3	2.3	98
Pennsylvania	133.3	130.7	127.6	96
South Carolina	16.5	16.7	15.9	96
South Dakota	120.6	122.9	106.7	88
Tennessee	26.1	25.2	25.3	97
Texas	385.0	376.3	354.7	92
Utah	50.6	48.4	46.2	91
Virginia	1.3	1.1	1.1	79
Washington	78.8	76.7	76.0	96
West Virginia	0.8	0.9	0.6	81
Wisconsin	98.0	94.5	89.7	92
Wyoming	0.9	0.9	0.9	97
United States	4,617.5	4,600.5	4,376.1	95

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: May 2024 and 2025

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.9	0.9	1,033	1,061	1,136	1,139
Alaska	0.1	0.1	50	66	955	1,048
Arizona	45.2	(D)	64,897	(D)	1,439	(D)
Arkansas	1.0	0.8	971	848	1,014	1,122
California	109.3	83.5	148,260	118,987	1,366	1,435
Colorado	202.4	195.3	285,941	284,352	1,414	1,458
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.1	4,026	3,085	1,442	1,436
Florida	10.2	(D)	12,789	(D)	1,259	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.2	1.0	1,413	1,258	1,165	1,209
Idaho	(D)	57.0	(D)	79,226	(D)	1,400
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5.5	8.1	6,604	10,091	1,197	1,254
Iowa	47.0	42.7	65,598	60,808	1,397	1,426
Kansas	574.3	473.0	798,844	671,784	1,391	1,421
Kentucky	6.2	6.3	7,172	7,477	1,158	1,192
Louisiana	0.6	0.5	588	533	945	1,005
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.7	0.7	766	685	1,033	1,028
Missouri	10.2	10.5	11,880	12,863	1,169	1,235
Montana	1.9	3.2	2,280	3,956	1,218	1,256
Nebraska	582.0	536.2	847,214	794,698	1,457	1,484
Nevada	0.1	(D)	68	(D)	1,137	(D)
New England ¹	2.9	2.8	3,527	3,435	1,229	1,248
New Jersey	4.5	4.2	5,092	4,885	1,149	1,166
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	477	534	1,071	1,078
New York	3.9	2.6	4,829	3,326	1,256	1,264
North Carolina	6.3	(D)	7,736	(D)	1,236	(D)
North Dakota	0.8	0.9	1,088	1,192	1,295	1,282
Ohio	6.4	5.7	8,467	7,582	1,316	1,337
Oklahoma	7.2	6.8	8,431	8,144	1,182	1,204
Oregon	1.5	1.3	1,819	1,575	1,233	1,253
Pennsylvania	92.8	87.9	121,958	118,767	1,320	1,356
South Carolina	23.1	21.8	32,281	31,053	1,403	1,430
South Dakota	39.6	27.1	58,949	42,691	1,493	1,576
Tennessee	3.1	3.2	3,339	3,288	1,074	1,064
Texas	465.9	423.4	629,542	575,180	1,354	1,362
Utah	54.8	(D)	78,935	(D)	1,441	(D)
Virginia	1.6	1.2	1,687	1,324	1,075	1,107
Washington	91.0	83.8	127,864	121,287	1,408	1,452
West Virginia	1.0	0.6	1,133	832	1,184	1,292
Wisconsin	101.1	94.4	141,758	132,800	1,410	1,415
Wyoming	1.0	0.9	1,253	1,190	1,230	1,295
United States	2,742.9	2,449.1	3,818,735	3,474,535	1,395	1,422

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: May 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)	50	(D)	427
Georgia	0.1	0.1	30	26	413	433
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.2	0.1	62	46	401	400
Indiana	0.5	(D)	201	(D)	385	(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	39	21	264	229
New Jersey	1.4	1.6	550	629	381	388
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	38	22	258	360
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	2.9	(D)	1,113	(D)	384	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7.2	4.8	3,165	2,010	440	418
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Texas	0.1	0.1	70	61	483	481
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	17.8	10.4	5,937	3,758	336	362

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(X) Not applicable.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	1.4	650	603	403	417
Alaska	0.1	0.1	28	16	336	261
Arizona	0.1	0.1	21	23	278	275
Arkansas	0.4	0.3	92	71	220	285
California	87.2	83.4	19,695	19,183	226	230
Colorado	2.4	2.0	387	345	158	176
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.4	407	381	270	276
Florida	4.3	2.7	578	340	135	126
Georgia	5.2	5.0	1,425	1,262	272	251
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	39	49	268	286
Idaho	12.5	11.3	3,107	2,864	250	254
Illinois	1,006.8	974.2	291,028	280,479	289	288
Indiana	733.1	723.7	205,582	207,134	281	286
Iowa	3,305.8	3,243.0	963,596	944,968	292	291
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	89	57	245	214
Michigan	396.5	398.7	115,119	115,126	290	289
Minnesota	971.8	927.2	271,966	258,047	280	278
Mississippi	3.7	3.8	632	663	172	176
Missouri	688.1	690.4	202,267	200,982	294	291
Montana	0.9	1.6	245	472	268	302
Nebraska	615.1	670.0	178,634	194,814	290	291
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	2.3	2.1	634	561	277	273
New Jersey	8.6	8.3	849	839	99	101
New Mexico	0.2	0.1	49	35	249	268
New York	1.7	1.6	429	416	247	253
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.2	76	65	293	291
Ohio	93.9	77.8	27,614	22,119	294	285
Oklahoma	473.9	478.5	139,178	139,037	294	291
Oregon	5.0	5.1	1,236	1,296	247	255
Pennsylvania	280.4	272.2	78,468	74,839	280	275
South Carolina	2.0	1.7	495	447	250	256
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	80.0	76.3	36,450	35,211	456	462
Texas	23.9	23.2	4,728	4,494	198	194
Utah	2.3	1.7	676	425	289	245
Virginia	1.2	1.1	357	306	309	281
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.4	151	104	306	277
Wisconsin	76.6	60.7	33,565	26,382	439	436
Wyoming	0.7	0.8	195	211	280	275
United States	10,580.8	10,397.1	3,064,152	3,005,868	290	289

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	(Y)	0.1	(X)	7	(X)	108
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.7	0.6	81	73	118	116
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	10	9	85	93
California	25.3	19.8	3,700	2,960	146	150
Colorado	32.5	34.0	5,544	6,045	171	178
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.3	159	127	100	97
Florida	3.0	3.1	157	153	52	50
Georgia	(D)	3.5	(D)	207	(D)	60
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	14	15	118	153
Idaho	0.1	0.1	18	23	152	160
Illinois	7.8	6.8	633	551	81	81
Indiana	6.3	5.9	656	599	105	102
Iowa	0.1	0.1	12	16	91	116
Kansas	0.4	0.2	35	20	95	92
Kentucky	1.3	0.9	139	90	110	104
Louisiana	0.8	0.8	44	44	57	57
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.5	0.5	36	40	78	83
Mississippi	0.2	0.2	11	17	64	69
Missouri	1.5	2.0	128	152	85	77
Montana	0.2	0.3	22	37	109	122
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	6	6	115	113
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	4.7	4.8	460	475	98	99
New Jersey	15.1	15.7	1,258	1,283	83	82
New Mexico	0.5	0.8	59	118	130	151
New York	6.1	5.9	600	623	99	105
North Carolina	3.9	6.5	235	371	60	57
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	5.8	4.6	909	710	158	155
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.0	4.3	641	720	158	166
Pennsylvania	11.5	10.0	1,150	1,072	100	107
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	25	22	137	144
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	26.6	26.9	2,884	2,500	108	93
Utah	1.5	1.1	207	154	135	137
Virginia	1.8	1.1	108	69	60	63
Washington	1.5	1.3	203	179	136	138
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.8	0.6	89	62	113	106
Wyoming	0.1	0.2	16	25	147	123
United States	186.5	186.2	22,526	22,644	121	122

(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	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	January to May		May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	January to May	
				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	1,344.1	1,232.9	1,180.0	6,224.3	6,003.6	49.8	48.8	49.1	47.6	48.7
Heifers	852.3	845.4	787.1	4,217.8	4,035.4	31.6	33.5	32.7	32.2	32.8
All cows	457.2	410.6	401.5	2,446.0	2,106.7	17.0	16.3	16.7	18.7	17.1
Dairy cows	216.0	207.2	196.7	1,201.8	1,086.7	8.0	8.2	8.2	9.2	8.8
Other cows	241.3	203.4	204.8	1,244.2	1,020.1	8.9	8.1	8.5	9.5	8.3
Bulls	43.4	37.1	36.8	195.5	170.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Total	2,697.0	2,526.0	2,405.5	13,083.7	12,316.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	17.2	9.8	10.0	93.0	53.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,224.9	10,476.2	10,081.9	52,398.4	51,632.9	97.1	97.4	97.4	97.2	97.4
Sows	281.9	262.0	249.5	1,375.5	1,276.2	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4
Boars	27.5	22.2	22.4	122.1	111.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,534.3	10,760.4	10,353.8	53,896.1	53,020.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12.4	11.9	10.5	53.4	50.9	7.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.3
Lambs and yearlings	150.7	165.6	148.8	753.4	761.0	92.4	93.3	93.4	93.4	93.7
Total	163.0	177.5	159.3	806.9	812.0	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	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	January to May	
				2024	2025
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	852	877	872	844	874
Steers ¹	922	945	942	920	948
Heifers ¹	847	872	866	843	869
All cows ¹	645	674	669	646	669
Bulls ¹	923	933	940	895	919
Calves and vealers	199	210	215	188	195
Hogs	215	217	216	216	217
Barrows and gilts ²	213	215	213	214	215
Sows ²	301	303	301	299	298
Boars ²	224	222	224	223	222
Sheep	63	64	64	63	64
Mature sheep ³	64	65	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	62	64	64	63	64

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: May 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	2.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	6.8	2.2	2.0	2.3	1.7	0.6	0.3	2.3
3	90.0	34.2	8.8	40.9	29.7	11.2	6.2	5.0
4	54.5	5.5	2.3	41.0	11.4	29.6	5.7	0.2
5	233.8	117.1	(D)	78.0	52.3	25.7	(D)	1.5
6	424.9	187.7	144.4	83.4	25.3	58.0	9.3	(D)
7	1,052.9	582.3	(D)	48.7	7.1	41.6	(D)	(Y)
8	271.7	147.1	(D)	15.5	2.5	13.0	(D)	(Y)
9	126.8	54.3	23.3	47.8	39.5	8.3	1.5	(D)
10	141.6	48.7	47.5	43.5	26.9	16.5	1.9	(D)
United States	2,405.5	1,180.0	787.1	401.5	196.7	204.8	36.8	10.0
	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	1.8	1.8	(Y)	(Y)	4.8	0.2	4.5	
2	9.9	9.8	0.1	(Y)	21.2	1.8	19.4	
3	273.7	273.5	0.2	(Y)	13.6	1.5	12.1	
4	(D)	(D)	79.3	(D)	13.7	0.9	12.8	
5	3,144.6	3,041.6	97.5	5.5	28.6	1.5	27.1	
6	498.4	498.3	0.1	0.1	16.6	0.9	15.7	
7	4,615.8	4,531.3	72.1	12.4	2.0	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.1	(D)	34.9	(D)	(D)	
9	79.5	79.4	(Y)	(Y)	19.1	2.6	16.5	
10	17.8	17.7	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.2	4.5	
United States	10,353.8	10,081.9	249.5	22.4	159.3	10.5	148.8	

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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 May 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	12.4	5.0	3.4	2.9	1.8	1.0	1.1	0.5
2	35.5	11.2	10.4	12.7	9.8	2.9	1.2	11.4
3	459.8	165.0	45.9	220.8	162.4	58.4	28.1	24.3
4	279.9	26.5	11.5	213.0	61.9	151.1	29.0	1.2
5	1,212.7	601.0	(D)	428.8	278.9	149.8	(D)	7.8
6	2,163.7	957.0	742.2	420.4	142.2	278.2	44.1	(D)
7	5,399.4	2,981.9	(D)	237.4	27.6	209.9	(D)	0.3
8	1,386.5	715.3	(D)	94.9	26.1	68.8	(D)	(Y)
9	666.5	295.1	108.9	256.7	227.3	29.3	5.8	(D)
10	699.9	245.5	226.7	219.1	148.6	70.5	8.5	(D)
United States	12,316.2	6,003.6	4,035.4	2,106.7	1,086.7	1,020.1	170.5	53.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	8.7	8.5	0.1	0.1	24.3	1.0	23.3	
2	51.6	51.3	0.2	0.1	102.1	8.4	93.7	
3	1,389.3	1,388.3	0.9	0.1	75.2	9.1	66.2	
4	(D)	(D)	379.0	(D)	64.9	4.8	60.1	
5	16,300.4	15,755.5	518.9	25.9	140.6	7.2	133.4	
6	2,437.6	2,436.6	0.6	0.4	84.5	3.7	80.8	
7	23,543.9	23,106.3	375.5	62.1	9.2	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.8	(D)	185.9	(D)	(D)	
9	387.7	387.5	0.2	(Y)	102.2	12.3	89.9	
10	91.9	91.7	0.2	(Y)	23.2	0.8	22.4	
United States	53,020.5	51,632.9	1,276.2	111.4	812.0	50.9	761.0	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	January to May	
				2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2
Calves	96.2	94.6	95.5	96.2	95.0
Hogs	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Sheep	87.4	86.6	85.5	87.6	87.0

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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