



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 1 Percent from Last Year

April 2024 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2025 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.60 billion pounds in April, down 1 percent from the 4.64 billion pounds produced in April 2024.

Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from April 2024. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,431 pounds.

Veal production totaled 2.1 million pounds, 39 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 10,300 head, down 41 percent from April 2024. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 355 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, up 1 percent from April 2024. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 13 percent from April 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 205,000 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2025 commercial red meat production was 18.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2024.

Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 40 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	April 2025 as % of		January to April		
				April 2024	March 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,303.6	2,152.9	2,242.4	97	104	8,862.3	8,785.6	99
Veal	3.5	2.1	2.1	61	104	14.5	8.7	60
Pork	2,317.3	2,254.0	2,343.2	101	104	9,410.6	9,299.5	99
Lamb and mutton	11.4	12.8	12.8	113	100	45.3	47.0	104
Total red meat	4,635.8	4,421.8	4,600.5	99	104	18,332.7	18,140.8	99

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	April 2025 as % of		January to April		
				April 2024	March 2025	2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,269.3	2,119.2	2,209.4	97	104	8,726.9	8,653.5	99
Veal	3.3	1.9	2.0	61	105	14.0	8.2	59
Pork	2,308.1	2,245.1	2,334.5	101	104	9,372.6	9,264.1	99
Lamb and mutton	10.1	11.5	11.4	113	99	40.6	42.0	103
Total red meat	4,590.8	4,377.8	4,557.3	99	104	18,154.1	17,967.8	99

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	April 2025 as % of 2024	January to April		
					2024	2025	2025 as % of 2024
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,680.5	2,436.2	2,525.9	94	10,386.7	9,910.7	95
Other 1,000	49.5	47.7	45.9	93	195.7	185.5	95
Commercial 1,000	2,730.0	2,483.9	2,571.9	94	10,582.4	10,096.2	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,398	1,430	1,434	103	1,393	1,436	103
Other pounds	1,219	1,227	1,250	103	1,220	1,238	102
Commercial pounds	1,395	1,426	1,431	103	1,390	1,432	103
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	16.8	10.3	9.8	58	75.9	43.6	58
Other 1,000	0.8	0.6	0.6	73	3.0	2.4	80
Commercial 1,000	17.6	10.9	10.3	59	78.8	46.0	58
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	336	322	354	105	313	322	103
Other pounds	389	414	377	97	371	386	104
Commercial pounds	338	327	355	105	315	326	103
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,700.7	10,367.9	10,760.6	101	43,361.8	42,666.8	98
Other 1,000	48.4	46.2	45.3	94	196.3	184.3	94
Commercial 1,000	10,749.1	10,414.1	10,806.0	101	43,558.1	42,851.1	98
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	291	291	100	291	291	100
Other pounds	262	264	263	100	266	264	99
Commercial pounds	290	291	291	100	291	291	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	164.5	176.2	177.5	108	643.8	652.7	101
Other 1,000	24.2	23.0	27.6	114	90.4	94.2	104
Commercial 1,000	188.7	199.2	205.0	109	734.2	746.9	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	121	129	127	105	124	127	102
Other pounds	104	111	99	95	101	105	103
Commercial pounds	119	127	123	103	121	124	102
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	47.5	46.2	42.3	89	183.7	173.9	95
Other 1,000	8.6	9.9	8.4	97	37.3	35.6	96
Commercial 1,000	56.1	56.0	50.7	90	221.1	209.6	95
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	66	64	101	63	65	103
Other pounds	77	81	85	109	81	82	101
Commercial pounds	66	68	67	103	66	68	102
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.6	5.7	5.5	83	27.8	22.6	81
Other 1,000	0.3	0.3	0.2	69	1.3	1.2	96
Commercial 1,000	6.9	6.0	5.7	82	29.1	23.8	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	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	April 2025 as % of 2024
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.2	1.1	1.2	102
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	40.4	40.3	43.2	107
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	0.5	89
California	98.2	84.2	85.8	87
Colorado	179.8	188.1	185.3	103
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	2.0	2.1	86
Florida	7.0	5.3	4.5	64
Georgia	11.3	8.6	6.9	61
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.7	90
Idaho	43.0	46.1	47.4	110
Illinois	280.9	262.7	283.2	101
Indiana	159.4	163.0	166.3	104
Iowa	773.8	725.0	758.1	98
Kansas	509.7	454.4	486.9	96
Kentucky	53.7	52.6	53.3	99
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	0.4	92
Michigan	118.7	132.2	127.3	107
Minnesota	227.7	226.0	235.0	103
Mississippi	0.8	0.9	0.9	106
Missouri	166.4	163.9	184.7	111
Montana	2.8	2.2	2.4	86
Nebraska	661.1	626.0	655.7	99
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
New England ¹	2.6	2.6	2.6	102
New Jersey	4.2	4.4	4.0	96
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	115
New York	3.2	2.9	2.6	81
North Carolina	221.5	233.8	220.2	99
North Dakota	0.8	0.8	0.9	104
Ohio	26.4	25.3	25.6	97
Oklahoma	123.1	105.6	115.7	94
Oregon	2.2	2.3	2.3	105
Pennsylvania	133.8	128.7	130.7	98
South Carolina	16.6	16.3	16.7	101
South Dakota	123.1	118.3	122.9	100
Tennessee	26.6	23.0	25.2	94
Texas	379.4	361.0	376.3	99
Utah	48.0	46.1	48.4	101
Virginia	1.2	1.3	1.1	92
Washington	80.4	70.6	76.7	95
West Virginia	0.9	0.9	0.9	95
Wisconsin	100.6	90.2	94.5	94
Wyoming	0.7	0.8	0.9	119
United States	4,635.8	4,421.8	4,600.5	99

(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: April 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	1.2	1.0	1,309	1,191	1,108	1,136
Alaska	0.1	0.1	52	55	962	1,093
Arizona	44.8	(D)	64,527	(D)	1,443	(D)
Arkansas	0.8	0.7	839	772	1,025	1,093
California	109.7	85.9	148,806	124,681	1,367	1,462
Colorado	197.0	195.1	280,514	289,711	1,425	1,486
Delaware-Maryland	2.5	2.2	3,514	3,021	1,409	1,400
Florida	10.5	(D)	13,584	(D)	1,301	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.2	0.9	1,294	1,149	1,115	1,219
Idaho	(D)	56.8	(D)	79,913	(D)	1,415
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.9	8.8	5,897	11,011	1,204	1,258
Iowa	46.1	45.8	65,265	66,160	1,417	1,444
Kansas	571.8	526.4	788,834	747,861	1,380	1,421
Kentucky	7.0	6.7	8,106	7,982	1,164	1,199
Louisiana	0.6	0.5	570	482	980	1,046
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.6	0.6	630	676	983	1,076
Missouri	12.7	6.9	14,434	8,543	1,139	1,238
Montana	3.4	2.7	4,133	3,445	1,210	1,254
Nebraska	579.9	541.6	848,678	808,341	1,465	1,494
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	2.7	2.7	3,290	3,377	1,207	1,250
New Jersey	4.5	4.2	5,139	4,800	1,157	1,161
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	542	595	1,079	1,144
New York	3.6	2.5	4,331	3,210	1,227	1,294
North Carolina	8.1	(D)	9,980	(D)	1,242	(D)
North Dakota	1.1	1.1	1,342	1,381	1,270	1,282
Ohio	6.7	6.6	8,911	8,928	1,324	1,343
Oklahoma	7.0	7.2	8,112	8,880	1,177	1,247
Oregon	1.3	1.2	1,597	1,536	1,225	1,266
Pennsylvania	90.7	90.1	118,539	121,237	1,313	1,350
South Carolina	23.2	22.8	32,401	32,591	1,400	1,434
South Dakota	40.4	31.3	60,771	49,537	1,509	1,582
Tennessee	3.7	3.1	3,835	3,277	1,062	1,070
Texas	463.1	448.0	622,489	611,457	1,347	1,369
Utah	52.2	(D)	74,872	(D)	1,434	(D)
Virginia	1.6	1.4	1,619	1,437	1,040	1,038
Washington	91.7	83.8	130,035	122,262	1,420	1,463
West Virginia	1.1	0.9	1,281	1,151	1,196	1,214
Wisconsin	106.5	100.6	149,748	141,568	1,414	1,415
Wyoming	0.9	1.0	1,098	1,310	1,212	1,276
United States	2,730.0	2,571.9	3,799,671	3,671,749	1,395	1,431

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 2024 and 2025

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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)	400
Georgia	0.1	0.1	45	27	458	485
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.2	0.2	72	80	411	428
Indiana	0.5	(D)	189	(D)	412	(D)
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	0.1	(X)	23	(X)	433
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	27	21	236	201
New Jersey	1.4	1.4	535	564	382	390
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	39	24	269	366
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	2.8	(D)	1,060	(D)	377	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7.2	4.6	3,163	1,918	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	0.2	0.1	89	36	481	479
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	17.6	10.3	5,916	3,636	338	355

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	1.7	1.9	690	793	404	419
Alaska	0.1	0.1	22	20	314	301
Arizona	0.1	0.1	24	33	288	266
Arkansas	0.6	0.4	146	107	240	278
California	80.9	82.4	18,469	19,088	229	232
Colorado	2.3	2.2	385	379	167	170
Delaware-Maryland	1.5	1.3	425	379	282	287
Florida	4.2	4.8	559	626	135	130
Georgia	4.8	5.6	1,284	1,443	266	257
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	37	48	259	286
Idaho	11.1	12.3	2,816	3,117	253	254
Illinois	1,004.6	1,008.7	288,419	290,205	287	288
Indiana	743.4	751.8	207,921	213,486	280	284
Iowa	3,415.0	3,292.8	992,605	966,599	291	294
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.3	55	65	257	197
Michigan	385.3	395.9	111,858	115,003	290	291
Minnesota	964.3	994.7	268,977	279,067	279	281
Mississippi	3.5	3.8	630	671	178	177
Missouri	724.7	822.4	212,403	240,348	293	292
Montana	1.5	1.3	403	378	272	283
Nebraska	629.2	706.1	182,824	206,122	291	292
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	1.9	2.0	554	537	290	274
New Jersey	8.3	8.4	838	839	102	100
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	50	46	244	233
New York	1.7	1.7	457	439	262	252
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	67	58	301	294
Ohio	93.1	92.2	27,331	26,881	294	292
Oklahoma	519.7	486.8	155,310	145,160	299	298
Oregon	4.8	5.6	1,220	1,424	254	255
Pennsylvania	288.8	274.4	81,841	76,842	283	280
South Carolina	1.8	1.9	453	486	248	259
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	80.6	75.7	36,867	34,975	458	462
Texas	24.6	21.7	5,186	4,338	211	200
Utah	2.0	1.6	595	424	299	260
Virginia	0.9	1.0	281	309	305	305
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	0.6	0.5	183	148	306	308
Wisconsin	69.9	62.6	30,272	26,901	434	430
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	80	85	266	292
United States	10,749.1	10,806.0	3,114,429	3,143,738	290	291

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	7	4	85	72
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.7	0.8	84	84	127	106
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	15	12	109	92
California	22.5	24.2	3,312	3,919	147	162
Colorado	34.4	39.5	5,804	6,909	169	175
Delaware-Maryland	1.6	1.7	163	163	101	99
Florida	3.3	3.1	172	158	52	52
Georgia	(D)	3.3	(D)	217	(D)	65
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	10	18	141	138
Idaho	0.2	0.1	34	22	148	162
Illinois	7.4	8.2	602	697	81	85
Indiana	5.9	5.9	589	614	101	104
Iowa	0.1	0.1	16	16	136	115
Kansas	0.3	0.2	28	23	93	105
Kentucky	1.6	1.0	170	112	107	111
Louisiana	0.8	0.8	45	43	57	58
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.7	0.5	52	41	75	79
Mississippi	0.2	0.1	15	10	68	70
Missouri	1.3	1.7	107	133	84	77
Montana	0.3	0.4	40	56	142	129
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	5.4	6.1	509	560	95	91
New Jersey	16.7	16.2	1,341	1,280	80	79
New Mexico	0.4	0.6	62	88	143	143
New York	7.2	7.3	638	710	89	97
North Carolina	3.5	5.0	218	296	63	59
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	6	9	114	137
Ohio	5.8	5.5	892	846	154	154
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.7	4.3	748	714	160	168
Pennsylvania	14.0	14.4	1,352	1,528	97	106
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.1	0.1	16	17	131	119
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	24.4	25.6	2,546	2,306	104	90
Utah	1.3	1.2	181	167	134	139
Virginia	1.6	1.1	104	84	67	78
Washington	0.9	1.3	122	180	136	135
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	0.6	0.7	69	69	112	103
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	20	19	162	185
United States	188.7	205.0	22,404	25,198	119	123

(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	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	January to April		April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	January to April	
				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	1,256.3	1,140.0	1,232.9	4,880.2	4,823.5	46.9	46.8	48.8	47.0	48.7
Heifers	899.5	835.2	845.4	3,365.5	3,248.3	33.6	34.3	33.5	32.4	32.8
All cows	478.6	423.7	410.6	1,988.8	1,705.2	17.9	17.4	16.3	19.1	17.2
Dairy cows	238.2	217.9	207.2	985.8	889.9	8.9	8.9	8.2	9.5	9.0
Other cows	240.4	205.8	203.4	1,003.0	815.3	9.0	8.4	8.1	9.7	8.2
Bulls	46.1	37.2	37.1	152.2	133.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3
Total	2,680.5	2,436.2	2,525.9	10,386.7	9,910.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	16.8	10.3	9.8	75.9	43.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,403.3	10,093.4	10,476.4	42,173.5	41,551.2	97.2	97.4	97.4	97.3	97.4
Sows	273.8	252.4	262.0	1,093.6	1,026.7	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
Boars	23.6	22.0	22.2	94.6	89.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,700.7	10,367.9	10,760.6	43,361.8	42,666.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	12.1	10.4	11.9	41.1	40.5	7.4	5.9	6.7	6.4	6.2
Lambs and yearlings	152.4	165.8	165.6	602.7	612.2	92.6	94.1	93.3	93.6	93.8
Total	164.5	176.2	177.5	643.8	652.7	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	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	January to April	
				2024	2025
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	848	872	877	842	875
Steers ¹	920	947	945	919	949
Heifers ¹	849	871	872	842	870
All cows ¹	651	665	674	647	670
Bulls ¹	912	920	933	888	914
Calves and vealers	200	189	210	185	190
Hogs	216	217	217	216	217
Barrows and gilts ²	214	215	215	214	215
Sows ²	300	299	303	298	298
Boars ²	220	223	222	223	222
Sheep	61	65	64	63	64
Mature sheep ³	65	66	65	65	66
Lambs and yearlings ³	61	65	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: April 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	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
2	6.6	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.8	0.5	0.2	2.2
3	92.3	38.2	6.2	41.8	30.4	11.3	6.1	4.7
4	55.2	5.3	2.5	41.3	11.2	30.1	6.1	0.2
5	256.9	130.0	(D)	86.3	56.5	29.8	(D)	1.4
6	449.5	205.5	150.2	84.3	28.8	55.6	9.4	(D)
7	1,111.1	598.7	(D)	51.0	6.0	45.0	(D)	0.1
8	277.4	147.7	(D)	15.0	2.5	12.5	(D)	(Y)
9	133.2	59.6	24.8	47.3	41.4	5.8	1.5	(D)
10	141.4	44.7	54.2	40.6	28.2	12.5	1.9	(D)
United States	2,525.9	1,232.9	845.4	410.6	207.2	203.4	37.1	9.8
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	1.7	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	6.1	0.2	5.9	
2	10.1	10.0	0.1	(Y)	23.1	1.9	21.2	
3	275.9	275.7	0.2	(Y)	18.2	3.0	15.2	
4	(D)	(D)	80.9	(D)	12.8	1.1	11.8	
5	3,285.9	3,179.7	100.9	5.3	30.7	1.4	29.3	
6	505.5	505.2	0.2	0.1	16.2	1.1	15.1	
7	4,834.4	4,742.1	79.5	12.8	1.8	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.2	(D)	40.5	(D)	(D)	
9	79.5	79.4	(Y)	(Y)	23.4	2.4	21.0	
10	19.3	19.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.8	0.2	4.6	
United States	10,760.6	10,476.4	262.0	22.2	177.5	11.9	165.6	

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¹ States included in regions are as follows: 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; 2 - New Jersey, New York; 3 - Delaware-Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; 4 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee; 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin; 6 - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas; 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 8- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; 9 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada; 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January to April 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)	(1,000 head)
1	9.9	4.1	2.7	2.3	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.4
2	28.8	8.9	8.5	10.4	8.1	2.3	1.0	9.2
3	369.8	130.9	37.1	179.9	132.7	47.2	21.9	19.3
4	225.4	20.9	9.2	172.0	50.5	121.5	23.3	1.0
5	978.8	483.9	(D)	350.8	226.7	124.1	(D)	6.3
6	1,738.9	769.2	597.8	337.0	116.8	220.2	34.8	(D)
7	4,346.4	2,399.7	(D)	188.7	20.5	168.2	(D)	0.2
8	1,114.7	568.2	(D)	79.5	23.6	55.8	(D)	(Y)
9	539.7	240.8	85.6	208.9	187.9	21.0	4.3	(D)
10	558.3	196.9	179.2	175.7	121.7	54.0	6.6	(D)
United States	9,910.7	4,823.5	3,248.3	1,705.2	889.9	815.3	133.6	43.6
	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	6.9	6.7	0.1	0.1	19.5	0.7	18.7	
2	41.8	41.5	0.2	0.1	81.0	6.7	74.3	
3	1,115.6	1,114.8	0.7	0.1	61.6	7.6	54.1	
4	(D)	(D)	299.6	(D)	51.2	3.9	47.3	
5	13,156.0	12,714.2	421.4	20.4	111.9	5.7	106.3	
6	1,939.1	1,938.3	0.5	0.4	67.8	2.8	65.1	
7	18,928.0	18,575.0	303.3	49.7	7.1	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.7	(D)	151.0	(D)	(D)	
9	308.2	308.1	0.1	(Y)	83.1	9.7	73.4	
10	74.1	74.0	0.1	(Y)	18.5	0.6	17.8	
United States	42,666.8	41,551.2	1,026.7	89.0	652.7	40.5	612.2	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	January to April	
				2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.2	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.2
Calves	95.7	94.4	94.6	96.2	94.9
Hogs	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.6
Sheep	87.2	88.4	86.6	87.7	87.4

Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

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

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants: Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Primary data for the *Livestock Slaughter* publication are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates.

There are approximately 1,100 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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