



Livestock Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production Down 2 Percent from Last Year

August 2023 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2024 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in August, down 2 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in August 2023.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 7 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from the previous year, at 1,388 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 26 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,000 head, down 36 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 40 pounds from last year, at 313 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.29 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 1 percent from August 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2024 commercial red meat production was 36.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023.

Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	August 2024 as % of		January to August		
				August 2023	July 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,364.5	2,286.8	2,288.6	97	100	18,007.4	17,900.8	99
Veal	4.2	3.3	3.1	74	94	32.1	27.6	86
Pork	2,295.7	2,252.8	2,289.9	100	102	17,967.5	18,350.3	102
Lamb and mutton	10.6	11.3	10.5	99	93	87.0	88.8	102
Total red meat	4,675.0	4,554.3	4,592.1	98	101	36,094.0	36,367.6	101

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	August 2024 as % of		January to August		
				August 2023	July 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,329.5	2,255.9	2,256.6	97	100	17,725.8	17,635.4	99
Veal	4.1	3.2	3.0	73	93	31.1	26.5	85
Pork	2,282.4	2,242.5	2,278.4	100	102	17,885.0	18,272.4	102
Lamb and mutton	8.9	10.0	9.2	102	92	76.3	79.1	104
Total red meat	4,625.0	4,511.7	4,547.2	98	101	35,718.2	36,013.4	101

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	August 2024 as % of 2023	January to August		
					2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,840.9	2,678.8	2,657.1	94	21,675.2	20,914.6	96
Other 1,000	50.4	43.6	45.2	90	411.9	379.2	92
Commercial 1,000	2,891.3	2,722.4	2,702.3	93	22,087.1	21,293.8	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,353	1,382	1,391	103	1,360	1,391	102
Other pounds	1,217	1,226	1,227	101	1,214	1,223	101
Commercial pounds	1,351	1,380	1,388	103	1,357	1,388	102
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	25.9	17.1	16.3	63	197.2	141.6	72
Other 1,000	0.8	0.5	0.7	90	5.1	5.3	103
Commercial 1,000	26.6	17.6	17.0	64	202.3	146.9	73
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	270	320	311	115	270	318	118
Other pounds	353	368	372	105	359	379	105
Commercial pounds	273	322	313	115	272	320	117
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	11,057.3	10,626.3	10,843.6	98	83,678.2	85,235.6	102
Other 1,000	67.9	54.3	60.7	89	417.5	406.5	97
Commercial 1,000	11,125.2	10,680.6	10,904.2	98	84,095.6	85,642.1	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	278	283	282	101	287	288	100
Other pounds	269	260	260	97	272	264	97
Commercial pounds	278	283	282	101	287	288	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	150.9	160.6	151.2	100	1,203.7	1,268.9	105
Other 1,000	33.6	24.5	25.2	75	220.9	187.9	85
Commercial 1,000	184.5	185.1	176.4	96	1,424.6	1,456.8	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	117	122	119	102	125	123	98
Other pounds	97	105	103	106	97	102	105
Commercial pounds	113	120	117	103	121	120	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	44.4	47.3	48.1	108	340.6	369.9	109
Other 1,000	9.9	8.7	10.5	105	64.8	75.6	117
Commercial 1,000	54.4	56.0	58.6	108	405.4	445.5	110
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	64	100	64	63	98
Other pounds	86	84	87	102	87	83	95
Commercial pounds	68	67	68	101	68	67	98
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.2	6.6	5.8	93	50.6	53.2	105
Other 1,000	0.2	0.3	0.3	106	2.2	2.1	92
Commercial 1,000	6.5	6.9	6.0	93	52.8	55.2	105

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	August 2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.4	0.9	0.9	63
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	42.6	41.9	39.2	92
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	0.5	79
California	111.4	95.1	94.3	85
Colorado	177.6	182.9	191.6	108
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	2.8	2.7	88
Florida	6.7	5.9	6.4	95
Georgia	14.7	11.0	11.5	78
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.8	97
Idaho	40.4	46.5	46.6	115
Illinois	276.4	274.4	279.2	101
Indiana	165.0	159.0	162.6	99
Iowa	765.1	749.7	743.6	97
Kansas	513.9	487.9	508.9	99
Kentucky	57.4	52.3	52.3	91
Louisiana	0.3	0.4	0.3	100
Michigan	114.1	127.5	127.4	112
Minnesota	234.1	228.7	234.5	100
Mississippi	0.7	0.8	0.8	105
Missouri	175.4	163.0	166.8	95
Montana	2.0	1.7	1.9	92
Nebraska	661.1	659.9	660.9	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	104
New England ¹	3.0	2.7	2.7	91
New Jersey	4.1	4.3	4.2	101
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	102
New York	3.5	2.6	2.6	75
North Carolina	228.9	200.8	211.9	93
North Dakota	0.7	0.7	0.6	82
Ohio	26.8	25.9	26.4	98
Oklahoma	100.6	108.5	109.2	109
Oregon	2.9	2.5	2.5	88
Pennsylvania	135.2	132.0	134.3	99
South Carolina	17.3	15.8	16.3	94
South Dakota	120.7	118.2	122.0	101
Tennessee	29.0	26.0	23.9	82
Texas	396.5	397.7	377.8	95
Utah	50.6	49.1	50.1	99
Virginia	1.3	1.1	1.1	85
Washington	82.1	76.8	76.0	93
West Virginia	1.0	0.8	0.9	91
Wisconsin	104.6	93.9	94.5	90
Wyoming	0.9	1.0	1.1	115
United States	4,675.0	4,554.3	4,592.1	98

(X) Not applicable.

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: August 2023 and 2024

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.1	0.8	1,226	848	1,105	1,108
Alaska	(Y)	0.1	(X)	57	(X)	1,123
Arizona	47.9	44.2	68,268	62,944	1,426	1,427
Arkansas	0.9	0.7	915	729	1,049	1,034
California	129.4	104.1	172,066	139,587	1,339	1,349
Colorado	202.0	209.6	277,250	298,241	1,374	1,424
Delaware-Maryland	3.1	2.6	4,318	3,715	1,416	1,420
Florida	10.7	10.1	12,632	12,565	1,181	1,243
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	1,288	1,238	1,191	1,162
Idaho	54.9	(D)	69,428	(D)	1,271	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.6	7.4	5,558	8,728	1,208	1,179
Iowa	51.3	46.3	69,258	63,603	1,350	1,373
Kansas	583.1	553.2	791,345	779,331	1,357	1,409
Kentucky	6.8	6.1	7,492	7,118	1,105	1,171
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	465	520	851	1,015
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.6	0.6	527	582	883	1,010
Missouri	30.1	4.4	35,355	5,381	1,180	1,214
Montana	2.1	1.9	2,649	2,371	1,247	1,269
Nebraska	597.4	571.4	841,392	821,212	1,410	1,439
Nevada	0.1	0.1	84	94	1,257	1,160
New England ¹	3.2	2.9	3,846	3,531	1,195	1,202
New Jersey	4.5	4.8	5,118	5,473	1,140	1,151
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	518	540	1,058	1,164
New York	4.1	2.7	4,922	3,378	1,210	1,252
North Carolina	8.3	7.3	10,189	8,980	1,236	1,239
North Dakota	0.9	0.8	1,192	956	1,294	1,261
Ohio	6.9	6.5	9,137	8,584	1,327	1,327
Oklahoma	5.1	7.5	5,849	8,737	1,150	1,182
Oregon	2.1	1.6	2,584	1,967	1,236	1,231
Pennsylvania	96.1	94.4	120,449	120,441	1,259	1,282
South Carolina	25.8	23.5	33,853	31,903	1,319	1,362
South Dakota	37.5	39.0	53,425	56,762	1,431	1,460
Tennessee	4.1	3.4	4,072	3,425	1,002	1,009
Texas	502.6	461.7	648,715	617,041	1,294	1,340
Utah	56.6	54.6	78,911	77,996	1,396	1,429
Virginia	1.6	1.3	1,702	1,363	1,046	1,054
Washington	93.0	86.0	132,573	122,742	1,429	1,431
West Virginia	1.2	1.0	1,353	1,222	1,158	1,215
Wisconsin	113.9	101.2	157,124	139,902	1,388	1,389
Wyoming	1.1	1.1	1,252	1,396	1,184	1,237
United States	2,891.3	2,702.3	3,896,545	3,743,636	1,351	1,388

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: August 2023 and 2024

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023 (1,000 head)	2024 (1,000 head)	2023 (1,000 pounds)	2024 (1,000 pounds)	2023 (pounds)	2024 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	0.1	0.1	59	32	488	414
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.3	0.1	120	54	426	388
Indiana	0.7	0.4	300	184	444	415
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(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	29	24	219	214
New Jersey	1.3	1.1	498	429	377	380
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	3.3	(D)	298	(D)	91	(D)
North Carolina	0.2	0.2	41	55	218	349
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	4.9	3.1	1,042	1,084	214	352
Oklahoma	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7.0	6.2	3,068	2,699	438	434
South Carolina	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas	0.2	0.1	82	49	411	479
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	0.1	(D)	39	(D)	282	(D)
Washington	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Wisconsin	1.9	(Y)	915	(X)	479	(X)
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	26.6	17.0	7,220	5,303	273	313

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: August 2023 and 2024

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	2.5	1.4	1,054	581	424	403
Alaska	0.1	0.1	32	17	240	281
Arizona	0.2	0.1	32	29	211	254
Arkansas	0.4	0.3	110	79	261	262
California	84.0	83.7	18,480	19,172	221	229
Colorado	4.1	3.6	697	655	169	179
Delaware-Maryland	2.0	1.9	537	521	271	274
Florida	8.4	5.6	766	559	91	99
Georgia	5.0	5.0	1,343	1,340	269	266
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	33	39	249	277
Idaho	11.9	12.1	2,854	3,021	239	250
Illinois	1,002.4	1,021.5	280,405	286,373	280	280
Indiana	789.0	757.7	215,554	210,717	273	278
Iowa	3,541.7	3,349.8	978,217	949,322	276	283
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	46	36	229	239
Michigan	348.1	405.3	98,323	116,382	282	287
Minnesota	1,014.6	1,011.8	276,398	279,690	272	276
Mississippi	3.2	3.2	565	568	175	175
Missouri	742.9	759.7	210,720	217,657	284	287
Montana	2.0	1.9	538	513	269	265
Nebraska	654.9	693.1	183,488	198,288	280	286
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England ¹	3.2	2.6	833	667	258	253
New Jersey	8.4	7.6	860	819	103	107
New Mexico	0.5	0.3	104	88	230	263
New York	2.2	1.8	536	432	241	235
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	77	88	286	290
Ohio	99.2	95.9	28,003	27,581	283	288
Oklahoma	483.6	498.5	129,092	137,419	267	276
Oregon	5.9	5.6	1,431	1,383	241	250
Pennsylvania	302.1	301.1	83,615	82,080	277	273
South Carolina	2.0	1.7	498	415	245	251
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	88.8	74.3	40,082	32,969	452	444
Texas	23.4	22.5	4,334	4,173	185	186
Utah	2.8	2.3	634	567	228	242
Virginia	1.0	1.0	299	301	295	295
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia	1.2	0.9	310	232	267	271
Wisconsin	72.1	70.8	31,095	29,486	432	417
Wyoming	0.9	1.0	197	249	226	255
United States	11,125.2	10,904.2	3,091,917	3,074,240	278	282

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: August 2023 and 2024

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	0.1	0.1	7	12	72	93
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.7	0.8	79	87	107	103
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	12	116	91
California	24.4	21.3	3,412	3,121	140	147
Colorado	31.6	30.2	4,572	4,614	145	153
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.7	170	163	94	97
Florida	2.9	2.9	148	149	52	52
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	0.2	0.1	25	16	135	126
Idaho	0.4	0.3	46	45	127	144
Illinois	7.6	6.9	648	583	85	84
Indiana	6.8	5.7	690	586	101	102
Iowa	0.2	0.2	29	24	136	119
Kansas	0.4	0.4	43	45	109	111
Kentucky	1.5	1.0	161	107	109	103
Louisiana	0.8	0.8	45	44	58	58
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.7	0.5	51	40	76	78
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	9	15	69	69
Missouri	0.9	1.3	90	109	100	86
Montana	0.5	0.4	54	51	120	136
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	12	15	142	136
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	3.5	4.1	333	386	95	95
New Jersey	15.7	13.8	1,284	1,128	82	82
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	66	60	125	131
New York	5.7	5.7	489	562	86	98
North Carolina	2.5	4.4	159	291	63	67
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	4.1	6.0	627	903	152	151
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.5	4.3	627	635	140	149
Pennsylvania	11.0	9.6	1,089	959	99	100
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.3	0.2	36	29	120	123
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	25.9	25.9	2,535	2,699	98	104
Utah	1.8	1.6	235	206	133	128
Virginia	1.1	1.2	78	88	73	75
Washington	1.1	1.5	148	204	133	134
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	2.7	1.5	365	186	134	124
Wyoming	0.3	0.2	41	29	150	158
United States	184.5	176.4	20,898	20,587	113	117

(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	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	January to August		August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	January to August	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	2023	2024	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	2023	2024
Cattle				(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)				(percent of total)	(percent of total)
Steers	1,359.2	1,360.2	1,342.1	10,187.8	10,194.8	47.8	50.8	50.5	47.0	48.7
Heifers	874.0	817.0	820.3	6,720.7	6,630.1	30.8	30.5	30.9	31.0	31.7
All cows	556.2	456.7	449.5	4,415.2	3,762.5	19.6	17.1	16.9	20.4	18.0
Dairy cows	275.2	225.9	231.3	2,138.3	1,845.3	9.7	8.4	8.7	9.9	8.8
Other cows	281.0	230.9	218.2	2,276.9	1,917.2	9.9	8.6	8.2	10.5	9.2
Bulls	51.5	44.9	45.2	351.5	327.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Total	2,840.9	2,678.8	2,657.1	21,675.2	20,914.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	25.9	17.1	16.3	197.2	141.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,735.9	10,342.7	10,567.3	81,337.3	82,899.3	97.1	97.3	97.5	97.2	97.3
Sows	293.8	259.0	249.9	2,136.8	2,139.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5
Boars	27.7	24.6	26.4	204.0	196.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	11,057.3	10,626.3	10,843.6	83,678.2	85,235.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9.8	11.5	11.1	76.1	86.8	6.5	7.2	7.3	6.3	6.8
Lambs and yearlings	141.1	149.1	140.1	1,127.6	1,182.1	93.5	92.8	92.7	93.7	93.2
Total	150.9	160.6	151.2	1,203.7	1,268.9	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	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	January to August	
	2023	2024	2024	2023	2024
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	822	844	851	820	845
Steers ¹	903	917	930	897	920
Heifers ¹	818	834	840	822	840
All cows ¹	621	635	628	632	642
Bulls ¹	876	915	907	874	903
Calves and vealers	159	191	185	159	189
Hogs	206	211	210	214	214
Barrows and gilts ²	204	209	208	212	212
Sows ²	300	298	296	299	298
Boars ²	185	231	223	192	224
Sheep	59	62	61	63	62
Mature sheep ³	66	65	62	64	64
Lambs and yearlings ³	59	62	61	63	62

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: August 2024

[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	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
2	7.4	2.5	1.9	2.6	2.2	0.5	0.3	2.6
3	97.3	38.9	5.0	47.1	34.7	12.4	6.2	6.5
4	70.3	4.9	2.4	56.0	14.2	41.8	6.9	0.4
5	254.4	129.5	(D)	84.0	59.3	24.7	(D)	3.5
6	463.9	194.2	165.3	94.3	29.3	65.1	10.1	(D)
7	1,165.4	668.3	(D)	43.3	4.5	38.8	(D)	(Y)
8	302.4	173.4	(D)	20.5	8.4	12.1	(D)	(Y)
9	148.8	63.8	23.1	59.7	51.6	8.1	2.1	(D)
10	144.6	65.3	35.0	41.4	27.0	14.5	2.9	(D)
United States	2,657.1	1,342.1	820.3	449.5	231.3	218.2	45.2	16.3
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	2.4	2.3	(Y)	(Y)	4.0	0.1	3.9	
2	9.4	9.3	0.1	(Y)	19.1	1.8	17.3	
3	302.7	302.5	(D)	(D)	13.3	1.6	11.7	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10.5	1.1	9.4	
5	3,332.7	3,221.3	106.0	5.4	25.6	1.5	24.1	
6	518.4	518.2	0.1	0.1	20.5	1.1	19.3	
7	4,813.0	4,728.9	69.0	15.1	1.4	(Y)	1.4	
8	(D)	(D)	0.2	(Y)	31.4	0.9	30.6	
9	79.9	79.9	(Y)	(Y)	20.7	2.6	18.1	
10	18.4	18.4	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.2	4.5	
United States	10,843.6	10,567.3	249.9	26.4	151.2	11.1	140.1	

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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 August 2024

[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	20.3	8.4	5.8	4.0	2.3	1.7	2.1	1.1
2	61.6	17.2	16.5	25.6	21.4	4.2	2.3	23.7
3	744.5	302.6	36.1	361.5	268.1	93.4	44.3	58.4
4	559.6	41.0	19.6	438.6	106.4	332.2	60.4	2.9
5	1,994.9	963.9	(D)	704.7	457.4	247.3	(D)	28.8
6	3,663.3	1,601.7	1,248.8	738.0	235.5	502.4	74.8	(D)
7	9,233.2	5,090.8	(D)	464.1	43.3	420.8	(D)	0.4
8	2,267.1	1,220.4	(D)	176.1	58.6	117.5	(D)	(Y)
9	1,222.9	496.8	203.6	505.5	425.3	80.1	17.0	(D)
10	1,147.3	452.0	333.2	344.5	226.9	117.5	17.6	(D)
United States	20,914.6	10,194.8	6,630.1	3,762.5	1,845.3	1,917.2	327.2	141.6
	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)	(1,000 head)
1	16.1	15.8	0.2	0.1	36.0	1.7	34.3	
2	81.9	81.4	0.4	0.1	165.0	15.6	149.4	
3	2,282.1	2,280.0	(D)	(D)	120.8	16.3	104.5	
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	91.3	8.3	83.0	
5	25,980.8	25,043.3	899.9	37.5	207.2	13.1	194.1	
6	4,046.6	4,045.1	1.0	0.5	150.3	6.0	144.2	
7	38,110.0	37,387.4	606.9	115.7	9.8	0.2	9.7	
8	(D)	(D)	3.6	0.2	272.5	6.5	266.0	
9	621.0	620.7	0.2	0.1	177.2	17.5	159.7	
10	142.5	142.1	0.3	0.1	38.8	1.5	37.2	
United States	85,235.6	82,899.3	2,139.9	196.4	1,268.9	86.8	1,182.1	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	January to August	
				2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.1	98.2
Calves	97.2	97.0	96.0	97.5	96.4
Hogs	99.4	99.5	99.4	99.5	99.5
Sheep	81.8	86.8	85.7	84.5	87.1

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 1,000 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and nearly 1,850 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmadge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 14). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Number of head slaughtered, live weights, and dressed weights are subject to revision the following month after the monthly release. Annual totals are published in the slaughter summary each April which includes any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports received from slaughter plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after the publication of the annual summary in April.

Procedures and Reliability: The livestock slaughter data is obtained electronically on a daily basis and summarized approximately two weeks after the week of slaughter. A computer program compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. Data are checked for unusual values for head kill, patterns of kill, average weights, and dressing percent, based on each plant's past operating profile. In addition, the computer program provides a listing of missing reports for follow-up contact with FSIS. Average live and dressed weights and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous weeks as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the species reported.

The FSIS District Veterinary Medical Specialists (DVMS) are contacted by e-mail or telephone for missing or potentially erroneous slaughter data. This assures that plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week. Any corrections FSIS makes to the slaughter data are included in the summary.

Computer imputation may be necessary for incomplete reports. The imputation of live and dressed weights is based on the current week reported data of plants of similar size and location. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle and hogs is less than 10 percent and 7 percent, respectively. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable. If no data is received electronically or by other means, for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species, data are imputed. The imputation of head for any plant is based on the historical data for that particular plant. The imputation of head slaughtered is rare but when necessary, the imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the United States head kill totals.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and statistics are also available on the NASS website. NFI data are summarized monthly only.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the computer edit program and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

No data are published when an individual plant's data could be divulged. If not published, as indicated with a (D), these data are still included in United States and region totals. A review of the data is made annually to determine the publishable data.

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