



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Up 10 Percent from Last Year

**July 2023** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in July, up 10 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in July 2023.

**Beef production**, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, up 5 percent from July 2023. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,380 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.3 million pounds, 11 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,600 head, down 24 percent from July 2023. The average live weight was up 44 pounds from last year, at 322 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.25 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from July 2023. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.3 million pounds, was up 19 percent from July 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,100 head, 16 percent above last year. The average live weight was 120 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2024 commercial red meat production** was 31.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 2 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	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024 as % of		January to July		
				July 2023	June 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,107.7	2,135.8	2,286.8	108	107	15,643.0	15,612.1	100
Veal .....	3.8	3.1	3.3	89	108	27.8	24.5	88
Pork .....	2,007.2	2,117.7	2,252.8	112	106	15,671.8	16,060.5	102
Lamb and mutton .....	9.5	10.4	11.3	119	109	76.4	78.3	103
Total red meat .....	4,128.1	4,267.0	4,554.2	110	107	31,419.0	31,775.3	101

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024 as % of		January to July		
				July 2023	June 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,077.3	2,103.6	2,255.8	109	107	15,396.3	15,378.7	100
Veal .....	3.6	3.0	3.2	89	109	27.0	23.5	87
Pork .....	1,996.8	2,109.2	2,242.5	112	106	15,602.5	15,994.0	103
Lamb and mutton .....	8.1	9.1	10.0	123	109	67.4	69.9	104
Total red meat .....	4,085.8	4,225.0	4,511.6	110	107	31,093.2	31,466.1	101

## Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024 as % of 2023	January to July		
					2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,553.6	2,495.0	2,678.7	105	18,834.4	18,257.4	97
Other ..... 1,000	44.0	45.9	43.6	99	361.5	334.1	92
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,597.6	2,540.9	2,722.3	105	19,195.8	18,591.4	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,346	1,385	1,382	103	1,361	1,391	102
Other ..... pounds	1,220	1,211	1,226	100	1,213	1,222	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,344	1,382	1,380	103	1,358	1,388	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	22.5	15.2	17.1	76	171.3	125.3	73
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.6	0.5	84	4.4	4.6	105
Commercial ..... 1,000	23.2	15.8	17.6	76	175.6	129.9	74
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	276	328	320	116	270	319	118
Other ..... pounds	346	405	368	106	361	380	105
Commercial ..... pounds	278	331	322	116	272	321	118
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	9,563.7	9,869.4	10,626.2	111	72,620.8	74,391.9	102
Other ..... 1,000	53.2	45.7	54.3	102	349.6	345.8	99
Commercial ..... 1,000	9,616.9	9,915.1	10,680.4	111	72,970.4	74,737.7	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	281	287	283	101	289	289	100
Other ..... pounds	268	255	260	97	273	265	97
Commercial ..... pounds	281	287	283	101	289	289	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	130.9	150.3	160.6	123	1,052.8	1,117.7	106
Other ..... 1,000	29.2	26.4	24.5	84	187.3	162.7	87
Commercial ..... 1,000	160.2	176.7	185.1	116	1,240.0	1,280.4	103
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	122	119	122	100	126	123	97
Other ..... pounds	97	96	105	108	97	102	105
Commercial ..... pounds	117	116	120	102	122	120	99
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	39.6	43.2	47.3	119	296.1	321.8	109
Other ..... 1,000	8.2	9.9	8.7	107	54.9	65.1	119
Commercial ..... 1,000	47.8	53.1	56.0	117	351.0	386.9	110
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	63	64	101	64	63	98
Other ..... pounds	90	85	84	93	87	82	94
Commercial ..... pounds	68	67	67	98	68	66	98
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	5.7	6.2	6.6	117	44.3	47.4	107
Other ..... 1,000	0.2	0.2	0.3	108	2.0	1.8	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	5.9	6.4	6.9	116	46.3	49.2	106

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.1	0.9	0.9	86
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	38.3	34.5	41.9	109
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.5	0.6	130
California .....	105.4	90.7	95.1	90
Colorado .....	156.8	168.2	182.9	117
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	2.4	2.8	112
Florida .....	5.9	5.5	5.9	101
Georgia .....	12.0	11.9	11.0	91
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.7	0.8	111
Idaho .....	35.6	42.7	46.5	131
Illinois .....	240.1	258.2	274.3	114
Indiana .....	138.7	146.2	159.0	115
Iowa .....	650.9	701.7	749.7	115
Kansas .....	465.1	467.5	487.9	105
Kentucky .....	50.7	48.7	52.3	103
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	0.4	140
Michigan .....	102.4	115.9	127.5	124
Minnesota .....	208.9	214.1	228.7	109
Mississippi .....	0.7	0.8	0.8	113
Missouri .....	149.1	145.4	163.0	109
Montana .....	1.6	3.8	1.7	110
Nebraska .....	581.9	631.0	659.9	113
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	2.6	2.7	113
New Jersey .....	3.5	3.9	4.3	124
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	102
New York .....	2.8	2.9	2.6	90
North Carolina .....	219.0	200.9	200.8	92
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.6	0.7	101
Ohio .....	23.8	24.2	25.9	109
Oklahoma .....	97.1	102.3	108.5	112
Oregon .....	2.5	2.2	2.5	102
Pennsylvania .....	118.6	120.0	132.0	111
South Carolina .....	14.4	15.2	15.8	110
South Dakota .....	102.5	110.4	118.2	115
Tennessee .....	25.6	23.3	26.0	102
Texas .....	342.8	363.9	397.7	116
Utah .....	47.0	46.9	49.1	104
Virginia .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	103
Washington .....	74.2	68.5	76.8	103
West Virginia .....	0.8	0.7	0.7	81
Wisconsin .....	99.1	84.5	93.9	95
Wyoming .....	0.8	0.8	1.0	125
United States .....	4,128.1	4,267.0	4,554.2	110

(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.

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	0.9	0.9	1,047	993	1,108	1,093
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	58	(X)	1,071
Arizona .....	43.1	47.3	61,292	66,973	1,424	1,418
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.8	612	828	1,018	1,048
California .....	122.7	108.3	164,517	142,899	1,349	1,330
Colorado .....	182.8	202.8	245,526	285,258	1,344	1,408
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	2.8	3,569	4,000	1,409	1,447
Florida .....	9.7	9.0	11,468	11,405	1,190	1,269
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.0	1.0	1,140	1,255	1,181	1,208
Idaho .....	48.0	(D)	61,073	(D)	1,277	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.8	6.5	4,632	7,465	1,209	1,155
Iowa .....	46.5	49.0	62,689	67,108	1,349	1,371
Kansas .....	530.7	536.2	718,499	749,481	1,354	1,398
Kentucky .....	5.3	6.5	5,772	7,507	1,098	1,164
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.6	405	572	870	947
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.5	0.5	519	510	954	1,029
Missouri .....	26.8	4.4	31,832	5,326	1,193	1,221
Montana .....	1.8	1.9	2,171	2,411	1,241	1,268
Nebraska .....	537.9	580.4	748,791	825,408	1,393	1,423
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	85	(X)	1,236
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	2.9	3,109	3,531	1,198	1,212
New Jersey .....	3.7	4.7	4,192	5,396	1,145	1,147
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.5	439	512	1,071	1,125
New York .....	3.3	2.6	3,813	3,201	1,175	1,234
North Carolina .....	6.2	6.6	7,587	8,118	1,230	1,235
North Dakota .....	0.8	0.9	1,104	1,121	1,333	1,296
Ohio .....	6.2	6.6	8,208	8,756	1,324	1,318
Oklahoma .....	4.6	6.4	5,399	7,307	1,184	1,160
Oregon .....	1.6	1.5	1,999	1,801	1,252	1,223
Pennsylvania .....	83.8	96.4	104,654	124,255	1,255	1,295
South Carolina .....	21.6	22.7	28,180	30,937	1,313	1,366
South Dakota .....	34.5	37.5	48,080	54,527	1,399	1,458
Tennessee .....	3.2	3.2	3,224	3,264	1,014	1,027
Texas .....	437.3	486.0	560,817	648,611	1,286	1,338
Utah .....	52.8	54.1	73,281	76,692	1,388	1,419
Virginia .....	1.3	1.3	1,446	1,374	1,110	1,054
Washington .....	86.2	87.9	120,338	123,519	1,398	1,410
West Virginia .....	0.9	0.7	1,131	870	1,238	1,241
Wisconsin .....	106.8	101.7	147,895	141,109	1,392	1,396
Wyoming .....	1.0	1.1	1,087	1,379	1,140	1,244
United States .....	2,597.6	2,722.3	3,483,336	3,749,101	1,344	1,380

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: July 2023 and 2024

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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	45	47	486	447
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.1	0.1	43	58	396	430
Indiana .....	0.4	0.4	165	176	385	414
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	0.1	0.1	32	30	247	231
New Jersey .....	1.3	1.2	474	471	373	381
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	2.9	(D)	267	(D)	92	(D)
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	30	50	282	341
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	4.0	3.1	966	1,070	240	351
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	6.4	6.8	2,779	2,986	437	441
South Carolina .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.1	0.1	53	40	416	478
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.1	(D)	16	(D)	254	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.9	(Y)	909	(X)	483	(X)
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	23.2	17.6	6,398	5,628	278	322

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	1.9	1.5	770	580	400	399
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	16	21	256	292
Arizona .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.5	110	135	269	275
California .....	72.8	81.1	15,783	18,271	217	226
Colorado .....	3.1	3.3	463	555	151	168
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.5	1.7	399	455	271	268
Florida .....	3.3	5.5	452	600	138	109
Georgia .....	4.7	5.7	1,260	1,548	265	274
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.2	37	52	247	268
Idaho .....	11.4	11.2	2,681	2,790	236	248
Illinois .....	863.9	995.5	243,300	281,043	282	282
Indiana .....	664.3	742.9	180,998	206,340	273	278
Iowa .....	2,977.9	3,333.7	829,296	953,870	279	286
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.1	0.2	38	46	259	238
Michigan .....	303.2	399.9	86,045	114,742	284	287
Minnesota .....	899.2	972.8	245,606	268,574	273	276
Mississippi .....	2.9	3.5	506	627	174	181
Missouri .....	624.3	742.9	178,108	212,803	285	287
Montana .....	1.3	1.5	332	383	257	256
Nebraska .....	562.8	685.8	159,236	195,937	283	286
Nevada .....	0.1	(D)	13	(D)	237	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.4	574	626	254	259
New Jersey .....	6.5	8.2	691	869	106	105
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.2	102	58	237	275
New York .....	1.8	2.0	435	481	238	244
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	49	58	298	276
Ohio .....	87.1	93.0	24,664	26,818	283	289
Oklahoma .....	450.3	493.0	124,549	137,087	277	278
Oregon .....	5.3	5.8	1,252	1,430	237	248
Pennsylvania .....	265.7	275.3	73,505	75,163	277	273
South Carolina .....	1.4	1.8	352	477	255	259
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	79.0	81.5	35,635	36,335	452	447
Texas .....	21.5	24.6	4,382	4,527	204	184
Utah .....	2.4	1.7	652	433	270	257
Virginia .....	0.8	0.9	245	275	313	290
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.8	0.7	220	188	293	286
Wisconsin .....	69.4	66.7	30,086	28,184	434	423
Wyoming .....	0.6	0.6	141	159	247	259
United States .....	9,616.9	10,680.4	2,701,735	3,023,596	281	283

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: July 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 .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	5	(X)	82
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.7	0.7	68	67	104	102
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	7	11	92	85
California .....	21.3	22.1	3,242	3,145	152	143
Colorado .....	25.4	32.0	4,067	5,212	160	163
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.7	1.6	166	151	99	94
Florida .....	2.6	2.9	133	150	51	52
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	15	13	138	113
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	27	34	138	141
Illinois .....	5.5	7.2	437	619	79	87
Indiana .....	6.1	5.8	627	633	102	108
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	29	29	135	119
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	34	40	112	118
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.3	136	139	103	106
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.7	35	49	59	67
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.5	0.5	39	38	73	76
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	8	13	66	67
Missouri .....	0.8	1.2	61	102	81	85
Montana .....	0.3	0.4	47	56	136	140
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.4	4.2	328	406	97	97
New Jersey .....	13.8	15.6	1,117	1,309	81	84
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.4	61	59	134	136
New York .....	5.1	5.9	446	604	87	102
North Carolina .....	2.1	4.6	129	293	61	64
North Dakota .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	7	(X)	114
Ohio .....	4.2	6.2	625	927	150	149
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4.5	4.5	693	695	155	153
Pennsylvania .....	9.7	9.7	952	1,022	98	106
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	26	21	129	126
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	23.3	28.1	2,300	3,090	99	110
Utah .....	1.4	1.4	193	194	134	134
Virginia .....	0.7	1.2	47	87	71	75
Washington .....	1.4	1.7	189	233	135	134
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.8	1.1	256	130	139	117
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.1	24	15	113	136
United States .....	160.2	185.1	18,810	22,193	117	120

(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	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	January to July		July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	January to July	
				2023	2024				2023	2024
	(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 .....	1,221.4	1,268.2	1,360.1	8,828.7	8,852.7	47.8	50.8	50.8	46.9	48.5
Heifers .....	784.8	775.0	816.9	5,846.7	5,809.7	30.7	31.1	30.5	31.0	31.8
All cows .....	504.4	410.2	456.7	3,859.0	3,313.0	19.8	16.4	17.1	20.5	18.1
Dairy cows .....	244.2	186.4	225.9	1,863.1	1,614.0	9.6	7.5	8.4	9.9	8.8
Other cows .....	260.2	223.8	230.9	1,995.9	1,699.0	10.2	9.0	8.6	10.6	9.3
Bulls .....	43.0	41.5	44.9	300.0	282.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total .....	2,553.6	2,495.0	2,678.7	18,834.4	18,257.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	22.5	15.2	17.1	171.3	125.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	9,271.0	9,591.0	10,342.6	70,601.4	72,331.9	96.9	97.2	97.3	97.2	97.2
Sows .....	270.0	255.1	259.0	1,843.0	1,890.0	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5
Boars .....	22.7	23.3	24.6	176.4	170.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	9,563.7	9,869.4	10,626.2	72,620.8	74,391.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	9.2	10.8	11.5	66.2	75.7	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.3	6.8
Lambs and yearlings .....	121.7	139.5	149.1	986.5	1,042.0	93.0	92.8	92.8	93.7	93.2
Total .....	130.9	150.3	160.6	1,052.8	1,117.7	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	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	January to July	
				2023	2024
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	815	845	844	819	844
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	893	915	917	896	919
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	811	834	834	822	841
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	625	638	635	633	644
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	880	923	915	874	903
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	163	196	191	158	189
<b>Hogs</b> .....	209	214	211	215	215
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	206	212	209	213	213
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	300	298	298	298	298
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	191	219	231	193	224
<b>Sheep</b> .....	62	61	62	64	63
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	65	65	65	64	65
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	62	60	62	64	62

<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: July 2024

[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 .....	2.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
2 .....	7.2	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.3	0.5	0.3	2.6
3 .....	99.3	40.9	4.7	48.0	35.2	12.8	5.7	7.1
4 .....	66.6	5.2	2.4	52.0	12.2	39.8	7.0	0.3
5 .....	257.7	127.5	(D)	87.9	59.7	28.2	(D)	3.6
6 .....	487.4	204.8	180.8	91.1	25.7	65.4	10.6	(D)
7 .....	1,160.7	668.8	(D)	50.0	4.2	45.7	(D)	(Y)
8 .....	293.6	178.1	(D)	20.9	8.7	12.1	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	155.8	66.0	25.4	62.2	51.5	10.7	2.4	(D)
10 .....	147.7	65.5	38.2	41.5	26.1	15.4	2.5	(D)
United States .....	2,678.7	1,360.1	816.9	456.7	225.9	230.9	44.9	17.1
	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 .....	2.2	2.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.1	0.1	4.0	
2 .....	10.2	10.1	0.1	(Y)	21.1	2.0	19.1	
3 .....	276.9	276.6	(D)	(D)	13.3	2.3	11.0	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	11.6	1.2	10.5	
5 .....	3,243.8	3,132.4	106.8	4.5	27.6	1.6	26.0	
6 .....	514.7	514.6	0.1	(Y)	21.7	0.8	20.9	
7 .....	4,772.2	4,686.1	71.2	14.9	1.3	(Y)	1.2	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.2	(Y)	33.3	0.8	32.5	
9 .....	77.8	77.8	(Y)	(Y)	21.6	2.4	19.2	
10 .....	18.1	18.1	(Y)	(Y)	5.0	0.2	4.7	
United States .....	10,626.2	10,342.6	259.0	24.6	160.6	11.5	149.1	

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<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 July 2024

[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 .....	17.7	7.3	5.0	3.5	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.0
2 .....	54.2	14.7	14.6	23.0	19.2	3.8	2.0	21.1
3 .....	647.1	263.6	31.0	314.4	233.4	81.0	38.1	51.9
4 .....	489.3	36.1	17.2	382.6	92.2	290.4	53.5	2.6
5 .....	1,740.4	834.3	(D)	620.7	398.1	222.6	(D)	25.2
6 .....	3,199.3	1,407.5	1,083.5	643.6	206.3	437.4	64.7	(D)
7 .....	8,067.8	4,422.5	(D)	420.8	38.8	382.0	(D)	0.4
8 .....	1,964.6	1,047.0	(D)	155.6	50.2	105.4	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,074.1	433.0	180.5	445.7	373.7	72.0	14.8	(D)
10 .....	1,002.7	386.7	298.3	303.0	199.9	103.1	14.6	(D)
United States .....	18,257.4	8,852.7	5,809.7	3,313.0	1,614.0	1,699.0	282.0	125.3
	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 .....	13.7	13.5	0.2	0.1	32.0	1.6	30.4	
2 .....	72.4	72.0	0.3	0.1	145.9	13.8	132.1	
3 .....	1,979.3	1,977.5	(D)	(D)	107.5	14.6	92.9	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	80.8	7.2	73.6	
5 .....	22,648.1	21,822.0	794.0	32.1	181.6	11.5	170.1	
6 .....	3,528.1	3,526.8	0.9	0.4	129.8	4.9	124.9	
7 .....	33,297.1	32,658.5	537.9	100.6	8.5	0.1	8.3	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	3.4	0.2	241.0	5.6	235.4	
9 .....	541.1	540.8	0.2	0.1	156.5	14.9	141.6	
10 .....	124.1	123.7	0.3	0.1	34.1	1.3	32.7	
United States .....	74,391.9	72,331.9	1,890.0	170.0	1,117.7	75.7	1,042.0	

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

Species	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	January to July	
				2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.3	98.2	98.4	98.1	98.2
Calves .....	97.3	96.2	97.0	97.5	96.5
Hogs .....	99.4	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5
Sheep .....	81.8	85.1	86.8	84.9	87.3

## 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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