



# Livestock Slaughter

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## All-Time Record Low Veal Production in June

**June 2023** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**June 2024** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in June, down 6 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in June 2023.

**Beef production**, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 12 percent from June 2023. The average live weight was up 44 pounds from the previous year, at 1,382 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.1 million pounds, 21 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 15,800 head, down 33 percent from June 2023. The average live weight was up 48 pounds from last year, at 331 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.12 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.92 million head, down 5 percent from June 2023. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 6 percent from June 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 5 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2024 commercial red meat production** was 27.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2023.

Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	June 2024 as % of		January to June		
				June 2023	May 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,337.2	2,326.4	2,136.3	91	92	13,535.3	13,325.9	98
Veal .....	3.9	3.5	3.1	79	88	24.0	21.1	88
Pork .....	2,202.0	2,278.6	2,117.7	96	93	13,664.7	13,807.7	101
Lamb and mutton .....	11.1	11.5	10.4	94	91	66.9	67.0	100
Total red meat .....	4,554.2	4,619.9	4,267.5	94	92	27,290.9	27,221.7	100

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	June 2024 as % of		January to June		
				June 2023	May 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,300.7	2,292.3	2,104.2	91	92	13,319.1	13,123.4	99
Veal .....	3.8	3.4	3.0	78	87	23.3	20.3	87
Pork .....	2,191.9	2,269.5	2,109.2	96	93	13,605.7	13,751.4	101
Lamb and mutton .....	9.5	10.2	9.1	95	89	59.3	60.0	101
Total red meat .....	4,505.9	4,575.4	4,225.5	94	92	27,007.4	26,955.1	100

# Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	June 2024 as % of 2023	January to June		
					2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,844.2	2,697.0	2,495.0	88	16,280.8	15,578.7	96
Other ..... 1,000	53.3	48.5	45.9	86	317.4	290.4	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,897.5	2,745.5	2,540.9	88	16,598.2	15,869.1	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,341	1,398	1,385	103	1,363	1,393	102
Other ..... pounds	1,208	1,219	1,211	100	1,212	1,221	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,338	1,395	1,382	103	1,360	1,390	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	22.9	17.2	15.2	66	148.7	108.2	73
Other ..... 1,000	0.5	0.6	0.6	122	3.7	4.0	109
Commercial ..... 1,000	23.4	17.7	15.8	67	152.5	112.3	74
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	281	333	328	117	269	318	118
Other ..... pounds	379	395	405	107	363	382	105
Commercial ..... pounds	283	335	331	117	272	321	118
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	10,374.5	10,534.3	9,869.4	95	63,057.2	63,765.7	101
Other ..... 1,000	52.5	48.5	45.7	87	296.4	291.6	98
Commercial ..... 1,000	10,426.9	10,582.8	9,915.1	95	63,353.6	64,057.3	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	284	290	287	101	290	290	100
Other ..... pounds	264	257	255	96	274	265	97
Commercial ..... pounds	284	290	287	101	290	290	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	148.8	163.0	150.3	101	921.8	957.1	104
Other ..... 1,000	32.2	23.9	26.4	82	158.0	138.2	87
Commercial ..... 1,000	181.0	187.0	176.7	98	1,079.9	1,095.3	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	127	123	119	94	127	123	97
Other ..... pounds	95	105	96	101	97	101	105
Commercial ..... pounds	121	121	116	95	123	120	98
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	43.7	47.5	43.2	99	256.5	274.5	107
Other ..... 1,000	9.5	8.4	9.9	104	46.7	56.3	121
Commercial ..... 1,000	53.2	56.0	53.1	100	303.2	330.8	109
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	63	98	65	63	98
Other ..... pounds	85	81	85	99	87	82	94
Commercial ..... pounds	68	67	67	98	68	66	98
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	6.4	6.7	6.2	97	38.7	40.8	105
Other ..... 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.2	69	1.7	1.5	88
Commercial ..... 1,000	6.7	6.9	6.4	96	40.4	42.3	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	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	June 2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.2	1.0	0.9	77
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	40.9	40.6	34.5	84
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.6	0.5	93
California .....	116.5	99.2	90.7	78
Colorado .....	171.4	183.2	168.2	98
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.7	2.4	91
Florida .....	7.3	6.6	5.5	75
Georgia .....	14.9	11.6	11.9	80
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.9	0.7	84
Idaho .....	37.7	45.9	42.7	113
Illinois .....	258.9	282.6	258.2	100
Indiana .....	157.2	158.0	146.2	93
Iowa .....	702.0	753.2	701.7	100
Kansas .....	502.6	517.7	468.1	93
Kentucky .....	47.7	52.5	48.7	102
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	0.4	129
Michigan .....	109.3	126.1	115.9	106
Minnesota .....	225.2	228.6	214.1	95
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.9	0.8	99
Missouri .....	162.6	157.8	145.4	89
Montana .....	4.7	3.2	3.8	80
Nebraska .....	654.3	659.7	631.0	96
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	91
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	2.7	2.6	89
New Jersey .....	3.8	4.1	3.9	102
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.3	0.3	81
New York .....	3.5	3.4	2.9	84
North Carolina .....	262.2	223.4	200.9	77
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	84
Ohio .....	24.3	26.4	24.2	100
Oklahoma .....	109.9	110.9	102.3	93
Oregon .....	2.8	2.3	2.2	78
Pennsylvania .....	134.7	133.5	120.0	89
South Carolina .....	16.6	16.5	15.2	92
South Dakota .....	112.0	120.6	110.4	99
Tennessee .....	27.2	26.1	23.3	86
Texas .....	393.3	385.0	363.9	93
Utah .....	47.6	50.6	46.9	99
Virginia .....	1.4	1.3	1.1	78
Washington .....	83.1	78.8	68.5	82
West Virginia .....	0.8	0.8	0.7	83
Wisconsin .....	106.5	98.1	84.5	79
Wyoming .....	0.8	0.9	0.8	109
United States .....	4,554.2	4,619.9	4,267.5	94

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	0.9	1,193	1,029	1,111	1,092
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	46.5	38.6	65,540	54,983	1,413	1,425
Arkansas .....	0.8	0.7	791	776	1,030	1,037
California .....	134.0	99.4	181,036	134,807	1,360	1,366
Colorado .....	200.7	188.6	269,234	263,616	1,342	1,399
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.5	3,797	3,537	1,420	1,435
Florida .....	11.9	8.3	14,385	10,608	1,212	1,279
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.1	0.9	1,346	1,091	1,188	1,163
Idaho .....	51.6	(D)	65,574	(D)	1,276	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4.3	5.7	5,220	6,829	1,208	1,205
Iowa .....	49.0	44.9	65,965	61,701	1,348	1,375
Kansas .....	580.4	521.5	778,320	721,677	1,341	1,384
Kentucky .....	6.6	5.6	7,151	6,510	1,097	1,177
Louisiana .....	0.5	0.5	432	542	844	1,000
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.6	0.6	617	592	951	985
Missouri .....	24.0	4.1	29,298	4,919	1,222	1,190
Montana .....	5.6	4.5	7,186	5,637	1,272	1,261
Nebraska .....	614.0	556.1	844,318	794,359	1,376	1,430
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	100	91	1,174	1,100
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.7	3,689	3,339	1,210	1,232
New Jersey .....	4.3	4.2	4,754	4,721	1,116	1,137
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.4	519	423	1,111	1,104
New York .....	4.1	3.2	4,932	4,004	1,217	1,247
North Carolina .....	8.7	6.8	10,762	8,378	1,237	1,240
North Dakota .....	0.9	0.7	1,119	937	1,222	1,280
Ohio .....	6.4	5.9	8,540	7,759	1,325	1,318
Oklahoma .....	6.1	6.3	7,266	7,233	1,194	1,168
Oregon .....	1.9	1.3	2,374	1,692	1,238	1,257
Pennsylvania .....	96.0	81.9	122,130	107,958	1,277	1,323
South Carolina .....	24.2	21.7	32,346	29,780	1,342	1,382
South Dakota .....	39.4	36.1	54,472	53,589	1,391	1,491
Tennessee .....	3.9	2.8	3,928	2,950	1,022	1,048
Texas .....	501.3	445.2	644,107	595,099	1,288	1,340
Utah .....	54.1	51.7	74,658	73,185	1,380	1,416
Virginia .....	1.7	1.3	1,811	1,417	1,095	1,078
Washington .....	98.1	79.4	135,866	110,756	1,388	1,398
West Virginia .....	0.9	0.7	1,078	881	1,203	1,245
Wisconsin .....	112.9	87.4	157,098	121,912	1,401	1,403
Wyoming .....	0.9	1.0	1,070	1,196	1,138	1,204
United States .....	2,897.5	2,540.9	3,869,679	3,504,789	1,338	1,382

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	55	38	487	431
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.1	0.1	20	38	370	383
Indiana .....	0.5	0.4	231	141	443	397
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	29	225	263
New Jersey .....	1.2	1.2	452	456	378	380
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	3.2	(D)	301	(D)	94	(D)
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	18	32	284	334
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	4.2	2.9	1,101	1,034	261	363
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	6.3	6.2	2,761	2,755	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	41	59	388	483
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.1	(D)	19	(D)	282	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.9	(Y)	907	(X)	475	(X)
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	23.4	15.8	6,599	5,192	283	331

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(X) Not applicable.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 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 .....	2.0	1.4	823	556	418	402
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	286
Arizona .....	0.1	(Y)	16	(X)	265	(X)
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.3	108	68	268	246
California .....	79.5	81.1	17,361	18,096	219	223
Colorado .....	3.1	2.3	463	348	149	151
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.6	1.4	433	385	265	270
Florida .....	4.7	4.0	533	462	112	115
Georgia .....	5.4	5.0	1,498	1,348	278	272
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.2	42	44	255	264
Idaho .....	12.0	11.0	2,844	2,757	238	251
Illinois .....	931.7	933.7	262,358	267,693	282	287
Indiana .....	748.4	681.8	205,047	189,912	274	279
Iowa .....	3,189.2	3,088.1	894,584	895,923	281	290
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.2	0.3	46	81	237	255
Michigan .....	322.9	364.7	92,898	105,621	288	290
Minnesota .....	962.5	911.9	262,469	254,332	273	279
Mississippi .....	3.3	3.1	564	558	173	177
Missouri .....	690.6	650.5	197,203	189,412	286	291
Montana .....	2.1	1.8	733	538	348	296
Nebraska .....	625.2	635.0	176,293	182,818	282	288
Nevada .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	2.1	720	569	265	265
New Jersey .....	7.9	8.0	812	845	103	105
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	49	59	241	282
New York .....	1.9	1.8	463	435	242	239
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.2	82	66	278	300
Ohio .....	89.3	86.6	25,102	25,374	281	293
Oklahoma .....	493.2	447.0	139,378	128,396	283	287
Oregon .....	5.8	4.4	1,390	1,113	239	251
Pennsylvania .....	287.7	260.9	81,317	72,298	283	277
South Carolina .....	2.0	1.8	503	449	247	252
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	82.6	72.2	37,599	32,324	456	448
Texas .....	22.6	21.0	4,979	3,983	221	190
Utah .....	2.0	1.7	430	497	220	297
Virginia .....	1.1	0.8	313	231	295	295
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.6	0.6	190	173	294	306
Wisconsin .....	75.6	68.7	33,379	28,784	442	419
Wyoming .....	0.5	0.5	139	127	255	255
United States .....	10,426.9	9,915.1	2,960,399	2,843,341	284	287

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 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 .....	0.1	0.1	8	7	85	82
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.6	0.7	63	74	102	112
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	7	8	118	88
California .....	24.3	21.6	3,570	3,091	147	143
Colorado .....	32.7	28.2	5,505	4,636	168	165
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.3	1.4	223	140	95	101
Florida .....	2.7	3.1	142	160	52	52
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.2	20	21	140	112
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	32	27	153	144
Illinois .....	5.5	6.6	460	552	84	83
Indiana .....	7.1	6.6	764	708	108	107
Iowa .....	0.3	0.2	40	19	136	117
Kansas .....	0.4	0.4	35	35	98	96
Kentucky .....	1.4	1.0	155	106	107	102
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.6	38	34	56	59
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.6	0.5	46	36	77	76
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	5	14	68	68
Missouri .....	0.7	1.2	64	91	89	77
Montana .....	0.7	0.8	87	109	124	139
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	142	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	5.0	483	499	102	100
New Jersey .....	14.5	15.2	1,187	1,277	82	84
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.4	72	46	143	126
New York .....	5.6	6.7	491	669	87	100
North Carolina .....	2.9	4.9	180	297	61	61
North Dakota .....	0.1	0.1	12	11	126	146
Ohio .....	4.6	5.3	751	845	164	160
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4.3	4.5	680	696	160	154
Pennsylvania .....	10.2	9.5	1,018	983	100	103
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	21	22	119	127
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	24.3	27.4	2,385	2,606	98	95
Utah .....	1.3	1.3	183	180	136	134
Virginia .....	0.9	0.9	65	64	71	70
Washington .....	1.4	1.3	185	172	136	136
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	3.1	0.6	428	71	138	113
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	8	9	124	144
United States .....	181.0	176.7	21,937	20,437	121	116

(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	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	January to June		June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	January to June	
				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 .....	1,383.0	1,344.1	1,269.7	7,607.3	7,494.0	48.6	49.8	50.9	46.7	48.1
Heifers .....	850.9	852.3	773.6	5,061.9	4,991.4	29.9	31.6	31.0	31.1	32.0
All cows .....	559.9	457.2	410.2	3,354.6	2,856.3	19.7	17.0	16.4	20.6	18.3
Dairy cows .....	255.7	216.0	186.4	1,618.9	1,388.2	9.0	8.0	7.5	9.9	8.9
Other cows .....	304.1	241.3	223.8	1,735.6	1,468.1	10.7	8.9	9.0	10.7	9.4
Bulls .....	50.4	43.4	41.5	257.0	237.1	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total .....	2,844.2	2,697.0	2,495.0	16,280.8	15,578.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	22.9	17.2	15.2	148.7	108.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	10,058.8	10,224.9	9,591.0	61,330.4	61,989.3	97.0	97.1	97.2	97.3	97.2
Sows .....	289.8	281.9	255.1	1,573.1	1,631.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6
Boars .....	25.9	27.5	23.3	153.7	145.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	10,374.5	10,534.3	9,869.4	63,057.2	63,765.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10.1	12.4	10.8	57.0	64.2	6.8	7.6	7.2	6.2	6.7
Lambs and yearlings .....	138.7	150.7	139.5	864.8	892.9	93.2	92.4	92.8	93.8	93.3
Total .....	148.8	163.0	150.3	921.8	957.1	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	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	January to June	
				2023	2024
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	811	852	845	820	844
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	884	922	915	896	919
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	809	847	834	824	842
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	623	645	638	635	645
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	903	923	922	873	900
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	166	199	196	158	189
<b>Hogs</b> .....	211	215	214	216	216
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	209	213	212	214	214
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	303	301	298	298	298
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	195	224	219	193	223
<b>Sheep</b> .....	64	63	61	64	63
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	65	64	65	64	65
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	64	62	60	64	63

<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: June 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 .....	2.4	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
2 .....	7.3	2.0	1.8	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.3	2.3
3 .....	84.3	35.4	4.2	39.6	28.4	11.2	5.1	6.5
4 .....	66.4	4.9	2.2	52.3	10.7	41.6	7.1	0.3
5 .....	224.6	114.1	(D)	70.8	48.8	22.0	(D)	3.3
6 .....	446.1	191.7	160.4	85.9	21.8	64.1	8.1	(D)
7 .....	1,117.1	645.8	(D)	45.6	3.9	41.7	(D)	(Y)
8 .....	275.3	156.3	(D)	17.8	6.4	11.4	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	138.2	61.0	19.1	55.4	41.6	13.8	2.7	(D)
10 .....	133.3	57.5	33.9	39.3	21.9	17.4	2.6	(D)
United States .....	2,495.0	1,269.7	773.6	410.2	186.4	223.8	41.5	15.2
	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 .....	2.0	1.9	(Y)	(Y)	4.9	0.2	4.7	
2 .....	9.8	9.7	0.1	(Y)	20.8	1.7	19.1	
3 .....	262.3	262.1	(D)	(D)	12.6	1.8	10.8	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12.3	1.1	11.2	
5 .....	3,027.6	2,912.1	111.1	4.4	24.1	1.8	22.3	
6 .....	464.4	464.2	0.1	(Y)	19.6	0.7	18.9	
7 .....	4,384.9	4,299.2	72.1	13.6	1.3	(Y)	1.3	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.5	(Y)	29.3	0.8	28.5	
9 .....	77.1	77.1	(Y)	(Y)	20.3	2.4	17.9	
10 .....	16.5	16.5	(Y)	(Y)	4.9	0.2	4.7	
United States .....	9,869.4	9,591.0	255.1	23.3	150.3	10.8	139.5	

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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 June 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 .....	15.1	6.2	4.2	3.0	1.8	1.2	1.7	0.9
2 .....	47.0	12.3	12.8	20.2	16.9	3.3	1.7	18.5
3 .....	547.8	222.7	26.3	266.4	198.2	68.2	32.3	44.8
4 .....	422.7	30.9	14.8	330.6	80.0	250.6	46.4	2.2
5 .....	1,482.7	706.8	(D)	532.8	338.5	194.3	(D)	21.7
6 .....	2,711.9	1,202.6	902.6	552.6	180.5	372.0	54.1	(D)
7 .....	6,907.3	3,755.2	(D)	370.9	34.6	336.3	(D)	0.3
8 .....	1,671.1	868.9	(D)	134.7	41.5	93.3	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	918.2	367.0	155.2	383.5	322.3	61.3	12.5	(D)
10 .....	854.9	321.2	260.1	261.5	173.8	87.7	12.1	(D)
United States .....	15,578.7	7,494.0	4,991.4	2,856.3	1,388.2	1,468.1	237.1	108.2
	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 .....	11.5	11.3	0.1	0.1	27.9	1.5	26.4	
2 .....	62.3	62.0	0.2	0.1	124.9	11.8	113.0	
3 .....	1,702.4	1,700.8	(D)	(D)	94.2	12.3	81.9	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	69.2	6.1	63.1	
5 .....	19,404.3	18,689.6	687.1	27.7	154.0	10.0	144.1	
6 .....	3,013.4	3,012.3	0.8	0.3	108.1	4.1	104.0	
7 .....	28,524.9	27,972.4	466.7	85.7	7.2	0.1	7.1	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	3.1	0.2	207.7	4.8	202.9	
9 .....	463.2	463.0	0.2	0.1	134.9	12.5	122.4	
10 .....	106.0	105.7	0.3	(Y)	29.1	1.1	28.0	
United States .....	63,765.7	61,989.3	1,631.0	145.4	957.1	64.2	892.9	

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

Species	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	January to June	
				2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.1	98.2
Calves .....	97.9	96.8	96.2	97.6	96.4
Hogs .....	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5
Sheep .....	82.2	87.2	85.1	85.4	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 1,000 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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