



Livestock Slaughter

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Total Red Meat Production Down in April

April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

April 2023 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.20 billion pounds in April, down 8 percent from the 4.54 billion pounds produced in April 2022.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 11 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 10 percent from April 2022. The average live weight was down 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,354 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.6 million pounds, 21 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,900 head, down 22 percent from April 2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 280 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.12 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.77 million head, down 3 percent from April 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,900 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, down 6 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2023 commercial red meat production was 18.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 13 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	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,326.7	2,404.8	2,069.4	89	86	9,350.1	8,891.0	95
Veal	4.5	4.2	3.6	79	85	18.3	16.0	87
Pork	2,201.3	2,488.2	2,119.4	96	85	9,105.9	9,190.0	101
Lamb and mutton	12.3	12.7	11.0	89	87	43.8	43.9	100
Total red meat	4,544.9	4,909.8	4,203.4	92	86	18,518.0	18,140.9	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of		January to April		
				April 2022	March 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,289.5	2,367.3	2,034.7	89	86	9,197.1	8,748.8	95
Veal	4.4	4.1	3.5	79	85	17.7	15.5	87
Pork	2,192.0	2,478.3	2,110.3	96	85	9,066.8	9,152.4	101
Lamb and mutton	10.8	11.7	9.7	90	83	38.9	39.9	102
Total red meat	4,496.7	4,861.3	4,158.2	92	86	18,320.7	17,956.6	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of 2022	January to April		
					2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,759.0	2,883.6	2,493.1	90	10,997.1	10,649.7	97
Other 1,000	54.0	55.1	50.7	94	221.9	207.9	94
Commercial 1,000	2,813.0	2,938.7	2,543.8	90	11,219.0	10,857.6	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,376	1,369	1,357	99	1,391	1,372	99
Other pounds	1,214	1,206	1,210	100	1,221	1,213	99
Commercial pounds	1,373	1,366	1,354	99	1,387	1,369	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	27.4	25.5	21.4	78	120.9	102.0	84
Other 1,000	0.7	0.7	0.5	76	2.7	2.3	88
Commercial 1,000	28.1	26.2	21.9	78	123.5	104.4	84
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	274	274	277	101	254	262	103
Other pounds	364	371	369	101	377	368	98
Commercial pounds	277	277	280	101	257	264	103
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,032.1	11,414.7	9,724.2	97	41,487.7	42,149.1	102
Other 1,000	46.6	49.8	46.2	99	194.6	190.4	98
Commercial 1,000	10,078.7	11,464.5	9,770.4	97	41,682.4	42,339.5	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	293	292	291	99	293	292	100
Other pounds	274	272	272	99	275	272	99
Commercial pounds	293	292	291	99	293	292	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	167.5	179.1	156.9	94	585.6	618.5	106
Other 1,000	30.9	19.6	29.1	94	99.1	83.6	84
Commercial 1,000	198.5	198.7	185.9	94	684.7	702.2	103
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	128	129	122	96	132	127	97
Other pounds	98	104	89	91	98	97	99
Commercial pounds	123	126	117	95	127	124	98
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	43.8	47.7	41.7	95	163.9	168.6	103
Other 1,000	8.7	8.1	6.9	79	35.7	29.4	82
Commercial 1,000	52.5	55.8	48.6	93	199.5	198.0	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	65	64	100	64	65	101
Other pounds	84	87	85	101	85	85	101
Commercial pounds	68	68	67	100	68	68	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.4	7.4	5.8	108	23.7	25.8	109
Other 1,000	0.1	0.3	0.2	169	1.0	1.2	111
Commercial 1,000	5.5	7.7	6.1	110	24.8	27.0	109

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.2	1.5	1.3	103
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	40.0	44.8	39.4	98
Arkansas	0.6	0.7	0.5	87
California	141.1	122.8	102.2	72
Colorado	164.5	183.0	142.2	86
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.9	2.4	89
Florida	8.6	8.2	7.2	83
Georgia	13.7	13.2	12.5	91
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	0.7	78
Idaho	35.2	35.5	30.8	88
Illinois	258.5	285.7	247.6	96
Indiana	153.7	164.9	144.2	94
Iowa	692.9	799.7	698.7	101
Kansas	508.9	517.1	450.7	89
Kentucky	51.0	54.8	47.9	94
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	0.4	81
Michigan	106.3	117.0	100.3	94
Minnesota	246.8	278.4	231.1	94
Mississippi	0.8	0.9	0.8	92
Missouri	166.4	191.9	166.4	100
Montana	3.3	2.4	2.3	70
Nebraska	640.0	672.8	569.6	89
Nevada	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
New England ¹	2.9	2.7	2.5	86
New Jersey	4.0	4.5	3.8	95
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	90
New York	3.6	3.7	3.3	92
North Carolina	241.1	286.5	244.3	101
North Dakota	0.9	0.7	0.8	88
Ohio	22.2	24.5	21.3	96
Oklahoma	102.6	117.8	98.9	96
Oregon	3.9	2.7	2.3	60
Pennsylvania	122.0	142.9	119.6	98
South Carolina	15.6	17.3	15.0	96
South Dakota	117.2	128.9	106.0	90
Tennessee	23.7	28.1	21.2	89
Texas	416.1	407.6	349.1	84
Utah	44.2	48.6	42.6	96
Virginia	1.8	1.6	1.3	75
Washington	76.0	84.9	77.0	101
West Virginia	0.7	1.0	0.9	125
Wisconsin	107.4	105.2	93.2	87
Wyoming	0.8	0.8	0.7	87
United States	4,544.9	4,909.8	4,203.4	92

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022 (1,000 head)	2023 (1,000 head)	2022 (1,000 pounds)	2023 (1,000 pounds)	2022 (pounds)	2023 (pounds)
Alabama	1.1	1.5	1,161	1,683	1,064	1,154
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	62	(X)	1,120	(X)
Arizona	45.3	44.6	64,140	63,257	1,419	1,422
Arkansas	1.0	0.8	943	836	976	998
California	133.6	120.1	179,679	159,954	1,353	1,341
Colorado	182.9	163.2	256,361	222,077	1,403	1,362
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.5	3,928	3,463	1,448	1,389
Florida	13.5	11.3	17,145	13,826	1,269	1,223
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.3	1.0	1,560	1,175	1,208	1,171
Idaho	48.0	41.6	61,975	53,751	1,299	1,299
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.8	3.6	5,810	4,350	1,209	1,210
Iowa	42.9	45.2	60,593	62,898	1,412	1,393
Kansas	574.8	518.6	788,291	698,804	1,372	1,348
Kentucky	5.5	5.9	5,900	6,285	1,075	1,076
Louisiana	0.7	0.6	573	474	860	831
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.8	0.7	795	658	993	933
Missouri	26.9	25.7	30,983	30,435	1,155	1,190
Montana	3.6	3.0	4,841	3,749	1,328	1,246
Nebraska	562.9	518.9	820,015	732,465	1,458	1,413
Nevada	0.1	0.1	103	70	1,211	1,252
New England ¹	3.2	2.6	3,815	3,135	1,196	1,187
New Jersey	4.3	4.1	4,905	4,659	1,137	1,148
New Mexico	0.6	0.5	698	553	1,153	1,149
New York	3.9	3.8	4,792	4,509	1,236	1,185
North Carolina	7.9	7.0	9,629	8,601	1,227	1,238
North Dakota	1.0	0.9	1,360	1,198	1,310	1,271
Ohio	6.9	6.1	9,141	8,200	1,335	1,336
Oklahoma	6.4	6.2	7,670	7,353	1,191	1,200
Oregon	2.7	1.6	3,057	1,943	1,116	1,231
Pennsylvania	85.5	85.6	107,678	109,014	1,266	1,280
South Carolina	22.9	21.4	30,349	29,241	1,329	1,370
South Dakota	40.0	33.9	57,096	47,816	1,438	1,415
Tennessee	3.9	3.4	4,212	3,376	1,081	1,000
Texas	516.7	438.8	680,805	572,675	1,321	1,309
Utah	49.0	48.0	68,905	66,564	1,406	1,387
Virginia	2.0	1.7	2,148	1,828	1,075	1,075
Washington	89.7	90.4	125,153	126,171	1,398	1,399
West Virginia	1.0	1.2	1,006	1,330	1,056	1,125
Wisconsin	116.6	101.6	162,716	142,074	1,403	1,407
Wyoming	1.0	0.8	1,171	1,012	1,159	1,203
United States	2,813.0	2,543.8	3,854,394	3,435,981	1,373	1,354

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 2022 and 2023

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022 (1,000 head)	2023 (1,000 head)	2022 (1,000 pounds)	2023 (1,000 pounds)	2022 (pounds)	2023 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	3.2	(D)	435	(D)	140	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	0.2	(D)	93	(D)	445	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.2	73	87	484	484
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.2	0.1	51	38	310	339
Indiana	0.6	0.6	271	277	430	458
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Mississippi	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.2	0.2	70	39	285	234
New Jersey	1.4	1.2	515	458	373	381
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	4.0	3.0	408	295	104	100
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	28	30	302	292
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	5.4	3.4	1,085	775	203	227
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	6.9	5.7	3,008	2,474	437	431
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Texas	0.3	0.1	98	32	383	392
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	0.2	0.1	51	17	298	270
Washington	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
West Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	2.5	1.9	1,172	883	461	473
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	28.1	21.9	7,727	6,090	277	280

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 2022 and 2023

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	2.0	1.4	894	510	437	375
Alaska	0.1	0.1	32	23	281	264
Arizona	0.2	0.1	47	24	278	261
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	108	105	253	253
California	197.2	69.7	50,356	15,400	256	221
Colorado	2.0	2.6	345	410	175	157
Delaware-Maryland	1.4	1.4	391	401	272	280
Florida	4.5	4.9	571	599	128	123
Georgia	5.0	4.6	1,407	1,240	279	272
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	41	45	263	267
Idaho	13.2	11.6	3,567	2,834	270	244
Illinois	893.8	873.1	260,094	251,423	291	288
Indiana	708.2	675.9	199,697	188,513	282	279
Iowa	3,044.3	3,094.4	883,348	892,143	290	288
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	79	61	215	201
Michigan	287.2	285.4	87,186	84,469	304	296
Minnesota	1,013.8	983.0	284,870	274,679	281	279
Mississippi	3.1	2.9	507	518	161	176
Missouri	676.9	677.9	200,542	201,358	296	297
Montana	1.1	1.1	294	318	270	283
Nebraska	613.1	545.3	177,708	158,858	290	291
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	1.9	2.0	550	587	290	292
New Jersey	6.7	6.1	688	645	103	105
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	43	48	230	257
New York	2.4	2.0	615	522	262	267
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	63	60	287	315
Ohio	77.0	76.0	21,760	21,513	283	283
Oklahoma	432.1	420.8	130,836	124,916	303	297
Oregon	8.5	4.6	2,299	1,128	270	246
Pennsylvania	264.4	250.3	75,674	71,923	286	287
South Carolina	1.9	1.8	497	456	257	256
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	72.0	65.1	32,098	29,119	446	448
Texas	21.4	21.1	4,468	4,725	209	224
Utah	(D)	1.8	(D)	443	(D)	254
Virginia	(D)	0.9	(D)	281	(D)	313
Washington	1.8	(D)	452	(D)	258	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.6	143	182	285	282
Wisconsin	68.1	57.2	28,718	24,532	422	430
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	94	84	291	282
United States	10,078.7	9,770.4	2,950,637	2,845,074	293	291

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 2022 and 2023

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.2	0.2	27	23	110	107
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	13	5	134	98
California	26.1	23.5	4,067	3,623	156	155
Colorado	33.8	31.4	5,947	5,144	176	164
Delaware-Maryland	2.7	2.3	266	220	98	94
Florida	2.8	3.0	149	154	53	51
Georgia	2.0	(D)	134	(D)	67	(D)
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	18	11	138	140
Idaho	0.1	0.1	15	18	150	139
Illinois	7.7	6.0	636	501	83	84
Indiana	7.3	6.6	786	661	108	100
Iowa	0.1	0.1	15	11	154	139
Kansas	0.4	0.3	34	28	82	90
Kentucky	1.1	1.3	132	133	121	103
Louisiana	1.1	0.8	61	47	57	59
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.6	0.5	49	42	88	78
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	7	6	76	61
Missouri	0.7	0.8	61	71	82	87
Montana	0.7	0.3	85	32	128	128
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	7	7	111	110
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	6.2	5.9	571	515	92	87
New Jersey	18.7	18.3	1,519	1,473	81	80
New Mexico	0.6	0.5	81	73	137	139
New York	7.0	7.7	622	608	89	79
North Carolina	2.4	2.0	165	127	68	63
North Dakota	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ohio	4.6	4.3	745	711	161	165
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.5	4.1	684	658	152	159
Pennsylvania	12.8	13.4	1,297	1,233	101	92
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	22	25	133	126
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	26.0	24.3	2,609	2,197	100	91
Utah	1.8	1.5	241	196	134	133
Virginia	1.5	0.6	98	47	67	75
Washington	1.4	1.7	197	224	138	136
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	3.6	3.4	567	471	159	141
Wyoming	0.2	0.1	23	15	148	125
United States	198.5	185.9	24,426	21,754	123	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	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	January to April		April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	January to April	
				2022	2023				2022	2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)
Cattle										
Steers	1,328.9	1,304.5	1,146.4	5,119.6	4,882.7	48.2	45.2	46.0	46.6	45.8
Heifers	825.4	942.8	799.5	3,362.6	3,363.8	29.9	32.7	32.1	30.6	31.6
All cows	555.3	591.5	504.8	2,339.3	2,245.0	20.1	20.5	20.2	21.3	21.1
Dairy cows	237.8	306.2	243.6	1,062.4	1,114.2	8.6	10.6	9.8	9.7	10.5
Other cows	317.6	285.2	261.3	1,276.9	1,130.9	11.5	9.9	10.5	11.6	10.6
Bulls	49.4	44.8	42.4	175.6	158.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total	2,759.0	2,883.6	2,493.1	10,997.1	10,649.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	27.4	25.5	21.4	120.9	102.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	9,766.3	11,111.2	9,472.7	40,374.3	41,039.7	97.4	97.3	97.4	97.3	97.4
Sows	242.2	274.1	227.8	1,016.6	1,008.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4
Boars	23.6	29.3	23.7	96.9	100.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,032.1	11,414.7	9,724.2	41,487.7	42,149.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	10.6	9.8	9.9	35.8	36.6	6.3	5.5	6.3	6.1	5.9
Lambs and yearlings	156.9	169.2	147.0	549.7	581.9	93.7	94.5	93.7	93.9	94.1
Total	167.5	179.1	156.9	585.6	618.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	January to April	
				2022	2023
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	832	823	818	838	823
Steers ¹	907	899	892	917	902
Heifers ¹	837	829	826	846	829
All cows ¹	637	640	630	650	639
Bulls ¹	875	865	874	876	858
Calves and vealers	160	160	163	148	153
Hogs	219	217	217	219	217
Barrows and gilts ²	217	215	215	217	215
Sows ²	297	298	298	296	296
Boars ²	190	190	192	193	192
Sheep	65	65	62	67	64
Mature sheep ³	64	64	65	63	64
Lambs and yearlings ³	65	65	62	67	65

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: April 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle							Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total	
				All	Dairy	Other			
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	2.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
2	7.8	2.3	2.1	3.1	2.8	0.3	0.3	4.1	
3	87.7	36.8	4.1	41.4	32.2	9.2	5.4	5.9	
4	70.7	4.3	2.6	55.9	13.2	42.6	7.9	0.5	
5	246.0	116.7	(D)	89.7	55.4	34.3	(D)	5.9	
6	438.6	196.3	134.6	99.5	32.3	67.1	8.3	(D)	
7	1,097.8	560.8	456.9	72.3	7.6	64.6	7.9	(Y)	
8	244.2	117.5	(D)	21.4	4.2	17.2	(D)	(Y)	
9	165.0	69.5	22.4	71.2	60.9	10.3	1.9	(D)	
10	132.9	41.3	39.0	50.0	34.6	15.4	2.6	(D)	
United States	2,493.1	1,146.4	799.5	504.8	243.6	261.3	42.4	21.4	
	Hogs				Sheep				
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)		
1	1.8	1.7	(Y)	(Y)	5.9	0.2	5.7		
2	8.0	8.0	(Y)	(Y)	25.5	2.1	23.4		
3	251.5	251.3	(D)	(D)	17.1	1.5	15.5		
4	(D)	(D)	64.7	(D)	10.4	0.8	9.6		
5	2,933.4	2,828.8	100.0	4.6	29.3	2.1	27.1		
6	435.4	435.2	(D)	(D)	8.9	(D)	(D)		
7	4,328.8	4,253.5	62.4	12.9	1.0	(D)	(D)		
8	(D)	(D)	0.3	0.1	32.5	0.8	31.7		
9	66.4	66.3	(Y)	(Y)	22.1	1.6	20.5		
10	17.2	17.2	(Y)	(Y)	4.4	0.2	4.2		
United States	9,724.2	9,472.7	227.8	23.7	156.9	9.9	147.0		

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

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: January to April 2023

[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	10.3	4.0	3.8	1.7	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7
2	31.1	9.5	7.9	12.7	11.5	1.3	1.0	21.2
3	379.8	148.3	16.9	194.1	155.7	38.4	20.4	26.5
4	290.9	18.3	10.9	230.6	57.4	173.2	31.1	2.1
5	1,050.8	474.1	(D)	408.4	248.0	160.5	(D)	31.5
6	1,882.4	794.6	611.6	442.0	155.0	287.0	34.2	(D)
7	4,637.1	2,429.0	1,879.1	303.5	33.0	270.5	25.6	0.2
8	1,078.5	539.3	(D)	94.5	19.2	75.3	(D)	(Y)
9	726.0	293.1	98.1	328.2	282.3	46.0	6.5	(D)
10	562.6	172.6	151.8	229.3	151.1	78.2	8.9	(D)
United States	10,649.7	4,882.7	3,363.8	2,245.0	1,114.2	1,130.9	158.3	102.0
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1	7.0	6.8	0.1	(Y)	16.7	0.7	16.0	
2	41.0	40.8	0.2	(Y)	86.6	7.8	78.8	
3	1,088.5	1,087.4	(D)	(D)	60.2	4.2	55.9	
4	(D)	(D)	287.8	(D)	39.1	3.1	36.0	
5	12,704.8	12,243.2	438.1	23.5	114.0	6.8	107.2	
6	1,902.1	1,901.3	(D)	(D)	42.3	(D)	(D)	
7	18,661.9	18,329.8	278.2	53.8	4.1	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	2.4	0.1	144.7	3.9	140.8	
9	410.0	409.9	0.1	(Y)	91.4	7.1	84.3	
10	71.8	71.6	0.1	(Y)	19.6	1.1	18.5	
United States	42,149.1	41,039.7	1,008.7	100.7	618.5	36.6	581.9	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	January to April	
				2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.1	98.1	98.0	98.0	98.1
Calves	97.6	97.3	97.7	97.9	97.8
Hogs	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.6
Sheep	84.4	90.1	84.4	85.5	88.1

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 950 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and nearly 1,950 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 14). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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