



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Down Slightly from Last December

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

**December 2024** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.54 billion pounds in December, down slightly from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in December 2023.

**Beef production**, at 2.20 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 2 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,431 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.1 million pounds, 20 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 16,100 head, down 28 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from last year, at 329 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 1 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from December 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 201,500 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago.

**January to December 2024 commercial red meat production** was 55.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	December 2024 as % of		January to December		
				December 2023	November 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,190.6	2,216.6	2,200.6	100	99	26,965.8	26,987.9	100
Veal .....	3.9	3.1	3.1	80	100	48.0	40.2	84
Pork .....	2,342.1	2,334.4	2,328.7	99	100	27,302.4	27,789.7	102
Lamb and mutton .....	10.8	10.4	12.0	112	115	130.4	133.6	102
Total red meat .....	4,547.3	4,564.5	4,544.5	100	100	54,446.7	54,951.3	101

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	December 2024 as % of		January to December		
				December 2023	November 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,159.0	2,185.0	2,168.5	100	99	26,547.5	26,584.9	100
Veal .....	3.7	3.0	2.9	78	98	46.5	38.5	83
Pork .....	2,332.4	2,325.7	2,320.0	99	100	27,176.4	27,672.1	102
Lamb and mutton .....	9.5	9.2	10.8	113	117	114.4	118.7	104
Total red meat .....	4,504.7	4,522.9	4,502.2	100	100	53,884.7	54,414.2	101

## Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	December 2024 as % of 2023	January to December		
					2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,548.8	2,523.1	2,496.1	98	32,232.9	31,258.2	97
Other ..... 1,000	45.5	45.0	45.4	100	610.9	574.9	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,594.3	2,568.1	2,541.5	98	32,843.8	31,833.1	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,404	1,428	1,434	102	1,368	1,402	103
Other ..... pounds	1,224	1,221	1,239	101	1,213	1,223	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,401	1,425	1,431	102	1,365	1,399	102
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	21.8	14.9	15.2	70	285.7	203.4	71
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.9	141	7.9	8.3	104
Commercial ..... 1,000	22.4	15.5	16.1	72	293.6	211.7	72
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	292	336	324	111	278	320	115
Other ..... pounds	330	385	416	126	353	388	110
Commercial ..... pounds	293	338	329	112	280	323	115
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	10,775.8	10,798.3	10,700.3	99	127,334.1	129,053.2	101
Other ..... 1,000	49.1	45.9	47.9	97	637.0	616.1	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	10,824.9	10,844.2	10,748.2	99	127,971.0	129,669.2	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	291	289	291	100	287	288	100
Other ..... pounds	270	260	252	93	272	262	96
Commercial ..... pounds	291	289	291	100	287	288	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	159.7	150.2	175.3	110	1,838.8	1,914.9	104
Other ..... 1,000	24.5	23.4	26.3	107	329.0	288.2	88
Commercial ..... 1,000	184.2	173.6	201.5	109	2,167.8	2,203.1	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	117	120	121	103	123	122	99
Other ..... pounds	98	100	93	95	98	101	104
Commercial ..... pounds	115	118	117	102	119	119	100
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	51.2	46.9	53.4	104	527.9	566.3	107
Other ..... 1,000	11.6	10.3	11.9	102	108.6	118.6	109
Commercial ..... 1,000	62.8	57.2	65.3	104	636.5	685.0	108
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	64	64	101	64	64	99
Other ..... pounds	79	88	82	104	86	83	96
Commercial ..... pounds	66	68	67	102	68	67	99
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	6.2	5.6	6.3	103	75.2	77.2	103
Other ..... 1,000	0.4	0.3	0.4	106	3.4	3.4	98
Commercial ..... 1,000	6.5	6.0	6.7	103	78.7	80.6	102

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	December 2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.1	0.9	0.9	77
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
Arizona .....	36.7	40.4	40.8	111
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.5	0.5	109
California .....	101.2	90.6	88.5	87
Colorado .....	161.4	168.1	174.2	108
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.5	2.3	2.4	97
Florida .....	5.3	6.4	5.7	108
Georgia .....	12.8	6.9	6.4	50
Hawaii .....	0.7	0.7	0.7	96
Idaho .....	40.0	46.7	47.5	119
Illinois .....	287.7	278.5	281.2	98
Indiana .....	158.4	176.3	169.1	107
Iowa .....	784.3	768.3	743.6	95
Kansas .....	481.1	470.0	471.4	98
Kentucky .....	54.1	51.7	53.4	99
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.4	0.3	123
Michigan .....	111.5	128.7	128.7	115
Minnesota .....	228.5	234.2	234.3	103
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.8	0.8	109
Missouri .....	180.7	166.9	176.2	98
Montana .....	2.2	3.1	2.2	104
Nebraska .....	660.3	681.7	663.9	101
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.8	2.8	2.7	98
New Jersey .....	4.1	3.9	4.5	109
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	0.4	111
New York .....	3.1	2.6	2.8	89
North Carolina .....	223.9	216.0	229.9	103
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.6	0.7	121
Ohio .....	23.7	24.7	25.2	106
Oklahoma .....	98.0	117.3	104.0	106
Oregon .....	2.2	2.4	2.3	107
Pennsylvania .....	129.2	125.5	131.1	101
South Carolina .....	15.2	16.6	14.7	96
South Dakota .....	127.8	126.6	126.6	99
Tennessee .....	26.3	25.8	25.7	98
Texas .....	361.7	357.6	360.4	100
Utah .....	44.0	46.9	46.1	105
Virginia .....	1.3	1.2	1.2	92
Washington .....	73.1	73.8	76.0	104
West Virginia .....	1.1	1.1	0.8	79
Wisconsin .....	96.3	93.9	95.6	99
Wyoming .....	0.7	0.8	0.9	127
United States .....	4,547.3	4,564.5	4,544.5	100

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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: December 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 .....	0.6	0.7	702	759	1,116	1,117
Alaska .....	0.1	0.1	71	104	1,132	1,170
Arizona .....	40.9	44.3	59,449	65,592	1,454	1,483
Arkansas .....	0.6	0.6	637	707	1,061	1,104
California .....	111.9	92.7	153,613	130,217	1,382	1,414
Colorado .....	174.0	183.6	253,199	274,645	1,456	1,498
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.4	2.4	3,366	3,327	1,407	1,395
Florida .....	8.0	8.4	9,831	11,142	1,227	1,330
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.9	0.9	1,119	1,071	1,194	1,206
Idaho .....	54.2	(D)	67,818	(D)	1,258	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.6	7.3	4,395	8,640	1,206	1,199
Iowa .....	44.8	46.5	64,393	66,723	1,438	1,436
Kansas .....	530.6	505.2	748,613	730,149	1,411	1,446
Kentucky .....	5.5	6.1	6,154	7,214	1,114	1,191
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.4	394	430	887	1,020
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.5	0.4	462	461	1,010	1,028
Missouri .....	27.5	5.2	30,833	6,500	1,127	1,249
Montana .....	2.6	2.6	3,273	3,266	1,245	1,255
Nebraska .....	550.0	550.8	820,824	827,760	1,494	1,504
Nevada .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	88	(X)	1,282
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	2.8	3,485	3,478	1,193	1,226
New Jersey .....	4.3	4.7	4,902	5,482	1,151	1,164
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	461	467	1,036	1,065
New York .....	3.6	2.8	4,249	3,505	1,193	1,258
North Carolina .....	6.0	5.3	7,444	6,474	1,239	1,237
North Dakota .....	0.7	0.9	926	1,183	1,309	1,293
Ohio .....	5.9	5.6	7,884	7,479	1,331	1,330
Oklahoma .....	5.4	7.1	6,223	8,465	1,179	1,196
Oregon .....	1.4	1.3	1,690	1,583	1,241	1,239
Pennsylvania .....	85.3	87.2	110,402	115,613	1,299	1,333
South Carolina .....	22.0	20.8	29,329	28,253	1,342	1,366
South Dakota .....	34.8	40.7	50,918	59,794	1,473	1,476
Tennessee .....	3.1	3.0	3,062	2,921	994	1,004
Texas .....	445.6	435.2	593,176	588,805	1,335	1,357
Utah .....	47.8	50.0	68,720	72,149	1,438	1,445
Virginia .....	1.6	1.3	1,610	1,410	1,038	1,082
Washington .....	82.1	84.7	118,619	123,224	1,448	1,459
West Virginia .....	1.5	1.0	1,554	1,195	1,031	1,148
Wisconsin .....	103.3	105.0	144,771	146,966	1,410	1,408
Wyoming .....	1.0	1.1	1,081	1,333	1,135	1,221
United States .....	2,594.3	2,541.5	3,626,735	3,628,743	1,401	1,431

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: December 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	60	33	458	456
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.3	0.1	106	60	409	402
Indiana .....	0.6	0.5	242	189	401	396
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> .....	0.2	0.1	55	28	314	265
New Jersey .....	1.6	1.5	588	559	379	384
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	2.6	(D)	236	(D)	92	(D)
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.1	44	39	354	352
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	3.9	2.4	1,047	816	268	346
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	7.8	6.1	3,459	2,642	446	434
South Carolina .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	0.1	0.4	23	171	407	486
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.1	(D)	38	(D)	277	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	0.1	(Y)	46	(X)	493	(X)
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	22.4	16.1	6,541	5,243	293	329

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(X) Not applicable.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: December 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 .....	2.5	1.6	1,079	654	436	422
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.3	100	93	278	279
California .....	83.2	90.4	18,707	20,579	225	228
Colorado .....	4.1	2.5	488	389	121	154
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.9	1.8	519	472	266	269
Florida .....	5.0	4.6	579	619	116	133
Georgia .....	5.2	5.2	1,430	1,351	273	260
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.2	35	58	254	292
Idaho .....	12.7	12.4	3,206	3,197	253	257
Illinois .....	1,048.7	1,012.7	302,983	291,992	289	288
Indiana .....	747.3	760.6	208,201	219,293	279	288
Iowa .....	3,449.0	3,250.3	1,007,476	948,734	292	292
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.2	0.4	33	67	203	160
Michigan .....	332.7	405.6	99,020	119,661	298	295
Minnesota .....	966.2	988.0	272,241	278,720	282	282
Mississippi .....	4.2	4.5	667	761	160	169
Missouri .....	730.7	774.8	221,011	230,307	303	297
Montana .....	1.2	1.2	310	341	261	282
Nebraska .....	688.3	690.9	201,743	202,448	293	293
Nevada .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	2.4	693	652	263	277
New Jersey .....	11.1	11.5	934	989	84	86
New Mexico .....	0.1	0.2	31	50	255	240
New York .....	1.9	1.9	464	430	241	229
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	66	47	315	304
Ohio .....	84.8	91.5	24,691	26,989	291	295
Oklahoma .....	419.3	454.9	123,483	130,512	294	287
Oregon .....	4.5	5.5	1,149	1,401	254	257
Pennsylvania .....	288.0	295.4	83,042	83,003	288	281
South Carolina .....	3.7	3.4	760	710	208	211
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	82.5	78.7	36,998	36,205	449	461
Texas .....	26.6	28.1	4,931	4,976	185	177
Utah .....	2.4	1.9	609	440	251	238
Virginia .....	1.2	1.4	378	428	322	313
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.7	0.4	199	125	294	282
Wisconsin .....	67.6	60.6	28,974	25,610	430	423
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	50	71	250	322
United States .....	10,824.9	10,748.2	3,149,503	3,128,550	291	291

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: December 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)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.7	0.8	76	91	108	115
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	14	6	95	68
California .....	25.2	23.0	3,588	3,264	142	142
Colorado .....	32.4	36.1	4,932	5,813	152	161
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.8	1.7	166	163	95	95
Florida .....	3.0	3.2	155	169	52	53
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	13	8	133	116
Idaho .....	0.2	0.1	22	18	138	144
Illinois .....	6.8	6.8	583	588	86	87
Indiana .....	6.1	6.2	614	657	101	106
Iowa .....	0.2	0.1	23	17	125	125
Kansas .....	0.3	0.3	34	31	100	98
Kentucky .....	1.3	1.0	135	105	101	103
Louisiana .....	0.8	0.9	47	53	58	59
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.8	0.6	61	51	77	78
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	7	14	66	71
Missouri .....	0.8	1.6	70	132	83	82
Montana .....	0.4	0.5	47	61	134	129
Nebraska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	7	(X)	121
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	5.4	452	530	92	98
New Jersey .....	15.7	15.7	1,283	1,290	82	82
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.5	72	68	135	135
New York .....	7.0	8.1	600	779	85	96
North Carolina .....	3.6	6.5	232	407	64	62
North Dakota .....	0.1	(Y)	7	(X)	119	(X)
Ohio .....	4.9	6.5	752	1,045	153	161
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4.1	4.4	600	669	146	153
Pennsylvania .....	13.1	12.5	1,264	1,212	97	97
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.3	28	33	121	112
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	24.4	27.9	2,467	2,786	101	100
Utah .....	1.3	1.5	174	196	135	135
Virginia .....	1.3	0.9	96	71	73	77
Washington .....	1.2	1.1	156	151	136	134
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.1	1.0	125	114	118	115
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	12	14	138	130
United States .....	184.2	201.5	21,147	23,600	115	117

(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	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	January to December		December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	January to December	
				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 .....	1,197.8	1,204.3	1,193.9	15,075.5	15,184.0	47.0	47.7	47.8	46.8	48.6
Heifers .....	797.2	831.4	829.0	10,033.6	10,003.4	31.3	33.0	33.2	31.1	32.0
All cows .....	516.6	446.7	440.0	6,592.3	5,580.3	20.3	17.7	17.6	20.5	17.9
Dairy cows .....	224.7	210.3	224.5	3,076.0	2,725.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	8.7
Other cows .....	291.9	236.4	215.5	3,516.3	2,854.9	11.5	9.4	8.6	10.9	9.1
Bulls .....	37.2	40.7	33.3	531.5	490.4	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.6
Total .....	2,548.8	2,523.1	2,496.1	32,232.9	31,258.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	21.8	14.9	15.2	285.7	203.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	10,498.5	10,538.3	10,428.3	123,845.7	125,617.6	97.4	97.6	97.5	97.3	97.3
Sows .....	254.2	239.3	251.0	3,183.7	3,148.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.4
Boars .....	23.2	20.7	21.0	304.7	287.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	10,775.8	10,798.3	10,700.3	127,334.1	129,053.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10.2	9.4	10.6	117.7	127.7	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.7
Lambs and yearlings .....	149.5	140.7	164.6	1,721.1	1,787.1	93.6	93.7	93.9	93.6	93.3
Total .....	159.7	150.2	175.3	1,838.8	1,914.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

## Federally Inspected Slaughter Average Dressed Weight by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	January to December	
				2023	2024
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	849	868	871	825	852
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	941	956	953	908	931
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	851	866	868	829	848
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	628	631	651	627	641
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	862	889	877	870	899
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	172	200	192	164	190
<b>Hogs</b> .....	217	215	217	213	214
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	215	214	215	211	212
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	296	298	296	299	298
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	218	223	228	193	223
<b>Sheep</b> .....	60	61	61	62	62
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	64	63	65	64	64
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	59	61	61	62	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: December 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	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	
2 .....	7.4	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.1	0.6	0.3	2.9	
3 .....	89.8	36.4	5.0	43.0	31.6	11.4	5.3	6.3	
4 .....	52.2	5.2	2.1	39.9	11.7	28.2	5.0	0.4	
5 .....	255.8	121.7	(D)	92.1	57.4	34.7	(D)	2.9	
6 .....	436.8	178.7	161.5	89.1	29.2	59.9	7.5	(D)	
7 .....	1,097.5	602.2	(D)	47.4	4.2	43.2	(D)	0.1	
8 .....	272.9	139.2	(D)	20.1	7.7	12.4	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	137.3	55.4	22.5	58.4	51.7	6.7	1.0	(D)	
10 .....	143.8	51.6	43.4	46.7	28.6	18.1	2.1	(D)	
United States .....	2,496.1	1,193.9	829.0	440.0	224.5	215.5	33.3	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 .....	2.1	2.0	(Y)	0.1	5.3	0.1	5.2		
2 .....	13.4	13.3	(Y)	(Y)	23.2	2.1	21.0		
3 .....	297.2	297.0	(D)	(D)	16.1	1.8	14.3		
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	14.0	1.0	13.0		
5 .....	3,299.1	3,197.5	97.5	4.1	29.3	1.5	27.8		
6 .....	479.4	479.3	0.1	0.1	21.4	0.5	20.9		
7 .....	4,720.1	4,639.2	69.1	11.8	1.7	(Y)	1.7		
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.1	(Y)	37.3	0.7	36.6		
9 .....	86.3	86.3	(Y)	(Y)	22.2	2.6	19.6		
10 .....	19.1	19.1	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.2	4.5		
United States .....	10,700.3	10,428.3	251.0	21.0	175.3	10.6	164.6		

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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 December 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 .....	31.4	13.4	8.9	6.1	3.3	2.8	3.1	1.6
2 .....	90.4	26.3	24.5	35.7	29.3	6.4	3.8	34.4
3 .....	1,109.2	456.7	56.1	529.7	386.8	142.9	66.7	83.2
4 .....	801.3	62.8	29.1	624.3	153.7	470.6	85.1	4.4
5 .....	3,030.5	1,456.5	(D)	1,076.2	689.7	386.5	(D)	42.0
6 .....	5,479.7	2,335.5	1,908.4	1,124.9	345.7	779.1	110.9	(D)
7 .....	13,802.3	7,640.2	(D)	650.5	60.5	590.0	(D)	0.7
8 .....	3,384.9	1,810.6	(D)	257.1	89.4	167.8	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,798.9	728.0	295.6	752.7	634.7	118.0	22.6	(D)
10 .....	1,729.6	654.1	525.1	523.1	332.4	190.7	27.3	(D)
United States .....	31,258.2	15,184.0	10,003.4	5,580.3	2,725.5	2,854.9	490.4	203.4
	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)	(1,000 head)
1 .....	25.8	25.3	0.3	0.2	55.1	2.4	52.7	
2 .....	127.3	126.4	0.7	0.1	245.6	22.6	223.1	
3 .....	3,453.9	3,450.8	(D)	(D)	184.2	23.1	161.1	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	137.0	12.2	124.8	
5 .....	39,503.4	38,141.1	1,306.7	55.6	315.1	18.8	296.2	
6 .....	6,096.9	6,094.1	2.0	0.8	230.9	8.6	222.3	
7 .....	57,581.4	56,539.9	876.0	165.5	16.6	0.4	16.2	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	4.0	0.3	408.6	9.3	399.2	
9 .....	951.4	950.9	0.4	0.1	263.7	27.9	235.8	
10 .....	216.7	216.3	0.4	0.1	58.1	2.4	55.7	
United States .....	129,053.2	125,617.6	3,148.6	287.0	1,914.9	127.7	1,787.1	

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

Species	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	January to December	
				2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.1	98.2
Calves .....	97.3	95.6	94.7	97.3	96.1
Hogs .....	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.5
Sheep .....	86.7	86.5	87.0	84.8	86.9

## 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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