



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Commercial Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

**November 2023** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**November 2024** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.56 billion pounds in November, down 3 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in November 2023.

**Beef production**, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,425 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.1 million pounds, 28 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 15,500 head, down 36 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, down 3 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from November 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2024 commercial red meat production** was 50.4 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	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	November 2024 as % of		January to November		
				November 2023	October 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,279.1	2,465.5	2,216.5	97	90	24,775.4	24,787.1	100
Veal .....	4.3	3.3	3.1	72	93	44.2	37.1	84
Pork .....	2,387.5	2,543.5	2,334.4	98	92	24,960.4	25,460.9	102
Lamb and mutton .....	11.2	11.7	10.4	93	89	119.7	121.6	102
Total red meat .....	4,682.0	5,024.0	4,564.4	97	91	49,899.6	50,406.7	101

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	November 2024 as % of		January to November		
				November 2023	October 2024	2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,247.3	2,425.8	2,184.9	97	90	24,388.5	24,416.3	100
Veal .....	4.1	3.1	3.0	72	94	42.7	35.6	83
Pork .....	2,377.4	2,532.2	2,325.7	98	92	24,844.0	25,352.2	102
Lamb and mutton .....	10.1	10.3	9.2	91	89	104.8	108.0	103
Total red meat .....	4,638.9	4,971.4	4,522.8	97	91	49,380.1	49,912.0	101

## Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	November 2024 as % of 2023	January to November		
					2023	2024	2024 as % of 2023
				(percent)			(percent)
<b>Cattle</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	2,681.3	2,801.5	2,523.0	94	29,684.1	28,762.0	97
Other ..... 1,000	46.1	56.6	45.0	98	565.4	529.5	94
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,727.4	2,858.1	2,568.0	94	30,249.4	29,291.5	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,390	1,422	1,428	103	1,365	1,399	103
Other ..... pounds	1,210	1,215	1,221	101	1,212	1,221	101
Commercial ..... pounds	1,387	1,418	1,425	103	1,362	1,396	103
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	23.4	16.3	14.9	64	263.8	188.2	71
Other ..... 1,000	0.7	0.8	0.7	92	7.3	7.4	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	24.1	17.1	15.5	64	271.1	195.6	72
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	300	326	336	112	277	320	116
Other ..... pounds	346	412	385	111	355	384	108
Commercial ..... pounds	301	330	338	112	279	323	116
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	11,082.6	11,853.5	10,798.2	97	116,558.3	118,352.8	102
Other ..... 1,000	51.0	60.0	45.9	90	587.9	568.2	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	11,133.6	11,913.5	10,844.1	97	117,146.1	118,921.0	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	289	287	289	100	287	288	100
Other ..... pounds	274	260	260	95	273	263	97
Commercial ..... pounds	289	287	289	100	287	288	100
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	168.4	168.4	150.2	89	1,679.2	1,739.6	104
Other ..... 1,000	21.5	26.3	23.4	109	304.5	261.9	86
Commercial ..... 1,000	189.9	194.7	173.6	91	1,983.6	2,001.5	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	118	120	120	102	123	122	99
Other ..... pounds	99	105	100	102	98	102	105
Commercial ..... pounds	116	118	118	101	119	119	100
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	47.5	50.4	46.9	99	476.7	512.9	108
Other ..... 1,000	10.1	10.7	10.3	102	97.0	106.8	110
Commercial ..... 1,000	57.6	61.0	57.2	99	573.7	619.7	108
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	63	64	64	101	64	64	99
Other ..... pounds	83	80	88	106	87	83	95
Commercial ..... pounds	67	67	68	102	68	67	98
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected ..... 1,000	6.6	6.5	5.6	85	69.1	70.8	102
Other ..... 1,000	0.4	0.3	0.3	91	3.1	3.0	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	7.0	6.9	5.9	85	72.2	73.8	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	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	November 2024 as % of 2023
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.2	1.2	0.9	73
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
Arizona .....	40.5	40.4	40.4	100
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.6	0.5	96
California .....	104.3	101.0	90.6	87
Colorado .....	172.5	188.9	168.1	97
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	2.6	2.3	87
Florida .....	7.2	6.3	6.4	89
Georgia .....	12.6	7.5	6.9	55
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.8	0.7	90
Idaho .....	43.8	51.3	46.7	106
Illinois .....	282.7	314.3	278.5	99
Indiana .....	165.9	188.4	176.3	106
Iowa .....	796.5	819.5	768.3	96
Kansas .....	480.7	515.5	470.0	98
Kentucky .....	56.0	52.3	51.7	92
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.5	0.4	141
Michigan .....	120.4	135.4	128.7	107
Minnesota .....	244.4	254.3	234.2	96
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.9	0.8	102
Missouri .....	187.5	188.6	166.9	89
Montana .....	2.6	2.7	3.1	118
Nebraska .....	669.7	762.5	681.7	102
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	113
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.3	2.8	94
New Jersey .....	3.9	4.2	3.9	101
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.5	0.3	85
New York .....	3.2	3.1	2.6	79
North Carolina .....	232.0	251.4	216.0	93
North Dakota .....	0.5	0.9	0.6	123
Ohio .....	24.7	28.8	24.7	100
Oklahoma .....	95.8	115.3	117.3	122
Oregon .....	2.5	2.8	2.4	96
Pennsylvania .....	136.6	141.7	125.5	92
South Carolina .....	16.3	19.2	16.6	102
South Dakota .....	132.0	137.3	126.6	96
Tennessee .....	26.6	31.4	25.8	97
Texas .....	378.6	407.2	357.6	94
Utah .....	47.5	52.5	46.9	99
Virginia .....	1.3	1.7	1.2	95
Washington .....	75.4	82.7	73.8	98
West Virginia .....	1.2	1.4	1.1	92
Wisconsin .....	106.1	102.2	93.9	88
Wyoming .....	0.9	0.8	0.8	93
United States .....	4,682.0	5,024.0	4,564.4	97

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

## Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	1.0	0.7	1,086	778	1,130	1,100
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	92	(X)	1,165
Arizona .....	45.4	44.5	65,735	65,111	1,451	1,466
Arkansas .....	0.8	0.8	809	793	1,072	1,058
California .....	119.2	97.5	160,252	133,649	1,354	1,380
Colorado .....	187.0	178.9	269,112	265,375	1,440	1,485
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.6	2.3	3,676	3,159	1,393	1,373
Florida .....	11.7	9.7	14,065	12,727	1,207	1,314
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.1	0.9	1,231	1,121	1,149	1,199
Idaho .....	60.0	(D)	75,091	(D)	1,259	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	3.9	7.2	4,732	8,372	1,204	1,174
Iowa .....	46.9	48.3	66,130	68,896	1,410	1,426
Kansas .....	530.9	506.7	745,874	729,890	1,405	1,441
Kentucky .....	6.0	6.4	6,701	7,560	1,116	1,190
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.6	409	584	972	919
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.6	0.6	618	587	993	973
Missouri .....	27.7	2.6	31,707	3,160	1,152	1,209
Montana .....	3.1	3.6	3,649	4,387	1,179	1,230
Nebraska .....	566.7	568.5	832,688	857,099	1,471	1,509
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	77	86	1,200	1,137
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	3.0	3,622	3,600	1,155	1,209
New Jersey .....	4.0	4.3	4,581	4,876	1,140	1,146
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.5	543	486	1,082	1,059
New York .....	3.7	2.6	4,349	3,333	1,173	1,267
North Carolina .....	7.0	5.6	8,641	6,979	1,239	1,246
North Dakota .....	0.6	0.7	733	895	1,315	1,324
Ohio .....	6.3	6.3	8,309	8,293	1,325	1,326
Oklahoma .....	5.8	7.2	6,674	8,433	1,160	1,192
Oregon .....	1.7	1.5	1,998	1,814	1,187	1,234
Pennsylvania .....	94.6	84.6	121,337	110,601	1,288	1,313
South Carolina .....	24.1	24.3	31,706	32,467	1,322	1,343
South Dakota .....	40.7	43.0	58,513	63,148	1,447	1,474
Tennessee .....	3.9	3.4	3,798	3,344	988	998
Texas .....	469.6	435.7	620,040	586,870	1,324	1,350
Utah .....	51.0	50.4	74,035	73,118	1,452	1,451
Virginia .....	1.6	1.5	1,646	1,547	1,029	1,049
Washington .....	85.1	82.7	122,582	119,214	1,443	1,446
West Virginia .....	1.7	1.4	1,789	1,566	1,073	1,159
Wisconsin .....	116.9	103.7	162,787	144,562	1,400	1,402
Wyoming .....	1.1	1.0	1,380	1,245	1,203	1,223
United States .....	2,727.4	2,568.0	3,775,674	3,651,307	1,387	1,425

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# Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	59	29	473	426
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.3	0.2	119	62	422	413
Indiana .....	0.5	0.5	194	196	400	424
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	64	34	309	234
New Jersey .....	1.4	1.2	551	455	381	383
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	2.4	(D)	217	(D)	93	(D)
North Carolina .....	0.2	0.2	40	51	258	335
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	3.9	2.7	1,096	1,008	282	379
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	7.7	6.1	3,416	2,661	446	438
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	59	58	416	481
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.1	(D)	42	(D)	292	(D)
Washington .....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.3	(Y)	650	(X)	489	(X)
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	24.1	15.5	7,220	5,228	301	338

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 .....	2.1	1.5	880	644	414	418
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.1	(Y)	13	(X)	257	(X)
Arkansas .....	0.4	0.4	110	88	258	248
California .....	77.9	83.3	17,663	19,572	227	236
Colorado .....	3.2	2.3	453	400	141	173
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.9	1.7	527	495	277	286
Florida .....	5.7	5.3	690	648	120	123
Georgia .....	5.3	4.9	1,457	1,288	276	265
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.1	41	44	267	299
Idaho .....	13.1	11.3	3,298	2,911	252	257
Illinois .....	1,023.8	1,007.6	294,187	289,539	287	287
Indiana .....	781.7	791.6	217,909	228,873	279	289
Iowa .....	3,552.5	3,396.6	1,024,983	979,288	289	288
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.3	0.3	63	79	183	246
Michigan .....	368.1	406.8	108,846	120,070	296	295
Minnesota .....	1,015.6	982.6	287,370	275,588	283	281
Mississippi .....	3.7	3.8	617	660	169	174
Missouri .....	773.0	747.8	230,007	220,467	298	295
Montana .....	1.9	1.9	489	527	263	277
Nebraska .....	696.0	688.8	204,379	199,975	294	290
Nevada .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.3	840	663	267	294
New Jersey .....	9.3	8.8	863	864	92	98
New Mexico .....	0.2	0.2	64	50	259	261
New York .....	2.4	1.7	604	427	257	249
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	87	88	287	281
Ohio .....	89.9	86.7	25,746	25,489	287	294
Oklahoma .....	420.8	516.1	120,911	147,885	287	287
Oregon .....	5.3	5.3	1,334	1,372	253	257
Pennsylvania .....	291.4	275.5	84,657	78,133	291	284
South Carolina .....	2.7	2.3	626	520	230	229
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	82.1	79.4	36,772	35,777	449	451
Texas .....	26.0	24.7	4,867	4,639	187	188
Utah .....	2.4	1.6	620	400	261	253
Virginia .....	1.1	1.1	356	356	322	316
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	0.9	0.6	266	187	292	309
Wisconsin .....	68.1	59.7	28,977	24,601	427	413
Wyoming .....	0.2	0.2	68	61	276	288
United States .....	11,133.6	10,844.1	3,217,173	3,135,927	289	289

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: November 2023 and 2024

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	93
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.8	0.8	84	82	110	108
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.1	9	11	93	85
California .....	28.5	21.5	4,047	3,060	142	142
Colorado .....	39.1	30.2	5,756	4,683	147	155
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.8	1.5	168	145	95	96
Florida .....	2.9	2.7	150	145	51	53
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.1	14	6	135	104
Idaho .....	0.2	0.2	27	28	128	135
Illinois .....	6.4	5.9	584	502	91	85
Indiana .....	6.7	5.9	667	624	100	105
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	24	29	125	122
Kansas .....	0.4	0.4	40	39	105	109
Kentucky .....	1.4	0.8	141	82	103	104
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.7	40	45	58	62
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.8	0.6	58	45	74	80
Mississippi .....	0.2	0.2	12	11	70	66
Missouri .....	0.7	1.4	54	111	80	78
Montana .....	0.6	0.6	81	76	128	138
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	4.7	425	460	90	97
New Jersey .....	14.8	13.2	1,203	1,090	81	82
New Mexico .....	0.6	0.4	75	48	128	132
New York .....	6.3	5.8	535	566	85	98
North Carolina .....	3.4	5.2	213	335	62	64
North Dakota .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	126
Ohio .....	3.9	5.4	587	865	152	159
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	4.5	4.3	652	644	144	148
Pennsylvania .....	12.1	11.4	1,179	1,116	98	98
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.2	0.2	29	28	118	115
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	22.0	23.8	2,222	2,551	101	107
Utah .....	1.5	1.3	202	165	133	132
Virginia .....	1.3	1.1	89	91	69	80
Washington .....	1.2	1.2	153	155	133	135
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	1.5	1.1	184	130	125	118
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.2	17	23	131	133
United States .....	189.9	173.6	22,016	20,419	116	118

(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	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	January to November		November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	January to November	
				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 .....	1,209.2	1,347.5	1,204.2	13,877.7	13,990.1	45.1	48.1	47.7	46.8	48.6
Heifers .....	856.9	910.9	831.4	9,236.3	9,174.4	32.0	32.5	33.0	31.1	31.9
All cows .....	570.7	496.9	446.7	6,075.7	5,140.3	21.3	17.7	17.7	20.5	17.9
Dairy cows .....	229.7	235.6	210.3	2,851.4	2,501.0	8.6	8.4	8.3	9.6	8.7
Other cows .....	341.0	261.3	236.4	3,224.4	2,639.3	12.7	9.3	9.4	10.9	9.2
Bulls .....	44.4	46.1	40.7	494.3	457.1	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6
Total .....	2,681.3	2,801.5	2,523.0	29,684.1	28,762.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	23.4	16.3	14.9	263.8	188.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	10,799.8	11,553.1	10,538.3	113,347.2	115,189.3	97.4	97.5	97.6	97.2	97.3
Sows .....	257.9	274.8	239.3	2,929.5	2,897.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4
Boars .....	24.8	25.6	20.7	281.5	266.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	11,082.6	11,853.5	10,798.2	116,558.3	118,352.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	10.4	10.6	9.4	107.5	117.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.7
Lambs and yearlings .....	158.0	157.8	140.7	1,571.6	1,622.5	93.8	93.7	93.7	93.6	93.3
Total .....	168.4	168.4	150.2	1,679.2	1,739.6	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	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	January to November	
				2023	2024
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....	840	868	868	823	851
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	935	955	956	905	929
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	851	864	866	827	846
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	619	634	631	627	640
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	851	889	889	871	900
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	178	194	200	163	190
<b>Hogs</b> .....	215	214	215	213	214
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	213	212	214	211	212
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	297	299	298	299	298
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	196	222	223	191	223
<b>Sheep</b> .....	60	61	61	62	62
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	64	65	63	64	64
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	60	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: November 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	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	
2 .....	6.8	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.8	0.6	0.4	2.5	
3 .....	87.3	36.2	5.5	40.0	27.8	12.2	5.6	6.3	
4 .....	58.9	5.7	2.4	45.0	11.7	33.3	5.8	0.3	
5 .....	257.2	121.1	(D)	93.9	56.3	37.7	(D)	3.2	
6 .....	437.7	172.0	162.2	95.1	28.1	67.0	8.4	(D)	
7 .....	1,117.5	622.2	(D)	44.8	4.4	40.4	(D)	0.1	
8 .....	271.0	137.7	(D)	20.8	7.1	13.7	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	142.3	59.9	21.6	59.6	48.5	11.1	1.2	(D)	
10 .....	141.6	46.1	48.5	44.5	24.3	20.1	2.4	(D)	
United States .....	2,523.0	1,204.2	831.4	446.7	210.3	236.4	40.7	14.9	
	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 .....	2.0	2.0	(Y)	(Y)	4.6	0.2	4.4		
2 .....	10.5	10.4	0.1	(Y)	18.5	1.6	16.9		
3 .....	277.4	277.1	(D)	(D)	15.1	1.4	13.7		
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10.3	0.9	9.5		
5 .....	3,314.8	3,217.0	93.8	4.0	25.1	1.4	23.7		
6 .....	537.6	537.2	0.4	0.1	18.1	0.5	17.7		
7 .....	4,839.7	4,763.2	65.1	11.4	1.6	(Y)	1.6		
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.2	(Y)	31.3	0.7	30.6		
9 .....	79.8	79.7	(Y)	(Y)	20.7	2.5	18.1		
10 .....	17.6	17.6	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.2	4.5		
United States .....	10,798.2	10,538.3	239.3	20.7	150.2	9.4	140.7		

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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 November 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 .....	28.8	12.3	8.1	5.6	3.1	2.5	2.9	1.5
2 .....	83.0	24.0	22.4	33.1	27.3	5.8	3.5	31.4
3 .....	1,019.4	420.2	51.1	486.7	355.2	131.6	61.3	77.0
4 .....	749.1	57.6	27.0	584.4	142.0	442.4	80.1	4.0
5 .....	2,774.7	1,334.8	(D)	984.0	632.2	351.8	(D)	39.1
6 .....	5,042.9	2,156.8	1,746.9	1,035.8	316.6	719.2	103.4	(D)
7 .....	12,704.8	7,038.0	(D)	603.1	56.3	546.8	(D)	0.6
8 .....	3,111.9	1,671.4	(D)	237.0	81.6	155.4	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	1,661.6	672.6	273.1	694.3	583.0	111.3	21.6	(D)
10 .....	1,585.8	602.5	481.7	476.4	303.8	172.6	25.2	(D)
United States .....	28,762.0	13,990.1	9,174.4	5,140.3	2,501.0	2,639.3	457.1	188.2
	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 .....	23.7	23.3	0.2	0.2	49.8	2.3	47.5	
2 .....	113.9	113.1	0.7	0.1	222.5	20.4	202.1	
3 .....	3,156.7	3,153.9	(D)	(D)	168.1	21.3	146.8	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	123.0	11.2	111.8	
5 .....	36,204.3	34,943.5	1,209.3	51.5	285.7	17.3	268.4	
6 .....	5,617.4	5,614.8	1.9	0.7	209.5	8.0	201.4	
7 .....	52,861.3	51,900.7	807.0	153.6	14.9	0.3	14.5	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	3.9	0.3	371.2	8.6	362.6	
9 .....	865.1	864.7	0.3	0.1	241.5	25.4	216.2	
10 .....	197.7	197.2	0.4	0.1	53.4	2.2	51.2	
United States .....	118,352.8	115,189.3	2,897.6	266.0	1,739.6	117.1	1,622.5	

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

Species	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	January to November	
				2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	98.3	98.0	98.2	98.1	98.2
Calves .....	96.9	95.3	95.6	97.3	96.2
Hogs .....	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.5
Sheep .....	88.7	86.5	86.5	84.7	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.

## Information Contacts

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