

TOTAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION

1958

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Red meat production in 1958 totaled 25.7 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 1957, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Beef production in 1958 was 13.3 billion pounds--down 6 percent from the 1957 production of 14.2 billion pounds. Veal production totaled 1.2 billion pounds--22 percent less than in 1957. Lamb and mutton production totaled 688 million pounds--3 percent less than a year earlier. Pork production totaled 10.5 billion pounds which was approximately the same as in 1957. Beef accounted for 52 percent of the total red meat produced in 1958, while pork made up 41 percent. Veal accounted for about 4 percent and lamb and mutton 3 percent. Lard production totaled 2.4 billion pounds in 1958 compared with 2.6 billion pounds in 1957.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1958 was 10 percent below 1957. Cattle slaughter under Federal inspection was down 9 percent from a year earlier, other commercial slaughter declined 13 percent, and farm slaughter declined 2 percent. Calf slaughter in 1958 was down 21 percent. Slaughter of calves under Federal inspection was down 23 percent, while other commercial slaughter was down 20 percent, and farm slaughter declined 5 percent. The total number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1958 declined 5 percent from a year earlier. The number slaughtered under Federal inspection was down 6 percent, whereas other commercial slaughter was up 3 percent, and farm slaughter was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Total number of hogs slaughtered in 1958 was 2 percent less than in 1957. Slaughter in Federally inspected plants was off 2 percent, while other commercial slaughter was down 3 percent and farm slaughter declined 1 percent. (Continued over)

UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 1957-1958

Species and class of slaughter	1957			1958		
	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight	Head	Average live weight	Total live weight
	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds	1,000 head	Pounds	Million pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>						
Federally inspected	19,454	992	19,301	17,642	1,018	17,968
Other commercial	6,778	859	5,825	5,913	892	5,274
Farm	857	822	705	841	837	704
Total	27,089	954	25,831	24,396	982	23,946
<b>CALVES</b>						
Federally inspected	7,324	214	1,568	5,672	210	1,193
Other commercial	4,580	222	1,019	3,643	215	784
Farm	458	330	151	437	346	151
Total	12,362	221	2,738	9,752	218	2,128
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS</b>						
Federally inspected	13,234	97	1,278	12,397	99	1,222
Other commercial	1,723	93	161	1,767	96	170
Farm	335	87	29	338	88	30
Total	15,292	96	1,468	14,502	98	1,422
<b>HOGS</b>						
Federally inspected	60,682	236	14,293	59,462	238	14,149
Other commercial	11,913	219	2,611	11,503	221	2,543
Farm	6,429	241	1,551	6,374	244	1,558
Total	79,024	234	18,455	77,339	236	18,249

See other side for meat production estimates.

UNITED STATES MEAT PRODUCTION, 1957-1958

Kind of meat and class of slaughter	1957		1958	
	Average dressed weight 1/	Total dressed weight Million Pounds	Average dressed weight 1/	Total dressed weight Million pounds
<u>BEEF</u>				
Federally inspected	552	10,704	575	10,106
Other commercial	464	3,148	487	2,877
Farm	419	359	427	359
Total	526	14,211	548	13,342
<u>VEAL</u>				
Federally inspected	120	875	118	667
Other commercial	124	567	120	436
Farm	188	86	197	86
Total	124	1,528	122	1,189
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>				
Federally inspected	47	617	48	592
Other commercial	45	77	46	82
Farm	40	13	41	14
Total	46	707	48	688
<u>PORK (excluding lard)</u>				
Federally inspected	133	8,043	137	8,110
Other commercial	129	1,536	131	1,508
Farm	140	899	143	910
Total	133	10,478	136	10,528
<u>TOTAL MEAT</u>		26,924		25,747

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection. For pork, the average is pork production per head excluding lard.

UNITED STATES LARD PRODUCTION, 1957-1958

Class of slaughter	1957		1958	
	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production Million Pounds	Lard per 100 pounds live weight	Lard production Million pounds
<u>LARD 1/</u>				
Federally inspected	14.6	2,080	14.0	1,982
Other commercial	11.0	287	10.7	271
Farm	12.4	192	12.1	188
Total	13.9	2,559	13.4	2,441

1/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Slaughter cattle averaged 28 pounds heavier, sheep and lambs averaged 2 pounds heavier, and hogs averaged 2 pounds heavier than in 1957. The average live weight of calves slaughtered was 3 pounds less than in 1957.