



# Livestock Slaughter

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## Record Low Veal Production in October

**October 2022** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.77 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.76 billion pounds produced in October 2022.

**Beef production**, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down 3 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,374 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.2 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,100 head, down 24 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was up 49 pounds from last year, at 308 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.42 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.4 million head, up 5 percent from October 2022. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.3 million pounds, was up 7 percent from October 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,500 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 115 pounds, down 7 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2023 commercial red meat production** was 45.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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## Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	October 2023 as % of		January to October		
				October 2022	September 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,404.3	2,149.4	2,340.8	97	109	23,643.0	22,493.5	95
Veal .....	4.5	3.6	4.2	92	114	44.9	39.8	89
Pork .....	2,338.3	2,186.2	2,418.5	103	111	22,415.1	22,569.4	101
Lamb and mutton .....	10.5	10.2	11.3	107	111	109.5	107.7	98
Total red meat .....	4,757.6	4,349.4	4,774.7	100	110	46,212.5	45,210.4	98

## Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	October 2023 as % of		January to October		
				October 2022	September 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef .....	2,363.1	2,114.6	2,300.7	97	109	23,257.4	22,140.9	95
Veal .....	4.4	3.5	4.0	92	115	43.7	38.6	88
Pork .....	2,326.4	2,175.5	2,406.1	103	111	22,309.4	22,466.6	101
Lamb and mutton .....	9.0	8.6	9.8	109	114	96.5	94.7	98
Total red meat .....	4,702.9	4,302.2	4,720.7	100	110	45,706.9	44,740.8	98

## Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	October 2023 as % of 2022	January to October		
					2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
<b>Cattle</b>				(percent)			(percent)
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	2,842.4	2,559.8	2,767.6	97	28,173.5	27,002.4	96
Other ..... 1,000	60.5	50.8	58.3	96	562.2	513.7	91
Commercial ..... 1,000	2,902.9	2,610.6	2,825.9	97	28,735.7	27,516.1	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,379	1,365	1,378	100	1,369	1,362	99
Other ..... pounds	1,204	1,210	1,210	100	1,210	1,213	100
Commercial ..... pounds	1,375	1,362	1,374	100	1,366	1,359	99
<b>Calves</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	29.7	21.0	22.3	75	299.1	240.5	80
Other ..... 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.7	113	6.1	6.1	100
Commercial ..... 1,000	30.3	21.7	23.1	76	305.2	246.6	81
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	256	285	307	120	253	275	109
Other ..... pounds	368	346	316	86	372	360	97
Commercial ..... pounds	259	287	308	119	255	277	109
<b>Hogs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	10,857.3	10,430.8	11,366.5	105	103,564.4	105,475.4	102
Other ..... 1,000	62.1	55.7	63.8	103	544.3	529.1	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	10,919.4	10,486.5	11,430.3	105	104,108.7	106,004.5	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	289	281	285	99	289	287	99
Other ..... pounds	264	265	266	101	267	268	100
Commercial ..... pounds	288	281	285	99	289	286	99
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	142.5	143.8	163.3	115	1,448.7	1,510.7	104
Other ..... 1,000	27.5	30.0	30.3	110	263.3	266.2	101
Commercial ..... 1,000	170.0	173.8	193.5	114	1,712.0	1,776.9	104
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	125	118	118	95	132	124	94
Other ..... pounds	108	103	96	89	99	98	99
Commercial ..... pounds	122	116	115	94	127	120	95
<b>Goats</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	44.2	41.6	47.1	107	408.0	429.2	105
Other ..... 1,000	7.3	10.3	11.4	155	87.9	85.4	97
Commercial ..... 1,000	51.5	51.9	58.5	113	495.9	514.6	104
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	64	64	99	65	64	99
Other ..... pounds	90	88	86	96	85	86	101
Commercial ..... pounds	69	69	69	100	68	68	99
<b>Bison</b>							
Number of head							
Federally inspected .... 1,000	6.0	5.6	6.3	105	59.5	62.5	105
Other ..... 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.3	117	2.5	2.7	109
Commercial ..... 1,000	6.3	5.9	6.6	105	61.9	65.2	105

## Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	October 2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1.3	1.3	1.6	129
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona .....	38.8	36.7	38.9	100
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.6	0.7	126
California .....	144.0	100.5	108.6	75
Colorado .....	174.9	156.1	177.6	102
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.7	2.5	2.9	105
Florida .....	7.6	6.3	7.6	99
Georgia .....	14.0	13.2	13.5	96
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.7	0.7	90
Idaho .....	36.1	39.7	43.2	120
Illinois .....	270.6	257.4	300.7	111
Indiana .....	170.1	155.6	169.8	100
Iowa .....	748.4	720.9	780.5	104
Kansas .....	515.9	465.7	500.3	97
Kentucky .....	55.9	55.0	61.0	109
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	0.4	96
Michigan .....	111.4	108.4	119.5	107
Minnesota .....	266.2	232.0	252.9	95
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.7	0.9	105
Missouri .....	178.7	169.4	185.6	104
Montana .....	3.1	2.2	3.2	106
Nebraska .....	696.0	606.2	687.8	99
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.8	3.2	102
New Jersey .....	3.8	3.7	4.0	106
New Mexico .....	0.4	0.4	0.4	103
New York .....	3.5	3.3	3.5	98
North Carolina .....	252.4	218.3	234.2	93
North Dakota .....	0.9	0.7	0.7	76
Ohio .....	24.3	24.0	27.3	112
Oklahoma .....	94.7	90.5	106.5	113
Oregon .....	3.1	2.5	2.6	84
Pennsylvania .....	128.9	124.6	137.4	107
South Carolina .....	16.6	16.7	17.4	105
South Dakota .....	123.2	117.8	130.8	106
Tennessee .....	27.3	26.1	29.0	106
Texas .....	399.3	369.3	386.7	97
Utah .....	44.6	42.9	46.8	105
Virginia .....	1.8	1.3	1.6	90
Washington .....	84.0	76.2	80.3	96
West Virginia .....	1.4	1.2	1.5	112
Wisconsin .....	105.3	94.6	102.2	97
Wyoming .....	0.6	0.8	0.5	86
United States .....	4,757.6	4,349.4	4,774.7	100

(X) Not applicable.

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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: October 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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 .....	1.4	1.3	1,479	1,436	1,053	1,089
Alaska .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	71	(X)	1,151
Arizona .....	44.7	43.6	62,565	62,752	1,403	1,440
Arkansas .....	0.8	0.9	771	939	1,019	993
California .....	135.8	123.2	177,975	167,572	1,319	1,370
Colorado .....	191.5	195.0	273,150	277,912	1,427	1,427
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.8	2.9	3,829	4,108	1,384	1,401
Florida .....	12.6	12.2	14,561	14,735	1,162	1,208
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	1.1	1.0	1,319	1,160	1,185	1,158
Idaho .....	50.6	58.9	63,949	73,636	1,272	1,256
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4.9	5.0	5,904	5,982	1,205	1,206
Iowa .....	46.0	48.1	64,411	67,233	1,402	1,399
Kansas .....	572.1	560.1	798,538	777,196	1,396	1,388
Kentucky .....	5.7	6.6	6,169	7,272	1,080	1,102
Louisiana .....	0.6	0.6	519	533	813	921
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	0.8	0.8	744	713	931	940
Missouri .....	28.8	30.7	32,844	33,932	1,144	1,110
Montana .....	3.5	3.8	4,263	4,671	1,220	1,240
Nebraska .....	624.8	593.2	913,619	861,956	1,464	1,455
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.4	3.3	3,953	3,773	1,148	1,141
New Jersey .....	4.0	4.3	4,556	4,838	1,136	1,134
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.5	540	554	1,089	1,110
New York .....	3.9	4.0	4,614	4,624	1,205	1,171
North Carolina .....	7.6	7.6	9,376	9,395	1,238	1,236
North Dakota .....	1.1	0.9	1,499	1,111	1,327	1,283
Ohio .....	7.5	7.8	9,906	10,347	1,324	1,325
Oklahoma .....	8.5	6.0	9,802	6,958	1,155	1,190
Oregon .....	2.5	1.8	2,786	2,139	1,132	1,218
Pennsylvania .....	93.9	97.2	116,720	122,798	1,249	1,269
South Carolina .....	25.1	25.9	32,293	33,965	1,292	1,316
South Dakota .....	41.4	39.8	58,866	57,271	1,427	1,445
Tennessee .....	3.5	4.2	3,486	3,999	1,017	976
Texas .....	500.7	485.3	655,522	633,454	1,313	1,309
Utah .....	49.9	51.2	69,337	72,657	1,389	1,420
Virginia .....	2.1	2.1	2,190	2,214	1,049	1,049
Washington .....	98.1	90.8	137,190	129,880	1,402	1,434
West Virginia .....	2.0	2.1	2,008	2,220	1,016	1,035
Wisconsin .....	114.8	112.5	158,836	155,715	1,392	1,392
Wyoming .....	0.8	0.7	923	811	1,192	1,156
United States .....	2,902.9	2,825.9	3,982,791	3,875,179	1,375	1,374

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## Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: October 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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 .....	(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 .....	2.4	(D)	306	(D)	131	(D)
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida .....	0.1	(D)	53	(D)	437	(D)
Georgia .....	0.2	0.1	111	52	497	443
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	0.1	0.3	39	108	352	400
Indiana .....	0.4	0.6	188	273	437	440
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	0.2	0.2	51	44	268	269
New Jersey .....	1.5	1.5	574	564	380	377
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	4.3	2.5	427	249	101	101
North Carolina .....	0.1	0.2	24	43	250	260
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio .....	7.7	3.9	1,150	1,142	149	291
Oklahoma .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	7.2	7.1	3,128	3,114	437	440
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	0.2	117	62	426	380
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	0.2	0.1	53	40	292	298
Washington .....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	2.3	1.6	1,105	742	491	471
Wyoming .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	30.3	23.1	7,794	7,050	259	308

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## Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: October 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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 .....	1.8	3.0	709	1,295	401	428
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	20	(X)	269
Arkansas .....	0.5	0.7	132	175	292	248
California .....	217.7	77.5	57,034	17,685	262	229
Colorado .....	3.2	3.0	507	475	157	160
Delaware-Maryland .....	1.9	1.9	515	502	278	267
Florida .....	10.0	6.1	971	703	97	116
Georgia .....	5.4	5.8	1,479	1,575	274	270
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.2	40	42	255	258
Idaho .....	12.1	12.6	3,336	3,174	275	251
Illinois .....	945.8	1,121.8	271,246	319,707	287	285
Indiana .....	785.5	797.6	221,761	222,204	282	279
Iowa .....	3,369.4	3,528.3	960,059	1,003,156	285	284
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	0.4	0.3	74	62	207	235
Michigan .....	322.4	370.0	95,999	107,982	298	292
Minnesota .....	1,110.1	1,072.5	310,209	298,225	280	278
Mississippi .....	3.1	3.5	536	614	171	173
Missouri .....	735.2	774.5	217,187	225,682	296	292
Montana .....	2.3	2.0	618	548	275	279
Nebraska .....	602.7	710.3	174,742	205,125	290	289
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	3.8	857	1,045	278	272
New Jersey .....	7.3	8.5	708	802	97	94
New Mexico .....	0.3	0.3	63	71	246	254
New York .....	3.0	2.6	757	667	254	260
North Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	104	69	298	269
Ohio .....	79.2	95.2	23,771	27,493	300	289
Oklahoma .....	413.9	483.1	119,374	135,134	288	280
Oregon .....	5.4	5.2	1,475	1,308	274	252
Pennsylvania .....	279.6	295.8	78,562	84,308	281	285
South Carolina .....	2.1	2.1	510	499	244	238
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	86.1	88.1	38,085	40,233	443	457
Texas .....	25.1	28.8	5,445	5,477	217	190
Utah .....	(D)	2.6	(D)	733	(D)	285
Virginia .....	(D)	1.1	(D)	325	(D)	306
Washington .....	1.8	(D)	497	(D)	270	(D)
West Virginia .....	1.1	1.2	314	352	294	299
Wisconsin .....	70.4	66.9	29,940	28,808	426	432
Wyoming .....	0.1	0.1	40	37	274	267
United States .....	10,919.4	11,430.3	3,148,609	3,260,509	288	285

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## Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: October 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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)	0.1	(D)	5	(D)	85
Alaska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	0.1	0.7	11	70	107	98
Arkansas .....	0.1	0.4	16	37	107	96
California .....	21.2	27.4	3,125	3,838	148	140
Colorado .....	29.8	35.6	4,594	5,059	154	142
Delaware-Maryland .....	2.1	1.8	210	176	100	98
Florida .....	2.4	2.9	123	154	52	53
Georgia .....	1.9	(D)	122	(D)	63	(D)
Hawaii .....	0.2	0.1	23	16	142	134
Idaho .....	0.3	0.3	42	35	144	130
Illinois .....	6.4	6.2	542	526	85	84
Indiana .....	6.6	6.5	737	658	111	102
Iowa .....	0.2	0.2	34	29	152	129
Kansas .....	0.5	0.3	41	36	90	113
Kentucky .....	1.2	1.5	120	155	103	102
Louisiana .....	0.7	0.8	37	50	54	59
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	0.6	0.7	55	53	88	76
Mississippi .....	0.1	0.2	6	13	71	71
Missouri .....	0.7	0.8	51	74	75	90
Montana .....	0.6	0.5	63	57	109	118
Nebraska .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	4.8	4.6	443	424	93	93
New Jersey .....	15.1	15.6	1,266	1,279	84	82
New Mexico .....	0.5	0.5	69	68	140	127
New York .....	4.7	6.2	479	528	102	85
North Carolina .....	2.1	2.9	137	195	65	67
North Dakota .....	0.1	(Y)	16	(X)	146	(X)
Ohio .....	4.8	5.7	762	844	157	148
Oklahoma .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	5.2	5.3	712	743	136	140
Pennsylvania .....	9.3	11.5	978	1,155	105	100
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	0.3	0.3	32	32	113	122
Tennessee .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	23.8	26.4	2,861	2,762	120	105
Utah .....	1.5	1.4	210	187	140	130
Virginia .....	1.3	1.4	81	88	65	65
Washington .....	1.2	1.5	163	196	137	133
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	3.0	2.5	471	339	156	135
Wyoming .....	0.1	(Y)	9	(X)	128	(X)
United States .....	170.0	193.5	20,719	22,234	122	115

(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	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	January to October		October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	January to October	
				2022	2023				2022	2023
<b>Cattle</b>	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent of total)				
Steers .....	1,293.2	1,206.5	1,274.1	13,328.3	12,668.2	45.5	47.1	46.0	47.3	46.9
Heifers .....	895.5	788.6	870.1	8,552.2	8,379.3	31.5	30.8	31.4	30.4	31.0
All cows .....	602.8	516.3	573.5	5,816.2	5,504.9	21.2	20.2	20.7	20.6	20.4
Dairy cows .....	252.8	240.5	243.0	2,530.1	2,621.8	8.9	9.4	8.8	9.0	9.7
Other cows .....	350.1	275.8	330.5	3,286.1	2,883.1	12.3	10.8	11.9	11.7	10.7
Bulls .....	50.8	48.4	50.0	476.9	449.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
Total .....	2,842.4	2,559.8	2,767.6	28,173.5	27,002.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	29.7	21.0	22.3	299.1	240.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts .....	10,566.6	10,145.5	11,064.5	100,749.4	102,547.1	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.2
Sows .....	266.2	259.0	275.8	2,565.3	2,671.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Boars .....	24.5	26.4	26.3	249.8	256.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total .....	10,857.3	10,430.8	11,366.5	103,564.4	105,475.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature sheep .....	9.4	10.6	10.4	92.0	97.1	6.6	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.4
Lambs and yearlings .....	133.1	133.2	152.8	1,356.7	1,413.6	93.4	92.6	93.6	93.7	93.6
Total .....	142.5	143.8	163.3	1,448.7	1,510.7	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	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	January to October	
				2022	2023
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
<b>Cattle</b> .....					
Steers <sup>1</sup> .....	833	828	833	827	822
Heifers <sup>1</sup> .....	924	918	926	906	902
All cows <sup>1</sup> .....	846	827	840	833	824
Bulls <sup>1</sup> .....	616	613	613	632	628
	857	874	858	876	873
<b>Calves and vealers</b> .....	149	168	182	147	162
<b>Hogs</b> .....	214	209	212	215	213
Barrows and gilts <sup>2</sup> .....	212	206	210	213	211
Sows <sup>2</sup> .....	299	300	301	299	299
Boars <sup>2</sup> .....	195	185	185	192	190
<b>Sheep</b> .....	63	60	60	67	63
Mature sheep <sup>3</sup> .....	65	66	64	64	64
Lambs and yearlings <sup>3</sup> .....	63	59	60	67	63

<sup>1</sup> Included in cattle average dressed weight.

<sup>2</sup> Included in hog average dressed weight.

<sup>3</sup> Included in sheep average dressed weight.

## Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: October 2023

[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 .....	2.9	1.3	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
2 .....	8.2	2.3	2.0	3.5	3.0	0.5	0.4	4.0
3 .....	99.8	36.8	4.9	51.2	36.6	14.6	6.9	7.4
4 .....	80.2	5.0	2.9	63.3	12.2	51.1	9.0	0.4
5 .....	269.0	115.9	(D)	108.3	64.8	43.5	(D)	6.3
6 .....	485.9	203.8	154.1	118.9	30.1	88.8	9.1	(D)
7 .....	1,220.0	644.9	489.1	78.8	6.3	72.5	7.3	(Y)
8 .....	284.1	150.5	(D)	24.2	6.7	17.4	(D)	(Y)
9 .....	167.2	63.4	25.4	75.2	55.5	19.8	3.2	(D)
10 .....	150.3	50.2	47.7	49.8	27.7	22.1	2.7	(D)
United States .....	2,767.6	1,274.1	870.1	573.5	243.0	330.5	50.0	22.3
Hogs								
	Hogs			Sheep				
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Bucks	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 .....	3.5	3.4	(Y)	(Y)	4.4	0.2	4.3	
2 .....	11.0	10.9	0.1	(Y)	21.4	1.7	19.7	
3 .....	297.1	296.8	(D)	(D)	15.5	2.0	13.6	
4 .....	(D)	(D)	86.8	(D)	11.1	1.0	10.1	
5 .....	3,495.9	3,378.6	113.1	4.2	28.0	1.8	26.1	
6 .....	506.3	506.1	(D)	(D)	13.3	(D)	(D)	
7 .....	5,022.8	4,932.8	74.4	15.5	0.9	(D)	(D)	
8 .....	(D)	(D)	0.8	0.1	36.8	0.8	35.9	
9 .....	74.0	73.9	(Y)	(Y)	26.1	1.8	24.3	
10 .....	19.0	19.0	(Y)	(Y)	5.9	0.3	5.6	
United States .....	11,366.5	11,064.5	275.8	26.3	163.3	10.4	152.8	

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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 October 2023

[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 .....	26.5	10.8	9.0	4.2	2.4	1.8	2.5	1.6	
2 .....	78.9	23.1	18.7	34.0	30.4	3.5	3.1	46.7	
3 .....	954.7	376.0	40.7	481.7	371.3	110.4	56.3	68.0	
4 .....	755.9	49.2	27.7	600.3	135.2	465.1	78.7	4.4	
5 .....	2,629.7	1,199.4	(D)	1,003.5	627.9	375.6	(D)	70.9	
6 .....	4,764.2	1,967.5	1,595.2	1,110.9	357.5	753.4	90.6	(D)	
7 .....	11,839.0	6,359.0	4,652.6	756.2	75.1	681.1	71.1	0.4	
8 .....	2,762.6	1,474.0	(D)	223.9	58.6	165.3	(D)	(Y)	
9 .....	1,755.1	705.9	258.4	766.6	631.7	134.9	24.2	(D)	
10 .....	1,435.9	503.4	382.3	523.6	331.7	191.9	26.6	(D)	
United States .....	27,002.4	12,668.2	8,379.3	5,504.9	2,621.8	2,883.1	449.9	240.5	
Hogs									
	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 .....	23.1	22.7	0.3	0.1	40.7	2.3	38.4		
2 .....	100.1	99.5	0.5	0.1	208.2	18.6	189.7		
3 .....	2,793.0	2,790.2	(D)	(D)	146.8	14.3	132.5		
4 .....	(D)	(D)	784.6	(D)	103.1	9.2	93.8		
5 .....	31,767.0	30,584.4	1,132.8	49.8	277.7	18.5	259.2		
6 .....	4,823.7	4,821.2	(D)	(D)	105.5	(D)	(D)		
7 .....	46,642.7	45,756.9	743.1	142.8	9.5	(D)	(D)		
8 .....	(D)	(D)	5.7	0.3	339.8	9.2	330.5		
9 .....	852.8	852.4	0.3	0.1	229.8	17.2	212.7		
10 .....	181.7	181.4	0.3	0.1	49.6	2.5	47.1		
United States .....	105,475.4	102,547.1	2,671.6	256.7	1,510.7	97.1	1,413.6		

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

Species	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	January to October	
				2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	97.9	98.1	97.9	98.0	98.1
Calves .....	97.9	96.7	96.9	98.0	97.5
Hogs .....	99.4	99.5	99.4	99.5	99.5
Sheep .....	83.8	82.7	84.4	84.6	85.0

## **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 (NFI head kill) X (live weight) X (FI dressing percentage) = 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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