



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Low Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production in September

September 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in September, down 7 percent from the 4.66 billion pounds produced in September 2022.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 10 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,362 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.6 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,700 head, down 31 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 287 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.19 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 2 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 281 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 9 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2023 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,390.1	2,363.5	2,149.3	90	91	21,238.6	20,152.5	95
Veal	4.3	4.2	3.6	85	86	40.4	35.7	88
Pork	2,259.4	2,295.0	2,186.2	97	95	20,076.8	20,150.9	100
Lamb and mutton	10.8	10.5	10.2	94	96	99.0	96.5	97
Total red meat	4,664.7	4,673.3	4,349.3	93	93	41,454.8	40,435.6	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of		January to September		
				September 2022	August 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,350.6	2,329.5	2,114.5	90	91	20,894.3	19,840.1	95
Veal	4.2	4.1	3.5	84	86	39.3	34.6	88
Pork	2,247.7	2,282.4	2,175.5	97	95	19,983.0	20,060.4	100
Lamb and mutton	9.6	8.9	8.6	90	96	87.5	84.9	97
Total red meat	4,612.1	4,624.9	4,302.0	93	93	41,004.1	40,020.0	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of 2022	January to September		
					2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,839.6	2,840.8	2,559.6	90	25,331.1	24,234.6	96
Other 1,000	58.2	49.2	50.8	87	501.7	455.4	91
Commercial 1,000	2,897.8	2,890.0	2,610.4	90	25,832.9	24,690.0	96
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,368	1,353	1,365	100	1,368	1,360	99
Other pounds	1,195	1,212	1,210	101	1,211	1,213	100
Commercial pounds	1,364	1,350	1,362	100	1,365	1,357	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	30.9	25.9	21.0	68	269.4	218.1	81
Other 1,000	0.5	0.7	0.7	159	5.5	5.4	99
Commercial 1,000	31.4	26.6	21.7	69	274.9	223.5	81
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	236	270	285	121	253	272	108
Other pounds	352	357	346	98	373	366	98
Commercial pounds	237	273	287	121	255	274	107
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,597.2	11,057.3	10,430.9	98	92,707.2	94,108.9	102
Other 1,000	61.8	65.4	55.7	90	482.1	465.3	97
Commercial 1,000	10,659.0	11,122.7	10,486.5	98	93,189.3	94,574.2	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	285	278	281	99	289	287	99
Other pounds	261	264	265	102	267	268	100
Commercial pounds	285	278	281	99	289	287	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	146.8	150.9	143.8	98	1,306.2	1,347.4	103
Other 1,000	25.2	32.9	30.0	119	235.8	235.9	100
Commercial 1,000	171.9	183.8	173.8	101	1,542.0	1,583.4	103
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	129	117	118	92	133	124	94
Other pounds	99	97	103	104	98	98	100
Commercial pounds	125	113	116	93	127	121	95
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	41.9	44.4	41.6	99	363.8	382.1	105
Other 1,000	9.8	9.8	10.3	105	80.6	74.0	92
Commercial 1,000	51.7	54.3	51.9	100	444.4	456.1	103
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	66	64	64	97	65	64	99
Other pounds	87	83	88	102	85	86	101
Commercial pounds	70	67	69	99	68	68	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.5	6.2	5.6	102	53.5	56.2	105
Other 1,000	0.2	0.2	0.2	119	2.2	2.4	108
Commercial 1,000	5.7	6.5	5.9	103	55.6	58.5	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	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.2	1.4	1.3	107
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	37.6	42.6	36.7	98
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	0.6	105
California	143.0	111.4	100.5	70
Colorado	181.9	177.6	156.1	86
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	3.0	2.5	90
Florida	6.9	6.7	6.3	91
Georgia	13.9	14.7	13.2	95
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	0.7	76
Idaho	34.9	40.3	39.7	114
Illinois	266.7	276.0	257.4	97
Indiana	155.9	164.6	155.6	100
Iowa	713.4	764.7	720.9	101
Kansas	511.2	513.9	465.7	91
Kentucky	54.3	57.4	55.0	101
Louisiana	0.4	0.3	0.3	78
Michigan	111.8	114.1	108.4	97
Minnesota	262.6	234.1	232.0	88
Mississippi	0.8	0.7	0.7	92
Missouri	170.1	175.2	169.4	100
Montana	1.7	1.8	2.2	128
Nebraska	681.5	661.2	606.2	89
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
New England ¹	3.1	3.0	2.8	92
New Jersey	3.8	4.1	3.7	98
New Mexico	0.4	0.4	0.4	115
New York	3.6	3.5	3.3	91
North Carolina	238.5	228.9	218.3	92
North Dakota	0.9	0.7	0.7	75
Ohio	24.2	26.4	24.0	99
Oklahoma	96.1	100.6	90.5	94
Oregon	3.1	2.9	2.5	81
Pennsylvania	132.8	135.6	124.6	94
South Carolina	16.4	17.3	16.7	102
South Dakota	122.5	120.7	117.8	96
Tennessee	26.1	29.0	26.1	100
Texas	406.1	396.5	369.3	91
Utah	46.1	50.6	42.9	93
Virginia	1.8	1.3	1.3	73
Washington	81.5	82.1	76.2	93
West Virginia	1.1	1.0	1.2	112
Wisconsin	101.5	104.4	94.6	93
Wyoming	0.8	0.9	0.8	95
United States	4,664.7	4,673.3	4,349.3	93

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: September 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	1.5	0.9	1,507	1,020	1,028	1,118
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	43.1	41.0	60,336	58,968	1,402	1,442
Arkansas	0.9	0.9	872	915	942	988
California	137.8	115.5	178,239	154,857	1,303	1,351
Colorado	200.7	175.7	282,869	243,790	1,411	1,389
Delaware-Maryland	2.8	2.6	3,934	3,558	1,393	1,394
Florida	11.4	10.3	13,186	12,076	1,158	1,176
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.3	1.0	1,588	1,171	1,200	1,170
Idaho	48.8	54.3	61,718	68,170	1,271	1,262
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.7	4.3	5,632	5,215	1,203	1,205
Iowa	46.8	45.1	64,885	61,987	1,386	1,375
Kansas	567.1	524.0	788,566	719,792	1,391	1,374
Kentucky	5.9	6.1	6,424	6,703	1,092	1,100
Louisiana	0.7	0.5	553	457	811	882
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.8	0.6	714	583	920	934
Missouri	30.0	28.5	34,444	32,637	1,153	1,150
Montana	1.9	2.4	2,335	3,083	1,231	1,269
Nebraska	612.8	528.2	884,925	759,261	1,445	1,439
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	3.5	3.0	3,933	3,516	1,131	1,163
New Jersey	4.1	4.0	4,555	4,550	1,128	1,140
New Mexico	0.5	0.6	502	605	1,059	1,092
New York	4.1	3.9	4,812	4,608	1,181	1,197
North Carolina	7.8	7.7	9,600	9,424	1,239	1,234
North Dakota	1.1	0.8	1,403	1,040	1,287	1,278
Ohio	7.0	6.1	9,314	8,098	1,328	1,329
Oklahoma	8.1	5.3	9,365	6,011	1,156	1,148
Oregon	2.5	1.9	2,762	2,301	1,127	1,216
Pennsylvania	95.9	88.6	117,374	111,104	1,233	1,259
South Carolina	24.8	25.1	31,927	32,790	1,290	1,313
South Dakota	40.6	35.4	58,188	50,675	1,443	1,438
Tennessee	3.9	3.8	3,987	3,657	1,044	986
Texas	514.5	466.3	664,963	604,351	1,296	1,300
Utah	50.9	46.9	71,619	66,903	1,408	1,427
Virginia	2.0	1.7	2,197	1,789	1,081	1,032
Washington	96.2	85.5	132,939	122,955	1,386	1,441
West Virginia	1.5	1.6	1,548	1,721	1,017	1,057
Wisconsin	109.7	103.9	151,701	142,778	1,392	1,383
Wyoming	1.0	1.0	1,176	1,126	1,164	1,156
United States	2,897.8	2,610.4	3,943,601	3,548,656	1,364	1,362

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

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022 (1,000 head)	2023 (1,000 head)	2022 (1,000 pounds)	2023 (1,000 pounds)	2022 (pounds)	2023 (pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	2.9	(D)	331	(D)	123	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	45	(D)	435	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.1	102	51	494	486
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.1	0.2	37	87	341	412
Indiana	0.7	0.5	277	228	424	438
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Mississippi	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New England ¹	0.2	0.1	58	40	264	270
New Jersey	1.3	1.3	489	478	382	374
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	5.0	2.6	496	258	101	99
North Carolina	0.1	0.2	16	39	194	218
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	8.8	3.9	1,288	904	146	230
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	6.6	6.2	2,852	2,704	433	439
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Texas	0.1	0.1	63	51	428	407
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	0.2	0.1	42	31	266	286
Washington	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
West Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	1.9	1.5	907	709	482	483
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	31.4	21.7	7,386	6,202	237	287

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

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.4	2.4	541	1,049	398	439
Alaska	0.1	0.1	17	14	261	267
Arizona	0.2	0.1	58	22	235	250
Arkansas	0.4	0.5	117	124	262	250
California	216.7	73.7	56,043	16,499	259	224
Colorado	3.3	3.1	577	543	173	174
Delaware-Maryland	1.8	1.6	500	438	275	272
Florida	7.8	5.3	811	599	104	114
Georgia	4.8	4.6	1,290	1,266	267	273
Hawaii	0.2	0.1	44	38	256	267
Idaho	12.1	11.0	3,263	2,720	269	247
Illinois	945.6	947.4	268,830	266,727	284	282
Indiana	724.3	739.5	202,853	203,899	280	276
Iowa	3,232.5	3,310.4	911,495	925,946	282	280
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.2	0.2	50	40	206	229
Michigan	317.9	332.4	94,059	95,816	296	288
Minnesota	1,105.7	996.3	306,592	274,707	277	276
Mississippi	3.2	3.1	516	527	162	168
Missouri	704.0	713.6	204,191	204,961	290	287
Montana	1.6	1.8	416	491	263	270
Nebraska	618.9	629.7	176,027	178,583	284	284
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	2.9	3.0	759	777	260	256
New Jersey	8.4	8.1	794	800	95	99
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	72	79	245	226
New York	2.6	1.9	636	480	244	251
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.3	86	83	312	303
Ohio	81.0	88.1	23,983	25,088	296	285
Oklahoma	429.2	425.5	121,842	114,945	284	270
Oregon	5.7	5.0	1,520	1,240	269	248
Pennsylvania	295.5	274.5	82,456	76,588	279	279
South Carolina	2.1	1.6	508	393	247	242
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	80.6	79.4	35,922	36,127	447	456
Texas	23.3	22.7	4,604	4,153	198	183
Utah	(D)	1.9	(D)	508	(D)	266
Virginia	(D)	0.9	(D)	283	(D)	302
Washington	1.6	(D)	431	(D)	264	(D)
West Virginia	0.9	1.1	256	319	296	293
Wisconsin	68.9	64.7	29,412	27,689	428	429
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	105	97	239	270
United States	10,659.0	10,486.5	3,039,573	2,946,802	285	281

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

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	0.1	(D)	6	(D)	87
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.2	0.7	18	72	99	107
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	11	11	97	109
California	21.7	25.3	3,338	3,511	154	139
Colorado	32.5	28.3	5,229	4,013	161	142
Delaware-Maryland	2.2	1.9	227	186	102	98
Florida	2.4	2.3	125	121	53	53
Georgia	2.2	(D)	127	(D)	57	(D)
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	10	24	135	138
Idaho	0.3	0.3	37	37	146	134
Illinois	6.0	6.2	529	534	88	86
Indiana	6.4	6.4	705	660	111	104
Iowa	0.3	0.3	42	33	155	131
Kansas	0.6	0.3	57	40	97	124
Kentucky	1.2	1.3	148	144	120	110
Louisiana	0.7	0.6	38	36	58	58
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.7	0.6	57	49	87	80
Mississippi	0.1	0.2	8	15	70	78
Missouri	0.7	0.7	54	68	79	93
Montana	0.4	0.4	46	55	126	130
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	12	11	119	120
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	4.1	4.1	408	391	99	96
New Jersey	16.1	14.3	1,369	1,172	85	82
New Mexico	0.5	0.5	75	67	139	133
New York	4.4	5.6	452	478	104	85
North Carolina	2.1	2.6	143	173	67	68
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	12	8	137	116
Ohio	4.3	4.6	684	695	158	152
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	5.1	3.8	699	529	137	139
Pennsylvania	9.6	10.6	1,020	1,076	106	102
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.4	0.2	41	25	117	116
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	21.3	25.0	2,412	2,750	113	110
Utah	1.5	1.4	207	190	135	133
Virginia	1.3	1.0	86	69	68	72
Washington	1.5	1.8	207	244	137	135
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	3.6	2.2	585	315	162	141
Wyoming	0.1	0.1	17	14	142	129
United States	171.9	173.8	21,435	20,097	125	116

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection by Class – United States

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Class	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	January to September		September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	January to September	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	2022	2023	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	(percent of total)	2022	2023
Cattle										
Steers	1,355.6	1,359.2	1,206.4	12,035.1	11,394.1	47.7	47.8	47.1	47.5	47.0
Heifers	860.9	874.0	788.6	7,656.6	7,509.2	30.3	30.8	30.8	30.2	31.0
All cows	571.1	556.2	516.3	5,213.4	4,931.4	20.1	19.6	20.2	20.6	20.3
Dairy cows	260.5	275.2	240.5	2,277.3	2,378.8	9.2	9.7	9.4	9.0	9.8
Other cows	310.6	281.0	275.8	2,936.0	2,552.6	10.9	9.9	10.8	11.6	10.5
Bulls	52.1	51.5	48.4	426.1	399.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7
Total	2,839.6	2,840.8	2,559.6	25,331.1	24,234.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	30.9	25.9	21.0	269.4	218.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,312.5	10,735.9	10,145.5	90,182.7	91,482.7	97.3	97.1	97.3	97.3	97.2
Sows	258.8	293.8	259.0	2,299.2	2,395.8	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
Boars	25.9	27.7	26.4	225.3	230.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Total	10,597.2	11,057.3	10,430.9	92,707.2	94,108.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	9.3	9.8	10.6	82.6	86.7	6.3	6.5	7.4	6.3	6.4
Lambs and yearlings	137.5	141.1	133.2	1,223.7	1,260.8	93.7	93.5	92.6	93.7	93.6
Total	146.8	150.9	143.8	1,306.2	1,347.4	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	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	January to September	
	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	830	822	828	827	820
Steers ¹	915	903	918	905	899
Heifers ¹	834	818	827	832	822
All cows ¹	615	621	613	634	630
Bulls ¹	867	876	874	878	874
Calves and vealers	136	159	168	147	159
Hogs	212	206	209	216	213
Barrows and gilts ²	210	204	206	214	211
Sows ²	300	300	300	299	299
Boars ²	194	185	185	192	191
Sheep	65	59	60	67	63
Mature sheep ³	63	66	66	64	65
Lambs and yearlings ³	65	59	59	67	63

¹ Included in cattle average dressed weight.

² Included in hog average dressed weight.

³ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter – Regions and United States: September 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle							Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total	
				All	Dairy	Other			
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
1	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	
2	7.8	2.0	1.8	3.6	3.2	0.4	0.4	3.9	
3	90.9	35.4	3.3	46.3	34.2	12.0	5.9	6.4	
4	75.8	4.8	2.8	60.2	12.4	47.8	7.9	0.4	
5	247.6	113.0	(D)	93.6	59.5	34.2	(D)	6.1	
6	466.6	180.5	165.5	111.1	32.2	78.9	9.5	(D)	
7	1,114.3	614.7	425.4	66.5	7.4	59.1	7.7	(Y)	
8	256.6	138.6	(D)	20.0	7.1	12.9	(D)	(Y)	
9	156.9	61.1	25.0	67.9	55.2	12.8	2.8	(D)	
10	140.6	55.2	36.2	46.6	29.2	17.4	2.7	(D)	
United States	2,559.6	1,206.4	788.6	516.3	240.5	275.8	48.4	21.0	
	Hogs				Sheep				
	Total	Barrows and gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature sheep	Lambs and yearlings		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)		
1	2.6	2.6	(Y)	(Y)	4.0	0.2	3.8		
2	9.9	9.9	0.1	(Y)	19.4	1.8	17.7		
3	275.3	275.0	(D)	(D)	14.3	2.0	12.3		
4	(D)	(D)	80.5	(D)	9.2	1.1	8.1		
5	3,142.0	3,035.5	103.1	3.4	26.5	2.0	24.5		
6	446.0	445.8	(D)	(D)	11.8	(D)	(D)		
7	4,664.1	4,574.7	74.5	14.9	0.9	(D)	(D)		
8	(D)	(D)	0.5	(Y)	29.5	0.9	28.6		
9	70.5	70.4	(Y)	(Y)	24.0	1.8	22.2		
10	16.9	16.9	(Y)	(Y)	4.3	0.3	4.0		
United States	10,430.9	10,145.5	259.0	26.4	143.8	10.6	133.2		

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Standard federal regions ¹	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total
				All	Dairy	Other		
(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
1	23.6	9.5	8.0	3.8	2.2	1.7	2.3	1.4
2	70.7	20.9	16.7	30.5	27.5	3.0	2.7	42.7
3	855.0	339.2	35.9	430.5	334.7	95.8	49.4	60.6
4	675.6	44.1	24.8	537.0	122.9	414.0	69.7	4.0
5	2,360.6	1,083.4	(D)	895.2	563.1	332.1	(D)	64.6
6	4,278.3	1,763.7	1,441.0	992.0	327.4	664.6	81.5	(D)
7	10,619.0	5,714.2	4,163.5	677.5	68.8	608.6	63.8	0.3
8	2,478.5	1,323.4	(D)	199.8	51.9	147.9	(D)	(Y)
9	1,587.9	642.5	233.0	691.4	576.2	115.1	21.0	(D)
10	1,285.6	453.2	334.6	473.8	304.0	169.8	23.9	(D)
United States	24,234.6	11,394.1	7,509.2	4,931.4	2,378.8	2,552.6	399.9	218.1
	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	19.7	19.3	0.2	0.1	36.2	2.1	34.1	
2	89.1	88.5	0.4	0.1	186.9	16.8	170.0	
3	2,495.9	2,493.4	(D)	(D)	131.3	12.3	119.0	
4	(D)	(D)	697.8	(D)	92.0	8.2	83.8	
5	28,271.1	27,205.9	1,019.7	45.6	249.8	16.7	233.1	
6	4,317.4	4,315.1	(D)	(D)	92.2	(D)	(D)	
7	41,619.9	40,824.0	668.7	127.3	8.6	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	4.8	0.3	303.0	8.4	294.6	
9	778.9	778.5	0.3	0.1	203.8	15.4	188.4	
10	162.8	162.4	0.2	0.1	43.7	2.2	41.5	
United States	94,108.9	91,482.7	2,395.8	230.4	1,347.4	86.7	1,260.8	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	January to September	
				2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.0	98.3	98.1	98.1	98.2
Calves	98.6	97.2	96.7	98.0	97.6
Hogs	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.5	99.5
Sheep	85.4	82.1	82.7	84.7	85.1

Terms and Definitions Used for Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole animal, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Based on packers' dressed weights.

Custom-Exempt Plants: Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any state whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants: Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual state standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. The FI red meat production is equal to the total carcass weight after slaughter. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants: Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live animals, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the United States must be inspected. Meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with Federal (USDA) Standards.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Primary data for the *Livestock Slaughter* publication are obtained from electronic reports completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide daily counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants, in addition to total live and dressed weights. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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