



Livestock Slaughter

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Record Low Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production in June

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

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in June, down 4 percent from the 4.73 billion pounds produced in June 2022.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 5 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.9 million pounds, 15 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,400 head, down 20 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 1 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,300 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, down 9 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2023 commercial red meat production was 27.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	June 2023 as % of		January to June		
				June 2022	May 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,456.0	2,305.8	2,334.9	95	101	14,095.1	13,531.7	96
Veal	4.6	4.2	3.9	85	94	27.3	24.0	88
Pork	2,255.6	2,271.3	2,202.2	98	97	13,543.1	13,663.5	101
Lamb and mutton	11.5	11.4	10.9	95	95	66.1	66.3	100
Total red meat	4,727.7	4,592.7	4,551.9	96	99	27,731.6	27,285.5	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	June 2023 as % of		January to June		
				June 2022	May 2023	2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,415.1	2,269.3	2,300.6	95	101	13,862.4	13,318.8	96
Veal	4.5	4.1	3.8	85	93	26.5	23.3	88
Pork	2,245.1	2,261.4	2,192.5	98	97	13,483.8	13,606.3	101
Lamb and mutton	10.2	9.9	9.5	94	97	58.7	59.2	101
Total red meat	4,674.8	4,544.6	4,506.4	96	99	27,431.4	27,007.7	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	June 2023 as % of 2022	January to June		
					2022	2023	2023 as % of 2022
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,984.8	2,786.6	2,844.1	95	16,741.6	16,280.5	97
Other 1,000	59.9	53.1	50.2	84	337.7	311.2	92
Commercial 1,000	3,044.7	2,839.7	2,894.2	95	17,079.3	16,591.7	97
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,342	1,352	1,341	100	1,376	1,363	99
Other pounds	1,198	1,212	1,207	101	1,216	1,212	100
Commercial pounds	1,339	1,349	1,338	100	1,373	1,360	99
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	28.6	23.8	22.9	80	176.3	148.7	84
Other 1,000	0.6	0.5	0.5	95	3.8	3.3	88
Commercial 1,000	29.1	24.2	23.4	80	180.0	152.0	84
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	268	291	281	105	260	269	104
Other pounds	386	377	396	103	376	374	99
Commercial pounds	271	292	283	105	262	271	103
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,450.6	10,533.4	10,376.0	99	61,924.1	63,058.6	102
Other 1,000	54.8	50.3	51.2	93	298.2	291.9	98
Commercial 1,000	10,505.4	10,583.8	10,427.1	99	62,222.3	63,350.5	102
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	288	289	284	99	292	290	99
Other pounds	263	272	261	100	272	270	99
Commercial pounds	288	289	284	99	292	290	99
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	147.4	154.6	148.4	101	871.2	921.4	106
Other 1,000	26.8	31.9	28.8	108	152.7	144.4	95
Commercial 1,000	174.2	186.5	177.3	102	1,023.9	1,065.8	104
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	137	126	127	93	133	127	95
Other pounds	98	99	95	97	97	97	100
Commercial pounds	131	121	122	93	128	123	96
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	39.6	44.2	43.4	110	242.5	256.2	106
Other 1,000	8.1	6.6	9.4	116	51.6	45.5	88
Commercial 1,000	47.7	50.8	52.9	111	294.0	301.7	103
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	64	64	65	101	64	65	101
Other pounds	86	88	85	99	85	86	100
Commercial pounds	68	67	68	101	68	68	100
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	6.4	6.5	6.3	99	36.0	38.6	107
Other 1,000	0.3	0.2	0.3	103	1.5	1.6	104
Commercial 1,000	6.6	6.7	6.6	99	37.5	40.2	107

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	June 2023 as % of 2022
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.3	1.2	1.2	87
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
Arizona	42.9	40.5	40.9	95
Arkansas	0.5	0.5	0.5	102
California	152.6	114.2	116.3	76
Colorado	180.9	169.0	171.4	95
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	2.9	2.7	89
Florida	8.4	7.9	7.3	88
Georgia	14.2	13.1	15.0	105
Hawaii	1.0	0.7	0.8	81
Idaho	36.5	34.5	37.8	103
Illinois	260.4	269.8	258.8	99
Indiana	150.6	152.8	156.9	104
Iowa	721.6	770.0	701.9	97
Kansas	526.7	491.0	502.6	95
Kentucky	50.9	50.7	47.7	94
Louisiana	0.5	0.4	0.3	58
Michigan	104.6	111.3	109.3	105
Minnesota	251.9	238.9	225.1	89
Mississippi	0.9	0.9	0.8	89
Missouri	174.6	165.8	162.5	93
Montana	6.0	3.1	2.8	46
Nebraska	679.0	622.2	654.5	96
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	126
New England ¹	3.1	2.8	2.9	94
New Jersey	3.9	4.1	3.8	99
New Mexico	0.3	0.4	0.4	115
New York	3.7	3.4	3.5	93
North Carolina	254.6	269.6	262.2	103
North Dakota	0.9	0.7	0.7	79
Ohio	22.9	24.7	24.8	108
Oklahoma	104.8	108.0	109.9	105
Oregon	4.2	2.7	2.8	66
Pennsylvania	129.7	132.3	134.8	104
South Carolina	15.7	16.6	16.5	105
South Dakota	118.1	116.8	112.0	95
Tennessee	25.9	24.8	27.2	105
Texas	430.3	389.3	393.1	91
Utah	47.1	46.4	47.5	101
Virginia	1.6	1.4	1.4	87
Washington	81.4	84.0	83.2	102
West Virginia	0.7	0.8	0.8	122
Wisconsin	108.8	101.5	106.5	98
Wyoming	0.9	0.9	0.8	81
United States	4,727.7	4,592.7	4,551.9	96

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Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: June 2022 and 2023

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

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	1.3	1.0	1,419	1,131	1,091	1,118
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	50.4	46.5	68,976	65,541	1,372	1,413
Arkansas	0.8	0.8	746	791	958	1,030
California	145.3	134.0	194,747	181,056	1,349	1,360
Colorado	210.7	200.7	283,341	269,234	1,346	1,342
Delaware-Maryland	3.0	2.7	4,357	3,797	1,443	1,420
Florida	13.5	11.9	16,341	14,385	1,211	1,212
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.5	1.1	1,687	1,346	1,147	1,188
Idaho	50.2	51.7	63,993	65,614	1,284	1,276
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.7	4.0	5,707	4,775	1,215	1,207
Iowa	47.9	48.8	64,383	65,783	1,346	1,347
Kansas	603.3	580.4	816,537	778,320	1,354	1,341
Kentucky	6.3	6.6	6,884	7,151	1,105	1,097
Louisiana	0.8	0.5	705	435	891	852
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.8	0.6	785	617	967	951
Missouri	28.4	23.9	32,104	29,042	1,131	1,216
Montana	7.3	3.3	9,106	4,088	1,256	1,251
Nebraska	634.5	614.2	876,720	844,756	1,383	1,377
Nevada	0.1	0.1	82	100	1,173	1,174
New England ¹	3.5	3.0	4,256	3,678	1,213	1,210
New Jersey	4.1	4.3	4,659	4,754	1,141	1,116
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	473	519	1,063	1,108
New York	4.2	4.1	5,189	4,932	1,239	1,217
North Carolina	8.8	8.7	10,917	10,762	1,239	1,237
North Dakota	1.2	0.9	1,414	1,119	1,226	1,222
Ohio	7.4	6.4	9,762	8,410	1,323	1,325
Oklahoma	7.6	6.1	8,914	7,257	1,169	1,194
Oregon	2.8	1.9	3,138	2,349	1,132	1,238
Pennsylvania	94.5	96.0	119,387	122,205	1,269	1,278
South Carolina	23.6	24.2	30,483	32,296	1,298	1,342
South Dakota	42.4	39.4	59,193	54,472	1,402	1,391
Tennessee	4.0	3.9	4,148	3,928	1,044	1,022
Texas	546.3	501.2	704,732	643,987	1,293	1,288
Utah	54.4	54.0	73,325	74,544	1,348	1,381
Virginia	1.6	1.7	1,784	1,811	1,092	1,095
Washington	98.1	98.1	133,424	135,866	1,363	1,388
West Virginia	0.8	0.9	918	1,060	1,184	1,189
Wisconsin	117.4	112.9	163,321	157,084	1,398	1,401
Wyoming	1.2	0.9	1,376	1,071	1,155	1,139
United States	3,044.7	2,894.2	4,068,959	3,865,647	1,339	1,338

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	3.1	(D)	382	(D)	129	(D)
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	0.1	(D)	63	(D)	438	(D)
Georgia	0.2	0.1	97	55	474	487
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.1	0.1	37	20	335	370
Indiana	0.6	0.5	249	231	394	443
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	47	32	233	225
New Jersey	1.4	1.2	522	452	373	378
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	3.5	3.2	359	301	104	94
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	28	18	323	284
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	6.1	4.2	1,119	1,100	185	261
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7.5	6.3	3,329	2,761	442	437
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Texas	0.2	0.1	85	41	423	388
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	0.2	0.1	53	19	269	282
Washington	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
West Virginia	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	2.3	1.9	1,059	907	465	475
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	29.1	23.4	7,831	6,597	271	283

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: June 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	2.0	1.9	854	810	424	423
Alaska	0.1	(Y)	26	(X)	266	(X)
Arizona	0.1	0.1	21	16	313	265
Arkansas	0.4	0.4	108	108	253	268
California	212.1	78.8	54,506	17,187	257	219
Colorado	2.7	3.1	438	463	160	149
Delaware-Maryland	1.7	1.6	438	433	262	265
Florida	7.1	4.7	796	533	112	112
Georgia	5.0	5.4	1,400	1,513	280	278
Hawaii	0.2	0.2	53	42	259	255
Idaho	14.3	12.1	3,870	2,869	271	238
Illinois	890.9	931.4	255,344	262,335	287	282
Indiana	708.5	748.1	195,652	204,970	276	274
Iowa	3,217.3	3,189.3	919,591	894,588	286	281
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.3	0.2	64	46	232	237
Michigan	280.5	322.9	82,193	92,898	293	288
Minnesota	1,047.3	962.6	288,835	262,473	276	273
Mississippi	3.4	3.3	560	564	165	173
Missouri	719.8	690.7	210,501	197,209	293	286
Montana	1.7	1.8	462	521	272	293
Nebraska	648.6	625.2	184,699	176,294	285	282
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
New England ¹	2.5	2.7	627	719	254	265
New Jersey	8.4	7.9	813	812	97	103
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	47	49	255	241
New York	2.9	1.9	675	463	235	242
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.2	0.2	56	70	306	294
Ohio	77.1	90.8	22,325	25,891	290	285
Oklahoma	445.2	493.2	131,975	139,378	296	283
Oregon	10.0	5.9	2,699	1,395	270	239
Pennsylvania	275.2	287.9	76,838	81,344	279	283
South Carolina	2.3	2.0	573	493	248	247
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	78.6	82.6	35,267	37,599	449	456
Texas	22.6	22.6	4,611	4,979	204	221
Utah	(D)	1.9	(D)	427	(D)	221
Virginia	(D)	1.1	(D)	313	(D)	295
Washington	1.9	(D)	480	(D)	249	(D)
West Virginia	0.5	0.6	140	182	305	294
Wisconsin	69.5	75.5	30,246	33,351	436	442
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	136	139	265	255
United States	10,505.4	10,427.1	3,024,004	2,960,712	288	284

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: June 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)	8	(D)	86
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.6	26	63	101	102
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	11	7	108	118
California	24.1	24.1	3,812	3,552	158	147
Colorado	36.0	32.7	6,364	5,505	177	168
Delaware-Maryland	2.2	2.3	212	223	97	95
Florida	2.3	2.4	123	120	52	50
Georgia	1.6	(D)	96	(D)	58	(D)
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	17	20	137	140
Idaho	0.1	0.2	18	36	152	152
Illinois	5.4	4.7	491	376	91	81
Indiana	5.8	7.1	659	763	114	108
Iowa	0.1	0.3	23	40	160	136
Kansas	0.4	0.4	34	35	77	98
Kentucky	1.2	1.4	136	155	118	107
Louisiana	0.6	0.7	34	38	54	56
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.5	0.6	43	43	81	77
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	7	5	63	68
Missouri	0.6	0.8	49	82	78	97
Montana	0.9	0.5	124	63	135	138
Nebraska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	142
New England ¹	3.6	4.7	355	482	99	102
New Jersey	14.8	14.5	1,258	1,187	85	82
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	54	72	143	143
New York	4.7	5.6	508	491	109	87
North Carolina	1.9	2.9	137	180	72	61
North Dakota	0.1	0.1	6	12	114	126
Ohio	3.8	4.3	622	710	165	164
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.1	4.3	622	684	152	160
Pennsylvania	8.2	10.2	896	1,018	109	100
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	23	21	102	119
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	25.8	22.3	2,851	2,226	111	100
Utah	1.4	1.3	203	181	144	136
Virginia	1.2	0.9	79	65	63	71
Washington	1.1	1.4	153	187	135	136
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	2.7	3.1	463	428	170	138
Wyoming	0.2	0.1	24	8	115	124
United States	174.2	177.3	22,785	21,609	131	122

(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	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	January to June		June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	January to June	
				2022	2023				2022	2023
	(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)
Cattle										
Steers	1,456.8	1,341.3	1,383.0	7,918.7	7,607.1	48.8	48.1	48.6	47.3	46.7
Heifers	891.1	847.1	850.9	5,063.0	5,061.8	29.9	30.4	29.9	30.2	31.1
All cows	585.2	549.8	559.8	3,484.0	3,354.5	19.6	19.7	19.7	20.8	20.6
Dairy cows	233.0	249.1	255.7	1,520.6	1,618.9	7.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.9
Other cows	352.2	300.8	304.1	1,963.4	1,735.6	11.8	10.8	10.7	11.7	10.7
Bulls	51.6	48.3	50.4	275.9	257.0	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6
Total	2,984.8	2,786.6	2,844.1	16,741.6	16,280.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	28.6	23.8	22.9	176.3	148.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,155.8	10,231.7	10,058.8	60,247.1	61,330.3	97.2	97.1	96.9	97.3	97.3
Sows	267.6	274.7	291.3	1,529.3	1,574.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5
Boars	27.2	27.0	25.9	147.7	153.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,450.6	10,533.4	10,376.0	61,924.1	63,058.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	8.9	10.3	10.1	54.0	57.0	6.1	6.7	6.8	6.2	6.2
Lambs and yearlings	138.4	144.3	138.3	817.2	864.4	93.9	93.3	93.2	93.8	93.8
Total	147.4	154.6	148.4	871.2	921.4	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	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	January to June	
				2022	2023
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	811	816	811	830	820
Steers ¹	881	888	884	906	896
Heifers ¹	812	819	809	836	824
All cows ¹	626	628	623	643	635
Bulls ¹	891	890	903	880	873
Calves and vealers	157	172	166	152	158
Hogs	215	215	211	218	216
Barrows and gilts ²	213	213	209	216	214
Sows ²	303	300	303	298	298
Boars ²	195	194	195	193	193
Sheep	69	64	64	67	64
Mature sheep ³	64	64	65	64	64
Lambs and yearlings ³	69	64	64	68	64

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: June 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	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
2	8.2	2.3	1.9	3.7	3.3	0.4	0.3	4.4
3	98.7	40.4	3.7	48.6	36.8	11.8	6.0	6.5
4	82.0	5.5	2.9	65.9	13.4	52.6	7.8	0.3
5	269.8	123.7	(D)	103.6	66.2	37.5	(D)	6.7
6	501.5	205.0	175.2	111.8	35.2	76.6	9.5	(D)
7	1,256.7	698.7	473.4	76.4	6.1	70.2	8.3	(Y)
8	292.6	170.6	(D)	21.5	6.3	15.2	(D)	(Y)
9	181.0	75.0	28.0	74.6	56.7	17.9	3.3	(D)
10	150.9	60.7	33.8	53.3	31.5	21.8	3.1	(D)
United States	2,844.1	1,383.0	850.9	559.8	255.7	304.1	50.4	22.9
	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	2.5	2.4	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.4	4.2	
2	9.7	9.7	(Y)	(Y)	19.0	1.6	17.4	
3	289.6	289.3	(D)	(D)	14.4	1.3	13.0	
4	(D)	(D)	82.8	(D)	11.8	1.0	10.8	
5	3,108.0	2,975.5	127.9	4.5	28.0	2.4	25.6	
6	512.5	512.3	(D)	(D)	8.8	(D)	(D)	
7	4,519.3	4,424.8	79.8	14.7	0.9	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	0.3	(Y)	33.8	0.9	32.9	
9	75.5	75.5	(Y)	(Y)	22.5	1.6	20.9	
10	19.1	19.0	(Y)	(Y)	4.7	0.2	4.5	
United States	10,376.0	10,058.8	291.3	25.9	148.4	10.1	138.3	

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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 June 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	15.7	6.2	5.5	2.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.0
2	47.5	14.3	11.8	19.9	17.9	2.0	1.6	30.1
3	578.1	229.8	26.0	289.5	227.6	62.0	32.8	40.4
4	451.4	29.5	16.5	358.3	84.1	274.1	47.2	2.9
5	1,587.9	724.9	(D)	608.8	372.8	236.0	(D)	44.5
6	2,872.2	1,220.5	934.4	664.4	224.2	440.2	52.9	(D)
7	7,121.9	3,791.2	2,831.1	457.6	44.4	413.2	42.0	0.3
8	1,657.9	865.1	(D)	138.7	30.5	108.2	(D)	(Y)
9	1,086.9	444.3	151.4	478.7	401.5	77.1	12.5	(D)
10	860.9	281.3	228.1	336.3	214.6	121.7	15.1	(D)
United States	16,280.5	7,607.1	5,061.8	3,354.5	1,618.9	1,735.6	257.0	148.7
	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	12.1	11.9	0.1	0.1	25.5	1.4	24.1	
2	60.3	59.9	0.3	0.1	128.0	11.6	116.5	
3	1,649.6	1,647.9	(D)	(D)	89.5	7.1	82.4	
4	(D)	(D)	447.4	(D)	61.5	5.1	56.4	
5	18,978.8	18,256.3	689.4	33.1	169.7	11.3	158.4	
6	2,898.0	2,896.5	(D)	(D)	61.2	(D)	(D)	
7	27,829.8	27,314.8	431.3	83.7	6.0	(D)	(D)	
8	(D)	(D)	3.3	0.2	213.8	5.7	208.1	
9	558.5	558.3	0.2	(Y)	136.5	10.5	126.1	
10	110.0	109.7	0.2	0.1	29.7	1.5	28.2	
United States	63,058.6	61,330.3	1,574.6	153.7	921.4	57.0	864.4	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	January to June	
				2022	2023
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	98.0	98.1	98.3	98.0	98.1
Calves	98.1	98.1	97.8	97.9	97.8
Hogs	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5
Sheep	84.6	82.9	83.7	85.1	86.5

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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