



Livestock Slaughter

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Total Red Meat Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

April 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in April, down 3 percent from the 4.71 billion pounds produced in April 2021.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 1 percent from April 2021. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,373 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 28,100 head, up 2 percent from April 2021. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from last year, at 276 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, down 7 percent from April 2021. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,500 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2022 commercial red meat production was 18.5 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2021.

Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	2022 as % of 2021
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,348.6	2,505.8	2,327.1	99	93	9,248.1	9,349.5	101
Veal	4.3	4.9	4.5	106	91	18.4	18.3	99
Pork	2,343.9	2,455.9	2,201.7	94	90	9,635.7	9,105.9	95
Lamb and mutton	13.6	12.3	12.3	90	100	48.8	43.7	89
Total red meat	4,710.4	4,978.9	4,545.6	97	91	18,951.1	18,517.3	98

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production – United States

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

Type	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of		January to April		
				April 2021	March 2022	2021	2022	2022 as % of 2021
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Beef	2,307.3	2,464.6	2,289.1	99	93	9,088.6	9,196.7	101
Veal	4.1	4.8	4.4	106	91	18.0	17.7	99
Pork	2,332.9	2,445.3	2,192.1	94	90	9,590.6	9,066.9	95
Lamb and mutton	12.0	11.2	10.8	90	97	43.9	38.9	89
Total red meat	4,656.3	4,925.9	4,496.4	97	91	18,741.1	18,320.3	98

Livestock Slaughter and Average Live Weight – United States

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

Species	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of 2021	January to April		
					2021	2022	2022 as % of 2021
				(percent)			(percent)
Cattle							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	2,793.7	2,955.1	2,758.5	99	10,903.5	10,996.6	101
Other 1,000	58.7	59.6	54.9	94	228.3	221.3	97
Commercial 1,000	2,852.4	3,014.8	2,813.4	99	11,131.8	11,217.9	101
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	1,369	1,388	1,376	101	1,385	1,391	100
Other pounds	1,223	1,219	1,217	100	1,222	1,222	100
Commercial pounds	1,366	1,384	1,373	101	1,381	1,387	100
Calves							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	26.8	31.9	27.4	102	122.0	120.9	99
Other 1,000	0.6	0.7	0.6	107	2.4	2.6	107
Commercial 1,000	27.4	32.6	28.1	102	124.4	123.4	99
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	266	259	274	103	255	254	100
Other pounds	378	380	350	93	379	369	97
Commercial pounds	268	261	276	103	257	257	100
Hogs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	10,767.3	11,196.6	10,032.6	93	44,012.9	41,488.2	94
Other 1,000	56.9	53.2	48.1	85	232.4	195.7	84
Commercial 1,000	10,824.2	11,249.7	10,080.7	93	44,245.2	41,683.9	94
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	290	293	293	101	292	293	100
Other pounds	266	273	274	103	265	273	103
Commercial pounds	290	293	293	101	292	293	100
Sheep and lambs							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	189.8	163.2	167.2	88	661.7	585.2	88
Other 1,000	33.7	24.1	30.3	90	102.8	97.2	95
Commercial 1,000	223.5	187.3	197.5	88	764.5	682.4	89
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	126	135	128	101	132	132	99
Other pounds	96	95	98	101	97	98	101
Commercial pounds	122	130	123	101	128	127	99
Goats							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	38.9	44.0	43.8	113	150.2	163.9	109
Other 1,000	7.4	8.9	8.2	110	28.7	34.4	120
Commercial 1,000	46.3	52.9	51.9	112	178.9	198.2	111
Average live weight							
Federally inspected .. pounds	65	64	64	100	65	64	99
Other pounds	90	85	83	92	87	84	97
Commercial pounds	69	68	67	98	69	68	99
Bison							
Number of head							
Federally inspected 1,000	5.7	6.3	5.4	95	21.4	23.7	111
Other 1,000	0.2	0.3	0.1	78	1.0	1.1	104
Commercial 1,000	5.9	6.6	5.5	94	22.4	24.8	111

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

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

State	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % of 2021
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama	1.1	1.5	1.2	114
Alaska	0.1	0.1	0.1	80
Arizona	41.2	47.7	40.0	97
Arkansas	0.6	0.6	0.6	98
California	149.7	160.3	141.1	94
Colorado	169.3	183.8	164.5	97
Delaware-Maryland	3.1	3.3	2.7	88
Florida	5.5	8.8	8.6	157
Georgia	13.4	15.1	13.7	102
Hawaii	0.9	1.0	0.9	98
Idaho	32.2	38.4	35.3	110
Illinois	285.0	291.0	258.5	91
Indiana	152.2	174.8	153.6	101
Iowa	750.8	777.6	692.9	92
Kansas	503.6	530.2	508.9	101
Kentucky	50.4	57.0	51.0	101
Louisiana	0.4	0.5	0.4	114
Michigan	109.2	109.5	106.3	97
Minnesota	244.4	275.5	247.1	101
Mississippi	0.8	0.9	0.8	102
Missouri	168.5	179.5	166.4	99
Montana	3.1	3.7	3.2	104
Nebraska	677.6	699.9	640.8	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	95
New England ¹	3.0	3.0	2.9	95
New Jersey	4.2	4.2	4.0	95
New Mexico	0.4	0.5	0.4	100
New York	3.5	3.7	3.6	102
North Carolina	217.0	268.8	241.1	111
North Dakota	0.9	1.1	0.9	91
Ohio	22.9	24.8	22.1	97
Oklahoma	117.5	110.0	102.5	87
Oregon	3.7	4.6	4.0	107
Pennsylvania	127.1	137.3	122.0	96
South Carolina	16.5	17.6	15.6	94
South Dakota	123.0	132.2	117.2	95
Tennessee	25.1	27.7	23.7	94
Texas	408.2	427.9	415.8	102
Utah	51.1	49.3	44.2	87
Virginia	36.5	2.0	1.8	5
Washington	77.7	82.9	76.0	98
West Virginia	0.8	0.8	0.7	93
Wisconsin	106.9	118.7	107.3	100
Wyoming	0.9	0.9	0.8	92
United States	4,710.4	4,978.9	4,545.6	97

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

Commercial Cattle Slaughter – States and United States: April 2021 and 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.1	1.1	1,259	1,161	1,109	1,064
Alaska	0.1	0.1	88	62	1,071	1,120
Arizona	46.9	45.3	66,465	64,140	1,420	1,419
Arkansas	0.9	1.0	887	943	1,034	976
California	134.5	133.6	182,750	179,645	1,367	1,353
Colorado	189.8	182.9	262,936	256,361	1,386	1,403
Delaware-Maryland	3.3	2.7	4,607	3,928	1,408	1,448
Florida	7.9	13.5	10,192	17,145	1,287	1,269
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	1.3	1.3	1,528	1,560	1,172	1,208
Idaho	41.7	48.2	55,591	62,121	1,344	1,299
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4.4	4.5	5,506	5,457	1,249	1,209
Iowa	(D)	42.8	(D)	60,460	(D)	1,413
Kansas	575.9	574.8	776,611	788,291	1,349	1,372
Kentucky	4.5	5.5	4,989	5,900	1,122	1,075
Louisiana	0.6	0.7	485	573	822	860
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	0.7	0.8	689	795	972	993
Missouri	9.3	26.9	10,695	30,980	1,156	1,155
Montana	3.6	3.6	4,558	4,772	1,279	1,331
Nebraska	605.7	563.9	869,792	821,162	1,438	1,458
Nevada	(D)	0.1	(D)	103	(D)	1,211
New England ¹	3.3	3.2	3,864	3,814	1,188	1,196
New Jersey	4.4	4.3	4,933	4,905	1,131	1,137
New Mexico	0.6	0.6	607	698	1,092	1,153
New York	3.8	3.9	4,658	4,792	1,243	1,236
North Carolina	8.1	7.9	10,010	9,629	1,232	1,227
North Dakota	1.1	1.0	1,470	1,360	1,340	1,310
Ohio	7.6	6.8	10,033	9,075	1,325	1,335
Oklahoma	6.1	6.4	6,935	7,597	1,136	1,192
Oregon	2.0	2.9	2,382	3,229	1,192	1,118
Pennsylvania	88.0	85.4	110,655	107,708	1,264	1,267
South Carolina	23.6	22.9	32,064	30,349	1,364	1,329
South Dakota	42.3	40.0	60,888	57,096	1,448	1,438
Tennessee	3.6	3.9	3,824	4,212	1,084	1,081
Texas	509.5	516.4	663,901	680,467	1,307	1,322
Utah	58.6	49.0	81,750	68,905	1,396	1,406
Virginia	1.8	2.0	1,893	2,149	1,074	1,075
Washington	90.9	89.7	128,134	125,160	1,413	1,398
West Virginia	1.0	0.9	1,129	997	1,102	1,053
Wisconsin	115.3	116.5	160,866	162,573	1,403	1,403
Wyoming	1.1	1.0	1,276	1,171	1,214	1,159
United States	2,852.4	2,813.4	3,887,612	3,855,025	1,366	1,373

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Commercial Calf Slaughter – States and United States: April 2021 and 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alaska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
California	4.0	3.2	471	415	121	135
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware-Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	0.1	0.2	41	93	457	445
Georgia	0.2	0.2	82	73	490	484
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	0.1	0.2	20	51	287	310
Indiana	0.7	0.6	237	271	353	430
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Michigan	0.1	(D)	41	(D)	400	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Missouri	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(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	0.3	0.2	58	70	229	285
New Jersey	1.7	1.4	650	515	382	375
New Mexico	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
New York	3.3	4.0	285	408	87	104
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	22	28	272	302
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	4.2	5.4	820	1,084	201	203
Oklahoma	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	6.9	6.9	2,976	3,012	432	436
South Carolina	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	0.2	0.3	98	98	406	383
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(D)	0.2	(D)	51	(D)	298
Washington	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
West Virginia	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
Wisconsin	2.5	2.5	1,147	1,172	468	461
Wyoming	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	27.4	28.1	7,285	7,707	268	276

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(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter – States and United States: April 2021 and 2022

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	1.4	2.0	544	894	388	437
Alaska	0.1	0.1	25	32	267	281
Arizona	0.2	0.2	51	47	302	278
Arkansas	0.5	0.4	153	108	287	253
California	226.0	197.2	60,437	50,389	268	256
Colorado	1.5	2.0	352	345	243	175
Delaware-Maryland	1.1	1.4	308	391	272	272
Florida	4.5	4.5	589	571	132	128
Georgia	5.6	5.0	1,500	1,407	268	279
Hawaii	0.3	0.2	77	41	265	263
Idaho	14.4	13.4	4,034	3,600	281	270
Illinois	996.4	893.8	287,030	260,094	288	291
Indiana	713.4	708.5	198,569	199,755	278	282
Iowa	3,333.3	3,044.7	963,397	883,465	289	290
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	0.4	0.4	108	79	261	215
Michigan	305.6	287.2	90,622	87,186	297	304
Minnesota	1,002.0	1,014.3	277,515	285,009	277	281
Mississippi	3.3	3.1	545	507	165	161
Missouri	724.5	676.9	216,825	200,542	299	296
Montana	1.3	1.1	351	288	269	274
Nebraska	658.7	613.8	189,857	177,934	288	290
Nevada	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New England ¹	2.3	1.9	653	550	289	290
New Jersey	6.5	6.7	763	688	117	103
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	48	43	273	230
New York	2.4	2.4	629	615	257	262
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	0.3	0.2	87	63	294	287
Ohio	77.4	77.0	22,141	21,712	286	282
Oklahoma	492.1	432.1	149,301	130,834	303	303
Oregon	9.8	8.6	2,745	2,307	280	270
Pennsylvania	281.1	264.4	79,910	75,673	284	286
South Carolina	2.1	1.9	542	481	256	257
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	77.4	72.0	34,453	32,098	446	446
Texas	23.9	21.3	5,311	4,433	222	208
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	1.8	1.8	442	452	244	258
West Virginia	0.5	0.5	142	144	308	285
Wisconsin	69.4	68.1	29,672	28,696	428	422
Wyoming	0.4	0.3	103	94	282	291
United States	10,824.2	10,080.7	3,141,254	2,951,118	290	293

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Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter – States and United States: April 2021 and 2022

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Arizona	0.3	0.2	31	27	121	110
Arkansas	0.1	0.1	8	13	146	134
California	26.8	26.2	3,928	4,089	147	156
Colorado	52.4	33.8	8,353	5,947	159	176
Delaware-Maryland	3.2	2.7	309	266	96	98
Florida	4.2	2.8	210	149	50	53
Georgia	2.3	2.0	162	134	70	67
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	18	124	138
Idaho	0.1	0.1	17	13	150	151
Illinois	7.1	7.7	555	636	78	83
Indiana	9.5	7.3	1,061	786	112	108
Iowa	0.1	0.1	16	15	154	148
Kansas	0.6	0.4	43	34	74	82
Kentucky	2.0	1.1	201	132	102	121
Louisiana	0.4	1.1	26	61	63	57
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	0.4	0.5	37	46	87	85
Mississippi	0.5	0.1	33	7	61	76
Missouri	1.0	0.7	70	61	74	82
Montana	0.4	0.2	60	33	152	131
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	11	8	130	129
Nevada	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
New England ¹	6.4	6.2	637	571	99	92
New Jersey	20.0	18.4	1,609	1,491	80	81
New Mexico	0.8	0.6	118	81	148	137
New York	7.2	7.0	653	622	91	89
North Carolina	3.2	2.4	206	164	65	68
North Dakota	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	137	(X)
Ohio	5.4	4.5	848	729	158	161
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	4.5	4.6	652	689	144	151
Pennsylvania	10.8	12.8	1,101	1,299	102	101
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	0.2	0.2	27	22	134	133
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	24.4	26.0	2,465	2,609	101	100
Utah	2.2	1.8	315	241	143	134
Virginia	1.5	1.5	97	98	66	67
Washington	1.7	1.3	246	178	141	138
West Virginia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	2.8	3.6	438	566	157	159
Wyoming	0.1	0.2	17	23	122	148
United States	223.5	197.5	27,234	24,335	122	123

(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	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	January to April		April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	January to April	
				2021	2022				2021	2022
	(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	1,370.9	1,329.8	1,328.6	5,226.3	5,119.3	49.1	45.0	48.2	47.9	46.6
Heifers	828.9	933.9	825.2	3,306.7	3,362.4	29.7	31.6	29.9	30.3	30.6
All cows	547.2	640.4	555.3	2,209.8	2,339.3	19.6	21.7	20.1	20.3	21.3
Dairy cows	257.5	297.2	237.8	1,102.2	1,062.3	9.2	10.1	8.6	10.1	9.7
Other cows	289.7	343.2	317.6	1,107.6	1,276.9	10.4	11.6	11.5	10.2	11.6
Bulls	46.7	51.0	49.4	160.7	175.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
Total	2,793.7	2,955.1	2,758.5	10,903.5	10,996.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	26.8	31.9	27.4	122.0	120.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	10,471.0	10,885.8	9,766.7	42,818.0	40,374.7	97.2	97.2	97.4	97.3	97.3
Sows	270.4	282.2	242.2	1,091.0	1,016.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Boars	25.9	28.5	23.6	103.9	96.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10,767.3	11,196.6	10,032.6	44,012.9	41,488.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	13.1	9.3	10.5	41.3	35.8	6.9	5.7	6.3	6.2	6.1
Lambs and yearlings	176.7	153.9	156.6	620.4	549.4	93.1	94.3	93.7	93.8	93.9
Total	189.8	163.2	167.2	661.7	585.2	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	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	January to April	
				2021	2022
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Cattle	828	836	832	835	838
Steers ¹	896	914	907	907	917
Heifers ¹	829	845	837	839	846
All cows ¹	647	655	637	655	650
Bulls ¹	896	879	875	890	876
Calves and vealers	156	151	160	148	148
Hogs	217	218	219	218	219
Barrows and gilts ²	215	217	217	216	217
Sows ²	303	296	297	299	296
Boars ²	200	194	190	192	193
Sheep	63	68	65	66	67
Mature sheep ³	66	64	64	65	63
Lambs and yearlings ³	63	69	65	67	67

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: April 2022

[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	2.9	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
2	8.2	2.7	2.0	3.1	2.9	0.2	0.4	5.3
3	87.9	36.6	2.4	43.7	35.9	7.8	5.3	7.2
4	76.5	5.9	1.7	59.0	12.4	46.6	9.8	0.4
5	279.7	136.0	(D)	100.3	59.5	40.8	(D)	8.6
6	517.0	228.9	165.4	112.8	26.9	85.9	9.8	(Y)
7	1,195.4	659.6	451.3	75.9	7.4	68.5	8.5	(Y)
8	271.6	145.8	(D)	25.6	4.5	21.2	(D)	(D)
9	179.6	77.7	24.7	74.6	54.4	20.2	2.6	3.0
10	139.8	34.3	41.8	59.9	33.7	26.2	3.8	(D)
United States	2,758.5	1,328.6	825.2	555.3	237.8	317.6	49.4	27.4
	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	1.6	1.6	(Y)	(Y)	6.1	0.2	5.9	
2	9.0	8.9	(Y)	(Y)	24.9	2.3	22.6	
3	266.1	265.3	(D)	(D)	17.9	2.5	15.4	
4	(D)	(D)	69.4	(D)	10.0	0.9	9.2	
5	3,030.9	2,914.3	110.8	5.8	31.0	1.9	29.1	
6	448.8	448.6	(D)	(D)	11.9	0.5	11.5	
7	4,347.7	4,274.8	60.2	12.7	0.9	0.1	0.9	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	35.2	1.1	34.2	
9	193.3	193.3	(Y)	(Y)	24.3	1.0	23.3	
10	23.4	23.3	0.1	(Y)	4.9	0.3	4.6	
United States	10,032.6	9,766.7	242.2	23.6	167.2	10.5	156.6	

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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 April 2022

[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	11.3	4.6	4.0	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8
2	30.5	10.1	6.9	12.3	11.6	0.7	1.2	24.1
3	375.1	146.5	12.1	199.6	167.7	31.9	17.0	30.3
4	308.7	21.2	7.2	243.1	57.1	186.0	37.2	1.7
5	1,122.8	513.7	(D)	433.2	244.2	189.0	(D)	40.5
6	2,019.2	875.5	643.8	462.0	127.5	334.5	37.8	0.2
7	4,735.6	2,565.4	1,835.4	305.9	35.8	270.1	29.0	0.2
8	1,108.6	536.9	(D)	115.5	18.9	96.5	(D)	(D)
9	728.8	302.1	96.4	322.6	256.9	65.7	7.6	13.0
10	555.9	143.3	157.8	243.3	141.5	101.7	11.6	(D)
United States	10,996.6	5,119.3	3,362.4	2,339.3	1,062.3	1,276.9	175.6	120.9
	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	7.4	7.2	0.1	(Y)	15.7	0.9	14.8	
2	39.6	39.5	0.1	(Y)	76.0	7.8	68.2	
3	1,045.2	1,041.2	(D)	(D)	55.1	6.7	48.4	
4	(D)	(D)	288.7	(D)	34.4	3.0	31.5	
5	12,341.4	11,854.7	460.2	26.5	109.9	6.7	103.2	
6	1,890.2	1,889.3	(D)	(D)	45.2	1.5	43.7	
7	18,228.0	17,918.0	259.4	50.6	2.9	0.1	2.8	
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.1	139.4	4.4	135.0	
9	827.5	827.4	0.1	(Y)	87.3	3.9	83.5	
10	105.6	105.3	0.2	(Y)	19.2	0.9	18.3	
United States	41,488.2	40,374.7	1,016.6	96.9	585.2	35.8	549.4	

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Federally Inspected Slaughter Percent of Total Commercial Slaughter – United States

Species	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	January to April	
				2021	2022
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	97.9	98.0	98.0	97.9	98.0
Calves	97.8	97.9	97.7	98.1	97.9
Hogs	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5
Sheep	84.9	87.1	84.7	86.6	85.8

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 900 livestock slaughter plants in the United States operating under Federal Inspection and nearly 1,900 Non-Federally Inspected (State-inspected or custom-exempt) slaughter plants. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmadge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Terms and Definitions, page 14). To prevent duplication in reporting between FI and NFI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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