

Red meat and poultry production (million pounds)

Type 1/		Jan-Dec 11	Jan-Dec 12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
Commercial 2/	Beef 3/	26,195.3	25,912.3	2,367.5	2,016.0	2,343.7	2,206.6	2,020.4
	Veal 3/	129.5	118.0	10.1	8.8	10.3	10.1	9.8
	Pork 3/	22,758.2	23,250.0	1,997.9	1,911.0	2,210.4	2,078.7	1,953.5
	Lamb and mutton 3/	148.7	156.1	14.2	12.5	14.2	12.4	12.8
	Total red meat 3/ 4/	49,231.6	49,436.4	4,389.7	3,948.4	4,578.6	4,307.8	3,996.5
Federally inspected	Beef 3/	25,854.3	25,572.6	2,338.6	1,986.1	2,307.6	2,178.8	1,992.3
	Veal 3/	126.2	115.1	9.9	8.6	10.0	9.8	9.6
	Pork 3/	22,599.1	23,090.0	1,983.0	1,896.9	2,194.9	2,065.1	1,940.5
	Lamb and mutton 3/	140.8	147.7	13.4	11.8	13.3	11.6	11.9
	Total red meat 3/ 4/	48,720.6	48,925.5	4,344.8	3,903.4	4,525.8	4,265.3	3,954.4
	Broilers 5/	37,200.8	37,034.6	3,317.4	2,927.1	3,335.0	3,008.5	2,853.1
	Other chicken 5/	521.3	517.0	51.0	43.7	43.8	37.7	36.8
	Turkey 5/	5,790.5	5,967.3	530.1	453.1	579.9	515.3	441.5
	Total poultry 4/ 5/ 6/	43,635.5	43,640.7	3,909.0	3,433.0	3,969.8	3,571.8	3,342.0
	Total red meat and poultry 4/	92,356.1	92,566.2	8,253.8	7,336.4	8,495.6	7,837.1	7,296.4

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Production in Federally inspected and other plants.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights.

4/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

5/ Ready-to-cook.

6/ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, squab, and other poultry.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Livestock Slaughter" and "Poultry Slaughter."

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Livestock and poultry slaughter (1,000 head)

Type 1/		Jan-Dec 11	Jan-Dec 12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
Commercial 2/	Cattle	34,086.5	32,950.4	2,996.3	2,543.3	2,953.2	2,783.8	2,543.5
	--Steers	16,800.3	16,420.3	1,527.3	1,259.5	1,459.0	1,328.7	1,224.9
	--Heifers	9,879.9	9,419.4	848.5	721.5	819.2	797.7	708.8
	--Beef cows	3,858.0	3,398.6	289.8	260.1	331.8	335.2	302.1
	--Dairy cows	2,960.6	3,151.8	279.4	255.4	290.9	273.1	263.3
	--Bulls and stags	587.7	560.3	51.4	46.7	52.4	49.2	44.5
	Calves	852.4	772.2	72.6	64.3	72.9	70.5	65.4
	Hogs	110,860.2	113,152.1	9,942.4	9,454.3	10,855.7	10,105.3	9,465.2
	--Barrows and gilts	107,476.4	109,772.6	9,623.6	9,174.0	10,531.2	9,815.8	9,202.7
	--Sows	3,051.9	3,032.4	285.5	253.3	293.0	258.7	235.8
	--Boars and stags	331.9	347.1	33.3	27.0	31.4	30.8	26.7
	Sheep and lambs	2,164.4	2,183.0	200.5	174.3	207.2	181.8	189.7
	--Lambs and yearlings	2,011.9	2,027.7	183.5	154.9	185.6	169.8	179.6
	--Mature sheep	152.5	155.3	17.0	19.4	21.6	12.0	10.1
	Federally inspected	Cattle	33,554.8	32,425.4	2,952.3	2,497.1	2,897.4	2,740.3
--Steers		16,538.5	16,159.5	1,504.9	1,236.6	1,431.4	1,307.9	1,204.1
--Heifers		9,725.7	9,269.1	836.0	708.4	803.7	785.2	696.7
--Beef cows		3,797.6	3,344.1	285.5	255.4	325.5	330.0	296.9
--Dairy cows		2,914.1	3,101.3	275.3	250.8	285.4	268.8	258.8
--Bulls and stags		578.5	551.4	50.6	45.9	51.4	48.4	43.7
Calves		838.9	759.8	71.6	63.2	71.6	69.4	64.5
Hogs		109,956.3	112,265.3	9,858.1	9,375.6	10,769.6	10,030.4	9,393.3
--Barrows and gilts		106,600.4	108,912.0	9,541.8	9,097.6	10,447.8	9,743.0	9,132.7
--Sows		3,027.0	3,008.6	283.1	251.2	290.7	256.8	234.0
--Boars and stags		329.2	344.4	33.0	26.8	31.2	30.6	26.5
Sheep and lambs		2,000.2	2,012.3	185.5	160.6	189.5	165.5	173.3
--Lambs and yearlings		1,859.5	1,869.0	169.8	142.7	169.6	154.6	164.1
--Mature sheep		140.8	143.0	15.7	17.9	19.8	10.9	9.2
Broilers		8,537,060.0	8,428,814.0	760,580.0	663,470.0	745,932.0	674,146.0	642,807.0
Other chickens	146,007.0	147,347.0	13,716.0	11,737.0	11,962.0	10,408.0	11,636.0	
Turkeys	246,844.0	250,192.0	22,933.0	19,317.0	24,978.0	22,198.0	17,847.0	

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Slaughter in Federally inspected and other plants.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Livestock Slaughter" and "Poultry Slaughter" and ERS calculations for commercial slaughter by class.

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Livestock and poultry live and dressed weights (pounds)

Weight and species 1/		Jan-Dec 11	Jan-Dec 12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
Commercial average live 2/	Cattle	1,277.8	1,302.2	1,300.0	1,311.0	1,318.0	1,321.0	1,323.0
	Calves	263.8	261.2	237.0	235.0	242.0	244.0	254.0
	Hogs	274.4	274.9	269.0	271.0	274.0	276.0	276.0
	Sheep and lambs	137.6	143.4	142.0	145.0	137.0	137.0	135.0
Federally inspected average live	Cattle	1,280.2	1,305.2	1,303.0	1,314.0	1,322.0	1,324.0	1,327.0
	Calves	261.0	258.8	235.0	232.0	238.0	242.0	252.0
	Hogs	274.8	275.1	269.0	271.0	274.0	276.0	276.0
	Sheep and lambs	140.9	147.3	145.0	148.0	140.0	140.0	138.0
	Broilers	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9
	Other chickens	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.1
	Turkeys	29.5	29.9	28.9	29.3	29.0	28.9	30.8
Federally inspected average dressed 3/	Cattle	773.2	790.5	794.0	797.0	798.0	797.0	799.0
	--Steers	840.8	858.8	865.0	871.0	877.0	875.0	876.0
	--Heifers	773.4	792.4	791.0	803.0	805.0	809.0	812.0
	--Cows	596.6	608.1	596.0	599.0	597.0	602.0	608.0
	--Bulls and stags	868.3	877.3	882.0	874.0	862.0	863.0	872.0
	Calves	154.6	153.3	139.0	136.0	140.0	142.0	149.0
	Hogs	205.6	205.8	201.0	202.0	204.0	206.0	207.0
Sheep and lambs	70.5	73.7	72.0	74.0	70.0	70.0	69.0	

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Slaughter in Federally inspected and other plants.

3/ Weight of a chilled animal carcass.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Livestock Slaughter" and "Poultry Slaughter."

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Red meat and poultry beginning cold storage stocks (million pounds)

Meat 1/	Jan 12	Jan 13	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13
Beef	457.22	465.49	461.05	432.78	424.93	430.34	441.76	465.49
Veal	2.88	5.30	4.13	4.91	3.97	3.83	3.94	5.30
Pork	484.50	554.41	549.62	585.80	630.45	603.50	558.69	554.41
Lamb and mutton	16.86	21.68	24.29	24.23	23.45	23.21	18.98	21.68
Broiler	590.43	653.43	614.94	628.55	622.96	628.29	645.89	653.43
Other chicken	1.59	1.11	4.30	3.40	3.07	1.75	1.21	1.11
Turkey	210.79	295.10	547.47	547.77	521.81	453.38	255.19	295.10
Frozen eggs	36.49	27.19	38.65	35.86	31.38	28.97	27.25	27.19

1/ In public and private cold storage warehouses. Monthly NASS data for ending stocks are reported here as beginning stocks for the next month.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Cold Storage."

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