

Livestock Slaughter - 2008

Red meat production for the United States totaled 50.4 billion pounds in 2008, 3 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 50.2 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 137 million pounds.

There were 818 slaughtering plants under federal inspection on January 1, 2009, compared with 807 last year.

Commercial Slaughter 1/, 2008

Species	Wisconsin	Change from	U.S.	Change from
	1,000 hd	2007	1,000 hd	2007
Cattle, all	1,723.7	+1	34,364.9	n.c.
Calves 2/	-	-	956.6	+26
Hogs, all	621.9	+11	116,451.9	+7
Sheep and lambs	13.4	+7	2,555.5	-5

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO