

Livestock Slaughter - 2003

Red meat production for the United States totaled 46.8 billion pounds in 2003, 1 percent below last year's record high. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 46.6 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 136 million pounds.

There were slightly over 850 slaughtering plants under federal inspection on January 1, 2004, compared with 879 last year.

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Species	Wisconsin	Change from 2002	U.S.	Change from 2002
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	1,668.8	n.c.	35,493.4	-1
Cows, dairy 2/	727.0	+9	2,859.9	+10
Cows, other 2/	272.4	+27	3,163.0	+4
Heifers 2/	36.4	-33	11,078.2	-2
Steers 2/	558.5	-15	17,176.9	-2
Calves	140.6	-5	1,000.8	-4
Hogs, all	485.7	+5	100,930.7	+1
Sows 2/	409.3	+7	3,215.3	+1
Sheep and lambs	14.1	+4	2,978.8	-9

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Federally inspected only. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.