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## Delaware-Maryland Red Meat Production Up 10 Percent in 2015

**Total red meat production** for Delaware-Maryland totaled 34.2 million pounds in 2015, up 10 percent from the 31.1 million pounds produced in 2014, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Delaware-Maryland Field Offices.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 36,000 head, up 7 percent from 2014. The average live weight was up 51 pounds from the previous year, at 1,332 pounds.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 19,400 head, up 4 percent from 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 253 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 42,700 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 97 pounds, up 1 pound from a year ago.

The complete Livestock Slaughter Annual Summary and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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