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## Red Meat Production Up 11 Percent in March

**Commercial red meat production** for Delaware-Maryland totaled 3.2 million pounds in March, up 11 percent from the 2.9 million pounds produced in March 2015, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Delaware-Maryland Field Offices.

**Cattle slaughter** totaled 3,400 head, up 13 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

**Hog slaughter** totaled 1,700 head, unchanged from March 2015. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

**Sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 3,500 head, unchanged from last year. The average live weight was 99 pounds, down 3 pounds from March a year ago.

**March 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**March 2016** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

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