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## New England Red Meat Production Up 8 Percent In 2015

**Total red meat production** for New England totaled 22.1 million pounds in 2015, up 8 percent from the 20.5 million pounds produced in 2014, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New England Field Office.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 22,500 head, up 7 percent from 2014. The average live weight was 1,113 pounds, up 42 pounds from the previous year.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 3,100 head, 47 percent below 2014. The average live weight was 166, up 15 pounds from last year.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 30,800 head, up 5 percent from 2014. The average live weight was 253 pounds, up 5 pounds from the previous year.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 35,600 head, down 4 percent from last year. The average live weight was 98 pounds, up 3 pounds 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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