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## New England Red Meat Production Up 20 Percent in March

**Total red meat production** for New England totaled 1.8 million pounds in March 2016, up 20 percent from the 1.5 million pounds produced in March 2015, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New England Field Office.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 1,700 head, up 13 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,150 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 200 head, 33 percent below March 2015. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from last year, at 171 pounds.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 2,500 head, up 32 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 2,900 head, unchanged from March last year. The average live weight was 85 pounds, down 6 pounds from 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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