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## Commercial Red Meat Down 4 Percent From Last Year

**Commercial red meat production** for New York totaled 2.5 million pounds in February, down 4 percent from the 2.6 million pounds produced in February 2014, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New York Field Office.

**Cattle slaughter** totaled 2,300 head, down 8 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year at 1,182 pounds.

**Calf slaughter** totaled 4,100 head, 35 percent below February 2014. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from last year, at 131 pounds.

**Hog slaughter** totaled 2,500 head, up 4 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 234 pounds.

**Sheep slaughter** totaled 3,600 head, 20 percent above last year. The average live weight was 105 pounds, up 4 pounds from February a year ago.

**February 2014** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**February 2015** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) 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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