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## Red Meat Production Up 10 Percent in March

**Commercial red meat production** for Pennsylvania totaled 123 million pounds in March, up 10 percent from the 112 million pounds produced in March 2015, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

**Cattle slaughter** totaled 85,500 head, up 3 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,247 pounds.

**Calf slaughter** totaled 8,600 head, 19 percent above March 2015. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from last year, at 433 pounds.

**Hog slaughter** totaled 287,600 head, up 14 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

**Sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 6,100 head, unchanged from last year. The average live weight was 100 pounds, up 1 pound 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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