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## Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 4 Percent In April

**Total red meat production** for Pennsylvania totaled 111.5 million pounds in April 2015, up 4 percent from the 107.4 million pounds produced in April 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 81,900 head, down 2 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 7,100 head, 30 percent below April 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year at 432 pounds.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 249,300 head, up 9 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 6,900 head, 27 percent below April last year. The average live weight was 95 pounds, down 4 pounds from a year ago.

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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