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## Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 5 Percent in September

**Total red meat production** for Pennsylvania totaled 113.8 million pounds in September 2015, up 5 percent from the 108.5 million pounds produced in September 2014, and up 7 percent from August 2015, according to King Whetstone, Director, Northeastern Regional Field Office, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 80,800 head, down 2 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year at 1,198 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 7,000 head, 8 percent below September 2014. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from last year at 435.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 271,000 head, up 12 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 4,800 head, 21 percent below September last year. The average live weight was 104 pounds, up 3 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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