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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – 2014 ANNUAL UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Total red meat production** for the United States totaled 47.4 billion pounds in 2014, 4 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 47.3 billion pounds. **On-farm slaughter** totaled 93.4 million pounds.

**Beef production** totaled 24.3 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 100 million pounds, down 15 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.9 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 161 million pounds, down slightly from 2013.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** during 2014 totaled 30.2 million head, down 7 percent from 2013, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,330 pounds, up 16 pounds from a year ago. Steers comprised 51.8 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, heifers 28.2 percent, dairy cows 9.5 percent, other cows 8.6 percent, and bulls 1.8 percent.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 565,800 head, 26 percent lower than a year ago with 98.5 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 283 pounds, up 33 pounds from a year earlier.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 106.9 million head, 5 percent lower than 2013 with 99.3 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 285 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 97.1 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 2.31 million head, was down slightly from the previous year with 91.1 percent by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2013 at 135 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 93.5 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

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