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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.78 billion pounds in December 2021, down 1 percent from the 4.86 billion pounds produced in December 2020.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from December 2020.

Veal production totaled 5.30 million pounds, 7 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 38,700 head, down 5 percent from December 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.40 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, down 4 percent from December 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down 4 percent from December 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,100 head, 5 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during December 2021 totaled 145 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below than December 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In December 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,348 pounds, calves averaged 127 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 139 pounds, and hogs averaged 254 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in December 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: December 2020 and 2021

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	136.5	137.5	180,927	184,311	1,333	1,348
Hawaii.....	1.4	1.2	1,592	1,466	1,134	1,212
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	81	(D)	1,138	(D)
United States	2,785.3	2,823.5	3,859,694	3,921,335	1,389	1,392
Calves						
California	4.3	3.3	597	402	142	127
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	40.6	38.7	9,747	9,100	242	237
Sheep and lambs						
California	28.0	23.9	3,982	3,303	142	139
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	13	23	111	133
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	149	(D)
United States	197.8	187.1	24,058	23,027	122	123
Hogs						
California	244.8	211.1	66,826	53,642	273	254
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.2	80	51	262	262
Nevada.....	>0	(D)	>0	(D)	>0	(D)
United States	11,477.6	11,057.6	3,370,513	3,227,607	294	292

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals based on unrounded data]

State	December 2020	November 2021	December 2021	December 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	152.6	143.7	145.0	95
Hawaii.....	1.0	0.9	0.9	90
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
United States.....	4,855.4	4,804.7	4,782.7	99

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