



Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.43 billion pounds in February 2022, up 1 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in February 2021.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.69 million head, up 6 percent from February 2021.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 10 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,400 head, down 8 percent from February 2021.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, down 5 percent from February 2021.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.2 million pounds, was down 14 percent from February 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 143,400 head, 12 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during February 2022 totaled 139.2 million pounds (dressed weight), down 3 percent from February 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In February 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,348 pounds, calves averaged 128 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 149 pounds, and hogs averaged 263 pounds. In Hawaii, 0.8 million pounds of red meat were produced in February 2022, and 0.1 million pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: February 2021 and 2022

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	130.0	129.7	175,046	173,714	1,354	1,348
Hawaii.....	1.1	1.1	1,305	1,266	1,198	1,153
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	80	(D)	1,209
United States	2,522.7	2,686.6	3,498,908	3,738,323	1,390	1,395
Calves						
California	4.4	3.3	559	407	131	128
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	33.0	30.4	8,090	7,340	247	243
Sheep and lambs						
California	25.8	18.4	3,841	2,735	149	149
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	10	20	134	113
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	163.6	143.4	21,519	18,285	132	128
Hogs						
California	212.5	205.5	57,859	53,986	273	263
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.2	70	40	259	259
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	10,428.1	9,943.1	3,033,869	2,909,161	291	293

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

(X) Not applicable.

(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	February 2021	January 2022	February 2022	February 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	143.1	133.9	139.2	97
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.7	0.8	96
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	103
United States.....	4,386.3	4,560.9	4,431.8	101

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