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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.79 billion pounds in November 2022, down slightly from the 4.81 billion pounds produced in November 2021.

Beef production, at 2.42 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 2 percent from November 2021.

Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, 2 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 31,200 head, down 6 percent from November 2021.

Pork production totaled 2.35 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from November 2021.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,200 head, 9 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during November 2022 totaled 147 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above than November 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In November 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,329 pounds, calves averaged 124 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 145 pounds, and hogs averaged 267 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in November 2022.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: November 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	135.7	137.8	180,553	181,805	1,338	1,329
Hawaii.....	1.3	1.1	1,505	1,312	1,199	1,203
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	2,859.5	2,907.6	3,944,289	4,015,728	1,382	1,384
Calves						
California	3.3	2.6	398	311	124	124
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	33.1	31.2	7,935	7,785	242	251
Sheep and lambs						
California	28.8	25.7	3,997	3,716	139	145
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	14	14	116	134
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	196.6	178.2	24,021	21,779	122	122
Hogs						
California	214.4	214.8	54,289	57,286	253	267
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.1	65	40	263	269
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	11,136.3	10,915.6	3,237,046	3,164,698	291	290

(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	November 2021	October 2022	November 2022	November 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	143.7	144.1	147.4	103
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	0.8	87
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,805.4	4,757.1	4,790.5	100

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