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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – NOVEMBER 2024

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.56 billion pounds in November, down 3 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in November 2023.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,425 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 28 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 15,500 head, down 36 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, down 3 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from November 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2024 commercial red meat production was 50.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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