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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in February 2024, up 7 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in February 2023.

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 3 percent from February 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.60 million pounds, 65percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 19,600 head, down 24 percent from February 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.37 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 10 percent from February 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was up 8 percent from February 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 171,800 head, 11 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during February 2024 totaled 96.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent below than February 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In February 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,357 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 154 pounds, and hogs averaged 227 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in February 2024.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: February 2023 and 2024

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	125.5	108.1	165,907	145,495	1,331	1,357
Hawaii.....	1.0	1.2	1,156	1,330	1,191	1,148
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	2,548.3	2,613.1	3,494,099	3,609,444	1,374	1,384
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	25.7	19.6	6,525	6,091	255	312
Sheep and lambs						
California	21.9	23.5	3,305	3,633	151	154
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	10	19	151	139
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	154.8	171.8	19,940	21,363	129	124
Hogs						
California	75.2	81.5	17,965	18,487	239	227
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	37	33	252	268
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	9,974.4	10,985.5	2,899,396	3,189,250	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	February 2023	January 2024	February 2024	February 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	106.8	102.1	96.1	90
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.8	115
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,263.1	4,768.0	4,554.2	107

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