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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in December 2023, up 2 percent from the 4.47 billion pounds produced in December 2022.

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 3 percent from December 2022.

Veal production totaled 3.9 million pounds, 14 percent below from December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 22,500 head, down 32 percent from December 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, up 5 percent from December 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.7 million pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,400 head, 2 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during December 2023 totaled 101 million pounds (dressed weight), down 34 percent from December 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In December 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,383 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 142 pounds, and hogs averaged 226 pounds. In Hawaii, 700 thousand pounds of red meat were produced in December 2023, and the pounds of red meat produced in Nevada fell below the threshold for reporting.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: December 2022 and 2023

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	137.0	111.9	183,372	153,567	1,347	1,383
Hawaii.....	1.1	0.9	1,362	1,119	1,230	1,194
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	2,684.7	2,593.4	3,708,554	3,625,443	1,384	1,401
Calves						
California	2.6	(D)	261	(D)	102	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	32.9	22.5	7,757	6,545	273	293
Sheep and lambs						
California	24.0	25.3	3,598	3,597	150	142
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	9	13	137	133
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	178.5	182.4	21,698	21,011	122	115
Hogs						
California	236.4	82.9	64,574	18,678	273	226
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	43	35	261	254
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	10,299.0	10,825.5	3,001,367	3,149,370	292	291

(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	December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	December 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	153.1	104.4	101.2	66
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.8	0.7	84
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,471.1	4,684.5	4,546.3	102

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