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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – September 2024

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.45 billion pounds in September, up 2 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in September 2023.

**Beef production**, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 1 percent from September 2023. The average live weight was up 44 pounds from the previous year, at 1,406 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.1 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 16,100 head, down 26 percent from September 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 324 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.23 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, up slightly from September 2023. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.6 million pounds, was up 4 percent from September 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2024 commercial red meat production** was 40.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

For a full copy of the *Livestock Slaughter* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202:

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