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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.62 billion pounds in May 2024, up 1 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in May 2023.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 3 percent from May 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.50 million pounds, 16 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,700 head, down 27 percent from May 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.28 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down slightly from May 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was up slightly from May 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,000 head, slightly above last year.

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California's production of red meat during May 2024 totaled 99.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 13 percent below than May 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In May 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,366 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 146 pounds, and hogs averaged 226 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in May 2024, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 | 133.4 | 109.3 | 179,139 | 148,234 | 1,351 | 1,366 |
| Hawaii..... | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,207 | 1,413 | 1,137 | 1,165 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 82 | 68 | 1,173 | 1,137 |
| United States | 2,839.9 | 2,745.3 | 3,824,066 | 3,821,800 | 1,349 | 1,395 |
| Calves | | | | | | |
| California | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Hawaii..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| United States | 24.2 | 17.7 | 7,043 | 5,900 | 293 | 335 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | | |
| California | 24.1 | 25.3 | 3,603 | 3,701 | 150 | 146 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.2 | 0.1 | 23 | 14 | 133 | 118 |
| Nevada..... | (Y) | (Y) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| United States | 186.1 | 187.0 | 22,586 | 22,578 | 121 | 121 |
| Hogs | | | | | | |
| California | 77.0 | 87.3 | 16,895 | 19,668 | 220 | 226 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 39 | 39 | 260 | 268 |
| Nevada..... | (Y) | (D) | (X) | (D) | (X) | (D) |
| United States | 10,584.3 | 10,582.8 | 3,053,065 | 3,064,734 | 289 | 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 | May 2023 | April 2024 | May 2024 | May 2024 as % 2023 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>percent</i> |
| California..... | 114.4 | 98.2 | 99.2 | 87 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 116 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | (Y) | 0.1 | 83 |
| United States..... | 4,592.9 | 4,635.6 | 4,619.8 | 101 |

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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