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Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.89 billion pounds in January 2025, up 2 percent from the 4.77 billion pounds produced in January 2024.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 1 percent from January 2024.

Veal production totaled 2.5 million pounds, 37 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 13,600 head, down 40 percent from January 2024.

Pork production totaled 2.50 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, up 1 percent from January 2024.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was up 3 percent from January 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,500 head, 1 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during January 2025 totaled 96.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below January 2024. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In January 2025, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,442 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 148 pounds, and hogs averaged 230 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in January 2025, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter - States and United States: January 2024 and 2025

	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
Specie and State	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	115.9	99.9	156,707	143,083	1,363	1,442
Hawaii	1.0	1.1	1,178	1,192	1,134	1,136
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	2,730.3	2,716.6	3,784,234	3,902,470	1,389	1,439
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	22.6	13.6	6,609	4,191	294	312
Sheep and lambs						
California	22.7	20.7	3,293	3,066	145	148
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	16	25	133	136
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	171.7	173.5	20,802	21,334	121	123
Hogs						
California	79.4	89.1	18,245	20,476	230	230
Hawaii	0.2	0.1	40	40	265	300
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	11,368.7	11,467.3	3,323,269	3,355,889	292	293

⁽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	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	January 2025 as % 2024
	million pounds	million pounds	million pounds	percent
California Hawaii Nevada	102.1 0.7 (Y)	88.5 0.7 0.1	96.0 0.7 0.1	94 101 (X)
United States	4,768.0	4,544.4	4,885.3	102

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