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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.47 billion pounds in December 2022, down 7 percent from the 4.78 billion pounds produced in December 2021.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 5 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was 1,385 pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, down 15 percent from December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,900 head, also down 15 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.23 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down 7 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, down 7 percent from December 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,100 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, down 1 pound from December 2021.

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California's production of red meat during December 2022 totaled 153.1 million pounds (dressed weight), up 6 percent from December 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In December 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,347 pounds, calves averaged 101 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 150 pounds, and hogs averaged 274 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in December 2022.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: December 2021 and 2022

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	137.6	137.0	184,343	183,383	1,348	1,347
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.1	1,466	1,362	1,212	1,230
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	2,824.3	2,683.1	3,922,297	3,706,534	1,392	1,385
Calves						
California	3.3	2.6	417	260	131	101
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	38.8	32.9	9,129	7,752	237	237
Sheep and lambs						
California	23.7	23.9	3,291	3,592	139	150
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	23	9	133	137
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	189.5	176.1	23,253	21,503	123	122
Hogs						
California	212.3	236.3	53,769	64,576	254	274
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	51	43	262	261
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	11,059.4	10,298.4	3,227,799	3,001,218	292	292

(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 2021	November 2022	December 2022	December 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	145.1	147.4	153.1	106
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	0.8	92
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,783.6	4,790.6	4,470.0	93

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