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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in February 2023, down 4 percent from the 4.43 billion pounds produced in February 2022.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.55 million head, down 5 percent from February 2022.

Veal production totaled 3.80 million pounds, 10 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 25,700 head, down 16 percent from February 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.97 million head, up slightly from February 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.1 million pounds, was up 9 percent from February 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 154,800 head, 8 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during February 2023 totaled 107 million pounds (dressed weight), 23 percent below February 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In February 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,331 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 151 pounds, and hogs averaged 239 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in February 2023.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: February 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	129.7	125.5	173,714	165,907	1,348	1,331
Hawaii.....	1.1	1.0	1,266	1,156	1,153	1,191
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	80	(X)	1,209	(X)
United States	2,686.7	2,548.1	3,738,504	3,493,938	1,395	1,374
Calves						
California	3.3	(D)	407	(D)	128	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	30.4	25.7	7,340	6,525	243	255
Sheep and lambs						
California	18.4	21.9	2,735	3,305	149	151
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	20	10	113	151
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	143.4	154.8	18,286	19,938	128	129
Hogs						
California	205.5	75.2	53,986	17,965	263	239
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	40	37	259	252
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	9,943.2	9,974.3	2,909,175	2,899,392	293	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	February 2022	January 2023	February 2023	February 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	139.2	143.7	106.8	77
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.9	0.7	91
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,431.9	4,764.5	4,263.1	96

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