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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.91 billion pounds in March 2023, down 1 percent from the 4.98 billion pounds produced in March 2022.

Beef production, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 3 percent from March 2022.

Veal production totaled 4.20 million pounds, 15 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 26,200 head, down 20 percent from March 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.49 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, up 2 percent from March 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.7 million pounds, was up 3 percent from March 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,800 head, 6 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during March 2023 totaled 123 million pounds (dressed weight), 23 percent below than March 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In March 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,330 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 161 pounds, and hogs averaged 232 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in March 2023, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	150.6	145.5	202,557	192,247	1,353	1,330
Hawaii.....	1.4	1.2	1,711	1,401	1,193	1,166
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	96	77	1,198	1,187
United States	3,016.1	2,938.4	4,165,646	4,006,138	1,384	1,366
Calves						
California	3.8	(D)	500	(D)	135	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	32.7	26.2	8,504	7,199	262	277
Sheep and lambs						
California	29.0	30.0	4,629	4,824	160	161
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	27	16	139	146
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	166	(X)
United States	187.8	198.8	24,487	25,087	130	126
Hogs						
California	225.5	81.9	59,218	18,926	263	232
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	48	42	270	265
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	11,250.2	11,464.3	3,293,937	3,341,708	293	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	March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	March 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	160.3	106.8	122.8	77
Hawaii.....	1.0	0.7	0.8	82
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	0.1	79
United States.....	4,980.1	4,263.1	4,909.5	99



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