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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in August 2024, down 2 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in August 2023.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 7 percent from August 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.10 million pounds, 26 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,000 head, down 36 percent from August 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.29 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from August 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 1 percent from August 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 4 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during August 2024 totaled 94.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 15 percent below than August 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In August 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,349 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 147 pounds, and hogs averaged 229 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 2024, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	129.4	104.1	172,066	139,587	1,339	1,349
Hawaii.....	1.1	1.1	1,288	1,238	1,191	1,162
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	84	94	1,257	1,160
United States	2,891.3	2,702.3	3,896,545	3,743,636	1,351	1,388
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	26.6	17.0	7,220	5,303	273	313
Sheep and lambs						
California	24.4	21.3	3,412	3,121	140	147
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	25	16	135	126
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	184.5	176.4	20,898	20,587	113	117
Hogs						
California	84.0	83.7	18,480	19,172	221	229
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	33	39	249	277
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	11,125.2	10,904.2	3,091,917	3,074,240	278	282

(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	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	August 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	111.4	95.1	94.3	85
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.8	0.8	97
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	104
United States.....	4,675.0	4,554.3	4,592.1	98

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