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OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during October 2024 totaled 1,400,000 pounds. This was down 7 percent from October 2023. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,983,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from October 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,900 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,053 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 299,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 5.02 billion pounds in October, up 5 percent from the 4.77 billion pounds produced in October 2023.

Beef production, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 1 percent from October 2023. The average live weight was up 44 pounds from the previous year, at 1,418 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.3 million pounds, 21 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,100 head, down 26 percent from October 2023. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 330 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.54 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.9 million head, up 4 percent from October 2023. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was up 4 percent from October 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 194,700 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2024 commercial red meat production was 45.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 15 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

October 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.