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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2024 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was down 8 percent from November 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 1,566,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from November 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 86 pounds from the previous year, at 1,159 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 187,000 pounds live weight, down 30 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 309 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 4.56 billion pounds in November, down 3 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in November 2023.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,425 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 28 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 15,500 head, down 36 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, down 3 percent from November 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 7 percent from November 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2024 commercial red meat production was 50.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

November 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.