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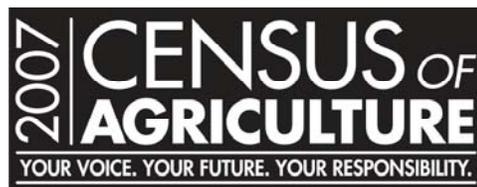
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### Idaho Red Meat Production Down 22 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2007 totaled 16.4 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. August production was up 2 percent from July 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2007 period totaled 109 million pounds, down 42 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006. Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down slightly from August 2006. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,279 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 20 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,400 head, down 2 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was down 54 pounds from last year, at 268 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.39 million head, up 3 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,500 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago. January to August 2007 commercial red meat production was 31.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.



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