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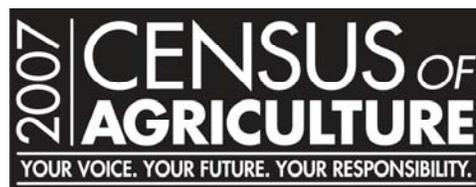
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Idaho October Red Meat Production Up 96 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2007 totaled 18.4 million pounds, up 96 percent from last year according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. October production was up 16 percent from September 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2007 period totaled 144 million pounds, down 34 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200 head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago. January to October 2007 commercial red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent. October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.



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