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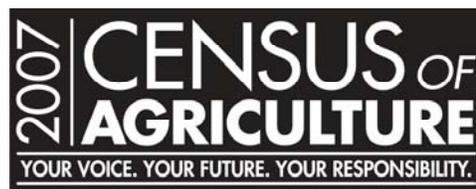
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### Idaho November Red Meat Production Up 378 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2007 totaled 18.9 million pounds, up 378 percent from November of last year according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. November production was up 2 percent from October 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2007 period totaled 162 million pounds, down 27 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in November 2006. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago. January to November 2007 commercial red meat production was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent. November 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.



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