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January 2008 Red Meat Production

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during January 2008, up 15 percent from December 2007, but unchanged from January 2007. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average live weight of 1,202 pounds increased 1 pound from last year.

During January there were 1,000 hogs slaughtered, down 100 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 248 pounds, dropped 2 pounds from last year. January sheep slaughter in the state totaled 300 head, up 100 head from January 2007. The average live weight dropped 3 pounds from last year to 103 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.42 billion pounds in January, up 8 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2007.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 21 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,500 head, 4 percent below January 2007. The average live weight was down 55 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 14 percent above the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.6 million head, 13 percent above January 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was 2 percent below January 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 213,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

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