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U.S. and Montana July 2008 Red Meat Production

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.8 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during July 2008, up 48 percent from July 2007, and up 93 percent from June 2008. Cattle slaughter totaled 2,100 head, up 700 head from one year ago. The average live weight decreased 28 pounds to 1,192 pounds.

There were 1,800 hogs slaughtered in Montana during July, up 400 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 235 pounds, decreased 2 pounds from last year. July sheep slaughter totaled 400 head, up 200 head from July 2007. The average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 126 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.25 billion pounds in July, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, up 6 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, 16 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,900 head, up 41 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.47 million head, up 13 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2008 commercial red meat production was 29.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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