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June 2008 Red Meat Production

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Montana slaughter plants produced 0.9 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during June 2008, down 18 percent from June 2007, but 14 percent higher than the previous month's production. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 200 head from one year ago. The average live weight decreased 64 pounds to 1,185 pounds.

During June there were 700 hogs slaughtered, down 200 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 248 pounds, was up 6 pounds from last year. June sheep slaughter totaled 200 head, unchanged from June 2007. The average live weight in June 2008 was 111 pounds, an increase of 6 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in June 2007.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 5 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,400 head, up 23 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 41 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, up 7 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from June 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 192,400 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago.

January to June 2008 commercial red meat production was 25.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 10 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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