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November 2007 Red Meat Production

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during November 2007. Red meat production was down 6 percent from October 2007 and 25 percent below November 2006.

Cattle slaughtered statewide totaled 1,700 head, which was 700 head below a year ago. The average live weight, at 1,139 pounds, was down 6 pounds from 2006. During November there were 1,300 hogs slaughtered in Montana, 300 head below a year ago. The average live weight, at 256 pounds, was unchanged from 2006. The number of sheep slaughtered, at 300 head, was 100 head below the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year to 97 pounds.

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.

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