



Wisconsin - Livestock Slaughter

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Lamb and Mutton Production a Record Low for October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,312 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83,600 head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2009 commercial red meat production was 41.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

October 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Oct. 2008	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Jan. - Oct. 2/		Change from last year
				2008	2009	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,341	2234*	2,275	22,520	21,814	-3
Veal	14	12	12	119	113	-4
Pork	2,160	2,001	2,089	19,409	19,086	-2
Lamb & mutton	15	15	14	146	141	-3
Total red meat 3/	4,529	4262*	4,391	42,193	41,154	-2

*Revised. 1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	152.3	-2	2,885.6	-3
Calves	2/	2/	83.6	-13
Hogs, all	43.4	-14	10,319.4	-4
Sheep and lambs	1.6	23	218.8	-3

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO