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U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION SETS ALL TIME RECORD IN 2007

WYOMING: Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during 2007 totaled 6.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 6.2 million pounds in 2006, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

A total of 7,000 **cattle** were slaughtered in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Total liveweight, at 8.30 million pounds, was virtually unchanged from last year. The average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,188 pounds, up 1 pound from 2006.

In 2007, 5,000 **hogs and pigs** were processed, compared with 4,900 in 2006. Total liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 1.31 million pounds, virtually unchanged from last year. The average liveweight of 264 pounds was down 1 pound from 2006.

A total of 1,600 **sheep and lambs** were processed in 2007, unchanged from last year. Total liveweight, at 228,000 pounds, was 6 percent above 2006. The average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered at 145 pounds was 9 pound heavier than last year.

UNITED STATES: Total red meat production for the United States totaled 48.8 billion pounds in 2007, 2 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 48.7 billion pounds. **On-farm production** totaled 135 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 26.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 146 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.0 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 188 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2006.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2007 totaled 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2006, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,269 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 51.3 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 30.3 percent, **dairy cows** 7.4 percent, **other cows** 9.4 percent, and **bulls** 1.6 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 758,100 head, 7 percent higher than a year ago with 98.2 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 303 pounds, down 39 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 109.2 million head, 4 percent higher than 2006 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 269 pounds.

Barrows and gilts comprised 96.5 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.69 million head, was down slightly from the previous year with 93.9 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2006 at 136 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 95.4 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.



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