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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in May 2017, up 7 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in May 2016.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 9 percent from May 2016.

Veal production totaled 6.30 million pounds, 6 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,300 head, up 11 percent from May 2016.

Pork production totaled 2.10 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.95 million head, up 8 percent from May 2016.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from May 2016. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,300 head, 3 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during May 2017 totaled 118 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above than May 2016. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In May 2017, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,340 pounds, calves averaged 101 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 141 pounds, and hogs averaged 242 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in May 2017, and 200,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: May 2016 and 2017

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	96.8	111.9	131,191	148,888	1,367	1,340
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.8	835	939	1,103	1,162
Nevada.....	0.1	0.2	120	180	1,025	1,054
United States	2,515.4	2,752.7	3,345,618	3,588,951	1,333	1,307
Calves						
California	9.3	8.4	908	834	100	101
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	35.6	39.3	10,125	10,768	287	276
Sheep and lambs						
California	27.5	26.3	4,025	3,705	146	141
Hawaii.....	0.1	(D)	20	(D)	141	(D)
Nevada.....	0.1	0.2	12	23	106	150
United States	185.7	180.3	25,962	23,677	140	131
Hogs						
California	181.2	193.3	43,740	46,742	242	242
Hawaii.....	1.1	0.9	261	246	249	261
Nevada.....	0.2	0.2	43	48	261	264
United States	9,180.4	9,951.0	2,597,732	2,805,844	283	282

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

State	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
California.....	106.1	108.5	117.6
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.7
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.2
United States.....	3,998.2	3,968.2	4,276.0