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# Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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## United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.63 billion pounds in August 2017, up 4 percent from the 4.43 billion pounds produced in August 2016.

Beef production, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, up 7 percent from August 2016.

Veal production totaled 6.40 million pounds, 5 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 46,200 head, up 13 percent from August 2016.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 3 percent from August 2016.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 2 percent from August 2016. Sheep slaughter totaled 194,100 head, slightly above last year.

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California's production of red meat during August 2017 totaled 120 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above than August 2016. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In August 2017, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,325 pounds, calves averaged 93 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 147 pounds, and hogs averaged 247 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 2017, and 200,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: August 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 |
| <b>Cattle</b>          |                    |            |                   |              |                     |        |
| California.....        | 101.3              | 111.9      | 135,365           | 147,274      | 1,348               | 1,325  |
| Hawaii.....            | 0.7                | 0.9        | 800               | 1,072        | 1,125               | 1,171  |
| Nevada.....            | 0.1                | 0.2        | 148               | 207          | 1,105               | 1,085  |
| United States.....     | 2,750.6            | 2,942.3    | 3,710,961         | 3,949,548    | 1,352               | 1,345  |
| <b>Calves</b>          |                    |            |                   |              |                     |        |
| California.....        | 10.3               | 8.1        | 919               | 743          | 91                  | 93     |
| Hawaii.....            | (D)                | (D)        | (D)               | (D)          | (D)                 | (D)    |
| Nevada.....            | (D)                | (D)        | (D)               | (D)          | (D)                 | (D)    |
| United States.....     | 40.9               | 46.2       | 10,352            | 10,910       | 255                 | 238    |
| <b>Sheep and lambs</b> |                    |            |                   |              |                     |        |
| California.....        | 28.2               | 26.4       | 3,951             | 3,880        | 140                 | 147    |
| Hawaii.....            | 0.2                | (D)        | 28                | (D)          | 135                 | (D)    |
| Nevada.....            | 0.1                | 0.2        | 14                | 22           | 110                 | 137    |
| United States.....     | 193.4              | 194.1      | 25,068            | 25,685       | 130                 | 132    |
| <b>Hogs</b>            |                    |            |                   |              |                     |        |
| California.....        | 210.3              | 200.6      | 49,688            | 49,574       | 236                 | 247    |
| Hawaii.....            | 1.0                | 0.8        | 255               | 207          | 245                 | 253    |
| Nevada.....            | 0.1                | 0.2        | 34                | 40           | 255                 | 252    |
| United States.....     | 10,390.9           | 10,660.4   | 2,866,957         | 2,957,482    | 276                 | 278    |

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

**Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States**

| State               | August 2016           | July 2017             | August 2017           |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                     | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> |
| California .....    | 113.3                 | 109.0                 | 120.4                 |
| Hawaii .....        | 0.7                   | 0.7                   | 0.8                   |
| Nevada .....        | 0.1                   | 0.2                   | 0.2                   |
| United States ..... | 4,434.1               | 3,988.9               | 4,630.4               |