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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in April 2022, down 3 percent from the 4.71 billion pounds produced in April 2021.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 1 percent from April 2021.

Veal production totaled 4.50 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 28,100 head, up 2 percent from April 2021.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, down 7 percent from April 2021.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,500 head, 12 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during April 2022 totaled 141.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below than April 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In April 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,353 pounds, calves averaged 135 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 156 pounds, and hogs averaged 256 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in April 2022, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: April 2021 and 2022

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	134.5	133.6	182,750	179,645	1,367	1,353
Hawaii.....	1.3	1.3	1,528	1,560	1,172	1,208
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	103	(D)	1,211
United States	2,852.4	2,813.4	3,887,612	3,855,025	1,366	1,373
Calves						
California	4.0	3.2	471	415	121	135
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	27.4	28.1	7,285	7,707	268	276
Sheep and lambs						
California	26.8	26.2	3,928	4,089	147	156
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	9	18	124	138
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	223.5	197.5	27,234	24,335	122	123
Hogs						
California	226.0	197.2	60,437	50,389	268	256
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.2	77	41	265	263
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	10,824.2	10,080.7	3,141,254	2,951,118	290	293

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals based on unrounded data]

State	April 2021	March 2022	April 2022	April 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	149.7	160.3	141.1	94
Hawaii.....	0.9	1.0	0.9	98
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	95
United States.....	4,710.4	4,978.9	4,545.6	97

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