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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.20 billion pounds in April 2023, down 8 percent from the 4.54 billion pounds produced in April 2022.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 11 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 10 percent from April 2022.

Veal production totaled 3.60 million pounds, 20 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,900 head, down 22 percent from April 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.12 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.77 million head, down 3 percent from April 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,900 head, 6 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during April 2023 totaled 102 million pounds (dressed weight), 28 percent below than April 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In April 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,341 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 155 pounds, and hogs averaged 221 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in April 2023, down 22 percent from April 2022.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: April 2022 and 2023

| Specie and State | Number slaughtered | | Total live weight | | Average live weight | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 |
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | pounds | pounds |
| Cattle | | | | | | |
| California | 133.6 | 120.1 | 179,679 | 159,954 | 1,353 | 1,341 |
| Hawaii..... | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1,560 | 1,175 | 1,208 | 1,171 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 103 | 70 | 1,211 | 1,252 |
| United States | 2,813.0 | 2,543.8 | 3,854,394 | 3,435,981 | 1,373 | 1,354 |
| Calves | | | | | | |
| California | 3.2 | (D) | 435 | (D) | 140 | (D) |
| Hawaii..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| United States | 28.1 | 21.9 | 7,727 | 6,090 | 277 | 280 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | | |
| California | 26.1 | 23.5 | 4,067 | 3,623 | 156 | 155 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 18 | 11 | 138 | 140 |
| Nevada..... | (Y) | (Y) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| United States | 198.5 | 185.9 | 24,426 | 21,754 | 123 | 117 |
| Hogs | | | | | | |
| California | 197.2 | 69.7 | 50,356 | 15,400 | 256 | 221 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.2 | 0.2 | 41 | 45 | 263 | 267 |
| Nevada..... | (Y) | (Y) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| United States | 10,078.7 | 9,770.4 | 2,950,637 | 2,845,074 | 293 | 291 |

(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 2022 | March 2023 | April 2023 | April 2023 as % 2022 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>percent</i> |
| California..... | 141.1 | 122.8 | 102.2 | 72 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 78 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | (Y) | (X) |
| United States..... | 4,544.9 | 4,909.8 | 4,203.4 | 92 |

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.



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