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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 4.77 billion pounds in October 2023, up slightly from the 4.76 billion pounds produced in October 2022.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down 3 percent from October 2022.

Veal production totaled 4.20 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,100 head, down 24 percent from October 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.42 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.4 million head, up 5 percent from October 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.3 million pounds, was up 7 percent from October 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,500 head, 14 percent above last year.

## Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during October 2023 totaled 109 million pounds (dressed weight), 25 percent below October 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In October 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,370 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 140 pounds, and hogs averaged 229 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in October 2023. The average live weight of California calves slaughtered is withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations and the amount of Nevada red meat produced was insufficient to record.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: October 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
<b>Cattle</b>						
California .....	135.8	123.2	177,975	167,572	1,319	1,370
Hawaii.....	1.1	1.0	1,319	1,160	1,185	1,158
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,902.9	2,825.9	3,982,791	3,875,179	1,375	1,374
<b>Calves</b>						
California .....	2.4	(D)	306	(D)	131	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	30.3	23.1	7,794	7,050	259	308
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	21.2	27.4	3,125	3,838	148	140
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	23	16	142	134
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	170.0	193.5	20,719	22,234	122	115
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	217.7	77.5	57,034	17,685	262	229
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	40	42	255	258
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	10,919.4	11,430.3	3,148,609	3,260,509	288	285

(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	October 2022	September 2023	October 2023	October 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	144.0	100.5	108.6	75
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.7	0.7	90
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,757.6	4,349.4	4,774.7	100

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