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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JANUARY 2018 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in January, up 7 percent from the 4.29 billion pounds produced in January 2017.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.76 million head, up 7 percent from January 2017. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,376 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 5 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 49,000 head, 5 percent above January 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 235 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.29 billion pounds, 6 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, 6 percent above January 2017. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was 2 percent above January 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,300 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 4 pounds from January a year ago.

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