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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JULY 2021 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat** production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in July, down 9 percent from the 4.81 billion pounds produced in July 2020.

**Beef production**, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,349 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.9 million pounds, 32 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,500 head, down 18 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 39 pounds from last year, at 205 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.05 billion pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.79 million head, down 13 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 281 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.7 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,100 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 115 pounds, down 10 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2021** commercial red meat production was 32.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 22 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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