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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – OCTOBER 2022 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.76 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.75 billion pounds produced in October 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,375 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.5 million pounds, 1 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,400 head, down 14 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.34 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 1 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,100 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

**January to October 2022 commercial red meat production** was 46.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

For a full copy of the *Livestock Slaughter* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202:

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