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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.80 billion pounds in January 2021, down 3 percent from the 4.96 billion pounds produced in January 2020.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 5 percent from January 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.60 million pounds, 28 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,300 head, down 35 percent from January 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.48 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, down 5 percent from January 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 12 percent from January 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,800 head, 11 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during January 2021 totaled 143 million pounds (dressed weight), 8 percent below than January 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In January 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,351 pounds, calves averaged 124 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 144 pounds, and hogs averaged 274 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in January 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: January 2020 and 2021

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	143.8	131.4	190,895	176,456	1,336	1,351
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.1	1,276	1,330	1,084	1,222
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	108	(D)	1,130	(D)
United States	2,899.4	2,744.6	3,978,213	3,831,126	1,375	1,399
Calves						
California	4.6	4.4	583	528	132	124
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	50.0	32.3	11,088	7,928	224	247
Sheep and lambs						
California	21.5	24.0	3,233	3,465	150	144
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	17	7	132	110
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	129	(D)
United States	182.2	161.8	23,716	20,877	130	129
Hogs						
California	256.1	212.5	66,631	58,240	260	274
Hawaii.....	0.4	0.3	103	67	275	255
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	11,814.5	11,249.8	3,419,994	3,315,696	290	295

(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	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021	January 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	156.5	152.5	143.4	92
Hawaii.....	0.8	1.0	0.8	99
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	93
United States.....	4,959.2	4852.6	4,801.5	97

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