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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in February 2021, down 1 percent from the 4.45 billion pounds produced in February 2020.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.52 million head, down 2 percent from February 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.70 million pounds, 8 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,000 head, down 17 percent from February 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.27 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 3 percent from February 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.8 million pounds, was up 1 percent from February 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 163,600 head, slightly below last year.

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California's production of red meat during February 2021 totaled 143 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above than February 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In February 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,354 pounds, calves averaged 131 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 149 pounds, and hogs averaged 273 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in February 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: February 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.....	131.5	130.0	176,708	175,046	1,352	1,354
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.1	1,308	1,305	1,124	1,198
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	91	(D)	1,080	(D)
United States.....	2,578.1	2,522.7	3,539,087	3,498,838	1,376	1,390
Calves						
California.....	4.2	4.4	524	559	130	131
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States.....	39.7	33.0	8,844	8,090	224	247
Sheep and lambs						
California.....	21.5	25.8	3,311	3,841	155	149
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	12	10	133	134
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States.....	164.3	163.6	21,406	21,519	130	132
Hogs						
California.....	205.9	212.5	53,439	57,859	260	273
Hawaii.....	0.4	0.3	96	70	270	259
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States.....	10,721.7	10,430.2	3,088,850	3,034,371	288	291

(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	February 2020	January 2021	February 2021	February 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California	139.2	143.4	143.1	103
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.8	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
United States	4,452.7	4,801.6	4,386.6	99

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