



Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.71 billion pounds in April 2021, up 22 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in April 2020.

Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 29 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 27 percent from April 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.30 million pounds, 12 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 27,400 head, down 18 percent from April 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 15 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.8 million head, up 15 percent from April 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was up 22 percent from April 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,800 head, 23 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during April 2021 totaled 150 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent above than April 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In April 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,368 pounds, calves averaged 124 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 143 pounds, and hogs averaged 268 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in April 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: April 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	140.7	134.4	190,830	182,707	1,364	1,368
Hawaii	1.2	1.3	1,364	1,528	1,119	1,172
Nevada	0.2	(D)	181	(D)	1,103	(D)
United States	2,241.7	2,849.8	3,025,637	3,883,982	1,353	1,366
Calves						
California	4.6	4.1	584	490	131	124
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	33.5	27.4	8,351	7,289	252	268
Sheep and lambs						
California	25.2	27.1	3,849	3,880	153	143
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	10	9	130	124
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	181.2	222.8	22,277	27,096	123	122
Hogs						
California	208.6	225.6	54,190	60,444	260	268
Hawaii	0.2	0.3	72	77	292	265
Nevada	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	9,416.3	10,822.6	2,723,561	3,141,284	289	290

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(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	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	147.5	163.8	149.7	101
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.9	0.9	112
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	57
United States.....	3,864.9	5,047.9	4,708.0	122

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