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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in May 2021, up 14 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in May 2020.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 19 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 18 percent from May 2020.

Veal production totaled 3.70 million pounds, 29 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 25,500 head, down 21 percent from May 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.65 million head, up 12 percent from May 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 13 percent from May 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,300 head, 7 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during May 2021 totaled 141 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent below than May 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In May 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,367 pounds, calves averaged 113 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 138 pounds, and hogs averaged 263 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in May 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: May 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	138.7	131.9	184,865	179,276	1,341	1,367
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.1	1,338	1,368	1,161	1,211
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	170	(D)	1,157	(D)
United States	2,278.0	2,698.9	3,106,862	3,661,887	1,367	1,360
Calves						
California	4.7	3.4	598	377	132	113
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	32.5	25.5	8,829	6,282	274	248
Sheep and lambs						
California	26.5	24.3	3,957	3,354	150	138
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	9	8	136	134
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	106	(D)
United States	195.4	181.3	25,245	21,894	129	121
Hogs						
California	208.3	200.0	54,467	52,641	262	263
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.3	57	72	290	268
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	17	(D)	276	(D)
United States	8,602.2	9,648.9	2,524,213	2,775,587	294	288

(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	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	146.0	149.7	141.4	97
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.9	0.8	105
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
United States.....	3,764.3	4,707.7	4,295.5	114

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