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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in August 2021, down 2 percent from the 4.69 billion pounds produced in August 2020.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, up 3 percent from August 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.3 million pounds, 14 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,800 head, up 2 percent from August 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down 5 percent from August 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.3 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 1 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during August 2021 totaled 146 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above than August 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In August 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,313 pounds, calves averaged 93 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 138 pounds, and hogs averaged 258 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

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

| Specie and State | Number slaughtered | | Total live weight | | Average live weight | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>pounds</i> |
| Cattle | | | | | | |
| California | 119.0 | 138.9 | 157,972 | 181,241 | 1,335 | 1,313 |
| Hawaii..... | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1,335 | 1,399 | 1,115 | 1,184 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | (D) | 86 | (D) | 1,342 | (D) |
| United States | 2,805.5 | 2,886.3 | 3,822,354 | 3,899,044 | 1,365 | 1,354 |
| Calves | | | | | | |
| California | 5.2 | 4.2 | 618 | 381 | 123 | 93 |
| Hawaii..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| United States | 34.1 | 34.8 | 8,535 | 7,392 | 252 | 214 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | | |
| California | 26.9 | 22.6 | 3,712 | 3,112 | 138 | 138 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 12 | 13 | 137 | 137 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | (D) | 8 | (D) | 154 | (D) |
| United States | 178.0 | 176.4 | 21,824 | 20,493 | 123 | 116 |
| Hogs | | | | | | |
| California | 206.4 | 221.8 | 53,909 | 57,115 | 261 | 258 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.3 | 0.3 | 75 | 75 | 292 | 254 |
| Nevada..... | >0 | (D) | >0 | (D) | >0 | (D) |
| United States | 11,122.0 | 10,610.8 | 3,140,012 | 2,969,565 | 282 | 280 |

(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 | August 2020 | July 2021 | August 2021 | August 2021 as % 2020 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>percent</i> |
| California..... | 131.5 | 141.6 | 145.9 | 111 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 104 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 101 |
| United States..... | 4,692.5 | 4,383.1 | 4,588.2 | 98 |

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