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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.75 billion pounds in October 2021, down 7 percent from the 5.09 billion pounds produced in October 2020.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, down 3 percent from October 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.60 million pounds, 14 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,400 head, down 4 percent from October 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.37 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, down 8 percent from October 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 7 percent from October 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,300 head, 3 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during October 2021 totaled 142 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below than October 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In October 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,336 pounds, calves averaged 108 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 138 pounds, and hogs averaged 252 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in October 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: October 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	135.8	133.8	181,326	177,759	1,343	1,336
Hawaii.....	1.5	1.3	1,643	1,489	1,119	1,171
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	112	(D)	1,276	(D)
United States	2,950.1	2,853.7	4,076,907	3,918,700	1,385	1,376
Calves						
California	4.0	3.5	506	373	132	108
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	37.1	35.4	9,216	7,941	251	226
Sheep and lambs						
California	23.4	27.9	3,183	3,840	136	138
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	12	8	132	140
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	9	(D)	131	(D)
United States	182.5	187.3	21,235	22,672	116	121
Hogs						
California	244.6	218.8	67,042	55,048	274	252
Hawaii.....	0.4	0.2	97	51	266	246
Nevada.....	>0	(D)	>0	(D)	>0	(D)
United States	12,016.4	11,084.0	3,493,596	3,187,977	291	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	October 2020	September 2021	October 2021	October 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	152.1	143.2	142.3	94
Hawaii.....	1.0	0.9	0.9	90
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
United States.....	5,088.8	4,580.0	4,754.9	93