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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.80 billion pounds in November 2021, up 2 percent from the 4.69 billion pounds produced in November 2020.

Beef production, at 2.38 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 6 percent from November 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.60 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,000 head, down 6 percent from November 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.41 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 1 percent from November 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 195,100 head, 8 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during November 2021 totaled 144 million pounds (dressed weight), slightly above than November 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In November 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,338 pounds, calves averaged 122 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 139 pounds, and hogs averaged 253 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in November 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: November 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 | 125.4 | 135.7 | 166,816 | 180,564 | 1,338 | 1,338 |
| Hawaii..... | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1,433 | 1,505 | 1,130 | 1,199 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | (D) | 90 | (D) | 1,204 | (D) |
| United States | 2,707.9 | 2,858.3 | 3,748,826 | 3,943,066 | 1,387 | 1,382 |
| Calves | | | | | | |
| California | 3.9 | 3.3 | 531 | 394 | 140 | 122 |
| Hawaii..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| United States | 35.1 | 33.0 | 8,386 | 7,928 | 241 | 242 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | | |
| California | 26.1 | 28.9 | 3,567 | 4,002 | 137 | 139 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7 | 14 | 131 | 116 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | (D) | 8 | (D) | 121 | (D) |
| United States | 181.3 | 195.1 | 21,410 | 23,863 | 118 | 122 |
| Hogs | | | | | | |
| California | 234.2 | 214.6 | 64,673 | 54,332 | 276 | 253 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.3 | 0.3 | 83 | 65 | 268 | 263 |
| Nevada..... | Y | (D) | X | (D) | X | (D) |
| United States | 11,018.1 | 11,136.7 | 3,233,126 | 3,237,246 | 294 | 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 | November 2020 | October 2021 | November 2021 | November 2021 as % 2020 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>percent</i> |
| California..... | 143.5 | 142.3 | 143.7 | 100 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 104 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 91 |
| United States..... | 4,689.1 | 4,754.9 | 4,804.7 | 102 |

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