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# Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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## United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 5.05 billion pounds in March 2021, up 1 percent from the 5.00 billion pounds produced in March 2020.

Beef production, at 2.48 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, up 3 percent from March 2020.

Veal production totaled 4.90 million pounds, 15 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 31,600 head, down 27 percent from March 2020.

Pork production totaled 2.55 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.7 million head, down 2 percent from March 2020.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was up 13 percent from March 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 213,700 head, 14 percent above last year.

## Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during March 2021 totaled 164 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent above than March 2020. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In March 2021, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,364 pounds, calves averaged 130 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 149 pounds, and hogs averaged 272 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in March 2021, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: March 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
<b>Cattle</b>						
California .....	144.2	147.7	193,773	200,311	1,351	1,364
Hawaii.....	1.3	1.2	1,391	1,436	1,113	1,181
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	109	(D)	1,102	(D)
United States .....	2,922.3	3,006.4	3,989,980	4,116,566	1,368	1,372
<b>Calves</b>						
California .....	4.5	4.4	575	553	133	130
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	43.2	31.6	9,961	8,356	232	266
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	25.5	30.2	3,954	4,481	155	149
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	7	15	135	125
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	9	(D)	130	(D)
United States .....	187.7	213.7	24,573	27,782	131	130
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	226.1	240.0	58,562	65,169	259	272
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.3	80	87	277	273
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States .....	11,941.8	11,739.8	3,436,551	3,413,489	288	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	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as % 2020
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	153.3	143.1	163.8	107
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	0.9	104
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	84
United States.....	4,995.7	4,386.3	5,047.8	101

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