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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – NOVEMBER 2018 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November, up 3 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in November 2017.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 1 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,370 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.7 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,500 head, up 31 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 50 pounds from last year, at 210 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.35 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 5 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 4 percent from November 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,200 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2018 commercial red meat production was 49.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

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