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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – MAY 2023 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in May, up 2 percent from the 4.49 billion pounds produced in May 2022.

**Beef production**, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 1 percent from May 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,349 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.2 million pounds, 7 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 12 percent from May 2022. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from last year, at 292 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.27 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, up 5 percent from May 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 6 percent from May 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,500 head, 13 percent above last year. The average live weight was 121 pounds, down 9 pounds from May a year ago.

**January to May 2023 commercial red meat production** was 22.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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