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New York Red Meat Production Down 2 Percent

ALBANY, NY, April 26, 2018 --- Commercial red meat production for New York totaled 40.5 million pounds in 2017, down 2 percent from the 41.4 million pounds produced in 2016, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office.

Cattle slaughter totaled 37.1 thousand head, up 2 percent from 2016. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,207. Calf slaughter totaled 60.7 thousand head in 2017, up 30 percent from 2016. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 119 pounds. Hog slaughter totaled 45.8 thousand head, down 20 percent from 2016. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 257 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 61.9 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 101 pounds, up 1 pound from a year ago.

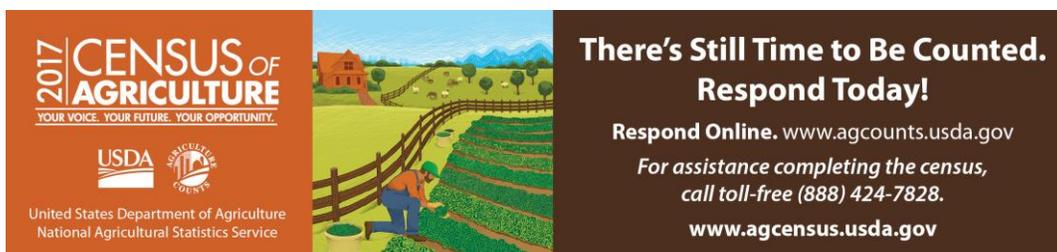
Total red meat production for the United States totaled a record high 52.1 billion pounds in 2017, 3 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 52.0 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 87.6 million pounds.

The full Livestock Slaughter 2017 Summary report contains 2017 and 2016 red meat production and commercial cattle, calf, hog, and sheep and lamb slaughter data.

For the complete 'Livestock Slaughter Annual Summary' report, go to:
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