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Cattle Slaughter Up 7 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for Pennsylvania totaled 101.0 million pounds in February, up 7 percent from the 94.2 million pounds produced in February 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Cattle slaughter totaled 73.1 thousand head, up 5 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,223 pounds.

Calf slaughter totaled 6,500 head, 34 percent below February 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 433 pounds.

Hog slaughter totaled 236.1 thousand head, up 11 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Sheep slaughter totaled 4,000 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 110 pounds, up 9 pounds from February a year ago.

February 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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