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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JANUARY 2019 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.70 billion pounds in January, up 2 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in January 2018.

**Beef production**, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 3 percent from January 2018. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.6 million pounds, 1 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,800 head, 10 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 213 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.37 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, 3 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.5 million pounds, was slightly below January 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 8 pounds from January a year ago.

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