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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2020 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 34 percent from November 2019. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,703,000 pounds live weight, up 41 percent from November 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 138 pounds from the previous year, at 1,058 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 241,000 pounds live weight, up 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 302 pounds.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November, down 1 percent from the 4.74 billion pounds produced in November 2019.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 3 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,388 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.8 million pounds, 20 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,000 head, down 25 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from last year, at 241 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.41 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, down 3 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.6 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,400 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, down 7 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2020 commercial red meat production was 50.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

November 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.
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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.