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**JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during July 2021 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 47 percent from July 2020. 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 797,000 pounds live weight, down 47 percent from July 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, down 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,219 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 104,000 pounds live weight, down 68 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 300 head, down 800 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 309 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in July, down 9 percent from the 4.81 billion pounds produced in July 2020.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,349 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.9 million pounds, 32 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,500 head, down 18 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 39 pounds from last year, at 205 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.79 million head, down 13 percent from July 2020. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 281 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.7 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,100 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 115 pounds, down 10 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2021 commercial red meat production was 32.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 22 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

July 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.