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Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during August 2021 totaled 1,100,000 pounds, this was up 3 percent from August 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 1,485,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from August 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 68 pounds from the previous year, at 1,222 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 292,000 pounds live weight, up 12 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 281 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 4.59 billion pounds in August, down 2 percent from the 4.69 billion pounds produced in August 2020.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, up 3 percent from August 2020. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,354 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.3 million pounds, 14 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,800 head, up 2 percent from August 2020. The average live weight was down 38 pounds from last year, at 214 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down 5 percent from August 2020. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.3 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 7 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2021 commercial red meat production was 36.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 21 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

August 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. August 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.