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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2021 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 24 percent from November 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 1,281,000 pounds live weight, down 25 percent from November 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,031 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 130,000 pounds live weight, down 46 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 317 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 4.80 billion pounds in November, up 2 percent from the 4.69 billion pounds produced in November 2020.

Beef production, at 2.38 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 6 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,382 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,000 head, down 6 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.41 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 1 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 195,100 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2021 commercial red meat production was 51.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 18 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

November 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.
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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.