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## JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during June 2022 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from June 2021. 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 859,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from June 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,184 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 119,000 pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 306 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 4.72 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.67 billion pounds produced in June 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.45 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 3 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,339 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.6 million pounds, 12 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 29,100 head, down 8 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.26 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 1 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.4 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 172,900 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 11 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2022 commercial red meat production** was 27.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production were down 8 percent.

**June 2021** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**June 2022** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*