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JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during July 2022 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from July 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 755,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from July 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,221 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 132,000 pounds live weight, up 9 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 312 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 4.23 billion pounds in July, down 3 percent from the 4.38 billion pounds produced in July 2021.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 2 percent from July 2021. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,341 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.1 million pounds, 5 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 29,500 head, down 12 percent from July 2021. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.31 million head, down 5 percent from July 2021. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 163,300 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, up 11 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2022 commercial red meat production was 32.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

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

July 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.