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SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during September 2023 totaled 1,200,000 pounds, this was up 12 percent from September 2022. 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 1,721,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from September 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 40 pounds from the previous year, at 1,057 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published because data were less than level of precision shown or not applicable.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 319,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,100 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

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

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in September, down 7 percent from the 4.66 billion pounds produced in September 2022.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 10 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,362 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.6 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,700 head, down 31 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 287 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.19 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 2 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 281 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 9 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2023 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

September 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
September 2023 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.