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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2017 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 12 percent from November 2016. 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 1,080,000 pounds live weight, up 13 percent from November 2016. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 948 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 238,000 pounds live weight, up 15 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 296 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 4.55 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 4.50 billion pounds produced in November 2016.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.76 million head, up 3 percent from November 2016. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,373 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.4 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,400 head, down 10 percent from November 2016. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 260 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.24 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 1 percent from November 2016. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2016. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,000 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2017 commercial red meat production was 47.6 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2016. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.