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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2018 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was up 12 percent from November 2017. 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 1,272,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from November 2017. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 965 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 212,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 288 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 4.68 billion pounds in November, up 3 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in November 2017.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 1 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,370 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.7 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,500 head, up 31 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 50 pounds from last year, at 210 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.35 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 5 percent from November 2017. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 4 percent from November 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,200 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 1 pound from November a year ago.

January to November 2018 commercial red meat production was 49.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.