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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JULY 2016 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in July 2015.

**Beef production**, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.48 million head, down 1 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,345 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.6 million pounds, 19 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,700 head, up 3 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 65 pounds from last year, at 257 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.76 million head, down 7 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.4 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 170,100 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2016 commercial red meat production** was 28.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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