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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November 2023, down 2 percent from the 4.79 billion pounds produced in November 2022.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 6 percent from November 2022.

Veal production totaled 4.30 million pounds, 6 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 22 percent from November 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.39 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 2 percent from November 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,600 head, 5 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during November 2023 totaled 104 million pounds (dressed weight), 29 percent below than November 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In November 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,354 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 143 pounds, and hogs averaged 227 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in November 2023, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: November 2022 and 2023

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	137.8	119.2	181,808	160,299	1,329	1,354
Hawaii.....	1.1	1.1	1,312	1,231	1,203	1,149
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	77	(X)	1,200
United States	2,904.9	2,729.8	4,012,140	3,778,796	1,384	1,387
Calves						
California	2.6	(D)	312	(D)	124	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	31.2	24.2	7,780	7,229	251	301
Sheep and lambs						
California	25.6	28.4	3,751	4,056	146	143
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	14	14	134	135
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	181.1	189.6	21,944	22,024	121	116
Hogs						
California	215.0	78.0	57,326	17,663	267	227
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	40	41	269	267
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	10,914.0	11,138.9	3,164,255	3,218,027	290	289

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States

[Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals based on unrounded data]

State	November 2022	October 2023	November 2023	November 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	147.4	108.6	104.4	71
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.7	0.8	95
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
United States.....	4,788.1	4,774.8	4,684.4	98

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