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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in July 2024, up 10 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in July 2023.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, up 5 percent from July 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.30 million pounds, 11 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,600 head, down 24 percent from July 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.25 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from July 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.3 million pounds, was up 19 percent from July 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,100 head, 16 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during July 2024 totaled 95.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent below than July 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In July 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,330 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 143 pounds, and hogs averaged 226 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in July 2024, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: July 2023 and 2024

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	122.7	108.3	164,517	142,899	1,349	1,330
Hawaii.....	1.0	1.0	1,140	1,255	1,181	1,208
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	85	(X)	1,236
United States	2,597.6	2,722.3	3,483,336	3,749,101	1,344	1,380
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	23.2	17.6	6,398	5,628	278	322
Sheep and lambs						
California	21.3	22.1	3,242	3,145	152	143
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	15	13	138	113
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	160.2	185.1	18,810	22,193	117	120
Hogs						
California	72.8	81.1	15,783	18,271	217	226
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	37	52	247	268
Nevada.....	0.1	(D)	13	(D)	237	(D)
United States	9,616.9	10,680.4	2,701,735	3,023,596	281	283

(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	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	105.4	90.7	95.1	90
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.8	111
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
United States.....	4,128.1	4,267.0	4,554.2	110

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