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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in July 2023, down 2 percent from the 4.23 billion pounds produced in July 2022.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.60 million head, down 6 percent from July 2022.

Veal production totaled 3.80 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,200 head, down 21 percent from July 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.01 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.62 million head, up 3 percent from July 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.50 million pounds, was down 9 percent from July 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 159,600 head, 3 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during July 2023 totaled 105 million pounds (dressed weight), 24 percent below than July 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In July 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,349 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 152 pounds, and hogs averaged 217 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in July 2023.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: July 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	134.4	122.8	175,878	164,539	1,316	1,349
Hawaii.....	1.3	1.0	1,519	1,140	1,186	1,181
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	96	(X)	1,167	(X)
United States	2,779.6	2,599.5	3,720,212	3,485,882	1,341	1,344
Calves						
California	2.9	(D)	353	(D)	128	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	29.5	23.2	7,110	6,411	242	278
Sheep and lambs						
California	22.5	21.3	3,514	3,240	157	152
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	10	15	138	138
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	9	(X)	157	(X)
United States	163.8	159.6	20,598	18,764	126	118
Hogs						
California	195.2	72.7	50,433	15,772	259	217
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	44	37	252	247
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	(X)	13	(X)	237
United States	9,318.3	9,615.9	2,642,673	2,701,292	284	281

(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 2022	June 2023	July 2023	July 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	139.0	116.3	105.4	76
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	0.7	78
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,233.0	4,551.4	4,129.4	98

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