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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – AUGUST 2022 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.83 billion pounds in August, up 5 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in August 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up 7 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.7 million pounds, 9 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,900 head, down 2 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.30 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 3 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.7 million pounds, was up 13 percent from August 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,000 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 11 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2022 commercial red meat production** was 36.8 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

For a full copy of the *Livestock Slaughter* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202:

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