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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.98 billion pounds in March 2022, down 1 percent from the 5.05 billion pounds produced in March 2021.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, up slightly from March 2021.

Veal production totaled 4.9 million pounds, 1 percent above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,600 head, up 3 percent from March 2021.

Pork production totaled 2.46 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, down 4 percent from March 2021.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 12 percent from March 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,300 head, 13 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during March 2022 totaled 160.3 million pounds (dressed weight), down 2 percent from March 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In March 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,353 pounds, calves averaged 130 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 157 pounds, and hogs averaged 263 pounds. In Hawaii, 1 million pounds of red meat were produced in March 2022, and 0.1 million pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: March 2021 and 2022

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	147.7	150.6	200,234	202,550	1,364	1,353
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.4	1,436	1,711	1,181	1,193
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	96	(D)	1,198
United States	3,008.0	3,014.7	4,118,530	4,163,995	1,372	1,384
Calves						
California	4.4	3.7	555	473	130	130
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	31.7	32.6	8,395	8,473	267	261
Sheep and lambs						
California	30.1	29.3	4,518	4,596	150	157
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	15	27	125	139
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	8	(D)	166
United States	214.7	187.3	27,903	24,391	130	130
Hogs						
California	239.9	225.7	65,145	59,266	272	263
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.2	87	48	273	270
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	11,740.6	11,249.6	3,413,744	3,293,584	291	293

(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	March 2021	February 2022	March 2022	March 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	163.8	139.2	160.3	98
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	1.0	114
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	106
United States.....	5,049.2	4,431.9	4,978.9	99

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