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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.48 billion pounds in May 2022, up 4 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in May 2021.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, up 4 percent from May 2021.

Veal production totaled 4.40 million pounds, 22 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 27,400 head, up 8 percent from May 2021.

Pork production totaled 2.18 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from May 2021.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,300 head, 10 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during May 2022 totaled 140.9 million pounds (dressed weight), slightly below than May 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In May 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,355 pounds, calves averaged 119 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 155 pounds, and hogs averaged 257 pounds. In Hawaii, 900,000 pounds of red meat were produced in May 2022, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: May 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 | 131.9 | 135.0 | 179,333 | 181,757 | 1,367 | 1,355 |
| Hawaii..... | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1,368 | 1,562 | 1,211 | 1,189 |
| Nevada..... | (D) | 0.1 | (D) | 74 | (D) | 1,197 |
| United States | 2,702.9 | 2,813.7 | 3,666,796 | 3,793,063 | 1,360 | 1,351 |
| Calves | | | | | | |
| California | 3.3 | 2.9 | 360 | 337 | 114 | 119 |
| Hawaii..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| United States | 25.3 | 27.4 | 6,260 | 7,588 | 249 | 279 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | | |
| California | 24.0 | 21.3 | 3,348 | 3,285 | 140 | 155 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.1 | 0.2 | 8 | 26 | 134 | 135 |
| Nevada..... | (D) | 0.1 | (D) | 9 | (D) | 167 |
| United States | 182.4 | 164.3 | 22,031 | 21,323 | 121 | 130 |
| Hogs | | | | | | |
| California | 199.7 | 190.9 | 52,553 | 49,098 | 263 | 257 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.3 | 0.2 | 72 | 48 | 268 | 264 |
| Nevada..... | (D) | (Y) | (D) | (X) | (D) | (X) |
| United States | 9,649.2 | 10,036.3 | 2,775,689 | 2,923,437 | 288 | 291 |

(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 | May 2021 | April 2022 | May 2022 | May 2022 as % 2021 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>million pounds</i> | <i>percent</i> |
| California..... | 141.4 | 141.1 | 140.9 | 100 |
| Hawaii..... | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 111 |
| Nevada..... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 81 |
| United States..... | 4,298.6 | 4,545.5 | 4,484.8 | 104 |

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