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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.83 billion pounds in August 2022, 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.

Veal production totaled 4.70 million pounds, 9 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,900 head, down 2 percent from August 2021.

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.

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.

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California's production of red meat during August 2022 totaled 154 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above August 2021. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In August 2022, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,312 pounds, calves averaged 134 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 152 pounds, and hogs averaged 255 pounds. In Hawaii, 1,000,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 2022.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	138.9	147.6	181,246	191,525	1,313	1,312
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.5	1,398	1,767	1,183	1,145
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	75	(D)	1,169
United States	2,886.9	3,076.2	3,900,068	4,133,689	1,354	1,348
Calves						
California	4.2	3.3	389	398	95	134
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	34.8	33.9	7,402	8,066	214	242
Sheep and lambs						
California	22.6	26.5	3,107	4,005	138	152
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	13	8	137	133
Nevada.....	(D)	0.1	(D)	7	(D)	133
United States	178.4	182.0	20,640	23,093	116	127
Hogs						
California	221.7	231.8	57,099	59,122	258	255
Hawaii.....	0.3	0.2	75	54	254	250
Nevada.....	(D)	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)
United States	10,616.0	10,987.2	2,970,742	3,095,197	280	282

(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	August 2021	July 2022	August 2022	August 2022 as % 2021
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	145.9	139.0	154.1	106
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.9	1.0	122
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,589.7	4,233.6	4,826.0	105

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