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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in September, down 7 percent from the 4.66 billion pounds produced in September 2022.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 10 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,362 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.6 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,700 head, down 31 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 287 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.19 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 2 percent from September 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 281 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 9 pounds from September a year ago.

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California's production of red meat during September 2023 totaled 101 million pounds (dressed weight), 30 percent below September 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In September 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,351 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 139 pounds, and hogs averaged 224 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in September 2023 (dressed weight), 24 percent below September 2022.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: September 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	137.8	115.5	178,239	154,857	1,303	1,351
Hawaii	1.3	1.0	1,588	1,171	1,200	1,170
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	2,897.8	2,610.4	3,943,601	3,548,656	1,364	1,362
Calves						
California	2.9	(D)	331	(D)	123	(D)
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	31.4	21.7	7,386	6,202	237	287
Sheep and lambs						
California	21.7	25.3	3,338	3,511	154	139
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	10	24	135	138
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	171.9	173.8	21,435	20,097	125	116
Hogs						
California	216.7	73.7	56,043	16,499	259	224
Hawaii	0.2	0.1	44	38	256	267
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	10,659.0	10,486.5	3,039,573	2,946,802	285	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	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	September 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California	143.0	111.4	100.5	70
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	0.7	76
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
United States	4,664.7	4,673.3	4,349.3	93

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