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# Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter

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## United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.77 billion pounds in January 2024, up slightly from the 4.76 billion pounds produced in January 2023.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 3 percent from January 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.90 million pounds, 12 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 22,600 head, down 26 percent from January 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.47 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.4 million head, up 2 percent from January 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.6 million pounds, was up 4 percent from January 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 171,700 head, 5 percent above last year.

## Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during January 2024 totaled 102 million pounds (dressed weight), 29 percent below than January 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In January 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,363 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 145 pounds, and hogs averaged 230 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in January 2024.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: January 2023 and 2024

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
<b>Cattle</b>						
California .....	140.7	115.9	186,284	156,707	1,333	1,363
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.0	1,419	1,178	1,201	1,134
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,826.8	2,730.4	3,891,558	3,784,251	1,380	1,389
<b>Calves</b>						
California .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	30.6	22.6	7,579	6,607	249	294
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	21.6	22.7	3,027	3,293	141	145
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	12	16	138	132
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	162.8	171.7	20,089	20,800	123	121
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	195.6	79.4	52,659	18,245	270	230
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	53	40	256	265
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States .....	11,130.3	11,368.7	3,259,963	3,323,260	293	292

(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	January 2023	December 2023	January 2024	January 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	143.7	101.2	102.1	71
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.7	0.7	84
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,764.5	4,546.4	4,767.9	100

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