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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 4.45 billion pounds in September 2024, up 2 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in September 2023.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 1 percent from September 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.10 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 16,100 head, down 26 percent from September 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.23 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, up slightly from September 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.6 million pounds, was up 4 percent from September 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 1 percent above last year.

## Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during September 2024 totaled 89.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent below than September 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In September 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,372 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 155 pounds, and hogs averaged 230 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in September 2024.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: September 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 .....	115.5	97.8	154,855	133,323	1,351	1,372
Hawaii.....	1.0	1.0	1,171	1,208	1,170	1,172
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,610.4	2,572.4	3,548,599	3,610,659	1,362	1,406
<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 .....	21.7	16.1	6,213	5,178	287	324
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	25.3	21.1	3,514	3,273	139	155
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	24	9	138	146
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	174.7	176.4	20,181	20,860	116	118
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	73.9	78.3	16,519	17,968	224	230
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	38	42	267	278
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States .....	10,487.9	10,521.2	2,947,590	2,997,680	281	285

(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 and percentages based on unrounded data]

State	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024	September 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	100.6	93.6	89.1	89
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.8	0.7	102
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,349.9	4,591.7	4,451.2	102

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