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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.54 billion pounds in December, down slightly from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in December 2023.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 2 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,431 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 20 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 16,100 head, down 28 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from last year, at 329 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.33 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 1 percent from December 2023. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from December 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 201,500 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago.

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California's production of red meat during December 2024 totaled 88.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 13 percent below December 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In December 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,414 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 142 pounds, and hogs averaged 228 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in December 2024, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: December 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
Cattle						
California	111.9	92.7	153,613	130,217	1,382	1,414
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.9	1,119	1,071	1,194	1,206
Nevada..... (Y)		0.1	(X)	88	(X)	1,282
United States	2,594.3	2,541.5	3,626,735	3,628,743	1,401	1,431
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	22.4	16.1	6,541	5,243	293	329
Sheep and lambs						
California	25.2	23.0	3,588	3,264	142	142
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	13	8	133	116
Nevada..... (Y)		(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	184.2	201.5	21,147	23,600	115	117
Hogs						
California	83.2	90.4	18,707	20,579	225	228
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	35	58	254	292
Nevada..... (Y)		(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	10,824.9	10,748.2	3,149,503	3,128,550	291	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	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	December 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	101.2	90.6	88.5	87
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.7	96
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
United States.....	4,547.3	4,564.5	4,544.5	100

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