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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JUNE 2022 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.72 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.67 billion pounds produced in June 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.45 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 3 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,339 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.6 million pounds, 12 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 29,100 head, down 8 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.26 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 1 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.4 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 172,900 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 11 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2022 commercial red meat production** was 27.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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