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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.67 billion pounds in August 2023, down 3 percent from the 4.83 billion pounds produced in August 2022.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 6 percent from August 2022.

Veal production totaled 4.20 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 26,600 head, down 22 percent from August 2022.

Pork production totaled 2.29 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 1 percent from August 2022.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 10 percent from August 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,800 head, 1 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during August 2023 totaled 111 million pounds (dressed weight), 28 percent below than August 2022. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In August 2023, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,339 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 140 pounds, and hogs averaged 221 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 2023, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: August 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	147.6	129.4	191,610	172,037	1,312	1,339
Hawaii.....	1.5	1.1	1,767	1,288	1,145	1,191
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	75	84	1,169	1,257
United States	3,076.1	2,889.9	4,133,231	3,894,673	1,348	1,351
Calves						
California	3.3	(D)	402	(D)	135	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	34.0	26.6	8,080	7,217	242	273
Sheep and lambs						
California	26.0	24.4	3,965	3,405	153	140
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	8	25	133	135
Nevada.....	0.1	>0	7	(X)	133	(X)
United States	182.4	183.8	23,135	20,815	127	113
Hogs						
California	231.8	83.8	59,122	18,493	255	221
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	54	33	250	249
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	10,989.6	11,122.7	3,095,901	3,090,900	282	278

(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	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023	August 2023 as % 2022
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	154.1	105.4	111.4	72
Hawaii.....	1.0	0.7	0.8	75
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	0.1	(X)
United States.....	4,826.2	4,128.1	4,673.2	97

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