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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in March 2024, down 11 percent from the 4.91 billion pounds produced in March 2023.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.51 million head, down 15 percent from March 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.60 million pounds, 15 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 18,900 head, down 28 percent from March 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.25 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 9 percent from March 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 199,300 head, 3 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during March 2024 totaled 97.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 21 percent below than March 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In March 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,360 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 157 pounds, and hogs averaged 230 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in March 2024.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: March 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	145.6	109.2	192,321	147,380	1,330	1,360
Hawaii.....	1.2	1.0	1,401	1,154	1,166	1,137
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	77	(X)	1,187	(X)
United States	2,939.4	2,509.8	4,007,721	3,487,107	1,366	1,392
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	26.3	18.9	7,235	6,063	277	323
Sheep and lambs						
California	30.1	27.4	4,842	4,310	161	157
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	16	10	146	146
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States	206.5	199.3	25,792	24,244	125	122
Hogs						
California	82.3	75.4	19,021	17,270	232	230
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	42	42	265	262
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	11,465.2	10,455.8	3,342,118	3,025,549	292	289

(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	March 2023	February 2024	March 2024	March 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	122.9	96.1	97.2	79
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.8	0.7	84
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,911.0	4,554.3	4,376.3	89

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