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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 4.64 billion pounds in April 2024, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in April 2023.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up 7 percent from April 2023.

Veal production totaled 3.5 million pounds, 2 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,500 head, down 20 percent from April 2023.

Pork production totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 10 percent from April 2023.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,800 head, 2 percent above last year.

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California's production of red meat during April 2024 totaled 98.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below than April 2023. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In April 2024, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,367 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 147 pounds, and hogs averaged 229 pounds. In Hawaii, 800,000 pounds of red meat were produced in April 2024.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: April 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 .....	120.1	109.7	159,930	148,831	1,341	1,367
Hawaii.....	1.0	1.2	1,175	1,294	1,171	1,115
Nevada.....	0.1	(Y)	70	(X)	1,252	(X)
United States .....	2,543.7	2,729.2	3,435,939	3,799,021	1,354	1,395
<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 .....	21.9	17.5	6,087	5,892	279	338
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	23.6	22.5	3,645	3,312	155	147
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	11	10	140	141
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
United States .....	185.7	188.8	21,737	22,433	117	119
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	70.3	81.0	15,532	18,488	221	229
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.1	45	37	267	259
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States .....	9,770.9	10,749.1	2,845,296	3,114,441	291	290

(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	April 2023	March 2024	April 2024	April 2024 as % 2023
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	102.3	97.2	98.2	96
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.8	109
Nevada.....	(Y)	(Y)	(Y)	(X)
United States.....	4,203.4	4,376.4	4,635.5	110

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