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United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.23 billion pounds in February 2025, down 7 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in February 2024.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.32 million head, down 11 percent from February 2024.

Veal production totaled 2.00 million pounds, 43 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 11,200 head, down 43 percent from February 2024.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.2 million head, down 7 percent from February 2024.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,000 head, 2 percent below last year.

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California's production of red meat during February 2025 totaled 80.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 16 percent below than February 2024. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In February 2025, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,447 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 149 pounds, and hogs averaged 240 pounds. In Hawaii, 600,000 pounds of red meat were produced in February 2025, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: February 2024 and 2025

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds	pounds
Cattle						
California	108.1	83.4	145,501	119,834	1,357	1,447
Hawaii.....	1.2	0.8	1,330	942	1,148	1,178
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	2,613.2	2,323.8	3,609,528	3,321,976	1,384	1,432
Calves						
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	19.6	11.2	6,091	3,501	312	314
Sheep and lambs						
California	23.5	18.5	3,633	2,748	154	149
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	19	16	139	137
Nevada.....	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
United States	171.9	169.0	21,370	20,720	124	123
Hogs						
California	81.5	72.8	18,487	17,408	227	240
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.1	33	43	268	293
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	10,985.6	10,163.6	3,189,279	2,952,520	290	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	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	February 2025 as % 2024
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>percent</i>
California.....	96.1	96.0	80.9	84
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.7	0.6	73
Nevada.....	(Y)	0.1	0.1	(X)
United States.....	4,554.3	4,885.2	4,233.1	93

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