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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – AUGUST 2024

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.59 billion pounds in August, down 2 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in August 2023.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 7 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from the previous year, at 1,388 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.1 million pounds, 26 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,000 head, down 36 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 40 pounds from last year, at 313 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.29 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from August 2023. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 1 percent from August 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2024 commercial red meat production was 36.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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