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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during January 2022 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 25 percent from January 2021. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,310,000 pounds live weight, down 27 percent from January 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,103 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 121,000 pounds live weight, down 48 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 298 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.56 billion pounds in January, down 5 percent from the 4.80 billion pounds produced in January 2021.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 2 percent from January 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,398 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, slightly below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,300 head, slightly below January 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 247 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.28 billion pounds, 8 percent below the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, 7 percent below January 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.8 million pounds, was 6 percent below January 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 154,100 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, down 2 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.