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FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during February 2022 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was down 1 percent from February 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 1,240,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from February 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 46 pounds from the previous year, at 1,137 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 131,000 pounds live weight, down 29 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 329 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 4.43 billion pounds in February, up 1 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in February 2021.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.69 million head, up 6 percent from February 2021. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,395 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 10 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,400 head, down 8 percent from February 2021. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, down 5 percent from February 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.2 million pounds, was down 14 percent from February 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 143,400 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 4 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2022 commercial red meat production was 8.99 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was down 6 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

February 2021 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.