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AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during August 2022 totaled 1,000,000 pounds, this was down 12 percent from August 2021. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,262,000 pounds live weight, down 17 percent from August 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 37 pounds from the previous year, at 1,177 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 263,000 pounds live weight, down 4 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 276 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 4.83 billion pounds in August, up 5 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in August 2021.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up 7 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.7 million pounds, 9 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,900 head, down 2 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.30 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 3 percent from August 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was up 13 percent from August 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,000 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 11 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2022 commercial red meat production was 36.8 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

August 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2022 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.