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## OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during October 2022 totaled 1.10 million pounds. This was down 7 percent from October 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 1,547,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from October 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 19 pounds from the previous year, at 997 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 281,000 pounds live weight, up 36 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 297 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 4.76 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.75 billion pounds produced in October 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,375 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.5 million pounds, 1 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,400 head, down 14 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.34 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 1 percent from October 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.4 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,100 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

**January to October 2022 commercial red meat production** was 46.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

**October 2021** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**October 2022** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*