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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2022 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 9 percent from November 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 1,416,000 pounds live weight, up 4 percent from November 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 95 pounds from the previous year, at 1,080 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 227,000 pounds live weight, up 47 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 11 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 4.79 billion pounds in November, down slightly from the 4.81 billion pounds produced in November 2021.

Beef production, at 2.42 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 2 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,384 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, 2 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 31,200 head, down 6 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.35 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January to November 2022 commercial red meat production was 51.0 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.

November 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.
November 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.