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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during January 2023 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 26 percent from January 2022. 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 1,566,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from January 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,128 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 207,000 pounds live weight, up 71 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 316 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 4.77 billion pounds in January, up 4 percent from the 4.56 billion pounds produced in January 2022.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 5 percent from January 2022. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,380 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.4 million pounds, 4 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,600 head, 5 percent below January 2022. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.43 billion pounds, 6 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, 7 percent above January 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was 3 percent above January 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 162,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.
January 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.