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## NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during November 2023 totaled 1.2 million pounds, this was up 9 percent from November 2022. 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 1,746,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from November 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,054 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published because data were less than level of precision shown or not applicable.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 263,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**United States – Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.79 billion pounds produced in November 2022.

**Beef production**, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 6 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,387 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.3 million pounds, 6 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 22 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 301 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.39 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 2 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,600 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 5 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2023 commercial red meat production** was 49.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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