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# Pacific Region Livestock Slaughter Review

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## United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.43 billion pounds in October 2016, up 3 percent from the 4.31 billion pounds produced in October 2015.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from October 2015.

Veal production totaled 6.60 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,300 head, up 20 percent from October 2015.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, up 2 percent from October 2015.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,600 head, 2 percent below last year.

## Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during October 2016 totaled 119 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent above than October 2015. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In October 2016, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,368 pounds, calves averaged 92 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 135 pounds, and hogs averaged 253 pounds. In Hawaii, 600,000 pounds of red meat were produced in October 2016, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

### Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: October 2015 and 2016

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>
<b>Cattle</b>						
California .....	104.0	105.0	141,024	142,501	1,368	1,368
Hawaii .....	0.8	0.7	857	790	1,140	1,117
Nevada .....	0.2	0.2	167	156	1,023	993
United States .....	2,514.3	2,636.2	3,486,886	3,633,314	1,390	1,381
<b>Calves</b>						
California .....	9.6	9.8	842	896	89	92
Hawaii .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	40.2	48.3	12,141	11,344	304	237
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>						
California .....	21.3	26.0	2,776	3,502	130	135
Hawaii .....	0.1	0.2	18	25	135	134
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	13	10	109	94
United States .....	185.9	181.6	23,853	23,267	128	128
<b>Hogs</b>						
California .....	207.7	212.1	51,273	53,562	247	253
Hawaii .....	1.0	0.8	241	211	251	258
Nevada .....	0.1	0.1	22	27	263	277
United States .....	10,248.0	10,444.9	2,902,937	2,942,933	283	282

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Commercial Red Meat Production – States and United States**

State	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
California.....	116.6	114.8	119.1
Hawaii.....	0.7	0.7	0.6
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1
United States.....	4,314.6	4,323.1	4,426.5