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Record red meat and pork production for August

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.3 billion pounds produced in August 2011.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3 million head, down 3 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up 4 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous

year, at 269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, down 9 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,500 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 10 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2012 commercial red meat production was 32.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.