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Statistics on Hogs and Pigs Commercial Slaughter State of Hawai'i, 2018-2024

In each of the two years preceding COVID-19 (2018 and, 2019), Hawai'i sent more than 4,000 pigs to federally inspected slaughterhouses for processing. For each of these years, local farmers delivered more than one million pounds of total live weight.

During and after COVID, commercial pig slaughter declined continually. The total live weight in 2024 stood at 46 percent of the 2018 level, dropping from 1.1 million pounds to 0.5 million pounds. For Hawai'i's 1.4 million population, the per capita availability of locally-raised pork fell to 0.37 pound in 2024 from 0.8 pound in 2018.

The average pig weight pre-COVID was 253 pounds, and the post-COVID (2023 and, 2024) weight was 266 pounds. This is a five percent gain in animal average weight between the two periods. The gain in weight acts as if to compensated for the decrease in head count.

2024 appears to be a turning point with the negative trend reversing to an 8% increase in total live weight slaughtered.

Table 1: Number of Heads, Total Live Weight & Average Live Weight, Hawai'i, 2018 -2024

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Head (1,000)	4.6	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.1	1.9	1.9
Total Live Weight (1,000 lbs.)	1,134	1,055	913	812	540	483	524
Change Total Live Weight (%)		-7%	-13%	-11%	-33%	-11%	8%
Average Live Weight per Pig (lbs.)	246	260	275	262	259	258	274

¹Include custom slaughter for home use.

Source: USDA available at: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/rx913p88g>

Chart 1: Hogs and Pigs Total Live Weight Commercial Slaughter, Hawai‘i, 2018-2024

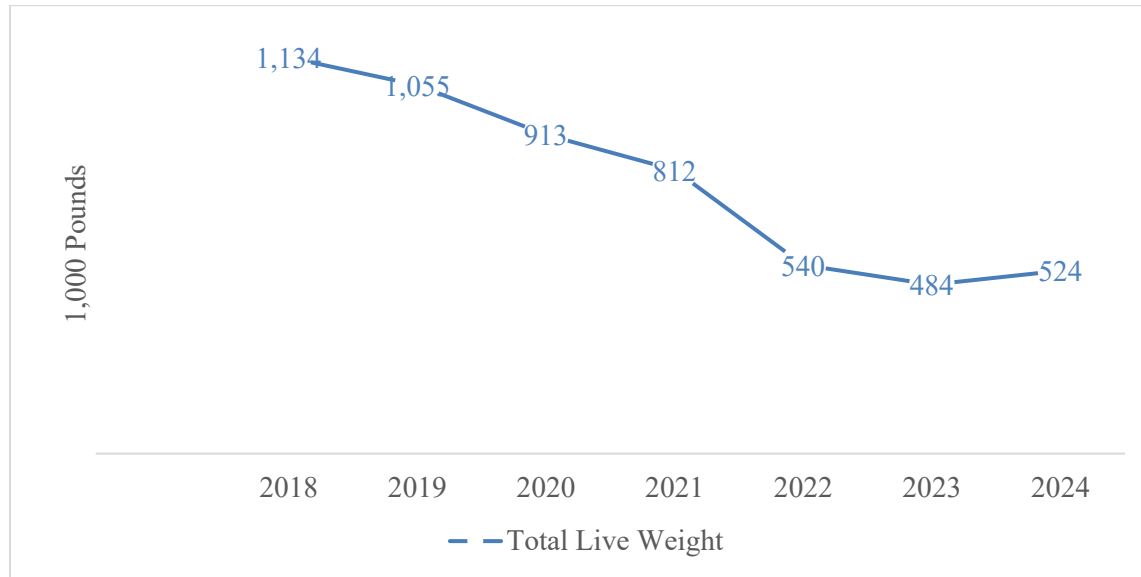
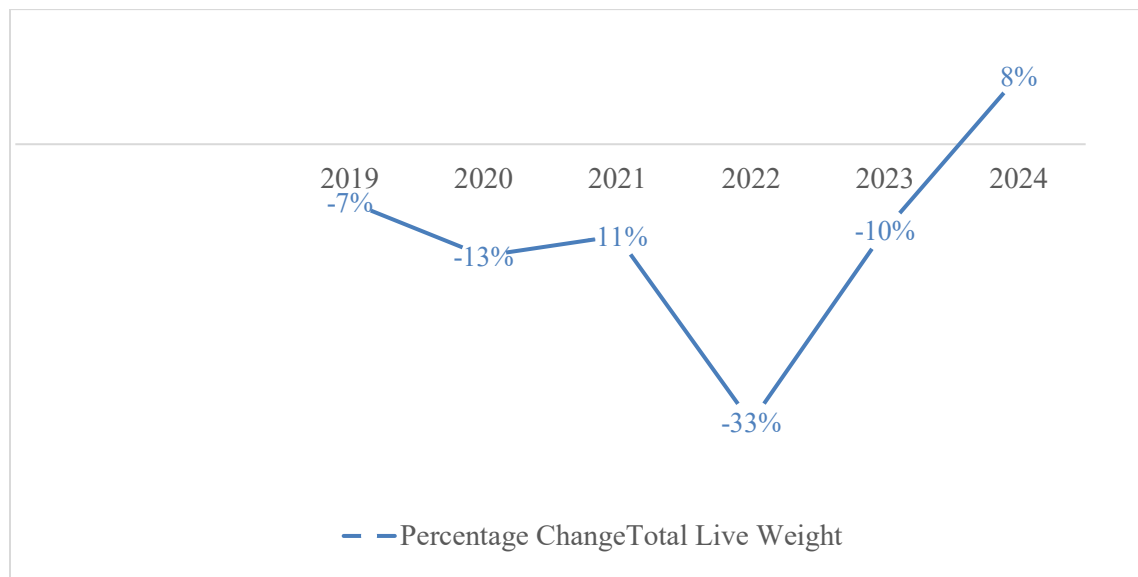


Chart 2: Hogs and Pigs Total Live Weight Percentage Change, Hawai‘i, 2018-2024



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