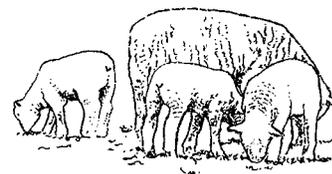


Livestock Inventory & Production, 2004

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The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on Pennsylvania farms during 2004 was \$1.9 billion, up 19 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at \$1.76 billion on January 1, 2004, accounting for 92.6 percent of the total value of all livestock in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at \$14.2 million, accounted for 0.7 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at \$106.9 million on December 1, 2004, accounted for 5.6 percent of the total livestock inventory value.



Sheep: January 1, 2005 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 100,000 head, up 10,000 head from January 1, 2004. Commonwealth flocks included 75,000 breeding sheep and lambs and 15,000 market sheep and lambs. The total lamb crop for 2004 was 84,000 lambs, up 1,000 head from 2003. Wool production totaled 440,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds more than 2003 wool production.

The gross income from sheep production in 2004 was almost \$6.6 million, down 13 percent from 2003. The value of wool produced during the year was \$119,000, up \$8,000 from 2003. Sheep farms numbered 3,100, down 100 farms from last year. Pennsylvania ranked 18th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2004.

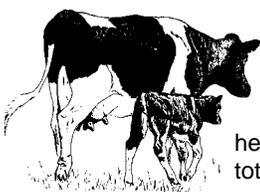
Red Meat Production: Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.167 billion pounds in 2004, down 8 percent from 2003. There were 247 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2004. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 874,900 head in 2004, 17 percent below the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.0 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,179 pounds was 91 pounds below the 2003 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 170,800 head, down 10 percent from 2003. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 62.8 million pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 368 pounds, up 28 pounds from 2003.

A total of 2,846,400 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2004, up 4 percent from 2003. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 699,565,000 pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 246 pounds, down 3 pounds from 2003.

Sheep and lamb slaughter was at 71,700 head. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 6,994,000 pounds. Sheep slaughtered averaged 98 pounds live weight, down 8 pounds from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 12th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2004. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 7th for cattle, 1st for calves, 10th for hogs, and 7th for sheep.



Cattle: All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,630,000 head on January 1, 2005, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2004. Of the total, 720,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 566,000, a 2,000 head increase from one year earlier. The number of beef cows at 154,000 head, was down 2,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 370,000, unchanged from January 1, 2004. There were 275,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 40,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 170,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 345,000, a 15,000 head decline from the previous year. The 2004 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 650,000 head, unchanged from the 2003 calf crop.

The gross income from cattle production was \$478.5 million in 2004, up 4.0 percent from the previous year. There were 28,000 Pennsylvania farms having cattle during 2004. Farms with milk cows decreased to 9,100 in 2004, down 500 operations. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2004, and 20th in cattle inventory.

Hogs: There were 1,080,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2004, 20,000 head below the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 115,000 head, was 5,000 head less than the previous year. A total of 965,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2004, 25,000 head below last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2004 totaled 1,778,000, down 5 percent from 2003. A total of 198,000 sows farrowed in 2004, averaging 8.98 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork production was \$243.6 million for 2004, which was up 31 percent from 2003. Hog farmers numbered 3,400 in 2004, down 100 from the previous year. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2004.

