

Livestock Inventory & Production, 2005

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The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on Pennsylvania farms during 2005 was \$2.1 billion, up 13 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at \$2.00 billion on January 1, 2005, accounting for 94.7 percent of the total value of all livestock in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at \$14.1 million, accounted for 0.7 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at \$96.8 million on December 1, 2005, accounted for 4.6 percent of the total livestock inventory value.

Cattle: All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,610,000 head on January 1, 2006, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2005. Of the total, 709,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 557,000, a 9,000 head decrease from one year earlier. The number of beef cows at 152,000 head, was down 2,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 315,000, unchanged from January 1, 2005. There were 275,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 40,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 160,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 350,000, a 15,000 head increase from the previous year. The 2005 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 620,000 head, down 30,000 from the 2004 calf crop.

The gross income from cattle production was \$492.1 million in 2005, up 1.5 percent from the previous year. There were 28,000 Pennsylvania farms having cattle during 2005. Farms with milk cows decreased to 8,900 in 2005, down 200 operations. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2005, and 20th in cattle inventory.

Hogs: There were 1,100,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2005, 20,000 head above the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 100,000 head, was 15,000 head less than the previous year. A total of 990,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2005, 25,000 head above last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2005 totaled 1,778,000, unchanged from 2004. A total of 188,000 sows farrowed in 2005, averaging 9.46 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork production was \$240.6 million for 2005, which was down 1 percent from 2004. Hog operations numbered 3,200 in 2005, down 200 from the previous year. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2005.

Sheep: January 1, 2006 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 110,000 head, up 10,000 head from January 1, 2005. Commonwealth flocks included 83,000 breeding sheep and lambs. The total lamb crop for 2005 was 88,000 lambs, up 4,000 head from 2004. Wool production totaled 460,000 pounds, 20,000 pounds more than 2004 wool production.

The gross income from sheep production in 2005 was \$7.2 million, up 8 percent from 2004. The value of wool produced during the year was \$124,000, up \$5,000 from 2004. Sheep farms numbered 3,600, up 200 farms from last year. Pennsylvania ranked 14th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2005.

Goats: January 1, 2006 milk and meat goat inventory totaled 47,200 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2005. Commonwealth herds included 27,000 meat and other goats and 10,200 milk goats.

Red Meat Production: Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.157 billion pounds in 2005, down 1 percent from 2004. There were 253 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2005. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 840,800 head in 2005, 4 percent below the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.0 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,221 pounds was 42 pounds above the 2004 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 153,100 head, down 10 percent from 2004. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 62.8 million pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 410 pounds, is up 42 pounds from 2004.

A total of 2,841,100 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2005, nearly unchanged from 2004. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 695,632,000 pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 245 pounds, down 1 pound from 2003.

Sheep and lamb slaughter was at 58,600 head. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 5,618,000 pounds. Sheep slaughtered averaged 96 pounds live weight, down 2 pounds from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 12th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2005. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 7th for cattle, 1st for calves, 10th for hogs, and 7th for sheep.