

*The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on **Pennsylvania** farms January 1, 2012, was \$1.9 billion, up 12 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at \$1.75 billion on January 1, 2012, accounting for 92.4 percent of the total value of all livestock in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at \$20.5 million, accounted for 1.1 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at \$123.2 million on December 1, 2011, accounted for 6.5 percent of the total livestock inventory value.*

## **Cattle**

All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,610,000 head on January 1, 2012, unchanged from January 1, 2011. Of the total, 700,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 540,000, a 3,000 head decrease from 1 year earlier. The number of beef cows at 160,000 head, was up 3,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 415,000, up 15,000 from January 1, 2011. There were 315,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 45,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 145,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 325,000, down 20,000 from the previous year. The 2011 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 590,000 head, 10,000 less than the 2010 calf crop.

The gross income from cattle production was \$616 million in 2011, up 26 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania ranked 5th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2012, and 19th in cattle inventory.

## **Hogs**

There were 1,120,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2011, 10,000 head above the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 100,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. A total of 1,020,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2011, 10,000 head above last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2011 totaled 1,903,000, down 3,000 head from 2010. A total of 189,000 sows farrowed in 2011, averaging 10.07 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork production was \$325.5 million for 2011, which was up 20 percent from 2010. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2011.

## **Sheep**

January 1, 2012 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 89,000 head, down 9,000 head from January 1, 2011. Commonwealth flocks included 75,000 breeding sheep and lambs. The total lamb crop for 2011 was 64,000 lambs, down 6,000 head from 2010. Wool production totaled 355,000 pounds, 20,000 pounds less than 2010 wool production.

The value of wool produced during the year was \$156,000, up \$17,000 from 2010. Pennsylvania ranked 15th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2012.

## **Goats**

January 1, 2012 milk and meat goat inventory totaled 60,500 head, down 1,500 head from January 1, 2011. Commonwealth herds included 45,500 meat and other goats and 15,000 milk goats.

## **Red Meat Production**

Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.28 billion pounds in 2011, up 1 percent from 2010. There were 213 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2012. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 989,500 head in 2011, 3 percent above the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.17 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,192 pounds was 54 pounds below the 2010 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 114,400 head, down 4 percent from 2010. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 48.6 million pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 425 pounds, was down 4 pounds from 2010.

A total of 2,814,300 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2011, down 3 percent from 2010. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 729.3 million pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 259 pounds, down 1 pound from 2010.

Sheep and lamb slaughter was at 40,500 head. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 3,966,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs slaughtered averaged 98 pounds live weight, up 1 pound from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 13th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2011. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 8th for cattle, 4th for calves, 10th for hogs, and 11th for sheep.