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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 16 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 25, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during April 2007 totaled 105.9 million pounds, up 16 percent from April 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 96.1 million pounds live weight, was up 20 percent from April 2006. Total head slaughtered was 77,800, up 19 percent. Live weight averaged 1,243 pounds, up 2 pounds from last year. Veal production was 5.7 million pounds live weight, up 13 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 14,300 head was up 18 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 20 pounds to 396 pounds.

Pork production was 61.1 million pounds live weight, up 13 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 241,600, up 11 percent from April 2006. Average live weight increased 6 pounds from last year to 253 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during April 2007 was 482,000 pounds live weight, down 22 percent. The number slaughtered was 5,400, down 26 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 90 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in April 2007 totaled 3.75 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.02 billion pounds, was up 2 percent. Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, up 14 percent from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006.

January-April red meat production was 15.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from April 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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