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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 6 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 21, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during August 2007 totaled 111.7 million pounds, up 6 percent from August 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 106.3 million pounds live weight, was up 16 percent from August 2006. Total head slaughtered was 86,100, up 12 percent. Live weight averaged 1,243 pounds, up 34 pounds from last year. Veal production was 5.4 million pounds live weight, down 14 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 13,900 head was down 16 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 10 pounds to 385 pounds.

Pork production was 61.9 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 247,900, down 2 percent from August 2006. Average live weight increased 3 pound from last year to 250 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during August 2007 was 479,000 pounds live weight, up 7 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,900, also up 7 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in August 2007 totaled 4.33 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.45 billion pounds, was up slightly. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, down 20 percent from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006.

January-August red meat production was 31.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from August 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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