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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 1 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan. 25, 2008 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during December 2007 totaled 108.3 million pounds, up 1 percent from December 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 92.4 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from December 2006. Total head slaughtered was 73,400, up 2 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,270 pounds, up 1 pound from last year. Veal production was 5.4 million pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 13,400 head was down 18 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 21 pounds to 401 pounds.

Pork production was 69.4 million pounds live weight, up 3 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 273,700, up 1 percent from December 2006. Average live weight increased 4 pounds from last year to 254 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during December 2007 was 435,000 pounds live weight, down 2 percent from December 2006. The number slaughtered was 4,500, down 4 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 97 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in December 2007 totaled 4.06 billion pounds, up 5 percent from December 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.06 billion pounds, was slightly higher. Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, down 21 percent from December a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2006.

January-December red meat production was 48.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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