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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up Very Slightly in March

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 20, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during March 2007 totaled 110.4 million pounds, up very slightly from March 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 96.3 million pounds live weight, was up 4 thousand pounds from March 2006. Total head slaughtered was 77,200, unchanged. Live weight averaged 1,256 pounds, down 3 pounds from last year. Veal production was 6.4 million pounds live weight, up 2 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 16,700 head was up 9 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 28 pounds to 386 pounds.

Pork production was 66.6 million pounds live weight, up 2 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 263,300, down 1 percent from March 2006. Average live weight is up 5 pounds from last year, at 253 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during March 2007 was 496,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent. The number slaughtered was 5,500, up 31 percent. Average live weight decreased 7 pounds to 91 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in March 2007 totaled 4.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 4.11 billion pounds produced in March 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.12 billion pounds, was down 4 percent. Veal production totaled 13.5 million pounds, 7 percent above March a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was up 7 percent from March 2006.

January-March red meat production was 11.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from March 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was up 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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