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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 2 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 20, 2008 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during May 2008 totaled 111.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from May 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 105.6 million pounds live weight, was up 10 percent from May 2007. Total head slaughtered was 84,700, up 8 percent. Live weight averaged 1,257 pounds, up 18 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.5 million pounds live weight, down 27 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 11,300 head was down 25 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 12 pounds to 395 pounds.

Pork production was 62.3 million pounds live weight, down 3 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 245,600, down 4 percent from May 2007. Average live weight increased 3 pounds from last year to 254 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during May 2008 was 427,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,400, down 14 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 96 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in May 2008 totaled 4.22 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in May 2007. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.38 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Veal production totaled 11.5 million pounds, down 7 percent from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2007.

January-May red meat production was 21.0 billion pounds, up 7 percent from May 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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