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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 4 Percent in November

HARRISBURG, PA, Dec. 21, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during November 2007 totaled 108.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from November 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 98.0 million pounds live weight, was up 8 percent from November 2006. Total head slaughtered was 77,400, up 6 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,275 pounds, up 24 pounds from last year. Veal production was 5.1 million pounds live weight, down 18 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 12,400 head was down 25 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 34 pounds to 411 pounds.

Pork production was 66.1 million pounds live weight, up 4 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 256,400, up 3 percent from November 2006. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during November 2007 was 431,000 pounds live weight, up 8 percent from November 2006. The number slaughtered was 4,500, up 7 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 97 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in November 2007 totaled 4.30 billion pounds, up 4 percent from November 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.23 billion pounds, was up slightly. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, down 22 percent from November a year ago.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006.

January-November red meat production was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

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