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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 2 Percent in September

HARRISBURG, PA Oct 25, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during September 2011 totaled 112.0 million pounds, up 2 percent from the 109.7 million pounds produced in September 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 104.7 million pounds live weight, was up 3 percent from September 2010. Total head slaughtered was 89,700, up 5,700 head from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,178 pounds, down 50 pounds from last year. Veal production was 3.9 million pounds live weight, down 10 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,200 head was down 900 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 6 pounds to 422 pounds.

Pork production was 63.4 million pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 243,700, down 4,400 head from September 2010. Average live weight was unchanged from last year at 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during September 2011 was 360,000 pounds live weight, up 10 percent from September 2010. The number slaughtered was 3,700, up 400 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, totaled 4.19 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010.

January-September 2011 commercial red meat production was 36.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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