

## **LIVESTOCK**

### **CATTLE**

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2005, was 405,000 head, up 25,000 head or 7 percent from the January 1, 2004, inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$315.9 million, up 24 percent from the 2004 value of \$254.6 million. Value per head averaged \$780, up \$110 from \$670 in 2004. The 2004 calf crop was 190,000 head, up 5,000 head from 2003. All cows that have calved, at 210,000 head, was up 10,000 head from 2004. Beef production for 2004 totaled 120.7 million pounds liveweight, up 2 percent from the 2003 production of 118.0 million pounds. Marketings totaled 116.6 million pounds, down 20 percent from 2003 marketings of 145.0 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight in 2004 was \$67.20 for cattle and \$101.00 for calves, compared with \$56.90 and \$81.70, respectively, in 2003. Value of production increased 22 percent from the \$68.7 million in 2003 to \$84.0 million in 2004. Gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$93.1 million, a decrease of 3 percent from the 2003 value of \$95.6 million.

### **HOGS AND PIGS**

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2004, totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2003. The inventory value was estimated at \$1.1 million, up 59 percent from the value of \$690,000 for 2003. The pig crop totaled 18,200 head, down 2 percent from the 2003 total. Pork production for 2004 was 5.0 million pounds, virtually unchanged from 2003. Marketings of 3.9 million pounds during 2004 were 6 percent above the 2003 total marketings of 3.7 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$46.10, up \$10.00 from the 2003 price of \$36.10. The value of production was \$2.3 million, 27 percent above the 2003 revised value of production of \$1.8 million. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$2.2 million, an increase of 24 percent from the 2003 revised value of \$1.8 million.

### **SHEEP AND LAMBS**

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2005, was estimated at 31,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 1, 2004. The inventory value, at \$3.9 million, was up 6 percent from 2004. Value per head averaged \$127.00, up \$18.00 from 2004. The 2004 lamb crop totaled 29,000 head, down 4,000 head from the previous year. Sheep and lamb production for 2004 totaled 2.1 million pounds, down 12 percent from the 2003 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$36.90 for sheep and \$102.00 for lambs, compared with \$31.40 and \$90.60, respectively, in 2003. The value of production totaled \$2.0 million, up 12 percent from the \$1.7 million the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.3 million, up 8 percent from the gross income of \$2.1 million in 2003. Sheep shorn in 2004 totaled 24,000 head, down 4,000 head from 2003. The average fleece weight was 5.6 pounds, giving a production of 134,000 pounds, down 16 percent from the 2003 production of 160,000 pounds. The average price per pound for wool was 43 cents, up 15 cents from the previous year. Value of production for wool totaled \$58,000, up 29 percent from \$45,000 in 2003.

### **GOATS**

Goat data are the result of the first annual goat survey conducted in West Virginia in 2005. Meat and other goat inventory on January 1, 2005 totaled 11,700 head, down 18 percent from the 2002 Census of Agriculture inventory of 14,326 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 1,100 head, down 53 percent from the 2002 Census of Agriculture inventory of 2,336 head.

### **MILK**

The average number of dairy cows in West Virginia during 2004 was 13,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2003. The total milk produced was 194 million pounds, down 10 percent from the revised 216 million in 2003. There were 191 million pounds marketed, down 10 percent from the revised 213 million pounds in 2003. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$31.5 million, up 16 percent from the revised cash receipts of \$27.3 million in 2003. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$31.7 million, up 16 percent from the revised \$27.4 million in 2003.