

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2006, was 410,000 head, up 5,000 head or 1 percent from the January 1, 2005, inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$352.6 million, up 12 percent from the 2005 value of \$315.9 million. Value per head averaged \$860, up \$80 from \$780 in 2005. The 2005 calf crop was 195,000 head, up 5,000 head from 2004. All cows that have calved, at 217,000 head, was up 7,000 head from 2005. Beef production for 2005 totaled 134.2 million pounds liveweight, up 11 percent from the 2004 production of 120.7 million pounds. Marketings totaled 141.6 million pounds, up 21 percent from 2004 marketings of 116.6 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight in 2005 was \$72.00 for cattle and \$112.00 for calves, compared with \$67.20 and \$101.00, respectively, in 2004. Value of production increased 19 percent from the \$84.0 million in 2004 to \$99.9 million in 2005. Gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$120.0 million, an increase of 29 percent from the 2004 value of \$93.1 million.

HOGS AND PIGS

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2005, totaled 8,000 head, down 2,000 head from December 1, 2004. The inventory value was estimated at \$800,000, down 27 percent from the value of \$1.1 million for 2004. The pig crop totaled 14,700 head, down 19 percent from the 2004 total. Pork production for 2005 was 3.8 million pounds, down 24 percent from 2004. Marketings of 3.4 million pounds during 2005 were 11 percent below the 2004 total marketings of 3.9 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$46.60, up 50 cents from the 2004 price of \$46.10. The value of production was \$1.8 million, 23 percent below the 2004 revised value of production of \$2.3 million. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$2.0 million, an increase of 11 percent from the 2004 revised value of \$1.8 million.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2006, was estimated at 32,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2005. The inventory value, at \$4.1 million, was up 5 percent from 2005. Value per head averaged \$129.00, up \$2.00 from 2005. The 2005 lamb crop totaled 28,000 head, down 1,000 head from the previous year. Sheep and lamb production for 2005 totaled 2.3 million pounds, up 5 percent from the 2004 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$41.80 for sheep and \$110.00 for lambs, compared with \$36.90 and \$102.00, respectively, in 2004. The value of production totaled \$2.1 million, up 10 percent from the \$2.0 million the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.1 million, down 7 percent from the gross income of \$2.3 million in 2004. Sheep shorn in 2005 totaled 23,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2004. The average fleece weight was 5.8 pounds, giving a production of 133,000 pounds, down 1 percent from the 2004 production of 134,000 pounds. The average price per pound for wool was 48 cents, up 5 cents from the previous year. Value of production for wool totaled \$64,000, up 10 percent from \$58,000 in 2004.

GOATS

Goat data are the result of the second annual goat survey conducted in West Virginia in 2006. Meat and other goat inventory on January 1, 2006, totaled 19,000 head, up 9 percent from the revised January 1, 2005 inventory of 17,500 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 1,400 head, up 200 head or 17 percent from last year. Angora goat inventory was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

MILK

The average number of dairy cows in West Virginia during 2005 was 13,000 head, the same as 2004. The total milk produced was 194 million pounds for 2005 and 2004. There were 191 million pounds marketed in 2005 and 2004. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$29.8 million, down 6 percent from the revised cash receipts of \$31.5 million in 2004. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$29.9 million, down 6 percent from the revised \$31.7 million in 2004.