

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2007, was 420,000 head, up 10,000 head or 2 percent from the January 1, 2006, inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$331.8 million, down 6 percent from the 2006 value of \$352.6 million. Value per head averaged \$790, down \$70 from \$860 in 2006. The 2006 calf crop was 200,000 head, up 5,000 head from 2005. All cows that have calved, at 225,000 head, was up 8,000 head from 2006. Beef production for 2006 totaled 146.8 million pounds liveweight, up 9 percent from the 2005 production of 134.2 million pounds. Marketings totaled 148.8 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2005 marketings of 141.6 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight in 2006 was \$68.40 for cattle and \$107.00 for calves, compared with \$72.00 and \$112.00, respectively, in 2005. Value of production increased 4 percent from \$99.9 million in 2005 to \$103.7 million in 2006. Gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$119.9 million, virtually unchanged from the 2005 value of \$120.0 million.

HOGS AND PIGS

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2006, totaled 11,000 head, up 3,000 head from December 1, 2005. The inventory value was estimated at \$1.03 million, up 29 percent from the value of \$800,000 for 2005. The pig crop totaled 15,400 head, up 5 percent from the 2005 total. Pork production for 2006 was 3.9 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Marketings of 2.7 million pounds during 2006 were 21 percent below the 2005 total marketings of 3.4 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$42.40, down \$4.20 from the 2005 price of \$46.60. The value of production was \$1.7 million, 4 percent below the 2005 revised value of production of \$1.8 million. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$1.5 million, a decrease of 24 percent from the 2005 revised value of \$2.0 million.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2007, was estimated at 34,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2006. The inventory value, at \$4.3 million, was up 3 percent from 2006. Value per head averaged \$125.00, down \$4.00 from 2006. The 2006 lamb crop totaled 29,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous year. Sheep and lamb production for 2006 totaled 2.1 million pounds, down 7 percent from the 2005 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$34.40 for sheep and \$99.90 for lambs, compared with \$41.80 and \$110.00, respectively, in 2005. The value of production totaled \$1.9 million, down 10 percent from the \$2.1 million the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.0 million, down 7 percent from the gross income of \$2.1 million in 2005. Sheep shorn in 2006 totaled 23,000 head, unchanged from 2005. The average fleece weight was 5.7 pounds, giving a production of 131,000 pounds, down 2 percent from the 2005 production of 133,000 pounds. The average price per pound for wool was 49 cents, up 1 cent from the previous year. Value of production for wool totaled \$64,000, unchanged from 2005.

GOATS

Meat and other goat inventory on January 1, 2007, totaled 21,000 head, up 11 percent from the January 1, 2006 inventory of 19,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head or 21 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 2006 was 13,000 head, the same as 2005. The total milk produced was 200 million pounds for 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. There were 197 million pounds marketed in 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$26.4 million, down 11 percent from the revised cash receipts of \$29.8 million in 2005. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$26.5 million, down 11 percent from the revised \$30.0 million in 2005.