

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2008, was 415,000 head, down 5,000 head or 1 percent from the January 1, 2007, inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$327.9 million, down 1 percent from the 2007 value of \$331.8 million. Value per head averaged \$790, unchanged from 2007. The 2007 calf crop was 200,000 head, unchanged from 2006. All cows that have calved, at 215,000 head, was down 10,000 head from 2007. Beef production for 2007 totaled 141.6 million pounds liveweight, down 4 percent from the 2006 production of 146.8 million pounds. Marketings totaled 162.3 million pounds, up 9 percent from 2006 marketings of 148.8 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight in 2007 was \$64.60 for cattle and \$98.30 for calves, compared with \$68.40 and \$107.00, respectively, in 2006. Value of production decreased 6 percent from \$103.7 million in 2006 to \$97.9 million in 2007. Gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$121.5 million, increasing 1 percent from the 2006 value of \$119.9 million.

HOGS AND PIGS

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2007, totaled 9,000 head, down 2,000 head from December 1, 2006. The inventory value was estimated at \$684 thousand, down 33 percent from the value of \$1.02 million for 2006. The pig crop totaled 14,400 head, down 6 percent from the 2006 total. Pork production for 2007 was 3.7 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2006. Marketings of 3.1 million pounds during 2007 were 15 percent above the 2006 total marketings of 2.7 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$43.40, up \$1.00 from the 2006 price of \$42.40. The value of production was \$1.6 million, 4 percent below the 2006 value of production of \$1.7 million. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$1.7 million, an increase of 14 percent from the 2006 value of \$1.5 million.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2008, was estimated at 35,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2007. The inventory value, at \$4.3 million, was up 2 percent from 2007. Value per head averaged \$124.00, down \$1.00 from 2007. The 2007 lamb crop totaled 32,000 head, up 3,000 head from the previous year. Sheep and lamb production for 2007 totaled 2.6 million pounds, up 22 percent from the 2006 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$31.80 for sheep and \$101.00 for lambs, compared with \$34.40 and \$99.90, respectively, in 2006. The value of production totaled \$2.3 million, up 18 percent from the \$1.9 million the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.2 million, up 15 percent from the gross income of \$2.0 million in 2006. Sheep shorn in 2007 totaled 24,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2006. The average fleece weight was 5.4 pounds, giving a production of 130,000 pounds, down less than 1 percent from the 2006 production of 131,000 pounds. The average price per pound for wool was 41 cents, down 8 cents from the previous year. Value of production for wool totaled \$53,000, down 17 percent from 2006.

GOATS

Meat and other goat inventory on January 1, 2008, totaled 24,000 head, up 14 percent from the January 1, 2007 inventory of 21,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 1,800 head, up 100 head or 6 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 2007 was 13,000 head, the same as 2006. The total milk produced was 199 million pounds for 2007, down less than 1 percent from 2006. There were 197 million pounds marketed in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$39.0 million, up 48 percent from the cash receipts of \$26.4 million in 2006. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$39.2 million, up 48 percent from the \$26.5 million in 2006.