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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production during January 2011 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from January 2010. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,159,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from January 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,060 pounds, was down 8 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 94,000 pounds live weight, up 6 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 247 pounds, was down 8 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

UNITED STATES - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010. Veal, lamb and mutton production for this January set new record lows compared to previous monthly January reports in past years.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

January 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

January 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.