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## APRIL RED MEAT PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES VEAL PRODUCTION AT A RECORD LOW FOR APRIL

**WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production** during April 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from April 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 639,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from April 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,093 pounds, was up 2 pounds from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter totaled** 108,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 246 pounds, was up 19 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 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

**January to April 2011 commercial red meat production** was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

**April 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**April 2011** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*