



# News Release

In Cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture

West Virginia Field Office · 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East · Charleston, WV 25305 · 1(800) 535-7088

[www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

June 24, 2011

## MAY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production** during May 2011 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was up 28 percent from May 2010, but is down 25 percent from April 2011 production. 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 545,000 pounds live weight, up 44 percent from May 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,104 pounds, was down 21 pounds from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 93,000 pounds live weight, up 18 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 217 pounds, was down 4 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 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

**January to May 2011 commercial red meat production** was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

**May 2010** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**May 2011** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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