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JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production during June 2008 totaled 300,000 pounds. This was down 4 percent from June 2007 and down 17 percent from May 2008 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 349,000 pounds live weight, down 19 percent from June 2007. Cattle slaughter totaled 300 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,133 pounds, was down 62 pounds from a year ago.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 120,000 pounds live weight, up 3 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 235 pounds, was down 10 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 44,000 pounds live weight, slaughter totaled 300 head, and the average live weight was 138 pounds for June 2008, comparison data not available.

UNITED STATES - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in June 2007.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 5 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,400 head, up 23 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 41 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, up 7 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from June 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 192,400 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago.

January to June 2008 commercial red meat production was 25.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 10 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

June 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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