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AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production during August 2007 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 17 percent from August 2006 and up 17 percent from July 2007 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 681,000 pounds live weight, up 18 percent from August 2006. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,136 pounds, was up 20 pounds from a year ago.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 235,000 pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 267 pounds, was up 1 pound from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 10,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 100 head, the same as the previous year. The average live weight, at 111 pounds, was down 2 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006.

Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down slightly from August 2006. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,279 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 20 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,400 head, down 2 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was down 54 pounds from last year, at 268 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.39 million head, up 3 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,500 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2007 commercial red meat production was 31.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

August 2006 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

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