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## AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production** during August 2011 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 6 percent from August 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 683,000 pounds live weight, down 5 percent from August 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,079 pounds, was down 9 pounds from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 268,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,100 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 245 pounds, was up 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 4.30 billion pounds in August, up 4 percent from the 4.13 billion pounds produced in August 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,270 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.3 million pounds, 1 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, up 5 percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.53 million head, up 5 percent from August 2010. 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 up 2 percent from August 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 6 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2011 commercial red meat production** was 32.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

**August 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**August 2011** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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