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SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production during September 2007 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was up 21 percent from September 2006 and up 19 percent from August 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 901,000 pounds live weight, up 32 percent from September 2006. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 974 pounds, was down 4 pounds from a year ago.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 223,000 pounds live weight, up 6 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, the same as the previous year. The average live weight, at 249 pounds, was up 9 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 7,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 100 head, the same as the previous year. The average live weight, at 101 pounds, was down 9 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, 22 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 3 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was down 68 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 210,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2007 commercial red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

September 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.
September 2007 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.