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## SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR SEPTEMBER

**WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production** during September 2011 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 3 percent from September 2010 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 1,152,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from September 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 977 pounds, was unchanged from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 218,000 pounds live weight, up 7 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 249 pounds, was down 11 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 4.19 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,278 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,800 head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.69 million head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,000 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2011 commercial red meat production** was 36.5 billion pounds, up 1 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 8 percent.

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*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data; number of head slaughtered is rounded to the nearest 100 head.*