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## OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production** during October 2007 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 10 percent from October 2006 and up 65 percent from September 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 1,652,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from October 2006. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 988 pounds, was down 43 pounds from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter totaled** 265,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 258 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 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006. This is an all time record high for total red meat production.

**Beef production**, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200 head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds. This is an all time record high for pork production.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

**January to October 2007 commercial red meat production** was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

**October 2006** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**October 2007** contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.