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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Commercial red meat production during November 2011 totaled 1.0 million pounds. This was up 5 percent from November 2010. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter excluding condemnation and is comprised of beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,524,000 pounds live weight, up 9 percent from November 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 955 pounds, was down 32 pounds from a year ago.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 195,000 pounds live weight, up 10 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 270 pounds, was up 5 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 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in November 2010.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 3 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,000 head, up slightly from November 2010. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.04 million head, up 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 12 percent from November 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,700 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2011 commercial red meat production was 45.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.