

# Mountain State Reporter

RELEASED: APRIL 2011

VOLUME 24, NUMBER 4

## IN THIS ISSUE:

RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
CHICKENS AND EGGS  
COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION,  
AND INCOME  
FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION  
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS  
'March Ag Survey Results'  
GRAIN STOCKS

### RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during February 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 15 percent from the February 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 684,000 pounds live weight, up 13 percent from February 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,024 pounds, was down 74 pounds from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 98,000 pounds live weight, up 14 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 255 pounds, was down 9 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 3.81 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.74 billion pounds produced in February 2010. The record low production of veal, lamb and mutton reported in January continued into February,

as the United States set another monthly record low for veal, lamb and mutton production.

**Beef production**, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 3 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,286 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.5 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,800 head, down 7 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.51 million head, down 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 12 percent from February 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 155,100 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

**January to February 2011 commercial red meat production** was 7.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 12 percent.

February 2010 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2011 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

### CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States - Egg production** totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

**All layers** in the United States on March 1, 2011 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.02 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2011, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2010.

**Egg-type chicks hatched** during February 2011 totaled 37.3 million, down 7 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.0 million on March 1, 2011, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 264 thousand during February 2011, down 11 percent from February 2010.

**Broiler-type chicks hatched** during February 2011 totaled 709 million, up 1 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 642 million on March 1, 2011, down slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.11 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2011, up 2 percent from February 2010.

## COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

**West Virginia - Red meat production** in commercial plants (commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 8.0 million pounds during 2010. This was 5 percent below the 2009 production of 8.4 million. The number of Federally and Non-Federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 29 on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 plants from January 1, 2010.

### West Virginia with 2009 Comparisons

**Beef production**-10.59 million pounds, down 8 percent.  
**Cattle slaughtered**-10,200 head, down 4 percent or 400 head.  
**Pork production** - 1.59 million pounds, down 11 percent.  
**Hogs slaughtered** -6,400 head, down 11 percent or 800 head.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered in 2010 was 1,034 pounds, down 55 pounds. Average live weight of calves slaughtered in 2010 was 445 pounds, comparison data not available. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered in 2010 was 247 pounds, down 1 pound.

Sheep and lamb slaughter information was not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**United States - Total red meat production** for the United States totaled 49.2 billion pounds in 2010, slightly lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 49.0 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 144 million pounds.

**Beef production** totaled 26.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 145 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.5 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 168 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2009.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** during 2010 totaled 34.2 million head, up 3 percent from 2009, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,279 pounds, down 14 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.2 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 29.8 percent, **dairy cows** 8.3 percent, **other cows** 10.8 percent, and **bulls** 1.8 percent.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 878,600 head, 7 percent lower than a year ago with 98.4 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 262 pounds, up 12 pounds from a year earlier.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 110.3 million head, 3 percent lower than 2009 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year at 272 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 97.0 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter**, at 2.46 million head, was down 2 percent from the previous year with 92.0 percent by federal inspection. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from 2009 at 134 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 93.1 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 841 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2011 compared with 834 last year. Of these, 632 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2010 with the 14 largest plants slaughtering 55 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 611 plants, with the 12 largest plants accounting for 57 percent of the total. Likewise, 5 of the 248 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 56 percent of the total and 4 of the 506 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2010 comprised 64 percent of the total head.

Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas accounted for 49 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2010, down 1 percentage point from 2009.

## MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**West Virginia - Milk production** totaled 157 million pounds during 2010, down 5 million pounds from the 2009 production of 162 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 10,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2009. Average milk production

per cow was 15,700 pounds or around 1,800 gallons, up 973 pounds from the 2009 number of 14,727 pounds.

**Cash receipts from marketings** of milk during 2010 totaled \$26.2 million, up 27 percent from the 2009 cash receipts number of \$20.6 million. Producer returns averaged \$16.90 per hundredweight, up \$4.00 from 2009. Milk marketed by producers totaled 155 million pounds or 18.0 million gallons in 2010, down 5 million pounds from the 2009 number of 160 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

**United States - Milk production** increased 1.8 percent in 2010 to 193 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,149 pounds, was 576 pounds above 2009. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.12 million head, down 86,000 head from 2009.

**Cash receipts from marketings** of milk during 2010 totaled \$31.4 billion, 28.9 percent higher than 2009. Producer returns averaged \$16.35 per hundredweight, 26.5 percent above 2009. Marketings totaled 191.8 billion pounds, 1.9 percent above 2009. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 991 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.0 percent less than 2009. Calves were fed 89 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

*Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.*

### FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

**West Virginia - Milk production** in West Virginia totaled 39 million pounds or 4.5 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2011. This was unchanged from the same quarter last year, and also the same as the October - December 2010 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 10,000 head. This was the same as the same quarter last year, and is unchanged from the October - December 2010 quarter.

**United States - Milk production** in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent or 121 million gallons from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

*Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.*

### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS 'March Ag Survey Results'

**West Virginia - Corn** plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 48,000 acres, unchanged from 2010 and up 2 percent or 1,000 acres from 2009.

**Winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 10,000 acres, up 43 percent or 3,000 acres from 2010 and up 10 percent or 1,000 acres from 2009.

**Soybeans** planted acreage is expected to total 18,000 acres, down 10 percent or 2,000 acres from 2010 and down 10 percent or 2,000 acres from 2009.

**All hay** acreage harvested is expected to total 620,000 acres, unchanged from 2010, but down almost 1 percent or 5,000 acres from 2009.

*Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2011, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and data are further analyzed and compiled.*

### UNITED STATES WITH 2010 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings - 92.18 million acres, up 5%.  
Oat plantings - 2.84 million acres, down 10%.  
Winter wheat planted - 41.23 million acres, up 10%.  
All tobacco for harvest - 336,510 acres, down slightly.  
Burley tobacco for harvest - 94,750 acres, down 3%.  
Soybean plantings - 76.61 million acres, down 1%.  
Sorghum plantings - 5.65 million acres, up 4%.  
Barley plantings - 2.95 million acres, up 3%.  
All hay for harvest - 58.97 million acres, down 1%.

### GRAIN STOCKS

**United States - Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 6.52 billion bushels, down 15 percent from March 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 3.38 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.14 billion bushels, are down slightly from a year ago. The December 2010 - February 2011 indicated disappearance is 3.53 billion bushels, compared with 3.21 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 1.25 billion bushels, down 2 percent from March 1, 2010. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 505 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 744 million bushels, are up 13 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance

for the December 2010 - February 2011 quarter totaled 1.03 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**All wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 288 million bushels, down 17 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 1.14 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. The December 2010 - February 2011 indicated disappearance is 508 million bushels, up 20 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Durum wheat** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 56.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 35.7 million bushels, are up 4 percent from March 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks totaled 20.8 million bushels, down 2 percent from a year ago. The December 2010 - February 2011 indicated disappearance of 11.8 million bushels is down 42 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**NEXT ISSUE:**

Red Meat Production  
Meat Production,  
Disposition, and Income  
Poultry Production and Value  
May Crop Production

**GUS R. DOUGLASS, COMMISSIONER**  
**DALE R. KING, DIRECTOR**

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**National Agricultural Statistics Service**  
**West Virginia Department of Agriculture**  
**1900 Kanawha Boulevard East**  
**Charleston, West Virginia 25305**