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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.

November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

HOGS & PIGS

West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011, was 5,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2010. Of the 5,000 head, 1,500 were for breeding; up 300 head from 2010. The breakdown of the remaining 3,500 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 2,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 7,000 head, 23 percent above the 2010 pig crop of 5,700 head. Sows farrowing from December 2010 through November 2011 totaled 1,000 head, up 25 percent from the previous year total of 800 head. Pigs per litter averaged 7.00 pigs, down 2 percent from the 2010 average which was 7.13 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2011 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, but down slightly from 2010. Intended farrowings for March-May 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total

United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2010 through September 2011 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one percent was made to the June 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one and one half percent was made to the March-May 2011 pig crop.

MILK PRODUCTION

West Virginia - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 38 million pounds or 4.4 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2011. This was down 1 million pounds or approximately 116,000 gallons from the same period in 2010 and also down 1 million pounds or approximately 116,000 gallons from the July - September 2011 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 10,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2010 and also unchanged from the previous quarter.

United States - Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 86,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

BROILER HATCHERY

United States - Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 21, 2012. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the com-

parable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through January 21, 2012 were 486 million, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier. The 19 States are: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

TURKEY HATCHERY

United States - Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2012, in the United States totaled 28.1 million, up 1 percent from January 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the December 1, 2011 total of 28.7 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2011, in the United States totaled 24.5 million, up 4 percent from December 2010. Poults hatched were up 8 percent from the November 2011 total of 22.7 million poults.

The 23.5 million **net poults** placed during December 2011 in the United States were up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 6 percent from the November 2011 total of 22.1 million.

ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION 'December Ag Survey Results'

West Virginia - Winter wheat planted acres totaled 10,000 in 2011, up 3,000 acres from 2010. Area harvested for grain totaled 6,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010. The average yield for 2011 was estimated to be 59.0 bushels per acre. This was up 5 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was estimated at 354,000 bushels, up 31 percent or 84,000 bushels from 2010. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2012 crop are estimated at 9,000 acres, down 10 percent or 1,000 acres from 2011.

All hay area harvested in 2011 totaled 640,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2010. The average yield in 2011 was 2.04 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from 2010. Production totaled 1,306,000 tons, up 354,000 tons from 2010. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 953,000 tons, up 163,000 tons from the total of 790,000 tons in 2010.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 20,000 acres in 2011, unchanged from 2010. Yields in 2011 aver-

aged 3.3 tons per acre, up 0.7 of a ton from 2010. Production totaled 66,000 tons, up 14,000 tons from 2010. New seedings of alfalfa in 2011 are estimated at 4,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010.

All other hay area harvested totaled 620,000 acres in 2011, up 20,000 acres from 2010. Yields averaged 2.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from 2010. Production totaled 1,240,000 tons, up 340,000 tons from 2010.

Area planted to **corn** for all purposes in 2011 totaled 48,000 acres, unchanged from 2010. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 31,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2010. The average yield of 114.0 bushels per acre was up 24.0 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was 3.5 million bushels, up 35 percent or 924,000 bushels from 2010.

Corn for silage area harvested was 15,000 acres in 2011, down 2,000 acres from 2010. Yields averaged 15.0 tons per acre which was 2.5 tons per acre above the 2010 yield. Silage production was estimated at 225,000 tons, up 6 percent or 12,000 tons from 2010.

Area planted to **soybeans** totaled 20,000 acres, unchanged from 2010. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 19,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010. The yield for soybeans in 2011 averaged 43.0 bushels per acre, up 13.0 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was estimated at 817,000 bushels, up 51 percent or 277,000 bushels from 2010.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 718,000 acres in 2011, up 23,000 acres from 2010. Area harvested totaled 711,000 acres, up 22,000 acres from 2010. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for hay.



**UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS
YEAR COMPARISONS**

- All wheat production - 2.00 billion bushels, down 9%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.49 billion bushels, up 1%.
- 2012 winter wheat seedings - 41.9 million acres, up 3% from 2011.
- 2011 alfalfa seedings - 2.32 million acres, down 9% from 2010.
- Alfalfa hay production - 65.3 million tons, down 4%.
- All other hay production - 65.8 million tons, down 15%.
- All hay production - 131.1 million tons, down 10%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 91.9 million acres, up 4%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 84.0 million acres, up 3%.
- Corn for grain production - 12.4 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Corn for grain yield - 147.2 bushels per acre, down 5.6 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 5.93 million acres, up 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 109.0 million tons, up 2%.
- Corn for silage yield - 18.4 tons per acre, down 0.9 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.06 billion bushels, down 8%.
- Soybean yield - 41.5 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 601.0 million pounds, down 16%.
- Oats production - 53.6 million bushels, down 34%.*
- Area planted to principal crops - 315.0 million acres, down 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 293.4 million acres, down 4%.

**U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

- Hay stocks on-farm - 90.7 million tons, down 11%.
- Corn stocks on-farm - 6.18 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Corn stocks off-farm - 3.47 billion bushels, down 8%.
- All wheat stocks on-farm - 405.0 million bushels, down 26%.
- All wheat stocks off-farm - 1.25 billion bushels, down 10%.
- Soybean stocks on-farm - 1.14 billion bushels, up 4%.
- Soybean stocks off-farm - 1.23 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Oats stocks on-farm - 24.4 million bushels, down 28%.
- Oats stocks off-farm - 54.2 million bushels, down 19%.

*Record low U.S. production.

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