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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

West Virginia- Commercial red meat production during April 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from April 2010. 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 639,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from April 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,093 pounds, was up 2 pounds from a year ago.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 108,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 246 pounds, was up 19 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 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

April 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE ON FEED

United States- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 7.61 billion during April 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 987 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2011 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2010.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2011 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.93 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2011, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from May 1, 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2011 totaled 43.4 million, down 9 percent from April 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.8 million on May 1, 2011, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 287 thousand during April 2011, up 24 percent from April 2010.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2011 totaled 780 million, up 2 percent from April 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on May 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.90 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2011, up 1 percent from April 2010.

CROP ACREAGE 'JUNE SURVEY RESULTS'

West Virginia - Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2011 is estimated at 10,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2010. The projected harvest for grain is 6,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010.

Corn planted is estimated at 47,000 acres, down 2 percent, or 1,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 31,000 acres for grain, up 2,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 18,000, down 10 percent, or 2,000 acres from 2010. Harvested acreage is projected at 17,000, down 11 percent, or 2,000 acres from 2010.

All hay harvested is forecast at 630,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 20,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 610,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year's harvest.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2011, Agricultural Survey.

UNITED STATES WITH 2010 COMPARISONS

Corn planted for all purposes - 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of corn planted: Insect resistant (biotech) - 16% of 2011 crop, 16% of 2010 crop; Herbicide resistant - 23% of 2011 crop, 23% of 2010 crop; Stacked gene - 49% of 2011 crop, 47% of 2010 crop; All Biotech varieties - 88% of 2011 crop, 86% of 2010 crop.

Corn harvested for grain - 84.9 million acres, up 4 percent.

Winter wheat planted - 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain - 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent.

Oats planted - 2.59 million acres, down 18 percent.

Oats harvested for grain - 934 thousand acres, down 26 percent.

All tobacco harvested - 336,050 acres, down slightly.

Burley tobacco harvested - 90,000 acres, down 8 percent.

All hay for harvest - 57.6 million acres, down 4 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest - 19.3 million acres, down 3 percent.

Other hay for harvest - 38.3 million acres, down 4 percent.

Soybeans planted - 75.2 million acres, down 3 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted: Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2011 crop, 93% of 2010 crop; All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2011 crop, 93% of 2010 crop.

Soybeans for harvest - 74.3 million acres, down 3 percent.

JUNE CROP PRODUCTION

United States - Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

The 2011 **peach crop** in California, Georgia, and South Carolina is forecast at 940,000 tons, down 3 percent from last year.

In California, Clingstone development has been slowed due to spring rains and cooler than normal April temperatures. This year's statewide full bloom date was three days later than last year. The Extra Early and Early varieties were reported to have a heavy set, while the Late and Extra Late varieties

were reported to have an average set. Cool and windy weather conditions have growers busy protecting their orchards from mildew.

California experienced an adequate number of chilling hours, thus benefiting the Freestone crop. Weather during the bloom period was favorable, resulting in a good set. There have been some reports of hail damage on the early varieties, but overall the crop is looking good. The early variety peach harvest began during May.

In South Carolina, moderate hail damage, along with little rainfall, negatively impacted crop expectations. Dry weather has allowed producers to begin harvesting ahead of schedule.

Harvest began in Georgia around mid-May and reached 20 percent complete by month's end, which is ahead of the 5-year average of 9 percent. Many of the smaller, non-irrigated operations reported very small fruit size due to the drought-like conditions experienced this year.

GRAIN STOCKS

United States - Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 3.67 billion bushels, down 15 percent from June 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 1.68 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.99 billion bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.85 billion bushels, compared with 3.38 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 619 million bushels, up 8 percent from June 1, 2010. On-farm stocks totaled 218 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 401 million bushels, are up 19 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2011 quarter totaled 630 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 861 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 131 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 730 million bushels, are

down 5 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 565 million bushels, up 48 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011 totaled 35.2 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 22.1 million bushels, are down 8 percent from June 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks totaled 13.1 million bushels, up 22 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance of 21.2 million bushels is up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.



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