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WYOMING TOTAL COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during March 2012 totaled 500,000 pounds, according to Steven Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This is unchanged from the previous month's production and unchanged from last year. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during March, down 100 from the previous month. Total live weight was 748,000 pounds, up 6 percent from the previous March. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,260 pounds, down 9 pounds from last month.

A total of 300 **commercial hogs** were processed, down 100 from last March and up 100 from the previous month. Total live weight, at 81,000 pounds, was down 12 percent from March 2011. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 263 pounds down 1 pound from the previous month.

A total of 100 **sheep and lambs** were slaughtered in March, unchanged from last year. Total weight was 9,000 pounds, down 1,000 pound from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in March 2011.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 7 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.52 million head, down 4 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from March 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,200 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 149 pounds, up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2012 commercial red meat production was 12.2 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 7 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER MARCH 2011 AND 2012, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	March 2011	March 2012	March 2011	March 2012	2012/2011	March 2011	March 2012	March 2011	March 2012	2012/2011
		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Cattle	600	600	708	748	105.6	2,959.1	2,751.1	3,761,349	3,566,623	94.8
Hogs	400	300	92	81	88.0	9,872.5	9,521.6	2,739,640	2,653,411	96.9
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	10	9	90.0	193.8	190.2	28,172	28,350	100.6