

The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on Pennsylvania farms during 2000 was \$1.59 billion, up 4 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at \$1.51 billion on January 1, 2001, accounting for 94.8 percent of the total value of cattle, sheep and hogs in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at \$10.1 million, accounted for 0.7 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at \$72.1 million on December 1, 2000, accounted for 4.5 percent of cattle, sheep and hog inventory value.

**Cattle:** All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,640,000 head on January 1, 2001, down 1 percent from January 1, 2000. Of the total, 760,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 610,000, a 1.5 percent decrease from one year earlier. The number of beef cows at 150,000 head, was down 1,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 360,000, the same as January 1, 2000. There were 280,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 35,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 160,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 335,000, a 5,000 head increase from the previous year. The 2000 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 670,000 head, 1.5 percent below the 1999 calf crop.

The gross income from beef production was \$409.7 million in 2000, up 6.7 percent from the previous year. There were 28,000 Pennsylvania farms having cattle during 2000, the same as 1999. Farms with milk cows decreased 300 from 1999 to 10,700. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2001, and 20th in cattle inventory.

**Hogs:** There were 1,030,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2000, 20,000 head below the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. A total of 910,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2000, 20,000 head below last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2000 totaled 1,694,000, up 5 percent from 1999. A total of 194,000 sows farrowed in 2000, averaging 8.73 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork production was \$156.3 million for 2000, which was over \$48 million higher than in 1999. Hog farmers numbered 3,000 in 2000, 400 less than the previous year. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2000.

**Sheep:** January 1, 2001 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 81,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2000. Commonwealth flocks included 69,000 breeding sheep and lambs and 12,000 market sheep and lambs.

The total lamb crop for 2000 was 70,000 lambs, down 1.5 percent from 1999. Wool production totaled 430,000 pounds, 5,000 pounds less than 1999 wool production.

The gross income from sheep production in 2000 was \$4.5 million, up 5 percent from 1999. The value of wool produced during the year was \$120,000, down 14 percent from 1999. Sheep farms numbered 2,500, the same as last year. Pennsylvania ranked 19th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2001.

**Red Meat Production:** Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.18 billion pounds, a slight decrease from 1999. There were 342 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2001. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 991,700 head in 2000, 1.5 percent below the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.26 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,271 pounds was 24 pounds above the 1999 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 182,500 head, down 2.5 percent from 1999. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 65,940,000 pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 361 pounds, was up 35 pounds from 1999.

A total of 2,474,200 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2000, down 5 percent from 1999. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 610,062,000 pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 247 pounds, up 4 pounds from 1999.

Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 60,300 head, was 19 percent below the previous year. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 5,327,000 pounds. Sheep slaughtered averaged 88 pounds live weight, down 8 pounds from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 11th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2000. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 8th for cattle, 1st for calves, 10th for hogs, and 6th for sheep.