

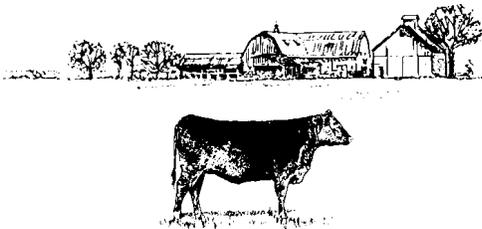
Livestock Inventory & Production, 2002

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The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on Pennsylvania farms during 2002 was \$1.6 billion, down 12 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at \$1.52 billion on January 1, 2003, accounting for 94.8 percent of the total value of cattle, sheep and hogs in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at \$11.3 million, accounted for 0.7 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at \$72.4 million on December 1, 2001, accounted for 4.5 percent of cattle, sheep and hog inventory value.

Cattle: All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,630,000 head on January 1, 2003, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2002. Of the total, 740,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 590,000, a 2,000 head increase from one year earlier. The number of beef cows at 150,000 head, was down 2,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 375,000, an increase of one percent from January 1, 2001. There were 280,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 45,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 170,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 320,000, a 10,000 head decrease from the previous year. The 2002 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 660,000 head, unchanged from the 2001 calf crop.

The gross income from beef production was \$408.3 million in 2002, down 6.2 percent from the previous year. There were 28,000 Pennsylvania farms having cattle during 2002. Farms with milk cows decreased to 9,900 in 2002, down 400 operations. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2003, and 19th in cattle inventory.



Hogs: There were 1,080,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2002, 20,000 head above the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 125,000 head, was 5,000 head less than the previous year. A total of 955,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2002, 25,000 head above last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2002 totaled 1,879,000, up almost one percent from 2001. A total of 213,000 sows farrowed in 2002, averaging 8.82 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork

production was \$141.3 million for 2002, which was \$39.8 million less than in 2001. Hog farmers numbered 2,900 in 2002, unchanged from the previous year. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2002.

Sheep: January 1, 2003 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 83,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 1, 2002. Commonwealth flocks included 71,000 breeding sheep and lambs and 12,000 market sheep and lambs. The total lamb crop for 2002 was 71,000 lambs, unchanged from 2001. Wool production totaled 430,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds less than 2001 wool production.

The gross income from sheep production in 2002 was almost \$4.9 million, up 23 percent from 2001. The value of wool produced during the year was \$108,000, down 2 percent from 2001. Sheep farms numbered 2,600, up 100 farms from last year. Pennsylvania ranked 19th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2003.

Red Meat Production: Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.25 billion pounds, an increase of seven percent from 2001. There were 333 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2002. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,040,900 head in 2002, nine percent above the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.3 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,277 pounds was 12 pounds above the 2001 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 190,300 head, up 11.6 percent from 2001. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 65 million pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 341 pounds, was down 27 pounds from 2001.

A total of 2,628,400 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2002, up almost 4 percent from 2001. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 648,983,000 pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 247 pounds, down 1 pound from 2001.

Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 70,200 head, was 22 percent above the previous year. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 7,259,000 pounds. Sheep slaughtered averaged 103 pounds live weight, up 1 pound from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 12th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2002. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 7th for cattle, 1st for calves, 10th for hogs, and 7th for sheep.