

## LIVESTOCK RECORD HIGH'S AND LOW'S

	RECORD HIGH		RECORD LOW		YEAR SERIES BEGAN
	Head	Year	Head	Year	
	<i>-thousand-</i>		<i>-thousand-</i>		
<b>CATTLE</b>					
All Cattle & Calves, Jan. 1	1,860	1987	590	1868	1867
Beef Cows Jan. 1	740	1997	33	1927	1920
Milk Cows Jan. 1	479	1954	119	2000	1867
Calf Crop	835	1986	289	1927	1924
<b>MILK</b>					
Milk Production (Annual) <sup>2/</sup>	2,151	1986	1,234	1930	1924
<b>HOGS</b>					
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec. 1	970	1943	360	1996	1867
Pig Crop	1,527	1943	616	1999	1924
<b>SHEEP</b>					
All Sheep & Lambs, Jan.1	510	1868	57	1999	1867
Lamb Crop	500	1932	50	2000	1924
Wool Production (Annual) <sup>2/</sup>	2,225	1931	252	1999	1909
<b>POULTRY</b>					
Broilers Produced	263,300	1998	2,000	1934	1934
Turkey Raised	26,000	1998	515	1931	1929
Hens & Pullets of Laying Age, Dec. 1	10,939	1944	3,206	1974	1924
Egg Production <sup>3/</sup>	1,207,000	1963	755,000	1934	1924

<sup>1/</sup> These are the latest years that records were achieved. In some cases, these records were equaled in earlier years.

<sup>2/</sup> Production in pounds.

<sup>3/</sup> Production in number of eggs.

There were 6,500 replacement lambs on the first of the year down 1,000 head from 1999. The 1999 lamb crop fell 9 percent to 50,000 head. Sheep and lambs on feed for market slaughter fell 1,000 head to 13,000, down 7 percent. Virginia ranks 24th in the nation for total number of sheep.

There were 370,000 **Hogs and Pigs** on Virginia farms on December 1, 1999. This was down five percent from 1998. Breeding hog inventory totaled 34,000 head. Market hogs totaled 336,000, down five percent from the previous year. The 1999 pig crop totaled 616,000, down four percent from 1998. A total of 68,000 sows farrowed in 1999, down seven percent from the previous year. The annual average pigs per litter for 1999 was 9.0.

The number of farms with hogs totaled 1,200, down 300 from 1998. This compares to 2,400 hog farms in 1994. Virginia ranks 21<sup>th</sup> among all states for total number of hogs and pigs.

On December 1, 1999 the hogs and pigs on Virginia farms had a total value of \$24.4 million, up 53 percent from 1998. The average value per head was \$66, up \$25 from the previous year. Marketings from 1999 totaled 569,000 head. Cash receipts totaled \$40.9 million, down \$11 million from 1998. The average price received by producers in 1998 was \$29.2 per hundredweight, down \$5.40 from 1998.