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Class	Number Slaughtered			Total Liveweight		
	Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001	Apr. 2001	Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001	Apr. 2001
	-Thousand Head-			-Thousand pounds-		
Virginia						
Cattle	1.4	1.9	1.4	1,348	1,865	1,421
Calves						
Hogs	280.4	331.3	308.5	70,952	84,188	78,530
Sheep & Lamb	1.1	1.1	1.1	103	109	104
United States						
Cattle	2,783.4	2,918.2	2,714.3	3,344,879	*3497826	3,218,254
Calves	80.5	84.2	74.3	27,658	27,193	25,245
Hogs	7,227.4	8,326.7	7,831.9	1,897,915	2,197,552	2,072,103
Sheep & Lamb	345.3	326.5	290.4	47,124	46,795	40,602

*Revised. 1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

VIRGINIA: COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

	Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001	Apr. 2001	Apr. 2001 as % of: 2/	
				Apr. 2000	Mar. 2001
	-Million pounds-			-Percent-	
Virginia	53.8	64.2	59.8	111	93

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

HOGS AND PIGS: MONTHLY SOWS AND GILT INVENTORY AND NUMBER BRED, MONTHLY FARROWINGS, AND PIG CROP, UNITED STATES, DEC.-MAY 2000-2001 1/

Date	Sow/Gilt Inventory	Sows Bred 2/	Sows Farrowing	Pig Crop	Pigs per Litter
	-Thousand Head-			-Number-	
December 2000	6,090	1,185	934	8,163	8.74
January 2001	6,030	1,169	946	8,301	8.77
February	6,031	1,142	956	8,432	8.82
March	6,065	1,200	988	8,782	8.89
April	5,999	1,170	953	8,516	8.94
May	5,986				

1/ 1st of month inventory. 2/ Bred during month.

Aug 2000	79,056	459,071	24,944	563,071	46,691	609,762	37,259
Sep	54,043	325,338	28,410	407,791	42,871	450,662	26,167
Oct	65,189	316,302	43,088	424,579	40,854	465,433	33,539
Nov	82,109	360,426	39,514	482,049	43,481	525,530	42,356
Dec	94,687	412,992	36,629	544,308	39,931	584,239	47,194
Jan 2001							
Feb	111,790	453,611	45,857	611,258	33,722	644,980	48,199
Mar	137,366	523,480	39,193	700,039	30,518	730,557	50,548
Apr	182,887	536,994	39,217	759,098	29,019	788,117	55,681
	182,423	524,111	46,953	753,487	31,918	785,405	58,418
Apr 2000	132,130	598,206	32,794	763,130	24,029	787,159	68,065

¹ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storages. Farmer stock on net weight basis.

² Beginning in February 1988, shelled edible grades include blanched and shelled roasted peanuts converted to a raw basis using conversion factors of 1.08 and 1.12, respectively. This should be considered when comparing with previous years. ³Includes straight run oil stock peanuts.

* Cleaned and unshelled.

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**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 4/
APRIL 9-15, 2001 , WITH COMPARISONS**

FARM EMPLOYMENT	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	April 9-15, 2000	Jan. 7-13, 2001	April 8-14, 2001	April 9-15, 2000	Jan. 7-13, 2001	April 8-14, 2001
		-1,000 -			-1,000 -	
Hired Workers Employed 3/	31	22	28	840	*691	804
150 days or more	25	18	23	633	*573	627
149 days or less	6	4	5	207	118	177
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	1/	1/	1/	217	*165	215
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1/	1/	1/	1,057	*856	1,019
Hours Worked 3/			-Hours Per Week-			
Hired	37.1	34.5	39.1	40.4	*37.3	40.2
Wage Rates For All Hired Workers 2/3/			-Dollars Per Hour-			
	7.44	8.34	7.70	8.09	*8.66	8.31
Type of Worker: 2/3/						
Field & Livestock Combined	7.06	7.73	7.34	7.55	*7.87	7.71
Field	6.85	7.65	7.32	7.54	*7.76	7.61
Livestock	7.59	7.82	7.39	7.58	*8.07	8.01

*Revised. 1/ Insufficient data for this category. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 4/ Excludes Alaska.

**Agricultural Chemical Usage
2000 Sheep and Sheep Facilities
Highlights**

All Sheep: Agricultural producers applied 14,191 pounds of insecticides to sheep and lambs during

2000 in the 22 surveyed States.

Fenvalerate, at 5,444 pounds, was the top active ingredient used on sheep with respect to total quantity used, followed by malathion, at 3,940 pounds, and permethrin, at 1,749 pounds. These three active ingredients accounted for 78 percent of the total pounds of active ingredients applied to sheep and lambs in the surveyed States during 2000.

Of the total chemical applications made to sheep in 2000 in the 22 selected States, 46 percent were applied as a pour-on, 25 percent by injection, 11 percent by hand spray, 10 percent by power spray,

and 5 percent through oral drench. Insecticide applications made to sheep through mineral or feed block and dust bags each accounted for 1 percent. All other methods accounted for the remaining 1 percent of the chemical applications.

All Sheep Facilities: In the 22 surveyed States, a total of 4,984 pounds of insecticides was applied to sheep and lamb facilities in 2000. Petroleum distillate had the highest quantity used at 3,180 pounds. Malathion had the second highest quantity used at 935 pounds, followed by permethrin at 248 pounds. These three active ingredients accounted for 88 percent of the total pounds of active ingredients applied to sheep facilities in the surveyed States during 2000.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices May 2001
		May 2000	Apr. 2001	May 2001	May 2000	Apr. 2001	May 2001	
		- Dollars -			- Dollars -			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.29	2.22	2.24	2.44	2.77	2.94	9.64
Corn	Bu.	2.42	2.13	2.07	2.11	1.89	1.78	6.58
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.42	1.35	1.31	2.19	1.93	1.77	6.43
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	83.50	91.50	89.00	91.00	94.80	106.00	--
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	119.00	105.00	110.00	95.00	100.00	113.00	--
Other 3/	Ton	80.00	90.00	87.00	72.70	74.20	76.60	--
All Tobacco	Cwt.	--	--	--	--	142.00	--	--
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	.678
Soybeans	Bu.	5.12	4.22	4.31	5.19	4.22	4.33	14.30
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	--	.180	.180	.178	.158	.154	.488
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	6.31	5.71	6.38	13.60
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	66.90	69.90	65.10	69.40	75.60	72.70	158.00
Cows	Cwt.	38.00	37.10	40.70	38.90	43.30	43.40	--
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	84.60	79.70	80.00	73.20	79.60	76.20	--

Calves	Cwt.	104.00	97.80	94.40	107.00	111.00	112.00	208.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	48.30	47.80	51.40	103.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	14.60	16.50	17.00	12.00	14.40	15.40	32.10
Fluid Consumption	Cwt.	14.60	16.50	17.00	12.10	14.50	15.40	----
Manufacture	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	10.10	12.90	13.90	----
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.280	.490	.320	.321	.492	.358	1.55
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.340	.390	.400	----
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	.410	.370	.380	.408	.378	.383	.958

-- No sales indicated. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued.

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