



National Agricultural  
Statistics Service

**NASS**

Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service  
P.O. Box 1659  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-1659  
Phone: (804) 771-2493  
[http:// www.nass.usda.gov/va/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/va/)

# Virginia Crops & Livestock

COOPERATING WITH



(ISSN 0744-513X)

Vol. 75 Number: 17

Released: September 9, 2003

## IN THIS ISSUE

Livestock Slaughter Monthly Hogs Farm Labor Layers and Eggs Turkeys Raised Agricultural Prices

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND TOTAL LIVEWEIGHTS, July 2002-2003 1/

Class	Number Slaughtered			Total Liveweight		
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003
	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>			<i>-Thousand Pounds-</i>		
<b>Virginia</b>						
Cattle .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	737	703	663
Calves .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hogs .....	347.3	302.4	322.6	87,697	77,338	80,661
Sheep & Lamb .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle .....	3,187.7	3,248.6	3,285.3	3,978,539	3,954,977	4,024,014
Calves .....	95.8	74.0	84.9	27,862	24,859	24,486
Hogs .....	8,068.3	7,747.4	8,101.9	2,101,546	2,058,604	2,125,365
Sheep & Lamb .....	259.0	228.9	239.2	32,712	30,313	31,236

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

### VIRGINIA: COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

State	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Jul 2003 as Percent of: 2/	
				Jul 2002	Jun 2003
	<i>-Million Pounds-</i>			<i>-Percent-</i>	
<b>Virginia</b>	66.5	58.7	61.1	92	104

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.-NOV. 2002- 2003 1/**

Date	Sow/Gilt Inventory	Sows Bred 2/	Sows Farrowing	Pigs per Litter	Pig Crop
	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>			<i>-Number-</i>	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>
December 2002	5,850	1,165	908	8.75	7,943
January 2003	5,835	1,150	931	8.82	8,211
February	5,810	1,125	928	8.86	8,220
March	5,830	1,135	938	8.85	8,301
April	5,765	1,145	942	8.88	8,365
May	5,770	1,140	941	8.91	8,387
June	5,815	1,135	926	8.91	8,250
July	5,760	1,120	943	8.90	8,393
August	5,750				

1/ 1<sup>st</sup> of month inventory. 2/ Bred during month.

**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 1/, July 6-12 2003, WITH COMPARISONS**

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	Jul. 7-13, 2002	Apr. 6-12, 2003	Jul. 6-12, 2003	Jul. 7-13, 2002	Apr. 6-12, 2003	Jul. 6-12, 2003
	<i>-1,000 workers-</i>			<i>-1,000 workers-</i>		
<b>Hired Workers Employed</b>	60	29	53	1,006	781	953
150 days or more	39	24	28	723	619	678
149 days or less	21	5	25	283	162	275
<b>Agricultural Services</b>						
Workers Working on Farms	2/	2/	2/	256.0	157	320.0
<b>Hired Farm &amp; Service Workers</b>	2/	2/	2/	1,262	938	1,273
<b>Hours Worked</b>						
Hired	36.5	34.7	32.0	40.0	40.1	40.0
				<i>Hours Per Week</i>		
				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>		
<b>Wage Rates For All Hired Workers 3/ 4/</b>	8.32	8.77	8.30	8.57	9.16	8.30
<b>Type of Worker:</b>						
Field & Livestock Combined	7.68	8.24	7.76	8.02	8.49	8.88
Field	7.61	8.18	7.61	7.90	8.40	8.18
Livestock	7.91	8.37	8.17	8.38	8.75	8.62

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

**LAYERS AND EGGS : LAYERS ON HAND AND EGGS PRODUCED, VIRGINIA, JULY 2002-2003**

Item	2002	2003
Layers During July, All Layers (thousand) 1/	2,909	3,143
Eggs per 100 layers During July, All Layers 1/	1,994	2,004
Eggs Produced During July		
All Layers (million)	58	63
Table Eggs (million)	28	27
Hatching Eggs (million)	30	36

**TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED IN VIRGINIA AND SELECTED STATES, 2002-2003**

State	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>-Thou. Head-</i>	<i>-Thou. Head-</i>	<i>-Percent-</i>
Maryland	435	450	103
North Carolina	45,500	45,000	99
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>115</b>
West Virginia	3,600	4,100	114
United States	272,429	269,200	99



**PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Aug 2003
		August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	
		-Dollars -			- Dollars -			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	3.08	2.84	3.21	3.63	2.89	3.39	9.64
Corn	Bu.	2.86	2.61	2.51	2.38	2.17	2.13	6.59
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.41	1.50	1.54	2.68	2.74	2.58	6.52
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	93.00	83.00	86.00	92.40	89.00	85.30	-
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	114.00	106.00	107.00	101.00	92.70	91.00	-
Other 3/	Ton	91.00	80.00	84.00	71.30	77.80	69.10	-
All Tobacco	Lb.	1.860	1.950	1.830	1.795	1.805	1.790	-
Peanuts	Lb.	-	9/	9/	9/	10/	9/	.657
Soybeans	Bu.	5.75	5.73	5.44	5.53	5.83	5.56	14.40
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	-	-	-	.245	.200	.258	.486
Potatoes	Cwt.	7.00	-	9.60	8.00	6.43	7.71	13.80
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	55.00	65.10	67.80	64.40	75.80	78.50	160.00
Cows	Cwt.	32.70	40.10	40.90	36.40	44.90	44.80	-
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	65.00	78.60	79.90	67.30	78.80	81.70	-
Calves	Cwt.	74.60	86.00	87.70	94.90	103.00	105.00	215.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	31.90	42.80	41.10	102.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	13.80	13.40	14.20	11.30	12.00	13.00	33.40
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	13.80	13.40	14.20	11.30	12.00	13.00	-
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	9.90	11.50	12.60	-
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.410	.540	.620	.436	.524	.669	1.58
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.290	.360	.370	-
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.382	.331	.322	.981

-- 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. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.56 fluid, milk 3.56, mfg. grade 3.65. 9/ Insufficient sales to establish price. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

Kevin Barnes  
State Statistician

Rachel Pittman  
Editor

David Mueller  
Deputy State Statistician

*Virginia Crops and Livestock* (ISSN 0744-513X) is published twice monthly by the Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service, 1100 Bank St., Richmond, VA 23218. Periodicals postage paid at Raleigh, NC, POSTMASTER: Send address changes to VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, PO Box 1659, Richmond, VA 23218

