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JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA—Commercial red meat production during June 2004 totaled 300,000 pounds. This was 6 percent below May 2004 and 9 percent below June 2003 production. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 351,000 pounds live weight, down 6 percent from June 2003. Cattle slaughter totaled 300 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,060 pounds, was up 75 pounds from a year ago.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 127,000 pounds live weight, down 14 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 236 pounds, was down 6 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

UNITED STATES—Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in June 2003.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, down 8 percent from June 2003. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.4 million pounds, 11 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,400 head, down 10 percent from June 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above last year, at 338 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and set a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.50 million head, 10 percent above June 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds below the previous year, at 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 1 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2004 commercial red meat production was 22.3 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 8 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

June 2003 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

June 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one special holiday declared by the federal government for President Reagan's funeral) and 4 Saturdays.