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### JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA— Commercial red meat production** during July 2004 totaled 300,000 pounds. This was 6 percent below June 2004 and 17 percent below July 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 328,000 pounds live weight, down 24 percent from July 2003. Cattle slaughter totaled 300 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 1,050 pounds, was down 1 pound from a year ago.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 122,000 pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 228 pounds, was down 8 pounds from the previous year.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 700 pounds live weight. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 100 head. The average live weight was 114 pounds. The previous year's sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**UNITED STATES—Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in July, down 8 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in July 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 14 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 15 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,239 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.4 million pounds, 9 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,000 head, down 19 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 325 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.09 million head, slightly below July 2003. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 262 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.2 million pounds, was down 10 percent from July 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 220,800 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2004 commercial red meat production** was 26.0 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

**July 2003** contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**July 2004** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.