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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA— Commercial red meat production during November 2003 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was 24 percent below October 2003 and 20 percent below November 2002 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 1,200,000 pounds live weight, down 20 percent from November 2002. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight at 930 pounds was up 32 pounds from a year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 246,000 pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight at 253 pounds was down 11 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 3.53 billion pounds in November, down 10 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in November 2002.

November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.
November 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.78 billion pounds, was 18 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.43 million head, down 15 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,236 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15.2 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78,000 head, down 14 percent from November 2002. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.58 million head, 1 percent below November 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from November 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,300 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2003 commercial red meat production was 42.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.