Livestock Inventory & Production

The total value of all cattle, hogs and sheep on Pennsylvania farms January 1, 2011, was $1.69 billion, up 1 percent from the previous year. Cattle inventory was valued at $1.56 billion on January 1, 2011, accounting for 92.4 percent of the total value of all livestock in Pennsylvania. Sheep inventory, valued at $19.1 million, accounted for 1.1 percent of the total. Hog inventory, valued at $108.8 million on December 1, 2010, accounted for 6.4 percent of the total livestock inventory value.

Cattle: All cattle in Pennsylvania totaled 1,610,000 head on January 1, 2011, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2010. Of the total, 700,000 were cows and heifers that had calved. Milk cow inventory totaled 543,000, a 3,000 head increase from 1 year earlier. The number of beef cows at 157,000 head, was down 3,000 head from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 400,000, up 10,000 from January 1, 2010. There were 310,000 heifers for dairy replacement and 40,000 for beef cow replacement. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 140,000. A total of 25,000 bulls 500 pounds and over were on hand. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 345,000, down 10,000 from the previous year. The 2010 Pennsylvania calf crop totaled 600,000 head, 10,000 less than the 2009 calf crop.

The gross income from cattle production was $486 million in 2010, up 12.4 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania ranked 5th in the United States in milk cow inventory on January 1, 2011, and 19th in cattle inventory.

Hogs: There were 1,110,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms as of December 1, 2010, 30,000 head below the previous year. Breeding hog inventory, at 100,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. A total of 1,010,000 market hogs and pigs were on hand as of December 1, 2010, 30,000 head below last year.

Pennsylvania's pig crop in 2010 totaled 1,896,000, up 221,000 head from 2009. A total of 194,000 sows farrowed in 2010, averaging 9.77 pigs per litter. The gross income from pork production was $247.7 million for 2010, which was up 43 percent from 2009. Pennsylvania's hog inventory ranked 12th in the United States on December 1, 2010.

Sheep: January 1, 2011 sheep and lamb inventory totaled 98,000 head, up 4,000 head from January 1, 2010. Commonwealth flocks included 84,000 breeding sheep and lambs. The total lamb crop for 2010 was 70,000 lambs, up 5,000 head from 2009. Wool production totaled 375,000 pounds, 25,000 pounds more than 2009 wool production.

The gross income from sheep production in 2010 was $6.2 million, up 3 percent from 2009. The value of wool produced during the year was $139,000, up $23,000 from 2009. Pennsylvania ranked 15th in the United States in sheep and lamb inventory as of January 1, 2011.

Goats: January 1, 2011 milk and meat goat inventory totaled 62,000 head, up 3,000 head from January 1, 2010. Commonwealth herds included 46,000 meat and other goats and 16,000 milk goats.

Red Meat Production: Pennsylvania red meat production, dressed weight basis, in commercial slaughter establishments totaled 1.28 billion pounds in 2010, up just slightly from 2009. There were 214 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2011. Pennsylvania ranked 1st among all states in the number of commercial slaughter plants.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 960,800 head in 2010, 3 percent above the previous year. Total live weight for cattle slaughtered was 1.18 billion pounds. Average live weight at 1,246 pounds was 9 pounds below the 2009 average. Slaughter of calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 119,600 head, down 8 percent from 2009. Total live weight for calves slaughtered was 51.3 million pounds. The average live weight for calves, at 429 pounds, was up 3 pounds from 2009.

A total of 2,910,400 hogs were slaughtered in Pennsylvania in 2010, down 3 percent from 2009. Total live weight for hogs slaughtered was 756.0 million pounds. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered was 260 pounds, up 2 pounds from 2009.

Sheep and lamb slaughter was at 38,200 head. Total live weight for sheep and lambs slaughtered was 3,715,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs slaughtered averaged 97 pounds live weight, down 1 pound from the previous year.

Pennsylvania ranked 13th among all states in commercial red meat production in 2010. Pennsylvania's rankings by number of head slaughtered were: 8th for cattle, 4th for calves, 10th for hogs, and 11th for sheep.