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Red Meat Production Up 2 Percent in April

Commercial red meat production for Pennsylvania totaled 114 million pounds in April, up 2 percent from the 111 million pounds produced in April 2015, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Cattle slaughter totaled 79,500 head, down 3 percent from April 2015. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,230 pounds.

Calf slaughter totaled 8,100 head, 14 percent above April 2015. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 435 pounds.

Hog slaughter totaled 266,300 head, up 7 percent from April 2015. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 7,400 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 96 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

April 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

The complete Livestock Slaughter report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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