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## Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 9 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA --- Commercial red meat production, in Pennsylvania during December 2014 totaled 119.5 million pounds, up 9 percent from December 2013, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeast Regional Field Office.

Beef production, at 104.5 million pounds live weight, was up 12 percent from December 2013. Total head slaughtered was 85,900, up 8,100 head from a year ago. Live weight averaged 1,221 pounds, up 16 pounds per head from last year. Veal production was 3.29 million pounds live weight, down 25 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 7,700 head was down 3,500 head from last year. Average live weight increased 40 pounds per head from last year to 429 pounds.

Pork production was 75.8 million pounds live weight, up 7 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 281,000 up 19,800 head from December 2013. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during December 2014 was 596,000 pounds live weight, down 4 percent. The number slaughtered was 5,900, down 600 head from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds per head from last year to 101 pounds.

The Red Meat Production report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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