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## SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during September 2020 totaled 1,300,000 pounds, this was up 38 percent from September 2019. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 1,823,000 pounds live weight, up 48 percent from September 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 107 pounds from the previous year, at 1,076 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 296,000 pounds live weight, up 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 295 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**United States – Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.71 billion pounds in September, up 6 percent from the 4.44 billion pounds produced in September 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, up 5 percent from September 2019. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,379 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.9 million pounds, 20 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,400 head, down 34 percent from September 2019. The average live weight was up 45 pounds from last year, at 261 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 4 percent from September 2019. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.9 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,200 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, down 5 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2020 commercial red meat production** was 41.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

**September 2019** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.  
**September 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*