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SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during September 2022 totaled 1,100,000 pounds, this was up 12 percent from September 2021. 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 1,488,000 pounds live weight, up 9 percent from September 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,018 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 254,000 pounds live weight, up 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 300 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 4.67 billion pounds in September, up 2 percent from the 4.58 billion pounds produced in September 2021.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from September 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,364 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,800 head, down 10 percent from September 2021. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.26 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 1 percent from September 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.7 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,800 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 125 pounds, up 9 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2022 commercial red meat production was 41.5 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

September 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.