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JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during June 2023 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 22 percent from June 2022. 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 1,060,000 pounds live weight, up 15 percent from June 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,189 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published because data were less than level of precision shown or not applicable.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 182,000 pounds live weight, up 30 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

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

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in June, down 4 percent from the 4.73 billion pounds produced in June 2022.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 5 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.9 million pounds, 15 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,400 head, down 20 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 1 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,300 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, down 9 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2023 commercial red meat production was 27.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.