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## MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**Charleston, West Virginia – The production of meat animals** in West Virginia during 2015 totaled 138.1 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Cattle and calves production increased to 136.7 million pounds from 134.7 million pounds in 2014. Hogs and pigs production increased 13 percent to 1.4 million pounds from 1.3 million pounds in 2014. The value of production of meat animals increased to \$221.1 million compared to the value of \$218.2 million in 2014.

**Total 2015 cash receipts** from marketings for all meat animals were \$211.5 million, down 16 percent from cash receipts of \$252.5 million in 2014. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

**The 2015 gross income** from cattle and calves, and hogs and pigs was \$219.4 million, down 15 percent from the 2014 gross income of \$259.3 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was down 15 percent, and hogs and pigs was down 34 percent from 2014.

**Cattle and calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 16 percent during 2015. Receipts totaled \$211.0 million compared with \$251.8 million in 2014. All cattle and calf marketings during 2015 reached 130.2 million pounds, down from 156.3 million pounds in 2014.

**Hogs and pigs:** Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$500,000 during 2015, down 23 percent from the 2014 cash receipts of \$649,000. Marketings of 860,000 pounds during 2015 were 4 percent above the 2014 total marketings of 830,000 pounds.

**United States – Total 2015 production** of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 76.6 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2014. Production increased 3 percent for cattle and calves and 9 percent for hogs and pigs.

**Total 2015 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals decreased 8 percent to \$99.3 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 79 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 21 percent.

**The 2015 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$99.9 billion, down 8 percent from 2014. Gross income decreased 4 percent for cattle and calves and 21 percent for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 4 percent from \$81.5 billion in 2014 to \$78.2 billion in 2015. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 52.4 billion pounds in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$21.0 billion during 2015, down 21 percent from 2014. Marketings totaled 36.2 billion pounds in 2015, up 9 percent from 2014.

*Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Marketings exclude custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.*