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## JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during June 2020 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 190 percent from June 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 1,606,000 pounds live weight, up 269 percent from June 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 900 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 122 pounds from the previous year, at 1,207 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 371,000 pounds live weight, up 223 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 900 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 293 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 4.79 billion pounds in June, up 10 percent from the 4.37 billion pounds produced in June 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 2 percent from June 2019. The average live weight was up 52 pounds from the previous year, at 1,365 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.6 million pounds, 2 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,200 head, down 16 percent from June 2019. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 260 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.40 billion pounds, up 13 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, up 12 percent from June 2019. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 9 percent from June 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,400 head, 10 percent above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from June a year ago.

**January to June 2020 commercial red meat production** was 26.8 billion pounds, up slightly from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

**June 2019** contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**June 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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