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## JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during July 2016 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 6 percent from July 2015. 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 478,000 pounds live weight, up 17 percent from July 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,165 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 206,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 272 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 3.87 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in July 2015.

**Beef production**, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.48 million head, down 1 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,345 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.6 million pounds, 19 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,700 head, up 3 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 65 pounds from last year, at 257 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.76 million head, down 7 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.4 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 170,100 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2016 commercial red meat production** was 28.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

**July 2015** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**July 2016** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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