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SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during September 2015 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was up 2 percent from September 2014. 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 828,000 pounds live weight, down 6 percent from September 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 800 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 997 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 261,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 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 4.14 billion pounds in September, up 5 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in September 2014.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,383 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.8 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from last year, at 312 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.73 million head, up 10 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.2 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2015 commercial red meat production was 35.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

September 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.