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## SEPTEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during September 2016 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from September 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 820,000 pounds live weight, down 1 percent from September 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 54 pounds from the previous year, at 943 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 262,000 pounds live weight, up slightly from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 282 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 4.32 billion pounds in September, up 4 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in September 2015.

**Beef production**, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 6 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,370 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.2 million pounds, 10 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,500 head, up 14 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was down 61 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.13 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.2 million head, up 5 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.0 million pounds, was down 2 percent from September 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,300 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 125 pounds, down 3 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2016 commercial red meat production** was 37.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

**September 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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