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NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during November 2014 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 21 percent from November 2013. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 985,000 pounds live weight, down 26 percent from November 2013. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from the previous year, at 943 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 197,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 285 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 3.76 billion pounds in November, down 9 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in November 2013.

Beef production, at 1.85 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.25 million head, down 12 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 29 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,900 head, down 41 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 306 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.81 million head, down 9 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2014 commercial red meat production was 43.2 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 15 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

November 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.