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## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during June 2018 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 4 percent from June 2017. 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 435,000 pounds live weight, down 9 percent from June 2017. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,142 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 130,000 pounds live weight, down 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 266 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 4.33 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in June 2017.

**Beef production**, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from June

2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.8 million pounds, 8 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,200 head, up 12 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 223 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.61 million head, down 3 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from June a year ago.

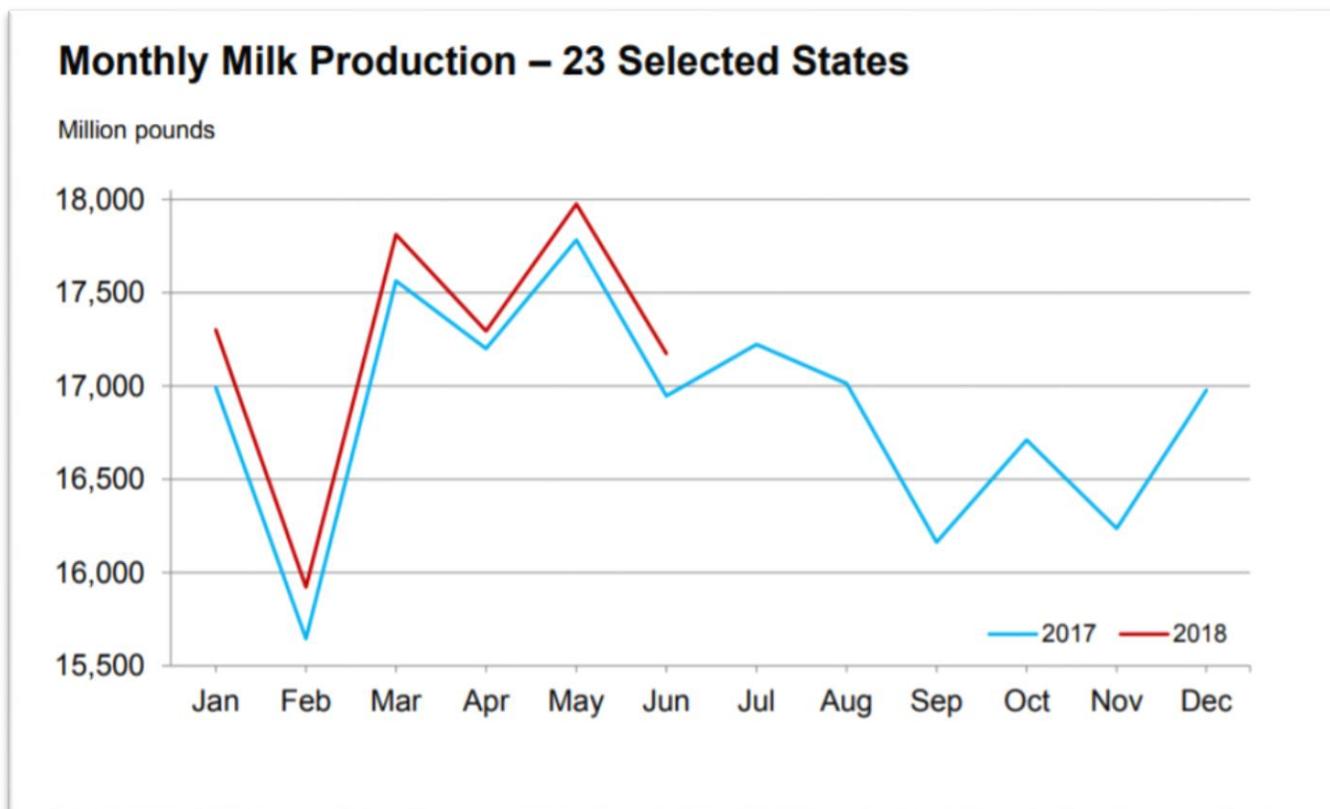
**January to June 2018 commercial red meat production** was 26.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

June 2017 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2018 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

## SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production** in West Virginia totaled 29 million pounds or 3.37 million gallons during the April - June quarter of 2018. This was down 5 million pounds or 580,000 gallons from the same period in 2017, and down 1 million pounds from the January - March 2018 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 7,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same period in 2017, but unchanged from the previous quarter.



**United States** – Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 55.8 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 3,000 head less than the January - March quarter, but 4,000 head more than the same period last year.

*Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.*

**PEACH AND APPLE PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia** – In 2017, total **peach production** was 6,600 tons (13.2 million pounds), up 3,100 tons (6.2 million pounds) from 2016. Utilized production totaled 6,600 tons (13.2 million pounds), an increase of 3,100 tons (6.2 million pounds) from 2016. Value of utilized production totaled \$6.20 million, an increase of 63 percent from 2016. Bearing acres were estimated at 950, unchanged from 2016, with an average yield of 6.95 tons (13,900 pounds) per acre, up 3.27 tons (6,540 pounds) per acre from 2016. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$940.00. This was a decrease of \$150.00 per ton from 2016. Based on utilized

production, West Virginia ranks 10th in the nation for peach production.

Total **apple production** for 2017 was estimated at 102.0 million pounds (2.43 million, 42 lb. bushels), up 28 percent, or 22.0 million pounds from 2016. Utilized production totaled 101.0 million pounds, up 21.2 million pounds from 2016. Apples for fresh market totaled 36.0 million pounds, up 9.2 million pounds from 2016. Apples for processing accounted for 65.0 million pounds of the 2017 crop, this is 12 million pounds more than the 2016 crop.

The average price received for 2017 apples was 18.0 cents per pound, down from the 2016 price of 19.0 cents per pound. Total value of utilized production was \$18.2 million for the crop, up from the 2016 value of \$15.1 million. Fresh market apples brought 28.0 cents per pound in 2017, down 6.5 cents per pound from 2016. Processed apples sold for \$249.00 per ton, up \$26 per ton from 2016.

Bearing acreage of apples totaled 4,800 acres in 2017, up 200 acres from 2016. The yield per acre was 21,300 pounds, 3,900 pounds per acre more than in 2016. The yield was based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to marketing conditions. Based on utilized production, West Virginia ranks 8th in the nation for apple production.

**United States** – The U.S. **peach production** in 2017 was estimated at 696,650 tons, down 12 percent from the 2016 estimate of 795,630 tons. Of this production, 690,100 tons were utilized, down 11 percent from 2016. Bearing acreage of peaches totaled 92,750 acres, down 1,320 acres from 2016. Value of utilized production totaled \$599.3 million, down 5 percent from the 2016 total. The average price received for peaches was \$868.00 per ton, up \$61.00 per ton from the 2016 price.

Total **apple production** for 2017 is estimated at 11.4 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from the 2016 total. Utilized production in 2017 totaled 11.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2016. Bearing acreage was estimated at 323,000, down slightly from the previous year. The average yield was 35,300 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from the previous year. Of the total utilized production, 7.71 billion pounds were for the fresh market and 3.35 billion pounds were for processing. The value of the crop totaled \$3.55 billion, up 3 percent from the previous season, with an average annual price of 32.1 cents per pound.

### GRAIN STOCKS

**United States – Corn** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2018 totaled 5.31 billion bushels, up 1 percent from June 1, 2017. Of the total stocks, 2.75 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.56 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2018 indicated disappearance is 3.59 billion bushels, compared with 3.39 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on June 1, 2018 totaled 1.22 billion bushels, up 26 percent from June 1, 2017. On-farm stocks totaled 377 million bushels, up 13 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 845 million bushels, are up 33 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2018 quarter totaled 888 million bushels, up 15 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Old crop all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2018 totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 7 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 130 million bushels, down 32 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 970 million bushels, are down 2 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2018 indicated disappearance is 395 million bushels, down 17 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Old crop Durum wheat** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2018 totaled 35.9 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 15.0 million bushels, are down 19 percent from June 1, 2017. Off-farm stocks totaled 20.9 million bushels, up 17 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2018 indicated disappearance of 13.6 million bushels is down 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### CROP ACREAGE

**Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat** planted in West Virginia for 2018 is estimated at 7,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2017. The projected harvest for grain is 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

**Corn** planted is estimated at 48,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2017. Growers expect to harvest 32,000 acres for grain, down 1,000 acres from last year.

**Soybean** planted acreage is estimated at 27,000 acres, unchanged from 2017. Harvested acreage is projected at 26,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

**All hay** harvested is forecast at 585,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 15,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 570,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2018, Agricultural Survey.

### United States with 2017 Comparisons

Corn planted for all purposes - 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:

Insect resistant (Bt) - 2% of 2018 crop, 3% of 2017 crop;

Herbicide resistant - 10% of 2018 crop, 12% of 2017 crop;

Stacked gene - 80% of 2018 crop, 77% of 2017 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2018 crop, 92% of 2017 crop.

Corn harvested for grain - 81.8 million acres, down 1 percent.

Winter wheat planted - 32.7 million acres, up less than 1 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain - 24.8 million acres, down 2 percent.  
 Oats planted - 2.89 million acres, up 11 percent.  
 Oats harvested for grain - 1,009,000 acres, up 26 percent.  
 All tobacco harvested - 303,680 acres, down 6 percent.  
 Burley tobacco harvested - 69,800 acres, down 14 percent.

All hay for harvest - 55.1 million acres, up 2 percent.  
 Alfalfa hay for harvest - 17.4 million acres, up 5 percent.  
 Other hay for harvest - 37.7 million acres, up 1 percent.  
 Soybeans planted - 89.6 million acres, down 1 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2018 crop, 94% of 2017 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2018 crop, 94% of 2017 crop.

Soybeans for harvest - 88.9 million acres, down less than 1 percent.

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Data collection has now concluded.

The response rate for West Virginia was 70%. Your answers will help grow West Virginia's farm's future, shape farm programs, and boost services for West Virginia's communities and the industry. Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture will be available February 2019.

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