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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during February 2018 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was unchanged from February 2017. 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 689,000 pounds live weight, up 3 percent from February 2017. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,047 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 151,000 pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 19 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 4.06 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in February 2017.

Beef production, at 1.98 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.42 million head, up 2 percent from February 2017. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,368 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.8 million pounds, 3 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 41,100 head, up 2 percent from February 2017. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.06 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.64 million head, up 3 percent from February 2017. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was up 5 percent from February 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,800 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2018 commercial red meat production was 8.65 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

February 2017 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2018 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE ON FEED

United States - Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2018. The inventory was 9 percent above March 1, 2017.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.82 million head, 7 percent above 2017. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 537,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 420,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, 2 percent above 2017.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during February, 2 percent above 2017.

TROUT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - The total value of fish sold for 2017 was 1.07 million dollars. In 2016, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.23 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2017 totaled 590,000 fish, down from 630,000 fish in 2016. The average price per pound was \$2.03, down from \$2.15 per pound in 2016. The value of sales for the 2017 marketing year was 1.05 million dollars, down from 1.22 million dollars in 2016. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 6" - 12" during 2017 totaled 400,000 fish, down from the total of 480,000 in 2016. The average value per pound was \$3.00, down from \$3.71 per pound in 2016. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 636

thousand dollars, down from 957 thousand dollars in 2016. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 2.6 million dollars, data for 2016 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Trout losses in 2017 totaled 17,000 pounds, down from the 2016 total of 39,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2017 totaled 64,000 fish, up from the 2016 total of 35,000 fish.

United States - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 109 million dollars for 2017, an increase of 4 percent from 2016. Idaho accounted for 46 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2017 totaled 40.3 million fish, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.89, up 15 percent from 2016. The value of sales for the 2017 marketing year was 101 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2016. For trout 12 inches or longer, 60 percent were sold to processors.

Trout Value of Sales (excluding eggs), 2016-2017

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Thousand Dollars								
AR ^{1/}								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,958	3,854
CO	1,923	1,815	*	*	*	*	2,196	2,066
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*	406	*
ID	50,022	49,950	*	*	*	*	50,298	49,968
MI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,402	1,492
MO	1,879	1,740	*	*	*	*	2,686	2,819
NY	*	*	188	122	*	*	617	569
NC	7,656	7,885	*	*	*	*	8,563	9,111
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	4,949	4,879	894	1,322	66	75	5,909	6,276
UT	436	550	*	*	*	*	633	694
VA	1,204	1,577	*	*	*	*	1,442	1,747
WA	*	*	*	*	40	*	*	*
WV	1,223	1,045	*	*	*	*	1,231	1,066
WI	*	1,569	86	*	*	*	1,558	1,694
Other States ^{2/}	27,784	29,637	5,448	6,008	1,185	1,194	24,084	28,012
United States	97,076	100,647	6,616	7,452	1,291	1,269	104,983	109,368

^{1/} Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales. ^{2/} Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2017 totaled 6.43 million fish, an increase of 8 percent from 2016. The average price per pound was \$3.95 during 2017, up 2 percent from the 2016 price. The total value of sales was 7.45 million dollars during 2017, a 13 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 51 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 24 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2017 totaled 6.47 million, an increase of 10 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$196 during 2017, down from \$220 in 2016. The total value of sales was 1.27 million dollars, down 2 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 9.66 million 12" or longer fish, 64.2 million 6"- 12" fish, and 49.2 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 132 million dollars, up 2 percent from 2016.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 31.4 million fish during 2017. Disease accounted for 94 percent of these losses.

HONEY PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 240,000 pounds, up 80,000 pounds, or 50 percent, from the 2016 total of 160,000 pounds. There were 6,000 producing colonies in 2017, up 1,000 colonies from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 40 pounds, up 8 pounds from 32 pounds in 2016. Honey stocks on December 15, 2017, were reported at 50,000 pounds, up 7,000 pounds, or 16 percent, from 43,000 pounds reported in 2016.

Prices for the 2017 crop averaged 385 cents per pound, down 2 percent from the price of 392 cents per pound in 2016. Value of production totaled 924,000 dollars, up 297,000 dollars, or 47 percent, from 627,000 dollars in 2016.

United States - Honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2016. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2017, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 55.3 pounds, down 5 percent from the 58.3 pounds in 2016. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 30.6 million pounds on December 15,

2017, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey production in 2017 from producers with less than five colonies totaled 599 thousand pounds, down 22 percent from 2016. There were 20 thousand colonies from which honey was harvested in 2017, down 17 percent from 2016. The average yield was 30.0 pounds per colony in 2017, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2017 to 215.6 cents per pound, compared to 211.9 cents per pound in 2016. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2016 crop reflect honey sold in 2016 and 2017. Some 2016 crop honey was sold in 2017, which caused some revisions to the 2016 crop prices.

For operations with five or more colonies, the average prices paid in 2017 for **honey bee queens**, packages, and nucs were \$14, \$76, and \$107 respectively. The average prices paid in 2017 for operations with less than five colonies were \$34 per queen, \$117 per package, and \$138 per nuc. For operations with five or more colonies, pollination income for 2017 was \$435 million, up 29 percent from 2016. Other income from honey bees for operations with five or more colonies in 2017 was \$163 million, up 10 percent from 2016.

CROP VALUES

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn for grain value of production totaled \$19.06 million in 2017, a 4 percent decrease from \$19.79 million in 2016. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$3.80, down \$0.10 per bushel from \$3.90 per bushel in 2016.

The value of **all wheat** production in 2017 was \$1.30 million, an 11 percent increase from the 2016 crop value of \$1.17 million. Growers received an average of \$4.70 per bushel for the 2017 crop, down \$0.10 per bushel from the price per bushel of \$4.80 in 2016.

Soybeans value of production totaled \$13.06 million, a 5 percent increase from the 2016 value of \$12.46 million. The average price received per bushel for soybeans was \$9.30. This was down \$0.10 a bushel from the 2016 average price of \$9.40 per bushel.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$122.18 million in 2017, a 5 percent decrease from the 2016 value of \$128.33 million. The average price received per ton was \$113.00. This was down \$6.00 per ton from the 2016 average price of \$119.00 per ton.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled \$10.35 million in 2017, a slight increase from the 2016 value of \$10.34 million. The average price received per ton was \$199.00. This was up \$4.00 per ton from the 2016 average price of \$195.00 per ton.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$111.83 million in 2017, 5 percent less than the 2016 value of \$117.99 million. The average price received per ton was \$109.00. This was down \$6.00 per ton from the 2016 average price of \$115.00 per ton.

United States Value and Marketing Year Average Price with 2016 Comparisons

- Corn for grain value of production - \$48.47 billion, down 6 percent; \$3.30 per bushel, down \$0.06.
- All wheat value of production - \$8.14 billion, down 11 percent; \$4.60 per bushel, up \$0.71
- Soybeans value of production - \$41.01 billion, up 1 percent; \$9.30 per bushel, down \$0.17.
- All hay value of production - \$16.16 billion, up 4 percent; \$140.00 per ton, up \$11.00.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$7.87 billion, up 6 percent; \$152.00 per ton, up \$16.00.
- All other hay value of production - \$8.28 billion, up 2 percent; \$119.00 per ton, up \$1.00.

* *Note:* 2017 data are preliminary. State and United States preliminary 2017 MYA prices for corn, sorghum, oats, barley, wheat, rice, soybeans, flaxseed, sunflower, canola, Upland cotton, dry edible beans, chickpeas (garbanzo beans), dry edible peas, Austrian winter peas, lentils, peanuts, and potatoes are based on entire month price data through December 2017 and, except for cotton and peanuts, allowances are made for the portion of the 2017 crop to be marketed during the remainder of each crop's 2017 marketing year. State MYA prices for crops not in the monthly price program are based on annual surveys.

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If you have not returned your 2017 Census of Agriculture form by the February 5th deadline, it's not too late to be counted. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), will continue to accept census forms through the spring to get a complete and accurate picture of U.S. agriculture.

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