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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during August 2018 totaled 700,000 pounds, this was up 6 percent from August 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 725,000 pounds live weight, up 19 percent from August 2017. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from the previous year, at 1,193 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 286,000 pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 278 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 4.77 billion pounds in August, up 3 percent from the 4.63 billion pounds produced in August 2017.

**Beef production**, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.98 million head, up 1 percent from August

2017. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,344 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.5 million pounds, 2 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 52,300 head, up 13 percent from August 2017. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 215 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, up 5 percent from August 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from August 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,500 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 1 pound from August a year ago.

**January to August 2018 commercial red meat production** was 35.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

August 2017 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) 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 11.1 million head on September 1, 2018. The inventory was 6 percent above September 1, 2017. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during August totaled 2.07 million head, 7 percent above 2017. Net placements were 2.02 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 460,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 475,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 240,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 130,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during August totaled 1.98 million head, slightly above 2017.

**Other disappearance** totaled 55,000 head during August, 12 percent above 2017.

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

**United States – Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2018 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.47 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2017. The July 2018 revised certified total at 4.17 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from July 2017. The July revision represented an increase of 21 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2018 was 5.91 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.16 billion pounds, up 3 percent from August 2017. Mature chickens, at 80.2 million pounds, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 648 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2018 averaged 6.28 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2017. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.69 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2018 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2017.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2018 totaled 14.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.3 million pounds, were

0.83 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.89 percent a year earlier.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States – Egg production** totaled 9.16 billion during August 2018, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.96 billion table eggs, and 1.20 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.11 billion were broiler-type and 87.2 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during August 2018 totaled 385 million, up 3 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,379 eggs, down slightly from August 2017.

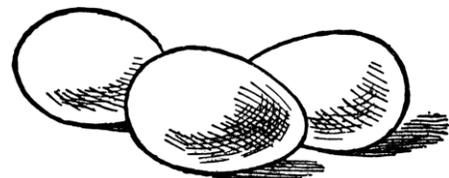
**All layers** in the United States on September 1, 2018 totaled 386 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 325 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2018, averaged 77.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2017.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during August 2018 totaled 53.4 million, up 16 percent from August 2017. Eggs in incubators totaled 51.3 million on September 1, 2018, up 26 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 192 thousand during August 2018, up 33 percent from August 2017.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during August 2018 totaled 840 million, up 1 percent from August 2017. Eggs in incubators totaled 672 million on September 1, 2018, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.41 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2018, up 3 percent from August 2017.



**CASH RECEIPTS**

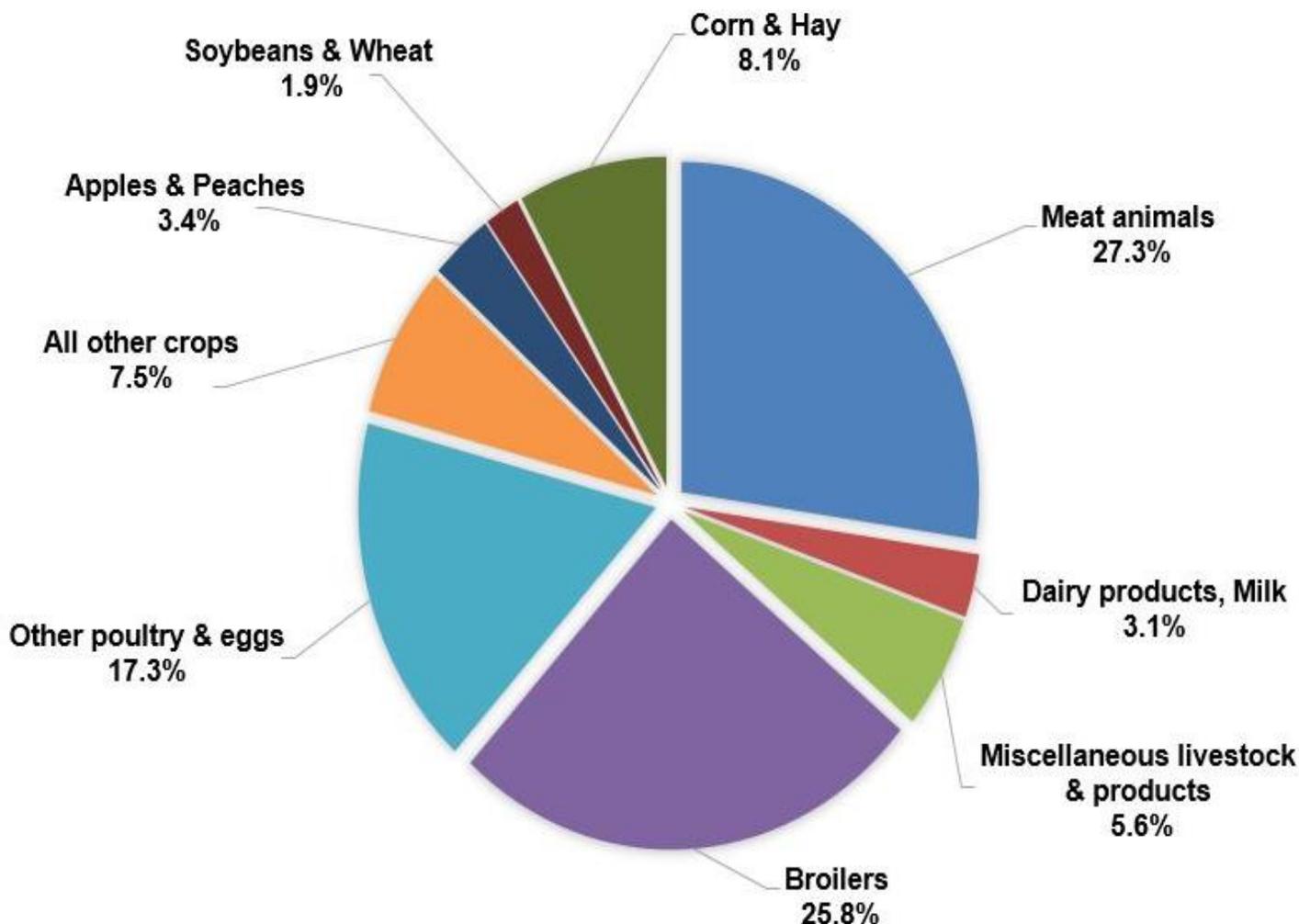
**Charleston, West Virginia** – The 2017 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 708,653,000 dollars, an increase of 18.3 million dollars from 2016. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 79.1 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 20.9 percent of the 2017 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash

receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs, turkeys, and farm chickens, accounted for 43.1 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 27.2 percent of the total in 2017.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 24<sup>th</sup> for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor from poultry and eggs, accounting for 25.8 percent of cash receipts in the State, ranking 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation, turkey receipts at 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation, trout receipts at 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation, apple receipts at 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation, and peach receipts at 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

**Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2017**



## CROP PRODUCTION

**United States – Corn production** is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 2 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 181.3 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from the August forecast and up 4.7 bushels from 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 1 percent from 2017.

**Soybean production** is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 52.8 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 88.9 million acres, unchanged from August but down 1 percent from 2017.

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