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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2019 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was down 14 percent from November 2018. 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 1,090,000 pounds live weight, down 14 percent from November 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from the previous year, at 936 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 182,000 pounds live weight, down 14 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 309 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 4.74 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 4.68 billion pounds produced in November 2018.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 1 percent from November 2018. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,375 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 9 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 46,500 head, down 16 percent from November 2018. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 227 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.43 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.3 million head, up 3 percent from November 2018. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was down 13 percent from November 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,700 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 125 pounds, down 7 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2019 commercial red meat production was 50.3 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

November 2018 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

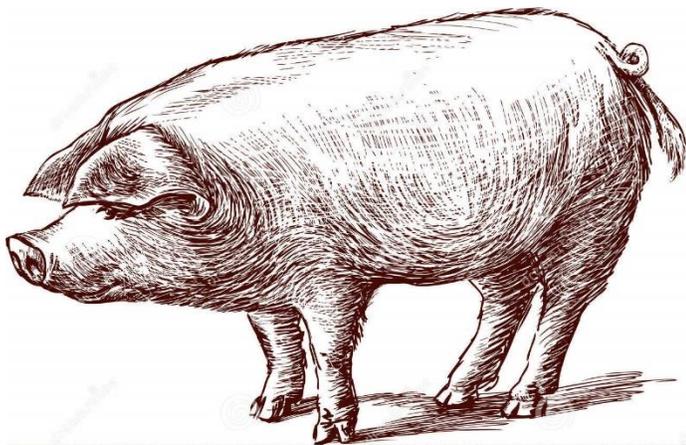
HOGS AND PIGS INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019, was 3,000 head, down 25 percent from December 1, 2018. Of the

3,000 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2018. The breakdown of the remaining 2,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 500 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 5,400 head, 11 percent less than the 2018 pig crop of 6,100 head. Sows farrowing from December 2018 through November 2019 totaled 700 head, down 12 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 7.71 pigs, up 1 percent from the 2018 average of 7.63 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019 was 77.3 million head. This was up 3 percent from December 1, 2018, but down slightly from September 1, 2019.



Breeding inventory, at 6.46 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 70.9 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2019 pig crop, at 35.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.09 for the September-November period, compared to 10.76 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.13 million sows farrow during the December 2019-February 2020 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier,

and up 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2020, at 3.15 million sows, are up slightly from the same period one year earlier, and up 3 percent from the same period two years earlier.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2018 through September 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.1 percent. The net revision made to the June 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the March-May 2019 pig crop. The net revision to the March 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent and 0.5 to the December 2018-February 2019 pig crop. The net revision to the December 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent and 1.5 percent to the September-November 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent and 0.4 percent to the June-August 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent and 1.8 percent to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent and 2.6 percent to the December 2017- February 2018 pig crop.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 9.50 billion during November 2019, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.32 billion table eggs, and 1.17 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.09 billion were broiler-type and 87.9 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2019 totaled 402 million, up 2 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,364 eggs, up 2 percent from November 2018.

Total layers in the United States on December 1, 2019 totaled 403 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 403 million layers consisted of 341 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 58.9 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.55 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2019, averaged 78.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2018.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2019 totaled 47.9 million, up 2 percent from November 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.9 million on December 1, 2019, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198 thousand during November 2019, down 18 percent from November 2018.

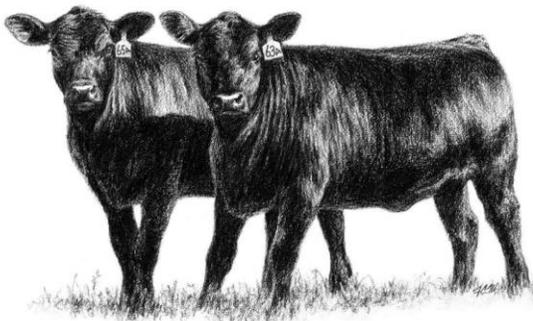
Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2019 totaled 795 million, up 4 percent from November 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 709 million on December 1, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.17 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2019, up 3 percent from November 2018.

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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2018.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.09 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During



November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 620,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 500,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 423,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 310,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.81 million head, 3 percent below 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 head during November, 19 percent below 2018.

COLD STORAGE

United States - Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2019 were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 2 percent from November 30, 2018.

Butter stocks were down 23 percent from last month, but up 17 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2019 were down 10 percent from the previous month, but up 1 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 7 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 42 percent from last month and down 17 percent from November 30, 2018.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 6 percent from last month and down 7 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 3 percent from last month and down 1 percent from a year ago.

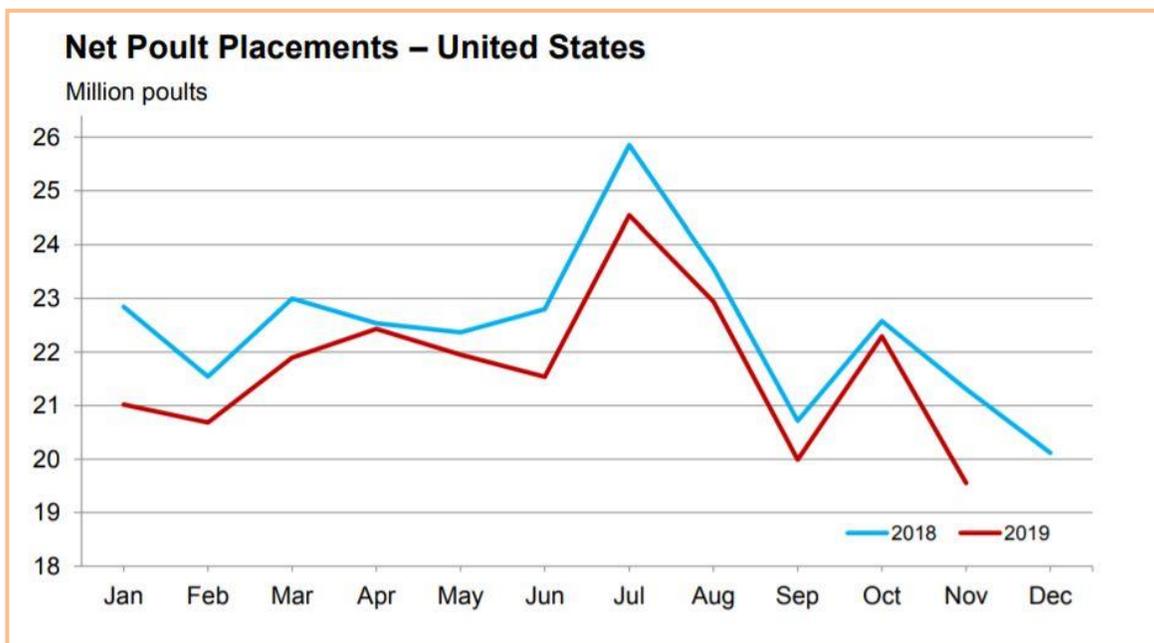
Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up 2 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 3 percent from the previous month, but down 7 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 6 percent from the previous month, but up 13 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 14 percent from last month and up 40 percent from last year.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey poults hatched during November 2019 in the United States totaled 22.2 million, down 24 percent from November 2018. Poults hatched were down 11 percent from the October 2019 total of 24.9 million poults.

The 19.4 million **net poults** placed during November 2019 in the United States were down 8 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were down 12 percent from the October 2019 total of 22.1 million.

United States - Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2019 in the United States totaled 25.8 million, down 9 percent from December 1, 2018. Eggs in incubators were down 4 percent from the November 1, 2019 total of 27.0 million eggs.



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