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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during May 2019 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 1 percent from May 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 609,000 pounds live weight, down 2 percent from May 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,072 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 142,000 pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 291 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 4.57 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 4.50 billion pounds produced in May 2018.

**Beef production**, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, up 1 percent from May

2018. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,316 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.3 million pounds, 1 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 46,200 head, down 1 percent from May 2018. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from last year, at 236 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.22 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, up 1 percent from May 2018. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from May 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 209,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 8 pounds from May a year ago.

**January to May 2019 commercial red meat production** was 22.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

May 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2019 contained 23 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 June 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2018. This is the highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.06 million head, 3 percent below 2018. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During May, placements of

cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 370,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 305,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 500,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 539,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 235,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 115,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.07 million head, 1 percent above 2018.

**Other disappearance** totaled 72,000 head during May, 1 percent below 2018.

### MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**Charleston, West Virginia - The production of meat animals** in West Virginia during 2018 totaled 143.0 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2017. Cattle and calves production decreased to 141.5 million pounds from 154.2 million pounds in 2017. Hogs and pigs production increased 9 percent to 1.48 million pounds from 1.36 million pounds in 2017. The value of production of meat animals decreased to \$158.2 million compared to the value of \$178.3 million in 2017.

**Total 2018 cash receipts** from marketings for all meat animals were \$174.4 million, down 10 percent from cash receipts of \$194.9 million in 2017. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

**The 2018 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs was \$178.9 million, down 11 percent from the 2017 gross income of \$200.6 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was down 11 percent, but hogs and pigs was up 38 percent from 2017.

**Cattle and calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 11 percent during 2018. Receipts totaled \$173.6 million compared with \$194.3 million in 2017. All cattle and calf marketings during 2018 reached 155.7 million pounds, down from 167.3 million pounds in 2017.

**Hogs and pigs:** Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$795,000 during 2018, up 43 percent from the 2017 cash receipts of \$557,000. Marketings of 1.5 million pounds during 2018 were 53 percent above the 2017 total marketings of 1.0 million pounds.

**United States - Total 2018 production** of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States

totaled 85.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2017. Production increased 5 percent for cattle and calves and 5 percent for hogs and pigs.

**Total 2018 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased slightly to \$88.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 24 percent.

**The 2018 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$88.7 billion, up slightly from 2017. Gross income increased slightly for cattle and calves and increased slightly for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased slightly from \$66.9 billion in 2017 to \$67.1 billion in 2018. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.9 billion pounds in 2018, up 4 percent from 2017.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$21.1 billion during 2018, up slightly from 2017. Marketings totaled 40.1 billion pounds in 2018, up 5 percent from 2017.

*Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Marketings exclude custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.*

### POULTRY SLAUGHTER

**United States - Poultry certified wholesome** during May 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.37 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2018. The April 2019 revised certified total at 4.13 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from April 2018. The April revision represented an increase of 2.05 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during May 2019 was 5.78 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.69 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.07 billion pounds, up 2 percent from May 2018. Mature chickens, at 68.9 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 617 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.6 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during May 2019 averaged 6.32 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.81 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2019 averaged 32.3 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from May 2018.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during May 2019 totaled 12.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.5 million pounds, were 0.78 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.86 percent a year earlier.

### COLD STORAGE

**United States - Total natural cheese stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2019 were down 1 percent from the previous month, but up slightly from May 31, 2018.

**Butter stocks** were up 8 percent from last month, but down 7 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on May 31, 2019 were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 6 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 5 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 5 percent from last month, but down 8 percent from May 31, 2018.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were down 6 percent from last month and down 2 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen vegetable stocks** were down 9 percent from last month and down 6 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 6 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 6 percent from the previous month and down 13 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 5 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year.

### MAPLE SYRUP

**Charleston, West Virginia - Maple syrup production** totaled 14,000 gallons in 2019, up 6,000 gallons from 8,000 gallons produced in 2018. **Number of taps** was 80,000, up 14,000 taps from 66,000 taps in 2018. **Yield per tap** was 0.175 gallons, this is up from the 2018 yield per tap of 0.121 gallons. On average, the **maple syrup season** opened on February 6, 2019 and closed on March 16, 2019. The average season length was 38 days. The first date sap was collected in West Virginia was January 15, 2019. The last date for sap collection was April 4, 2019.

**Average price per gallon** was \$44.60 in 2018, 22 percent above 2017. Bulk prices in 2018 were \$2.90 per pound, up from \$2.70 per pound in 2017, and \$32.20 per gallon, up from \$29.70 per gallon the previous year. **Percent of sales by type** in 2018 was 23 percent retail, up from 12 percent the previous year; 17 percent wholesale, up from 6 percent in 2017; and 60 percent bulk, down from 82 percent in 2017.

**United States - Maple syrup production** in 2019 totaled 4.24 million gallons, up 1 percent from the revised previous year. The number of taps totaled 13.3 million, down 4 percent from the 2018 total. Yield per tap was 0.318 gallon, up 0.015 gallon from the previous season.

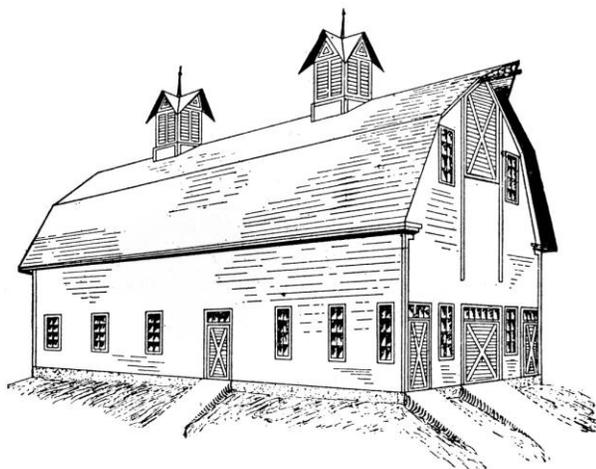
The earliest sap flow reported was January 5 in New York. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 1 in Wisconsin. On average, the season lasted 30 days, compared with 42 days in 2018. The 2018 United States average price per gallon was \$33.80, up \$0.70 from 2017. Value of production, at \$142 million for 2018, was down 2 percent from the previous season.

### FARM LABOR

**United States -** There were 629,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 7-13, 2019, down 3 percent from the April 2018 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 499,000 during the week of January 6-12, 2019, down 7 percent from the January 2018 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.71 per hour during the April 2019 reference week, up 7 percent from the April 2018 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$13.80 per hour, up 8 percent. Livestock workers earned \$13.61 per hour, up 6 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$13.73 per hour, was up 8 percent from the 2018 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.7 hours during the April 2019 reference week, up 1 percent from the hours worked during the April 2018 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.96 per hour during the January 2019 reference week, up 6 percent from the January 2018 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$13.77 per hour, up 7 percent, while livestock workers earned \$13.80 per hour, up 7 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$13.78 per hour, was up 7 percent from the January 2018 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.3 hours during the January 2019 reference week, up 3 percent from the hours worked during the January 2018 reference week.



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