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JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during January 2019 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 7 percent from January 2018. 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 937,000 pounds live weight, down 7 percent from January 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from the previous year, at 991 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 177,000 pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 301 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 4.70 billion pounds in January, up 2 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in January 2018.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 3 percent from January

2018. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 1 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,800 head, 10 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 213 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.37 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, 3 percent above January 2018. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was slightly below January 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 8 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2019 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during February 2019 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from February 2018. 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 603,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from February 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,037 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 132,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 287 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 4.17 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in February 2018.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, up 2 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,352 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 6 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,500 head, up 18 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 219 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, up 5 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from February 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,300 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 11 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2019 commercial red meat production was 8.9 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

February 2018 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2019 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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2019. The inventory was 1 percent above March 1, 2018.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.86 million head, 2 percent above 2018. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 345,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 530,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 442,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 135,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 65,000 head.

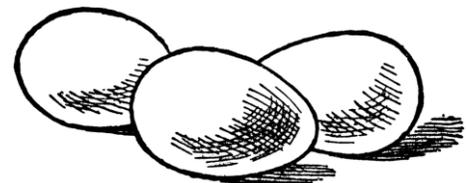
Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, slightly above 2018.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during February, 16 percent above 2018.

ANNUAL CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Layer numbers during 2018 averaged 1.28 million, up 3 percent from the 2017 average of 1.24 million. The average annual production per layer was 230 eggs, up 9 eggs per layer from the 2017 total of 221 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2018 totaled 632,000, down 18 percent from the 2017 total of 770,000. Other chickens totaled 93,000 in 2018, down 6 percent from the 2017 total of 99,000.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2018 totaled 295.9 million eggs. This was 8 percent above the 2017 production of 274.7 million eggs.



The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2018 (excluding commercial broilers) was 1.93 million head, down 9 percent from the 2017 total of 2.12 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2018 was \$15.3 million, down 4 percent from the December 1, 2017 value of \$15.9 million. The

average value of \$7.90 per bird on December 1, 2018 was up \$0.40 per bird from the 2017 value.

United States - Layer numbers during 2018 averaged 391 million, up 3 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2018 was 279 eggs, down 1 percent from 2017.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2018 totaled 109 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2017. Table egg production, at 95.3 billion eggs, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.9 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from 2017.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2018 (excluding commercial broilers) was 528 million birds, up 3 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2018 was \$2.28 billion, up 7 percent from December 1, 2017. The average value increased from \$4.16 per bird on December 1, 2017, to \$4.33 per bird on December 1, 2018.

TURKEY HATCHERY

United States - Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2019, in the United States totaled 27.8 million, down 2 percent from March 1, 2018. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the February 1, 2019 total of 28.1 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during February 2019, in the United States totaled 22.9 million, up 1 percent from February 2018. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from the January 2019 total of 23.3 million poults.

The 20.8 million **net poults** placed during February 2019 in the United States were down 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net poult placements were up slightly from the January 2019 total of 20.8 million.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 51,000 acres, up 11 percent from acres planted in 2018, and up 2 percent or 1,000 acres from 2017.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 500,000 acres, down 7 percent or 35,000 acres from 2018, and down 12 percent or 67,000 acres from 2017.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2019, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered. Winter wheat and soybean estimates have been discontinued in 2019.



United States with 2018 Comparisons

Corn plantings – 92.8 million acres, up 4%.
 Oat plantings – 2.56 million acres, down 7%.
 Winter wheat planted – 31.5 million acres, down 3%.
 All tobacco for harvest – 244,040 acres, down 16%.
 Burley tobacco for harvest – 53,800 acres, down 12%.
 Soybean plantings – 84.6 million acres, down 5%.
 Sorghum plantings – 5.14 million acres, down 10%.
 Barley plantings – 2.55 million acres, up slightly.
 All hay for harvest – 53.1 million acres, up less than 1%.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

United States - Poultry certified wholesome during January 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.28 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in January 2018. The December 2018 revised certified total at 3.73 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2017. The December revision represented an increase of 9.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2019 was 5.65 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.55 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.93 billion pounds, up 2 percent from January 2018. Mature chickens, at 69.0 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections

totaled 641 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2019 averaged 6.25 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.66 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2019 averaged 32.8 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2019 totaled 14.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.0 million pounds, were 0.86 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.



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