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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production** during August 2019 totaled 500,000 pounds, this was down 24 percent from August 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 572,000 pounds live weight, down 26 percent from August 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 61 pounds from the previous year, at 1,140 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 213,000 pounds live weight, down 29 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 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 4.65 billion pounds in August, down 2 percent from the 4.77 billion pounds produced in August 2018.

**Beef production**, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter

totaled 2.93 million head, down 2 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.0 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 50,900 head, down 3 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 205 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.26 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 3 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 201,500 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2019 commercial red meat production** was 36.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

August 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 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 11.0 million head on September 1, 2019. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2018.

**Placements** in feedlots during August totaled 1.88 million head, 9 percent below 2018. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During August, placements of

cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 300,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 424,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 440,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during August totaled 1.95 million head, 2 percent below 2018.

**Other disappearance** totaled 61,000 head during August, 11 percent above 2018.

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

**United States – Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.39 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2018. The July 2019 revised certified total at 4.42 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from July 2018. The July revision represented an increase of 23.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2019 was 5.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.91 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.10 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August 2018. Mature chickens, at 61.2 million pounds, were down 24 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 628 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2019 averaged 6.34 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.79 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2019 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2018.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2019 totaled 14.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 31.9 million pounds, were 0.72 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.83 percent a year earlier.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States – Egg production** totaled 9.45 billion during August 2019, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.25 billion table eggs, and 1.20 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.12 billion were broiler-type and 82.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during August 2019 totaled 392 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,413 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2018.

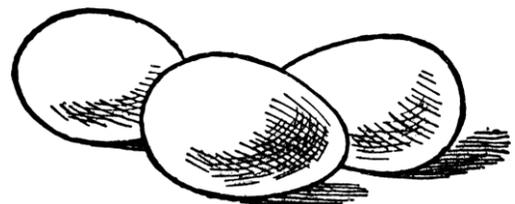
**All layers** in the United States on September 1, 2019 totaled 393 million, up slightly from last year. The 393 million layers consisted of 331 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 58.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.29 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2019, averaged 77.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during August 2019 totaled 46.2 million, down 13 percent from August 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.8 million on September 1, 2019, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 194 thousand during August 2019, down 26 percent from August 2018.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during August 2019 totaled 853 million, up 2 percent from August 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 694 million on September 1, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.64 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2019, up 4 percent from August 2018.



## CASH RECEIPTS

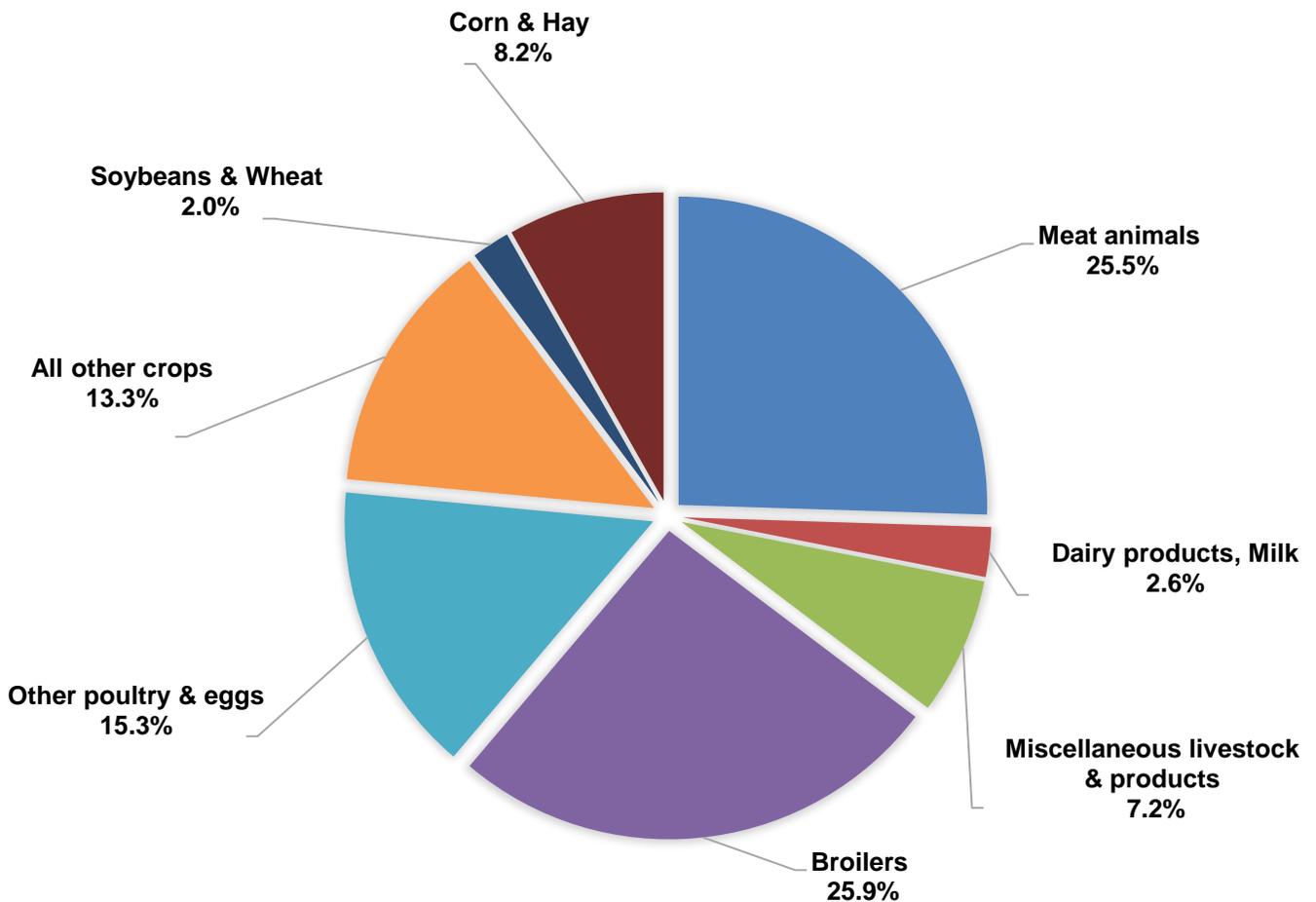
**Charleston, West Virginia** – The 2018 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 684,415,000 dollars, a decrease of 42.9 million dollars from 2017. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 76.5 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 23.5 percent of the 2018 total.

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

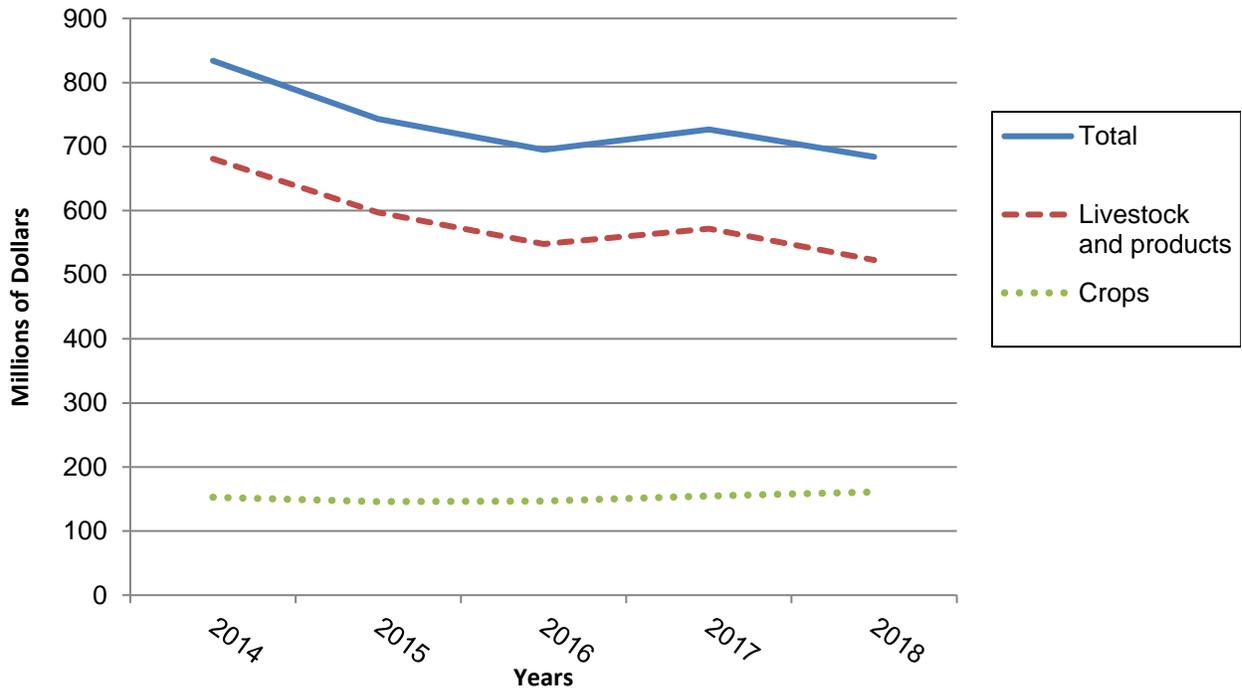
receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs, turkeys, and farm chickens, accounted for 41.2 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 25.4 percent of the total in 2018.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 26<sup>th</sup> for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor from poultry and eggs, accounting for 25.9 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 13<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, and maple products at 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

### Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2018



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