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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during November 2020 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 34 percent from November 2019. 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 1,703,000 pounds live weight, up 41 percent from November 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 138 pounds from the previous year, at 1,058 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 241,000 pounds live weight, up 21 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 302 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 4.68 billion pounds in November, down 1 percent from the 4.74 billion pounds produced in November 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 3 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,388 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.8 million pounds, 20 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,000 head, down 25 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from last year, at 241 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.41 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, down 3 percent from November 2019. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.6 million pounds, was down 6 percent from November 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,400 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 118 pounds, down 7 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2020 commercial red meat production** was 50.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

November 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. November 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 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, 2020, was 3,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2019. Of the 3,000

head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2019. 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 4,900 head, 9 percent less than the 2019 pig crop of 5,400 head. Sows farrowing from December 2019 through November 2020 totaled 600 head, down 14 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.17 pigs, up 6 percent from the 2019 average of 7.71 pigs per litter.

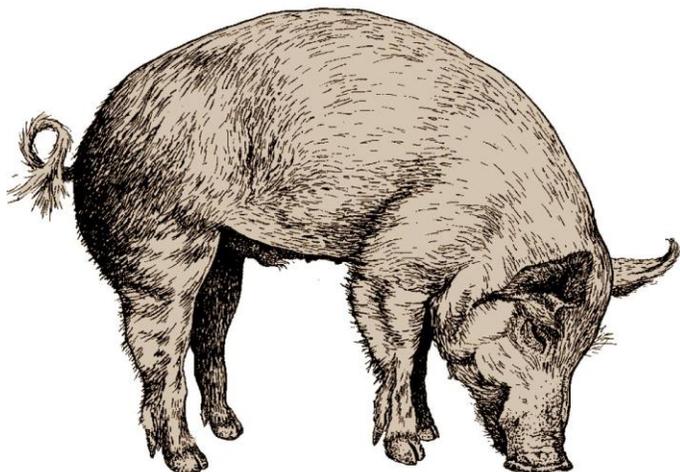
**United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2020 was 77.5 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2019, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2020.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.28 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 71.2 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

**The September-November 2020 pig crop**, at 35.0 million head, was down 1 percent from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.05 for the September-November period, compared to 11.09 last year.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the December 2020-February 2021 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1 percent from the same period two years



earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down slightly 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 2019 through September 2020 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 2.7 percent was made to the June-August 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.9 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the March-May 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.9 percent. A net revision of 2.8 percent was made to the December 2019-February 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent. A net revision of 1.0 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States - Egg production** totaled 9.32 billion during November 2020, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.09 billion table eggs, and 1.22 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.14 billion were broiler-type and 78.6 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2020 totaled 389 million, down 3 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,396 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2019.

**Total layers** in the United States on December 1, 2020 totaled 390 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 390 million layers consisted of 325 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.28 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2020, averaged 80.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from December 1, 2019.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during November 2020 totaled 48.0 million, down slightly from November 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 53.2 million on December 1, 2020, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 169,000 during November 2020, down 15 percent from November 2019.

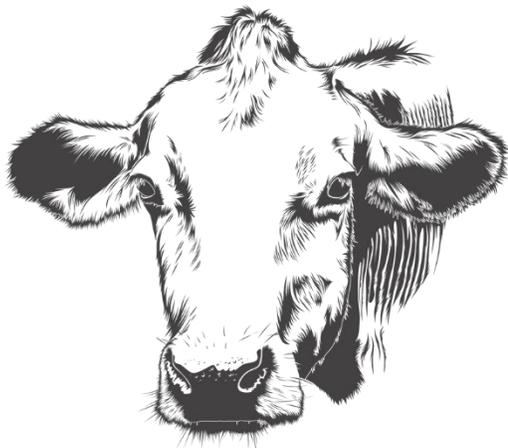
**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during November 2020 totaled 783 million, down 2 percent from November 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 701 million on December 1, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.30 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2020, up 2 percent from November 2019.

## 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, 2020. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2019.

**Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million head, 9 percent below 2019. Net placements were 1.85 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 520,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 460,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 400,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 306,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.



**Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.78 million head, 2 percent below 2019.

**Other disappearance** totaled 61,000 head during November, 6 percent below 2019.

## COLD STORAGE

**United States - Total natural cheese stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2020 were up slightly from the previous month and up 2 percent from November 30, 2019.

**Butter stocks** were down 16 percent from last month, but up 39 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on November 30, 2020 were down 16 percent from the previous month and down 10 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 10 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 48 percent from last month and down 12 percent from November 30, 2019.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were down 8 percent from last month and down 16 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen vegetable stocks** were down 2 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 12 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 7 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 28 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 21 percent from last month, but down 58 percent from last year.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

**United States** - The November Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 92.4, increased 4.1 percent from October and 2.2 percent from November 2019. At 91.1, the Crop Production Index is up 3.9 percent from last month and 7.1

percent from November 2019. The Livestock Production Index, at 94.2, increased 4.0 percent from October, but decreased 3.0 percent from November 2019. Producers received higher prices during November for broilers, soybeans, corn, and milk, but lower prices for hogs, turkeys, market eggs, and oranges. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In November, there was increased monthly movement for corn, milk, cattle, and cotton and decreased

marketing of soybeans, grapes, wheat, and lettuce.

The November Prices Paid Index for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 111.9, is up 0.7 percent from October 2020 and 1.2 percent from November 2019. Higher prices in November for complete feeds, feeder cattle, concentrates, and other services more than offset lower prices for other machinery, gasoline, tractors, and nitrogen.

**Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 2011 Base – United States: November 2020 with Comparisons**

Index Group	November 2019 (percent)	October 2020 (percent)	November 2020 (percent)
Prices received by farmers .....	90.4	88.8	92.4
Prices paid by farmers .....	110.6	111.1	111.9
Ratio of prices received to prices paid .....	81	80	82

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