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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during January 2020 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 15 percent from January 2019. 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 1,157,000 pounds live weight, up 23 percent from January 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 91 pounds from the previous year, at 1,082 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 191,000 pounds live weight, up 8 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 313 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 4.96 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 4.70 billion pounds produced in January 2019.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from January 2019. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,375 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.4 million pounds, 2 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 50,000 head, 7 percent below January 2019. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from last year, at 224 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.55 billion pounds, 8 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.8 million head, 7 percent above January 2019. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.9 million pounds, was 5 percent below January 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2019 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2020 totaled 395,000 head, up 5,000 head from the January 1, 2019 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 205,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2019.

Comparing January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2019: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 199,000 head, up 1,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 6,000 head, down 1,000 head; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 59,000 head, up 4,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 34,000 head, up 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 3,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 22,000 head, up 2,000 head; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 44,000 head, up 2,000 head; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 15,000 head, up 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 72,000 head, down 2,000

head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2019.

The 2019 **calf crop** totaled 195,000 head, up 5,000 head from the 2018 calf crop.

United States - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2020 totaled 94.4 million head, slightly below the 94.8 million head on January 1, 2019. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 40.7 million head, were 1 percent below the 41.0 million head on January 1, 2019.

Comparing January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2019: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 31.3 million head, down 1 percent; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 9.33 million head, down slightly; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 20.1 million head, down slightly; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 5.77 million head, down 2 percent; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4.64 million head, down 1 percent; **other heifers** totaled 9.71 million head, up 1 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 16.7 million head, down 1 percent; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.24 million head, down 1 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.7 million head, up 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head, up 2 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 26.4 million head, down slightly.

The 2019 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 1 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2019 were estimated at 26.4 million head, down slightly from the first half of 2018. Calves born during the second half of 2019 were estimated at 9.71 million head, 27 percent of the total 2019 calf crop.



SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORIES

Charleston, West Virginia - All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2020, was 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2019.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 27,000 head on January 1, 2020, up 1,000 head from 2019. Ewes totaled 22,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2019. Rams totaled 1,500 head, up 500 head from 2019. Replacement lambs totaled 3,500 head, down 500 head from 2019.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2019. Market sheep totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 5,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Of these, 1,800 were under 65 pounds, 1,200 were 65 - 84 pounds, 1,200 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 800 were over 105 pounds.

The 2019 lamb crop totaled 28,000 head, up 2,000 head from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 133 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2019, up 20 lambs per 100 ewes from 2018.

Shorn wool production during 2019 was 87,000 pounds, down 5,000 pounds from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 16,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.50 per pound, up \$0.10 per pound from the total of \$1.40 per pound in 2018. Value was 131,000 dollars, up 2,000 dollars from the value of 129,000 dollars in 2018.

Sheep death loss during 2019 totaled 2,000 head, down 200 head from 2018. Lamb death loss during 2019 totaled 4,500 head, up 300 head from 2018.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2020 was estimated at 18,000 head, down 1,000 head from January 1, 2019. **Milk goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. **Angora goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million

head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2019 lamb crop of 3.23 million head was down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2019, up 1 percent from 2018.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2019 was 24.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.89 per pound for a total value of 45.4 million dollars, up 6 percent from 42.8 million dollars in 2018.

Sheep death loss during 2019 totaled 219 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2018. Lamb death loss was unchanged from last year at 388 thousand head.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.18 million head, up 2 percent from 2019. Does one year old and older, at 1.62 million head, were up 2 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 478 thousand head, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2019 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2018.

Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2019 was 730 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 127 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.37 per pound with a value of 4.65 million dollars.

Sheep and Goat Revisions - All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2019, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change

was made to the lamb crop. No revisions were made to goats and kids inventory. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to the kid crop at the United States level.

FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

United States - The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,900 in 2019, down 500 farms from 2018. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, down 0.1 million acres from 2018. The average farm size was 153 acres, down 1 acre from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 16,600 in 2019, down 400 farms from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, down 0.1 million acres from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 90 acres, down 4 acres from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 5,500 in 2019, down 100 farms from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 255 acres, up 5 acres from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 370 in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 270,000 acres, unchanged from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 730 acres, unchanged from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 130 in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, down 0.01 million acres from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 846 acres, down 77 acres from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, up 0.01 million acres from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, up 66 acres from 2018.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000 or more** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2018. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2018.

United States - The number of farms in the United States for 2019 is estimated at 2,023,400, down 5,800

farms from 2018. Total land in farms, at 897,400,000 acres, decreased 2,100,000 acres from 2018. The average farm size for 2019 is 444 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2019 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2018 calendar year.

Point Farms are farms that did not have the required minimum \$1,000 in sales for the year to qualify as a farm, but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of \$1,000 or more. Point Farms are assigned a sales class based on the sum of the agricultural point (dollar) values assigned to the quantity of commodities produced but not sold. The 2017 Census of Agriculture showed that 471,593 farms or 23.1 percent of the 2,042,220 farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 59,166,158 acres or 6.6 percent of the 900,217,576 acres of farmland.

Number of farms declined by 5,800 from 2018. The number of farms in the \$100,000 - \$249,999 and \$250,000 - \$499,999 sales classes increased while all other sales classes declined. In 2019, 51.1 percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.5 percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2019, 7.4 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Land in farms, at 897,400,000 acres, is down 2,100,000 acres from 2018. The biggest change for 2019 is that producers in Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 operated 1,170,000 fewer acres than in 2018. In 2019, 30.2 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.8 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size continued to increase in 2019 as the number of farms declined. The overall average size increased by 1 acre to 444 acres per farm. Average farm size decreased in the \$100,000-\$249,999 and \$250,000 - \$499,999 sales classes and increased or remained unchanged in all others.

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