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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during December 2019 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was up 8 percent from December 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 1,343,000 pounds live weight, up 14 percent from December 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 958 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 181,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from the previous year, at 300 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 4.73 billion pounds in December, up 8 percent from the 4.37 billion pounds produced in December 2018.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 7 percent from December 2018. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,373 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 1 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 49,800 head, down 7 percent from December 2018. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 228 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.44 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.4 million head, up 9 percent from December 2018. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from December 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 196,500 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, down 8 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2019 commercial red meat production was 55.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

December 2018 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. December 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 9.80 billion during December 2019, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.59 billion table eggs, and 1.21 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.12 billion were

broiler-type and 88.6 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2019 averaged 403 million, up 3 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,429 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2018.

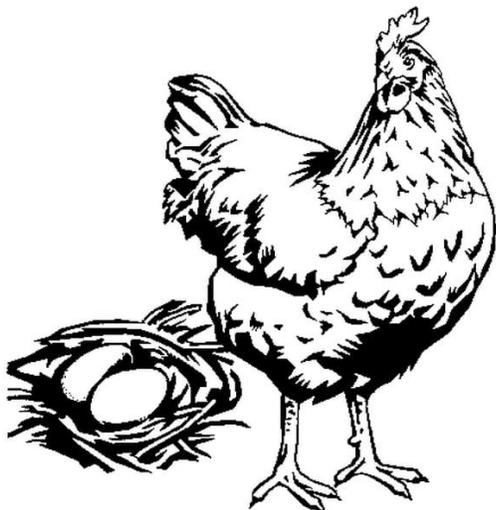
All layers in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 404 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 404 million layers consisted of 341 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 59.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.50 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2020, averaged 78.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2019.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2019 totaled 46.9 million, up 1 percent from December 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.3 million on January 1, 2020, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 266 thousand during December 2019, down 1 percent from December 2018.

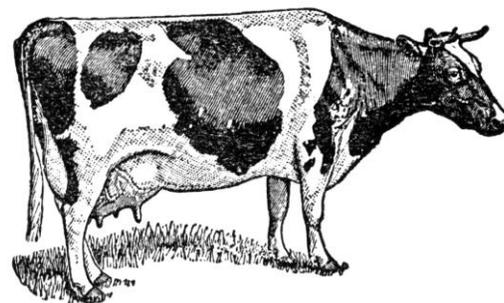
Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2019 totaled 858 million, up 4 percent from December 2018. Eggs in incubators totaled 715 million on January 1, 2020, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.66 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2019, up 1 percent from December 2018.



FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 21 million pounds or 2.4 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2019. This was down 1 million pounds from the July - September 2019 quarter, and was 4 million pounds or 465,000 gallons less than the October - December quarter of 2018. The number of dairy cows averaged 6,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the same period in 2018.



United States - Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 53.8 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 18,000 head more than the July - September quarter, but 22,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION 'DECEMBER AG SURVEY RESULTS'

Charleston, West Virginia - All hay area harvested in 2019 totaled 515,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2018. The average yield in 2019 was 1.74 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton per acre from 2018. Production totaled 894,000 tons, down 28,000 tons from 2018. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 660,000 tons, down 110,000 tons from the total of 770,000 tons in 2018.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 15,000 acres in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Yields in 2019 averaged 2.90 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton per acre from 2018. Production totaled 44,000 tons, up 6,000 tons from 2018. New seedings of alfalfa in 2019 are estimated at 1,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2018.

All other hay area harvested totaled 500,000 acres in 2019, down 20,000 acres from 2018. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, unchanged from 2018. Production totaled 850,000 tons, down 34,000 tons from 2018.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2019 totaled 52,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from 2018. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 38,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2018. The average yield of 165.0 bushels per acre was up 13.0 bushels per acre from 2018. Production was 6,270,000 bushels, up 1,254 thousand bushels from 2018.

Corn for silage area harvested was 12,000 acres in 2019, up 1,000 acres from 2018. Yields averaged 20.0 tons per acre, up 1.0 ton per acre from 2018. Silage production was estimated at 240,000 tons, up 31,000 tons from 2018.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2019 was 80,000, up 14,000 taps from 2018. Yield per tap was 0.175 gallons, up from 0.121 gallons per tap in 2018. Production totaled 14,000 gallons in 2019, up 6,000 gallons from 2018.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 567,000 acres in 2019, down 50,000 acres from 2018. Area harvested totaled 565,000 acres, down 44,000 acres from 2018. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

Note: Winter wheat, soybean and maple syrup estimates were discontinued for West Virginia in 2019 by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Maple syrup estimates for 2019 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

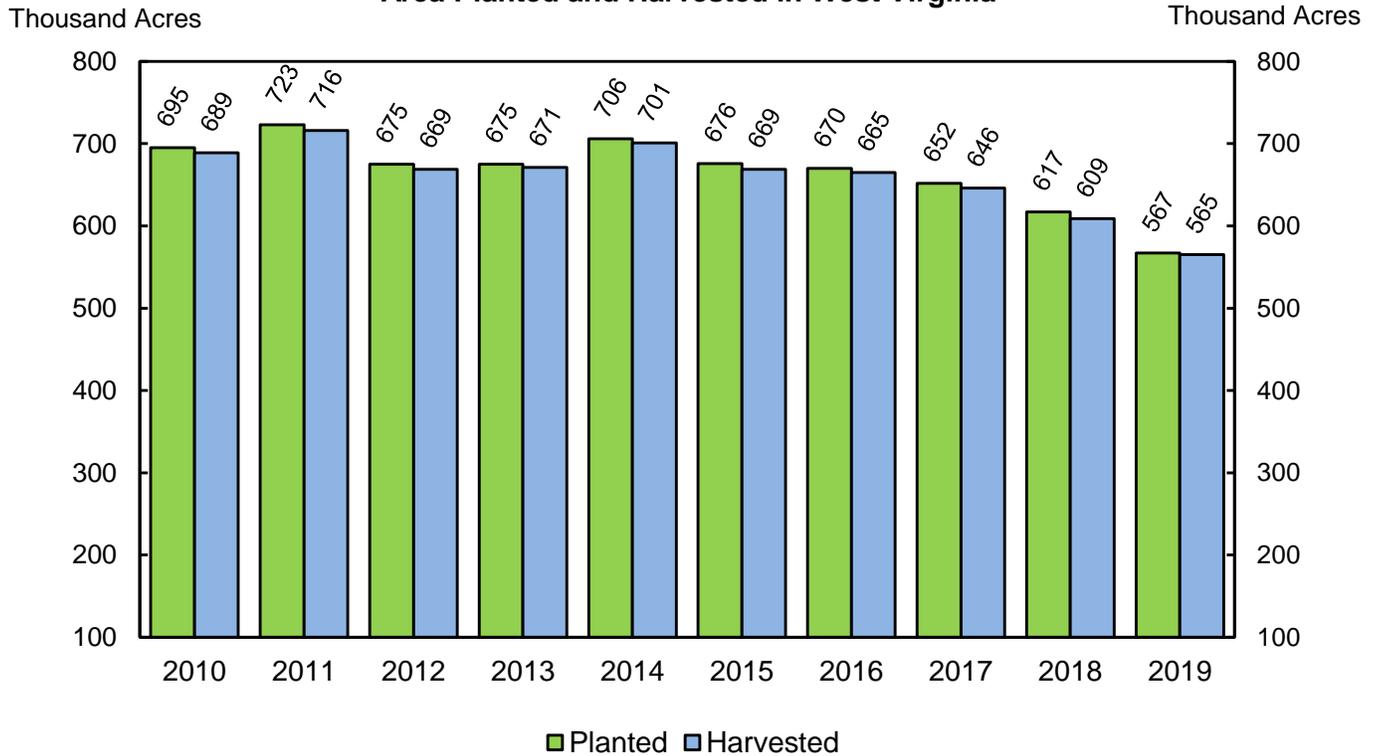
United States With Previous Year Comparisons

- All wheat production - 1.92 billion bushels, up 2%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.30 billion bushels, up 10%.
- 2020 Winter wheat seedings - 30.8 million acres, down 1% from 2019.
- 2019 Alfalfa seedings - 2.47 million acres, up 11% from 2018.
- Alfalfa hay production - 54.9 million tons, up 4%.
- All other hay production - 74.0 million tons, up 4%.
- All hay production - 128.9 million tons, up 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 89.7 million acres, up 1%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 81.5 million acres, up less than 1%.
- Corn for grain production - 13.7 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Corn for grain yield - 168.0 bushels per acre, down 8.4 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.59 million acres, up 8%.
- Corn for silage production - 133.0 million tons, up 9%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.56 billion bushels, down 20%.
- Soybean yield - 47.4 bushels per acre, down 3.2 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 468.0 million pounds, down 12%.
- Oats production - 53.1 million bushels, down 1%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.24 million gallons, up 1%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 302.6 million acres, down 5%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 284.9 million acres, down 5%.

U.S. Stocks Totals As Of December 1, 2019

- Hay stocks on-farms - 84.5 million tons, up 7%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.18 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.21 billion bushels, down 6%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 519.0 million bushels, up 3%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.31 billion bushels, down 13%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.53 billion bushels, down 21%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.73 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 24.8 million bushels, down 3%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 29.2 million bushels, down 30%.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS
Area Planted and Harvested in West Virginia**



The West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the March Agricultural Survey from the end of February through mid-March. Representatives from our office will be contacting farmers by telephone and personal interview. Interviewers will be collecting data on planting intentions for 2020, quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on-farm, and cash rents. The results of this survey will be released on March 31st and will be published in the April edition of the *Mountain State Reporter* and on our website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

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