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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during May 2020 totaled 1,300,000 pounds. This was up 153 percent from May 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 1,702,000 pounds live weight, up 176 percent from May 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, up 800 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 110 pounds from the previous year, at 1,185 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 533,000 pounds live weight, up 275 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,800 head, up 1,300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 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 3.76 billion pounds in May, down 18 percent from the 4.57 billion pounds produced in May 2019.

Beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds, was 20 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.28 million head, down 23 percent from May 2019. The average live weight was up 51 pounds from the previous year, at 1,367 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.2 million pounds, 18 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,400 head, down 30 percent from May 2019. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from last year, at 274 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 15 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down 17 percent from May 2019. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 7 percent from May 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 195,300 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2020 commercial red meat production was 22.0 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

May 2019 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) 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 11.7 million head on June 1, 2020. The inventory was slightly below June 1, 2019. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.
Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million head, 1 percent below 2019. Net placements were 1.97 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 305,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 532,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 235,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.50 million head, 28 percent below 2019. Marketings were the lowest for May since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during May, 8 percent below 2019.

**POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

United States - Poultry certified wholesome during May 2020 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.04 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the amount certified in May 2019. The April 2020 revised certified total at 4.10 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from April 2019. The April revision represented an increase of 12.5 million pounds from last month’s preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2020 was 5.33 billion pounds, down 8 percent from 5.78 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.72 billion pounds, down 7 percent from May 2019. Mature chickens, at 63.5 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 535 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 11.4 million pounds, down 27 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2020 averaged 6.45 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2019. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.84 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2020 averaged 32.5 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2019.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2020 totaled 11.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 30.3 million pounds, were 0.75 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.78 percent a year earlier.

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

United States - Egg production totaled 9.10 billion during May 2020, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.86 billion table eggs, and 1.24 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.15 billion were broiler-type and 85.6 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during May 2020 totaled 386 million, down 4 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,357 eggs, down 2 percent from May 2019.

Total layers in the United States on June 1, 2020 totaled 384 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 384 million layers consisted of 320 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.16 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs.

Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2020, averaged 75.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 3 percent from June 1, 2019.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2020 totaled 52.8 million, down 13 percent from May 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.7 million on June 1, 2020, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 233 thousand during May 2020, up 8 percent from May 2019.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2020 totaled 807 million, down 6 percent from May 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 699 million on June 1, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.19 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply
flocks during May 2020, down 7 percent from May 2019.

**QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS**

**United States** - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2020 was 79.6 million head. This was up 5 percent from June 1, 2019, and up 3 percent from March 1, 2020.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.33 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 73.3 million head, was up 6 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

**The March-May 2020 pig crop**, at 34.9 million head, was up 1 percent from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.17 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.01 for the March-May period, compared to 11.00 last year.

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**MAPLE SYRUP**

Charleston, West Virginia - Maple syrup production totaled 16,000 gallons in 2020, up 2,000 gallons from 14,000 gallons produced in 2019. **Number of taps** was 75,000, down 5,000 taps from 80,000 taps in 2019. **Yield per tap** was 0.213 gallons, this is up from the 2019 yield per tap of 0.175 gallons. On average, the maple syrup season opened on February 4, 2020 and closed on March 9, 2020. The average season length was 34 days. The first date sap was collected in West Virginia was January 12, 2020. The last date for sap collection was April 1, 2020.

**Average price per gallon** was $41.10 in 2019, 8 percent below 2018. Bulk prices in 2019 were $2.10 per pound, down from $2.90 per pound in 2018, and $20.00 per gallon, down from $32.20 per gallon the previous year. **Percent of sales by type** in 2019 was 26 percent retail, up from 23 percent the previous year; 8 percent wholesale, down from 17 percent in 2018; and 66 percent bulk, up from 60 percent in 2018.

**United States** - Maple syrup production totaled 4.37 million gallons, up 5 percent from the revised previous season. The number of taps totaled 13.5 million, up 1 percent from the revised 2019 total. Yield per tap was 0.324 gallon, up 0.012 gallon from the revised previous season.

The earliest sap flow reported was January 2 in New York. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was February 15 in Wisconsin. On average, the season lasted 34 days, compared with 30 days in 2019. The 2019 United States average price per gallon was $31.00, down $2.80 from 2018. Value of production, at $129 million for 2019, was down 9 percent from the 2018 season.

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### West Virginia Maple Syrup Price by Type of Sale and Size of Container – 2018 and 2019

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(Dollars)
United States - Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2020 were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up 5 percent from May 31, 2019.

Butter stocks were up 2 percent from last month and up 21 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2020 were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 8 percent from the previous month, but up 3 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 1 percent from last month, but down 15 percent from May 31, 2019.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 1 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 9 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 18 percent from the previous month and down 13 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 13 percent from the previous month, but up 2 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 24 percent from the previous month and down 26 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 27 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.