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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during February 2020 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 10 percent from February 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 734,000 pounds live weight, up 22 percent from February 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,070 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 136,000 pounds live weight, up 3 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 325 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 4.45 billion pounds in February, up 7 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in February 2019.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.58 million head, up 5 percent from February 2019. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,376 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.1 million pounds, 17 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,700 head, down 18 percent from February 2019. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 224 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.31 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 6 percent from February 2019. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.7 million pounds, was down 4 percent from February 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,200 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 2 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2020 commercial red meat production was 9.41 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent

February 2019 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2020 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

TROUT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - The total value of fish sold for 2019 was 1.12 million dollars, an increase of 11 percent from the 2018 total value of 1.01 million dollars.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2019 totaled 400,000 fish, down from 450,000 fish in 2018. The average price per pound was \$2.62, up from \$2.31 per pound in 2018. The value of sales for the 2019 marketing year was 1.07 million dollars, up from 1.01 million dollars in 2018. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer during 2019 totaled 570,000 fish, up from

380,000 fish in 2018. The average value per pound was \$3.06 in 2019, up from \$3.04 per pound in 2018. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.76 million dollars for 2019, up from 1.17 million dollars in 2018.

The number of distributed trout 6” - 12” during 2019 totaled 340,000 fish. The average value per pound was \$5.15 in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 942 thousand dollars for 2019. Data for 2018 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 1” - 6” during 2019 totaled 145,000 fish. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$1,500 in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed was 218 thousand dollars. Data for 2018 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Trout losses in 2019 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Trout losses in 2018 totaled 11,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2018 totaled 91,000 fish.

United States - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 95.6 million dollars for 2019, a decrease of 6 percent from 2018. Idaho accounted for 39 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2019 totaled 32.4 million fish, down 10 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.96, a 2 percent increase from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2019 marketing year was 85.8 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2018. For trout 12 inches or longer, 55 percent were sold to processors.

Trout Value of Sales (excluding eggs), 2018-2019								
State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Thousand Dollars								
AR ^{1/}								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CO	2,695	*	*	*	*	*	2,978	2,085
GA	*	*	45	*	*	0	*	*
ID	39,960	37,250	*	*	*	*	40,290	37,416
MI	*	*	156	252	*	*	1,558	1,636
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	214	154	*	*	736	714
NC	7,600	*	*	*	*	*	8,790	7,627
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	5,136	5,280	1,454	1,092	95	85	6,685	6,457
UT	939	1,336	*	*	*	*	997	1,629
VA	1,577	1,453	*	30	*	0	1,733	1,483
WA	*	*	*	2,226	*	*	*	*
WV	1,005	1,074	*	*	*	*	1,005	1,116
WI	1,339	1,410	*	111	*	4	1,493	1,525
Other States ^{2/}	31,508	38,039	6,283	4,554	1,288	1,222	35,029	33,884
United States	91,759	85,842	8,152	8,419	1,383	1,311	101,294	95,572

^{1/} Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales. ^{2/} Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2019 totaled 9.10 million fish, an increase of 13 percent from 2018. The average price per pound was \$3.86 during 2019, up 4 percent from the 2018 price. The total value of sales was 8.42 million dollars during 2019, a 3 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 24 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2019 totaled 5.74 million, a decrease of 15 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$228 during 2019, up from \$206 in 2018. The total value of sales was 1.31 million dollars, down 5 percent from last year's total.

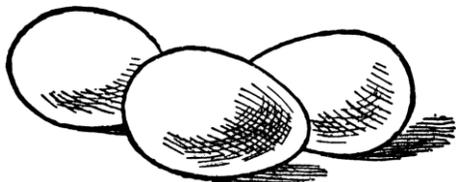
Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.41 million 12" or longer fish, 66.1 million 6"- 12" fish, and 48.0 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 136 million dollars, up 6 percent from 2018.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 32.0 million fish during 2019. Disease accounted for 88 percent of these losses.

ANNUAL CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Layer numbers during 2019 averaged 1.27 million, down 1 percent from the 2018 average of 1.28 million. The average annual production per layer was 241 eggs, up 11 eggs per layer from the 2018 total of 230 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2019 totaled 747,000, up 18 percent from the 2018 total of 632,000. Other chickens totaled 90,000 in 2019, down 3 percent from the 2018 total of 93,000.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2019 totaled 306.2 million eggs. This was 3 percent above the 2018 production of 295.9 million eggs.



The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2019 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.21 million head, up 15 percent from the 2018 total of 1.93 million.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2019 was \$17.5 million, up 15 percent from the December 1, 2018 value of \$15.3 million. The average value of \$7.90 per bird on December 1, 2019 was unchanged from the 2018 value.

United States - Layers during 2019 averaged 400 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2019 was 283 eggs, up 1 percent from 2018.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2019 totaled 113 billion eggs, up 3 percent from 2018. Table egg production, at 99.1 billion eggs, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 14.2 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from 2018.

The total inventory of chickens on hand on December 1, 2019 (excluding commercial broilers) was 532 million birds, down slightly from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2019 was \$2.36 billion, up 2 percent from December 1, 2018. The average value increased from \$4.32 per bird on December 1, 2018, to \$4.43 per bird on December 1, 2019.

CROP VALUES

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn for grain value of production totaled \$26.02 million in 2019, an increase of 27 percent from \$20.47 million in 2018. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$4.15, up \$0.07 per bushel from \$4.08 per bushel in 2018.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$101.95 million in 2019, a 12 percent decrease from the 2018 value of \$116.45 million. The average price received per ton was \$114.00. This was down \$13.00 per ton from the 2018 average price of \$127.00 per ton.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled \$8.45 million in 2019, a 10 percent increase from the 2018 value of \$7.71 million. The average price received per ton was \$192.00. This was down \$11.00 per ton from the 2018 average price of \$203.00 per ton.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$93.50 million in 2019, 14 percent less than the 2018 value of \$108.73 million. The average price received per ton was \$110.00. This was down \$13.00 per ton from the 2018 average price of \$123.00 per ton.

United States Value and Marketing Year Average Price with 2018 Comparisons

- Corn for grain value of production - \$52.91 billion, up 2 percent; \$3.85 per bushel, up \$0.24.
- All wheat value of production - \$8.88 billion, down 8 percent; \$4.55 per bushel, down \$0.61.
- Soybeans value of production - \$31.20 billion, down 15 percent; \$8.75 per bushel, up \$0.27.
- All hay value of production - \$18.16 billion, up 5 percent; \$165.00 per ton, down \$1.00.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$9.18 billion, up 7 percent; \$183.00 per ton, up \$2.00.
- All other hay value of production - \$8.98 billion, up 3 percent; \$132.00 per ton, down \$7.00.

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* *Note:* 2019 data are preliminary. Each State MYA price is based on sales in the months comprising its marketing year, while United States MYA prices are based on sales during the standard United States marketing year for each crop. State MYA prices for crops not in the monthly price program are based on annual surveys. State value of production is computed by multiplying each State price by its production. Value of production for the United States is the sum of State values for all States listed for the crop. Value of production estimates in this report relate to the crop year. Winter wheat and soybean estimates were discontinued for West Virginia in 2019.

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Thank You for your response!

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