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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during April 2020 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 87 percent from April 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 1,443,000 pounds live weight, up 126 percent from April 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 700 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 123 pounds from the previous year, at 1,140 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 242,000 pounds live weight, up 92 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 320 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 3.86 billion pounds in April, down 15 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in April 2019.

Beef production, at 1.82 billion pounds, was 20 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter

totaled 2.24 million head, down 21 percent from April 2019. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,353 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.8 million pounds, 20 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,300 head, down 22 percent from April 2019. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 250 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.41 million head, down 11 percent from April 2019. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.1 million pounds, was down 27 percent from April 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,900 head, 23 percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, down 6 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2020 commercial red meat production was 18.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 12 percent.

April 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – The production of meat animals in West Virginia during 2019 totaled 147.2 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from 2018. Cattle and calves production increased to 145.7 million pounds from 144.9 million pounds in 2018. Hogs and pigs production increased 5 percent to 1.55 million pounds from 1.48 million pounds in 2018. The value of production of meat animals

decreased to \$158.3 million compared to the value of \$162.7 million in 2018.

Total 2019 cash receipts from marketings for all meat animals were \$161.5 million, down 10 percent from cash receipts of \$178.9 million in 2018. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

The 2019 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs was \$166.8 million, down 9 percent from the 2018 gross income of \$183.3 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was down 9 percent, and hogs and pigs was down 1 percent from 2018.

Cattle and calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 10 percent during 2019. Receipts totaled \$160.7 million compared with \$178.1 million in 2018. All cattle and calf marketings during 2019 reached 147.4 million pounds, down from 159.1 million pounds in 2018.

Hogs and pigs: Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$768,000 during 2019, down 3 percent from the 2018 cash receipts of \$795,000. Marketings of 1.48 million pounds during 2019 were 4 percent below the 2018 total marketings of 1.54 million pounds.

United States – Total 2019 production of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 85.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2018. Production decreased 2 percent for cattle and calves, but increased 5 percent for hogs and pigs.

Total 2019 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased slightly to \$88.3 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 75 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 25 percent.

The 2019 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$88.7 billion, up slightly from 2018. Gross income decreased 1 percent for cattle and calves, but increased 5 percent for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 1 percent from \$67.0 billion in 2018 to \$66.2 billion in 2019. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.4 billion pounds in 2019, down 1 percent from 2018.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$22.0 billion during 2019, up 5 percent from 2018. Marketings totaled 41.6 billion pounds in 2019, up 5 percent from 2018.

Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Marketings exclude custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

2019 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Charleston, West Virginia – The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2019, was \$253.3 million, down 10 percent from the combined value of \$281.8 million in 2018. Of the combined total, 55 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from turkeys, 22 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

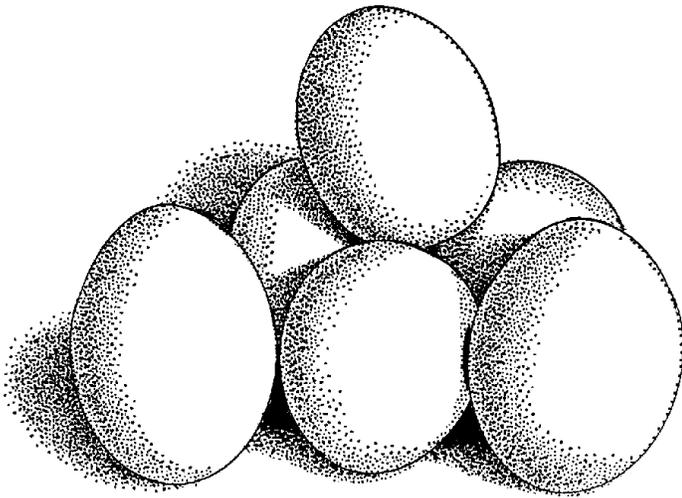
There were 75.5 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2019, down 9 percent from the number of 83.3 million broilers produced in 2018. Total live weight was 286.9 million pounds, down from 316.5 million pounds in 2018. Value of production totaled \$139.4 million, down 21 percent from the 2018 value of \$176.9 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 48.6 cents per pound is down from the 2018 average live weight equivalent price of 55.9 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.1 million, unchanged from the 2018 total. Total live weight was 99.2 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Value of production totaled \$57.4 million, up 17 percent from the 2018 value of production of \$49.2 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 57.9 cents per pound, up 6.9 cents per pound from the 2018 price of 51.0 cents.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.68 million head, down 3 percent from the 2018 total of 1.74 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 13.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2018 number of 13.7 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$761.3 thousand, down from \$1.03 million in 2018. Prices averaged 5.7 cents per pound, down from the 2018 price of 7.5 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 306.2 million eggs during 2019, up 3 percent from the 2018 production of 295.9 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 218.2 cents, down from the 2018 average price per dozen of 221.8 cents. The total value of production was \$55.7 million, up 2 percent

from the 2018 total of \$54.7 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.



United States – The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2019 was \$40.4 billion, down 13 percent from \$46.2 billion in 2018. Of the combined total, 70 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2019 was \$28.3 billion, down 11 percent from 2018. The total number of broilers produced in 2019 was 9.18 billion, up 2 percent from 2018. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2019 was 58.3 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018.

The value of turkeys produced during 2019 was \$4.30 billion, up 14 percent from the \$3.79 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2019 was 229 million, down 4 percent from 2018. Turkey production in 2019 totaled 7.43 billion pounds, up slightly from the 7.42 billion pounds produced in 2018.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2019 was \$37.6 million, down 24 percent from \$49.4 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2019 totaled 187 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2019 was \$7.70 billion, down 28 percent from \$10.7 billion in 2018. Egg production totaled 113 billion eggs, up 3 percent from 110 billion eggs produced in 2018.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 90 million pounds during 2019, down 21 million pounds from the 2018 production of 111 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 6,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2018. Average milk production per cow was 15,000 pounds or around 1,744 gallons, down 857 pounds from the 2018 number of 15,857 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2019 totaled \$16.2 million, down 9 percent from the 2018 cash receipts number of \$17.9 million. Producer returns averaged \$18.40 per hundredweight, up \$2.00 from 2018. Milk marketed by producers totaled 88 million pounds or 10.2 million gallons in 2019, down 21 million pounds from the 2018 number of 109 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 0.4 percent in 2019 to 218 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 23,391 pounds, was 241 pounds above 2018. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.34 million head, down 62,000 head from 2018.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2019 totaled \$40.5 billion, 14.9 percent higher than 2018. Producer returns averaged \$18.63 per hundredweight, 14.4 percent above 2018. Marketings totaled 217.4 billion pounds, 0.4 percent above 2018. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.02 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 0.3 percent more than 2018. Calves were fed 91 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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

MAY CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2020, totaled 95,000 tons. This is 20,000 tons more than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020, was 565,000 tons, 19 percent less than the December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019, crop disappearance of 695,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year’s average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from May 1, 2019, which were the second lowest since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

earned \$14.10 per hour, up 4 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$14.16 per hour, was up 3 percent from the 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.3 hours during the April 2020 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the April 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$15.28 per hour during the January 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the January 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$14.18 per hour, up 3 percent, while livestock workers earned \$14.22 per hour, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$14.20 per hour, was up 3 percent from the January 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.2 hours during the January 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the hours worked during the January 2019 reference week.

FARM LABOR

United States – There were 688,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation’s farms and ranches during the week of April 12-18, 2020, up 9 percent from the April 2019 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 568,000 during the week of January 12-18, 2020, up 14 percent from the January 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$15.07 per hour during the April 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the April 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$14.19 per hour, up 3 percent. Livestock workers

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