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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during August 2020 totaled 1,100,000 pounds, this was up 86 percent from August 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 1,520,000 pounds live weight, up 152 percent from August 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 800 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from the previous year, at 1,154 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 257,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 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 4.69 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.65 billion pounds produced in August 2019.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, down 4 percent from August 2019. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,365 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.0 million pounds, 17 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,200 head, down 33 percent from August 2019. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 253 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.34 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 2 percent from August 2019. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.8 million pounds, was down 15 percent from August 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,800 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, down 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2020 commercial red meat production was 36.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

August 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. August 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States – Egg production totaled 9.29 billion during August 2020, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.03 billion table eggs, and 1.26 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 85.1 million were egg-type. The

average number of layers during August 2020 totaled 380 million, down 3 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,445 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2019.

Total layers in the United States on September 1, 2020 totaled 382 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 382 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.29 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2020, averaged 77.9 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from September 1, 2019.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2020 totaled 50.0 million, up 8 percent from August 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.2 million on September 1, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 370,000 during August 2020, up 91 percent from August 2019.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2020 totaled 837 million, down 2 percent from August 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 690 million on September 1, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago.

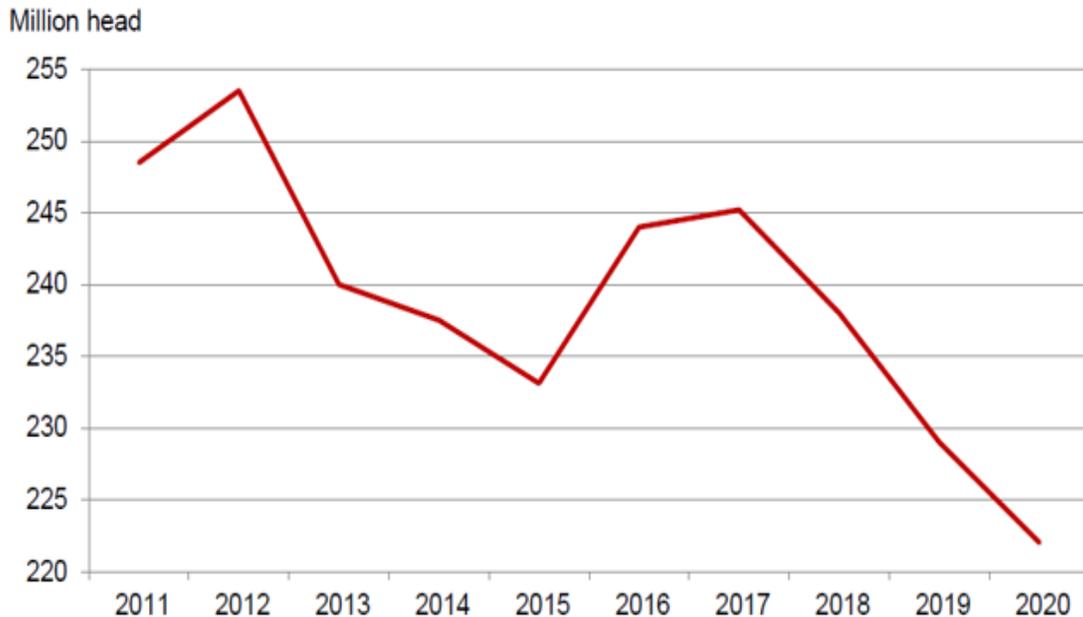
Leading breeders placed 8.21 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2020, up 1 percent from August 2019.

TURKEYS RAISED

Charleston, West Virginia – Turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2020 is forecast to be 3.3 million birds, up 6 percent from 2019.

United States – Turkeys raised in the United States during 2020 is forecast at 222 million, down 3 percent from the number raised during 2019. The top six states account for 69 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2020. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 39.0 million turkeys, down 2 percent from the previous year. Arkansas is up 3 percent from the previous year at 31.0 million turkeys produced. North Carolina produced 30.0 million turkeys, down 3 percent from a year ago. Indiana produced 20.0 million turkeys, unchanged from last year. Virginia is up 2 percent from last year at 16.3 million turkeys. Missouri produced 16.0 million turkeys, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Turkeys Raised – United States



CASH RECEIPTS

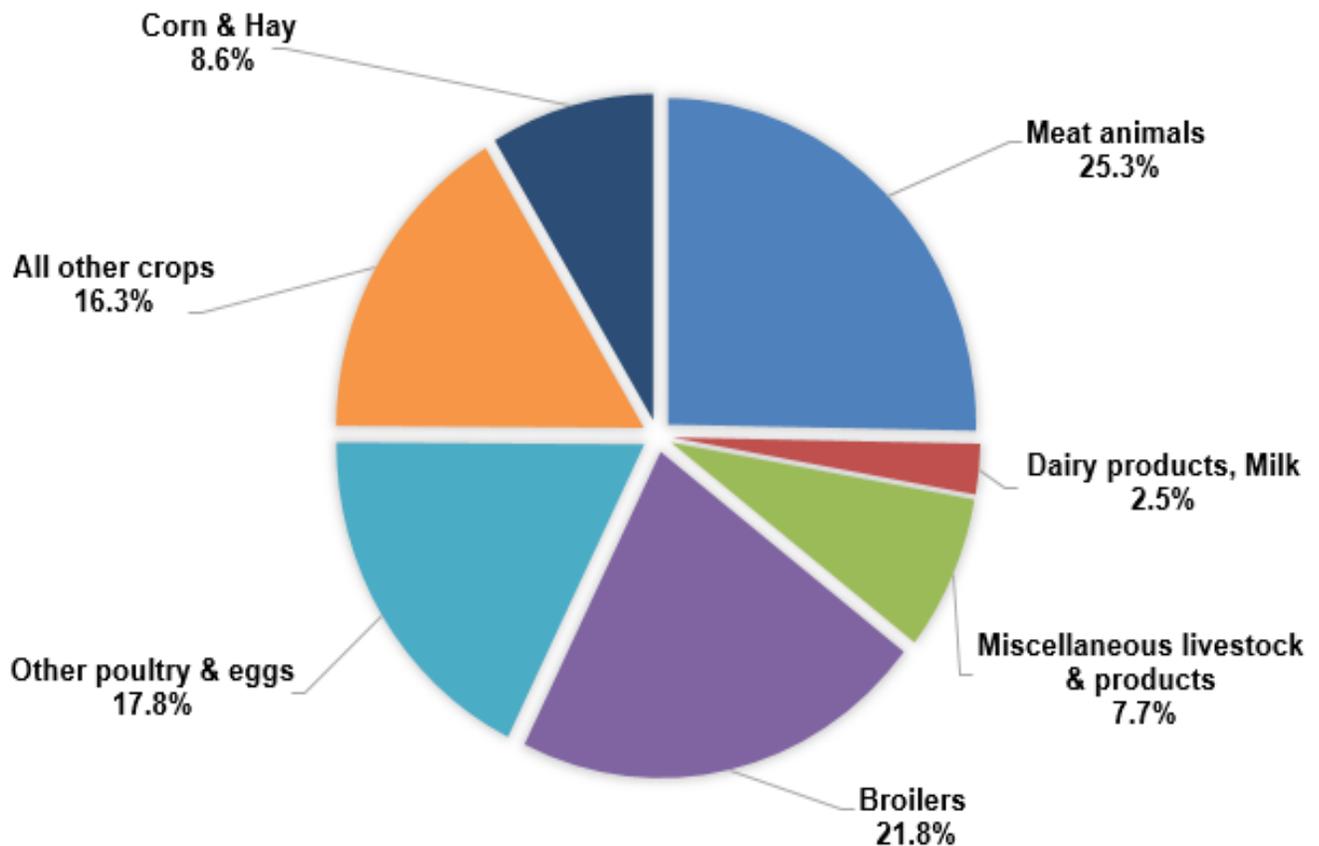
Charleston, West Virginia – The 2019 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 639,163,000 dollars, a decrease of 48.4 million dollars from 2018. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 75.1 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 24.9 percent of the 2019 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings

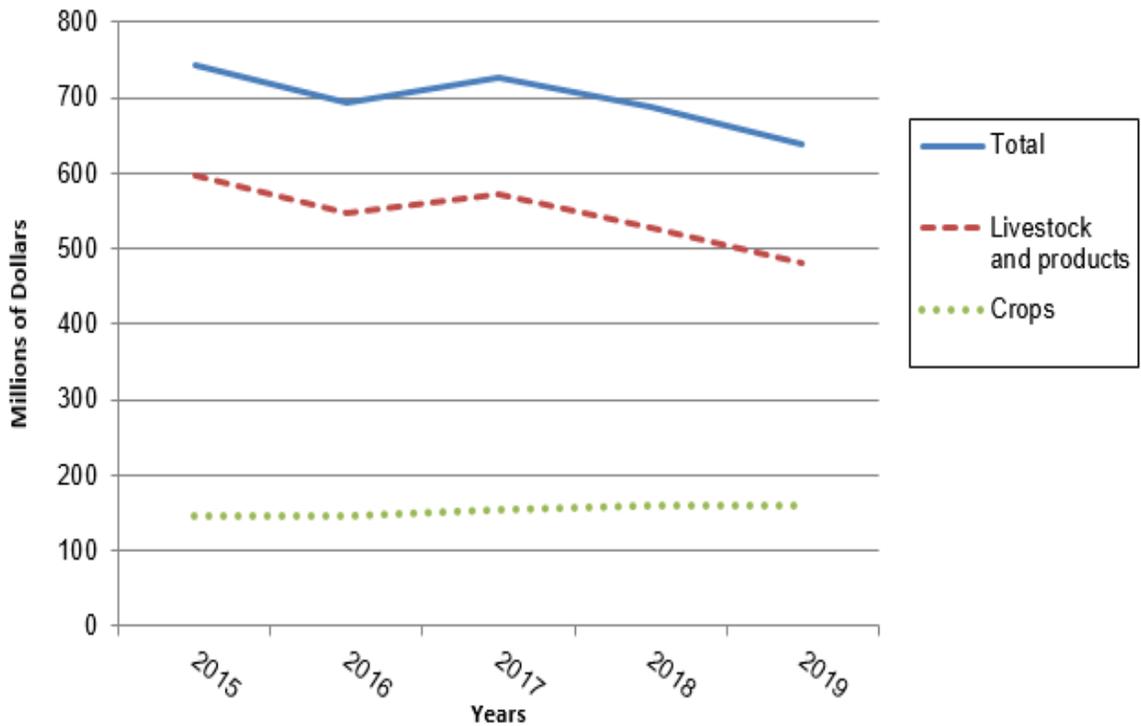
in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs, turkeys, and farm chickens, accounted for 39.6 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves, which accounted for 25.1 percent of the total in 2019.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 26th for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor from poultry and eggs, accounting for 21.8 percent of cash receipts in the State, ranking 21st in the nation. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 13th in the nation, turkey receipts at 14th in the nation, and trout receipts at 20th in the nation.

West Virginia Cash Receipts for 2019 – Selected Commodities



West Virginia 2015 - 2019 Cash Receipts – Major Commodities



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