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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2021 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 24 percent from November 2020. 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 1,281,000 pounds live weight, down 25 percent from November 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,031 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 130,000 pounds live weight, down 46 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 317 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 4.80 billion pounds in November, up 2 percent from the 4.69 billion pounds produced in November 2020.

Beef production, at 2.38 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 6 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,382 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,000 head, down 6 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.41 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 1 percent from November 2020. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 195,100 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2021 commercial red meat production was 51.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 18 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

November 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

HOGS AND PIGS INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2021, was 3,500 head, an increase of 500 head from December 1, 2020. Of the

3,500 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2020. The breakdown of the remaining 2,500 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 5,800 head, 18 percent more than the 2020 pig crop of 4,900 head. Sows farrowing from December 2020 through November 2021 totaled 700 head, up 17 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.29 pigs, up 1 percent from the 2020 average of 8.17 pigs per litter.

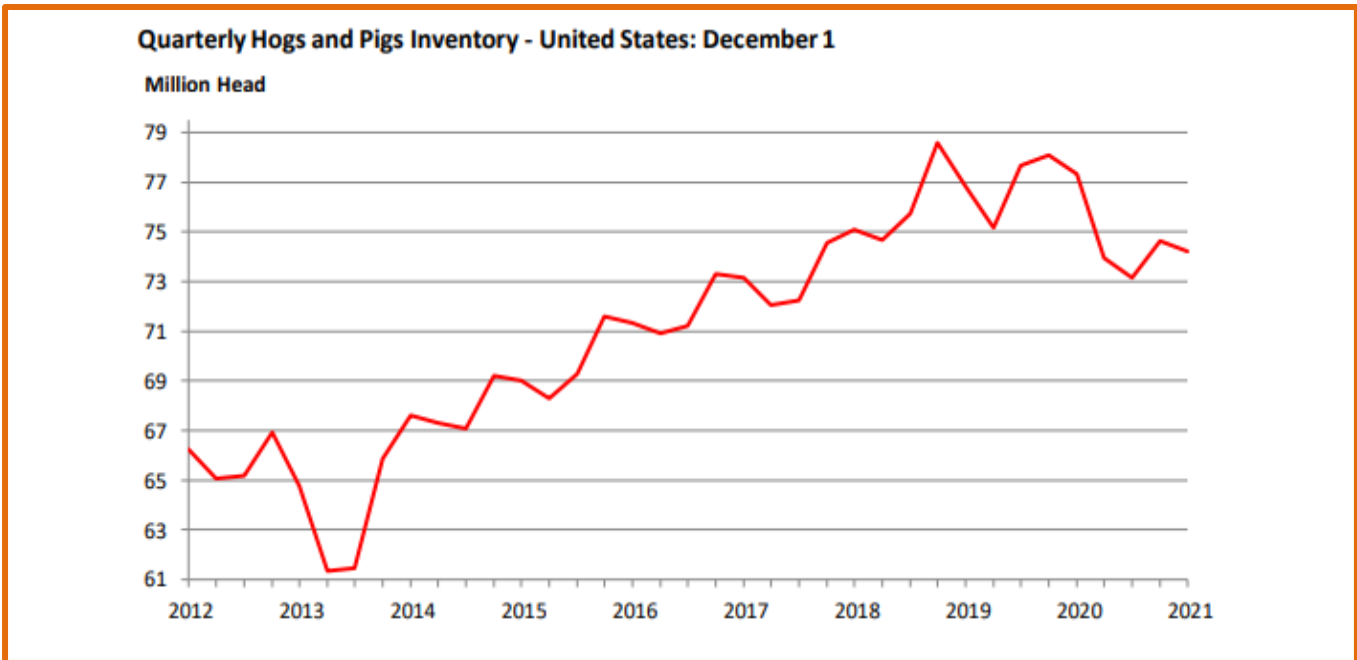
United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2021 was 74.2 million head. This was down 4 percent from December 1, 2020, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2021. Breeding inventory, at 6.18 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2021 pig crop, at 33.7 million head, was down 4 percent from 2020. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.01 million head, down 5 percent from 2020. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.19 for the September-November period, compared to 11.05 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the December 2021-February 2022 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but down 8 percent from the same period two years

earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2022, at 3.01 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 4 percent from the same period two years earlier. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2019 through September 2021 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. The net revision made to the June 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 3.3 percent. A net revision of 1.0 percent was made to the March-May 2021 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.1 percent. A net revision of 3.6 percent was made to the December 2020-February 2021 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision slightly upward was made to the September-November 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.3 percent. The net revision made to the June 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. A net revision of 0.9 percent was made to the March-May 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 3.2 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the December 2019-February 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. A net revision of 4.3 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop.



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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2021. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2020.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.97 million head, 4 percent above 2020. Net placements were 1.91 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 485,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 405,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 296,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.87 million head, 5 percent above 2020. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996. November 2021 included one additional day of slaughter compared to last year.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during November, unchanged from 2020.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 9.37 billion during November 2021, up slightly from last year. Production included 8.13 billion table eggs, and 1.24 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 73.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2021 totaled 392 million, up 1 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,390 eggs, down slightly from November 2020.

Total layers in the United States on December 1, 2021 totaled 393 million, up slightly from last year. The 393 million layers consisted of 328 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2021, averaged 79.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from December 1, 2020.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2021 totaled 45.8 million, down 5 percent from November 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.4 million on December 1, 2021, down 9 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 204 thousand during November 2021, up 21 percent from November 2020.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2021 totaled 799 million, up 2 percent from November 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 722 million on December 1, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.99 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2021, up 2 percent from November 2020.



COLD STORAGE

United States - Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2021 were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up 5 percent from November 30, 2020.

Butter stocks were down 24 percent from last month and down 16 percent from a year ago.

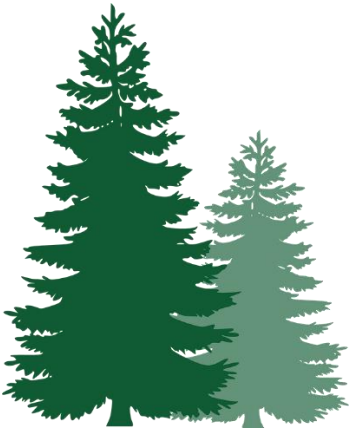
Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2021 were down 17 percent from the previous month and down 18 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 53 percent

from last month and down 26 percent from November 30, 2020.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 8 percent from last month and down 12 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 2 percent from last month and down 2 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 4 percent from the previous month, but down 4 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 8 percent from the previous month and down 3 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 117 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year.



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