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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during January 2021 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 36 percent from January 2020. 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 1,716,000 pounds live weight, up 48 percent from January 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,092 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 222,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 309 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 January, down 3 percent from the 4.96 billion pounds produced in January 2020.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 5 percent from

January 2020. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,399 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, 28 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,300 head, 35 percent below January 2020. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.48 billion pounds, 3 percent below the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.2 million head, 5 percent below January 2020. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 295 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.4 million pounds, was 12 percent below January 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,800 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from January a year ago.

January 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2021 totaled 375,000 head, down 20,000 head from the January 1, 2020 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 195,000 head, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2020.

Comparing January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2020: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 190,000 head, down 9,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 5,000 head, down 1,000 head; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 56,000 head, down 3,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 32,000 head, down 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head; **other heifers** totaled 22,000 head, unchanged; **steers** 500 pounds and over

totalled 44,000 head, unchanged; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totalled 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totalled 66,000 head, down 6,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totalled 5,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2020.

The 2020 **calf crop** totalled 175,000 head, down 20,000 head from the 2019 calf crop.

United States - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2021 totalled 93.6 million head, slightly below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020.

Comparing January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2020: **beef cows** that have calved totalled 31.2 million head, down 1 percent; **milk cows** that have calved totalled 9.44 million head, up 1 percent; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totalled 20.0 million head, slightly down; **beef replacement heifers** totalled 5.81 million head, up slightly; **milk replacement heifers** totalled 4.60 million head, down 2 percent; **other heifers** totalled 9.58 million head, up 1 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totalled 16.6 million head, up slightly; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totalled 2.21 million head, down 1 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totalled 14.2 million head, down 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totalled 14.7 million head, slightly up. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 25.7 million head, down slightly.

The 2020 **calf crop** in the United States was estimated at 35.1 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2020 were estimated at 25.8 million head, down 1 percent from the first half of 2019. Calves born during the second half of 2020 were estimated at 9.39 million head, 27 percent of the total 2020 calf crop.



SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORIES

Charleston, West Virginia - All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2021, was 30,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 1, 2020.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totalled 26,000 head on January 1, 2021, down 1,000 head from 2020. Ewes totalled 21,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2020. Rams totalled 1,500 head, unchanged from 2020. Replacement lambs totalled 3,500 head, unchanged from 2020.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totalled 4,000 head, down 2,000 head from January 1, 2020. Market sheep totalled 500 head, down 500 head from the previous year. Market lambs totalled 3,500 head, down 1,500 head from the previous year. Of these, 2,000 were under 65 pounds, 500 were 65 - 84 pounds, 500 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2020 **lamb crop** totalled 25,000 head, down 3,000 head from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 114 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2020, down 19 lambs per 100 ewes from 2019.

Shorn wool production during 2020 was 70,000 pounds, down 17,000 pounds from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totalled 13,000 head, down 3,000 head from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.50 per pound, unchanged from the average price paid in 2019. Value was 105,000 dollars, down 26,000 dollars from the value of 131,000 dollars in 2019.

Sheep death loss during 2020 totalled 1,500 head, down 500 head from 2019. Lamb death loss during 2020 totalled 3,000 head, down 1,500 head from 2019.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2021 was estimated at 19,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2020. **Milk goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. **Angora goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totalled 5.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2020.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, decreased 1 percent from 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2020 lamb crop of 3.21 million head was down 1 percent from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2020, unchanged from 2019.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2020 was 23.1 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.28 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.66 per pound for a total value of 38.4 million dollars, down 15 percent from 45.4 million dollars in 2019.

Sheep death loss during 2020 totaled 210 thousand head, down 4 percent from 2019. Lamb death loss was down 5 percent from 388 thousand head to 370 thousand head in 2020.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 2.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.12 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Does one year old and older, at 1.57 million head, were down 3 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 465 thousand head, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2020 totaled 1.66 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2019.

Meat and other goats totaled 2.05 million head on January 1, 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Milk goat inventory was 420 thousand head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2020, while Angora goats were down 10 percent, totaling 117 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2020 was 589 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 113 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.2 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.07 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.

Sheep and Goat Revisions - All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2020, were reviewed using official slaughter, import

and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to goats and kids inventory and no change was made to kid crop at the United States level. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS



Charleston, West Virginia - The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,800 in 2020, down 100 farms from 2019. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size was 154 acres, up 1 acre from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 16,500 in 2020, down 100 farms from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 91 acres, up 1 acre from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 5,500 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 255 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 370 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 270,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 730 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 130 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 846 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000 or more** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2019.

United States - The number of farms in the United States for 2020 is estimated at 2,019,000, down 4,400 farms from 2019. The number of farms in all sales classes declined. In 2020, 51.1 percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.5 percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2020, 7.4 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 896,600,000 acres, decreased 800,000 acres from 2019. The biggest change for 2020 is that producers in Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 operated 550,000 fewer acres than in 2019. In 2020, 30.1 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.8 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2020 is 444 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average farm size increased in the \$250,000 - \$499,999, \$500,000 - \$999,999, and \$1,000,000 or more sales classes and remained unchanged in all others.

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