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### RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during December 2020 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 19 percent from December 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 1,737,000 pounds live weight, up 27 percent from December 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 83 pounds from the previous year, at 1,036 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 191,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 316 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 4.85 billion pounds in December, up 3 percent from the 4.73 billion pounds produced in December 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 1 percent from December 2019. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,389 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.6 million pounds, 14 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 40,600 head, down 19 percent from December 2019. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.51 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, up 1 percent from December 2019. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

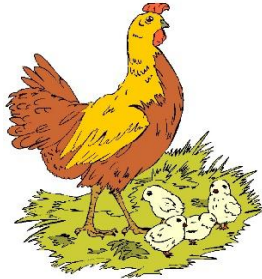
**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.0 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 121 pounds, down 2 pounds from December a year ago.

**January to December 2020 commercial red meat production** was 55.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was slightly down from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

December 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*

## CHICKENS AND EGGS



**United States - Egg production** totaled 9.60 billion during December 2020, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.33 billion table eggs, and 1.26 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 87.4 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2020 averaged 391 million, down 3 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,453 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2019.

**All layers** in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 391 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 391 million layers consisted of 325 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.37 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2021, averaged 78.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2020.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during December 2020 totaled 53.4 million, up 16 percent from December 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.8 million on January 1, 2021, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 461 thousand during December 2020, up 53 percent from December 2019.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during December 2020 totaled 848 million, down 1 percent from December 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 712 million on January 1, 2021, down slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.43 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2020, down 2 percent from December 2019.

## FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production** in West Virginia totaled 21 million pounds or 2.4 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2020. This was down 1 million pounds from the July - September 2020 quarter, but was unchanged from the October - December quarter of 2019. The number of dairy cows averaged 6,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2019, and the previous quarter.



**United States - Milk production** in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.6 billion pounds, up 3.0 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.43 million head, 59,000 head more than the July - September quarter, but 81,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

## ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION 'DECEMBER AG SURVEY RESULTS'

**Charleston, West Virginia - All hay** area harvested in 2020 totaled 540,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from 2019. The average yield in 2020 was 1.92 tons per acre, up 0.18 ton per acre from 2019. Production

totalled 1,035,000 tons, up 141,000 tons from 2019. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 770,000 tons, up 110,000 tons from the total of 660,000 tons in 2019.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 10,000 acres in 2020, down 5,000 acres from 2019. Yields in 2020 averaged 2.80 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton per acre from 2019. Production totaled 28,000 tons, down 16,000 tons from 2019. New seedings of alfalfa in 2020 are estimated at 1,000 acres, no change from 2019.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 530,000 acres in 2020, up 30,000 acres from 2019. Yields averaged 1.90 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton per acre from 2019. Production totaled 1,007,000 tons, up 157,000 tons from 2019.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2020 totaled 51,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2019. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 38,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average yield of 144.0 bushels per acre was down 21.0 bushels per acre from 2019. Production was 5,472,000 bushels, down 798,000 bushels from 2019.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 12,000 acres in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Yields averaged 19.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton per acre from 2019. Silage production was estimated at 228,000 tons, down 12,000 tons from 2019.

**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2020 was 75,000, down 5,000 taps from 2019. Yield per tap was 0.213 gallons, up from 0.175 gallons per tap in 2019. Production totaled 16,000 gallons in 2020, up 2,000 gallons from 2019.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 591,000 acres in 2020, up 24,000 acres from 2019. Area harvested totaled 590,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from 2019. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

### United States With Previous Year Comparisons

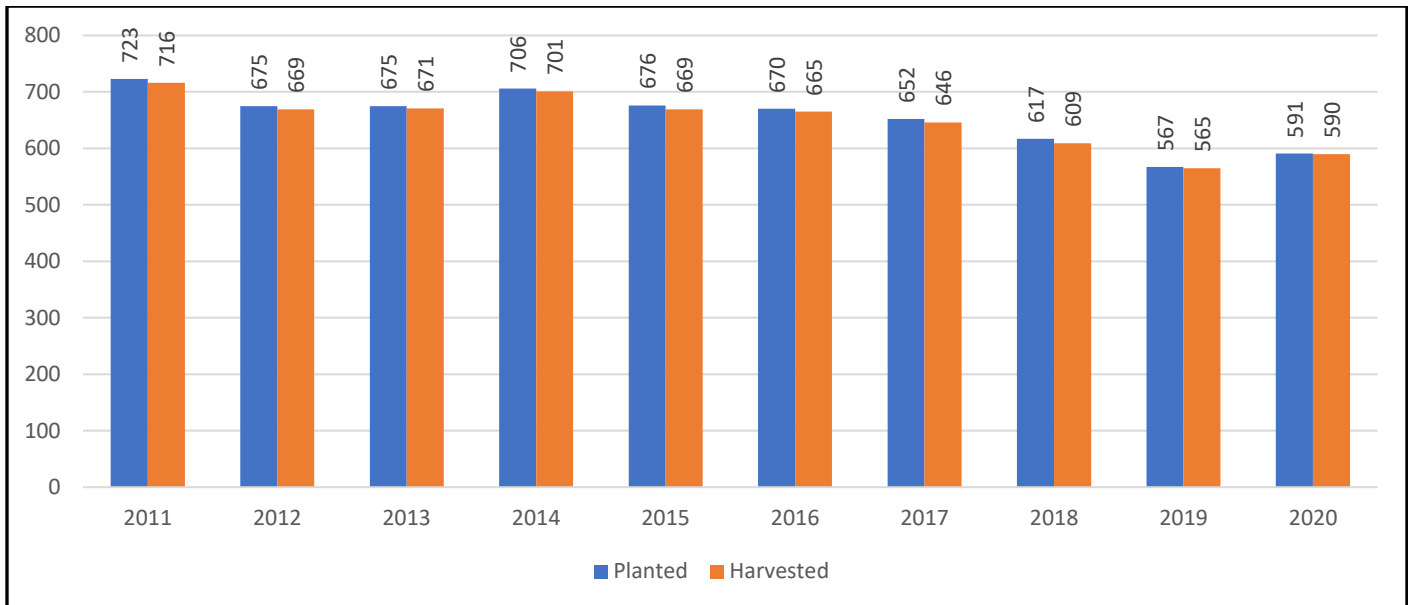
- All wheat production - 1.83 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.17 billion bushels, down 11%.
- 2021 Winter wheat seedings - 32.0 million acres, up 5% from 2020.
- 2020 Alfalfa seedings - 2.18 million acres, down 12% from 2019.
- Alfalfa hay production - 53.1 million tons, down 3%.
- All other hay production - 73.7 million tons, down less than 1%.
- All hay production - 126.8 million tons, down 2%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 90.8 million acres, up 1%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 82.5 million acres, up 1%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.2 billion bushels, up 4%.
- Corn for grain yield - 172.0 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.72 million acres, up 2%.
- Corn for silage production - 138 million tons, up 3%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.14 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Soybean yield - 50.2 bushels per acre, up 2.8 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 389 million pounds, down 17%.
- Oats production - 65.4 million bushels, up 23%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.37 million gallons, up 5%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 310.1 million acres, up 2%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 291.7 million acres, up 2%.

### U.S. Stocks Totals As Of December 1, 2020

- Hay stocks on-farms - 84.0 million tons, down 1%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.05 billion bushels, down less than 1%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.28 billion bushels, up 1%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 483.5 million bushels, down 7%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.19 billion bushels, down 10%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.31 billion bushels, down 14%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.62 billion bushels, down 6%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 28.8 million bushels, up 16%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 28.8 million bushels, down 1%.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**  
**Area Planted and Harvested in West Virginia**

Thousand Acres



**The West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service** will be conducting the March Agricultural Survey from the end of February through mid-March. Representatives from our office will be contacting farmers by telephone. Interviewers will be collecting data on planting intentions for 2021, quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on-farm, and cash rents. The results of this survey will be released on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will be published in the April edition of the *Mountain State Reporter* and on our website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.

*Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!*

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