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Red Meat Production

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during June 2021 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 41 percent from June 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 977,000 pounds live weight, down 39 percent from June 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 800 head, down 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,201 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 119,000 pounds live weight, down 68 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 900 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 313 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 4.67 billion pounds in June, down 3 percent from the 4.79 billion pounds produced in June 2020.

Beef production, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 3 percent from June 2020. The average live weight was down 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,346 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.1 million pounds, 27 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 31,800 head, down 15 percent from June 2020. The average live weight was down 37 pounds from last year, at 223 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.25 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down 5 percent from June 2020. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.3 million pounds, was down 9 percent from June 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 120 pounds, down 9 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2021 commercial red meat production was 27.9 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 20 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

June 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

Chickens And Eggs

United States - Egg production totaled 9.04 billion during June 2021, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.77 billion table eggs, and 1.27 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were
broiler-type and 76.6 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during June 2021 totaled 384 million, up slightly from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,356 eggs, up 2 percent from June 2020.

**Total layers** in the United States on July 1, 2021 totaled 384 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 384 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2021, averaged 78.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from July 1, 2020.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during June 2021 totaled 53.4 million, down 4 percent from June 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.9 million on July 1, 2021, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 288 thousand during June 2021, down 23 percent from June 2020.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during June 2021 totaled 824 million, down 1 percent from June 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 715 million on July 1, 2021, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.55 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2021, up 18 percent from June 2020.

**Second Quarter Milk Production**

**Charleston, West Virginia** - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 19 million pounds or 2.21 million gallons during the April - June quarter of 2021. This is down 4 million pounds from the same period in 2020, but is unchanged from the January - March 2021 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same period in 2020, but unchanged from the previous quarter.

**United States** - Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 58.1 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.51 million head, 47,000 head more than the January - March quarter, and 141,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

**United States - Corn** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2021 totaled 4.11 billion bushels, down 18 percent from June 1, 2020. Of the total stocks, 1.74 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 39 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.37 billion bushels, are up 11 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2021 indicated disappearance is 3.58 billion bushels, compared with 2.95 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on June 1, 2021 totaled 767 million bushels, down 44 percent from June 1, 2020. On-farm stocks totaled 220 million bushels, down 65 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 547 million bushels, are down 27 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2021 quarter totaled 795 million bushels, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Old crop all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2021 totaled 844 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 142 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 702 million bushels, are down 12 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2021 indicated disappearance is 467 million bushels, up 21 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Old crop Durum wheat** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2021 totaled 27.5 million bushels, down 34 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 13.5 million bushels, are down 24 percent from June 1, 2020. Off-farm stocks totaled 14.0 million bushels, down 42 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2021 indicated disappearance of 14.7 million bushels is up 55 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Crop Acreage**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Corn** planted is estimated at 51,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. Growers expect to harvest 38,000 acres for grain, unchanged from last year.

**All hay** harvested is forecast at 555,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 15,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 540,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year.

*Note: These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2021, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.*

**United States With 2020 Comparisons**

*Corn planted for all purposes - 92.7 million acres, up 2 percent. Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:
- Insect resistant - 3% of 2021 crop, 3% of 2020 crop;
- Herbicide resistant - 9% of 2021 crop, 10% of 2020 crop;
- Stacked gene - 81% of 2021 crop, 79% of 2020 crop;
- All Biotech varieties - 93% of 2021 crop, 92% of 2020 crop.

*Corn harvested for grain - 84.5 million acres, up 2 percent.

*Winter wheat planted - 33.7 million acres, up 11 percent.

*Winter wheat harvested for grain - 25.4 million acres, up 11 percent.

*Oats planted - 2.4 million acres, down 21 percent.

*Oats harvested - 722,000 acres, down 28 percent.

*All tobacco harvested - 224,600 acres, up 13 percent.

*Burley tobacco harvested - 43,450 acres, up slightly.
*All hay for harvest - 51.5 million acres, down 1 percent.

*Alfalfa hay for harvest - 16.1 million acres, down 1 percent.

*Other hay for harvest - 35.4 million acres, down 2 percent.

*Soybeans planted - 87.6 million acres, up 5 percent.

  Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:
  - Herbicide resistant - 95% of 2021 crop, 94% of 2020 crop;
  - All Biotech varieties - 95% of 2021 crop, 94% of 2020 crop.

*Soybeans for harvest - 86.7 million acres, up 5 percent.