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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during November 2022 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 9 percent from November 2021. 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 1,416,000 pounds live weight, up 4 percent from November 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 95 pounds from the previous year, at 1,080 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 227,000 pounds live weight, up 47 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 298 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 4.79 billion pounds in November, down slightly from the 4.81 billion pounds produced in November 2021.

**Beef production**, at 2.42 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 2 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,384 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.5 million pounds, 2 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 31,200 head, down 6 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.35 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 2 percent from November 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

**January to November 2022 commercial red meat production** was 51.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

November 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2022 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, 2022, was 5,000 head, an increase of 1,500 head from December 1, 2021. Of

the 5,000 head, 1,500 were for breeding, up 500 head from 2021. The breakdown of the remaining 3,500 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 1,500 head were under 50 pounds; 1,000 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 500 head were 180 pounds and over.

**Annual pig crop** totaled 8,600 head, 48 percent more than the 2021 pig crop of 5,800 head. Sows farrowing from December 2021 through November 2022 totaled 1,000 head, up 43 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.60 pigs, up 4 percent from the 2021 average of 8.29 pigs per litter.

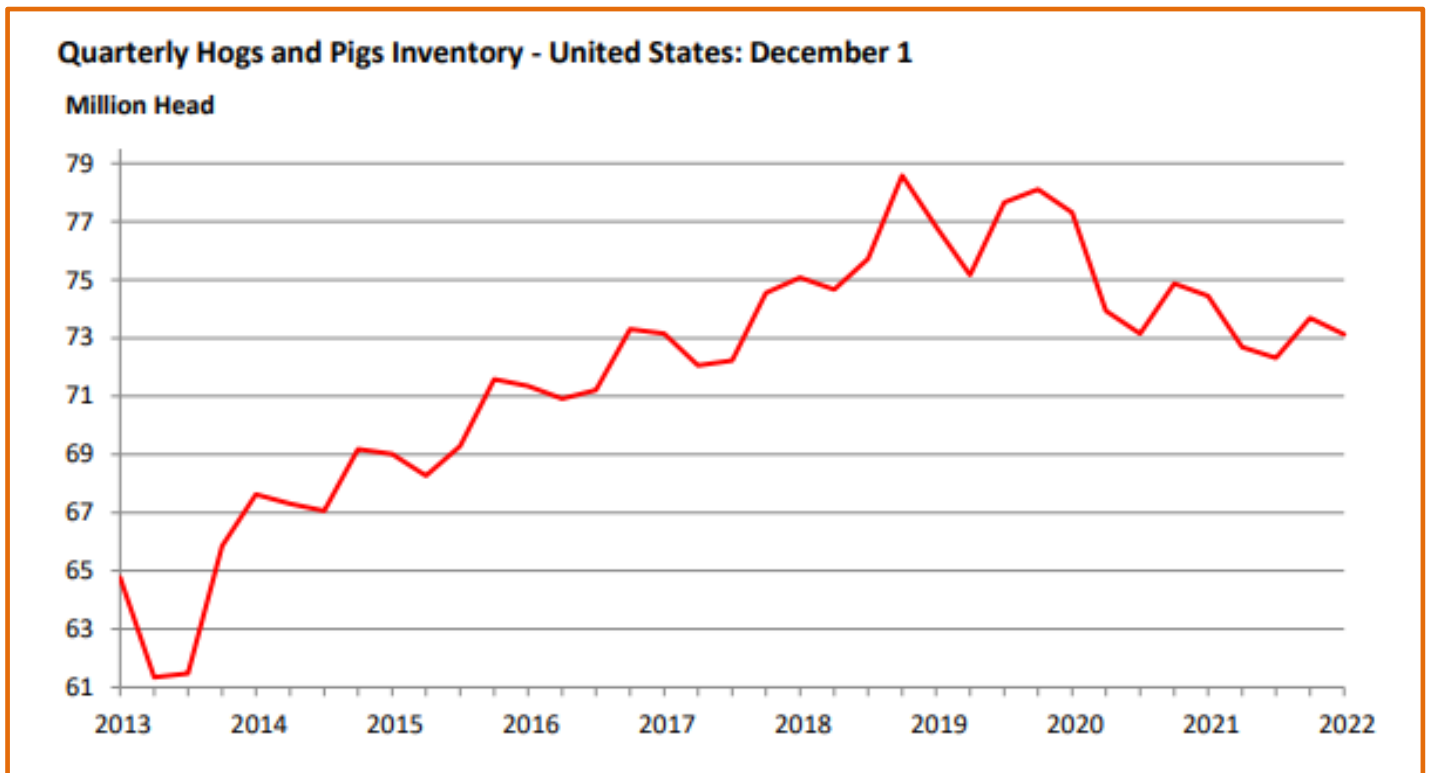
**United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2022 was 73.1 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2021, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2022. Breeding inventory, at 6.15 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

**The September-November 2022** pig crop, at 33.7 million head, was down 1 percent from 2021. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding

herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.22 for the September-November period, compared to 11.19 last year.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2022-February 2023 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2023, at 2.98 million sows, are up slightly from the same period one year earlier, but down 2 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 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 1 percent from the previous year.

**Revisions** - All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2020 through September 2022 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A revision of 0.2 percent was made to the June-August 2022 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the March-May 2022 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 11.7 million head on December 1, 2022. The inventory was 3 percent below December 1, 2021.

**Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million head, 2 percent below 2021. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 540,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 465,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 405,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 290,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 135,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.89 million head, 1 percent above 2021. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 57,000 head during November, 7 percent below 2021.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States - Egg production** totaled 8.87 billion during November 2022, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.62 billion table eggs, and 1.25 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.16 billion were broiler-type and 92.1 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2022 totaled 375 million, down 4 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,369 eggs, down slightly from November 2021.

**Total layers** in the United States on December 1, 2022, totaled 374 million, down 5 percent from last year. The 374 million layers consisted of 308 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2022, averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from December 1, 2021.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during November 2022

totalled 46.5 million, up 2 percent from November 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.7 million on December 1, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 200 thousand during November 2022, down 2 percent from November 2021.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during November 2022 totaled 810 million, up 1 percent from November 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 720 million on December 1, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.68 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2022, down 4 percent from November 2021.

## COLD STORAGE

**United States - Total natural cheese stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2022, were down 1 percent from the previous month, but up 1 percent from November 30, 2021.

**Butter stocks** were down 17 percent from last month and down 5 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on November 30, 2022, were down 11 percent from the previous month, but up 18 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 22 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 50 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from November 30, 2021.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were up 3 percent from last month and up 22 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 4 percent from the previous month, but up 10 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 6 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 11 percent from the previous month, but up 13 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 35 percent from last month and up 116 percent from last year.

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The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land - whether rural or urban - growing fruit, vegetables or some food animals count if \$1,000 or more of such products were raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year. The Census of Agriculture, taken only once every five years, looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures. For America's farmers and ranchers, the Census of Agriculture is their voice, their future, and their opportunity.

**Census Key Dates:** February 2023 – response deadline  
Spring/summer 2024 – data release

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