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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during January 2022 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 25 percent from January 2021. 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 1,310,000 pounds live weight, down 27 percent from January 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,103 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 121,000 pounds live weight, down 48 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 14 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 4.56 billion pounds in January, down 5 percent from the 4.80 billion pounds produced in January 2021.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, down 2 percent from

January 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,398 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, slightly below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,300 head, slightly below January 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 247 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.28 billion pounds, 8 percent below the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, 7 percent below January 2021. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 294 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 9.8 million pounds, was 6 percent below January 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 154,100 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, down 2 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2022 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, 2022 totaled 370,000 head, down 5,000 head from the January 1, 2021 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 193,000 head, down 2,000 head from January 1, 2021.

Comparing January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2021: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 188,000 head, down 2,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 5,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 54,000 head, down 2,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 30,000 head, down 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 2,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 22,000 head,

unchanged; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 39,000 head, down 5,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 14,000 head, unchanged; **calves under 500 pounds** totaled 70,000 head, up 4,000 head. **All cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2021.

The 2021 **calf crop** totaled 185,000 head, unchanged from the 2020 calf crop.

United States - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2022 totaled 91.9 million head, 2 percent below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2021. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 39.5 million head, were 2 percent below the 40.3 million head on January 1, 2021. Beef cows, at 30.1 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.38 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2022 totaled 19.8 million head, 2 percent below the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2021. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.61 million head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.45 million head, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.71 million head, were 1 percent below a year earlier. **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2022 totaled 16.6 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2021. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2022 totaled 2.11 million head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2021. **Calves under 500 pounds** as of January 1, 2022 totaled 13.9 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head on January 1, 2022. The inventory is up slightly from the January 1, 2021 total of 14.7 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.9 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2022, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) at 25.5 million head, was 3 percent below January 1, 2021.

The 2021 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 2021 were estimated at 25.6 million head, down 1 percent from the first half of 2020. Calves born

during the second half of 2021 were estimated at 9.46 million head, 27 percent of the total 2021 calf crop.

SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORIES

Charleston, West Virginia - All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2022, was 32,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2021.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 28,000 head on January 1, 2022, up 2,000 head from 2021. Ewes totaled 22,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2021. Rams totaled 1,000 head, down 500 head from 2021. Replacement lambs totaled 5,000 head, up 1,500 head from 2021.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2021. Market sheep totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 3,500 head, unchanged from the previous year. Of these, 1,500 were under 65 pounds, 500 were 65 - 84 pounds, 500 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 1,000 were over 105 pounds.

The 2021 lamb crop totaled 26,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 124 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2021, up 10 lambs per 100 ewes from 2020.

Shorn wool production during 2021 was 74,000 pounds, up 4,000 pounds from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 13,000 head, unchanged from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.40 per pound, down \$0.10 per pound from the average price paid in 2020. Value was 104,000 dollars, down 1,000 dollars from the value of 105,000 dollars in 2020.

Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 1,700 head, up 200 head from 2020. Lamb death loss during 2021 totaled 3,500 head, up 500 head from 2020.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2022 was estimated at 20,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2021. **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, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2021.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022, decreased 2 percent from 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2021 lamb crop of 3.16 million head was down 2 percent from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2021, down 1 percent from 2020.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of 38.2 million dollars, down 1 percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.

Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 200,000 head, down 5 percent from 2020. Lamb death loss decreased 1 percent from 370,000 head to 365,000 head in 2021.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 2.55 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.09 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Does one year old and older, at 1.55 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 457,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2021 totaled 1.60 million head for all goats, down 3 percent from 2020.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.03 million head on January 1, 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Milk goat inventory was 410,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2021, while Angora goats were down 9 percent, totaling 110,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2021 was 546,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled

105,500 head. Average weight per clip was 5.2 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.58 per pound with a value of 3.05 million dollars.



FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

Charleston, West Virginia - The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,300 in 2021, down 500 farms from 2020. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size was 157 acres, up 3 acres from 2020.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 16,100 in 2021, down 400 farms from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 93 acres, up 2 acres from 2020.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 5,400 in 2021, down 100 farms from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 259 acres, up 4 acres from 2020.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 370 in 2021, unchanged from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 270,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 730 acres, unchanged from 2020.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 130 in 2021, unchanged from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 846 acres, unchanged from 2020.



The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2021, unchanged from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2020.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000 or more** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2021, unchanged from 2020. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2020.

United States - The number of farms in the United States for 2021 is estimated at 2,012,050, down 6,950 farms from 2020. The number of farms increased in all sales classes except \$1,000-\$9,999, \$100,000-\$249,999, and \$1,000,000 or more. In 2021, 51.0

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 2021, 7.4 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 895,300,000 acres, decreased 1,300,000 acres from 2020. The biggest change for 2021 is that producers in Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 operated 640,000 fewer acres than in 2020. In 2021, 30.1 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.9 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2021 is 445 acres, up from 444 acres the previous year. Average farm size increased in the \$1,000,000 or more sales class and decreased or remained unchanged in all other sales classes

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