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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during December 2021 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 19 percent from December 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 1,365,000 pounds live weight, down 22 percent from December 2020. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from the previous year, at 1,018 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 124,000 pounds live weight, down 35 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 330 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 4.78 billion pounds in December, down 1 percent from the 4.86 billion pounds produced in December 2020.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from December 2020. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,392 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.3 million pounds, 7 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 38,700 head, down 5 percent from December 2020. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.40 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, down 4 percent from December 2020. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down 4 percent from December 2020. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,100 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, up 1 pound from December a year ago.

January to December 2021 commercial red meat production was 55.8 billion pounds, up slightly from 2020. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

December 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2021 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 9.66 billion during December 2021, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 8.38 billion table eggs, and 1.28 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 78.2 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2021 averaged 392 million, up slightly from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,464 eggs, up slightly from December 2020.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 392 million, down slightly from last year. The 392 million layers consisted of 326 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2022, averaged 79.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2021.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2021 totaled 47.3 million, down 9 percent from December 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 46.5 million on January 1, 2022, down 8 percent from a year ago.

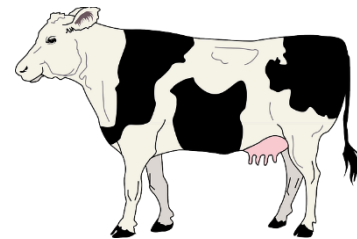
Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 214 thousand during December 2021, down 54 percent from December 2020.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2021 totaled 846 million, down slightly from December 2020. Eggs in incubators totaled 712 million on January 1, 2022, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.79 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2021, up 13 percent from December 2020.

FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 19 million pounds or 2.2 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2021. This was up 1 million pounds from the July - September 2021 quarter, but was down 2 million pounds from the October - December quarter of 2020. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter, but down 1,000 head from the October - December quarter of 2020.



United States - Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 55.5 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from the October - December quarter of the prior year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, 67,000 head less than the July - September quarter, and 46,000 head less 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 2021 totaled 518,000 acres, down 22,000 acres from 2020. The average yield in 2021 was 1.73 tons per acre, down 0.19 ton per acre from 2020. Production totaled 894,000 tons, down 141,000 tons from 2020. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 790,000 tons, up 20,000 tons from the total of 770,000

tons in 2020.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 18,000 acres in 2021, up 8,000 acres from 2020. Yields in 2021 averaged 2.45 tons per acre, down 0.35 ton per acre from 2020. Production totaled 44,000 tons, up 16,000 tons from 2020. New seedings of alfalfa in 2021 are estimated at 3,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2020.

All other hay area harvested totaled 500,000 acres in 2021, down 30,000 acres from 2020. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2020. Production totaled 850,000 tons, down 157,000 tons from 2020.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2021 totaled 51,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 38,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. The average yield of 144.0 bushels per acre was unchanged from 2020. Production was 5,472,000 bushels, unchanged from 2020.

Corn for silage area harvested was 11,000 acres in 2021, down 1,000 acres from 2020. Yields averaged 18.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton per acre from 2020. Silage production was estimated at 198,000 tons, down 30,000 tons from 2020.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2021 was 77,000, up 2,000 taps from 2020. Yield per tap was 0.169 gallon, down from 0.213 gallon per tap in 2020. Production totaled 13,000 gallons in 2021, down 3,000 gallons from 2020. Maple data were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 569,000 acres in 2021, down 22,000 acres from 2020. Area harvested totaled 567,000 acres, down 23,000 acres from 2020. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.



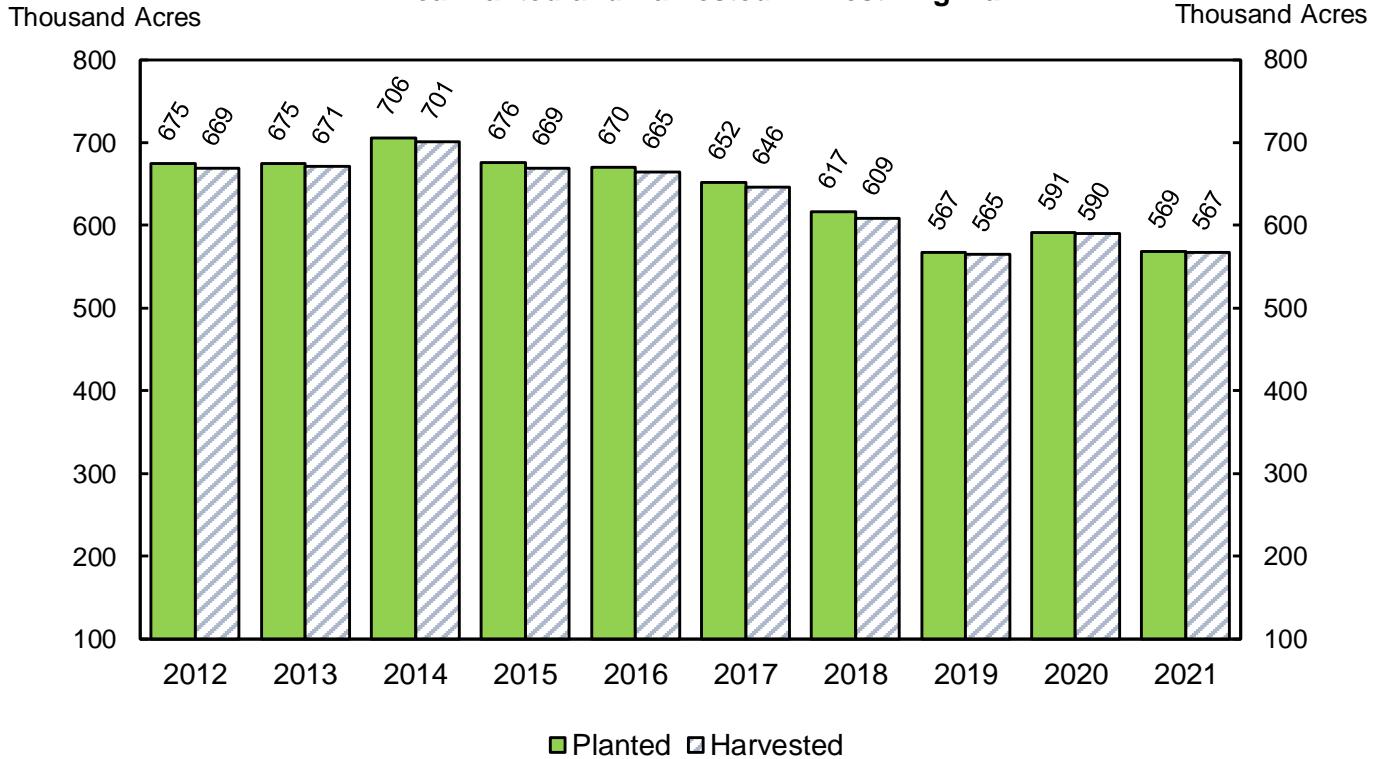
United States With Previous Year Comparisons

- All wheat production - 1.65 billion bushels, down 10%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.28 billion bushels, up 9%.
- 2022 Winter Wheat seedings - 34.4 million acres, up 2% from 2021.
- 2021 Alfalfa seedings - 1.65 million acres, down 25% from 2020.
- Alfalfa hay production - 49.2 million tons, down 7%.
- All other hay production - 71.0 million tons, down 4%.
- All hay production - 120.2 million tons, down 5%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 93.4 million acres, up 3%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 85.4 million acres, up 4%.
- Corn for grain production - 15.1 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Corn for grain yield - 177.0 bushels per acre, up 5.6 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.48 million acres, down 3%.
- Corn for silage production - 130.0 million tons, down 5%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.1 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.44 billion bushels, up 5%.
- Soybean yield - 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel per acre.
- All tobacco production - 478.0 million pounds, up 28%.
- Oats production - 39.8 million bushels, down 39%.
- Maple syrup production - 3.42 million gallons, down 17%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 317.2 million acres, up 2%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 298.7 million acres, up 2%.

U.S. Stocks Totals As Of December 1, 2021

- Hay stocks on-farms - 79.0 million tons, down 6%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.23 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.41 billion bushels, up 4%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 273.0 million bushels, down 43%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.12 billion bushels, down 8%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.52 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.63 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 18.5 million bushels, down 36%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 37.0 million bushels, up 10%.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
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