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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during May 2022 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 4 percent from May 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 919,000 pounds live weight, down 11 percent from May 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 800 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight went down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,181 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 124,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 319 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 4.48 billion pounds in May, up 4 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in May 2021.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, up 4 percent from May 2021. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,351 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.4 million pounds, 22 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 27,400 head, up 8 percent from May 2021. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from last year, at 279 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.18 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from May 2021. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,300 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 9 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2022 commercial red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 3 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

May 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

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 11.8 million

head on June 1, 2022. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2021. This is the highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.87 million head, 2 percent below 2021. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 370,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 270,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 469,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 220,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.91 million head, 2 percent above 2021.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 head during May, 13 percent above 2021.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States – Egg production totaled 8.98 billion during May 2022, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.65 billion table eggs, and 1.33 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 94.3 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during May 2022 totaled 366 million, down 5 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,453 eggs, up 2 percent from May 2021.

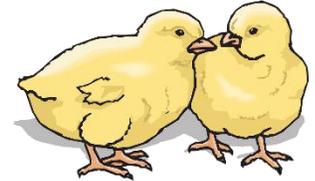
Total layers in the United States on June 1, 2022 totaled 365 million, down 5 percent from last year. The 365 million layers consisted of 298 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2022, averaged 78.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from June 1, 2021.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2022 totaled 56.8 million, down 2 percent from May 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.5 million on June 1, 2022, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 269 thousand during May 2022, down 12 percent from May 2021.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2022 totaled 854 million, up slightly from May 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 729 million on June 1, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.47 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2022, down 3 percent from May 2021.



POULTRY SLAUGHTER

United States – Poultry certified wholesome during May 2022 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in May 2021. The April 2022 revised certified total at 4.04 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from April 2021. The April revision represented an increase of 3.19 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2022 was 5.60 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 5.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.01 billion pounds, up 5 percent from May 2021. Mature chickens, at 66.1 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 516 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2022 averaged 6.42 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from May 2021. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.85 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2022 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from May 2021.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2022 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 26.0 million pounds, were 0.61 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.63 percent a year earlier.

COLD STORAGE

United States – Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2022, were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 4 percent from May 31, 2021.

Butter stocks were up 8 percent from last month but down 22 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2022, were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up 3 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 13 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from May 31, 2021.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 2 percent from last month and up 12 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 7 percent from last month, but up slightly from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down slightly from the previous month, but up 20 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up 25 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 17 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 3 percent from last month, but up 55 percent from last year.



MAPLE SYRUP

Charleston, West Virginia – Maple syrup production totaled 13,000 gallons in 2022, unchanged from 2021. **Number of taps** was 77,000, unchanged from 2021. **Yield per tap** was 0.169 gallon, unchanged from 2021. On average, the **maple syrup season** opened on February 6, 2022, and closed on March 12, 2022. The average season length was 34 days. The first date sap was collected in West Virginia was January 10, 2022. The last date for sap collection was April 20, 2022.

Average price per gallon was \$47.70 in 2021, up from \$30.20 per gallon in 2020. Bulk prices in 2021 were \$2.50 per pound, up from \$1.90 per pound in 2020, and \$27.60 per gallon, up from \$21.00 per gallon the previous year. **Percent of sales by type** in 2021 was 41 percent retail, up from 11 percent the previous year; 9 percent wholesale, up from 6 percent in 2020; and 50 percent bulk, down from 83 percent in 2020.

United States – Maple syrup production in 2022 totaled 5.03 million gallons, up 35 percent from the previous season. The number of taps totaled 14.3 million, up 2 percent from the 2021 total. Yield per tap was 0.352 gallon, up 0.088 gallon from the previous season.

The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in New York and Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was February 20 in Wisconsin. On average, the season lasted 34 days, compared with 27 days in 2021. The 2021 United States average price per gallon was \$35.90, up \$3.90 from 2020. Value of production, at \$134 million for 2021, was up 1 percent from the 2020 season.

West Virginia Maple Syrup Price by Type of Sale and Size of Container – 2020 and 2021

	Gallon		½ Gallon		Quart		Pint		½ Pint	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(Dollars)									
<i>Retail</i>	50.00	44.20	30.40	26.00	16.80	16.00	10.00	10.10	8.00	5.80
<i>Wholesale</i>	42.90	38.30	22.10	19.90	13.10	12.90	7.70	7.40	4.60	4.70

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SIGN UP TO BE COUNTED IN THE
2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE



June 30, 2022 is the last day to sign up for the 2022 Ag Census. If you have never received a census and are new to NASS surveys, [sign up to be counted](#) today. You do not need to sign up if you already receive NASS surveys.

Key Dates:

- June 30, 2022 – sign up ends
- November 2022 – ag census mails out and data collection begins
- February 6, 2023 – response deadline
- 2024 (TBD) – data release

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.

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