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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during March 2023 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 17 percent from March 2022. 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 1,477,000 pounds live weight, up 13 percent from March 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from the previous year, at 1,130 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published because data were less than level of precision shown or not applicable.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 228,000 pounds live weight, up 50 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from the previous year, at 299 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 4.91 billion pounds in March, down 1 percent from the 4.98 billion pounds produced in March 2022.

Beef production, at 2.40 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 3 percent from March 2022. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,366 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 15 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 26,200 head, down 20 percent from March 2022. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from last year, at 277 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.49 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, up 2 percent from March 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.7 million pounds, was up 3 percent from March 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 4 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2023 commercial red meat production was 13.9 billion pounds, down slightly from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

March 2022 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. March 2023 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

2022 COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Charleston, West Virginia - Red meat production in commercial plants (commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 10.6 million pounds during 2022. This was down 2 percent from 2021 production. The number of federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 39 on January 1, 2023, up 7 plants from the previous year.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2022 totaled 13,800 head, down 5 percent from 2021. Total live weight was 15.11 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2021. The average live weight was 1,094 pounds, up 9 pounds from 2021.

Commercial calf slaughter during 2022 totaled 100 head. Total live weight was 50,000 pounds. The average live weight was 472 pounds. Data for 2021 were not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter during 2022 totaled 7,500 head, up 10 percent from 2021. Total live weight was 2.24 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2021. The average live weight was 297 pounds, down 9 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Total red meat production for the United States totaled 55.6 billion pounds in 2022, 1 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 55.5 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 93.3 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 28.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 58.7 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 27.0 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 136.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2021.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2022 totaled 34.3 million head, up 1 percent from 2021, with federal inspection comprising 98.1 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,369 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. Steers comprised 47.0 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, heifers 30.6 percent, dairy cows 9.1 percent, other cows 11.7 percent, and bulls 1.7 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 369,200 head, 6 percent lower than a year ago with 98.1 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 253 pounds, up 17 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 125 million head, 3 percent lower than 2021 with 99.5 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 289 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 97.3 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.07 million head, was down 8 percent from the previous year with federal inspection comprising 84.9 percent of the total. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from 2021 at 126 pounds. Lambs and yearlings comprised 93.7 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 946 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2023, compared with 905 last year. Of these, 776 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2022 with the 12 largest plants slaughtering 49 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 659 plants, with the 14 largest plants accounting for 59 percent of the total. For calves, 3 of the 160 plants accounted for 54 percent of the total and 1 of the 553 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2022 comprised 14 percent of the total head. Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas accounted for 50 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2022, unchanged from 2021.

HEMP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Industrial hemp in the open: Planted area for West Virginia in 2022 for all utilizations totaled 35 acres, down 30 acres from 65 acres in 2021. Area harvested for all purposes in the open in 2022 totaled 30 acres, down 13 acres from 43 acres in 2021.

Industrial floral hemp in the open: Floral hemp production grown in the open for 2022 was estimated at 6,000 pounds, down from 18,000 pounds in 2021. Utilized production in 2022 was 4,000 pounds, down from 17,000 pounds in 2021. Area harvested for floral hemp in the open in 2022 was estimated at 29 acres, down from 43 acres in 2021. The average yield for 2022 floral hemp in the open was estimated at 220 pounds per acre, down from 420 pounds per acre in 2021. Price per pound in 2022 was \$110, down from \$120 per pound in 2021. Median yield was 140 pounds per acre in 2022 and the median price was \$104. The value of utilized floral hemp production grown in the open in 2022 totaled \$440,000, down from \$2.04 million in 2021.

Hemp under protection: In 2022 hemp growers used 5,967 square feet under protection for production, down from 21,371 square feet under protection for production in 2021. Other data were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States - All industrial hemp: In 2022, the value of hemp production in the open and under protection for the United States totaled \$238 million, down 71 percent from 2021.

Industrial hemp in the open: Planted area for the Nation in 2022 for all utilizations totaled 28,314 acres, down 48 percent from 2021. The value of hemp production in the open for the United States totaled \$212 million, down 70 percent from last year. Area

harvested for all purposes in the open totaled 18,251 acres, down 45 percent from 2021.

Floral hemp in the open: United States floral hemp production grown in the open for 2022 was estimated at 6.78 million pounds, down 66 percent from 2021. Area harvested for floral hemp in the open in the United States was estimated at 7,105 acres, down 56 percent from last season. The average yield for 2022 floral hemp in the open was estimated at 954 pounds per acre, down 281 pounds from last year. The value of floral hemp grown in the open totaled \$179 million, down 71 percent from 2021.

Grain hemp in the open: National production of hemp grown in the open for grain in 2022 totaled 2.43 million pounds, down 44 percent from 2021. Area harvested for hemp grown in the open for grain in the United States was estimated at 5,379 acres, down 35 percent from last season. The average yield for 2022 hemp grown in the open for grain was estimated at 452 pounds per acre, down 78 pounds from last year. The value of hemp grown in the open for grain totaled \$3.63 million, down 39 percent from 2021.

Fiber hemp in the open: In 2022, production of hemp grown in the open for fiber was estimated at 21.0 million pounds, down 37 percent from 2021. Area harvested for hemp grown in the open for fiber in the United States was estimated at 6,850 acres, down 46 percent from last season. The average yield for 2022 hemp grown in the open for fiber was estimated at 3,070 pounds per acre, up 450 pounds from last year. The value of hemp grown in the open for fiber totaled \$28.3 million, down 32 percent from 2021.

Seed hemp in the open: Production of hemp grown in the open for seed in 2022 was estimated at 146,000 pounds, down 92 percent from 2021. Area harvested for hemp grown in the open for seed in the United States was estimated at 812 acres, down 77 percent from last season. The average yield for 2022 hemp grown in the open for seed was estimated at 180 pounds per acre, down 350 pounds from last year. The value of hemp grown in the open for seed totaled \$1.48 million, down 96 percent from 2021.

Hemp under protection: In 2022, hemp growers used 4.58 million square feet under protection for production, down 71 percent from 2021. The 2022 value of hemp production under protection in the United States totaled \$26.1 million, down 77 percent from last year. Hemp clones and transplants grown under protection in the Nation for 2022 totaled 1.26 million plants, down 94 percent from 2021. The value of hemp clones and transplants grown under protection totaled \$738,000, down 97 percent from last year. United States production of floral hemp grown under protection was estimated at 105,238

pounds, down 66 percent from 2021. The value of floral hemp grown under protection totaled \$24.7 million, down 62 percent from last year. Hemp grown under protection for seed totaled 1,476 pounds, down 64 percent from 2021. The value of hemp grown under protection for seed totaled \$576,000, down 98 percent from last year.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn area planted in West Virginia is expected to total 50,000 acres, up 9 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2022, but down 2 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2021.

All hay area harvested is expected to total 610,000 acres, up 8 percent or 45,000 acres from 2022, and up 18 percent or 92,000 acres from 2021.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2023, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

United States with 2022 Comparisons

Corn plantings – 92.0 million acres, up 4%.
Oat plantings – 2.67 million acres, up 3%.
Winter wheat planted – 37.5 million acres, up 13%.
All tobacco for harvest – 197,070 acres, down 2%.
Burley tobacco for harvest – 35,370 acres, up 9%.
Soybean plantings – 87.5 million acres, up less than 1%.
Sorghum plantings – 5.98 million acres, down 6%.
Barley plantings – 2.92 million acres, down 1%.
All hay for harvest – 50.6 million acres, up 2%.



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2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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Thank you to all who have completed the 2022 Census of Agriculture. You are helping West Virginia. All farms count, small or large. We need your data. We count on you! If you fill out your county State Farm Census form, you should be filling this out as well, with some exceptions. The Census of Agriculture originated as part of the 1820 Decennial Census, when U.S. marshals began to ask how many people within each household were engaged in agricultural pursuits.

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

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