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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during November 2023 totaled 1.2 million pounds, this was up 9 percent from November 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 1,746,000 pounds live weight, up 16 percent from November 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,054 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 263,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

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

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.68 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.79 billion pounds produced in November 2022.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 6 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,387 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.3 million pounds, 6 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 22 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 301 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.39 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 2 percent from November 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,600 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2023 commercial red meat production was 49.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

November 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2023 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, 2023, was 5,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2022. Of the 5,000 head, 1,500 were for breeding, unchanged from 2022. The breakdown of the remaining 3,500 market hogs

and pigs was as follows: 1,500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 8,700 head, 1 percent more than the 2022 pig crop of 8,600 head. Sows farrowing from December 2022 through November 2023 totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.70 pigs, up 1 percent from the 2022 average of 8.60 pigs per litter.

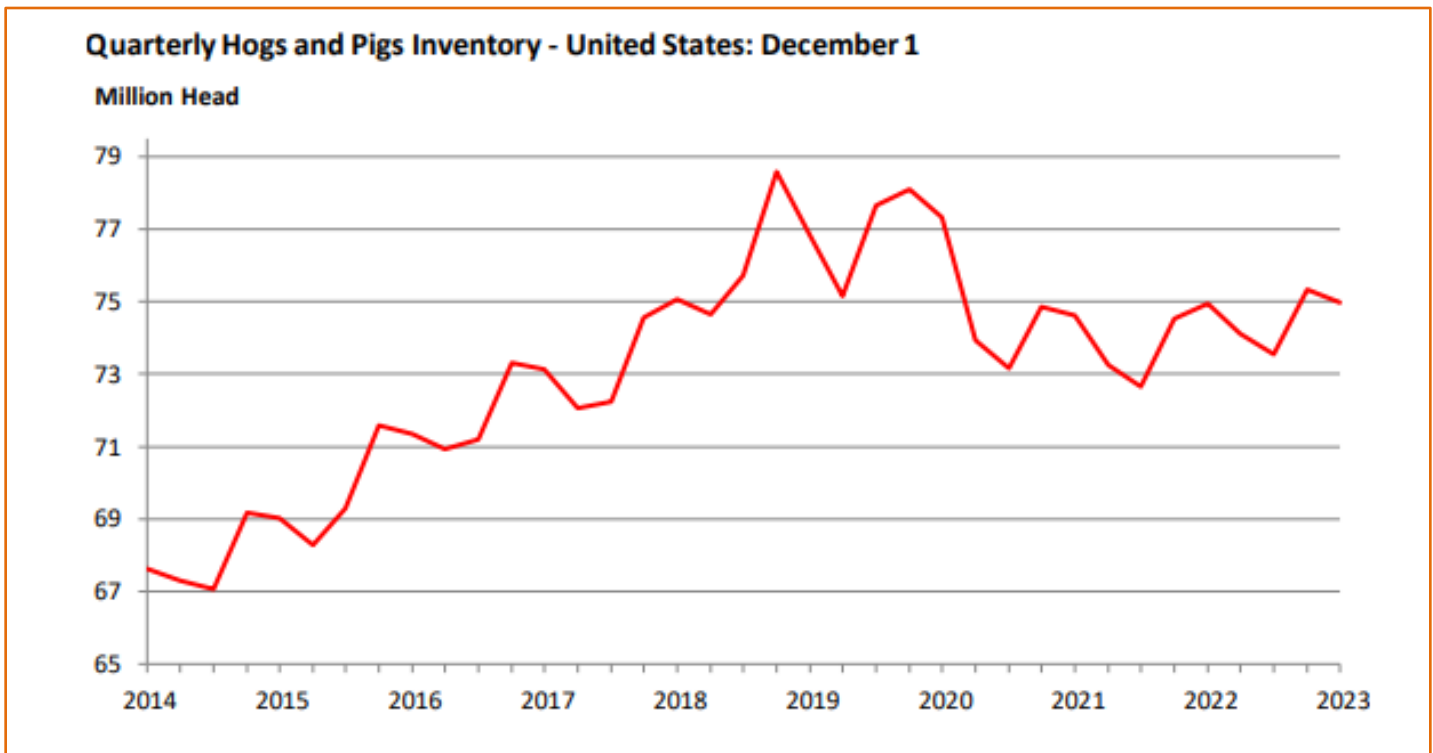
United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2023 was 75.0 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2022, but down slightly from September 1, 2023. Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 69.0 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2023 pig crop, at 34.6 million head, was down slightly from 2022. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2022. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.66 for the September-November period, compared to 11.22 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2023 -

February 2024 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2024, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and 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 51 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2021 through September 2023 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent. A revision of 1.1 percent was made to the June-August 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.6 percent. A net revision of 1.6 percent was made to the March-May 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent. The net revision made to the December 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. The revision made to the September 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. A revision of 2.2 percent was made to the June-August 2022 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. The net revision made to the March 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent.



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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2023. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.87 million head, 2 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.81 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 535,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 440,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 380,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 288,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 140,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.75 million head, 7 percent below 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during November, 5 percent below 2022.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 9.30 billion during November 2023, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.02 billion table eggs, and 1.28 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 91.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during November 2023 totaled 390 million, up 3 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,385 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2022.

Total layers in the United States on December 1, 2023 totaled 389 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 389 million layers consisted of 322 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2023, averaged 79.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2023 totaled 48.0 million, up 3 percent from November 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on December 1, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders

totaled 199 thousand during November 2023, down 1 percent from November 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2023 totaled 788 million, down 3 percent from November 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 711 million on December 1, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.21 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2023, up 7 percent from November 2022.

COLD STORAGE

United States - Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2023 were down 2 percent from the previous month, but up slightly from November 30, 2022.

Butter stocks were down 10 percent from last month, but up 8 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2023 were down 8 percent from the previous month, but up 3 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month, but down 3 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 37 percent from last month, but up 44 percent from November 30, 2022.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 6 percent from last month, but up 7 percent from a year ago. **Total frozen vegetable stocks** were down 3 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month, but down 13 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 8 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 67 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from last year.



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