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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during January 2023 totaled 1,100,000 pounds. This was up 26 percent from January 2022. 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 1,566,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from January 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,128 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 207,000 pounds live weight, up 71 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 316 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 4.77 billion pounds in January, up 4 percent from the 4.56 billion pounds produced in January 2022.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 5 percent from January 2022. The average

live weight was down 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,380 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.4 million pounds, 4 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 30,600 head, 5 percent below January 2022. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.43 billion pounds, 6 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, 7 percent above January 2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.2 million pounds, was 3 percent above January 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 162,800 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2023 totaled 375,000 head, up 5,000 head from the January 1, 2022 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 196,000 head, up 3,000 head from January 1, 2022.

Comparing January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2022: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 191,000 head, up 3,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 5,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 54,000 head, unchanged; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 29,000 head, down 1,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 2,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 23,000 head, up 1,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 37,000 head, down 2,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 14,000 head, unchanged; **calves under 500 pounds** totaled 74,000 head, up 4,000 head. **All cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 3,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2022.

The 2022 **calf crop** totaled 191,000 head, up 6,000 head from the 2021 calf crop.

United States - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2023 totaled 89.3 million head, 3 percent below the 92.1 million head on January 1, 2022. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 38.3 million head, were 3 percent below the 39.4 million head on January 1, 2022. Beef cows, at 28.9 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up slightly from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2023 totaled 19.2 million head, 4 percent below the 19.9 million head on January 1, 2022. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.16 million head, were down 6 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.34 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.67 million head, were 3 percent below a year earlier. **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 16.1 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2022. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 2.03 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2022. **Calves under 500 pounds** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 13.6 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2022.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.2 million head on January 1, 2023. The inventory is down 4 percent from the January 1, 2022 total of 14.7 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 82.5 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2023, up 1 percent from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) at 25.3 million head, was 3 percent below January 1, 2022.

The 2022 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 34.5 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2022 were estimated at 25.3 million head, down 2 percent from the first half of 2021. Calves born during the second half of 2022 were estimated at 9.16 million head, 27 percent of the total 2022 calf crop.

SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORIES

Charleston, West Virginia - All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2023, was 34,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2022.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 28,000 head on January 1, 2023, unchanged from 2022. Ewes totaled 23,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2022. Rams

totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from 2022. Replacement lambs totaled 4,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2022.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2023 totaled 6,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2022. Market sheep totaled 1,000 head, up 500 head from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 5,000 head, up 1,500 head from the previous year. Of these, 2,000 were under 65 pounds, 1,000 were 65 - 84 pounds, 500 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 1,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2022 lamb crop totaled 27,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2021. The 2022 lambing rate was 123 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2022, down from the total of 124 lambs per 100 ewes in 2021.

Shorn wool production during 2022 was 78,000 pounds, up 4,000 pounds from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 14,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2021. The average price paid for wool sold in 2022 was \$1.50 per pound, up \$0.10 per pound from the average price paid in 2021. Value was 117,000 dollars, up 13,000 dollars from the value of 104,000 dollars in 2021.

Sheep death loss during 2022 totaled 2,000 head, up 300 head from 2021. Lamb death loss during 2022 totaled 4,000 head, up 500 head from 2022.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2023 was estimated at 21,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2022. **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, 2023 totaled 5.02 million head, down 1 percent from 2022.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.67 million head on January 1, 2023, decreased 1 percent from 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2023 totaled 1.36 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2022. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2022 lamb crop of 3.11 million head was down 2 percent from 2021. The 2022 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2022, unchanged from 2021.



Shorn wool production in the United States during 2022 was 22.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. The average price paid for wool sold in 2022 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 33.9 million dollars, down 11 percent from 38.2 million dollars in 2021.

Sheep death loss during 2022 totaled 205,000 head, up 3 percent from 2021. Lamb death loss increased 3 percent from 365,000 head to 375,000 head in 2022.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2023 totaled 2.51 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Does one year old and older, at 1.52 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 451,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2022 totaled 1.58 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2021.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.00 million head on January 1, 2023, down 1 percent from 2022. Milk goat inventory was 400,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2022, while Angora goats were down 3 percent, totaling 107,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2022 was 520,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 99,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.3 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.35 per pound with a value of 3.30 million dollars.

FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

Charleston, West Virginia - The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,500 in 2022, up 200 farms from 2021. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size was 156 acres, down 1 acre from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 16,300 in 2022, up 200 farms from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 92 acres, down 1 acre from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 5,400 in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 259 acres, unchanged from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 370 in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 270,000 acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 730 acres, unchanged from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 130 in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 846 acres, unchanged from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2021.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000 or more** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2021. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2021.

United States - The number of farms in the United States for 2022 is estimated at 2,002,700, down 9,350 farms from 2021. The number of farms increased in all sales classes except the \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$10,000-\$99,999 sales classes. In 2022, 50.8 percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.4 percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2022, 7.5 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 893,400,000 acres, decreased 1,900,000 acres from 2021. The biggest change for 2022 is that producers in Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 operated 1,620,000 fewer acres than in 2021. In 2022, 30.0 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 41.2 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2022 is 446 acres, up from 445 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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Census Key Dates: Spring 2023 – response deadline
Spring/summer 2024 – data release

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