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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during December 2022 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 10 percent from December 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 1,263,000 pounds live weight, down 14 percent from December 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,039 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 172,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 47 pounds from the previous year, at 287 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 4.47 billion pounds in December, down 7 percent from the 4.78 billion pounds produced in December 2021.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.68 million head, down 5 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,385 pounds.

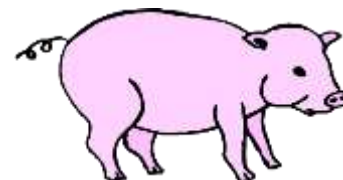
Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, 15 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 32,900 head, down 15 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.23 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down 7 percent from December 2021. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 292 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 7 percent from December 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,100 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago.

January to December 2022 commercial red meat production was 55.5 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

December 2021 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.



Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 9.12 billion during December 2022, down 6 percent from last year. Production included 7.83 billion table eggs, and 1.29 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.19 billion were broiler-type and 100 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2022 averaged 374 million, down 5 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,435 eggs, down 1 percent from December 2021.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2023 totaled 373 million, down 5 percent from last year. The 373 million layers consisted of 306 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2023, averaged 78.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from January 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2022 totaled 48.0 million, down slightly from December 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.2 million on January 1, 2023, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 217 thousand during December 2022, up 1 percent from December 2021.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2022 totaled 854 million, up 1 percent from December 2021. Eggs in incubators totaled 719 million on January 1, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 9.16 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2022, up 2 percent from December 2021.

FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 18 million pounds or 2.1 million gallons during the October - December quarter of 2022. This was unchanged from the July - September 2022 quarter, but was down 1 million pounds from the October - December quarter of 2021. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, unchanged from the

previous quarter, and unchanged from the October - December quarter of 2021.

United States - Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 56.0 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.41 million head, 4,000 head less than the July - September quarter, but 27,000 head more 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 2022 totaled 565,000 acres, up 47,000 acres from 2021. The average yield in 2022 was 1.91 tons per acre, up 0.18 ton per acre from 2021. Production totaled 1,080,000 tons, up 186,000 tons from 2021. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 780,000 tons, down 10,000 tons from the total of 790,000 tons in 2021.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 15,000 acres in 2022, down 3,000 acres from 2021. Yields in 2022 averaged 2.30 tons per acre, down 0.15 ton per acre from 2021. Production totaled 35,000 tons, down 9,000 tons from 2021. New seedings of alfalfa in 2022 are estimated at 1,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2021.

All other hay area harvested totaled 550,000 acres in 2022, up 50,000 acres from 2021. Yields averaged 1.90 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton per acre from 2021. Production totaled 1,045,000 tons, up 195,000 tons from 2021.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2022 totaled 46,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2021. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 35,000 acres, down 3,000 from 2021. The average yield of 168.0 bushels per acre was up 24 bushels from 2021. Production was 5,880,000 bushels, up 408,000 bushels from 2021.

Corn for silage area harvested was 10,000 acres in 2022, down 1,000 acres from 2021. Yields averaged 21.0 tons per acre, up 3.0 tons per acre from 2021. Silage production was estimated at 210,000 tons, up 12,000 tons from 2021.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2022 was 77,000, unchanged from 2021. Yield per tap was 0.169 gallon, unchanged from 2021. Production totaled 13,000 gallons in 2022, unchanged from 2021. 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 611,000 acres in 2022, up 42,000 acres from 2021. Area harvested totaled 610,000 acres, up 43,000 acres from 2021. Principal crops include acres planted to corn and acres harvested for all hay.

United States With Previous Year Comparisons

- All wheat production - 1.65 billion bushels, up less than 1%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.10 billion bushels, down 14%.
- 2023 Winter Wheat seedings - 37.0 million acres, up 11% from 2022.
- 2022 Alfalfa seedings - 1.68 million acres, up 2% from 2021.
- Alfalfa hay production - 48.0 million tons, down 3%.
- All other hay production - 64.8 million tons, down 9%.
- All hay production - 112.8 million tons, down 6%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 88.6 million acres, down 5%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 79.2 million acres, down 7%.
- Corn for grain production - 13.7 billion bushels, down 9%.
- Corn for grain yield - 173.3 bushels per acre, down 3.4 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.86 million acres, up 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 129.0 million tons, down 1%.
- Corn for silage yield - 18.7 tons per acre, down 1.4 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.28 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Soybean yield - 49.5 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 447.0 million pounds, down 2%.
- Oats production - 57.7 million bushels, up 45%.
- Maple syrup production - 5.03 million gallons, up 35%.

- Area planted to principal crops - 312.1 million acres, down 2%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 286.2 million acres, down 4%.

U.S. Stocks Totals As Of December 1, 2022

- Hay stocks on-farms - 71.9 million tons, down 9%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 6.75 billion bushels, down 7%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.06 billion bushels, down 8%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 362.0 million bushels, up 32%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 918.0 million bushels, down 17%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.48 billion bushels, down 3%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.55 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 24.2 million bushels, up 30%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 29.4 million bushels, down 20%.



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2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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Census of Agriculture

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.

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

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