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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during June 2023 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 22 percent from June 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 1,060,000 pounds live weight, up 15 percent from June 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,189 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 182,000 pounds live weight, up 30 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 294 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 4.55 billion pounds in June, down 4 percent from the 4.73 billion pounds produced in June 2022.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 5 percent from June

2022. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.9 million pounds, 15 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 23,400 head, down 20 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

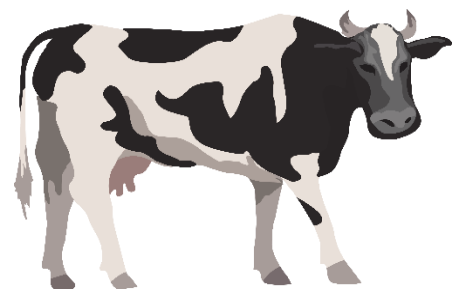
Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 1 percent from June 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,300 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 122 pounds, down 9 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2023 commercial red meat production was 27.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

June 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. June 2023 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.



CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States – Egg production totaled 9.08 billion during June 2023, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.78 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 95.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during June 2023 totaled 387 million, up 5 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,348 eggs, down 1 percent from June 2022.

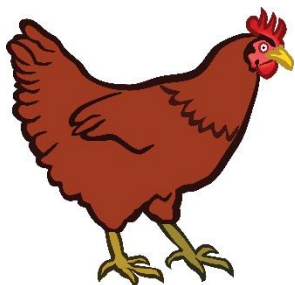
Total layers in the United States on July 1, 2023, totaled 386 million, up 5 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 65.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2023, averaged 78.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2023 totaled 57.4 million, up 1 percent from June 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.1 million on July 1, 2023, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet** chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 199 thousand during June 2023, down 9 percent from June 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2023 totaled 830 million, down 1 percent from June 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 726 million on July 1, 2023, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.38 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2023, down 4 percent from June 2022.



SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 17 million pounds or 1.98 million gallons during the April - June quarter of 2023. This is

down 3 million pounds from the same period in 2022, but unchanged from the January - March 2023 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 4,500 head, down 500 head from the same period in 2022, but unchanged from the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 58.0 billion pounds, up 0.3 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.42 million head, 8,000 head less than the January - March quarter, but 8,000 head more than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

GRAIN STOCKS

United States – Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2023, totaled 4.11 billion bushels, down 6 percent from June 1, 2022. Of the total stocks, 2.22 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.89 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2023 indicated disappearance is 3.29 billion bushels, compared with 3.41 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2023, totaled 796 million bushels, down 18 percent from June 1, 2022. On-farm stocks totaled 323 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 473 million bushels, are down 26 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2023 quarter totaled 891 million bushels, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop all wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2023, totaled 580 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 124 million bushels, up 34 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 456 million bushels, are down 25 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2023 indicated disappearance is 366 million bushels, up 11 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop Durum wheat stocks in all positions on June 1, 2023, totaled 28.0 million bushels, up 18 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 12.8 million bushels, are up 38 percent from June 1, 2022. Off-farm stocks totaled 15.3 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2023 indicated disappearance of 7.77 million bushels is up 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

CROP ACREAGE

Charleston, West Virginia – Corn planted is estimated at 57,000 acres, up 11,000 acres from 2022. Growers expect to harvest 43,000 acres for grain, up 8,000 acres from last year.

All hay harvested is forecast at 610,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 10,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 600,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from last year.

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

United States With 2022 Comparisons

- Corn planted for all purposes – 94.1 million acres, up 6 percent.
Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:
Insect resistant - 3% of 2023 crop, 3% of 2022 crop.
Herbicide resistant - 9% of 2023 crop, 9% of 2022 crop.
Stacked gene - 82% of 2023 crop, 81% of 2022 crop.
All Biotech varieties - 93% of 2023 crop, 93% of 2022 crop.
- Corn harvested for grain – 86.3 million acres, up 9 percent.
- Winter wheat planted – 37.0 million acres, up 11 percent.
- Winter wheat harvested for grain – 25.7 million acres, up 10 percent.
- Oats planted – 2.51 million acres, down 3 percent.
- Oats harvested – 794,000 acres, down 11 percent.
- All tobacco harvested – 193,280 acres, down 4 percent.
- Burley tobacco harvested – 33,420 acres, up 3 percent.
- All hay for harvest – 52.0 million acres, up 5 percent.
- Alfalfa hay for harvest – 15.7 million acres, up 5 percent.
- Other hay for harvest – 36.3 million acres, up 5 percent.

- Soybeans planted – 83.5 million acres, down 5 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide resistant - 95% of 2023 crop, 95% of 2022 crop.

All Biotech varieties - 95% of 2023 crop, 95% of 2022 crop.

- Soybeans for harvest – 82.7 million acres, down 4 percent.



COLD STORAGE

United States – Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2023, were up 1 percent from the previous month and up slightly from June 30, 2022.

Butter stocks were down 6 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2023, were up 5 percent from the previous month and up 10 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 9 percent from last month and up 6 percent from June 30, 2022.

Total frozen fruit stocks were up 2 percent from last month and up 3 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 1 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 6 percent from the previous month and down 14 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 20 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 8 percent from the previous month and down 9 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 14 percent from last month, but up 33 percent from last year.

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