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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during May 2023 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 26 percent from May 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 1,174,000 pounds live weight, up 26 percent from May 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,000 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight went up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,187 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 156,000 pounds live weight, up 26 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 300 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 4.59 billion pounds in May, up 2 percent from the 4.49 billion pounds produced in May 2022.

Beef production, at 2.31 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 1 percent from May

2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,349 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.2 million pounds, 7 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 24,200 head, down 12 percent from May 2022. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from last year, at 292 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.27 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, up 5 percent from May 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 289 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 6 percent from May 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,500 head, 13 percent above last year. The average live weight was 121 pounds, down 9 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2023 commercial red meat production was 22.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

May 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2023 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

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 11.6 million head on June 1, 2023. The inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.96 million head, 5 percent above 2022. Net placements were 1.88 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 295,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 480,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 505,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 215,000

head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million head, 2 percent above 2022.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during May, 3 percent below 2022.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States – Egg production totaled 9.37 billion during May 2023, up 4 percent from last year. Production included 8.02 billion table eggs, and 1.34 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.24 billion were broiler-type and 103 million were egg-type. The egg-type average number of layers during May 2023 totaled 387 million, up 5 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,419 eggs, down 1 percent from May 2022.

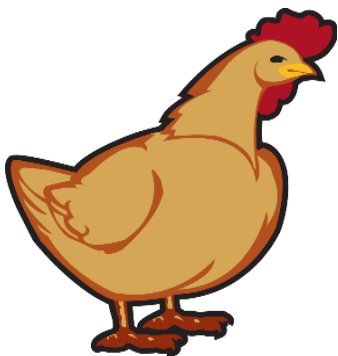
Total layers in the United States on June 1, 2023, totaled 386 million, up 5 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 317 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 65.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2023, averaged 78.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from June 1, 2022.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2023 totaled 58.9 million, up 2 percent from May 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 55.6 million on June 1, 2023, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 260 thousand during May 2023, down 3 percent from May 2022.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2023 totaled 847 million, down 1 percent from May 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 731 million on June 1, 2023, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.64 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2023, up 2 percent from May 2022.



POULTRY SLAUGHTER

United States – Poultry certified wholesome during May 2023 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.58 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in May 2022. The April 2023 revised certified total at 4.03 billion pounds, was down slightly from April 2022. The April revision represented an increase of 3.63 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2023 was 6.04 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 5.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.34 billion pounds, up 7 percent from May 2022. Mature chickens, at 68.5 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 611 million pounds, up 18 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.2 million pounds, up 19 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2023 averaged 6.52 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2022. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.83 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2023 averaged 32.0 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from May 2022.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2023 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 27.4 million pounds, were 0.59 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.61 percent a year earlier.

MAY CROP PRODUCTION

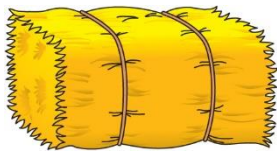
Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2023, totaled 175,000 tons. This is 70,000 tons more than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023, was 605,000 tons, 12 percent less than the December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, crop disappearance of 685,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre. Area expected

to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 25.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from May 1, 2022. The May 1 hay stock level for the United States represents the second lowest amount stored since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Arizona, Colorado, and Rhode Island.



COLD STORAGE

United States – Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2023, were up 1 percent from the previous month, but down 1 percent from May 31, 2022.

Butter stocks were up 11 percent from last month and up 14 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2023, were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 9 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month, but up 10 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 9 percent from last month and up 6 percent from May 31, 2022.

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

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 8 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 6 percent from the previous month and down 20 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 2 percent from last month and up 46 percent from last year.

MAPLE SYRUP

Charleston, West Virginia – Maple syrup production totaled 11,000 gallons in 2023, down from 13,000 gallons in 2022. **Number of taps** was 69,000, down from 77,000 taps in 2022. **Yield per tap** was 0.159 gallon, down from 0.169 gallon in 2022. It took 64 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, compared to 63 gallons of sap last year.

Average price per gallon was \$44.50 in 2022, down from \$47.70 per gallon in 2021. Retail prices in 2022 were \$58.30 per gallon, up from \$44.20 per gallon the previous year. Wholesale prices in 2022 were \$50.20 per gallon, up from \$38.30 per gallon the previous year. Bulk prices in 2022 were \$2.90 per pound, up from \$2.50 per pound in 2021, and \$31.60 per gallon, up from \$27.60 per gallon the previous year. **Percent of sales by type** in 2022 was 32 percent retail, down from 41 percent the previous year; 20 percent wholesale, up from 9 percent in 2021; and 48 percent bulk, down from 50 percent in 2021.

United States – Maple syrup production in 2023 totaled 4.18 million gallons, down 15 percent from the previous season. **The number of taps** totaled 13.4 million, down 4 percent from the 2022 total. **Yield per tap** was 0.311 gallon, down 0.042 gallon from the previous season.

Average price per gallon was \$34.70 in 2022, down from \$35.90 per gallon in 2021. Retail prices in 2022 were \$53.70 per gallon with 619,000 gallons sold, previous year data are not available. Wholesale prices in 2022 were \$40.30 per gallon with 683,000 gallons sold, previous year data are not available. Bulk prices in 2022 were \$2.70 per pound and \$30.20 per gallon with 3,543,000 gallons sold, previous year data are not available. Value of production, at \$172 million for 2022, was up 28 percent from the 2021 season. Data were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.



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