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## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during February 2023 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 20 percent from February 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 1,489,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from February 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,300 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,145 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 189,000 pounds live weight, up 44 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 38 pounds from the previous year, at 291 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 4.26 billion pounds in February, down 4 percent from the 4.43 billion pounds produced in February 2022.

**Beef production**, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.55 million head, down 5 percent from

February 2022. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,374 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 3.8 million pounds, 10 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 25,700 head, down 16 percent from February 2022. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.16 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.97 million head, up slightly from February 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.1 million pounds, was up 9 percent from February 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 154,800 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

**January to February 2023 commercial red meat production** was 9.03 billion pounds, up slightly from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 6 percent.

February 2022 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2023 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*

## CHICKENS AND EGGS SUMMARY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Layers** during 2022 averaged 1.31 million, up 3 percent from the 2021 average of 1.27 million. The average annual production per layer was 234 eggs, unchanged from 2021. Pullets for 2022 totaled 766,000, down 7 percent from the 2021 total of 825,000. Other chickens totaled 108,000 in 2022, up 10 percent from the 2021 total of 98,000.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 306.3 million eggs. This was 3 percent up from the 2021 production of 298.2 million eggs.

**The total number of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2022 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.12 million head, down 7 percent from the 2021 total of 2.29 million.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2022 was \$19.9 million, up 10 percent from the December 1, 2021 value of \$18.1 million. The average value of \$9.40 per head on December 1, 2022, was up \$1.50 per head from the 2021 value of \$7.90 per head.

**United States - Layers** during 2022 averaged 379 million, down 3 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2022 was 289 eggs, up 1 percent from 2021.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2022 totaled 110 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 2021. Table egg production, at 94.0 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 15.5 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from 2021.

**The total inventory of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2022 (excluding commercial broilers) was 513 million birds, down 2 percent from last year.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2022 was \$3.46 billion, up 18 percent from December 1, 2021. The average value increased from \$5.56 per bird on December 1, 2021, to \$6.74 per bird on December 1, 2022.

## TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** - The total value of fish sold for 2022 was 1.19 million dollars, an increase of 22 percent from the 2021 total value of 978 thousand dollars.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer, and other size categories** sold data during 2022 and 2021 comparison data were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer** during 2022 totaled 410,000 fish, down from 460,000 fish in 2021. The average value per pound was \$3.65 in 2022, up from \$3.21 per pound in

2021. The value of fish distributed totaled 1.46 million dollars in 2022, up from 1.45 million dollars in 2021.

**The number of distributed trout 6" - 12"** during 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was 480,000 fish in 2021. The average value per pound in 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was \$5.45 per pound in 2021. The value of fish distributed total in 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was 1.40 million dollars in 2021.

**The number of distributed trout 1" - 6"** during 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was 260,000 fish in 2021. The average value per 1,000 fish in 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was \$873 in 2021. The value of fish distributed total in 2022 was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations, but was 227 thousand dollars in 2021.

**Trout losses** of all trout intended for sale were 14,000 fish during 2022, down 9,000 fish from the total of 23,000 fish in 2021.

**United States** - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 103 million dollars for 2022, up 4 percent from 2021.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2022 totaled 27.2 million fish, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$2.19, up 7 percent from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2022 marketing year was 94.7 million dollars, up 3 percent from 2021. For trout 12 inches or longer, 69.3 percent were sold to processors.

**The number of 6"- 12" trout** sold during 2022 totaled 5.01 million fish, up 3 percent from 2021. The average price per pound was \$4.39 during 2022, up slightly from the 2021 price. The total value of sales was 6.89 million dollars during 2022, up 14 percent from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 53.7 percent of total sales.



**The number of 1" - 6" trout** sold during 2022 totaled 5.21 million, up 4 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$246 during 2022, up from \$241 in 2021. The total value of sales was 1.28 million dollars, up 6 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.73 million 12" or longer fish, 64.8 million 6"-12" fish, and 45.1 million 1"-6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 139 million dollars, up slightly from 2021.

**Trout Loss** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 10.1 million fish during 2022. Disease accounted for 66 percent of these losses.

## HONEY PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Honey production** in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 273,000 pounds, up 6 percent from 258,000 pounds in 2021. There were 7,000 producing colonies in 2022, up 17 percent from 6,000 in 2021. Yield per colony averaged 39 pounds, down 9 percent from the yield per colony of 43 pounds in 2021. Honey stocks on December 15, 2022, were reported at 98,000 pounds, down 26 percent from 132,000 pounds in 2021.

**Prices** for the 2022 crop averaged \$5.25 per pound, up 2 percent from the price of \$5.14 per pound in 2021. Value of production totaled \$1,433,000, up \$107,000, or 8 percent, from \$1,326,000 in 2021.

**United States - Honey production** in 2022 totaled 125 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 47.0 pounds, unchanged from 2021. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 23.3 million pounds on December 15, 2022, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

**Honey prices** increased 12 percent during 2022 to \$2.96 per pound, compared to \$2.65 per pound in 2021. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2021 crop reflect honey sold in 2021 and 2022. Some 2021 crop honey

was sold in 2022, which caused some revisions to the 2021 crop prices.

The average prices paid in 2022 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$22, \$98, and \$129, respectively. Pollination income for 2022 was \$241 million, down 11 percent from 2021. Other income from honey bees in 2022 was \$55.2 million, down 31 percent from 2021.

## CROP VALUES

**Charleston, West Virginia - Corn for grain** value of production totaled \$39.98 million in 2022, an increase of 20 percent from \$33.38 million in 2021. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$6.80, up \$0.70 per bushel from the 2021 average price of \$6.10 per bushel.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$148.11 million in 2022, a 29 percent increase from the 2021 value of \$114.92 million. The average price received per ton was \$137.00. This was up \$8.00 per ton from the 2021 average price of \$129.00 per ton.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled 7.04 million in 2022, a 19 percent decrease from the 2021 value of \$8.67 million. The average price received per ton was \$201.00. This was up \$4.00 per ton from the 2021 average price of \$197.00 per ton.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$141.08 million in 2022, a 33 percent increase from the 2021 value of \$106.25 million. The average price received per ton was \$135.00. This was up \$10.00 per ton from the 2021 average price of \$125.00 per ton.

### United States Value and Marketing Year Average Price with 2021 Comparisons

- Corn for grain value of production - \$91.73 billion, up 1 percent; \$6.70 per bushel, up \$0.70.
- All wheat value of production - \$14.60 billion, up 20 percent; \$9.00 per bushel, up \$1.37.
- Soybeans value of production - \$61.15 billion, up 3 percent; \$14.30 per bushel, up \$1.00.
- All hay value of production - \$21.25 billion, up 8 percent; \$235.00 per ton, up \$42.00.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$11.34 billion, up 14 percent; \$268.00 per ton, up \$52.00.
- All other hay value of production - \$9.91 billion, up 2 percent; \$170.00 per ton, up \$17.00.

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# 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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*Thank you to all who have completed the 2022 Census of Agriculture. You are helping West Virginia. All farms count, small or large. We need your data. We count on you! If you fill out your county State Farm Census form, you should be filling this out as well, with some exceptions. The Census of Agriculture originated as part of the 1820 Decennial Census, when U.S. marshals began to ask how many people within each household were engaged in agricultural pursuits.*

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

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