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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during April 2023 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was up 25 percent from April 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 1,330,000 pounds live weight, up 32 percent from April 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,200 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 69 pounds from the previous year, at 1,125 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 27 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 282 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 4.20 billion pounds in April, down 8 percent from the 4.54 billion pounds produced in April 2022.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 11 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 10 percent from April

2022. The average live weight was down 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,354 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.6 million pounds, 21 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 21,900 head, down 22 percent from April 2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 280 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.12 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.77 million head, down 3 percent from April 2022. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 185,900 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 117 pounds, down 6 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2023 commercial red meat production was 18.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. April 2023 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – The production of meat animals in West Virginia during 2022 totaled 146.7 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2021. Cattle and calves production increased to 144.5 million pounds from 137.8 million pounds in 2021. Hogs and pigs production increased to 2.16 million pounds from 1.73 million pounds in 2021. The value of production of meat animals increased to \$201.3 million compared to the value of \$161.7 million in 2021.

Total 2022 cash receipts from marketings for all meat animals were \$200.0 million, up 13 percent from cash receipts of \$177.1 million in 2021. Cattle and

2022 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

The 2022 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs was \$209.7 million, up 14 percent from the 2021 gross income of \$183.8 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was up 14 percent, and hogs and pigs was up 33 percent from 2021.

Cattle and calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 13 percent during 2022. Receipts totaled \$198.8 million compared with \$176.2 million in 2021. All cattle and calf marketings during 2022 reached 144.2 million pounds, down from 151.9 million pounds in 2021.

Hogs and pigs: Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$1.16 million during 2022, up 26 percent from the 2021 cash receipts of \$918 thousand. Marketings of 1.64 million pounds during 2022 were up from the 2021 total marketings of 1.36 million pounds.

United States – Total 2022 production of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 86.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2021. Production decreased 1 percent for cattle and calves, but increased 1 percent for hogs and pigs.

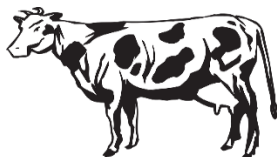
Total 2022 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 16 percent to \$117 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 74 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 26 percent.

The 2022 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$117 billion, up 16 percent from 2021. Gross income increased 18 percent for cattle and calves and 9 percent for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 18 percent, from \$72.7 billion in 2021 to \$86.1 billion in 2022. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 61.6 billion pounds in 2022, up 1 percent from 2021.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$30.6 billion during 2022, up 9 percent from 2021. Marketings totaled 42.1 billion pounds in 2022, up 1 percent from 2021.

Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Marketings exclude custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.



Charleston, West Virginia – The combined value of production and value of sales from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2022, was \$443.6 million, up 52 percent from the combined value of \$291.4 million in 2021. Of the combined total, 57 percent was from broilers, 28 percent from turkeys, 15 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 78.5 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2022, up 19 percent from the number of 66.2 million broilers produced in 2021. Total live weight was 298.3 million pounds, up 16 percent from 258.2 million pounds in 2021. Value of production totaled \$253.6 million, up 85 percent from the 2021 value of \$137.4 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 85.0 cents per pound is up from the 2021 average live weight equivalent price of 53.2 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.7 million head, up 3 percent from 3.6 million in 2021. Total live weight was 115.8 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from 116.3 million pounds in 2021. Value of production totaled \$123.6 million, up 29 percent from the 2021 value of production of \$95.5 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 1.07 dollars per pound, up 24.9 cents per pound from the 2021 price of 82.1 cents per pound.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.83 million head, up 19 percent from the 2021 total of 1.54 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 14.9 million pounds, up 20 percent from the 2021 number of 12.4 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$1.61 million, up from \$273.3 thousand in 2021. Prices averaged 10.8 cents per pound, up from the 2021 price of 2.2 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 306.3 million eggs during 2022, up 3 percent from the 2021 production of 298.2 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 254.2 cents, up from the 2021 average price per dozen of 234.7 cents. The total value of production was \$64.9 million, up 11 percent from the 2021 total of \$58.3 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

United States – The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2022 was \$77.0 billion, up 67 percent from \$46.1 billion in 2021. Of the combined total, 66

percent was from broilers, 25 percent from eggs, 9 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2022 was \$50.4 billion, up 60 percent from 2021. The total number of broilers produced in 2022 was 9.17 billion, up slightly from 2021. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2022 was 59.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2021.

The value of turkeys produced during 2022 was \$7.10 billion, up 21 percent from the \$5.89 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2022 was 210 million, down 3 percent from 2021. Turkey production in 2022 totaled 6.66 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the 7.18 billion pounds produced in 2021.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2022 was \$74.7 million, up 401 percent from \$14.9 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2022 totaled 168 million, down 8 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2022 was \$19.4 billion, up 122 percent from \$8.71 billion in 2021. Egg production totaled 110 billion eggs, down 2 percent from 111 billion eggs produced in 2021.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 75 million pounds during 2022, unchanged from 2021. The average number of milk cows during the year was 5,000 head, unchanged from 2021. Average milk production per cow was 15,000 pounds or around 1,744 gallons, unchanged from 2021.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2022 totaled \$18.3 million, up 39 percent from the 2021 cash receipts total of \$13.2 million. Producer returns averaged \$25.10 per hundredweight, up \$7.00 per hundredweight from \$18.10 per hundredweight in 2021. Milk marketed by producers totaled 73 million pounds or 8.5 million gallons in 2022, unchanged from 2021. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2022 to 226 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 24,087 pounds, was 138 pounds above 2021. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.40 million head, down 47,000 head from 2021.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2022 totaled \$57.3 billion, up 37.1 percent from 2021. Producer returns averaged \$25.39 per hundredweight, 36.9 percent above 2021. Marketings totaled 225.5 billion pounds, 0.1 percent above 2021. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 994 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3.6 percent less than 2021. Calves were fed 92 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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

FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 18 million pounds or 2.1 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2023. This was down 1 million pounds from the same period in 2022, and was unchanged from the October - December 2022 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2022, and the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.8 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.42 million head, 20,000 head more than the October- December quarter, and 40,000 head more than the same period last year.

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Census Key Date: Spring/summer 2024 – data release

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