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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during August 2023 totaled 1,000,000 pounds. This was up 6 percent from August 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 1,329,000 pounds live weight, up 5 percent from August 2022. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,163 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 315,000 pounds live weight, up 20 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,100 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 275 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 4.67 billion pounds in August, down 3 percent from the 4.83 billion pounds produced in August 2022.

**Beef production**, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 6 percent from August

2022. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,351 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 4.2 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 26,600 head, down 22 percent from August 2022. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.29 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 11.1 million head, up 1 percent from August 2022. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.5 million pounds, was down 10 percent from August 2022. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 113 pounds, down 14 pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2023 commercial red meat production** was 36.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

August 2022 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2023 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

**United States - Egg production** totaled 9.38 billion during August 2023, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.06 billion table eggs, and 1.32 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.23 billion were broiler-type and 94.9 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during August 2023 totaled 384 million, up 3 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,440 eggs, down slightly from August 2022.

**Total layers** in the United States on September 1, 2023 totaled 386 million, up 3 percent from last year. The 386 million layers consisted of 318 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 63.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2023, averaged 78.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from September 1, 2022.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during August 2023 totaled 53.3 million, down 5 percent from August 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 50.8 million on September 1, 2023, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 255 thousand during August 2023, up 2 percent from August 2022.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during August 2023 totaled 852 million, down 2 percent from August 2022. Eggs in incubators totaled 716 million on September 1, 2023, down 2 percent from a year ago.

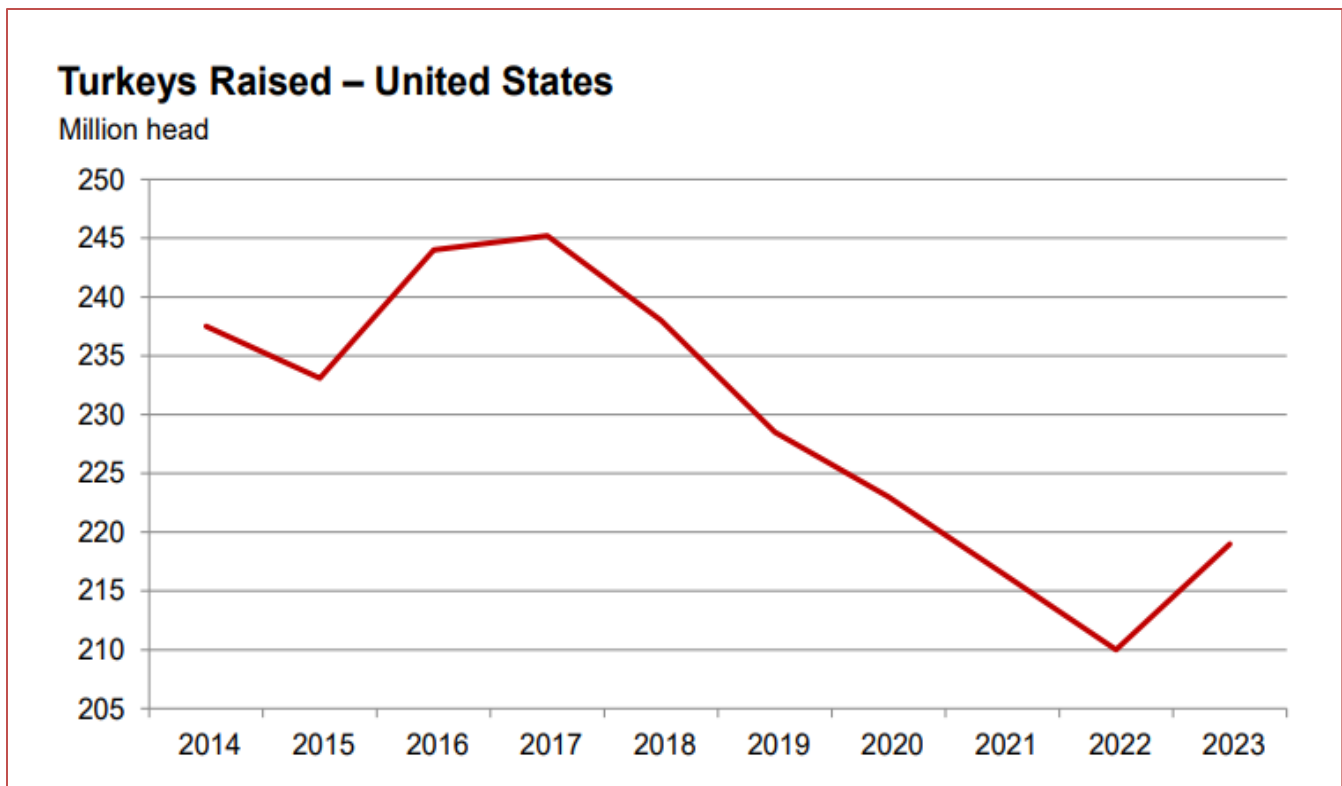
Leading breeders placed 8.24 million broiler-type

**pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2023, up 7 percent from August 2022.

## TURKEYS RAISED

**Charleston, West Virginia - Turkeys raised** in West Virginia during 2023 is forecast to be 4.0 million birds, up 8 percent from 2022.

**United States - Turkeys raised** in the United States during 2023 is forecasted at 219 million, up 4 percent from the number raised during 2022. The top six states account for 68 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2023. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 39.0 million turkeys, up 5 percent from the previous year. North Carolina produced 29.0 million turkeys, up 4 percent from a year ago. Arkansas produced 27.5 million turkeys, up 6 percent from last year. Indiana produced 20.0 million turkeys, unchanged from last year. Missouri produced 18.0 million turkeys, up 6 percent from last year. Virginia is up 1 percent from the previous year at 15.4 million turkeys.



## CASH RECEIPTS

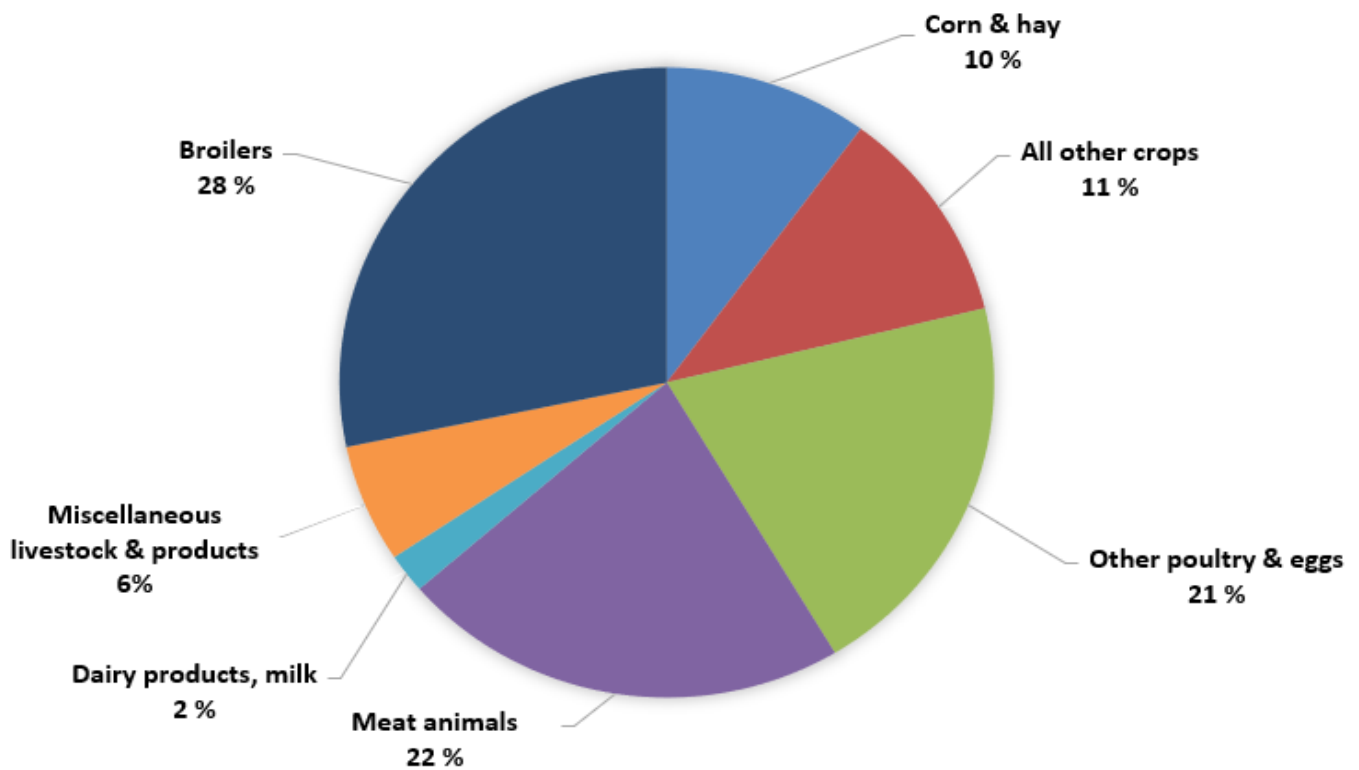
**Charleston, West Virginia** - The 2022 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 904,339,000 dollars, an increase of 206.3 million dollars from 2021. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 79.0 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 21.0 percent of the 2022 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings

in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs, turkeys, and farm chickens, accounted for 49.0 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 22.0 percent of the total in 2022.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 26<sup>th</sup> for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor from poultry and eggs, accounting for 28.0 percent of cash receipts in the State, ranking 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation, turkey receipts at 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation, and trout receipts at 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

### Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2022



*Note:* Cash receipts reflect sales of commodities from farms where produced within a calendar year irrespective of the year of production. Data as of August 31, 2023. Values are rounded to the nearest thousand. Totals may not add due to rounding. Miscellaneous livestock and products include hogs, equine, sheep, and all other livestock. All other crops include floriculture, greenhouse/nursery, Christmas trees, oats, vegetables, tobacco, and other crops. Source: USDA, Economic Research Service <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/farm-income-and-wealth-statistics.aspx>.

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