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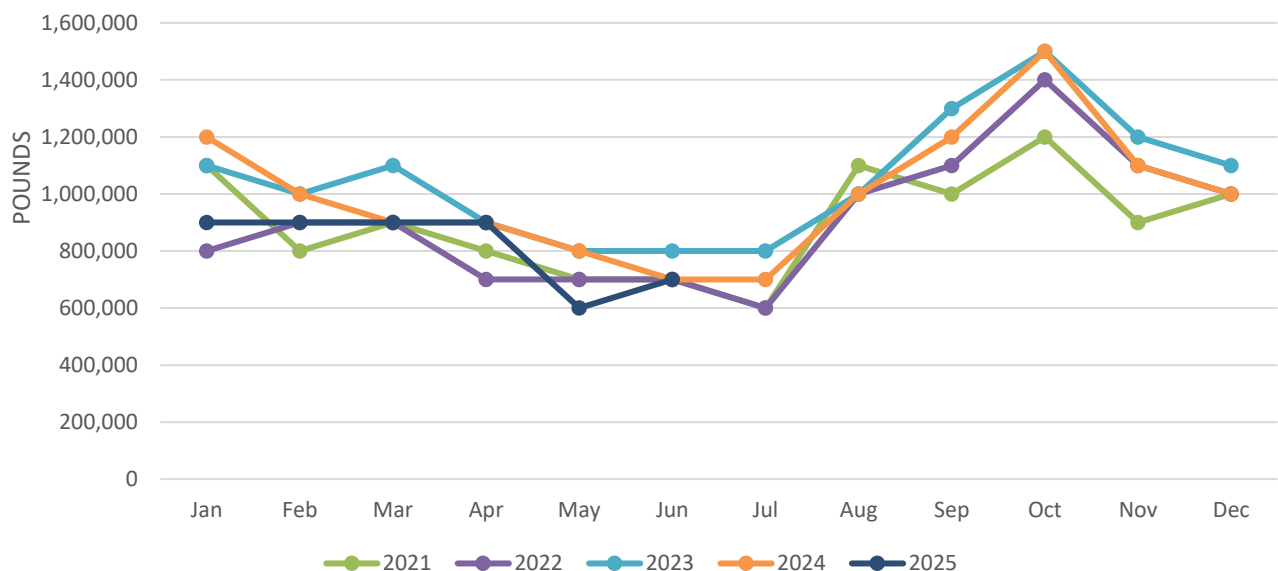
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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during July 2025 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 13 percent from July 2024. 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 754,000 pounds live weight, down 20 percent from July 2024. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,213 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 197,000 pounds live weight, down 4 percent from July 2024. Hog slaughter totaled 700 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.36 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.55 billion pounds produced in July 2024. **Beef production**, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 7 percent from July 2024. **Veal production** totaled 2.1 million pounds, 37 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 9,900 head, down 44 percent from July 2024. **Pork production** totaled 2.16 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from July 2024. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.1 million pounds, was down 2 percent from July 2024. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,200 head, 2 percent above last year.

West Virginia Red Meat Production 2021-2025



AUGUST CROP PRODUCTION

West Virginia - All other hay production (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 855,000 tons, down 45,000 tons from 2024. The area harvested is expected to total 570,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.50 tons, unchanged from 2024.

United States - Corn production for grain is forecast at 16.7 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2024, which if realized would be the highest production for grain on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, the yield is forecast at a record high 188.8 bushels per acre, up 9.5 bushels from last year's 179.3 bushels. Total planted area, at 97.3 million acres, is up 2 percent from the previous estimate and up 7 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 88.7 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 7 percent from the previous year.

Soybeans: Production for beans is forecast at 4.29 billion bushels, down 2 percent from 2024. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.6 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from 2024. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 80.1 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from 2024.

Winter wheat: Production is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the July 1 forecast and up less than 1 percent from 2024. As of August 1, the United States yield is forecast at 54.8 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 3.1 bushels from last year's average yield of 51.7 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.7 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the *Acreage* report and down 5 percent from 2024.

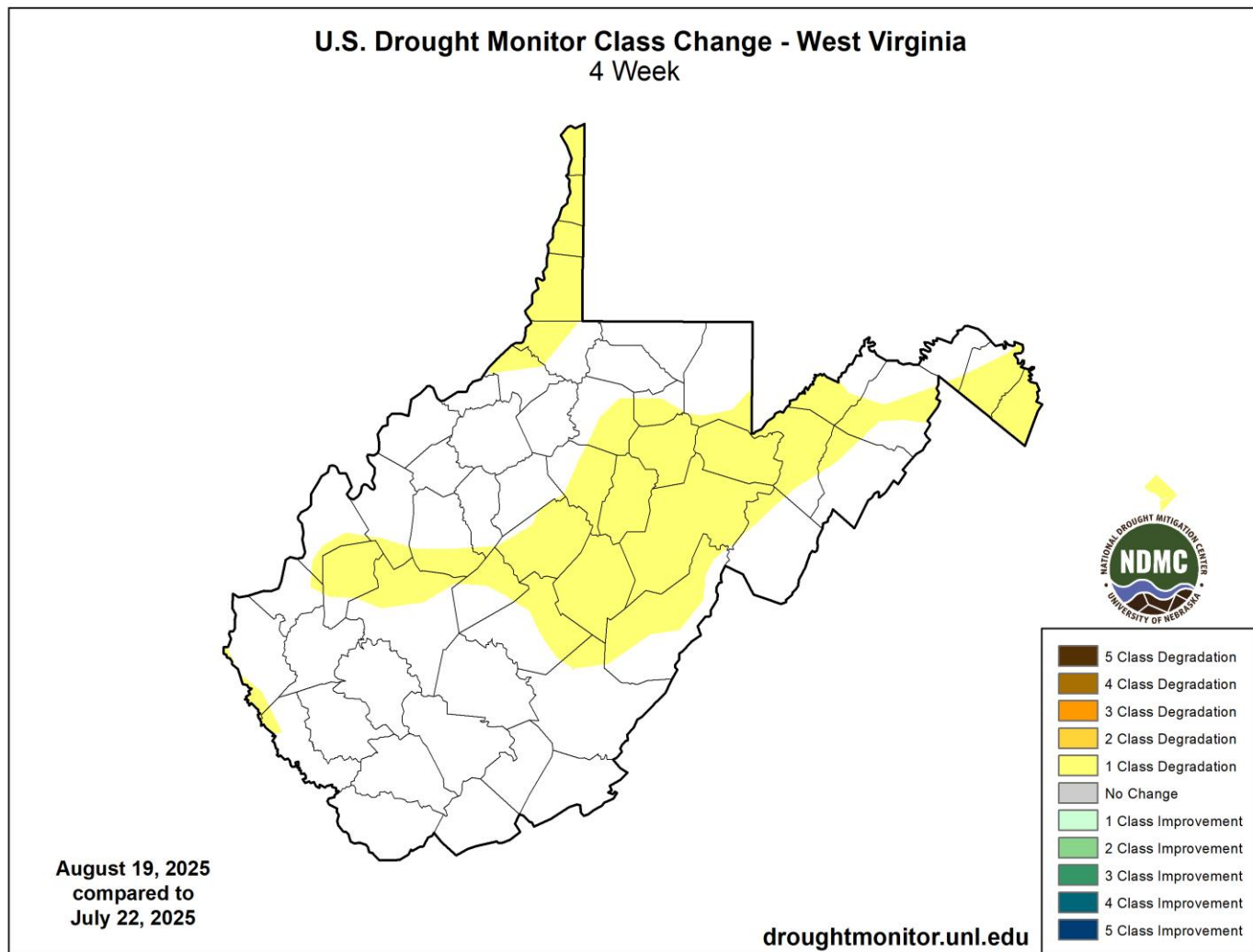
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures: Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay for 2025 is forecast at 49.7 million tons, down less than 1 percent from 2024. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 3.51 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 14.2 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down 3 percent from 2024. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high for Iowa, Kentucky, New Mexico, and Wisconsin. Record low harvested acres are expected in California, Colorado, and Virginia.

Other hay: Production of other hay is forecast at 73.8 million tons, up 2 percent from 2024. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.5 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but up 2 percent from 2024. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high for Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. Record low harvested acres are expected in Ohio.

Apples, commercial: United States apple total production for the 2025 crop year is forecast at 11.5 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. In Washington, the largest growing State, production is expected to be a record high, up 7 percent from the previous year.

Peaches: United States peach total production for the 2025 season is forecast at 682,500 tons, down 4 percent from 2024. In California, the largest growing State, production is forecast at 520,000 tons, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 2 percent from 2024. California Clingstone production is forecast at 230,000 tons, unchanged from the previous forecast but down less than 1 percent from 2024. California Freestone production is forecast at 290,000 tons, down 9 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2024. South Carolina production is forecast at 85,000 tons, down 7 percent from last year. Georgia production is forecast at 30,000 tons, down 19 percent from last year.

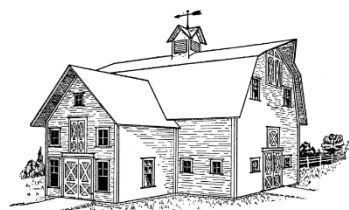
WEST VIRGINIA DROUGHT MAP



ANNOUNCEMENT

In cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, beginning in October, the USDA/NASS West Virginia Field Office will be publishing only a two-page *Mountain State Reporter* pamphlet that will be published on the USDA/NASS WV website. The publication will no longer be mailed. Monthly releases will be included in the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's *Market Bulletin*.

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