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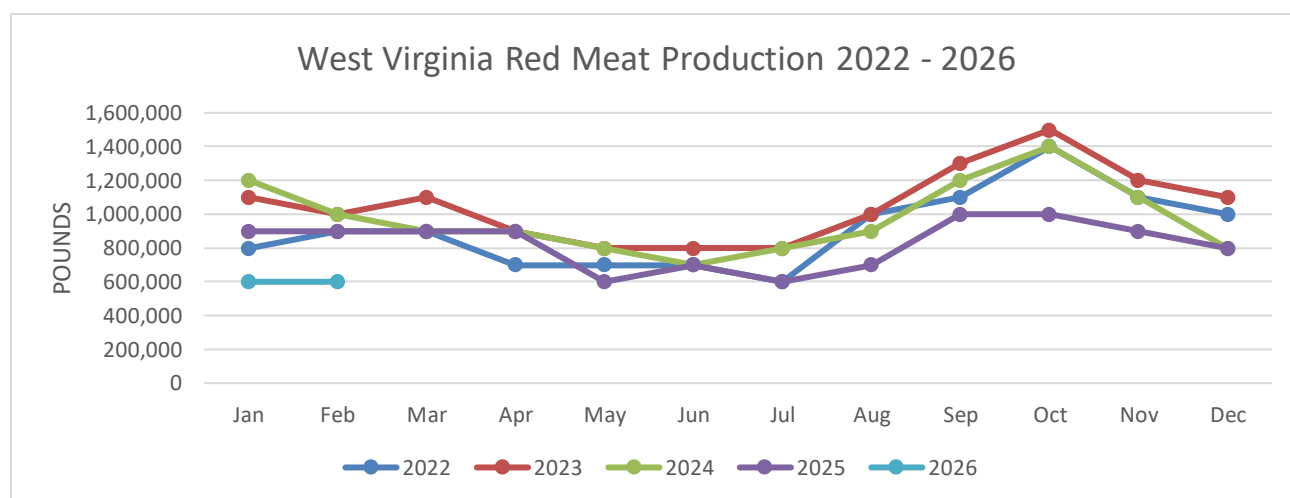
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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during February 2026 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 36 percent from February 2025. **Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 779,000 pounds live weight, down 41 percent from February 2025. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 75 pounds from the previous year, at 1,287 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 106,000 pounds live weight, down 36 percent from February 2025. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 40 pounds from the previous year, at 267 pounds.



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn area planted in West Virginia is expected to total 50,000 acres, up 22 percent, or 9,000 acres from 2025, and up 22 percent, or 9,000 acres from 2024. **All hay** area harvested is expected to total 620,000 acres, up 1 percent or 5,000 acres from 2025, and up 2 percent, or 13,000 acres from 2024.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2026, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service

Helping People Help the Land

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps people help the land through scientifically based, locally led voluntary conservation efforts. NRCS offers programs to eligible landowners and agricultural producers to help manage natural resource concerns while providing environmental benefits.

Through these programs, NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns to help save energy, improve soil, water, plant, air, animal and related resources on agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land.

Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while improving agricultural operations.

Getting Started with NRCS

Schedule a Farm Visit. To get started with NRCS call or visit your local USDA Service Center to set up an appointment.

How to Prepare. What is your vision for your land and farm? What are your challenges? Prepare a list of questions and concerns for your NRCS conservation specialist.

What to Expect. An NRCS team member will visit your property and ask about your goals for your land and help you develop a plan to obtain them. During the farm visit we will discuss conservation planning and what financial and technical support is available for you.

Who is Eligible?

Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who own or rent agricultural land are eligible. NRCS assistance can be used on all types of agricultural operations, including:

- Conventional and organic
- Specialty crops and commodity crops
- Forestry and wildlife
- Historically underserved farmers including beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and military veterans.
- Livestock operations

How to Apply

NRCS accepts applications for most programs year-round. To apply, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. Visit the NRCS-WV webpage to find your local service center and learn more about USDA's financial and technical conservation assistance. www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov.

To look for West Virginia Statistics, visit our webpage:

[USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - West Virginia](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

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