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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during March 2015 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 15 percent from March 2014. 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 612,000 pounds live weight, up 4 percent from March 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,032 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 220,000 pounds live weight, up 75 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, up 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from the previous year, at 277 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 4.06 billion pounds in March, up 7 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in March 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 3 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.9 million pounds, 21 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,700

head, down 26 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 295 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.11 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.89 million head, up 14 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 8 percent from March 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,600 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago.

January to March 2015 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 24 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

March 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. March 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia - The 2014 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs was \$261.5 million, up 24 percent from the 2013 gross income of \$211.2 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was up 24 percent and hogs and pigs was down 27 percent from 2013.

Total 2014 cash receipts from marketings for all meat animals were \$254.7 million, up 24 percent from cash receipts of \$204.9 million in 2013. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

Production of meat animals in West Virginia during 2014 totaled 135.9 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2013. Cattle and calves production decreased to 134.7 million pounds from 141.1 million pounds in 2013. Hogs

and pigs production decreased 25 percent to 1.3 million pounds from 1.7 million pounds in 2013. The value of production of meat animals increased to \$220.3 million compared to the value of \$171.6 million in 2013.

Cattle and calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 25 percent during 2014. Receipts totaled \$254.0 million compared with \$203.9 million in 2013. All cattle and calf marketings during 2014 reached 156.3 million pounds, down from 168.8 million pounds in 2013.

Hogs and pigs: Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$644,000 during 2014, down 37 percent from the 2013 cash receipts of \$1.0 million. Marketings of 830,000 pounds during 2014 were 40 percent below the 2013 total marketings of 1.4 million pounds.

United States - Total 2014 production of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 72.3 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. Production decreased 2 percent for hogs and pigs and 1 percent for cattle and calves.

Total 2014 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 18 percent to \$107.7 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 75 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 25 percent.

The 2014 gross income from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$108.3 billion, up 18 percent from 2013. Gross income for cattle and calves increased 20 percent and hogs and pigs increased 11 percent over previous year's gross income.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 20 percent from \$67.5 billion in 2013 to \$81.3 billion in 2014. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 52.1 billion pounds in 2014, down 5 percent from 2013.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$26.4 billion during 2014, up 11 percent from 2013. Marketings totaled 33.0 billion pounds in 2014, down 3 percent from 2013.

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.

2014 COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Charleston, West Virginia - Red meat production in commercial plants (commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 6.7 million pounds during

2014. This was 8 percent below the 2013 production of 7.3 million pounds. The number of Federally and Non-Federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 32 on January 1, 2015, unchanged from January 1, 2014.

West Virginia with 2013 comparisons:

- **Beef production** - 8.65 million pounds, down 10 percent.
- **Cattle slaughtered** - 8,700 head, down 8 percent or 800 head.
- **Pork production** - 1.86 million pounds, down less than 1 percent.
- **Hogs slaughtered** - 7,100 head, down 1 percent or 100 head.

The average live weight of cattle slaughtered in 2014 was 992 pounds, down 10 pounds from 2013. In 2014, calf production was not reported to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. In 2013, calf production was not reported to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. The average live weight for hogs slaughtered in 2014 was 263 pounds, up 3 pounds from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb slaughter information was not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States – Total red meat production for the United States totaled 47.4 billion pounds in 2014, 4 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 47.3 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 93.4 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 24.3 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 100 million pounds, down 15 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.9 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 161 million pounds, down slightly from 2013.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2014 totaled 30.2 million head, down 7 percent from 2013, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,330 pounds, up 16 pounds from a year ago. Steers comprised 51.8 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, heifers 28.2 percent, dairy cows 9.5 percent, other cows 8.6 percent, and bulls 1.8 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 565,800 head, 26 percent lower than a year ago with 98.5 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 283 pounds, up 33 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 106.9 million head, 5 percent lower than 2013 with 99.3 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from last year, at 285 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 97.1 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.31 million head, was down slightly from the previous year with 91.1 percent by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2013 at 135 pounds. Lambs and yearlings comprised 93.5 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 881 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2015 compared with 862 last year. Of these, 654 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2014 with the 13 largest plants slaughtering 56 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 620 plants, with the 12 largest plants accounting for 57 percent of the total. Likewise, 5 of the 200 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 63 percent of the total and 3 of the 521 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2014 comprised 56 percent of the total head.

Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas accounted for 49 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2014, unchanged from 2013.

2014 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Charleston, West Virginia - The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2014, was \$354.9 million, up 6 percent from the combined value of \$335.4 million in 2013. Of the combined total, 67 percent was from broilers, 17 percent from turkeys, 16 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 95.3 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2014, down 1 percent from the number of 96.3 million broilers produced in 2013. Total live weight was 371.7 million pounds, down from 385.2 million pounds in 2013. Value of production totaled \$236.8 million, up 1 percent from the 2013 value of \$233.8 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 63.7 cents per pound is up from the 2013 average live weight equivalent price of 60.7 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.



Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.1 million, unchanged from the 2013 total. Total live weight was 81.8 million pounds, up 2 percent from 80.6 million pounds in 2013. Value of production totaled \$60.2 million, up 12 percent from the 2013 value of production of \$53.6 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 73.5 cents per pound, up 7.0 cents per pound from the 2013 price of 66.5 cents.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 270 million eggs during 2014, up 13 percent from the 2013 production of 238 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 248.4 cents, up from the 2013 average price per dozen of 233.0 cents. The total value of production was \$55.9 million, up 21 percent from the 2013 total of \$46.2 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.60 million head, up 11 percent from the 2013 total of 1.44 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 12.6 million pounds, up 12 percent from the 2013 number of 11.3 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$2.07 million, up from \$1.77 million in 2013. Prices averaged 16.4 cents per pound, up from the 2013 price of 15.7 cents per pound.

United States - The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2014 was \$48.3 billion, up 9 percent from \$44.4 billion in 2013. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of **broilers produced** during 2014 was \$32.7 billion, up 6 percent from 2013. The total number of broilers produced in 2014 was 8.54 billion, up slightly from 2013. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2014 was 51.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2013.

The value of **turkeys produced** during 2014 was \$5.30 billion, up 10 percent from the \$4.84 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2014 was 238 million, down 1 percent from 2013. Turkey production in 2014 totaled 7.22 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.28 billion pounds produced in 2013.

The value of **sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2014 was \$96.6 million, up 10 percent from \$87.9 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2014 totaled 188 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all **egg production** in 2014 was \$10.2 billion, up 17 percent from \$8.68 billion in 2013. Egg production totaled 99.8 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 97.6 billion eggs produced in 2013.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production totaled 140 million pounds during 2014, down 12 million pounds from the 2013 production of 152 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 9,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2013. Average milk production per cow was 15,556 pounds or around 1,800 gallons, up 356 pounds from the 2013 number of 15,200 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2014 totaled \$33.7 million, up 11 percent from the 2013 cash receipts number of \$30.5 million. Producer returns averaged \$24.40 per hundredweight, up \$4.10 from 2013. Milk marketed by producers totaled 138 million pounds or 16.0 million gallons in 2014, down 12 million pounds from the 2013 number of 150 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 2.4 percent in 2014 to 206 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 22,258 pounds, was 442 pounds above 2013. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.26 million head, up 33,000 head from 2013.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2014 totaled \$49.3 billion, 22.5 percent higher than 2013. Producer returns averaged \$24.07 per hundredweight, 19.7 percent above 2013. Marketings totaled 205.1 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above 2013. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 962 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.5 percent less than 2013. Calves were fed 90 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 36 million pounds or 4.2 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2015. This was up 1 million pounds or 116,000 gallons from the same period in 2014 and up 2 million pounds or 233,000 gallons from the October - December 2014 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 9,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2014 and the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October - December 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

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