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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during May 2015 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was up 18 percent from May 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 389,000 pounds live weight, up 6 percent from May 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,068 pounds.

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

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 144,000 pounds live weight, up 53 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 272 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 3.81 billion pounds in May, down 4 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in May 2014.

**Beef production**, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 7

percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 10 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,332 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.6 million pounds, 16 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 33,200 head, down 29 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 335 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.86 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.75 million head, up 1 percent from May 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.9 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,500 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago.

**January to May 2015 commercial red meat production** was 19.7 billion pounds, up slightly from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 22 percent, pork was up 6 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

May 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**United States - Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on June 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2014.

**Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 1.71 million, 10 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 260,000, 700-799 pounds were 389,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 710,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 1.71 million, 8 percent below 2014. May marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 82,000 during May, 19 percent below 2014.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States - Egg production** totaled 8.00 billion during May 2015, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 6.86 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 83 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2015 averaged 342 million, down 5 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,339 eggs, unchanged from May 2014.

**All layers** in the United States on June 1, 2015 totaled 329 million, down 8 percent from last year. The 329 million layers consisted of 271 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.19 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2015, averaged 75.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from June 1, 2014.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during May 2015 totaled 47.7 million, down 3 percent from May 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.5 million on June 1, 2015, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 235 thousand during May 2015, up 5 percent from May 2014.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during May 2015 totaled 809 million, up 3 percent from May 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 657 million on June 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.54 million broiler-type

pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2015, down 1 percent from May 2014.

## GRAIN STOCKS

**United States - Corn stocks** in all positions on June 1, 2015 totaled 4.45 billion bushels, up 15 percent from June 1, 2014. Of the total stocks, 2.28 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.17 billion bushels, are up 9 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2015 indicated disappearance is 3.30 billion bushels, compared with 3.16 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on June 1, 2015 totaled 625 million bushels, up 54 percent from June 1, 2014. On-farm stocks totaled 246 million bushels, up 126 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 379 million bushels, are up 28 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2015 quarter totaled 701 million bushels, up 19 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop **all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2015 totaled 753 million bushels, up 28 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 155 million bushels, up 60 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 597 million bushels, are up 21 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2015 indicated disappearance is 388 million bushels, down 17 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop **Durum wheat** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2015 totaled 25.9 million bushels, up 20 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 10.3 million bushels, are down 20 percent from June 1, 2014. Off-farm stocks totaled 15.6 million bushels, up 79 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2015 indicated disappearance of 11.8 million bushels is down 29 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## CROP ACREAGE

**Charleston, West Virginia - Winter wheat** planted in West Virginia for 2015 is estimated at 9,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014. The projected harvest

for grain is 6,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014.

**Corn** planted is estimated at 50,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014. Growers expect to harvest 34,000 acres for grain, down 2,000 acres from last year.

**Soybean** planted acreage is estimated at 24,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2014. Harvested acreage is projected at 23,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2014.

**All hay** harvested is forecast at 638,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 18,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 620,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2015, Agricultural Survey.

**UNITED STATES WITH 2014 COMPARISONS**

Corn planted for all purposes - 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent.

- Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:
  - Insect resistant (biotech) - 4% of 2015 crop, 4% of 2014 crop;
  - Herbicide resistant - 12% of 2015 crop, 13% of 2014 crop;
  - Stacked gene - 77% of 2015 crop, 76% of 2014 crop;
  - All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2015 crop, 93% of 2014 crop.

Corn harvested for grain - 81.1 million acres, down 2 percent.

Winter wheat planted - 40.6 million acres, down 4 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain - 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent.

Oats planted - 3.0 million acres, up 13 percent.

Oats harvested for grain - 1.2 million acres, up 19 percent.

All tobacco harvested - 320,950 acres, down 15 percent.

Burley tobacco harvested - 84,000 acres, down 17 percent.

All hay for harvest - 56.5 million acres, down 1 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest - 18.3 million acres, down less than 1 percent.

Other hay for harvest - 38.5 million acres, down 1 percent.

Soybeans planted - 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

- Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2015 crop, 94% of 2014 crop;
- All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2015 crop, 94% of 2014 crop.

Soybeans for harvest - 84.4 million acres, up 2 percent.

**FARM LIST UPDATES**

Your farm or ranch is very important to attain a complete measure of U.S. agriculture whether you are a large or small operation. This includes:

- Retirement/lifestyle farms and ranches that grow a small amount of plants, crops, or keep only a few animals
- Larger operations
- Landowners that only have income from government programs
- Everything in between

A census of agricultural operations is conducted every five years with follow on surveys occurring between censuses. The next Census of Agriculture will be conducted in 2017.

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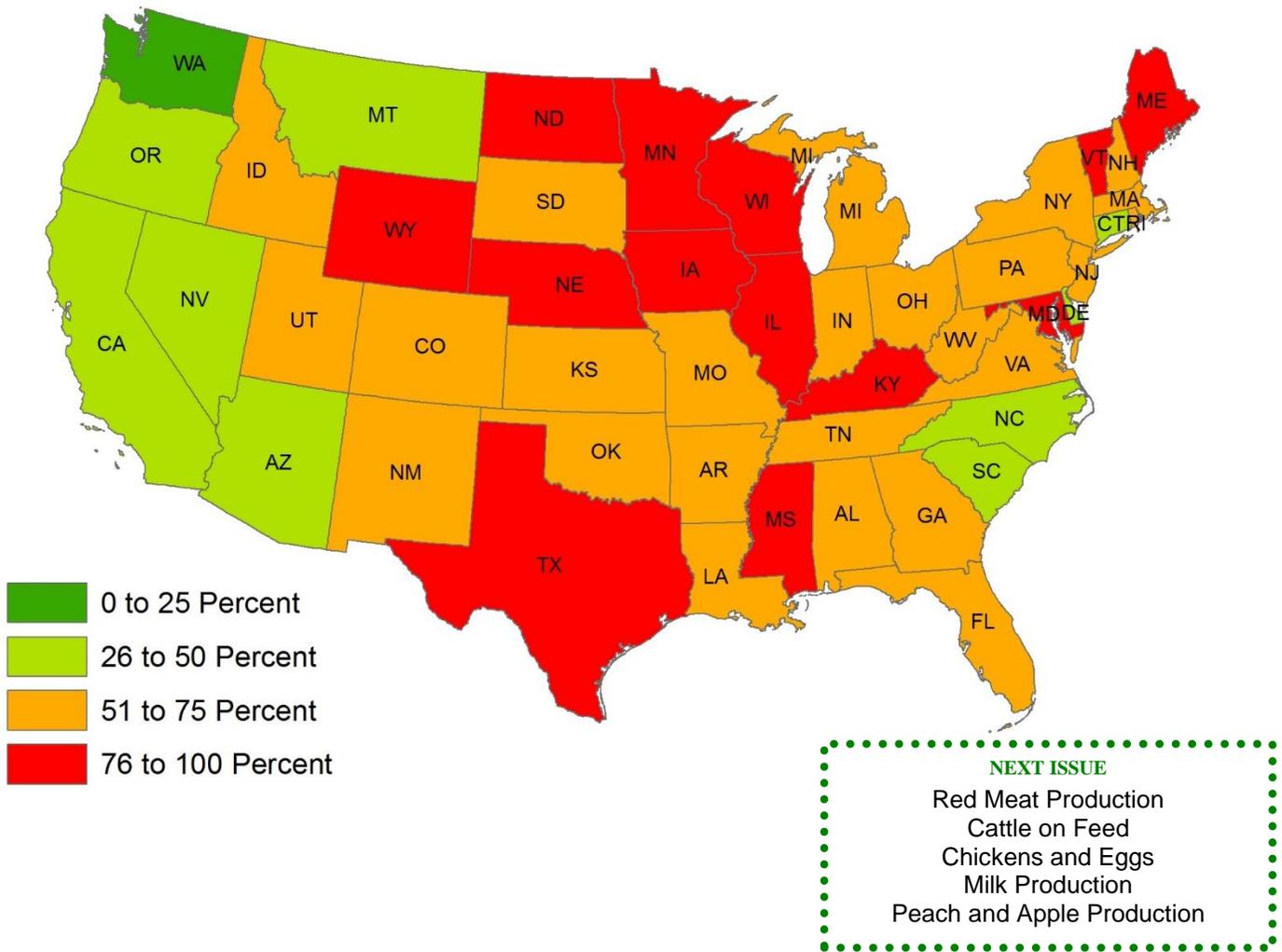
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Race: (Mark one or more)

American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White

Sex:  Male  
 Female

**PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION – PERCENT RATED GOOD OR BETTER  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 2015**



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