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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during September 2016 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from September 2015. 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 820,000 pounds live weight, down 1 percent from September 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 54 pounds from the previous year, at 943 pounds.

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

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 262,000 pounds live weight, up slightly from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 282 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 4.32 billion pounds in September, up 4 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in September 2015.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 6 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,370 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.2 million pounds, 10 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,500 head, up 14 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was down 61 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.13 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.2 million head, up 5 percent from September 2015. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was down 2 percent from September 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,300 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 125 pounds, down 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2016 commercial red meat production was 37.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

September 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

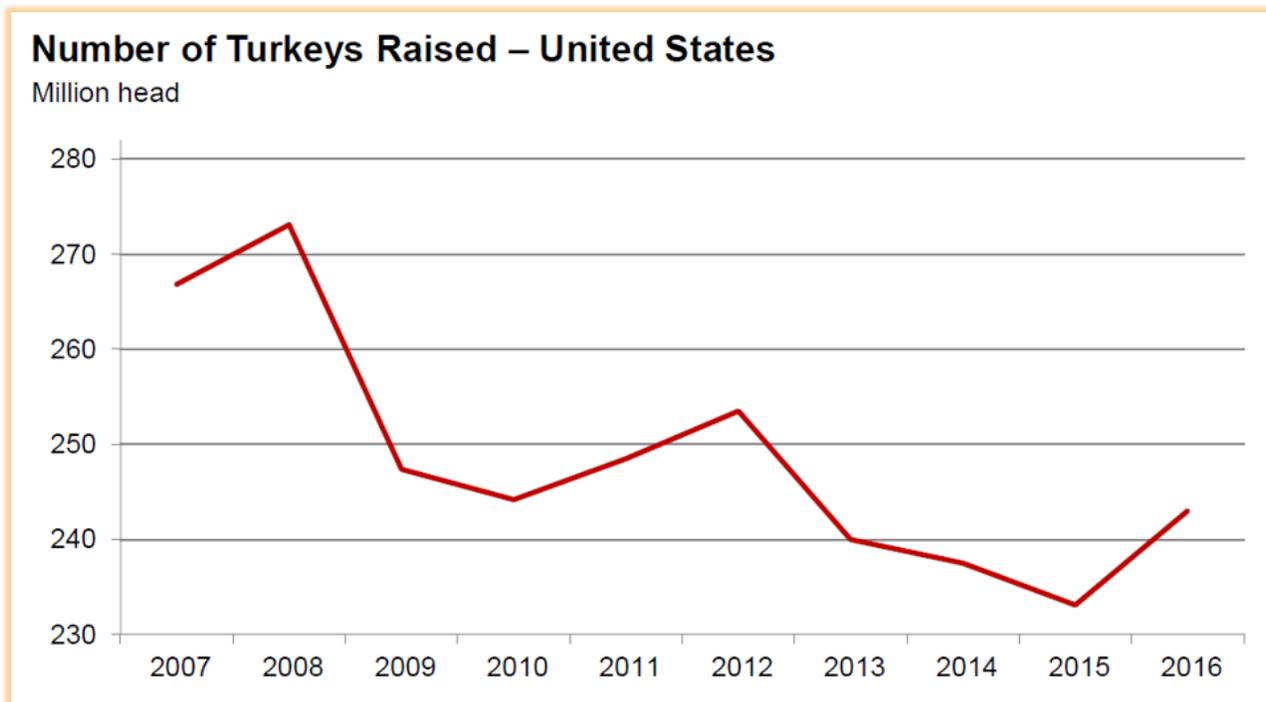
Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

TURKEYS RAISED

Charleston, West Virginia - Turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2016 is forecasted to be 3.3 million birds, up 10 percent from 2015.

United States -Turkeys raised in the United States during 2016 is forecasted at 243 million, up 4 percent from the number raised during 2015. A combination of six states account for nearly two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2016. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 44.0 million turkeys, up 7 percent from the previous year. North Carolina is up 6

percent from last year, producing 33.0 million turkeys. Arkansas produced 26.0 million turkeys, which is down 5 percent from the previous year. Indiana is up 4 percent from a year ago to 20.0 million turkeys. Missouri is up 4 percent from last year, producing 19.7 million turkeys. Virginia is unchanged from the previous year at 17.0 million turkeys.



CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 8.30 billion during September 2016, up 10 percent from last year. Production included 7.21 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 85.7 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2016 averaged 361 million, up 7 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up 2 percent from September 2015.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2016 totaled 361 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 304 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2016, averaged

76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from October 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2016 totaled 44.3 million, down 10 percent from September 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.7 million on October 1, 2016, down 18 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181 thousand during September 2016, down 18 percent from September 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2016 totaled 771 million, up 1 percent from September 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 628 million on October 1, 2016, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.04 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2016, down 18 percent from September 2015.

THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Milk production in West Virginia totaled 31 million pounds or 3.6 million gallons during the July - September quarter of 2016. This was down 3 million pounds or 349,000 gallons from the same period in 2015, and down 5 million pounds or 581,000 gallons from the April - June 2016 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 8,000 head, down 500 head from the same period in 2015, and down 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

United States - Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 52.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 9,000 head more than the April - June quarter, and 21,000 head more than the same period last year.

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

SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY

Charleston, West Virginia - Winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 244,000 bushels, up 2 percent from 240,000 bushels in 2015. Area harvested for grain totaled 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2015. Area planted totaled 7,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year. The average yield of 61.0 bushels per acre was up 1 bushel per acre from the previous year. Estimates for oats, barley and rye are not included in the estimating program for West Virginia.

United States - All wheat production totaled 2.31 billion bushels in 2016, up 12 percent from the revised 2015 total of 2.06 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.

Oat production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from 2015. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 981,000 acres, is 23 percent below last year.

Barley production is estimated at 199 million bushels, down 9 percent from the revised 2015 total of 218 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.9 bushels, is up 8.8 bushels from the previous year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.05 million acres in 2016, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2015.

Rye production for 2016 is estimated at 13.5 million bushels, up 16 percent from the revised 2015 total of 11.6 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 1.89 million acres, up 307,000 acres from 2015. The United States yield, at 32.5 bushels per acre, is up 0.7 bushel from the previous year. Estimates began in 2016 for Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia.

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay production is forecast at 1,140,000 tons, up 11 percent from the August 1 forecast of 1,026,000 tons and up 18 percent from the 2015 crop. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 570,000 acres in 2016, this is unchanged from the August 1 forecast and unchanged from 2015. Yield is expected to average 2.00 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast and up 0.30 ton per acre from 2015. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2017.

United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay production for 2016 is forecast at 62.8 million tons, up 7 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.48 tons per acre, up 0.16 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

Conditions in the western United States, despite continued dryness, are better than in 2015. Favorable conditions in the Corn Belt have producers there expecting improved yields over 2015. Record high

yields are expected in Indiana, Iowa, Nevada, Washington, and Wisconsin in 2016.

Other hay production is forecast at 78.8 million tons, up 4 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized, the 2016 average yield will be a record high for the United States and production will be the third highest on record behind only 2004 and 2003. Harvested area is forecast at 38.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 4 percent from 2015.

Due to adequate moisture, most producers in the Heartland region are expecting improved yields compared with 2015. In many western States, production is expected to be higher than 2015 due to the combination of either increased harvested acres or higher expected yields. Producers in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, and New York are expecting record high yields in 2016.

Corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year but down slightly from the September forecast. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.4 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the September forecast but up 5 bushels from 2015. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.8 million acres, up slightly from the September forecast and up 8 percent from 2015. Acreage updates were made in several States following a thorough review of all available data.

Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.27 billion bushels, up 2 percent from September and up

9 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month and up 3.4 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.0 million acres, up slightly from September and up 2 percent from 2015. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

DECEMBER AG SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the December Agricultural Survey from November 25 - December 15. Representatives from our office will be contacting farmers by telephone and personal interview. Interviewers will be collecting data on corn, soybeans, hay, winter wheat, and storage capacity. The results of this survey will be released on January 12, 2017 and will be published in the January edition of the *Mountain State Reporter* and on our website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.

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