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THANK YOU, FARMERS!

As the year draws to a close, we at the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) want to express our sincere gratitude for your time and support. Your invaluable contributions have been instrumental in providing accurate and timely agricultural statistics to the state of West Virginia, the nation and the world.

Together, we have accomplished so much this year. NASS produced over 400 statistical reports on agriculture and continued its work on the 2022 Ag Census Special Studies. Your data and response have made a significant impact on our ability to serve the agricultural community.

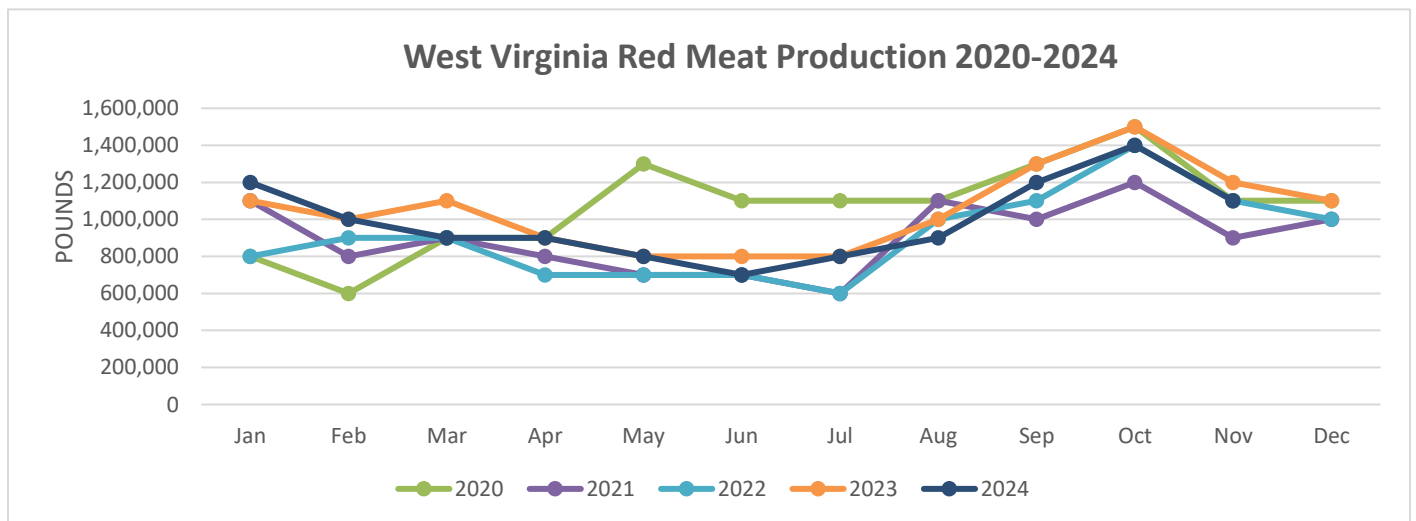
As we reflect on the year and look forward to the promise of a new one, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with peace, love, and prosperity. We look forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration in the coming year.

Stay safe and warm!

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during November 2024 totaled 1.1 million pounds. This was down 8 percent from November 2023. 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 1,566,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from November 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 86 pounds from the previous year, at 1,159 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 187,000 pounds live weight, down 30 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 309 pounds.



DROUGHT RELIEF

Drought 2024

West Virginia Legislature Allocates \$10 Million to Launch the WVDA Drought Recovery Program



Program Overview: WVDA Drought Recovery Program

Total Funding: \$10 million from the West Virginia Legislature to assist farmers impacted by drought conditions. Funds can be used for pasture restoration, water development, and other drought-related recovery expenses.

Eligibility: To qualify for assistance, farmers must be enrolled in the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). Enhancement payments under the WVDA Drought Recovery Program will be contingent upon LFP enrollment.

Enrollment Process: Farmers can enroll through their local Conservation District by January 30, 2025. Contact information for each district is listed to the right.

Payment Distribution: After the enrollment period ends, payments will be distributed from WV's 14 Conservation Districts to eligible farmers.

For additional information, farmers are encouraged to contact the WVDA at 304-558-3200 or visit <http://www.wvagriculture.org>.

Conservation District Contact Information

Farmers can contact their local conservation district for assistance:

- Northern Panhandle (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall): 304-238-1231
- Upper Ohio (Wetzel, Tyler, Pleasants): 304-758-2512
- Monongahela (Monongalia, Marion, Preston): 304-296-0081
- West Fork (Doddridge, Harrison, Gilmer, Lewis): 304-627-2160
- Tygarts Valley (Taylor, Barbour, Upshur, Randolph, Tucker): 304-457-3026
- Potomac Valley (Pendleton, Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Hampshire): 304-822-5174
- Eastern Panhandle (Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson): 304-263-4376
- Little Kanawha (Wood, Ritchie, Wirt, Calhoun, Roane): 304-422-9088
- Western (Jackson, Mason, Putnam): 304-675-3054
- Elk (Braxton, Webster, Clay, Nicholas): 304-765-2535
- Greenbrier (Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe): 304-645-6173
- Capitol (Kanawha): 304-759-0736
- Guyan (Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Mingo): 304-528-5718
- Southern (Fayette, Raleigh, Wyoming, Summers, McDowell, Mercer): 304-253-0261

CHRISTMAS TREES

According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, West Virginia has 2,615 acres of Cultivated Christmas Trees on 252 farms around the state.

Table 35. Cultivated Christmas Trees: 2022 and 2017

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Geographic area	2022					2017			
	Acres in production			Trees cut		Acres in production		Trees cut	
	Farms	Acres	Acres irrigated	Farms	Number	Farms	Acres	Farms	Number
State Total									
West Virginia	252	2,615	23	169	39,391	231	2,363	152	42,830
Counties									
Barbour	5	11	-	5	227	1	(D)	-	-
Berkeley	18	91	(D)	12	1,190	12	68	7	847
Braxton	2	(D)	-	1	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Brooke	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	2	(D)	2	(D)
Cabell	5	9	(D)	3	15	6	13	3	75
Calhoun	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Clay	8	14	-	2	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Doddridge	3	(D)	-	3	(D)	2	(D)	2	(D)
Fayette	2	(D)	-	2	(D)	4	(D)	4	(D)
Gilmer	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Grant	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	4	13	3	85
Greenbrier	5	9	-	5	(D)	4	7	1	(D)
Hampshire	16	139	12	9	1,162	18	100	8	1,033
Hardy	7	88	-	4	100	7	54	7	642
Harrison	3	4	-	1	(D)	5	28	2	(D)
Jackson	5	26	-	3	6	2	(D)	-	-
Jefferson	8	48	-	8	3,202	8	89	7	(D)
Kanawha	7	15	-	2	(D)	5	(D)	3	1,852
Lewis	2	(D)	-	2	(D)	3	16	1	(D)
Lincoln	5	100	-	5	2,680	2	(D)	2	(D)
McDowell	2	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marion	2	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	9	31	3	(D)
Marshall	4	4	-	-	-	5	98	5	798
Mason	3	26	-	2	(D)	5	23	5	462
Mercer	17	104	-	11	6,273	8	135	5	(D)
Mineral	19	705	-	12	3,192	18	201	15	2,980
Monongalia	12	40	-	11	478	4	26	4	(D)
Monroe	2	(D)	-	2	(D)	4	54	3	93
Morgan	8	30	-	2	(D)	4	47	1	(D)
Nicholas	5	23	-	3	346	8	36	8	560
Ohio	9	115	-	9	3,987	1	(D)	-	-
Pendleton	4	28	-	4	390	6	30	2	(D)
Pleasants	1	(D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pocahontas	12	131	-	10	2,335	20	198	15	1,127
Preston	10	(D)	-	6	(D)	12	193	6	4,031
Putnam	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	2	(D)	-	-
Raleigh	2	(D)	-	-	-	6	12	-	-
Randolph	6	30	-	3	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Ritchie	3	11	-	1	(D)	2	(D)	1	(D)
Summers	1	(D)	-	-	-	2	(D)	2	(D)
Tucker	4	64	-	4	1,070	5	(D)	5	212
Tyler	4	25	-	2	(D)	5	60	5	(D)
Upshur	5	45	-	3	(D)	4	(D)	3	825
Webster	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	1	(D)	1	(D)
Wetzel	3	(D)	-	2	(D)	6	204	2	(D)
Wirt	1	(D)	-	1	(D)	-	-	-	-
Wood	6	31	-	6	367	4	29	4	(D)

-(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

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The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to an **eligible drought condition**, determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor, available at droughtmonitor.unl.edu

Visit fsa.usda.gov/lfp or scan the QR Code for more information on eligibility and how to apply!



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APPLY BY JAN. 30, 2025

Voice your experience during the 2024 drought. NOAA wants to hear from you!

A large blue and white QR code intended for scanning to provide feedback on the 2024 drought experience.

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