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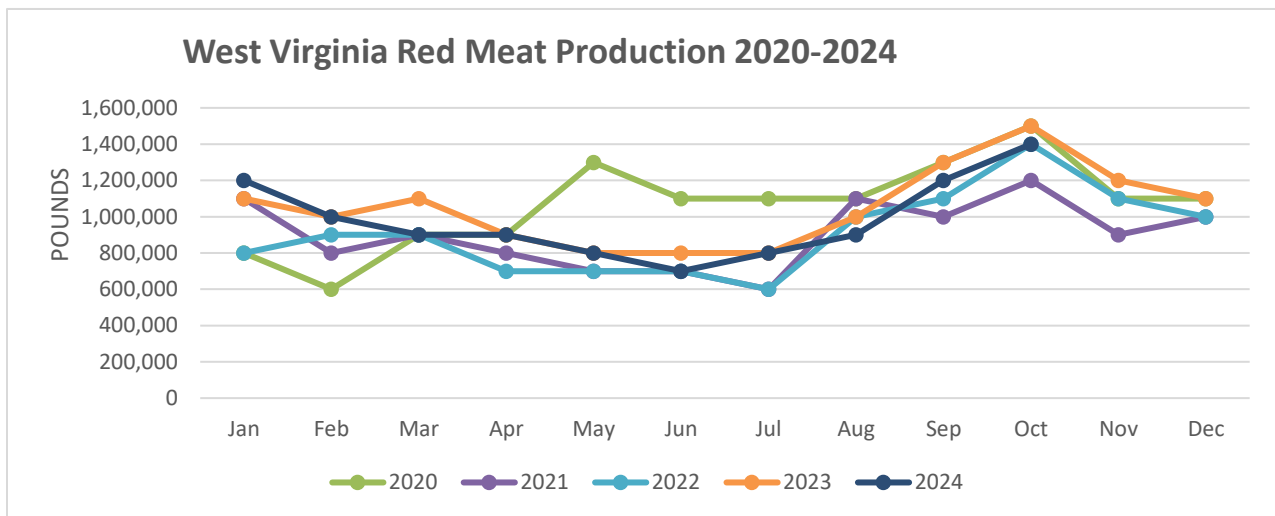
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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during October 2024 totaled 1,400,000 pounds. This was down 7 percent from October 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 1,983,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from October 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,900 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,053 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 299,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.



JANUARY AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the January Cattle and Sheep and Goat surveys from December 30, 2024, through January 12, 2025. Survey data are collected across the country and are used to set state and national estimates for cattle, sheep, and goats.

Questionnaires will be mailed to producers in the sample on December 20, 2024; they can respond via mail or electronically. Enumerators from the Eastern Mountain Region Offices will collect data on cattle, sheep, and goat inventories. The cattle questions will cover milk and beef cow numbers including replacement heifers, steers, cattle on feed, milk production, and calf crop. Sheep and goat questions will include breeding and market sheep and goat numbers, lamb and kid crops, 2024 wool and mohair production, and death totals. The Eastern Mountain Region is the home of more than 5,930 million head of cattle, 272 thousand head of sheep, and 252 thousand head of goats. The results of the surveys will be published on January 31 on our website at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>.

Eastern Mountain Region Cattle, Sheep and Goats Inventory

	Cattle	Sheep	Total Goats*
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Kentucky	1,890.0	75.0	64.3
North Carolina	750.0	32.0	51.0
Tennessee	1,600.0	51.0	79.2
Virginia	1,320.0	79.0	39.4
West Virginia	370.0	35.0	18.0
United States	87,157.4	5,030.0	2,470.0

*KY, NC, TN and VA goats are Milk and Meat combined. WV is Meat only.

WEB SOIL SURVEY

What is the Web Soil Survey? The Web Soil Survey (WSS) is the largest public-facing natural resource database in the world. Whether you manage 10,000 acres or measure your land in square feet, you can use WSS to learn more about your soils through customizable maps, properties, and interpretations – all free and downloadable. Check out the NRCS Web Soil Survey at websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov.



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LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES

The National Agricultural Statistics Service released the 2022 Census of Agriculture in February 2024; within this report, NASS has broken down the legal status of farms in each state. The United States has 1.9 million farms, of which 84.7 percent are family or individual-owned. Partnerships make up 6.6 percent, and corporations comprise 6.7 percent. The Eastern Mountain Region is predominantly made up of family or individual-owned farms. However, 4.5 percent of the farms are corporations. Since the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the United States has lost 141,733 farms or approximately 6.9 percent. There was an 8 percent decrease in family or individually owned farms, a 4 percent decrease in partnerships, but a 9 percent increase in corporations. The Eastern Mountain Region saw a similar trend, losing over 22,000 farms since the 2017 Census of Agriculture, with a 9 percent decrease in family or individually owned farms, a 13 percent decrease in partnerships, but a 6 percent increase in corporations.

According to the Corporate Transparency Act of 2021, farmers who are structured as either a C-corporation, S-corporation, or limited liability company (LLC) are now required to be registered if they employ fewer than 20 employees or receive under \$5 million in cash receipts. Owners must file their businesses with the federal government. The deadline to file Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) is Jan. 1, 2025. Filing the BOI is free. Business owners should consult attorneys or accountants to determine whether or not they are required to file and, if so, when to ensure they comply with FinCEN's standards.

Summary by Legal Status For Tax Purposes: 2022 Eastern Mountain Region and United States

	Total Farms	Family or Individual	Partnerships	Registered Partnerships	Corporations	Other
Kentucky	69,425	63,204	3,430	2,309	2,225	566
Tennessee	63,105	58,952	2,477	1,553	1,090	586
North Carolina	42,817	35,740	2,722	2,190	3,818	537
Virginia	38,995	33,185	2,315	1,859	2,966	529
West Virginia	22,787	21,117	841	657	614	215
United States	1,900,487	1,609,899	125,457	103,144	127,648	37,483

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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

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DROUGHT ASSISTANCE RESOURCES
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