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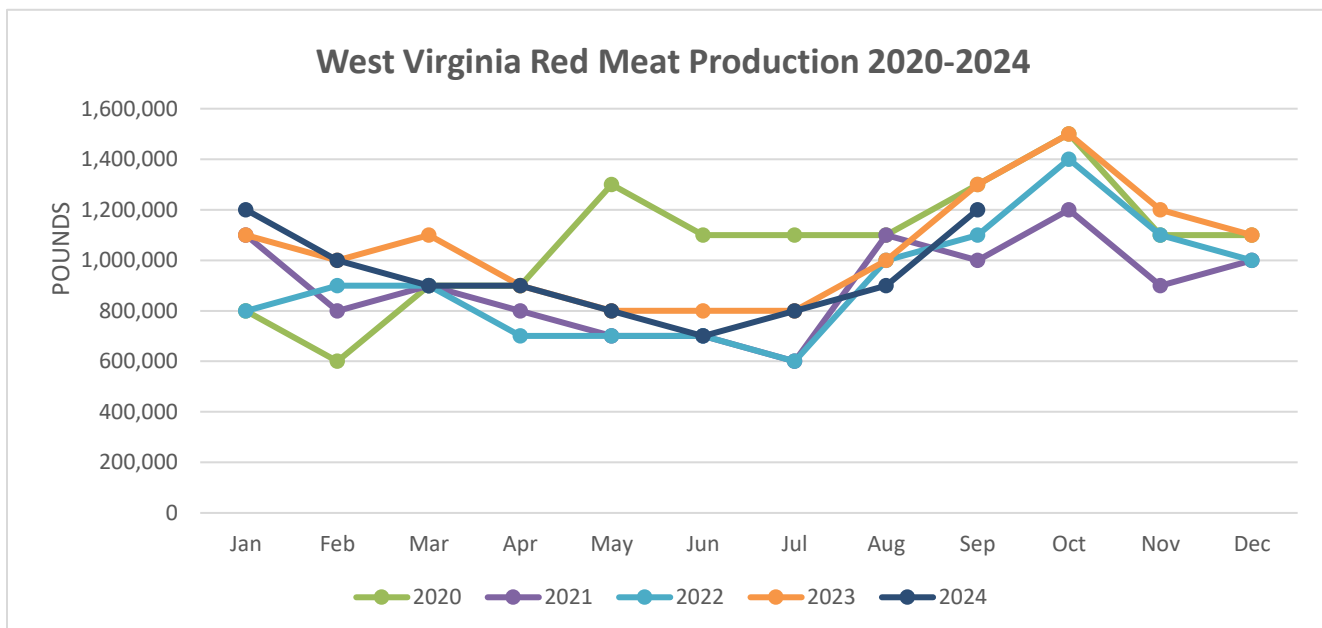
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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during September 2024 totaled 1,200,000 pounds. This was down 5 percent from September 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 1,764,000 pounds live weight, down 2 percent from September 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 237,000 pounds live weight, down 24 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, down 300 head from the previous year.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.45 billion pounds in September, up 2 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in September 2023. **Beef production**, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 1 percent from September 2023. **Veal production** totaled 3.1 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 16,100 head, down 26 percent from September 2023. **Pork production** totaled 2.23 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, up slightly from September 2023. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.6 million pounds, was up 4 percent from September 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 176,400 head, 1 percent above last year.

January to September 2024 commercial red meat production was 40.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.



OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

All other hay production in West Virginia is forecast at 1,003,000 tons, down 6 percent from the August 1 forecast of 1,062,000 tons, and down 2 percent from 2023. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 590,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down 2 percent from 2023. Yield is expected to average 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast, but unchanged from 2023. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA FARM OVERVIEW - CENSUS 2022

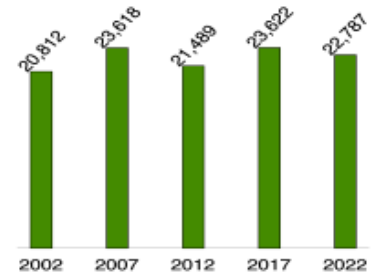


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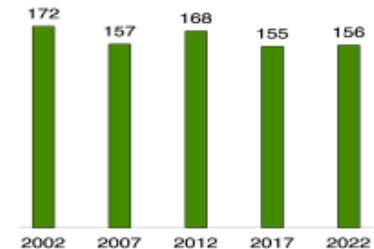
Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	22,787	-4
Land in farms (acres)	3,549,104	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	156	(Z)
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	947,765,000	+26
Government payments	9,746,000	+7
Farm-related income	50,918,000	+21
Total farm production expenses	807,789,000	+20
Net cash farm income	200,640,000	+50
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	41,592	+30
Government payments ^a	7,193	+48
Farm-related income ^a	11,268	+43
Total farm production expenses	35,450	+25
Net cash farm income	8,805	+55

Number of Farms, 2002 - 2022



Average Farm Size, 2002 - 2022 (acres)



^{a/} Average per farm receiving.

THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in West Virginia totaled 15 million pounds or 1.7 million gallons during the July - September quarter of 2024. This is down 6 percent from the same period in 2023, but unchanged from the April - June 2024 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 4,000 head, down 500 head from the same period in 2023, but unchanged from the previous quarter.

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

Milk Production: July-September							
State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ³		Percent Change
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Kentucky	44.0	42.0	4,886	4,881	215.0	205.0	-5
North Carolina	38.0	37.0	5,605	5,622	213.0	208.0	-2
Tennessee	25.0	24.0	4,440	4,500	111.0	108.0	-3
Virginia	68.0	66.0	5,147	5,091	350.0	336.0	-4
West Virginia	4.5	4.0	3,556	3,750	16.0	15.0	-6
United States	9366.0	9325.0	5,978	6,006	55994.0	56009.0	0

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Milk per cow is derived. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY - EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that all West Virginia counties are accepting applications for the [Emergency Conservation Program](#) (ECP) for producers impacted by drought. Signup for ECP in approved counties starts Oct. 9, 2024, and ends Nov. 15, 2024.

ECP is a performance-based cost-share program that provides funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to implement emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

Eligible ECP drought practices include:

- Providing emergency water during periods of severe drought for grazing and confined livestock.
- Providing emergency water during periods of severe drought for existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards.
- Portable water pumps for livestock.

Please contact your local FSA office for more information.

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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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For local USDA Service Center information visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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



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