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### WEST VIRGINIA CASH RENTS

West Virginia's **farm real estate value**, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, increased from 2023. Farm real estate value for 2024 averaged \$3,420 per acre, up \$120 per acre from last year. Cropland value increased \$130 from last year to \$4,050 per acre. Pastureland, at \$2,250 per acre, was \$30 higher than the previous year.

**Cash rents** paid to landlords in 2024 for cropland averaged \$47.00 per acre compared to \$45.00 per acre from last year. Pastureland rented for cash averaged \$14.00 per acre, the same as last year.

#### West Virginia Cash Rents Expense per Acre

Land type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change 2023-2024
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)
Cropland	39.00	37.00	41.50	45.00	47.00	4.4%
Pasture	13.00	13.50	12.00	14.00	14.00	0.0%

#### West Virginia Land Values, Average Value per Acre

State and land type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change 2023-2024
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)
Cropland	3,310	3,390	3,700	3,920	4,050	3.3%
Pasture	2,150	2,180	2,200	2,220	2,250	1.4%
Farm real estate <sup>1</sup>	2,730	2,820	3,080	3,300	3,420	3.6%

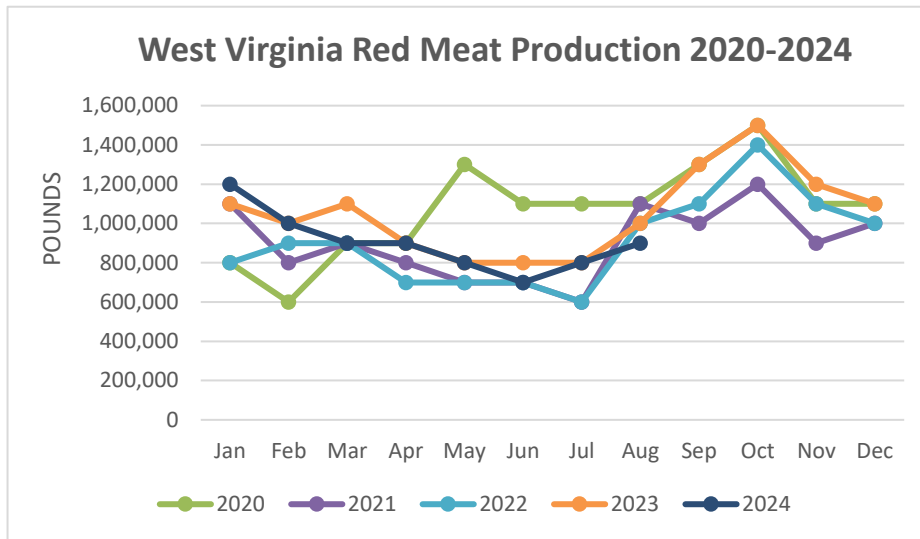
<sup>1</sup> Includes value of all land and buildings.

### RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Commercial red meat production** in West Virginia during August 2024 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from August 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 1,222,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from August 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 57 pounds

from the previous year, at 1,215 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 232,000 pounds live weight, down 25 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 900 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.



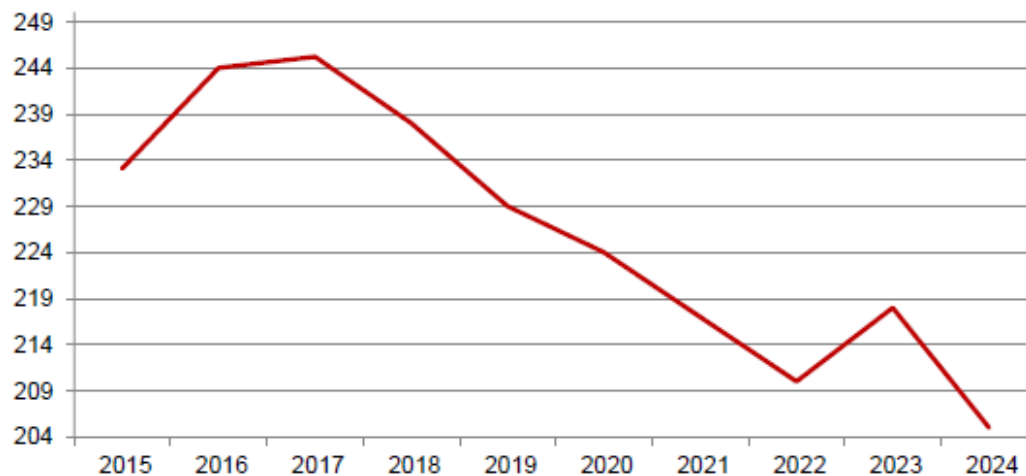
### TURKEYS RAISED

**Turkeys raised** in West Virginia during 2024 is forecast to be 4.0 million birds, unchanged from 2023.

**United States - Turkeys raised** in the United States during 2024 is forecasted at 205 million, down 6 percent from the number raised during 2023. The top six states account for 67 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2024. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 33.5 million turkeys, down 13 percent from the previous year. North Carolina produced 27.5 million turkeys, down 5 percent from a year ago. Arkansas produced 25.0 million turkeys, down 7 percent from last year. Indiana produced 20.0 million turkeys, unchanged from last year. Missouri produced 15.5 million turkeys, down 9 percent from last year. Virginia is down 1 percent from the previous year at 15.4 million turkeys.

### Turkeys Raised – United States

Million head



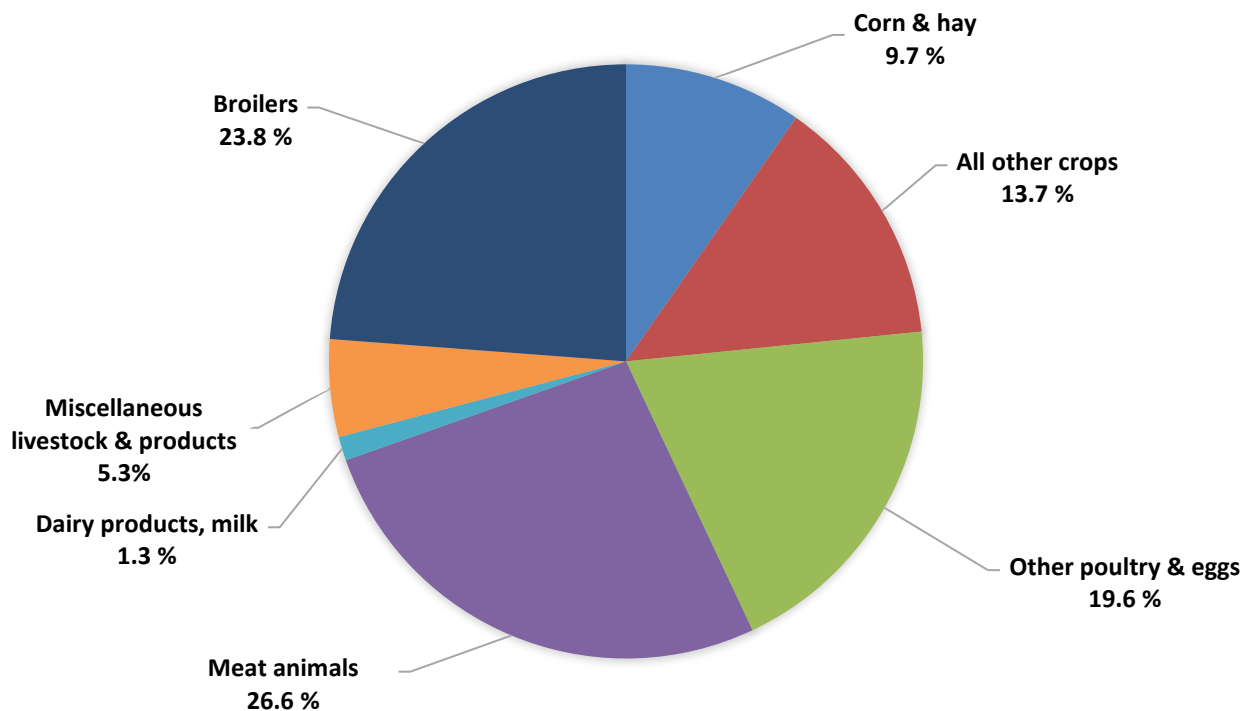
## CASH RECEIPTS

The 2023 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 976,785,000 dollars, an increase of 37.8 million dollars from 2022. Receipts from livestock and livestock products accounted for 76.6 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 23.4 percent of the 2023 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs, turkeys, and farm chickens, accounted for 43.4 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 26.5 percent of the total in 2023.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 27th for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor from poultry and eggs, accounting for 23.8 percent of cash receipts in the State, ranking 22nd in the nation. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 12th in the nation, turkey receipts at 13th in the nation, and trout receipts at 18th in the nation.

### Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2023



*Note:* Cash receipts reflect sales of commodities from farms where produced within a calendar year irrespective of the year of production. Data as of September 5, 2024. Values are rounded to the nearest thousand. Totals may not add due to rounding. Miscellaneous livestock and products include hogs, equine, sheep, and all other livestock. All other crops include floriculture, greenhouse/nursery, Christmas trees, oats, vegetables, tobacco, and other crops. Source: USDA, Economic Research Service <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/farm-income-and-wealth-statistics.aspx>.

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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](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

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