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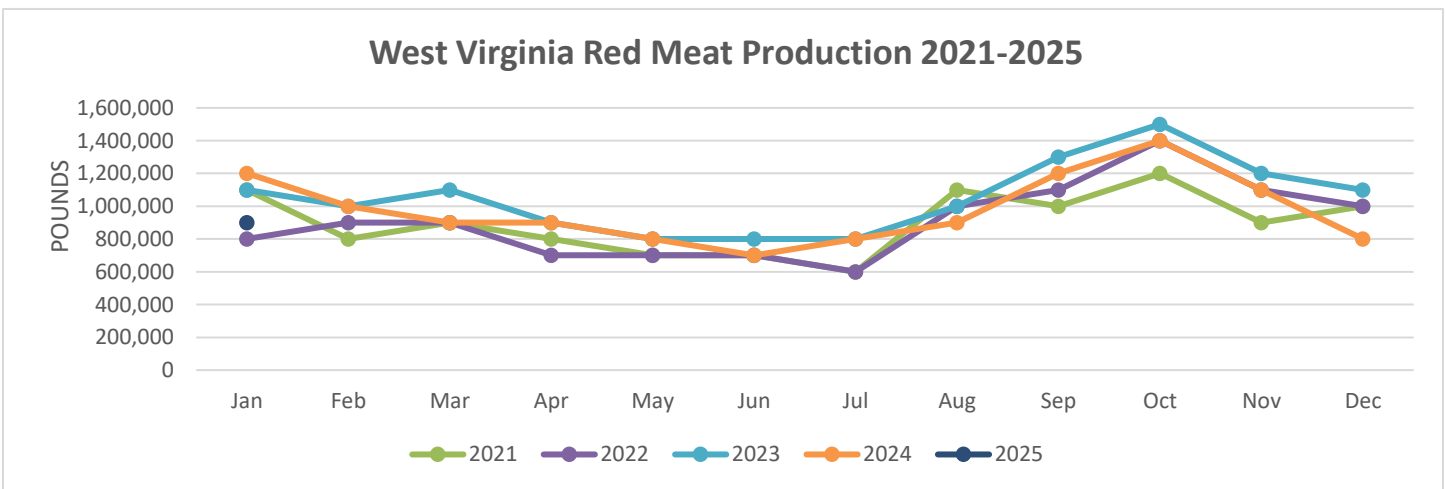
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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during January 2025 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was down 24 percent from January 2024. 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 1,329,000 pounds live weight, down 26 percent from January 2024. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, down 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 70 pounds from the previous year, at 1,215 pounds.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 125,000 pounds live weight, down 47 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 400 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

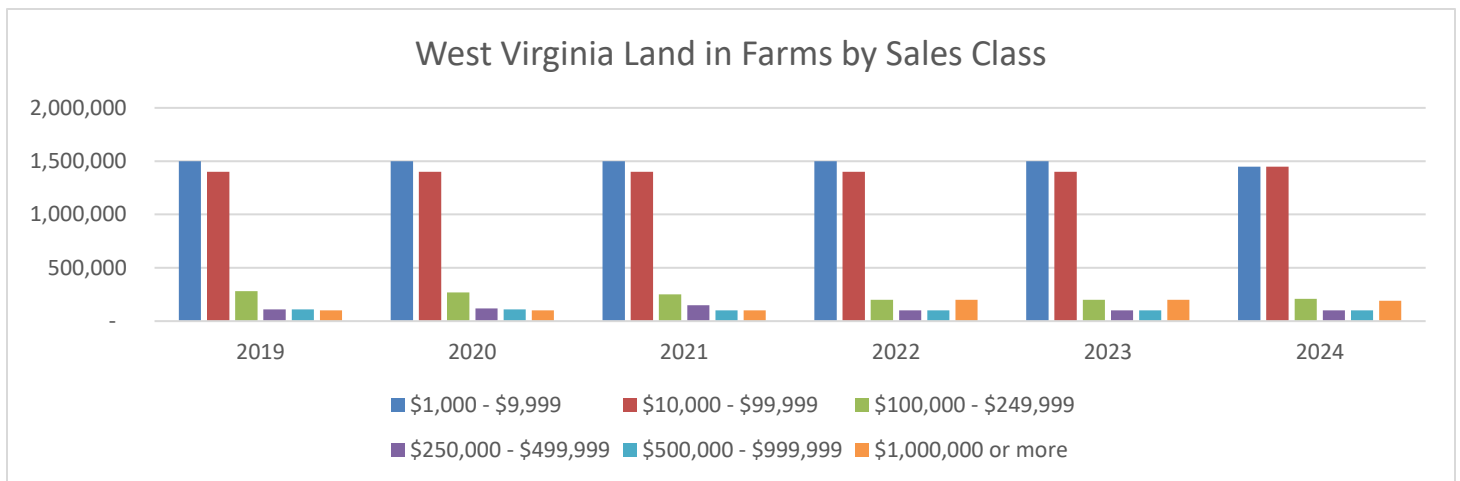


FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,600 in 2024, down 200 from 2023. The total land in farms was 3.5 million acres, unchanged from 2023. The average farm size was 155 acres, up one acre from 2023.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Farms in WV	22,900	22,400	22,800	22,800	22,600
Total Land in WV Farms	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
WV Average Farm Size	153	156	154	154	155

The number of farms in the United States for 2024 is estimated at 1,880,000 down 14,950 farms from 2023. Total land in farms, at 876,460,000 acres, decreased 2,100,000 acres from 2023. The average farm size for 2024 is 466 acres, up from 464 acres the previous year.



CATTLE INVENTORY

Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2025 totaled 365,000 head, down 5,000 head from the January 1, 2024 inventory. All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 193,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2024.

CATTLE - January 1 Inventory¹

CLASS	West Virginia			UNITED STATES		
	2024	2025	Percent Change	2024	2025	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
All Cattle and Calves	370.0	365.0	-1	87,157.4	86,662.2	-1
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	192.0	193.0	+1	37,359.8	37,212.8	0
Beef Cows	188.0	*		28,013.0	27,863.5	-1
Milk Cows	4.0	*		9,346.8	9,349.3	0
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over	59.0	*		18,320.0	18,179.9	-1
For Beef Cow Replacement	31.0	*		4,718.3	4,672.4	-1
For Milk Cow Replacement	2.0	*		3,951.2	3,914.3	-1
Other Heifers	26.0	*		9,650.5	9,593.2	-1
Steers 500 lbs. and Over	39.0	*		15,959.2	15,802.4	-1
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	13.0	*		2,030.7	2,009.0	-1
Calves Under 500 lbs.	67.0	*		13,487.7	13,458.1	0
CLASS	2023	2024	Percent Change	2023	2024	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Calf Crop	186	189	+2	33,563	33,530	0

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

*Cattle program changes were made following the 2022 Census of Agriculture. As a result of these changes, a reduced number of data items are published for West Virginia beginning in January 2025.

SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORIES

All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2025 was 36,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2024.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 30,000 head on January 1, 2025, up 1,000 head from 2024. Ewes totaled 25,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2024. Rams totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from 2024. Replacement lambs totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2024.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2025 totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2024. Market sheep totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 5,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Of these, 2,000 were under 65 pounds, 1,000 were 65 - 84 pounds, 1,000 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 1,000 were over 105 pounds.

SHEEP & LAMBS - January 1 Inventory ¹

CLASS	West Virginia			UNITED STATES		
	2024	2025	Percent Change	2024	2025	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
All Sheep & Lambs	35.0	36.0	+3	5,030	5,050	0
Market Sheep & Lambs	6.0	6.0	0	1,360	1,370	+1
Lambs Under 65 lbs	2.0	2.0	0	350	355	+1
Lambs 65-84 lbs	1.0	1.0	0	195	195	0
Lambs 85-105 lbs	0.5	1.0	+100	269	273	+1
Lambs Over 105 lbs	1.5	1.0	-33	465	465	0
Sheep	1.0	1.0	0	81	82	+1
Breeding	29.0	30.0	+3	3,670	3,680	0
Ewes	24.0	25.0	+4	2,870	2,880	0
Rams	1.0	1.0	0	165	165	0
Replacement Lambs	4.0	4.0	0	635	635	0
CLASS	2023	2024	Percent Change	2023	2024	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Lamb Crop ²	28.0	30.0	+7	3030.0	3040.0	0

¹Totals may not add due to rounding. ²Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

The 2024 lamb crop totaled 30,000 head, up 2,000 head from 2023. The 2024 lambing rate was 125 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2024, up from the total of 122 lambs per 100 ewes in 2023.

Shorn wool production during 2024 was 85,000 pounds, up 5,000 pounds from 2023. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 16,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2023. Weight per fleece was 5.3 pounds in 2024, unchanged from 2023. The average price paid for wool sold in 2024 was 80 cents per pound, down 60 cents per pound from the average price paid in 2023 of \$1.40 per pound. Value was 68,000 dollars, down 44,000 dollars from the value of 112,000 dollars in 2023.

Sheep death loss during 2024 totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from 2023. Lamb death loss during 2024 totaled 4,500 head, up 500 head from 2023.

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