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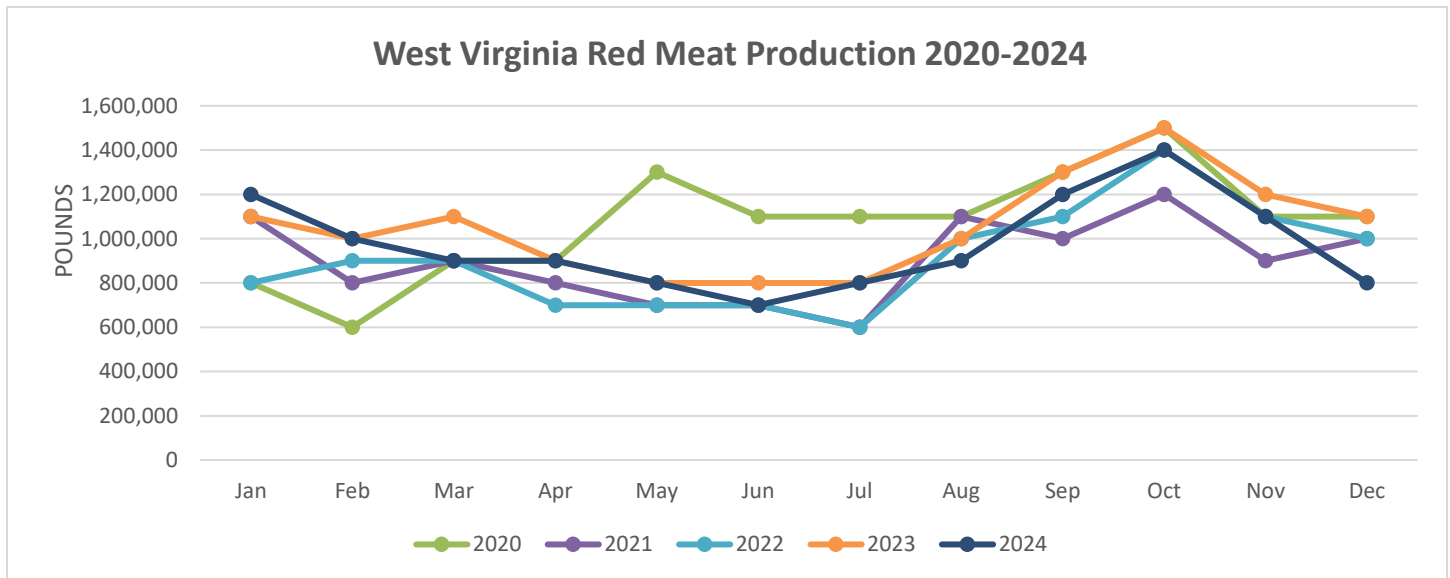
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## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Commercial red meat production** in West Virginia during December 2024 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was down 21 percent from December 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 1,195,000 pounds live weight, down 23 percent from December 2023. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 500 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 117 pounds from the previous year, at 1,148 pounds. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 125,000 pounds live weight, down 37 percent from December 2023. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.



## FOURTH QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in West Virginia totaled 14.5 million pounds or 1.7 million gallons during the October- December quarter of 2024. This was down 1.5 million pounds from the same period in 2023, but was unchanged from the July-September 2024 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 4,000 head.

Milk Production: October - December							
State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		Percent Change
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Kentucky	43.0	41.0	4,907	4,878	211.0	200.0	-5
North Carolina	38.0	37.0	5,711	5,486	217.0	203.0	-7
Tennessee	25.0	24.0	4,560	4,583	114.0	110.0	-4
Virginia	68.0	66.0	5,147	5,182	350.0	342.0	-2
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>-9</b>
United States	9,349.0	9,359.0	5,940	5,927	55,529.0	55,470.0	-0.1

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

## CENSUS OF AQUACULTURE

The 2023 Census of Aquaculture expands the aquaculture data collected from the 2022 Census of Agriculture and provides a current and comprehensive picture of the aquaculture sector at the State and national levels. The aquaculture census collects detailed information relating to production methods, surface water acres and sources, production, sales, point of first sale outlets, and aquaculture distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes.

The Census of Aquaculture provides current industry-specific data. This information is used by federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations, and producers to make decisions impacting the sustainability and growth of the U.S. aquaculture industry. West Virginia is home to 11 farms that have aquaculture and has \$1.26 million dollars in Value of Sales. The primary aquaculture product sold is trout and most common method used for aquaculture production is West Virginia Flow through Raceways.

### Value of Aquaculture Products Sold by Type

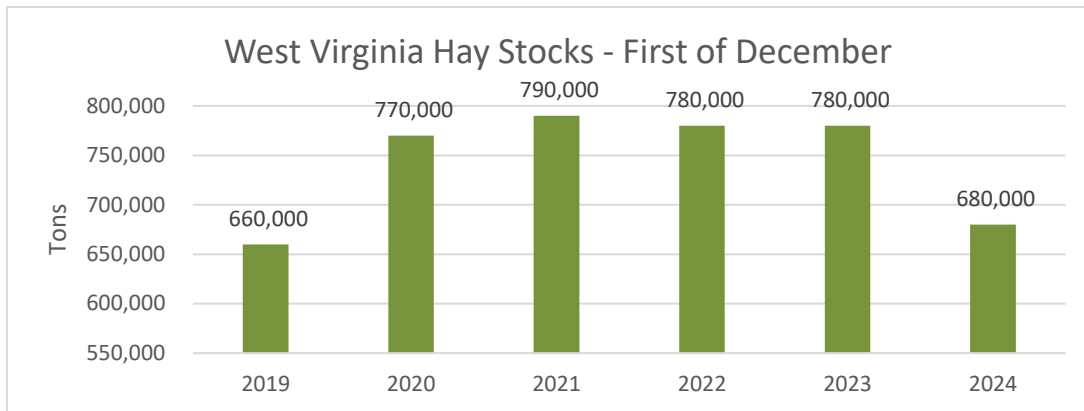
	Total		Food Fish	
	Number of Farms	Value of Sales	Number of Farms	Value of Sales
		(1000)		(1000)
Kentucky	21	995	11	163
North Carolina	95	33,225	60	30,401
Tennessee	21	3,990	15	787
Virginia	146	104,225	19	(D)
West Virginia	11	1,261	11	1,220
United States	3,453	1,908,002	968	819,556

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms

## ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION 'DECEMBER AG SURVEY RESULTS'

**Charleston, West Virginia - All hay** area harvested in 2024 totaled 607,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. The average yield in 2024 was 1.52 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 920,000

tons, down 131,000 tons from 2023. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 680,000 tons, down 100,000 tons from 2023.

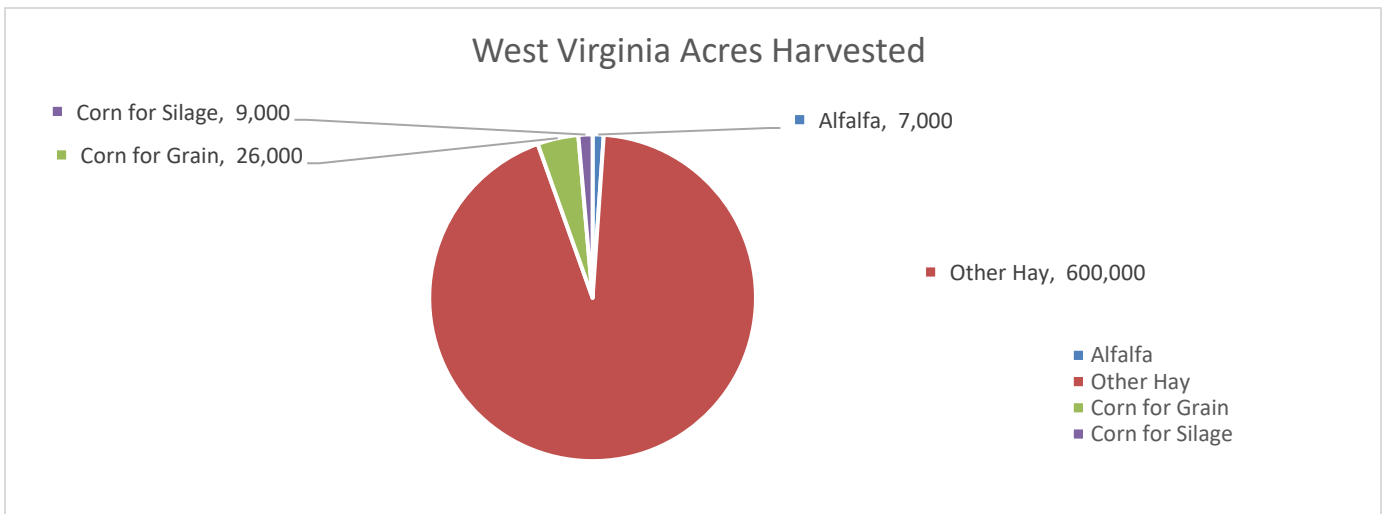


**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 7,000 acres in 2024, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Yields in 2024 averaged 2.80 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 20,000 tons, down 11,000 tons from 2023. New seedings of alfalfa in 2024 are estimated at 1,000 acres, unchanged from 2023.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 600,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 1.50 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 900,000 tons, down 120,000 tons from 2023.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2024 totaled 41,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 26,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2023. The average yield of 110.0 bushels per acre was down 35 bushels per acre from 2023. Production was 2,860,000 bushels, down 1,490,000 bushels from 2023.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 9,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 12.0 tons per acre, down 5.0 tons per acre from 2023. Silage production was estimated at 108,000 tons, down 45,000 tons from 2023.



**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2024 was 70,000, up from 69,000 taps in 2023. Yield per tap was 0.171 gallon, up from 0.159 gallon in 2023. Production totaled 12,000 gallons in 2024, up from 11,000 gallons in 2023. Comparison data for 2023 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 648,000 acres in 2024, down 6,000 acres from 2023. Area harvested totaled 642,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from 2023. Principal crops include acres planted to corn and acres harvested for all hay.

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