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## MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**Charleston, West Virginia – The production of meat animals** in West Virginia during 2023 totaled 146.6 million pounds, down slightly from the total of 146.7 million pounds in 2022. Cattle and calves production decreased to 144.0 million pounds from 144.5 million pounds in 2022. Hogs and pigs production increased to 2.57 million pounds from 2.16 million pounds in 2022. The value of production of meat animals increased to \$247.3 million compared to the value of \$201.3 million in 2022.

**Total 2023 cash receipts** from marketings for all meat animals were \$259.9 million, up 30 percent from cash receipts of \$200.0 million in 2022. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

**The 2023 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs was \$271.8 million, up 30 percent from the 2022 gross income of \$209.7 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was up 30 percent, and hogs and pigs was up 11 percent from 2022.

**Cattle and calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 30 percent during 2023. Receipts totaled \$258.6 million compared with \$198.8 million in 2022. All cattle and calf marketings during 2023 reached 150.3 million pounds, up from 144.2 million pounds in 2022.

**Hogs and pigs:** Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$1.34 million during 2023, up 16 percent from the 2022 cash receipts of \$1.16 million. Marketings of 2.09 million pounds during 2023 were up from the 2022 total marketings of 1.64 million pounds.

**United States – Total 2023 production** of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 86.6 billion pounds, up slightly from 2022. Production decreased 4 percent for cattle and calves, but increased 5 percent for hogs and pigs.

**Total 2023 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased 10 percent to \$128 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 79 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 21 percent.

**The 2023 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$129 billion, up 10 percent from 2022. Gross income increased 17 percent for cattle and calves, but decreased 11 percent for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 17 percent, from \$86.3 billion in 2022 to \$101 billion in 2023. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.8 billion pounds in 2023, down 5 percent from 2022.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$27.2 billion during 2023, down 11 percent from 2022. Marketings totaled 43.9 billion pounds in 2023, up 4 percent from 2022.

*Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and any sale of farm-slaughtered meats. Marketings excludes interfarm sales within the same State and farm slaughter. Number of head marketed includes all custom slaughter, but live weight marketed, shown in pounds, excludes custom slaughter consumed on farms where produced.*