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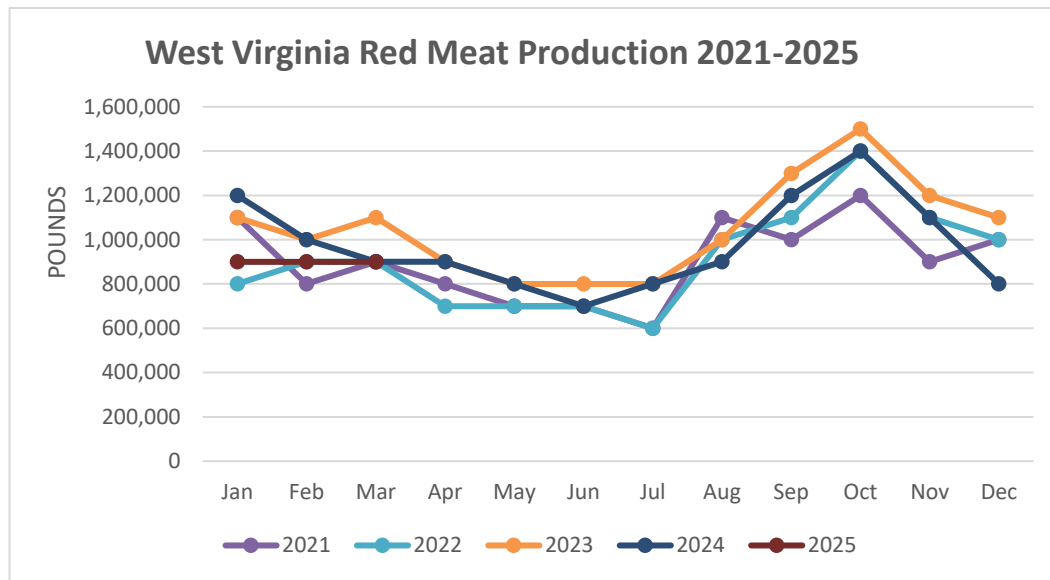
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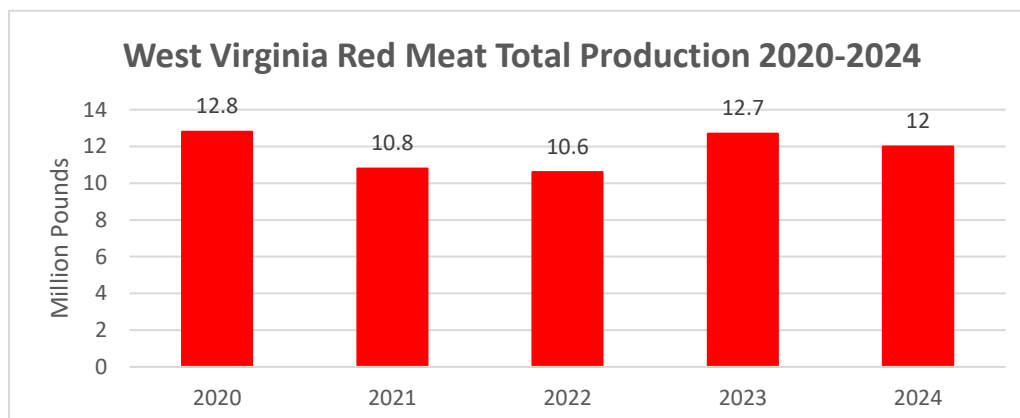
RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in West Virginia during March 2025 totaled 900 thousand pounds. This was down 1 percent from March 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 1,261,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from March 2024. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,100 head, unchanged from the previous year. **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 162,000 pounds live weight, down 16 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year.



2024 COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Red meat production in commercial plants (commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 12.0 million pounds during 2024. This was down 6 percent from 2023 production. The number of federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 38 on January 1, 2025, up 1 plant from the previous year.



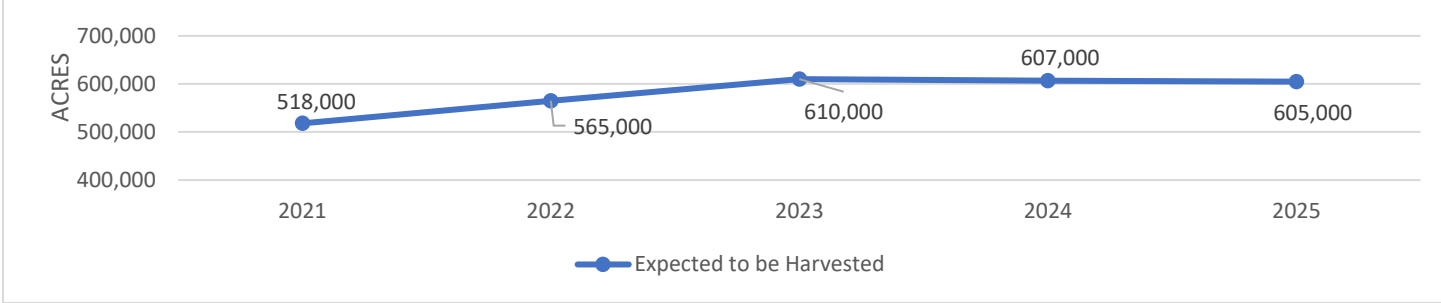
Commercial cattle slaughter during 2024 totaled 14,600 head, down 11 percent from 2023. Total live weight was 16.84 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2023. The average live weight was 1,151 pounds, up 41 pounds from 2023. **Commercial calf slaughter** was withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. **Commercial hog slaughter** during 2024 totaled 8,300 head, down 14 percent from 2023. Total live weight was 2.46 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2023. The average live weight was 295 pounds, up 4 pounds from the previous year.

West Virginia Commercial Livestock Slaughter 2019-2024

	Cattle		Hogs	
	Head	Total Live Weight	Head	Total Live Weight
	(1,000)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000)	(1,000 pounds)
2019	10.8	10.7	7.7	2.2
2020	16.9	18.5	11.0	3.3
2021	14.6	15.9	6.8	2.1
2022	13.8	15.1	7.5	2.2
2023	16.4	18.2	9.7	2.8
2024	14.6	16.8	8.3	2.5

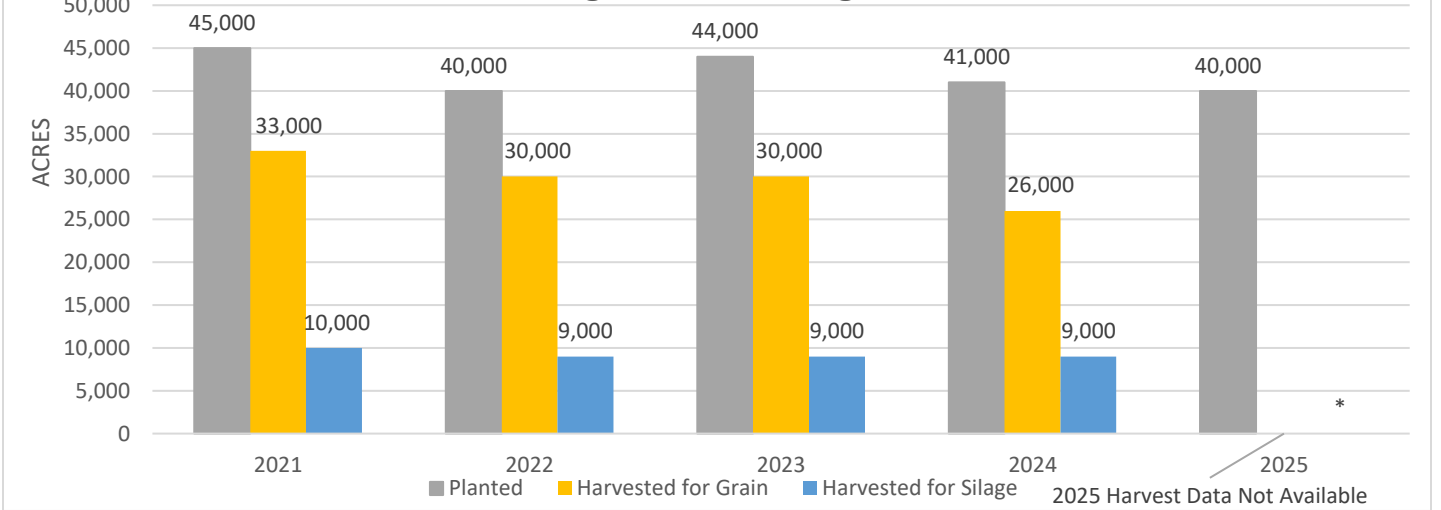
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

West Virginia All Hay 2021-2025



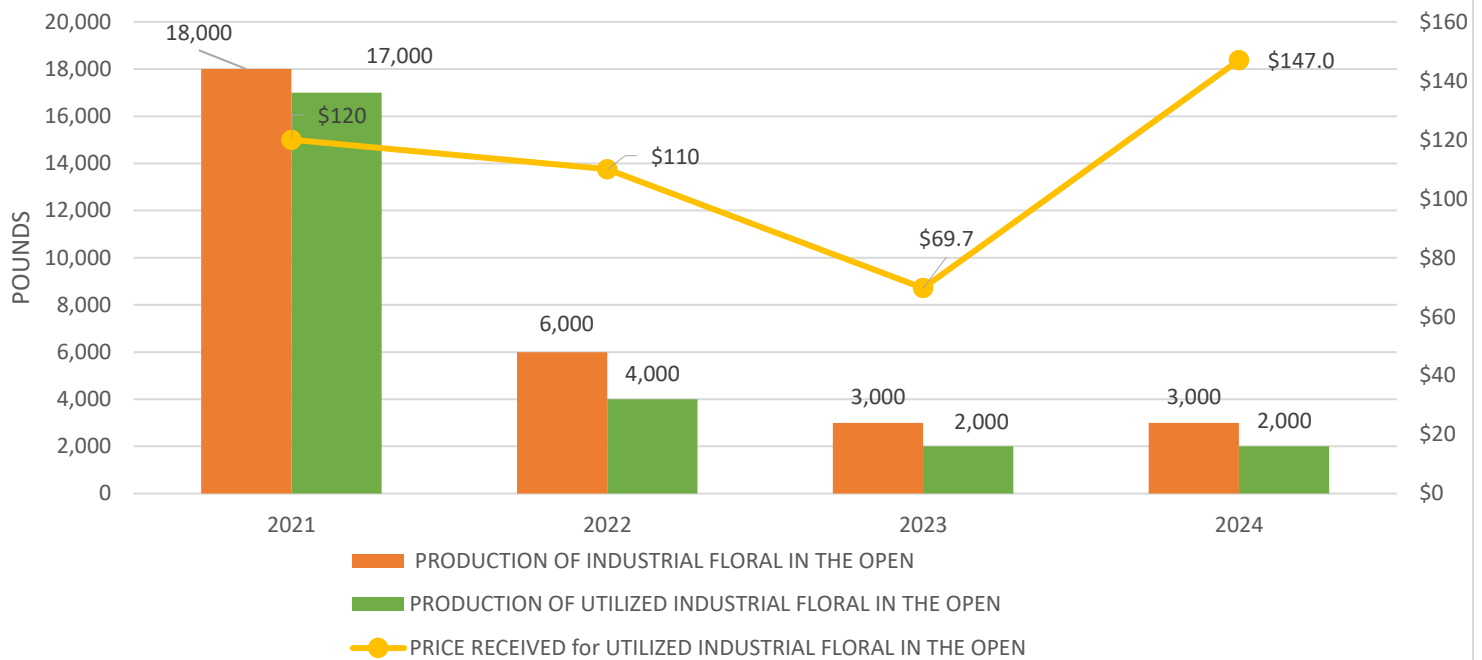
All hay area harvested is expected to total 605,000 acres, down slightly or 2,000 acres from 2024, and down 1 percent, or 5,000 acres from 2023. **Corn** area planted in West Virginia is expected to total 40,000 acres, down 2 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2024, and down 9 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2023.

West Virginia Corn Acreage 2021-2025



HEMP PRODUCTION

West Virginia Hemp Production and Price Per Pound 2021-2024



Industrial hemp in the open: Planted area for West Virginia in 2024 for all utilizations totaled 11 acres, down 13 acres from 24 acres in 2023. Area harvested for all purposes in the open in 2024 totaled 9 acres, down 14 acres from 23 acres in 2023. **Industrial floral hemp in the open:** Median yield was 180 pounds per acre in 2024 and the median price was \$51.50. The value of utilized floral hemp production grown in the open in 2024 totaled \$294,000, up from \$139,000 in 2023. **Hemp under protection:** 2024 data were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL GRAZING EVENTS

Conservation districts across the state of West Virginia are receiving funding for 2025 educational grazing events. Please reach out to your local specialist to learn about your area's offerings.

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