

Red meat output up

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's commercial red meat production (dressed weight basis) during July totaled 76.3 million pounds, up nine percent from July 1984, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Beef slaughter, at 94.1 million pounds liveweight, was up 15 percent from July 1984. Total head

slaughtered was 80,500, up ten percent, and liveweight averaged 1,169 pounds, an increase of 54 pounds. Veal slaughter was 4.4 million pounds liveweight, up three percent. Calf slaughter of 25,600, head was up four percent, with average liveweight unchanged at 171 pounds.

Hog slaughter, at 28.6 million pounds liveweight, was down nine

percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was down eight percent at 123,000, and the average lightweight decreased four pounds to 232 pounds. Lamb and mutton slaughter was 1.3 million pounds liveweight, down 17 percent. The numbered slaughtered was 12,600, also down 17 percent. The average liveweight remained unchanged at 103 pounds.

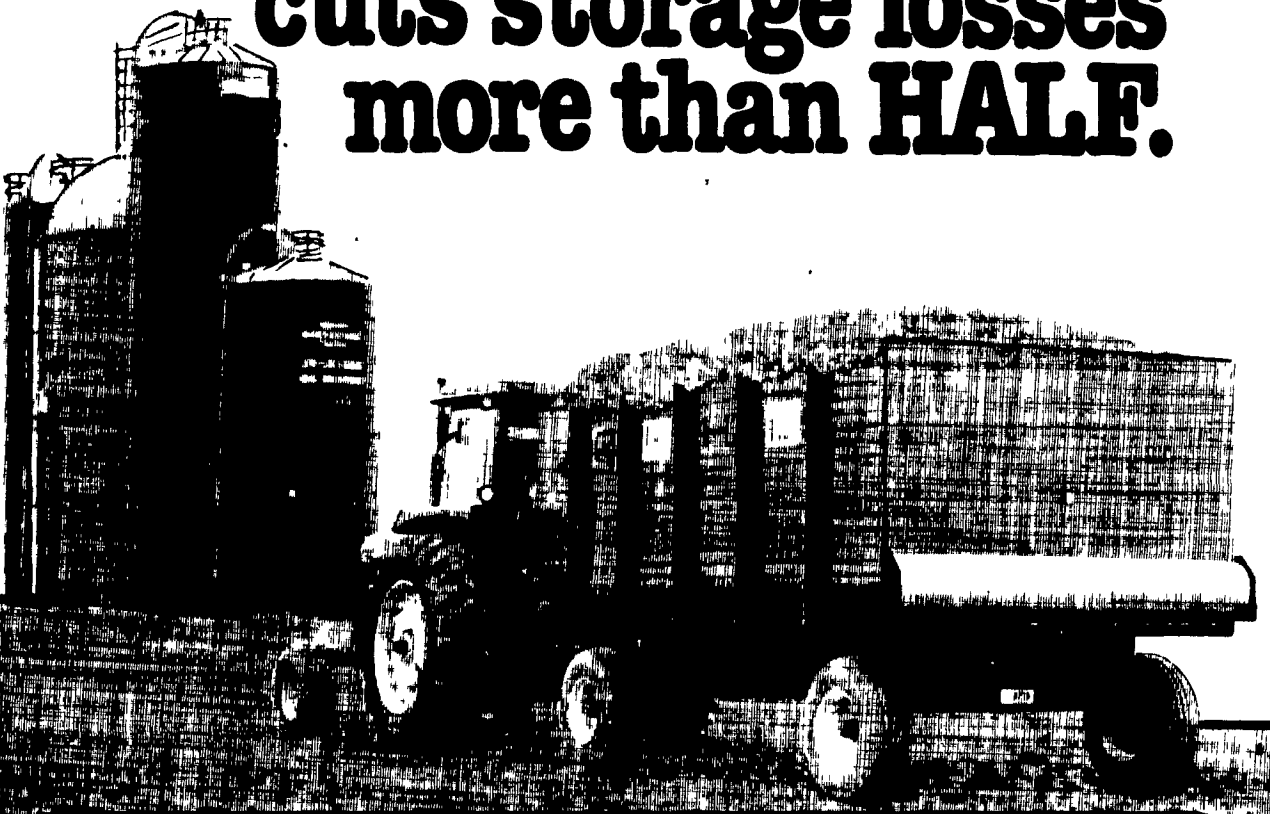
U.S. commercial red meat production (dressed weight basis) in July totaled 3.28 billion pounds, up eight percent from July 1984. Beef production (dressed weight basis) at 2.06 billion pounds was up six percent from July 1984. Total head killed at 3.14 million was unchanged. The average liveweight increased 15 pounds to 1,100. Veal production at 43 million

pounds (dressed weight basis) was up eight percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter of 291,000 head was up four percent, and the average liveweight increased nine pounds to 250.

Pork production totaled 1.15 billion pounds (dressed weight basis), up ten percent from a year ago. The 6.60 million head killed was also up ten percent. Average liveweight was unchanged at 244 pounds. Lamb and mutton production at 28 million pounds was unchanged. Slaughter totaled 502,500 head, down five percent, but the average liveweight increased five pounds to 112 pounds.

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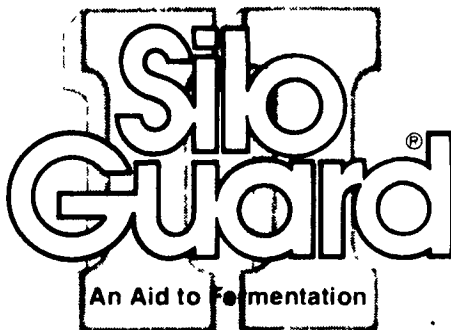
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