## State's meat production up

HARRISBURG
Penn vania's December 1985 com mercial red meat production, mercial red meat pright basis, totaled 84.1 dression pounds, up eight percent from December 1984, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.
Beef slaughter, at 109.6 million pounds liveweight, was up 20 percent from December 1984. Total head slaughtered was 92,000 up 16 mat and liveweight average percent, and liveweight averaged 1,192 pounds, an increase of 39 pounds. Veal slaughter was 4.8 million pounds liveweight, ${ }^{27}$ percent above last year. Calf slaughter of 28,500 head was up 24 percent. The average liveweight increased three pounds to 169 pounds.

Hog slaughter, at 33.4 million pounds liveweight, was down 14 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 142,300 , down 11 percent; average liveweight decreased seven pounds to 234 pounds. Lamb and mutton slaughtered was 1.1 million pounds liveweight, down 22 percent. The number slaughtered was 10,300 down 24 percent However, average percent. However, the average liveweight increased three pounds to 107 pounds.
U.S. commercial red meat production in December totaled 3.14 billion pounds, up one percent from December 1984. Comparing December 1985 with December 1984, beef production at 1.85 billion pounds was up one percent. Cattle kill at 2.92 million head was down
one percent, while average liveweight increased 19 pounds to 1,092 . Veal production at 46 million was up 18 percent from last year. Calf slaughter at 316,000 head was up 18 percent, and average liveweight increased three pounds to 246.
Pork production totaled 1.22 billion pounds, down less than one percent. Hog kill totaled 6.90 million head, down one percent. Average liveweight increased one pound to 246 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 30 million pounds, was unchanged from last poun Slaughter taled 505000 year. Slaughter totaled 505,000 head, down five percent. Liveweight averaged 117 pounds, three pounds heavier than a year earlier.

## Hay marketing project underway

CHESTER - Small scale hay throughout the region in 1986. producers in Southeastern Penn- These would be available to all sylvania are invited to particpate interested hay producers. in a special hay marketing project The sponsoring Cooperative sponsored by the Cooperative Extension personnel are Bruce Extension Service. Using funds Kreider in Dauphin County (717) secured through Penn State's $652-8460$, Larry Yager and Bill Small Farms Program, producers Murray in Adams County (717) 334can have their hay sampled, tested 6271 and Cheryl Fairbairn in and advertised for sale by hay Chester County (215) 696-3500. These agents will be supervising This project is designed to open the sampling, testing and adThis pres is dertising of the hay for small scale up new mading producers. Also they are creating for the producers whose gross produiling list of all interested hay farm income is less than $\$ 50,000$. In a mailing list of all interested hay addition to helping market hay, producers for the newsletter and this project also will fund a hay the hay production and market newsletter and several hay meetings. Contact them soon to production/marketing meetıngs participate in this program.

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