### State's meat production up

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania's December 1985 commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, totaled 84.1 million 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 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 nounds.

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, 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

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 year. Slaughter totaled 505,000 head, down five percent. Liveweight averaged 117 pounds, three pounds heavier than a year

# Hay marketing project underway

CHESTER - Small scale hay producers in Southeastern Pennsylvania are invited to participate interested hay producers. in a special hay marketing project sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service. Using funds secured through Penn State's Small Farms Program, producers can have their hay sampled, tested and advertised for sale by hay quality this market season.

This project is designed to open up new marketing opportunities for the producers whose gross producers. Also, they are creating farm income is less than \$50,000. In a mailing list of all interested hay addition to helping market hay, this project also will fund a hay newsletter and several hay meetings. Contact them soon to production/marketing meetings participate in this program.

throughout the region in 1986. These would be available to all

The sponsoring Cooperative Extension personnel are Bruce Kreider in Dauphin County (717) 652-8460, Larry Yager and Bill Murray in Adams County (717) 334-6271 and Cheryl Fairbairn in Chester County (215) 696-3500. These agents will be supervising the sampling, testing and advertising of the hay for small scale producers for the newsletter and the hay production and market

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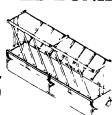
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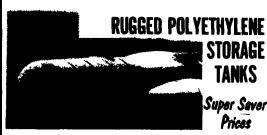
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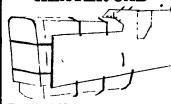
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