

Monthly Record High For Red Meat Production In October

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Both beef production and pork production set new records during October sending total red meat production to a new record high for the month.

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.26 billion pounds in October, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in October 2000 and 164 million pounds above the

previous record high set in 2000, according to the National Agricultural Service (NASS).

October 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and 43 million pounds above the previous record high set in 2000. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 1 percent from October 2000. The average live weight was up 16

pounds from the previous year, at 1,247 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18 million pounds, 2 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93,700 head, down 3 percent from October 2000. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 317 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year and also 121 million pounds above the previous record high set in 2000. Hog kill totaled 9.33 million head, 5 percent above October 2000. The average live weight was 5 pounds above the previous year, at 267

pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was up 6 percent from October 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 288,500 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January-October red meat production was 37.9 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.

Manure Hauler Certification Training Set

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Commercial and private manure haulers are invited to attend a workshop sponsored by Penn State and the State Conservation Commission.

The meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Berks County Ag Center in Leesport, from 9 a.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) to 2:45 p.m.

Preregistration is requested. Contact Robb Meinen, Penn State senior extension associate, at (814) 865-2987, or rjm134@psu.edu to register for this meeting. A fee of \$10 will cover the cost of materials and lunch.

This classroom session, when coupled with participation in a summer manure haulers field day, qualifies manure haulers for certification

under the Manure Haulers Certification Program. As an added benefit, all nutrient management plan writers who attend this session will receive three continuing education credits.

The program agenda will address environmental stewardship, odor control, manure spreader calibration, computerized record keeping, nitrogen and phosphorus management for crop production, possible impacts of phosphorus-based nutrient management, and conservation practices for nutrient management.

Both private and commercial haulers are encouraged to participate in the training. Register today.

EnviroScape Model Available For Loan

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Classroom teachers and Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and 4-H leaders who have soils, water quality, or pollution in their curriculum or have these topics required for a badge or study unit are invited to borrow the EnviroScape model from the Lancaster County Conservation District.

The EnviroScape is a miniature plastic watershed with a housing development, farm, busi-

ness industry, sewage treatment plant, golf course, roads, and waterways that drain into a river or bay. It can be used to demonstrate point and non-point source pollution in a fun and visual way.

Cocoa powder sprinkled on the brown terrain around the housing development and farm represents soil. Powdered drink mix sprinkled on the green terrain of the lawns and golf course represents pesticides and fertilizers. Vegetable oil on the roads represents

gas and oils. The educator supplies a rainstorm with a spray bottle, and it is easy to see the run-off and pollution.

The lightweight model, complete with supplies, lesson plan, and sturdy plastic carrying case are available for pick up on a two-week loan basis from the Lancaster County Conservation District. To reserve the EnviroScape, contact the environmental education coordinator, at (717) 299-5361.

Youth Earn Junior Bronze, Silver Awards

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Jamie Hower, Bethlehem; Brett Bishard, York; Jamie King, Tiffin, Ohio; and Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio have qualified for the Bronze and Silver Awards of the National Junior Angus Association.

Jamie is the 20-year-old daughter of Ned and Linda Hower, and is a student at Northampton Community College. She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local,

state, and national levels. She has participated in the LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) Conference and has animals enrolled in the AHIR program. She has been the president of the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the National Junior Angus Association since 1995.

Brett, 20, is the son of Brad and Lois Bishard. He has shown his Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, and national levels. He also has several animals enrolled in the AHIR program. He has been a director of the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the National Junior Angus Association since 1990.


Jamie, 20, is the daughter of John and Mary Lou King. She studies animal sciences at The Ohio State University. She has consigned her Angus to sales and has been active in the Ohio Junior Angus Association, serving as its secretary for four years. She has been the Ohio Angus Queen and has been a

member of the National Junior Angus Association since 1982.


Christina, 14, is the daughter of Kelvin and Jackie Egner and is a student at Shelby Middle School. She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, and national levels, and has animals enrolled in the AHIR Program. She is a member of the Ohio Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the National Junior Angus Association since 1997.

The Bronze and Silver Awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Angus Association Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards and then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors.

Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership competitions, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.



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