

Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up Eight Percent In November

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Commercial red meat production in the state during November 2002 totaled 109.2 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 8 percent from November 2001, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 115 million pounds live weight, was up 11 percent from November 2001. Total head slaughtered was 90,300. Live weight averaged 1,273 pounds, a decrease of 7 pounds from last year.

Veal production was 5.6 million pounds live weight, 4 percent more than a year ago. Calf slaughter of 17,200 head was up

15 percent. Average live weight decreased 38 pounds to 324 pounds.

Pork production, at 58.1 million pounds live weight, was up 9 percent from November 2001. Total head slaughtered was 230,600, up 10 percent from November of last year. Average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 252 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production was 731,000 pounds live weight, up 44 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 6,800, up 45 pounds from November of last year. The average live weight was unchanged from last year.

Creamery Will 'Moove'



Tom Palchak, Creamery manager, explains the cheese-making process to a tour group. The university makes more than 60,000 pounds of cheddar a year.



Jeff Zook, Creamery employee, works on fluid milk production.

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they hear "Creamery," 60,000 pounds of cheddar, 50,000 pounds of ricotta, 25,000 pounds of yogurt, and 50,000 pounds of cream cheese are also produced yearly. It also sells soft serve mixes, sour cream, dips, spread, sherbet, and frozen yogurt.

Creamery employees hand-dip 750,000 ice cream

cones every year at the store alone.

The university-run facility does not want to compete with other nearby dairy businesses, points out Palchak. The majority — more than 80 percent — is sold or eaten on campus.

Besides the retail outlet of the Creamery store, the dining halls, Nittany Inn, and various eateries on campus use or sell Creamery products.

Although the Creamery makes

a wide variety of flavors, "vanilla is king," said Palchak, as it accounts for 32 percent of all ice cream sold.

The Creamery's ice cream formulas are public information, along with other educational materials about ice cream production.

"There's no secrets there," said Palchak. "Generally speaking, all the Creamery formulas are public information. It's there to help the industry."

Veneman Names Director Of USDA's Faith-Based And Community Initiatives Center

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced the appointment of Juliet McCarthy as Special Assistant to the Secretary and the Director of the USDA Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

"Juliet brings her experience and commitment to this important effort at USDA," said Veneman. "I am pleased that she is joining our team to help us with this important endeavor."

President Bush announced the establishment of the USDA center Dec. 12 during a White House Conference in Philadelphia on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The purpose of the center is to coordinate pro-

grams for faith-based and other grassroots organizations to improve services directed at reducing poverty and helping people in need.

As a first step in its implementation of the Initiative, USDA will conduct, in coordination with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, an agency-wide review to identify opportunities to increase the participation of these organizations in federal as well as state and local activities.

McCarthy joins USDA in this new post after having served as the deputy director for the Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives since June 2001. In that position, she developed a plan of the center's first-year activities, managed staff, monitored projects, and served in an outreach

capacity. Prior to that, she served on the Department of Labor's transition team establishing the newly created Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in coordination with the White House from January to May 2001.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. in May 1990 and was graduated from the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Ga. in May 1993.

Prior to joining the administration, McCarthy worked as an attorney at the Georgia Justice Project in Atlanta. She joins USDA on Feb. 3.

For more information on Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, visit: <http://www.usda.gov/>.

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