

Projected Changes in Agricultural Production from 2016 through 2025

Water Quality GIT

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All data presented are available on <http://cast.chesapeakebay.net>.

Projection Methodology for Crop Groups and Animals

- Estimate the future based upon:
 - The most recent two-period trend in population (e.g., 2007 and 2012) and
 - A historic trend in population over all periods (e.g., 1982, 1987, 1992...)
- Trends are weighted and combined to produce projected future values.
 - Trends are weighted based upon their ability to predict 2012 values per STAC recommendation. (e.g., 0.8 for short-term and 0.2 for long-term best predicted 2012 value)

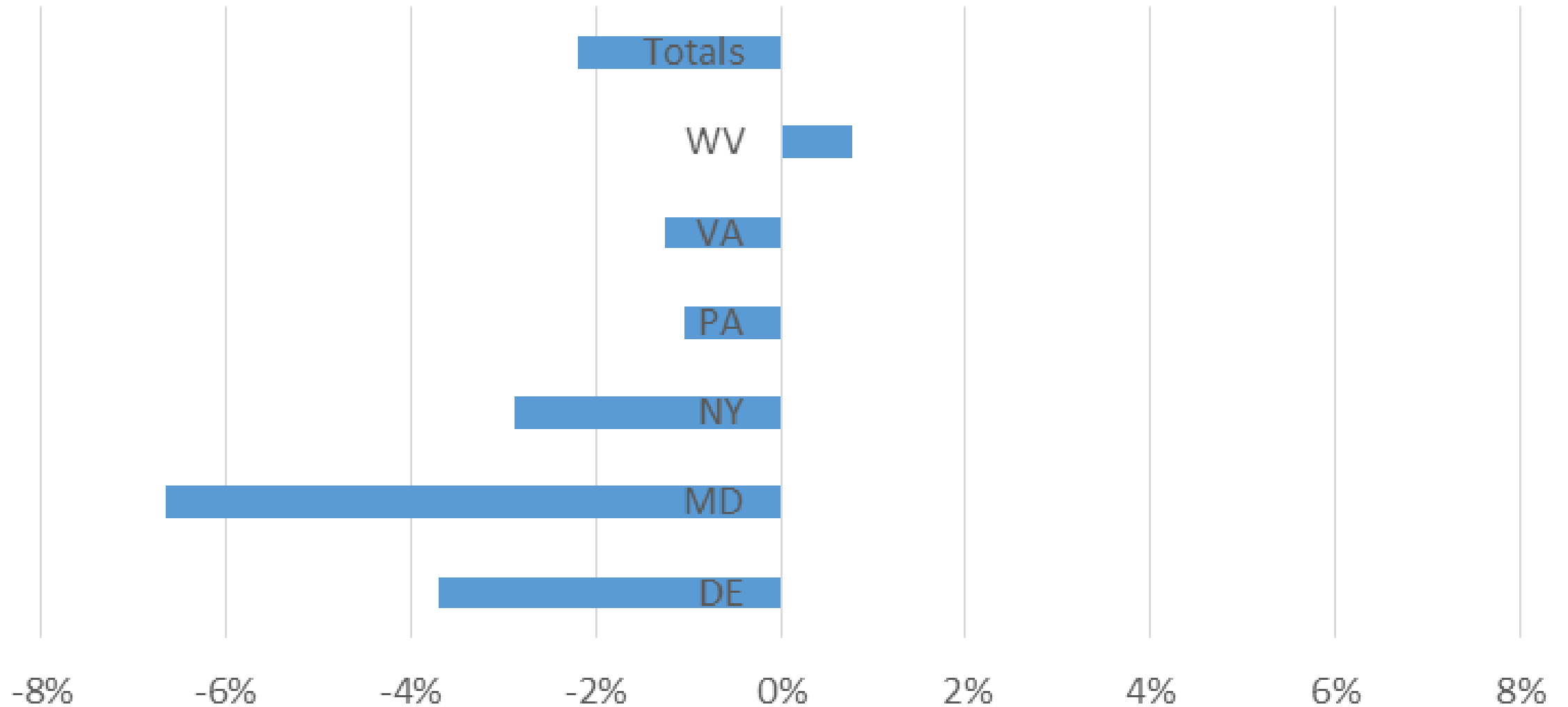
Land Use Data Sources

- Census of Agriculture provides all crop, hay and pasture acreage data.
- Acreage data are combined with USGS land use projections rather than used directly.
- Land uses will be updated in 2019 for use in 2021 Milestones. Hopefully, the 2017 Census of Agriculture will be available at that time.

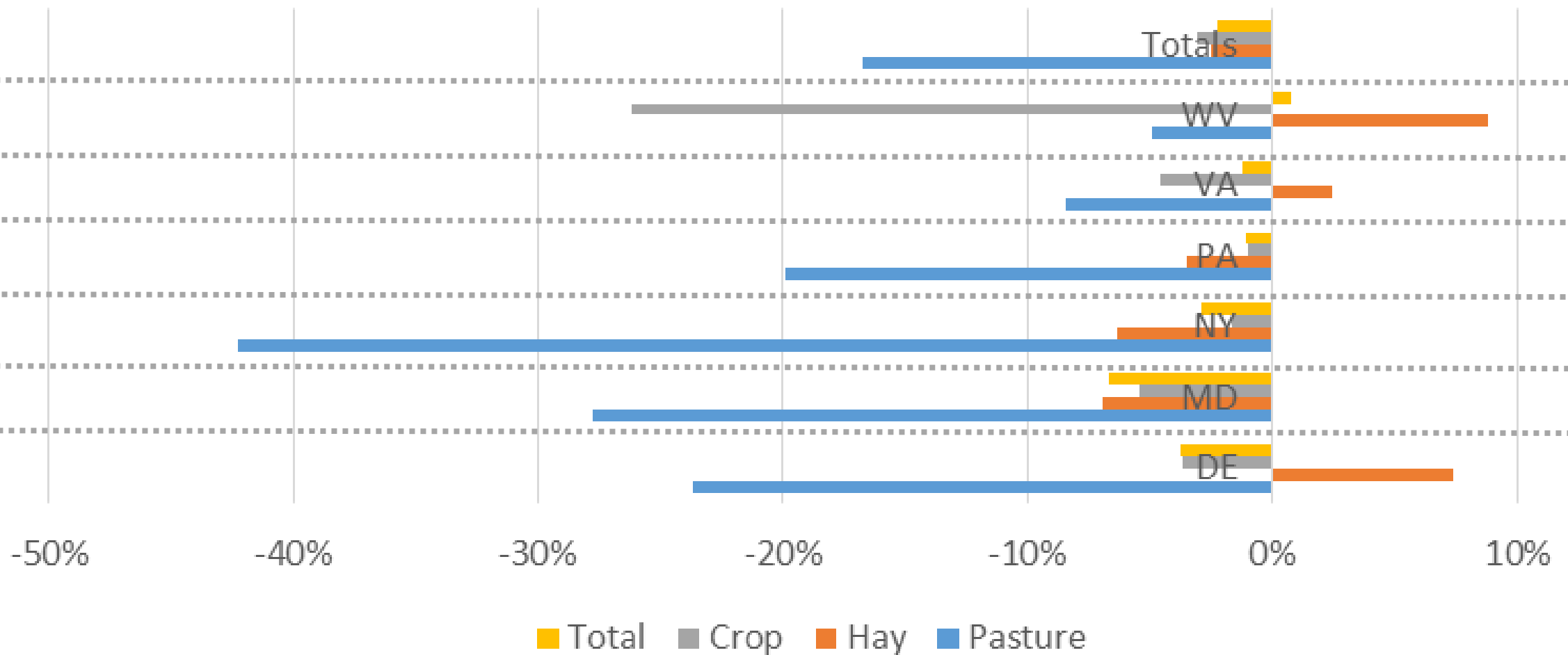
Overall Trends

- Overall decrease in ag acres across the watershed and most states
- Significant decrease in pasture across all states
- Decreases in crops across all states

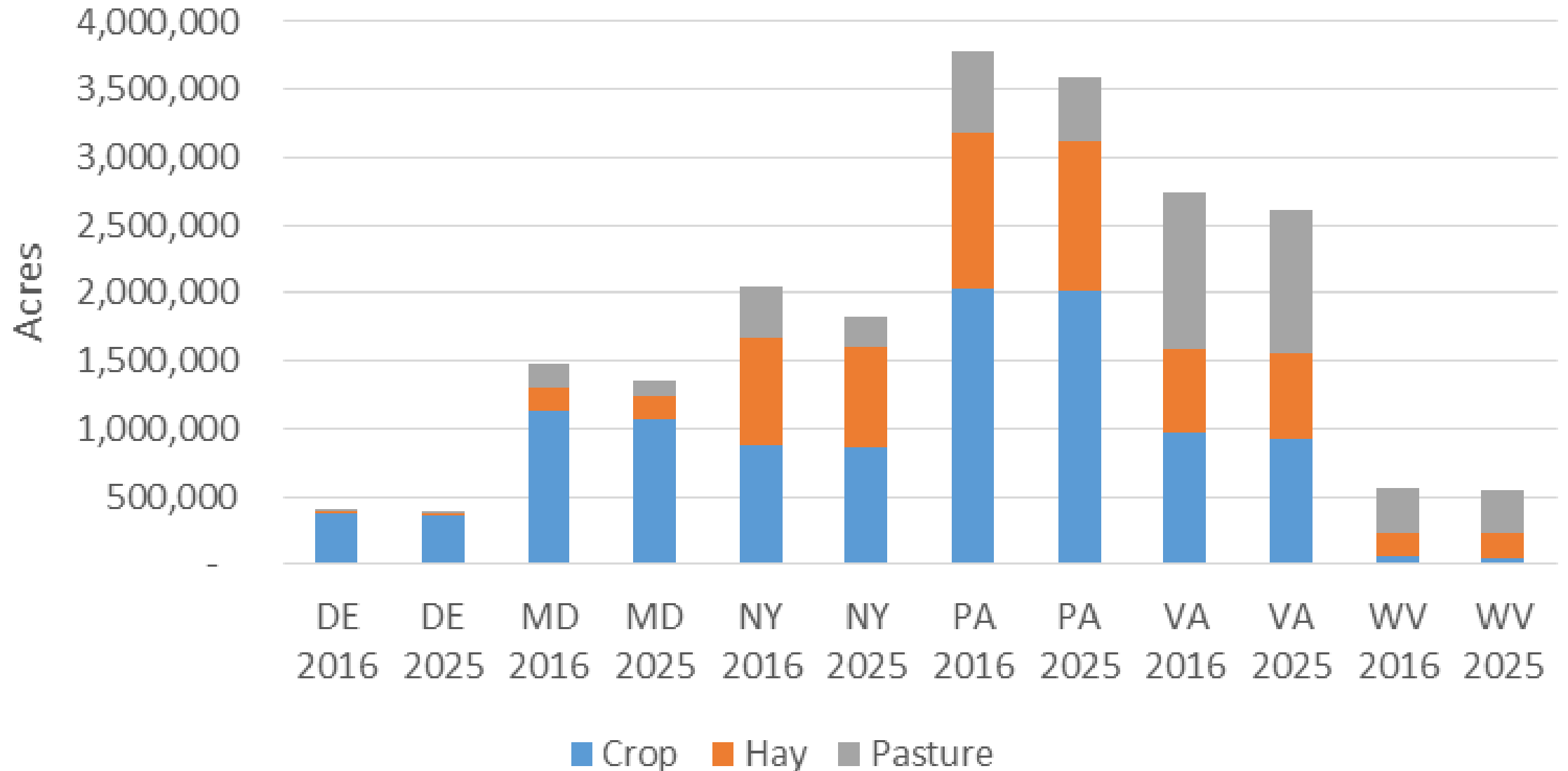
Estimated Percent Change in Pasture+Hay+Crop Acres from 2016 through 2025



Estimated Percent Change in Ag Acres from 2016 through 2025



Estimated Agricultural Acres by State (2016, 2025)



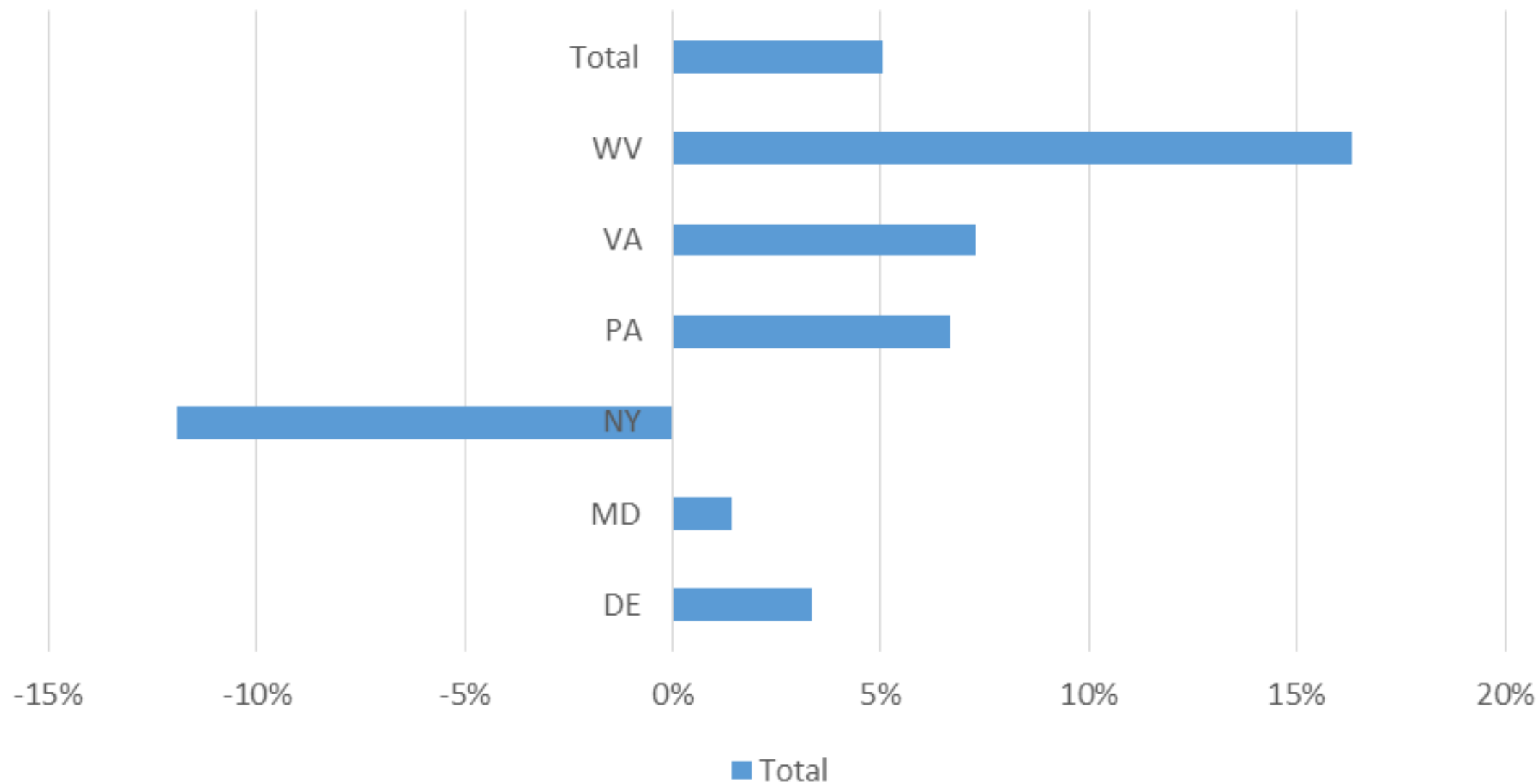
Animal Population Data Sources

- Data Sources:
 - Annual NASS Data – Available each April; updates to be made every two years to match Milestones schedule with the next update in 2019 for the 2021 Milestones
 - Used for turkeys and broilers
 - USDA Census of Agriculture – Available every five years; updates to be made with the next release, hopefully in 2019, and in time for the 2021 Milestones
 - Used for cattle, swine and all other livestock aside from horses.
 - Census of Agriculture does not capture all horses, so Phase 5 data were used.
 - States – Agriculture Workgroup is discussing updating 2021 Milestones with state-derived data, but no methods or recommendations have been made to date.

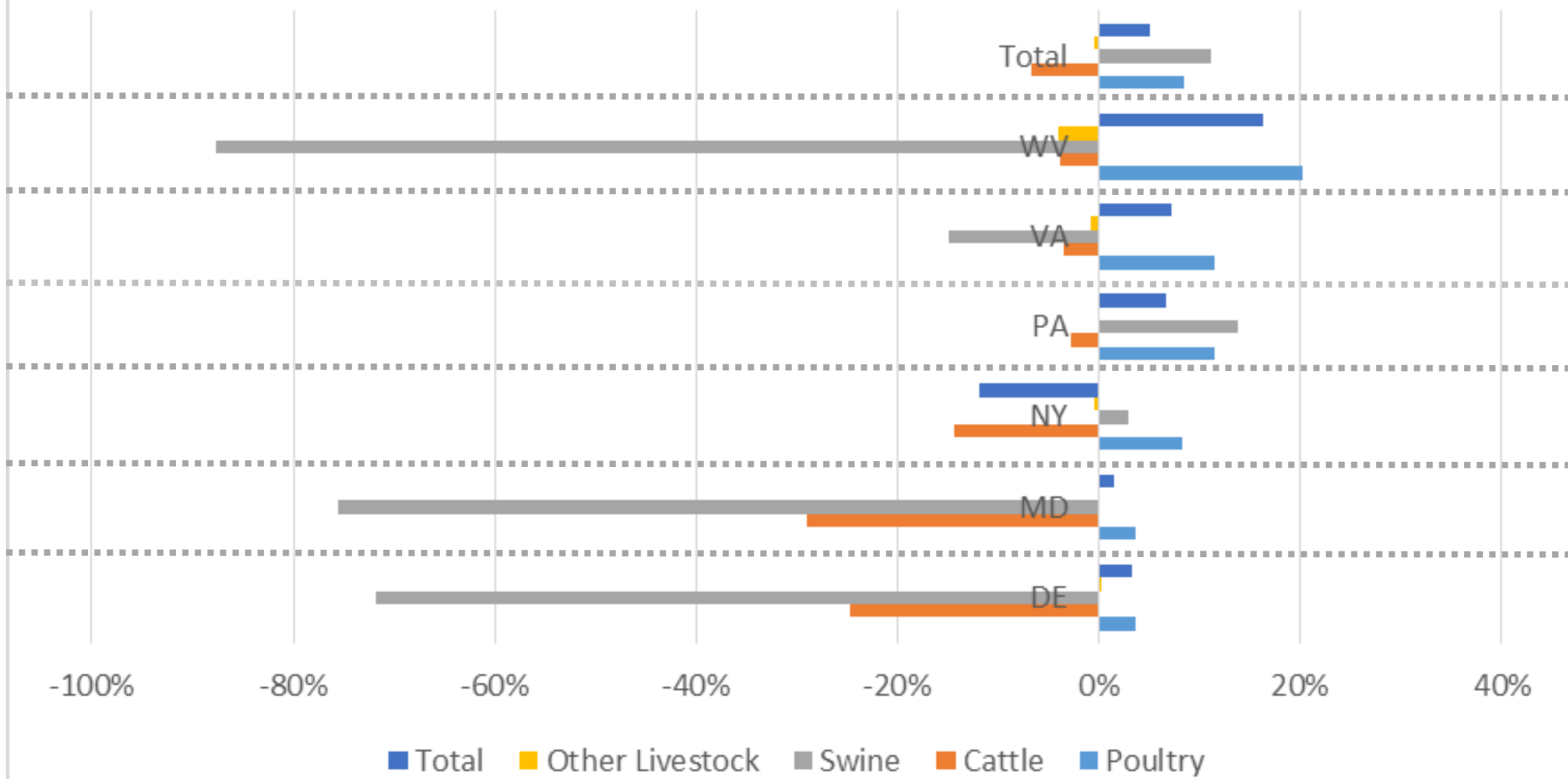
Overall Trends

- Overall increase in animal units out to 2025 across the watershed
- Increases in poultry everywhere
- Decreases in cattle and other livestock almost everywhere
- Decreases in swine for many states

Percent Changes in Animal Units by Animal Type from 2016 through 2025



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Estimated Animal Units Produced by State (2016, 2025)

