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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

SIoux FALLS, July 21, 2006 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 70.0 million pounds during June. This was down 17 percent from one year ago and down 9 percent from last month. For June, pork production and sheep and lamb production were also down from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 314,600 head during June compared to 405,100 head the year before. Average live weight was 264 pounds, which was up 3 pounds from June 2005.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,100 head during June compared to 1,300 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 121 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from June 2005.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle is not published.

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