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## **RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR**

**SIOUX FALLS, November 24, 2006 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 83.8 million pounds during October. This was down 9 percent from one year ago but up 9 percent from last month. For October, pork production was down but sheep and lamb production was up from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Commercial hog slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 384,200 head during October compared to 444,400 head the year before. Average live weight was 264 pounds, which was up 4 pounds from October 2005.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 1,000 head during October, up 700 head from one year earlier. Average live weight was 114 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from October 2005.

**Commercial slaughter data for cattle** is not published.

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