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

**SIOUX FALLS, December 22, 2006 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 85.4 million pounds during November. This was down 8 percent from one year ago but up 2 percent from last month. For November, 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 389,900 head during November compared to 439,700 head the year before. Average live weight was 265 pounds, which was up 1 pound from November 2005.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 1,600 head during November, up 600 head from one year earlier. Average live weight was 127 pounds, which was up 8 pounds from November 2005.

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

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