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DECEMBER MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, January 26, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 81.1 million pounds during December. This was down 16 percent from December 2005 and down 5 percent from last November. For December 2006, 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 363,500 head during December compared to 457,100 head the year before. Average live weight was 270 pounds, which was up 5 pounds from December 2005.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,600 head during December compared to 1,000 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 130 pounds, which was up 1 pound from December 2005.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle is not published.

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