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

**SIoux FALLS, February 23, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 81.9 million pounds during January. This was down 10 percent from one year ago but up 1 percent from last month. For January 2007, pork production was down while 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 360,600 head during January 2007 compared to 420,700 head the year before. Average live weight was 267 pounds, which was up 4 pounds from January 2006.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 1,400 head during January 2007 compared to 900 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 132 pounds, which was up 1 pound from January 2006.

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

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