



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service



# News Release

---

Media Contact: South Dakota Field Office, 605-323-6500, Email: [nass-sd@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-sd@nass.usda.gov)

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

**SIoux FALLS, March 23, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 70.5 million pounds during February. This was down 17 percent from one year ago and down 14 percent from last month. For February 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 321,000 head during February 2007 compared to 396,700 head the year before. Average live weight was 261 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from February 2006.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 1,000 head during February 2007 compared to 1,100 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 131 pounds, which was up 11 pounds from February 2006.

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

*Access this complete report at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/nass/LiveSlau/2000s/2007/LiveSlau-03-23-2007.pdf>