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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, July 20, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 74.9 million pounds during June. This was up 7 percent from one year ago but down 5 percent from last month. For June, pork production and sheep and lamb production were 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 351,400 head during June compared to 314,600 head the year before. Average live weight was 254 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from June 2006.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,200 head during June compared to 1,100 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 123 pounds, which was up 3 pounds from June 2006.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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