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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, September 21, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 93.6 million pounds during August. This was up 25 percent from one year ago and up 23 percent from last month. For August, pork production was up but sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 454,600 head during August compared to 347,600 head the year before. Average live weight was 252 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from August 2006.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,200 head during August, down 400 head from a year earlier. Average live weight was 116 pounds, which was up 5 pounds from August 2006.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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