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## ***RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, October 26, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 86.0 million pounds during September. This was up 11 percent from one year ago but down 8 percent from last month. For September, 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 413,900 head during September compared to 362,100 head the year before. Average live weight was 254 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from September 2006.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 700 head during September, down 500 head from a year earlier. Average live weight was 104 pounds, which was down 11 pounds from September 2006.

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

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