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FEBRUARY MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, March 20, 2008 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 84.1 million pounds during February. This was up 19 percent from one year ago but down 21 percent from last month. For February, pork production was up while 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 386,400 head during February compared to 321,000 head the year before. Average live weight was 256 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from February 2007.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 200 head during February compared to 1,000 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 114 pounds, which was down 17 pounds from February 2007.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle is not published.

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