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

**SIOUX FALLS, May 23, 2008 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 90.1 million pounds during April. This was up 16 percent from one year ago and up 1 percent from last month. For April, pork production was up from one year ago, while sheep and lamb production was down, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Commercial hog slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 423,700 head during April compared to 360,800 head the year before. Average live weight was 254 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from April 2007.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 200 head during April compared to 700 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 114 pounds, which was down 23 pounds from April 2007.

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

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