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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, August 22, 2008 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 77.8 million pounds during July. This was up 2 percent from one year ago but down 3 percent from last month. For July, pork production and sheep and lamb production were 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 358,000 head during July compared to 364,100 head the year before. Average live weight was 252 pounds, which was unchanged from July 2007.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 300 head during July, down from 800 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 121 pounds, which was up 4 pounds from July 2007.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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