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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, March 19, 2004 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 74.0 million pounds during February. This was down 3 percent from one year ago and down 22 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For February, sheep and lamb production was up, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 348,400 head during February compared to 353,000 head last year. Average live weight was 263 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from February 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 347,400 head, which was comprised of 3,900 sows, and 343,600 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,000 head during February compared to 900 head last year. Average live weight was 123 pounds, which was up 2 pounds from February 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 800 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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