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COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

SIoux FALLS, June 25, 2004 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 62.4 million pounds during May. This was down 23 percent from one year ago and down 16 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For May, pork production and sheep and lamb production were down from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 291,300 head during May compared to 374,600 head last year. Average live weight was 259 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from May 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 290,600 head, which was comprised of 4,400 sows and 286,100 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 500 head during May compared to 1,200 head last year. Average live weight was 129 pounds, which was up 11 pounds from May 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 400 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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