

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, August 20, 2004— Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 74.5 million pounds during July, down 8 percent from one year ago but up 3 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For July, pork production and sheep and lamb production were down from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 358,900 head during July compared to 382,300 head last year. Average live weight was 254 pounds, which was down 4 pounds from July 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 358,100 head, which was comprised of 2,800 sows and 355,300 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,100 head during July compared to 1,500 head last year. Average live weight was 121 pounds, unchanged from July 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 900 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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