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PORK PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, October 25, 2002 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 83.3 million pounds during September. This was unchanged from one year ago and virtually unchanged from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For September, pork production was up from one year ago, while beef production and sheep and lamb production were down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 395,500 head during September compared to 346,000 head last year. Average live weight was 261 pounds, which was up 5 pounds from September 2001. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 394,100 head, which was comprised of 21,100 sows and 373,000 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 13,300 head during September compared to 24,200 head last year. Average live weight was 1,240 pounds, which was down 143 pounds from September 2001. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 12,100 head, which was comprised of 100 steers, 10,100 cows, and 1,800 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 600 head during September compared to 700 head last year. Average live weight was 119 pounds, which was up 12 pounds from September 2001. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 500 head of lambs and yearlings.

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