



South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, October 22, 2004 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 86.7 million pounds during September. This was up 15 percent from one year ago and 4 percent above last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For September, pork production was up from one year ago, while sheep and lamb production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 417,600 head during September compared to 357,400 head last year. Average live weight was 259 pounds, which was up 3 pounds from September 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 416,500 head, which was comprised of 11,600 sows and 404,900 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 400 head during September compared to 1,300 head last year. Average live weight was 134 pounds, which was up 14 pounds from September 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 200 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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