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**(S.D.)-Red Meat Production Up In State**

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture says commercial red meat production in South Dakota totaled 91.1 million pounds in September

The agency says that's up 2 percent from a year ago and up 6 percent from August.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 415,600 during September, compared to 404,300 head the year before. The average live weight was 266 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 300 during September. That was unchanged from a year earlier. The average live weight was 118 pounds, the same weight as the previous year.