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IMPORTANT MID-YEAR SURVEY

South Dakota farmers and ranchers will be asked to participate in a nationwide survey starting the end of May and continuing through the first two weeks of June. Conducted locally by USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service, the purpose is to obtain crop acreages, grain stored, and hog numbers.

All individual information is confidential and used only in developing official national and state estimates. Producers will be interviewed, either by telephone or personally, with cooperation necessary to provide reliable estimates. Results will provide farmers and ranchers, business firms, policy makers, and other data users with information helpful in planning future activities.

MAY CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on May 1. The May 1 number is unchanged from a year ago but down 5,000 head from April.

totalled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004 and 1 percent above May 1, 2003.

Placements during April totaled 27,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year but down 4,000 head from March.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.57 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 225,000, 700-799 pounds were 500,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 595,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 31,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 3,000 head from March.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance during April totaled 1,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 1,000 from last month.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head

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**CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS),
SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, May 1, 2004 & 2005**

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	- 1,000 Head -			- 1,000 Head -		
On feed, April 1	205	205	100	10,763	10,870	101
Placed on feed during April	26	27	104	1,600	1,660	104
Fed cattle marketed during April	28	31	111	1,891	1,801	95
Other disappearance during April 1/	3	1	33	97	90	93
On feed, May 1	200	200	100	10,375	10,639	103

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



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CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 110.9 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.4 million head, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004 and slightly below the 96.1 million two years ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2005,

totalled 15.1 million head, up 3 percent from the 14.7 million on January 1, 2004, and 12 percent above the 13.5 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.4 million, was up 5 percent from the 6.1 million on January 1, 2004, and 10 percent above the 5.8 million from two years ago.

This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies.

CATTLE & CALVES, NUMBER BY CLASS & CALF CROP, UNITED STATES & CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2003-2005 1/

Year	Cattle & Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows		All Other Cattle		Calf Crop 2/	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada
----- Thousand Head -----										
2003	96,100	13,488	32,983	4,752	9,142	1,065	53,975	7,670	38,224	5,755
2004	94,888	14,660	32,861	5,021	8,990	1,057	53,038	8,583	37,903	5,788
2005	95,848	15,090	33,055	5,320	9,005	1,065	53,788	8,705	37,625	5,571

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ January-December calf crop, previous year.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA, and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

HOGS AND PIGS INVENTORY, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Inventory of all hogs and pigs for March 2005 in the U.S. and Canada, was 74.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from March 2003, and up 1 percent from 2004. The **breeding inventory**, at 7.59 million head, was down slightly from both a year ago and from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 67.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The **pig crop**, at 33.9 million head, was up 6 percent from 2003 and up 1 percent from 2004. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 3.74 million head, up 1 percent from last year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2005 was 59.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2004. The **breeding inventory**, at 5.94 million head, was down slightly from both March 1, 2004 and last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent

from last quarter. The pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was up 2 percent from 2004 and up 4 percent from 2003. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs on April 1, 2005 in Canada, was 14.7 million head up 1 percent from April 1, 2004, and up slightly from January 1, 2005. The **breeding inventory**, at 1.65 million head, was up 1 percent from a year ago, but virtually unchanged from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 13.0 million head, was up from both last year and last quarter. The **pig crop**, at 8.36 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004, and up 10 percent from 2003. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 886,000 head, up 1 percent from last year.

HOGS AND PIGS, INVENTORY NUMBER BY CLASS: U. S., MARCH 1, AND CANADA, APRIL 1, 2003-2005 1/

Year	All Hogs & Pigs		Breeding		Market		Sows Farrowed		Pig Crop	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada
----- Thousand Head -----										
2003	58,183	14,567	6,027	1,587	52,156	12,981	2,769	809	24,400	7,610
2004	59,520	14,558	5,961	1,630	53,558	12,928	2,836	879	25,105	8,292
2005	59,899	14,680	5,941	1,645	53,957	13,035	2,851	886	25,489	8,362

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA, and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

SOUTH DAKOTA: The 2004 cash receipts from cattle, hogs, and sheep in South Dakota totaled \$2,042.7 million, up 12 percent from 2003. Cattle accounted for 80 percent of the total, hogs for 18 percent, and sheep for 2 percent. Cash receipts increased in 2004 for cattle and hogs, but decreased for sheep. Gross income from meat animals (which includes value of home consumption) in South Dakota during 2004 totaled \$2,059.4 million, up 12 percent from 2003.

Cattle and Calves: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$1,508.8 million in 2003 to \$1,639.1 million in 2004. Larger cash receipts were credited to higher prices. The South Dakota annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle in 2004 was \$89.30, compared with \$78.70 for 2003, while the calf price was \$125.00 in 2004, compared with \$107.00 in 2003.

Hogs and Pigs: South Dakota cash receipts from hog and pig marketings in 2004 totaled \$371.0 million, up 35 percent from the \$274.7 million in 2003. Higher average prices and a larger pig crop increased cash receipts. The annual average price for all hogs increased from \$38.60 in 2003 to \$50.40 in 2004, while marketings increased from 3,313,500 head in 2003 to 3,429,500 head in 2004.

Sheep and Lambs: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2004 were \$32.6 million, down 3 percent from \$33.7 million in 2003. The annual average price for sheep increased from \$37.20 in 2003 to \$40.90 in 2004, and lamb prices increased from \$106.00 in 2003 to \$115.00 in 2004. Sheep marketings decreased during 2004.

UNITED STATES: The 2004 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$62.6 billion, up 11 percent from 2003. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 5 percent, hogs and pigs increased 35 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 3 percent.

Total 2004 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 11 percent to \$62.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs but increased for hogs and pigs. Average prices were up for all three species.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION AND INCOME, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2003-2004

Item	Unit	South Dakota		United States	
		2003	2004	2003	2004
CATTLE AND CALVES					
Production 1/	1,000 Pounds	1,482,445	1,546,317	42,242,705	41,501,303
Marketings 2/	1,000 Pounds	1,847,800	1,754,500	56,758,262	53,764,917
Average Price for:					
Cattle	Dollars/Cwt.	78.70	89.30	79.70	85.90
Calves	Dollars/Cwt.	107.00	125.00	102.00	119.00
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	1,219,682	1,450,671	32,112,931	34,887,821
Cash Receipts 3/	1,000 Dollars	1,508,781	1,639,061	45,092,283	47,295,574
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 Dollars	12,784	15,062	384,290	427,865
Gross Income	1,000 Dollars	1,521,565	1,654,123	45,476,573	47,723,439
HOGS AND PIGS					
Production 1/	1,000 Pounds	604,406	629,293	26,260,140	26,678,197
Marketings 2/	1,000 Pounds	654,640	674,540	27,173,703	27,755,282
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt.	38.60	50.40	37.20	49.30
Value of Production 4/	1,000 Dollars	235,419	317,710	9,663,024	13,071,677
Cash Receipts 3/ 4/	1,000 Dollars	274,685	371,009	10,618,027	14,348,328
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 Dollars	1,097	1,445	27,774	36,117
Gross Income	1,000 Dollars	275,782	372,454	10,645,801	14,384,445
SHEEP AND LAMBS					
Production 1/	1,000 Pounds	30,065	28,596	470,108	464,503
Marketings 2/	1,000 Pounds	38,349	33,439	609,681	572,353
Average Price for:					
Sheep	Dollars/Cwt.	37.20	40.90	34.90	38.80
Lambs	Dollars/Cwt.	106.00	115.00	94.40	101.00
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	26,861	27,951	391,765	412,333
Cash Receipts 3/	1,000 Dollars	33,667	32,646	507,890	520,998
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 Dollars	134	154	10,756	11,464
Gross Income	1,000 Dollars	33,801	32,800	518,646	532,462

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the state. 3/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. 4/ Includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

MILK

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2003-2004

Item	Unit	South Dakota		United States	
		2003	2004	2003	2004
Average Number of Milk Cows on Farms	1,000 Head	82	80	9,083	9,010
Production of Milk and Milkfat:					
Per Cow, Milk	Pounds	16,220	16,838	18,760	18,957
Per Cow, Milkfat	Pounds	607	631	688	696
Percent of Fat in All Milk Produced	Percent	3.74	3.75	3.67	3.67
Total					
Milk	Mil. Lbs.	1,330	1,347	170,394	170,805
Milkfat	Mil. Lbs.	49.7	50.5	6,248.7	6,265.8
Milk Used on Farms Where Produced:					
Fed to Calves	Mil. Lbs.	9	9	964	956
Used for Milk, Cream, and Butter	Mil. Lbs.	2	2	155	149
Total	Mil. Lbs.	11	11	1,119	1,105
Milk Marketed by Producers:					
Milk Utilized	Mil. Lbs.	1,319	1,336	169,276	169,699
Average Returns:					
Per 100 Pounds of Milk	Dollars	13.40	16.50	12.55	16.13
Per Pound of Milkfat	Dollars	3.58	4.40	3.42	4.40
Cash Receipts from Marketings	1,000 Dollars	176,746	220,440	21,238,737	27,367,858
Used for Milk, Cream, & Butter Where Produced:					
Milk Utilized	Mil. Lbs.	2	2	155	149
Value	1,000 Dollars	268	330	19,776	24,414
Gross Producer Income	1,000 Dollars	177,014	220,770	21,258,513	27,392,272

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