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NOVEMBER CROP REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA: The South Dakota November 1 **corn** production is forecast at 485.85 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month, but 10 percent below last year's level. Yield is forecast at 123 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last month's forecast but 7 bushels below last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.95 million, down 5 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 138.6 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 1 percent below last year. Yield, at 36 bushels per acre, is also unchanged from the previous forecast but up 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 3.85 million, down 7 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.04 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month's forecast and 12 percent above last year. Yield, at 64 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels from last month and is 22 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 110,000, are down 27 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2004.

Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 148.4 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from October but 12.0 bushels below last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.04 billion bushels, up 3 percent from October but 3 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest U.S. soybean crop on record, only behind last year's crop. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 42.7 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from October and 0.5 bushel above last year. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 71.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from 2004.

Sorghum production is forecast at 388 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month but down 15 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 68.2 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from October but down 1.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.69 million acres, unchanged from last month and 13 percent below last year.

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CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Unit of Pro-duction	Yield/Harvested Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
----- Thousand Acres -----									
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Corn, All	4,650	4,450	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	4,150	3,950	Bu	130.0	123.0	539,500	485,850
Soybeans	4,150	3,900	4,120	3,850	Bu	34.0	36.0	140,080	138,600
Sorghum, All	250	180	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grain	--	--	150	110	Bu	42.0	64.0	6,300	7,040
UNITED STATES									
Corn, All	80,930	81,642	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	73,632	74,333	Bu	160.4	148.4	11,807,217	11,032,105
Soybeans	75,208	72,200	73,958	71,270	Bu	42.2	42.7	3,123,686	3,043,116
Sorghum, All	7,486	6,495	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grain	--	--	6,517	5,687	Bu	69.8	68.2	454,899	387,686



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CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 130,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1. The October 1 number is down 13,000 head from one year ago and down 2,000 head from September. **Placements** during September totaled 40,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year but up 16,000 head from August 2004. **Marketings of fed cattle** during September totaled 40,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year and up 6,000 from August. **Other disappearance** during September totaled 2,000 head, up 1,000 from both last year and August 2004. **Steer and steer calves** totaled 64,000 head, 49 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 56,000 head, 43 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 10,000 head, accounting for 8 percent of the total cattle on feed.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004. **Placements** in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

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

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	-- 1,000 Head --		Percent	-- 1,000 Head --		Percent
On feed, September 1	138	132	96	9,988	10,000	100
Placed on feed during September	41	40	98	2,375	2,355	99
Fed cattle marketed during September	35	40	114	1,800	1,816	101
Other disappearance during September 1/	1	2	200	61	57	93
On feed, October 1	143	130	91	10,502	10,482	100

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

QUARTERLY MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The July-September 2005 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 358 million pounds, 8 percent above last year. This is up 7 percent from the recent five-year average of 335 million pounds for the third quarter. The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 81,000, was 1,000 head above a year ago but unchanged from the second quarter of 2005.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 44.0 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.05 million head, 27,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2003-2005

State	July-September Milk Cows 1/			July-September Milk Production 2/			2005 as % of 2004
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	
	---- 1,000 Head ----			---- Million Pounds ----			Percent
Iowa	200	192	187	934	937	931	99
Minnesota	472	465	453	1,995	1,984	2,018	102
Nebraska	63	61	60	268	254	264	104
North Dakota	34	34	32	128	134	132	99
South Dakota	82	80	81	332	333	358	108
Wisconsin	1,254	1,240	1,236	5,568	5,541	5,829	105
United States	9,070	9,027	9,054	41,761	42,239	44,024	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points (5.0 percent) from last month and 3 points (2.5 percent) from October 2004.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index (1990-92=100%)	United States		
	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005
Prices Received Indexes	--- Percent ---		
All Farm Products	114	*117	110
All Crops	111	*112	101
Food Grains	114	*111	115
Feed Grains & Hay	96	*94	83
Oil-Bearing Crops	97	*93	93
Livestock & Products	118	*122	122
Meat Animals	118	*119	122
Dairy Products	119	*117	118
Poultry & Eggs	114	134	125
Prices Paid Index	136	142	143
Ratio 1/	84	82	77
Crop Sector	138	*146	147
Livestock Sector	133	138	139

* Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index).

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity And Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Oct - 2005
	Oct 2004 1/	Sep 2005 1/	Oct 2005 2/	Oct 2004 1/	Sep 2005 2/	Oct 2005 2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu	3.45	3.58	3.80	3.43	3.35	3.54	10.60
Winter Bu	3.12	3.26	3.49	3.34	3.28	3.42	--
Durum Bu	5/	5/	5/	3.87	3.40	3.25	--
Other Spring Bu	3.60	3.77	3.97	3.50	3.50	3.79	--
Corn Bu	1.97	1.71	1.60	2.14	1.90	1.74	7.08
Oats Bu	1.44	1.52	1.49	1.45	1.54	1.46	4.21
Soybeans Bu	5.32	5.52	5.30	5.56	5.77	5.44	17.10
All Barley Bu	1.33	1.99	2.20	2.29	2.36	2.43	7.17
Feed Bu	1.33	5/	5/	1.58	1.82	1.86	--
Malt Bu	5/	1.99	2.20	2.73	2.75	2.83	--
Sunflower Cwt	11.60	12.80	11.00	12.40	13.20	12.20	--
Flaxseed Bu	7.92	5.66	5/	7.36	6.10	6.05	14.30
Sorghum Cwt	3/	3/	3/	3.17	3.41	2.98	11.60
All Hay Ton	63.00	64.00	59.00	92.80	99.00	97.70	--
Alfalfa Ton	67.00	68.00	63.00	100.00	107.00	106.00	--
Other Ton	51.00	52.00	50.00	73.80	74.60	76.50	--
Milk, Wholesale Cwt	3/	3/	3/	15.60	15.30	15.40	37.50
Eggs, Market Doz	3/	3/	3/	0.306	0.465	0.314	1.79
Cattle 4/ Cwt	103.00	97.90	108.00	86.50	88.20	90.80	184.00
Steers & Heifers Cwt	109.00	104.00	115.00	91.10	92.30	96.00	--
Cows Cwt	52.00	52.90	52.40	49.80	49.80	47.70	--
Calves Cwt	130.00	139.00	141.00	126.00	133.00	132.00	249.00
All Hogs Cwt	52.60	50.00	49.80	52.20	49.50	48.80	114.00
Barrows & Gilts Cwt	54.00	51.40	50.90	52.70	49.90	49.10	--
Sows Cwt	42.60	40.00	41.60	41.80	39.20	41.80	--
Sheep Cwt	42.10	44.30	5/	40.40	43.30	5/	89.80
Lambs Cwt	115.00	133.00	5/	97.70	110.00	5/	223.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ No price available.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	September 30, 2004	August 31, 2005	September 30, 2005	September 2005 as % of	
				September 2004	August 2005
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			---- Percent ----	
Butter	133,008	149,623	122,988	92	82
Cheese, Total Natural	790,717	804,139	765,938	97	95
Eggs, Frozen	18,720	19,920	19,184	102	96
Fruits, Frozen	1,036,710	1,067,640	1,001,037	97	94
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,920,185	1,647,179	1,488,741	78	90
Meat, Total Red	886,104	848,840	893,239	101	105
Beef, Total Frozen	457,244	410,592	443,741	97	108
Pork, Total Frozen	413,823	414,414	427,011	103	103
Poultry, Frozen	1,306,180	1,232,943	1,233,460	94	100
Chicken	777,874	705,719	737,121	95	104
Turkey	527,388	526,602	493,887	94	94
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,439,646	2,001,054	2,390,068	98	119
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,178,648	1,121,332	1,179,459	100	105

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Sept. 2005 as % of		January-September 2/		
		Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
		- -Percent - -			- Million Pounds Liveweight - Percent				
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	417.6	405.8	423.0	101	104	863.3	894.7	104
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.4	0.9	1.0	250	111	1,021	0.999	98
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	86.7	83.0	87.3	101	105	700.4	720.7	103
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,737.1	*2,990.7	2,777.6	101	93	30,473.5	30,436.6	100
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,999.2	8,982.7	8,869.9	99	99	20,274.4	20,381.0	101
Sheep	1,000 Head	243.9	*229.4	231.3	95	101	287.5	277.9	97
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,906.3	*4,099.4	3,932.8	101	96	33,794.9	33,897.4	100

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. *Revised.

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