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Dear Subscriber:

As we move forward into the new year, I would like to thank all the producers and businesses who responded to our many surveys in 2005. Your continued cooperation makes these reports possible. Thanks also to the county extension educators and Farm Service Agency county directors who faithfully provide crop-weather information weekly.

Larry Gabriel, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, and his staff are recognized for their support and assistance with our statistics program throughout the year. In addition, we appreciate the continued support we receive from Dean Lemme and the staff at South Dakota State University.

The rapid changes occurring in agriculture today have increased the demand for more agricultural statistics. With your help we will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of **“providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to South Dakota agriculture.”** We receive requests for current and historical statistics about agriculture on a daily basis. Please continue to contact us with your data needs.

A special thanks goes to our enumerator staff who collect the survey information and our office staff who prepare the publications. It is their dedication that provides South Dakota’s number one industry, agriculture, with high quality statistics.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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NOVEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 161,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on November 1. The November 1 number is down 8,000 head from one year ago but up 31,000 head from October. **Placements** during October totaled 68,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year and up 28,000 head from September. **Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 35,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and down 5,000 head from September. **Other disappearance** during October totaled 2,000 head, up 1,000 head from one year ago but unchanged from September 2005.

capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Net placements were 2.74 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 880,000, 600-699 pounds were 790,000, 700-799 pounds were 600,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of October since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 58,000 during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 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, October 1	143	130	91	10,502	10,482	100
Placed on feed during October	65	68	105	2,701	2,795	103
Fed cattle marketed during October	38	35	92	1,803	1,744	97
Other disappearance during October 1/	1	2	200	66	58	88
On feed, November 1	169	161	95	11,334	11,475	101

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

DECEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 190,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on December 1. The December 1 number is up 4,000 head from last year and up 29,000 head from November. **Placements** during November totaled 63,000 head, up 12,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from October. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 33,000 head, unchanged from last year but down 2,000 head from October. **Other disappearance** during November totaled 1,000, unchanged from a year ago but down 1,000 from last month.

1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 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, November 1	169	161	95	11,334	* 11,473	101
Placed on feed during November	51	63	124	1,743	2,045	117
Fed cattle marketed during November	33	33	100	1,635	1,701	104
Other disappearance during November 1/	1	1	100	108	91	84
On feed, December 1	186	190	102	11,334	11,726	103

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

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.8 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 1 point (1.0 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, oranges, potatoes, cucumbers, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, dairy, hogs, broilers, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, cotton, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and sweet corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month but decreased 3 points (2.5 percent) from November 2004.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005
(1990-92=100%)			
Prices Received Indexes			
All farm products	% 115	* 111	113
All crops	% 112	* 103	104
Food grains	% 114	* 112	111
Feed grains & hay	% 93	* 86	84
Oil bearing crops	% 97	* 97	99
All livestock & products	% 119	122	121
Meat animals	% 118	122	121
Dairy products	% 124	* 119	116
Poultry & eggs	% 118	125	127
Prices Paid Index	% 135	* 144	143
Ratio 1/	% 85	77	79
Crop Sector	% 138	* 148	147
Livestock Sector	% 132	* 140	140

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Nov. 2005
	Nov. 2004 1/	Oct. 2005 1/	Nov. 2005 2/	Nov. 2004 1/	Oct. 2005 1/	Nov. 2005 2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	3.52	3.72	3.61	3.46	3.43	3.36	10.60
Winter Bu.	3.23	3.45	3.32	3.39	3.33	3.25	--
Durum Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.79	3.40	3.23	--
Other spring Bu.	3.70	3.92	3.82	3.57	3.62	3.64	--
Corn Bu.	1.76	1.60	1.52	2.05	1.82	1.79	7.10
Oats Bu.	1.53	1.62	1.44	1.51	1.59	1.46	4.22
Soybeans Bu.	5.21	5.45	5.35	5.36	5.67	5.68	17.20
All Barley Bu.	2.09	2.00	2.20	2.45	2.41	2.49	7.20
Feed Bu.	5/	5/	5/	1.78	1.81	1.88	--
Malt Bu.	2.09	2.00	2.20	2.83	2.72	2.86	--
Sunflower Cwt.	11.80	11.10	9.53	12.80	12.80	11.50	--
Flaxseed Bu.	5/	5.34	5/	8.62	6.05	5.85	14.40
Sorghum Cwt.	5/	5/	5/	3.06	2.99	2.81	11.60
All Hay Ton	64.00	59.00	64.00	88.70	97.70	91.70	--
Alfalfa Ton	68.00	63.00	67.00	95.20	106.00	97.50	--
Other Ton	49.00	50.00	51.00	73.50	76.50	76.30	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	16.20	15.50	15.10	37.60
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.437	0.314	0.482	1.79
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	94.20	110.00	103.00	85.40	91.10	91.60	184.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	104.00	118.00	115.00	90.20	96.60	97.40	--
Cows Cwt.	49.70	49.60	49.40	48.70	46.60	45.80	--
Calves Cwt.	129.00	141.00	143.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	250.00
All hogs Cwt.	56.70	47.90	46.00	55.60	47.00	44.70	114.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	58.60	48.80	47.20	56.10	47.30	45.00	--
Sows Cwt.	43.90	40.90	37.80	45.20	41.70	37.70	--
Sheep Cwt.	43.50	44.70	5/	41.40	43.70	5/	90.10
Lambs Cwt.	121.00	132.00	5/	99.90	108.00	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.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2004	Sept. 30, 2005	Oct. 31, 2005	Oct. 2005 as % of	
				Oct. 2004	Sept. 2005
	- - - - - Thousand Pounds - - - - -			- - - - - Percent - - - - -	
Butter	107,152	124,061	100,528	94	81
Cheese, total natural	756,118	765,357	737,100	97	96
Eggs, frozen	17,877	18,837	17,574	98	93
Fruits, frozen	1,210,339	996,641	1,229,636	102	123
Fruit juices, frozen	1,812,971	1,478,471	1,393,901	77	94
Meat, total red	889,229	890,932	903,356	102	101
Beef, total frozen	452,589	438,750	439,309	97	100
Pork, total frozen	423,058	431,573	443,858	105	103
Poultry, total frozen	1,273,460	1,235,135	1,219,192	96	99
Chicken	800,294	754,882	791,484	99	105
Turkey	472,343	477,801	423,457	90	89
Vegetables, total frozen	2,573,006	2,356,460	2,512,049	98	107
Potatoes, total frozen	1,274,867	1,180,358	1,204,596	94	102

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			Oct. 2005 as % of		January-October 2/			
		Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Sep. 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	456.9	423.0	444.4	97	105	982.5	1,010.1	103	
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.2	1.0	0.3	25	30	1.161	1.029	89	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	94.2	87.3	92.4	98	106	794.6	813.1	102	
UNITED STATES										
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,745.9	* 2,777.7	2,677.9	98	96	33,952.1	33,865.1	100	
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,969.7	8,869.9	9,117.1	102	103	22,670.1	22,830.5	101	
Sheep	1,000 Head	241.3	231.3	228.5	95	99	320.1	309.3	97	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,921.1	3,932.8	3,925.1	100	100	37,716.0	37,822.5	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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