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CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 210,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on March 1. The March 1 number is unchanged from a year ago and from February.

Placements during February totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from a year earlier but down 5,000 head from January.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 32,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from January.

Other disappearance during February totaled 1,000 head, down 1,000 from last year and down 2,000 head from January.

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

more head totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005, but 1 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.53 million.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 73,000 during February, 5 percent below 2005 but 6 percent above 2004.

**CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS),
SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 1, 2005 & 2006**

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	- 1,000 Head -		Percent	- 1,000 Head -		Percent
On feed, February 1	205	210	102	11,342	12,110	107
Placed on feed during February	32	33	103	1,523	1,598	105
Fed cattle marketed during February	26	29	112	1,634	1,612	99
Other disappearance during February 1/	1	4	400	77	73	95
On feed, March 1	210	210	100	11,154	12,023	108

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

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PRICE REACTIONS

The tables below show corn, soybean, and wheat price reactions to the USDA "Crop Production" and "Grain Stocks" reports. Corn and soybean estimates are published in the August, September, October, and November "Crop Production" reports and the January "Crop Production Annual Summary". Wheat estimates are published in the May, June, July, and August "Crop Production" reports, and the September "Small Grains Annual Summary". Estimates of corn, soybean, and wheat stocks are published in the "Grain Stocks" report issued

in March, June, September and January. This report does not imply that NASS reports are solely responsible for changes to the price level for commodities referenced in the tables below. The price level for any commodity can potentially be affected by other information available to the market at that time but ultimately is determined by supply and demand. The prices in this report represent sales from producers to first buyers at major markets as reported by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

USDA Report And Price Reaction	Corn			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu
Crop Production 1985-2005				
Price Increases	40	4.8	52	7.2
No Price Change (NC)	16	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	49	-5.2	52	-10.0
Total	105		105	
Grain Stocks 1984-2005				
Price Increases	38	5.1	42	8.6
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	5	NC
Price Decreases	44	-4.5	42	-8.7
Total	89		89	

AMS Market News Price Used: The closing cash price for Southern Iowa #2 yellow corn.

USDA Report And Price Reaction	Soybeans			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu
Crop Production 1985-2005				
Price Increases	50	10.4	52	15.8
No Price Change (NC)	4	NC	2	NC
Price Decreases	51	-11.0	51	-18.0
Total	105		105	
Grain Stocks 1984-2005				
Price Increases	36	10.1	37	17.0
No Price Change (NC)	2	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	51	-11.6	51	-19.8
Total	89		89	

AMS Market News Price Used: The average price paid at Southern Iowa points by processors.

USDA Report And Price Reaction	Wheat			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu	Number Of Reports Number	Average Price Change Cents Per Bu
Crop Production 1987-2005				
Price Increases	50	5.8	57	9.2
No Price Change (NC)	10	NC	7	NC
Price Decreases	49	-4.7	45	-12.8
Total	109		109	
Grain Stocks 1984-2005				
Price Increases	40	5.2	34	9.0
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	7	NC
Price Decreases	42	-5.3	48	-10.7
Total	89		89	

AMS Market News Price Used: The closing cash price for Kansas City #1 hard winter wheat (ordinary protein).

HONEY PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 2005 honey production totaled 17.38 million pounds, down 23 percent from last year. A late spring freeze and dry conditions negatively affected vegetation and pollination resulting in less honey production despite an increase in the total number of colonies. South Dakota honey production ranked third in the nation, behind North Dakota and California, respectively.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 220,000, was up 5,000 from 2004, with honey production per colony, at 79 pounds, down 26 pounds from 2004. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 225,000 colonies producing an average 82 pounds of honey per colony. The price received by producers decreased 24 percent in 2005, from \$1.00 per pound to \$0.76 per pound. The value of production in 2005 decreased 41 percent from 2004, to \$22.58 million.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004.

Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

HONEY PRODUCTION, 2005 1/

State	Number of Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks on Dec 15 2/	Ave Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	- - - - 1,000 Pounds - - - -		Cents	1,000 Dollars
South Dakota	220	79	17,380	11,818	76	13,209
North Dakota	370	91	33,670	8,418	81	27,273
Minnesota	120	74	8,880	1,598	83	7,370
Nebraska	40	68	2,720	2,530	89	2,421
United States 4/	2,410	72.5	174,643	62,406	90.4	157,795

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. 2/ Stocks held by producers. 3/ Prices weighted by sales. 4/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NUMBER OF HEAD AND AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2005 1/

Area	Cattle		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Number	Average Live Weight	Number	Average Live Weight	Number	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Head	Pounds
South Dakota	2/	2/	4,771.8	262	10.3	124
United States	32,387.7	1,256	103,581.5	269	2,697.8	138

1/ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED, COMMERCIAL, AND FARM RED MEAT PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 2005

Type	Beef		Veal		Pork 1/		Lamb & Mutton		Total Red Meat 2/	
	Million Lbs	% Fed	Million Lbs	% Fed	Million Lbs	% Fed	Million Lbs	% Fed	Million Lbs	% Fed
Commercial 2/	24,682.5	98.6	155.8	97.4	20,685.1	99.1	187.1	95.9	45,710.5	98.8
Farm	101.2	--	8.6	--	20.5	--	4.3	--	134.7	--
Total	24,783.7	98.2	164.5	92.2	20,705.6	99.0	191.4	93.8	45,845.2	98.5

1/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 2/ Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	February 28, 2005	January 31, 2006	February 28, 2006	February 2006 as % of	
				February 2005	January 2006
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	110,876	110,072	151,678	137	138
Cheese, Total Natural	723,681	750,470	775,028	107	103
Eggs, Frozen	17,865	22,549	24,184	135	107
Fruits, Frozen	874,252	972,081	874,169	100	90
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,888,636	1,366,269	1,363,224	72	100
Meat, Total Red	956,171	997,158	968,536	101	97
Beef, Total Frozen	400,240	452,470	429,248	107	95
Pork, Total Frozen	541,218	524,424	518,925	96	99
Poultry, Frozen	1,017,422	1,186,357	1,237,966	122	104
Chicken	634,778	920,749	920,028	145	100
Turkey	379,408	262,335	313,337	83	119
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,994,041	2,048,395	1,873,851	94	91
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,152,818	1,076,226	1,156,096	100	107

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			Feb 2006 as % of		January-February 2/		2006 as % of 2005
		Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	2005	2006	
		--Percent--					- Million Pounds Liveweight -		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	363.0	420.7	396.7	109	94	189.9	219.3	115
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.7	0.9	1.1	157	122	0.164	0.250	152
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	77.7	91.1	85.1	110	93	155.5	176.2	113
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,342.9	2,641.7	2,345.9	100	89	6,126.5	6,395.2	104
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,107.8	8,915.7	8,054.7	99	90	4,477.7	4,626.1	103
Sheep	1,000 Head	214.0	223.7	202.5	95	91	58.8	61.5	105
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,423.8	3,890.4	3,483.8	102	90	7,071.8	7,374.2	104

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.

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