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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Producers in South Dakota intend to plant 50,000 fewer acres of corn but 100,000 more acres of soybeans than last year. These intentions are based on a March 1 survey. Any planting changes due to weather or other factors will be accounted for when actual plantings are obtained in early June.

**Corn** plantings are expected to be 4.40 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005.

**Soybean** plantings are expected to total 4.00 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

**Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 1.35 million, down 13 percent from a year earlier. **Other spring wheat** seeding intentions are at 1.70 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 15,000 acres, are unchanged from last year.

**Sunflower** acreage is expected to total 495,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year. **Oil sunflower** will account for 450,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2005. **Non-oil sunflower**

account for 45,000 acres, also down 10 percent from 2005.

**Sorghum** planted acreage is expected to total 240,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 78.0 million acres, down 5 percent from 2005. If realized, this would be the largest corn acreage since 2001.

**Soybean** producers intend to plant 76.9 million acres in 2006, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest planted area on record.

**All wheat** planted area is expected to total 57.1 million acres in 2006, down slightly from 2005. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acreage since 1972. **Winter wheat** planted area for the 2006 crop is 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. The 2006 **other spring wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 13.9 million, down 1 percent from last year. Area planted to **durum wheat** is expected to total 1.83 million acres, down 34 percent from 2005.

### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 2006

Crop	South Dakota				United States			
	Planted (Actual)		Intentions 2006 1/	2006 as % of 2005	Planted (Actual)		Intentions 2006 1/	2006 as % of 2005
	2004	2005			2004	2005		
	----- Thousand Acres -----			Percent	----- Thousand Acres -----			Percent
All corn	4,650	4,450	4,400	99	80,929	81,759	78,019	95
All sorghum	250	180	240	133	7,486	6,454	6,483	100
Oats	380	380	410	108	4,085	4,246	4,324	102
Barley	70	65	60	92	4,527	3,875	3,667	95
Soybeans	4,150	3,900	4,000	103	75,208	72,142	76,895	107
Flaxseed	10	25	15	60	523	983	890	91
Wheat, All	3,270	3,315	3,065	92	59,674	57,229	57,128	100
Winter	1,650	1,550	1,350	87	43,350	40,433	41,404	102
Durum	20	15	15	100	2,561	2,760	1,825	66
Other spring	1,600	1,750	1,700	97	13,763	14,036	13,899	99
All sunflower	435	550	495	90	1,873	2,709	2,196	81
All hay 2/	3,900	4,000	4,000	100	61,966	61,649	61,478	100
Dry edible beans	9.0	17.5	17.0	97	1,354.3	1,665.0	1,710.3	103

1/ Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers. 2/ Intended area harvested in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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## HOGS AND PIGS

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** The state's March 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.44 million head, up 6 percent from one year ago but 3 percent below last quarter.

**Breeding stock** totaled 155,000 head, up 7 percent from March 2005. **Market hogs** totaled 1,285,000 head, up 6 percent from last year.

The December through February **pig crop** was 714,000 head, up 5 percent from 677,000 head last year. During the quarter 76,000 sows farrowed, up 6 percent from 2005. **Pigs per litter** averaged 9.40, unchanged from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 83,000 sows during March through May, 11 percent above the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are 80,000 sows, up from 71,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

**UNITED STATES:** **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent

from March 1, 2005, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2005-February 2006 pig crop**, at 25.7 million head, is up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the December 2005-February 2006 period, compared to 8.94 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### HOGS & PIGS: MARCH 1 INVENTORY NUMBER, SOWS FARROWING, AND PIG CROP, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, 2005 - 2006

Item	SOUTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	----- Thousand Head -----		Percent	----- Thousand Head -----		Percent
<b>MARCH 1 INVENTORY:</b>						
All Hogs and Pigs	1,360	1,440	106	59,699	60,104	101
Kept for Breeding	145	155	107	5,941	6,025	101
Market	1,215	1,285	106	53,757	54,079	101
<b>MARKET HOGS &amp; PIGS BY WEIGHT GROUP:</b>						
Under 60 pounds	430	445	103	19,667	19,838	101
60-119 pounds	295	310	105	13,087	13,114	100
120-179 pounds	270	280	104	11,360	11,317	100
180 pounds and over	220	250	114	9,644	9,811	102
<b>SOWS FARROWING:</b>						
December 1/-February	72	76	106	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	75	83 2/	111	2,882	2,896 2/	101
December 1/-May	147	159 3/	108	5,716	5,736 3/	100
June-August	71	80 2/	113	2,918	2,923 2/	100
September-November	80	NA	---	2,888	NA	---
June-November	151	NA	---	5,806	NA	---
<b>PIG CROP:</b>						
December 1/-February	677	714	105	25,343	25,654	101
March-May	698	NA	---	25,986	NA	---
December 1/-May	1,375	NA	---	51,330	NA	---
June-August	667	NA	---	26,449	NA	---
September-November	744	NA	---	26,080	NA	---
June-November	1,411	NA	---	52,528	NA	---

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Actual farrowings for December 2005-February 2006 plus intentions for March-May 2006. NA=Not Available.

**COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:**

**Cattle on Feed**  
**January-March Milk Production**  
**Chickens and Eggs**  
**All Corn, South Dakota**  
**March Cold Storage and Slaughter**

## PRICES

### UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.9 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.6 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, lettuce, potatoes, and cauliflower. Lower prices were received for cattle, milk, tomatoes, and strawberries. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of asparagus, strawberries, milk, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, oranges, upland cotton, and corn.

This Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 6 points (5.0 percent) from March 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 116, decreased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month and 7 points (5.7 percent) from March 2005.

### TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products %	119	* 114	113
All crops %	116	* 114	117
Food grains %	111	* 121	122
Feed grains & hay %	95	* 96	96
Oil bearing crops %	107	102	99
All livestock & products %	121	114	111
Meat animals %	122	120	116
Dairy products %	119	* 103	98
Poultry & eggs %	122	108	113
Prices Paid Index %	139	* 145	144
Ratio 1/ %	86	* 79	78
Crop Sector %	142	* 149	149
Livestock Sector %	135	* 141	139

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

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			
	Mar. 2005 1/	Feb. 2006 1/	Mar. 2006 2/	Mar. 2005 1/	Feb. 2006 1/	Mar. 2006 2/	Parity Price Mar. 2006
-----Dollars-----							
All Wheat Bu.	3.44	3.81	3.80	3.42	3.66	3.71	10.30
Winter Bu.	3.24	3.62	3.73	3.32	3.59	3.67	---
Durum Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.70	3.35	3.32	---
Other Spring Bu.	3.59	3.98	3.86	3.51	3.83	3.83	---
Corn Bu.	1.83	1.81	1.82	2.02	2.02	2.01	7.65
Oats Bu.	1.63	1.80	1.71	1.73	1.82	1.77	4.25
Soybeans Bu.	5.83	5.36	5.25	5.95	5.67	5.55	16.90
All Barley Bu.	1.98	2.29	2.60	2.49	2.57	2.55	7.15
Feed Bu.	5/	1.20	5/	1.67	1.83	1.85	---
Malt Bu.	1.98	2.30	2.60	2.74	2.77	2.79	---
Sunflower Cwt.	14.50	10.40	9.52	15.00	11.40	11.10	32.20
Flaxseed Bu.	11.90	5.00	5/	11.40	5.50	5.35	15.30
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	3.04	3.40	3.29	11.90
All Hay Ton	61.00	65.00	62.00	92.60	95.00	97.10	---
Alfalfa Ton	63.00	68.00	64.00	98.60	99.20	100.00	---
Other Ton	49.00	55.00	50.00	77.80	83.20	86.60	---
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	15.60	13.50	12.80	37.90
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.327	0.301	0.499	1.75
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	98.50	101.00	98.10	91.00	92.40	89.20	190.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	103.00	107.00	103.00	95.20	97.80	94.10	---
Cows Cwt.	58.00	52.10	53.60	55.00	49.70	49.90	---
Calves Cwt.	137.00	141.00	133.00	136.00	142.00	138.00	263.00
All Hogs Cwt.	52.00	43.00	43.10	51.20	42.60	42.40	115.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	53.00	44.50	44.10	51.50	43.20	42.80	---
Sows Cwt.	42.80	29.90	34.10	43.40	31.10	34.40	---
Sheep Cwt.	51.50	43.00	5/	49.00	46.00	5/	94.00
Lambs Cwt.	117.00	101.00	5/	114.00	96.80	5/	229.00

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.

## GRAIN STOCKS

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Corn stocks on March 1 totaled 285.4 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year. On-farm grain stocks accounted for 205.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 80.4 million bushels, are down 3 percent from last March.

**Soybean** stocks totaled 73.9 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year. On-farm stocks represented 48.0 million bushels, down 6.0 million bushels from last March, and off-farm stocks, at 25.9 million bushels, are up 53 percent from a year ago.

**All wheat** stocks, at 48.3 million bushels, are down 17 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 26.0 million bushels, compared to 35.0 million bushels last year. Off-farm stocks, at 22.3 million bushels, are down 5 percent from last March.

**Oat** stocks, at 6.9 million bushels, are down 18 percent from last year. **Barley** on-farm stocks totaled 800,000 bushels, down 14 percent from the previous year. No off-

farm estimates are published for barley. **Sorghum** off-farm stocks are at 1.4 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year. No on-farm estimate is published.

**UNITED STATES:** Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. **Soybeans** stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 21 percent from March 1, 2005. This is the largest March 1 stocks level on record, exceeding the previous record set in 1999 by 1 percent. **All wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 972 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. **Oats** stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 74.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2005. **Barley** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 167 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2005. **Grain sorghum** stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 193 million bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago.

### STOCKS OF GRAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 1, 2005 & 2006

Crop	On Farm			Off Farm			All Positions		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of All Positions	2005	2006	2006 as % of All Positions	2005	2006	2006 as % of All 2005
	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>									
Corn	230,000	205,000	72	82,843	80,434	28	312,843	285,434	91
Barley	930	800	---	1/	1/	---	1/	1/	---
Sorghum	1/	1/	---	1,270	1,371	---	1/	1/	---
Soybeans	42,000	48,000	65	16,961	25,871	35	58,961	73,871	125
All Wheat	35,000	26,000	54	23,446	22,279	46	58,446	48,279	83
Oats	6,900	5,800	84	1,572	1,135	16	8,472	6,935	82
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn	4,137,000	4,055,000	58	2,619,334	2,932,178	42	6,756,334	6,987,178	103
Barley	79,680	68,400	41	111,001	98,164	59	190,681	166,564	87
Sorghum	33,400	25,900	13	170,122	166,939	87	203,522	192,839	95
Soybeans	795,000	872,000	52	586,364	796,555	48	1,381,364	1,668,555	121
All Wheat	304,710	256,000	26	679,681	716,240	74	984,391	972,240	99
Oats	43,500	41,900	56	38,946	32,812	44	82,446	74,712	91

1/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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