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CATTLE ON FEED

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SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 210,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1. The April 1 number is up 5,000 from a year earlier but unchanged from March.

Placements during March totaled 36,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year and up 3,000 head from February.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 35,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year and up 6,000 head from February.

Other disappearance during March totaled 1,000 head, down 1,000 from last year and down 3,000 from last month.

Steer and steer calves totaled 115,000 head, 54.8 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 79,000 head, 37.6 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 16,000 head, 7.6 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.74 million steers and steer calves, up 11 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.0 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005.

**CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS),
SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, APRIL 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, March 1	210	210	100	11,154	12,023	108
Placed on feed during March	31	36	116	1,750	1,837	105
Fed cattle marketed during March	34	35	103	1,963	1,958	100
Other disappearance during March 1/	2	1	50	68	90	132
On feed, April 1	205	210	102	10,873	11,812	109

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

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MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The January - March 2006 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 364 million pounds, 4 percent above last year's 350 million pounds and 2 percent above last quarter.

During the first quarter of 2006, the average number of milk cows, at 81,000, is unchanged from last year. This is also unchanged from last quarter.

During 2005, the number of milk cows averaged 81,000, up

1,000 head from the previous year. Milk produced per cow averaged 17,741 pounds, up from 16,838 pounds in 2004. Total milk produced in 2005, at 1,437 million pounds, was up 7 percent from 2004.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, JANUARY-MARCH, 2004-2006

State	January-March Milk Cows 1/			January-March Milk Production 2/			2006 as % of 2005
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	
	----- 1,000 Head -----			----- Million Pounds -----			Percent
Iowa	195	190	200	976	983	1,041	106
Minnesota	465	457	448	2,060	2,048	2,110	103
Nebraska	61	60	60	267	268	277	103
North Dakota	33	33	33	129	128	131	102
South Dakota	80	81	81	333	350	364	104
Wisconsin	1,245	1,234	1,240	5,501	5,522	5,779	105
United States	8,996	9,002	9,093	42,787	43,350	45,521	105

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

CHICKEN & EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The average number of layers on hand during March 2006 numbered 3,284,000, virtually unchanged from both February 2006 and down less than 1 percent from January 2006. The number of eggs produced during the month totaled 75 million, up 7 million from February but down 1 million from January.

UNITED STATES: U.S. egg production totaled 7.84 billion

during March 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2006 averaged 350 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up slightly from March 2005.

MONTHLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand			Eggs per 100 Layers			Total Eggs Produced		
	January 2006	February 2006	March 2006	January 2006	February 2006	March 2006	January 2006	February 2006	March 2006
	----- Thousands -----			----- Number -----			----- Millions -----		
Iowa	51,125	51,600	52,147	2,249	2,054	2,288	1,150	1,060	1,193
Minnesota	11,199	11,364	11,292	2,250	2,006	2,258	252	228	255
Nebraska	11,909	11,827	11,817	2,225	2,088	2,327	265	247	275
South Dakota	3,295	3,288	3,284	2,307	2,068	2,284	76	68	75
United States	349,246	349,764	350,085	2,211	1,995	2,239	7,721	6,977	7,837

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ALL CORN, SOUTH DAKOTA, 2005

County	All Corn Planted Acres	Corn for Grain			Corn for Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
		Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
Butte	6,000	3,500	123.1	431,000	2,400	15.2	36,400
Corson	14,000	9,700	70.0	679,000	4,200	6.4	27,000
Dewey	12,500	9,700	77.0	747,000	2,700	7.7	20,800
Harding	2,000	---	---	---	1,900	7.1	13,400
Perkins	17,300	6,200	65.0	403,000	10,900	6.6	71,400
Ziebach	2,700	1,900	42.1	80,000	700	5.3	3,700
Northwest	54,500	31,000	75.5	2,340,000	22,800	7.6	172,700
Brown	257,000	243,900	141.0	34,395,000	8,000	11.3	90,300
Campbell	42,000	34,500	100.0	3,451,000	7,200	8.5	61,500
Edmunds	111,000	99,400	124.9	12,414,000	10,000	12.5	124,500
Faulk	63,500	56,400	108.2	6,100,000	5,300	9.1	48,300
McPherson	43,000	29,700	110.5	3,283,000	13,000	12.5	162,700
Potter	67,000	59,500	100.2	5,962,000	5,300	9.3	49,100
Spink	192,000	179,500	128.4	23,043,000	8,800	10.8	95,000
Walworth	38,500	34,100	117.4	4,003,000	4,000	10.1	40,400
North Central	814,000	737,000	125.7	92,651,000	61,600	10.9	671,800
Clark	94,000	84,700	141.0	11,941,000	8,400	13.5	113,300
Codington	76,000	65,100	155.2	10,106,000	9,900	16.4	162,800
Day	66,500	59,600	150.2	8,953,000	6,000	12.2	73,100
Deuel	74,500	66,500	155.9	10,367,000	7,100	19.0	134,900
Grant	80,000	67,000	143.4	9,606,000	11,300	20.4	230,700
Hamlin	86,500	78,600	150.0	11,788,000	6,700	18.5	123,900
Marshall	87,000	69,500	133.7	9,295,000	11,400	14.2	162,100
Roberts	88,500	81,000	159.5	12,921,000	5,800	16.2	94,000
Northeast	653,000	572,000	148.6	84,977,000	66,600	16.4	1,094,800
Haakon	6,100	3,900	35.1	137,000	2,100	4.7	9,900
Jackson	2,200	1,400	48.6	68,000	700	7.0	4,900
Lawrence	500	---	---	---	500	11.0	5,500
Meade	2,800	1,400	86.4	121,000	1,300	9.6	12,500
Pennington	3,000	1,800	30.6	55,000	800	5.0	4,000
Stanley	2,900	2,500	71.2	178,000	200	12.5	2,500
West Central	17,500	11,000	50.8	559,000	5,600	7.0	39,300
Aurora	69,500	59,800	59.9	3,582,000	7,900	5.9	46,800
Beadle	175,500	156,400	110.0	17,200,000	17,300	7.9	137,300
Brule	66,500	51,000	66.5	3,392,000	14,900	7.4	110,400
Buffalo	15,000	7,700	80.8	622,000	7,000	7.2	50,100
Hand	108,000	85,200	97.6	8,319,000	21,100	7.9	167,200
Hughes	29,000	21,300	72.4	1,543,000	3,700	9.8	36,400
Hyde	32,500	24,700	78.1	1,930,000	7,600	6.3	48,000
Jerauld	47,500	40,600	71.4	2,897,000	5,800	7.8	45,300
Sully	69,500	65,300	80.4	5,252,000	3,200	8.7	27,700
Central	613,000	512,000	87.4	44,737,000	88,500	7.6	669,200
Brookings	127,000	117,000	159.4	18,649,000	8,600	18.0	155,100
Davison	70,000	64,500	77.1	4,974,000	4,300	6.3	27,300
Hanson	79,500	74,400	83.5	6,215,000	4,200	11.5	48,500
Kingsbury	122,000	109,800	117.8	12,932,000	10,000	12.9	129,000
Lake	119,000	110,900	150.8	16,719,000	7,500	14.8	111,200
McCook	125,000	115,100	98.5	11,340,000	8,000	12.7	101,900
Miner	71,000	65,500	109.5	7,175,000	4,400	13.1	57,800
Minnehaha	164,000	148,200	157.6	23,353,000	14,000	17.2	240,700
Moody	128,000	120,900	172.1	20,807,000	5,500	20.9	115,200
Sanborn	64,500	55,700	89.4	4,980,000	7,600	7.9	60,300
East Central	1,070,000	982,000	129.5	127,144,000	74,100	14.1	1,047,000
Bennett	8,000	6,600	106.5	703,000	1,300	9.0	11,700
Custer	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall River	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shannon	2,300	1,800	75.0	135,000	500	6.4	3,200
Combined Counties	1,700	1,600	99.4	159,000	100	10.0	1,000
Southwest	12,000	10,000	99.7	997,000	1,900	8.4	15,900
Gregory	51,000	41,500	61.9	2,570,000	6,200	6.5	40,100
Jones	6,500	4,100	66.1	271,000	2,000	8.2	16,300
Lyman	30,500	25,200	63.5	1,601,000	4,600	5.2	23,900
Mellette	6,500	4,300	24.2	104,000	1,400	8.7	12,200
Todd	9,000	8,200	118.0	968,000	600	11.8	7,100
Tripp	74,500	60,700	55.6	3,377,000	12,700	6.8	86,000
South Central	178,000	144,000	61.7	8,891,000	27,500	6.7	185,600
Bon Homme	86,000	73,300	81.8	5,993,000	12,000	7.1	85,300
Charles Mix	130,000	114,700	75.4	8,643,000	14,200	7.2	102,900
Clay	92,000	88,200	133.0	11,731,000	500	9.2	4,600
Douglas	71,000	60,800	69.6	4,229,000	9,600	8.6	82,300
Hutchinson	154,000	139,800	84.2	11,777,000	12,400	8.7	107,600
Lincoln	142,000	136,800	147.4	20,170,000	3,000	18.4	55,200
Turner	151,000	139,000	121.4	16,876,000	8,800	16.3	143,300
Union	127,000	122,600	163.0	19,982,000	2,500	18.5	46,200
Yankton	85,000	75,800	110.2	8,353,000	8,400	11.5	96,300
Southeast	1,038,000	951,000	113.3	107,754,000	71,400	10.1	723,700
South Dakota	4,450,000	3,950,000	119.0	470,050,000	420,000	11.0	4,620,000

COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	March 31, 2005	February 28, 2006	March 31, 2006	March 2006 as % of	
				March 2005	February 2006
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	132,436	148,516	168,843	127	114
Cheese, total natural	749,228	770,990	808,766	108	105
Eggs, frozen	18,548	24,388	20,840	112	85
Fruits, frozen	748,834	872,259	753,120	101	86
Fruit juices, frozen	1,896,430	1,363,499	1,321,389	70	97
Meat, total red	931,583	973,737	941,266	101	97
Beef, total frozen	372,323	428,296	422,995	114	99
Pork, total frozen	543,778	525,086	499,425	92	95
Poultry, total frozen	1,088,879	1,246,368	1,249,988	115	100
Chicken	673,470	923,913	867,479	129	94
Turkey	414,159	317,854	374,579	90	118
Vegetables, total frozen	1,767,745	1,869,909	1,709,198	97	91
Potatoes, total frozen	1,093,666	1,147,080	1,159,285	106	101

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 & UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			March 2006 as % of		January-March 2/		
		March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	March 2005	February 2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
		--- Percent ---				- Mil. Lbs. Liveweight - Percent			
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	402.5	396.7	377.0	94	95	295.8	320.3	108
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.0	1.1	1.3	130	118	0.287	0.422	147
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	85.0	85.1	81.9	96	96	240.5	258.1	107
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,725.1	2,345.9	2,852.4	105	122	9,496.2	10,025.6	106
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,949.7	8,054.7	9,234.1	103	115	6,901.4	7,137.0	103
Sheep	1,000 Head	280.1	202.5	249.7	89	123	97.6	97.8	100
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,878.1	*3,483.9	4,111.7	106	118	10,949.9	11,486.0	105

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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