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JUNE CROP REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA: The South Dakota June 1 winter wheat production forecast is 47.5 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year's 65.6 million bushels. Dry conditions in many areas of South Dakota are contributing to this year's smaller crop forecast. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from the previous forecast on May 1.

UNITED STATES: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 16 percent below 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last month and 3.9 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, 2004, 2005 AND FORECAST 2006

State	Area Planted 1/		Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	Ind. 2006	2005	Ind. 2006	2004	2005	Ind. 2006
	- - - - - - - - - - 1,000 Acres - - - - - - - - -				- - - Bushels - - -		- - - - - 1,000 Bushels - - - - -		
Colorado	2,550	2,400	2,200	2,000	24.0	23.0	45,900	52,800	46,000
Montana	2,150	2,000	2,100	1,950	45.0	39.0	66,830	94,500	76,050
Nebraska	1,850	1,750	1,760	1,650	39.0	34.0	61,050	68,640	56,100
S. Dakota	1,550	1,350	1,490	1,250	44.0	38.0	56,250	65,560	47,500
U. S.	40,433	41,404	33,794	31,177	44.4	40.5	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,263,766

1/ Includes area planted in the preceding fall.

WASDE WHEAT OUTLOOK

Projected U.S. 2006/07 wheat crop is lowered 59 million bushels from last month, based on lower forecast yield of winter wheat. Projected spring wheat production is unchanged. Imports are raised 5 million bushels. Wheat feed and residual use is lowered 25 million bushels, and seed use is raised 2 million. Ending stocks are lowered 32 million bushels to 416 million. The 2006/07 price range is increased 10 cents on both ends of the range to $3.60 to $4.20 per bushel, compared with an estimated $3.42 for 2005/06.

The 2006/07 global wheat outlook includes little change in total supply and use, compared with last month. Higher production in Ukraine, Pakistan, Canada, EU-25, and several other countries is offset by lower production in the United States, Argentina, Russia, and other countries. Exports from Pakistan and Ukraine are raised a combined 1 million tons, while Argentine exports are lowered 1 million. Global ending stocks remain the lowest in 25 years.

Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, June 2006

FARM LABOR

UNITED STATES: There were 956,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 2006, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 718,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 238,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.79 per hour during the April 2006 reference week, up 44 cents from a year earlier.

NORTHERN PLAINS (SD, ND, NE, KS): During the week of April 9-15, 2006, there were an estimated 27,000 workers, identical to April 2005 but up 4,000 from January 2006. The average wage rate for all hired workers was $9.84 per hour during the April 2006 survey week, up 14 cents from April 2005, but down 47 cents from January 2006.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, SELECTED REGIONS, JANUARY 8-14, 2006 AND APRIL 9-15, 2006 1/

Region 2/	Type of Worker							
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock		All Hired Workers	
	January	April	January	April	January	April	January	April
	Dollars per Hour							
Lake	10.33	9.32	9.30	9.94	9.69	9.63	10.73	10.30
Cornbelt II	9.61	8.45	10.69	10.38	10.52	9.46	11.50	10.12
Northern Plains	10.59	9.67	9.25	8.64	9.75	9.25	10.31	9.84
Mountain I	8.68	9.20	8.17	8.57	8.27	8.81	8.99	9.22
United States 3/	* 9.11	8.96	* 9.26	9.30	* 9.17	9.07	* 10.10	9.79

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 2/ Lake: MI, MN, WI; Cornbelt II: IA, MO; Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD; Mountain 1: ID, MT, WY.
3/ Excludes AK. * Revised.

CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 195,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on June 1. The June 1 number is up 9,000 head from a year ago but down 5,000 head from last month.

Placements during May totaled 33,000 head, up 5,000 from both last year and from April 2006.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 34,000 head, down 4,000 head from a year earlier and down 1,000 head from April.

Other disappearance during May totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 1,000 from last month.

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 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005, and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 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, May 1	200	200	100	10,641	* 11,559	109
Placed on feed during May	28	33	118	2,223	1,913	86
Fed cattle marketed during May	38	34	89	1,997	2,170	109
Other disappearance during May 1/	4	4	100	96	115	120
On feed, June 1	186	195	105	10,771	11,187	104

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 May, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.4 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (1.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, hogs, onions, and grapefruit. Lower prices were received for cattle, asparagus, tomatoes, and eggs. 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 grapes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, calves, and apples. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.2 percent) from May 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month but decreased 7 points (5.7 percent) from May 2005.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index		United States		
		May 2005	Apr. 2006	May 2006
Prices Received Indexes		(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	%	119	* 113	114
All crops	%	116	* 123	126
Food grains	%	109	* 125	132
Feed grains & hay	%	99	* 102	107
Oil bearing crops	%	111	* 99	100
All livestock & products	%	121	* 105	104
Meat animals	%	125	111	111
Dairy products	%	113	93	92
Poultry & eggs	%	122	102	101
Prices Paid Index	%	140	* 146	146
Ratio 1/	%	85	* 77	78
Crop Sector	%	143	* 151	151
Livestock Sector	%	136	142	141

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		May 2005 1/	April 2006 1/	May 2006 2/	May 2005 1/	April 2006 1/	May 2006 2/	Parity Price May 2006
		Dollars						
All Wheat	Bu.	3.29	3.98	4.26	3.31	3.81	4.07	10.40
Winter	Bu.	3.16	3.83	4.20	3.23	3.76	4.10	---
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.67	3.40	3.54	---
Other Spring	Bu.	3.37	4.11	4.31	3.37	3.94	4.10	---
Corn	Bu.	1.84	1.89	1.95	1.98	2.11	2.17	7.76
Oats	Bu.	1.53	1.77	1.76	1.64	1.75	1.76	4.31
Soybeans	Bu.	6.11	5.26	5.34	6.21	5.52	5.62	17.20
All Barley	Bu.	1.94	5/	5/	2.46	2.67	2.70	7.25
Feed	Bu.	1.70	5/	5/	1.71	1.83	1.78	---
Malt	Bu.	1.95	5/	5/	2.90	2.91	3.06	---
Sunflower	Cwt.	15.90	11.00	10.20	15.40	11.90	11.50	32.70
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/	11.60	5.56	5.50	15.50
Sorghum	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	3.05	3.70	3.84	12.00
All Hay	Ton	60.00	63.00	67.00	107.00	106.00	114.00	---
Alfalfa	Ton	61.00	65.00	69.00	116.00	110.00	118.00	---
Other	Ton	49.00	49.00	55.00	75.40	93.20	96.80	---
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	14.70	12.10	12.00	38.40
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.243	0.318	0.231	1.77
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	93.90	88.60	82.50	92.10	84.80	81.80	192.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	101.00	94.40	90.00	96.10	89.30	85.80	---
Cows	Cwt.	61.40	50.10	48.40	58.30	48.50	48.00	---
Calves	Cwt.	135.00	127.00	127.00	143.00	135.00	132.00	267.00
All Hogs	Cwt.	55.40	41.00	47.10	54.90	41.30	47.20	117.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	57.10	42.50	49.50	55.50	41.80	47.90	---
Sows	Cwt.	41.80	27.70	28.10	42.60	28.80	29.40	---
Sheep	Cwt.	42.20	27.10	5/	43.70	34.90	5/	95.40
Lambs	Cwt.	134.00	90.00	5/	114.00	86.80	5/	232.00

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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Biotechnology Varieties
June Acreage
Hogs & Pigs
Grains Stocks

COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	April 30, 2005	March 31, 2006	April 30, 2006	April 2006 as % of	
				April 2005	March 2006
	- - - - - - - - - - Thousand Pounds - - - - - - - - - -			- - - - - Percent - - - - -	
Butter	164,501	170,257	197,439	120	116
Cheese, total natural	780,809	799,156	814,873	104	102
Eggs, frozen	18,903	20,757	23,291	123	112
Fruits, frozen	708,061	747,015	720,837	102	96
Fruit juices, frozen	1,965,968	1,319,484	1,401,877	71	106
Meat, total red	909,513	946,009	963,614	106	102
Beef, total frozen	329,425	423,963	429,066	130	101
Pork, total frozen	563,803	502,588	516,260	92	103
Poultry, total frozen	1,133,474	1,258,017	1,279,256	113	102
Chicken	692,153	869,654	841,131	122	97
Turkey	440,122	380,440	430,123	98	113
Vegetables, total frozen	1,603,483	1,711,322	1,564,060	98	91
Potatoes, total frozen	1,174,326	1,158,998	1,177,055	100	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 & UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			April 2006 as % of		January-April 2/		
		April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	April 2005	March 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	360.3	377.0	324.9	90	86	391.3	407.3	104
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.6	1.3	0.9	150	69	0.380	0.544	143
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	76.2	81.9	70.7	93	86	316.7	328.8	104
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,560.3	2,852.4	2,607.4	102	91	12,614.6	13,274.5	105
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,368.7	9,148.0	7,882.2	94	86	9,187.2	9,304.5	101
Sheep	1,000 Head	208.2	239.6	236.0	113	98	128.7	131.6	102
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,619.7	4,111.7	3,614.4	100	88	14,569.6	15,100.4	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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