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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 2007. Your continued cooperation makes these reports possible. Thanks also to the county extension educators and Farm Service Agency county directors who faithfully provide crop and weather information weekly.

Bill Even, 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.”**

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.

I also want to remind you of the upcoming 2007 US Census of Agriculture. The Ag Census is conducted every five years, and will be arriving in early January 2008. The Census is vital to all of Agriculture because of the wealth of data it contains. The 2007 Census is Your Voice, Your Future and Your Responsibility.

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

Sincerely,

Carter Anderson
Director

2008 PRESS RELEASE CALENDAR

Month	Dates & Releases	Month	Dates & Releases
Jan	11 - Annual Crop Summary 11 - Winter Wheat Seedings 11 - Quarterly Grain Stocks 18 - Quarterly Milk Production 25 - Cattle on Feed 25 - Livestock Slaughter 31 - Ag Prices	Jul	4 - Land Value & Cash Rent 7 - Farm Production Expenditures Summary 12 - Crop Production 22 - Cattle on Feed 22 - Livestock Slaughter 31 - Ag Prices
Feb	1 - January 1 Cattle Inventory 1 - January 1 Sheep & Goat Inventory 1 - Farms, Land in Farms, & Livestock Operations 14 - Crop Values 22 - Cattle on Feed 22 - Livestock Slaughter 29 - Ag Prices 29 - Honey Production	Aug	4 - Land Values & Cash Rents 7 - Farm Production & Expenditures 12 - Crop Production 22 - Cattle on Feed 22 - Livestock Slaughter 31 - Ag Prices
Mar	20 - Cattle on Feed 20 - Livestock Slaughter 28 - Ag Prices 28 - Quarterly Hogs & Pigs 31 - Quarterly Grain Stocks 31 - Prospective Plantings	Sep	12 - Crop Production 19 - Cattle on Feed 26 - Livestock Slaughter 26 - Quarterly Hogs & Pigs 29 - Ag Prices 30 - Quarterly Grain Stocks 30 - Small Grain Summary
Apr	*** - 2007 County Estimates (***) no specific date 18 - Quarterly Milk Production 18 - Cattle on Feed 25 - Livestock Slaughter 25 - Meat Animals Production, Disposition, & Income 25 - Milk Production, Disposition, & Income 28 - Poultry Production & Value 30 - Ag Prices	Oct	10 - Crop Production 17 - Quarterly Milk Production 17 - Cattle on Feed 24 - Livestock Slaughter 31 - Ag Prices
May	9 - Crop Production 16 - Cattle on Feed 23 - Livestock Slaughter 30 - Ag Prices	Nov	10 - Crop Production 21 - Cattle on Feed 21 - Livestock Slaughter 28 - Ag Prices
Jun	10 - Crop Production 20 - Cattle on Feed 20 - Livestock Slaughter 27 - Ag Prices 27 - Quarterly Hogs & Pigs 30 - Quarterly Grain Stocks 30 - Prospective Plantings	Dec	11 - Crop Production 19 - Cattle on Feed 26 - Livestock Slaughter 30 - Quarterly Hogs & Pigs 30 - Ag Prices

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PRICES

Prices Received by Farmers for Commodities Sold

Commodity And Unit	South Dakota		United States
	Nov. 2006 ¹	Nov. 2007 ²	Nov. 2007 ²
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
All WheatBu.	4.60	6.70	7.92
WinterBu.	4.50	6.20	7.50
DurumBu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	12.70
Other SpringBu.	4.75	6.88	7.67
CornBu.	2.58	3.40	3.49
OatsBu.	2.11	2.72	2.35
SoybeansBu.	5.79	9.40	9.48
All BarleyBu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.69
FeedBu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.93
MaltBu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.52
SunflowerCwt.	12.50	19.30	18.90
FlaxseedBu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	13.20
All HayTon	79.00	100.00	131.00
AlfalfaTon	82.00	104.00	135.00
OtherTon	68.00	83.00	123.00
Cattle ³Cwt.	88.50	97.20	89.30
Steers & heifersCwt.	98.80	109.00	95.40
CowsCwt.	41.80	43.20	43.60
CalvesCwt.	119.00	125.00	118.00
All hogsCwt.	45.10	37.60	38.50
Barrows & giltsCwt.	46.80	39.40	39.00
SowsCwt.	34.00	25.80	26.50
SheepCwt.	26.60	*20.30	*25.30
LambsCwt.	108.00	*105.00	*97.00

¹ Full month, except hay which is mid-month. ² Mid-Month.
³ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. ⁴ No price available.
 *Previous month price.

CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on November 1. The November 1 number is up 15,000 head from last year and up 25,000 head from October.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was down 2 percent from the previous year but up 7 percent from the previous month.

Cattle on Feed (1,000+ Capacity Feedlots), South Dakota and U.S., November 1, 2006 & 2007

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On feed, October 1	170	180	106	11,385	10,967	96
Placed on feed during October	64	71	111	2,430	2,716	112
Fed cattle marketed during October	43	45	105	1,765	1,876	106
Other disappearance during October ¹	1	1	100	81	47	58
On feed November 1	190	205	108	11,969	11,760	98

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

SLAUGHTER

Commercial Slaughter, Red Meat Production South Dakota and United States

Kind & Unit	Slaughter		January-October	
	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Hogs	384.2	506.4	837.8	867.3
Sheep	1.0	1.3	1.257	1.236
Red Meat ^{1 2}	83.7	106.1	697.4	724.0
UNITED STATES				
Cattle ³	2,858.1	3,099.6	32,090.7	32,349.7
Hogs	9,632.0	10,654.4	20,608.9	21,073.8
Sheep	237.3	248.0	275.5	269.3
Red Meat ^{1 2}	4,197.2	4,613.5	35,314.5	35,704.6

¹ Red Meat reported in million lbs. ² Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ³ Cattle slaughter data not published for South Dakota.

COLD STORAGE

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2006	Oct. 31, 2007	Oct. 2007 as % of	
			Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Butter	157,571	195,360	124	81
Cheese, total natural	810,183	793,604	98	99
Eggs, frozen	16,262	17,514	108	99
Fruits, frozen	1,179,699	1,336,147	113	114
Fruit juices, frozen	976,536	906,186	93	98
Meat, total red	993,984	1,009,669	102	102
Beef, total frozen	485,713	492,892	101	101
Pork, total frozen	488,409	496,338	102	102
Poultry, total frozen	1,133,267	1,082,952	96	95
Chicken	723,519	664,627	92	105
Turkey	404,171	412,372	102	82
Vegetables, total frozen	2,592,243	2,418,955	93	103
Potatoes, total frozen	1,066,599	1,135,127	106	105

SOUTH DAKOTA: LEADING COMMODITIES FOR CASH RECEIPTS, 2006

Commodity	South Dakota Value of Receipts	United States Value of Receipts	South Dakota as percent of United States
	----- 1,000 dollars -----		--- percent ---
All Commodities	4,716,173	239,271,907	2.0
Livestock & Products	2,651,623	119,320,429	2.2
Crops	2,064,550	119,951,478	1.7
1 Cattle and Calves	1,876,006	49,148,366	3.8
2 Corn	730,728	21,716,106	3.4
3 Soybeans	695,827	16,920,732	4.1
4 Hogs	404,323	14,085,345	2.9
5 Wheat	397,120	7,317,737	5.4
6 Dairy Products	196,107	23,421,987	0.8
7 Hay	89,193	4,912,144	1.8
8 Sunflower	80,399	403,123	19.9
9 Turkeys	61,425	3,482,746	1.8
10 Sheep and Lambs	30,428	473,435	6.4
11 Chicken Eggs	26,312	4,340,076	0.6
12 Greenhouse/Nursery	23,615	16,891,934	0.1
13 Millet, Proso	10,696	41,443	25.8
14 Honey	8,672	161,314	5.4
15 Sorghum Grain	7,962	725,384	1.1
16 Oats	7,309	97,661	7.5
17 Dry Beans	5,502	512,084	1.1
18 Barley	2,748	469,010	0.6
19 Wool	1,521	24,267	6.3
20 Flaxseed	1,380	78,826	1.8
21 Rye	821	14,999	5.5
22 Chickens	2	52,642	0.0

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