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MAY CROP REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA: The South Dakota May 1, 2008 winter wheat production forecast is 77.0 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year's 95.0 million bushels. The winter wheat yield for 2008 is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,750,000 acres, down 230,000 acres from 2007. Planted acreage, at 1.90 million acres, is down 10 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, up 12 percent from last season. Hard Red production is up 5 percent from a year ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red is up 54 percent and totals 551 million bushels. White production totals 215 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Winter Wheat Production, Selected States, 2006, 2007, and Forecast 2008

State	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2007	2008	2007	Ind. 2008	2007	Ind. 2008	2006	2007	Ind. 2008
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Colorado	2,500	2,400	2,350	2,100	40.0	32.0	39,900	94,000	67,200
Montana	2,240	2,700	2,190	2,600	38.0	34.0	82,560	83,220	88,400
Nebraska	2,050	1,950	1,960	1,850	43.0	44.0	61,200	84,280	81,400
South Dakota	2,100	1,900	1,980	1,750	48.0	44.0	41,400	95,040	77,000
United States	44,987	46,840	35,952	40,162	42.2	44.3	1,298,081	1,515,989	1,777,532

¹ Planted the preceding fall.

MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The January - March 2008 quarterly milk production totaled 426 million pounds, up 6 percent from the same quarter last year. Milk production was up 3 percent from the previous quarter. The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 87,000 head, was up 3,000 head from the January - March quarter of 2007 and up 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the 2008 January - March quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.25 million head, up 112,000 head from the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Selected States January - March, 2007-2008

State	Jan.-Mar. Milk Cows ¹		Jan.-Mar. Milk Production ²		2008 as % of 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Iowa	211	216	1,074	1,083	101
Minnesota	455	463	2,171	2,201	101
Nebraska	60	58	279	269	96
North Dakota	31	28	114	108	95
South Dakota	84	87	401	426	106
Wisconsin	1,246	1,250	5,904	6,046	102
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	103

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

IMPORTANT MID-YEAR SURVEY

South Dakota farmers and ranchers will be asked to participate in a nationwide survey starting the end of May and continuing through the first two weeks of June. Conducted locally by the South Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the purpose is to obtain crop acreages, grain stored, and hog numbers. All individual information is confidential and used only in developing official national and state estimates. Producers will be interviewed, either by telephone or personally, with cooperation necessary to provide reliable estimates. Results will provide farmers and ranchers, business firms, policy makers, and other data users with information helpful in planning future activities.

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

SOUTH DAKOTA: The 2007 cash receipts from cattle, hogs, and sheep in South Dakota totaled \$2.20 billion, down 5 percent from 2006. Cattle accounted for 83 percent of the total, hogs for 16 percent, and sheep for 1 percent. Gross income from meat animals, which includes value of home consumption, in South Dakota during 2007 totaled \$2.21 billion, down 5 percent from 2006.

Cattle and Calves: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves totaled \$1.8 billion in 2007, compared to \$1.9 billion in 2006. The South Dakota annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle in 2007 was \$92.10, compared with \$91.90 for 2006, while the calf price was \$120.00 in 2007, compared with \$132.00 in 2006. Cattle and calf marketings decreased 2 percent during 2007.

Hogs and Pigs: South Dakota cash receipts from hog and pig marketings in 2007 totaled \$358.6 million, down 13 percent from the \$414.2 million in 2006. The annual average price for all hogs was \$46.70 in 2007, compared to \$46.20 in 2006, while marketings decreased 12 percent from 2006.

Sheep and Lambs: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2007 were \$32.2 million, up 6 percent from \$30.4 million in 2006. The annual average price for sheep was \$24.10 in 2007, compared to \$29.40 in 2006, while lamb prices were \$107.00 in 2007, compared to \$109.00 in 2006. Sheep and lamb marketings increased 9 percent during 2007.

UNITED STATES: The 2007 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$65.5 billion, up 2 percent from 2006. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 1 percent, hogs and pigs increased 5 percent, and sheep and lambs increased slightly.

Total 2007 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 2 percent to \$65.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs, but decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Average prices were down for calves and sheep, but up for cattle, hogs, and lambs.

Meat Animals Production and Income, South Dakota & United States, 2006-2007

Item & Unit	South Dakota		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Cattle and Calves				
Production ¹	1,539,432	1,496,405	41,906,384	41,495,528
Marketings ²	1,947,200	1,902,250	54,556,812	54,762,586
Average price for:				
Cattle	91.90	92.10	87.20	89.90
Calves	132.00	120.00	133.00	119.00
Value of Production	1,497,524	1,432,297	35,555,125	36,066,735
Cash Receipts ³	1,874,168	1,805,331	48,974,296	49,721,883
Value of Home Consumption	15,147	15,247	448,664	439,747
Gross Income	1,889,315	1,820,578	49,422,960	50,161,630
Hogs and Pigs				
Production ¹	728,987	682,376	28,149,483	29,567,131
Marketings ²	795,882	701,650	29,177,441	30,262,685
Average Price	46.20	46.70	46.00	46.60
Value of Production	350,601	319,391	12,702,125	13,467,996
Cash Receipts ^{3,4}	414,201	358,587	14,090,575	14,785,505
Value of Home Consumption	1,665	1,574	31,344	32,103
Gross Income	415,866	360,161	14,121,919	14,817,608
Sheep and Lambs				
Production ¹	27,211	28,423	473,089	460,847
Marketings ²	30,666	33,426	580,424	575,238
Average Price for:				
Sheep	29.40	24.10	35.20	31.00
Lambs	109.00	107.00	95.50	98.50
Value of Production	23,889	26,250	379,531	383,576
Cash Receipts ³	30,428	32,180	492,517	492,432
Value of Home Consumption	521	500	11,220	12,972
Gross Income	30,949	32,680	503,737	505,404

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. ² Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within state. ³ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. ⁴ Includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

PRICES

Prices Received by Farmers for Commodities Sold

Commodity And Unit	South Dakota		United States
	Apr. 2007 ¹	Apr. 2008 ²	Apr. 2008 ²
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
All Wheat.....Bu.	4.74	9.70	10.10
Winter.....Bu.	4.71	8.00	9.26
Durum.....Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	12.60
Other Spring.....Bu.	4.78	10.00	10.90
Corn.....Bu.	3.20	5.30	5.13
Oats.....Bu.	2.56	3.48	3.59
Soybeans.....Bu.	6.69	11.50	11.80
All Barley.....Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.53
Feed.....Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.28
Malt.....Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.62
Sunflower.....Cwt.	16.40	27.90	25.70
Flaxseed.....Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	16.40
All Hay.....Ton	93.00	103.00	152.00
Alfalfa.....Ton	96.00	105.00	157.00
Other.....Ton	78.00	90.00	140.00
Cattle ³Cwt.	93.40	87.80	85.10
Steers & heifers.....Cwt.	100.00	93.20	90.10
Cows.....Cwt.	49.00	51.40	49.90
Calves.....Cwt.	122.00	108.00	115.00
All hogs.....Cwt.	47.30	40.20	40.60
Barrows & gilts.....Cwt.	49.50	42.70	41.70
Sows.....Cwt.	27.80	17.20	17.10
Sheep.....Cwt.	25.20	*19.60	*28.30
Lambs.....Cwt.	94.70	*106.00	*98.00

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 225,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1. The April 1 number is down 5,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from March.

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 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was up slightly from the previous year but down 1 percent from the previous month.

Cattle on Feed (1,000+ Capacity Feedlots), South Dakota and U.S., April 1, 2007 & 2008

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<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, March 1	230	235	102	11,599	11,853	102
Placed on feed during March	40	32	80	1,960	1,736	89
Fed cattle marketed during March	37	37	100	1,843	1,842	100
Other disappearance during March ¹	3	5	167	72	63	88
On feed April 1	230	225	98	11,644	11,684	100

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-March	
	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Hogs	391.4	416.5	281.6	332.2
Sheep	0.9	0.2	0.441	0.127
Red Meat ^{1 2}	84.4	89.6	236.8	279.5
UNITED STATES				
Cattle ³	2,793.0	2,730.9	10,354.1	10,584.8
Hogs	9,201.7	9,661.6	7,204.3	8,027.0
Sheep	279.5	230.9	97.8	91.9
Red Meat ^{1 2}	4,012.4	4,092.9	11,721.6	12,476.4

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	Mar. 31, 2007	Mar. 31, 2008	Mar. 2008 as % of	
			Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Butter	193,104	226,430	117	108
Cheese, total natural	892,932	822,871	92	103
Eggs, frozen	14,632	15,502	106	93
Fruits, frozen	853,647	932,126	109	87
Fruit juices, frozen	1,197,366	1,441,329	120	106
Meat, total red	943,521	1,103,897	117	105
Beef, total frozen	427,188	424,068	99	100
Pork, total frozen	494,761	657,106	133	108
Poultry, total frozen	953,310	1,224,075	128	103
Chicken	600,866	789,372	131	104
Turkey	346,784	430,506	124	103
Vegetables, total frozen	1,533,934	1,568,637	102	89
Potatoes, total frozen	1,116,226	1,086,431	97	97

HAY STOCKS

SOUTH DAKOTA: Hay stock inventories on December 1, 2007 totaled 7.8 million tons, up 2.7 million tons from December 2006 but down 0.1 million tons from December 2005. Hay stock inventories on May 1st, 2008 totaled 1.9 million tons, up 780,000 tons from May 2007 but down 210,000 tons from May 2006.

UNITED STATES: Hay stock inventories on December 1, 2007 totaled 104.0 million tons, up 7.4 million tons from December 2006 but down 1.2 million tons from December 2005. Hay stock inventories on May 1st, 2008 totaled 21.6 million tons, up 6.6 million tons from May 2007 and up 0.2 million tons from May 2006.

Hay: Stocks on Farms, South Dakota & United States December 1 and May 1, 2005 - 2008

State	December 1			May 1		
	2005	2006	2007	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>					
South Dakota	7,935	5,120	7,816	2,140	1,150	1,930
United States	105,205	96,555	103,986	21,345	15,013	21,593

SOUTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN UNITED STATES AGRICULTURE, 2007¹

SOUTH DAKOTA RANKING	COMMODITY	SOUTH DAKOTA RANKING	COMMODITY
First	Bison ²	Sixth	Calves Born Corn for Grain Production Durum Wheat Production Land in Farms and Ranches
Second	Alfalfa Hay Production Lambs Born Sunflower Seed Production	Seventh	Cattle and Calves on Feed – All Feedlots Heifers 500 Lbs. and over Market Sheep & Lambs All Other Hay Production Steers 500 Lbs. and over
Third	All Hay Production Flaxseed Production Honey Production Proso Millet Production	Eighth	All Cattle and Calves Harvested Acreage, Principal Crops Soybean Production
Fourth	All Wheat Production Oat Production Spring Wheat Production	Ninth	Sorghum for Grain Production
Fifth	All Sheep and Lambs Beef Cows that have Calved Winter Wheat Production		

1/ Livestock inventories as of January 1, 2008. 2/ 2002 Census of Agriculture.

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