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APRIL PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

SIOUX FALLS, April 28, 2006 -- Preliminary April prices were up from March for corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, all barley, and alfalfa hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for swine and all beef cattle were down.

The preliminary all wheat price for April, at \$4.12, was up 24 cents from last month and up 82 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$4.10, was up 29 cents from last month and up 98 cents from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$4.14, was 18 cents higher than last month and 73 cents higher than last year. The April soybean price, at \$5.12, was 17 cents lower than last month and 88 cents lower than last year. The corn price, at \$1.85, was up 1 cent from last month and up 3 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$8.61, was down \$2.09 from last month and down \$5.69 from last year.

The preliminary April all hog price, at \$38.80, was down \$4.10 from last month and \$13.60 below last year. Barrows and gilts, at \$40.00, were down \$4.10 from last month and down \$13.60 from last year, while sows, at \$27.50, were down \$5.00 from March and down \$13.70 from April 2005.

The preliminary April all beef cattle price, at \$91.60, was down \$4.50 from last month and down \$7.70 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$97.70, were down \$3.30 from March and down \$7.30 from April of last year. Calves, at \$127.00, were down \$7.00 from last month and down \$11.00 from April 2005.

The all hay price for April, at \$63.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from March and up \$2.00 from last year. The alfalfa price, at \$65.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$3.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$49.00, was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$3.00 from April 2005.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	April 2005 ¹	March 2006 ¹	April 2006 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.82	1.84	1.85
Soybeans	Bu.	6.00	5.29	5.12
Sunflower	Cwt.	14.30	10.70	8.61
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.30	3.88	4.12
Winter	Bu.	3.12	3.81	4.10
Other Spring	Bu.	3.41	3.96	4.14
Barley, All	Bu.	1.92	2.21	2.58
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	1.92	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.56	1.75	1.64
Hay, All	Ton	61.00	62.00	63.00
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	64.00	65.00
Other	Ton	52.00	50.00	49.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	99.30	96.10	91.60
Cows	Cwt.	60.80	52.20	50.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	105.00	101.00	97.70
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	138.00	134.00	127.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	52.40	42.90	38.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.60	44.10	40.00
Sows	Cwt.	41.20	32.50	27.50
Lambs	Cwt.	124.00	90.80	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	44.20	33.40	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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