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2005 CROP VALUES DOWN

SIOUX FALLS, February 15, 2006 -- The value of all principal crops grown in South Dakota in 2005 totaled \$2.62 billion, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 5 percent from the \$2.75 billion value of 2004 crops and 4 percent below the \$2.72 billion value of 2003 crops. The biggest factor causing reduced crop values in 2005 is slightly smaller corn and soybean production vs. 2004, along with lower marketing year average prices.

Corn for grain was the leading valued crop of 2005, at \$799.1 million, down 19 percent from 2004. Soybeans were ranked as the second highest valued crop, at \$734.6 million; followed by alfalfa hay, third, at \$332.8 million; other spring wheat, fourth, at \$260.3 million; and winter wheat, fifth, at \$219.6 million. Remaining crops and their 2005 values are: other hay, \$121.2 million; sunflower, \$91.5 million; oats, \$19.4 million; proso millet, \$14.0 million; sorghum for grain, \$7.4 million; dry edible beans, \$5.7 million; barley, \$4.6 million; flaxseed, \$2.6 million and durum wheat, \$0.98 million.

The 2005 value of production decreased from 2004 values for corn, soybeans, oats, sorghum for grain, barley, and durum wheat; while values increased for alfalfa hay, spring wheat, winter wheat, other hay, sunflower, proso millet, dry edible beans, and flax. Crop values are computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production.

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