

South Dakota ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION AND INCOME

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SOUTH DAKOTA MILK CASH RECEIPTS UP

SIOUX FALLS, April 29, 2005 – Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2004, at \$220.4 million, was up 25 percent from the \$176.7 million in 2003, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office. Producer returns averaged \$16.50 per cwt., up \$3.10 per cwt. from the previous year.

Total milk production in South Dakota increased 1 percent in 2004, to 1,347 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 16,838 pounds, was up 4 percent from 2003. The 2004 average number of cows on farms, at 80,000 head, was down 2,000 head from 2003.

The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass/

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