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SOUTH DAKOTA MEAT ANIMAL CASH RECEIPTS HIGHER IN 2005

SIOUX FALLS, April 27, 2006 -- The **2005 cash receipts from cattle, hogs, and sheep** in South Dakota totaled \$2,250.0 million, up 10 percent from 2004, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Cattle accounted for 82 percent of the total, hogs for 16 percent, and sheep for 2 percent. Cash receipts increased in 2005 for cattle, hogs, and sheep. Gross income from meat animals (which includes value of home consumption) in South Dakota during 2005 totaled \$2,268.1 million, up 10 percent from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$1,669.2 million in 2004 to \$1,845.4 million in 2005. Larger cash receipts were credited to higher prices. The South Dakota annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle in 2005 was \$95.90, compared with \$89.30 for 2004, while the calf price was \$137.00 in 2005, compared with \$125.00 in 2004.

Hogs and Pigs: South Dakota cash receipts from hog and pig marketings in 2005 totaled \$368.6 million, up 4 percent from the \$353.7 million in 2004. Higher average prices and a larger pig crop increased cash receipts. The annual average price for all hogs increased from \$50.40 in 2004 to \$50.90 in 2005, while marketings increased from 3,330,500 head in 2004 to 3,418,500 head in 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: South Dakota cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2005 were \$36.0 million, up 18 percent from \$30.5 million in 2004. The annual average price for sheep increased from \$40.90 in 2004 to \$45.90 in 2005, and lamb prices increased from \$115.00 in 2004 to \$130.00 in 2005. Sheep marketings decreased during 2005, while lamb marketings increased.

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