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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA POULTRY RECEIPTS MIXED***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 27, 2006** -- The **value of egg production** in South Dakota during 2005 was \$20.5 million, down 49 percent from the \$40.2 million in 2004, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers received an average **30.1 cents per dozen**, down from the previous year's 51.7 cents per dozen. **Egg production** in 2005 was estimated at 816 million, down 117 million, or 13 percent, from the previous year. **Chicken deaths and other losses** were up 90 percent from one year ago.

South Dakota producers raised 4.6 million **turkeys** in 2005, up 100,000 head from 2004, an increase of 2 percent. The **value** of this production was \$52.1 million in 2005, down \$5.2 million from \$57.3 million in 2004. **Pounds** produced in 2005 totaled 140.8 million, down 7 percent from the 150.8 million pounds produced in 2004.

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