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**MINNESOTA FARM CASH RENTS INCREASE**

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The 2004 average cash rent for Minnesota cropland is \$83.50 per acre, up \$1.50 from 2003 and \$2.50 above 2002. Average pasture cash rent for 2004 is \$19.50 per acre, up \$0.50 from the past three years rate of \$19.00.

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Cash rents for cropland and pasture during the 2004 year rose sharply from 2003, which reflected producers' optimism following the combination of high production and price levels of major U.S. agricultural commodities in 2003. Cropland cash rents paid in 2004 advanced to an average of \$76.50 per acre from \$73.00 per acre in 2003, an increase of 4.8 percent. Rental rates increased in all regions except the Pacific region, where rates were unchanged. The Corn Belt and Northern Plains regions, which together account for nearly one half of cash-rented cropland acreage, increased 3.6 and 4.2 percent, respectively, from 2003. Cropland cash rents increased \$4.00 per acre, to \$114.00, in the Corn Belt and \$2.00 per acre, to \$50.00 in the Northern Plains. The Lake States saw a 2.3 percent increase in cropland cash rents in 2004, as rents advanced to \$76.20 per acre from \$74.50 per acre in 2003.

Pasture rates rose in all regions, led by an 8.0 percent increase in the Pacific Region and a 7.4 percent increase in the Corn Belt. In the Northern Plains and Southern Plains regions, which combine for approximately two-thirds of the cash-rented pasture acreage, rental rates were up 5.4 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. Wisconsin continued to lead the Nation with the highest pasture rent, at \$37.00 per acre.

**CROPLAND RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE,  
BY SELECTED STATES, 2000-2004**

STATES	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	77.90	80.50	81.00	82.00	83.50
WISCONSIN	65.00	66.00	67.00	68.00	70.00
IOWA	115.00	117.00	120.00	122.00	126.00
NORTH DAKOTA	35.50	36.00	36.50	36.50	37.50
SOUTH DAKOTA	39.80	40.00	42.00	45.00	47.50

**PASTURE RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE,  
BY SELECTED STATES, 2000-2004**

STATES	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.50
WISCONSIN	38.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	37.00
IOWA	29.00	30.00	30.50	31.00	32.50
NORTH DAKOTA	9.50	9.80	9.70	9.80	10.20
SOUTH DAKOTA	11.00	11.00	10.90	11.00	11.60



## MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES UP

The January 1, 2004 Minnesota farm real estate value, including all land and buildings averaged \$1,800, up \$200 from 2003 and up \$300 from 2002. Minnesota cropland value rose 11.2 percent and pasture value increased 12.0 percent.

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$1,360 per acre on January 1, 2004, up 7.1 percent from 2003. This is the largest percentage increase since 1994, when farm real estate values rose 8.0 percent from the previous year. The \$90 per acre increase is the largest dollar increase since 1980, when values climbed \$109 per acre above the 1979 value. The increase in farm real estate values was driven by a combination of factors, including low interest rates, high commodity production and prices, and strong demand for nonagricultural land uses.

Regional increases in the average value of farm real estate ranged from 5.2 percent in the Mountain region to 10.4 percent in the Lake region. The highest farm real estate values were in the Northeast region, where urban influences drove the average value to \$3,400 per acre. In the Corn Belt region, where commodity production and prices were favorable during 2003, farm real estate values rose 8.0 percent, to \$2,300 per acre. The Mountain region, with its expanse of pasture and rangeland, has the lowest farm real estate value, at \$550 per acre.

Cropland and pasture values rose by 7.2 and 6.4 percent, respectively, from January 1, 2003. Cropland values averaged \$1,780 per acre and pasture values averaged \$644 per acre on January 1, 2004, compared with \$1,660 and \$605 per acre, respectively, a year earlier. The value of other land and buildings rose 7.5 percent.

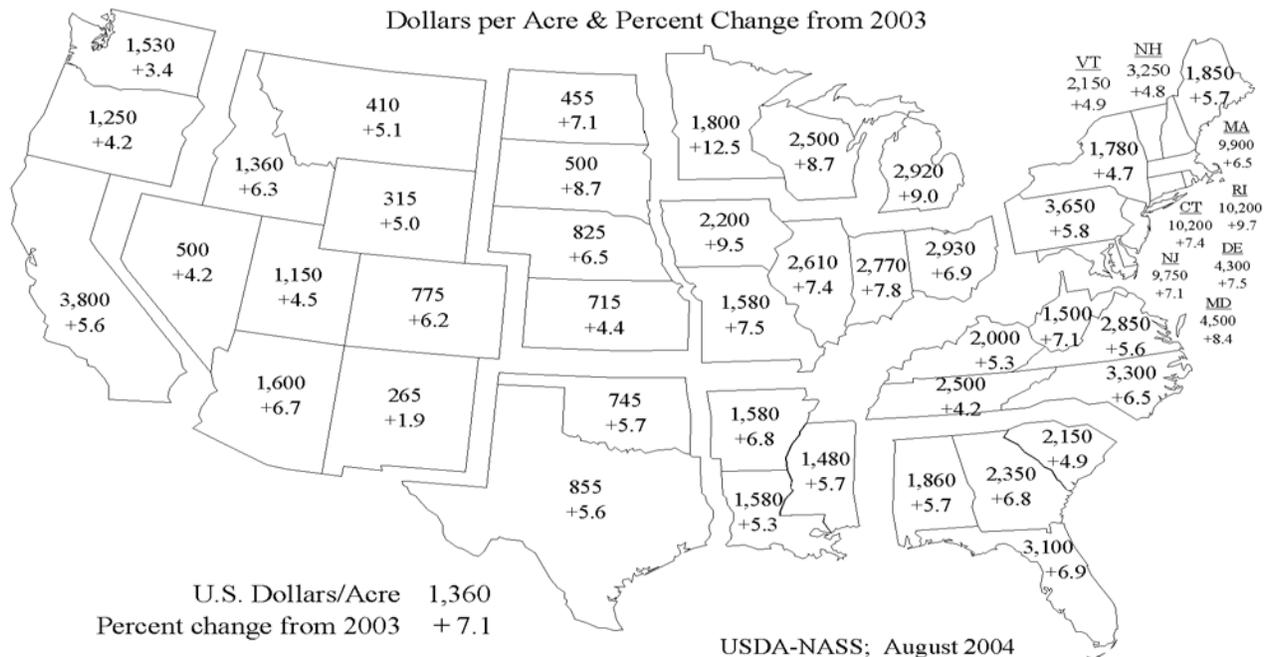
**FARM REAL ESTATE: AVERAGE VALUE PER ACRE,  
BY SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2000-2004**

STATES	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	1,320*	1,400*	1,500*	1,600*	1,800
WISCONSIN	1,700	1,950*	2,150	2,300	2,500
IOWA	1,800*	1,850*	1,920*	2,010*	2,200
NORTH DAKOTA	405*	410*	415*	425*	455
SOUTH DAKOTA	380	405	430*	460*	500

\*Revised

## 2004 Farm Real Estate Value by State

Dollars per Acre & Percent Change from 2003



## MINNESOTA RANKS FIRST IN U.S. FOR 2004 TURKEY PRODUCTION

Minnesota, at 46.5 million birds, is the leading state, showing a 3 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 39.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2003. Arkansas is in third place followed by: Missouri, Virginia, and California.

The top six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 is 263 million, down 4 percent from the number raised during 2003.

## TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2003-2004 1/

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	30,000	28,000	93
CA	17,300	16,000	92
CT	5	5	100
IL	2,900	2,800	97
IN	12,800	13,100	102
IA	8,500	9,000	106
MD	500	750	150
MA	73	70	96
MI	5,000	5,000	100
MN	45,000	46,500	103
MO	23,500	21,500	91
NH	5	6	120
NJ	33	38	115
NY	570	580	102
NC	42,500	39,000	92
ND	1,300	1,000	77
OH	5,500	5,700	104
PA	9,500	12,000	126
SC	12,000	12,000	100
SD	4,600	4,500	98
VT	52	52	100
VA	23,000	19,000	83
WV	4,300	3,400	79
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	25,110	22,949	91
US	274,048	262,950	96

1/ Revised.

2/ CO, DE, KS, NE, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.85 million head on August 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2003 but 3 percent below August 1, 2002.

**Placements** in feedlots during July totaled 1.72 million, 14 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.66 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 499,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 456,000.

## CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES 2003-2004 1/

State	Aug 1, 2003	Jul 1, 2004	Aug 1, 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Jul
			<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	271	295	294	108	100
CA	485	520	520	107	100
CO	860	940	880	102	94
ID	240	240	235	98	98
IA	295	390	380	129	97
KS	2,180	2,090	2,120	97	101
NE	1,570	1,850	1,750	111	95
NM	116	124	127	109	102
OK	335	315	315	94	100
SD	148	173	157	106	91
TX	2,690	2,760	2,670	99	97
WA	170	150	150	88	100
Oth Sts	230	270	255	111	94
US	9,590	10,117	9,853	103	97

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## JULY EGG OUTPUT DOWN 2 PERCENT IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 247 million eggs during July 2004 versus 251 million in July 2003, a decrease of 2 percent. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.54 billion eggs in July, up 2 percent from a year ago.

### POULTRY STATS - JULY

		2003	2004
Total Eggs Produced	MN	251 Mil.	247 Mil.
	U.S.	7,403 Mil.	7,544 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.0 Mil.	10.6 Mil.
	U.S.	334.2 Mil.	341.9 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,281	2,322
	U.S.	2,215	2,207
<b>CHICKENS:</b>			
Hatched (July)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	0.9 Mil.
	U.S.	35.6 Mil.	34.1 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	777.8 Mil.	806.8 Mil.
	Eggs in Incubators (August 1)		
Egg-Type	WNC*	7.5 Mil.	6.3 Mil.
	U.S.	30.7 Mil.	31.1 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	22.1 Mil.	23.7 Mil.
	U.S.	641.5 Mil.	662.9 Mil.
<b>TURKEYS:</b>			
Placed (July)			
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)	WNC*	9.2 Mil.	9.3 Mil.
	U.S.	25.3 Mil.	25.3 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)	WNC*	11.7 Mil.	11.5 Mil.
	U.S.	32.5 Mil.	30.0 Mil.

\*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

## JULY MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 684 million pounds, the state's July milk production was down 1 percent from July 2003.

Output per cow was 1,470 pounds in July, up 15 pounds from last July. Milk cows for July averaged 465,000 head, up 5,000 from June, but 10,000 below a year ago.

July 2004 milk output in the 20 major states was 12.51 billion pounds, up 1 percent from July 2003. Milk cows in the 20 states averaged 7.75 million head, down 27,000 from the previous year. At 1,613 pounds, production per cow was 16 pounds greater than July 2003.

### JUNE/JULY 2004 MILK STATISTICS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	June	July	June	July
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,026	3,076	102	104
Idaho	760	776	101	101
<b>Minnesota</b>	681	684	98	99
New York	977	981	96	96
Pennsylvania	833	844	97	98
Wisconsin	1,852	1,866	98	98
20 States	12,410	12,505	100	101

## MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 2004 AVAILABLE ON INTERNET

The annual bulletin "Minnesota Agricultural Statistics 2004" is available on our website at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/mn/> under Annual Bulletin. This bulletin provides the facts about Minnesota's Agriculture in 2003. Thank you to all the farmers and businesses that participate in showing the nation that Agriculture Counts.

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