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CATTLE INVENTORY

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SOUTH DAKOTA: All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of January 1, 2004, totaled 3.65 million head, down from last year's 3.70 million head. This is down 1 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 1.79 million head, were up slightly from the 1.78 million head on January 1, 2003.

Beef cows, at 1.711 million head, were up 1 percent from last year's 1.696 million head. **Milk cows**, at 79,000 head, were down 5,000 head from last year. **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, at 795,000 head, were up slightly from 790,000 head in January 2003. **Steers** 500 pounds and over, at 670,000 head, were down 8 percent from 730,000 head a year earlier. **Calves** under 500 pounds, at 305,000 head, were down 2 percent from 310,000 head a year earlier.

Calves born during 2003 totaled 1,730,000

head, down 6 percent from 1,840,000 a year earlier.

Total **cattle on feed** for slaughter market in South Dakota on January 1, 2004, numbered 375,000 head. This is down 5 percent from the 395,000 head on feed a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

Beef cows, at 32.86 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2003. **Milk cows**, at 8.99 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. **The 2003 calf crop** was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002.

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CATTLE AND CALVES, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2003 & 2004

Class	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent
All cattle and calves	3,700	3,650	99	96,100	94,882	99
Cows and heifers that have	1,780	1,790	101	42,125	41,851	99
Beef cows	1,696	1,711	101	32,983	32,860	100
Milk cows	84	79	94	9,142	8,991	98
Heifers 500 pounds and over 1/	790	795	101	19,628	19,341	99
For beef cow replacement	290	290	100	5,624	5,517	98
For milk cow replacement	30	35	117	4,114	4,020	98
Other heifers	470	470	100	9,891	9,804	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	730	670	92	16,554	16,280	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	90	90	100	2,248	2,206	98
Calves under 500 pounds	310	305	98	15,545	15,204	98
Calf crop 2/	1,840	1,730	94	38,224	37,903	99

1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ Previous year.



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PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.8 percent) below the December index. The Livestock Products Index is down 5 points (4.5 percent) from December while the All Crops Index is unchanged. Lower prices received for cattle, lettuce, milk, and tomatoes more than offset higher commodity prices for broilers, soybeans, corn, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of cotton, grapes, tobacco, and cottonseed.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (11 percent) from January 2003. The Food Commodities Index, at 112, is 3 points (2.6 percent) below last month but 14 points (14 percent) above January 2003.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Jan. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 100	113*	111
All crops	% 103	115*	115
Food grains	% 117	122*	122
Feed grains & hay	% 105	104*	107
Oil bearing crops	% 99	126*	139
All livestock & products	% 96	112*	107
Meat animals	% 93	111*	100
Dairy products	% 90	105	100
Poultry & eggs	% 108	121	133
Prices Paid Index	% 126	130	130
Ratio 1/	% 79	87*	85
Crop Sector	% 129	132*	132
Livestock Sector	% 123	128*	127

*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Jan.
	Jan. 2003 1/	Dec. 2003 1/	Jan. 2004 2/	Jan. 2003 1/	Dec. 2003 1/	Jan. 2004 2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	3.87	3.62	3.66	3.89	3.69	3.73	9.75
Winter Bu.	3.76	3.51	3.60	3.66	3.63	3.70	--
Durum Bu.	7/	7/	7/	4.23	3.96	4.03	--
Other spring Bu.	3.96	3.76	3.73	4.03	3.75	3.73	--
Corn Bu.	2.15	2.11	2.38	2.33	2.32	2.46	6.55
Oats Bu.	2.18	1.40	1.44	2.04	1.58	1.50	3.82
Soybeans Bu.	5.33	7.04	7.77	5.51	7.17	7.82	15.40
All Barley Bu.	2.50	2.25	2.21	2.85	2.94	2.70	6.50
Feed Bu.	2.02	1.77	6/	2.17	2.30	2.20	--
Malt Bu.	3.00	2.26	2.21	3.07	3.22	3.00	--
Sunflower Cwt.	11.90	10.90	11.00	12.10	11.60	12.00	--
Flaxseed Bu.	6/	6.00	6/	5.71	6.22	6.15	12.60
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.12	4.21	4.44	10.60
All Hay Ton	80.00	61.00	59.00	91.40	81.30	79.30	--
Alfalfa Ton	84.00	64.00	62.00	98.50	87.90	83.60	--
Other Ton	60.00	49.00	45.00	78.10	66.90	71.40	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	11.70	13.70	13.10	34.00
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.489	0.739	0.806	1.64
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	74.60	84.80	82.80	73.20	90.50	77.40	165.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	82.00	98.10	90.70	77.80	95.70	81.20	--
Cows Cwt.	38.40	46.90	44.30	36.90	49.40	45.80	--
Calves Cwt.	98.10	115.00	114.00	96.80	112.00	105.00	221.00
All hogs Cwt.	32.70	36.30	37.70	33.00	34.20	35.70	102.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	34.50	37.40	39.00	33.50	34.60	36.10	--
Sows Cwt.	20.60	27.00	29.00	22.20	28.10	28.80	--
Sheep Cwt.	47.40	52.10	5/	41.30	44.40	5/	81.20
Lambs Cwt.	102.00	112.00	5/	92.00	98.40	5/	195.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 6/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 7/ Durum wheat discontinued September 2001 for South Dakota.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:

Annual Chickens & Eggs
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Cattle on Feed

SHEEP AND LAMBS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The January 1, 2004, South Dakota inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 370,000 head, 10,000 head below last year. This is the lowest inventory number for South Dakota since records began in 1920.

Breeding sheep, at 290,000 head, were down 8 percent from January 2003. **Market sheep and lambs**, at 80,000 head, were up 23 percent from one year ago.

Lambs born during 2003 totaled 300,000 head, down 25,000 head from the 2002 lamb crop.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2004, totaled 6.09 million head, down 3 percent from 2003 and 9 percent below two years ago.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.48 million head on January 1, 2004, down 4 percent from 4.66 million head on January 1, 2003. **Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2004, totaled 1.61 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total.

The 2003 lamb crop of 4.12 million head was down 5 percent from 2002 and established a new record low.

SHEEP AND LAMBS, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2003 & 2004

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	-- 1,000 Head --			-- 1,000 Head --		
	Percent			Percent		
All sheep & lambs	380.0	370.0	97	6,300.0	6,090.0	97
Breeding sheep & lambs	315.0	290.0	92	4,658.0	4,480.0	96
Ewes 1 year+	265.0	240.0	91	3,770.0	3,601.0	96
Rams & wethers 1 year+	10.0	9.0	90	193.0	188.5	98
Replacement lambs	40.0	41.0	103	695.0	690.5	99
Market sheep & lambs	65.0	80.0	123	1,642.0	1,610.0	98
Lambs, under 65 lbs.	4.0	4.0	100	441.0	433.0	98
Lambs, 65-84 lbs.	7.0	4.0	57	266.3	255.5	96
Lambs, 85-105 lbs.	17.0	20.0	118	393.0	367.4	93
Lambs, over 105 lbs.	33.0	51.0	155	474.9	486.8	103
Lamb crop 1/	325.0	300.0	92	4,357.0	4,120.0	95

1/ Previous year.

CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on January 1. The January 1 number is down 5,000 head from a year ago but unchanged from December.

Placements during December totaled 31,000 head, down 7,000 from a year earlier and down 23,000 from November.

Steer and steer calves totaled 110,000 head, 55 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 74,000 head, 37 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 16,000 head, accounting for 8 percent of the total cattle on feed.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2004. The inventory was 6 percent above January 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.84 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.33 million head, up 9 percent from January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million, 10 percent above 2002. Net placements were 1.66 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 503,000, 600-699 pounds were 529,000, 700-799 pounds were 448,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 268,000.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2003 & 2004

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as %	2003	2004	2004 as %
	-- 1,000 Head --			-- 1,000 Head --		
	Percent			Percent		
On feed, December 1 2/	195	200	103	10,898	11,330	104
Placed on feed during December 2/	38	31	82	1,595	1,748	110
Fed cattle marketed during December 2/	27	30	111	1,801	1,740	97
Other disappearance during December 1/ 2/	1	1	100	99	90	91

COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Dec. 31, 2002	Nov. 30, 2003	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 2003 as % of	
				Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003
----- Thousand Pounds -----					
Butter	157,820	122,544	99,570	63	81
Cheese, total natural	730,061	695,541	725,767	99	104
Eggs, frozen	13,525	14,909	18,055	133	121
Fruits, frozen	1,048,138	1,107,053	997,027	95	90
Fruit juices, frozen	1,925,423	1,732,096	1,939,728	101	112
Meat, total red	1,011,471	828,066	879,813	87	106
Beef, total frozen	524,641	373,770	395,894	75	106
Pork, total frozen	468,501	438,940	470,701	100	107
Poultry, total frozen	1,107,529	921,767	963,501	87	105
Chicken	768,084	569,268	609,046	79	107
Turkey	333,047	350,668	353,267	106	101
Vegetables, total frozen	2,081,751	2,395,004	2,124,759	102	89
Potatoes, total frozen	1,131,212	1,232,817	1,120,333	99	91

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			December 2003 as % of		January-December 2/		
		December 2002	November 2003	December 2003	December 2002	November 2003	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
- - Percent - -							Million Pounds Liveweight Percent		
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	16.1	4/	4/	NA	NA	233.8	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	333.1	377.1	467.1	140	124	1,122.7	1,199.0	107
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.2	1.0	1.3	108	130	1.675	1.606	96
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	73.6	80.6	98.8	134	122	938.8	980.5	104
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,771.8	2,425.8	2,668.2	96	110	44,686.2	43,647.1	98
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,657.4	8,581.2 *	9,346.6	108	109	26,560.6	26,827.2	101
Sheep	1,000 Head	278.7	236.3	262.0	94	111	437.5	398.0	91
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,858.2	3,524.7 *	3,876.0	100	110	47,167.4	46,535.4	99

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. *Revised.

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