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SOUTH DAKOTA: Inventory of all chickens in South Dakota's laying flock on December 1, 2003, numbered 3,710,000, up 39 percent from the previous year.

on hand on December 1, 2003, (excluding commercial broilers) was 449 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

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Potential layers (layers 20 weeks old and older, plus pullets 13-20 weeks old), at 2,486,000 birds, were up 60 percent from 2002. The 2003 egg production, at 761 million eggs, was up 34 percent from last year.

Potential layers (layers 20 weeks old and older, plus pullets 13-20 weeks old) on hand December 1, 2003 totaled 213 million, down 6 percent from the previous year. Of the 213 million potential layers, 80 percent were 20 weeks old and older and the remainder were pullets 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks.

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CHICKEN INVENTORY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 2002 & 2003 1/

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	- 1,000 Head -		Percent	- 1,000 Head -		Percent
Layers 1 year old and older	948	1,041	110	153,027	169,263	111
Layers 20 weeks old but less than 1 year	1,400	2,311	165	186,176	170,726	92
Total layers	2,348	3,352	143	339,203	339,989	100
Pullets 13 weeks+ but less than 20 weeks	158	175	111	39,679	42,030	106
Pullet chicks and pullets under 13 weeks	171	183	107	56,646	58,291	103
Other chickens	0	0	--	8,353	8,438	101
All chickens	2,677	3,710	139	443,881	448,748	101

1/ Excludes commercial broilers.

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Chickens
and Eggs

Year 1/	Annual Average Layers		Average Eggs per Layer 2/		Total Egg Production	
	South Dakota	United States	South Dakota	United States	South Dakota	United States
	- - 1,000 Head - -		- - Number - -		- - Million Eggs - -	
1999	2,171	322,354	273	257	592	82,715
2000	2,185	327,985	265	257	580	84,386
2001	2,300	335,012	250	256	575	85,745
2002	2,335	337,380	243	257	568	87,179
2003	2,893	335,368	263	259	761	87,196

1/ December 1, previous year, through November 30, current year. 2/ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

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MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The October - December quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 321 million pounds, 3 percent above the fourth quarter one year ago. The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 80,000 head, was down 4,000 head from the fourth quarter of 2002.

UNITED STATES: Milk production during the October-December quarter totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down 0.3 percent from the October-December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.01 million head, 131,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, SELECTED STATES, 2001-2003

State	October-December Milk Cows 1/			October-December Milk Production 2/			2003 as % of 2002
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	
	- - - - 1,000 Head - - - -			- - - - Million Pounds - - - -			Percent
Iowa	206	208	197	930	936	913	98
Minnesota	500	480	465	2,111	2,042	1,993	98
Nebraska	69	66	62	283	290	270	93
North Dakota	44	38	34	154	140	131	94
South Dakota	98	84	80	393	312	321	103
Wisconsin	1,280	1,267	1,249	5,377	5,409	5,444	101
United States	9,106	9,142	9,011	40,948	41,643	41,532	100

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA: In 2003, 4.6 million turkeys were raised in South Dakota. Production decreased slightly, with 200,000 (4 percent) fewer turkeys raised than in 2002.

272 million raised in 2002. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 42.5 million, Arkansas and Missouri each with 26.5 million, Virginia with 23.0 million, California with 17.3 million, and South Carolina with 13.0 million. These states accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003.

UNITED STATES: Turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 totaled 274 million birds, up 1 percent from the

TURKEYS RAISED, SELECTED STATES, 2002 & 2003, AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE, 2004

State	2002	2003	Intentions 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	- - - - - 1,000 Head - - - - -			Percent
Iowa	6,800	8,500	9,000	106
Minnesota	44,000	45,000	43,000	96
North Dakota	1,900	1,100	1,000	91
South Dakota	4,800	4,600	4,500	98
United States	272,429	274,348	261,800 1/	95

1/ 23 state total

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	January 31, 2003	December 31, 2003	January 31, 2004	January 2004 as % of	
				January 2003	December 2003
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	204,828	99,613	144,616	71	145
Cheese, total natural	761,215	724,386	751,326	99	104
Eggs, frozen	15,340	18,036	21,386	139	119
Fruits, frozen	923,018	998,258	891,801	97	89
Fruit juices, frozen	2,105,660	1,895,360	2,079,799	99	110
Meat, total red	1,015,168	878,958	961,199	95	109
Beef, total frozen	482,419	395,084	435,610	90	110
Pork, total frozen	512,657	470,656	510,724	100	109
Poultry, total frozen	1,179,573	966,703	943,870	80	98
Chicken	722,477	611,472	532,475	74	87
Turkey	451,874	354,039	409,911	91	116
Vegetables, total frozen	1,932,701	2,118,594	1,938,629	100	92
Potatoes, total frozen	1,173,053	1,120,418	1,156,566	99	103

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 109.5 million head on January 1, 2004, down slightly from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 47.9 million head, was up slightly from a year ago.

Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 30, 2004.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics

CATTLE AND CALVES, NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S. AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2002-2004 1/

Year	All Cattle & Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows		All Other Cattle		Calf Crop 2/	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada
	----- 1,000 Head -----									
2002	96,704	13,762	33,118	4,636	9,112	1,084	54,475	8,043	38,280	5,656
2003	96,100	13,488	32,983	4,752	9,142	1,065	53,975	7,670	38,224	5,711
2004	94,882	14,660	32,860	5,021	8,991	1,077	53,031	8,561	37,903	5,773

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ Previous year.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA; and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

CATTLE ON FEED

NUMBER OF FEEDLOTS AND FED CATTLE MARKETED, SOUTH DAKOTA, 2000-2003

Year	Feedlot Capacity											
	Under 1,000		1,000 - 1,999		2,000 - 3,999		4,000 - 7,999		Over 8,000 1/		Total	
	Lots	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Cattle Marketed
	No.	1,000 hd.	No.	1,000 hd.	No.	1,000 hd.	No.	1,000 hd.	No.	1,000 hd.	No.	1,000 hd.
2000	3,300	240	50	62	43	96	21	111	6	115	3,420	624
2001	3,200	230	59	72	44	106	18	100	7	112	3,328	620
2002	3,100	270	71	90	48	120	20	108	7	104	3,246	692
2003	3,100	270	73	95	53	146	17	87	9	139	3,252	737

1/ Lots and marketings from larger size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on February 1. The February 1 number is down 15,000 head from a year ago but unchanged from January.

Placements during January totaled 30,000 head, down 16,000 head from a year earlier and down 1,000 head from December.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 29,000 head, down 16,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from December.

Other disappearance during January totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and from December 2003.

South Dakota's less than 1,000 head capacity feedlots reported 175,000 cattle on feed for January 1, 2004. This is down 5,000 head from 2003. There were 3,252 total feedlots in South Dakota in 2003, 6 lots above 2002.

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 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003, but 4 percent below February 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.65 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 362,000, 600-699 pounds were 466,000, 700-799 pounds were 576,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 342,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 94,000 during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

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

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	- 1,000 Head -		Percent	- 1,000 Head -		Percent
On feed, January 1	215 *	200	93	10,658 *	11,253 *	106
Placed on feed during January	46 *	30	65	2,089 *	1,746	84
Fed cattle marketed during January	45 *	29	64	1,972 *	1,782	90
Other disappearance during January 1/	1	1	100	75	94	125
On feed, February 1	215	200	93	10,700 *	11,123	104

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

* Revised. Total cattle on feed inventory estimates for January 1, 2003, were revised upward by 2% based on feedlots which were added to the survey program due to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. These additional feedlots increased the estimate of inventory on greater than

1,000 head capacity feedlots by less than 1%.

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