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SOUTH DAKOTA: Producers in South Dakota intend to plant 100,000 fewer acres of corn and 300,000 fewer acres of spring wheat this year, while soybeans are intended to remain at the same acreage as last year.

Soybean plantings are expected to total 4.25 million acres, the same level as last year. Intentions are for seeding biotechnology soybean varieties on 90 percent of the acres, compared to 89 percent last year.

Corn plantings are expected to be 4.30 million acres, down 2 percent from 2002. Producers plan to plant 72 percent of these acres to biotechnology corn varieties. Producers intend to plant 35 percent of the acres to insect resistant (Bt) varieties, up from 33 percent last year. Herbicide resistant varieties are expected to be used on 23 percent of the acres, the same percentage as in 2002, while stacked gene varieties will account for 14 percent of the acres, versus 10 percent a year earlier.

Sunflower acreage is expected to total 570,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year.

Winter wheat acres seeded last fall totaled 1.50

million acres, up 15 percent from last year. **Other spring wheat** seeding intentions are at 1.40 million acres, down 18 percent from 2002.

Oats to be seeded, estimated at 480,000 acres, are up 7 percent from 2002.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** growers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2003, virtually unchanged from 2002 but 4 percent above 2001. **Soybean** growers intend to plant an estimated 73.2 million acres of soybeans, down 1 percent from last year and, if realized, the lowest planted area since 1998. **Sorghum** acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 9.45 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

All wheat planted area is expected to total 61.7 million acres in 2003, up 2 percent from 2002. **Winter wheat** planted area for the 2003 crop is 44.3 million acres, up 6 percent from 2002. The 2003 **other spring wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 14.6 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Area planted to **durum wheat** is intended to total 2.83 million acres, down 3 percent from a year ago.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 2003

Crop	South Dakota				United States			
	Planted (Actual)		Intentions 2003 1/	2003 as % of 2002	Planted (Actual)		Intentions 2003 1/	2003 as % of 2002
	2001	2002			2001	2002		
	- - Thousand Acres - -		Percent		- - Thousand Acres - -		Percent	
All corn	3,800	4,400	4,300	98	75,752	79,054	79,022	100
All sorghum	240	220	290	132	10,252	9,580	9,451	99
Oats	350	450	480	107	4,403	5,005	4,828	96
Barley	90	80	80	100	4,967	5,073	5,379	106
Soybeans	4,500	4,250	4,250	100	74,075	73,758	73,182	99
Wheat, All	3,025	3,030	2,915	96	59,597	60,358	61,697	102
Winter	1,300	1,300	1,500	115	41,078	41,735	44,308	106
Durum	25	30	15	50	2,910	2,909	2,833	97
Other spring	1,700	1,700	1,400	82	15,609	15,714	14,556	93
All sunflower	715	640	570	89	2,633	2,585	2,517	97
All hay 2/	4,700	4,000	4,300	108	63,521	64,497	63,552	99
Dry edible beans	18.0	21.0	17.0	81	1,435.9	1,922.1	1,522.8	79

1/ Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers. 2/ Intended harvested acreage as indicated by reports from farmers.

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HOGS & PIGS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The state's March 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.29 million head, up 2 percent from one year ago but 2 percent below last quarter.

Breeding stock totaled 145,000 head, down 3 percent from last March. **Market hogs** totaled 1,145,000 head, up 2 percent from last year.

The December through February **pig crop** was 579,000 head, down 7 percent from 623,000 last year. During the quarter 64,000 sows farrowed, down 9 percent from 2002. Pigs per litter averaged 9.05, up 2 percent from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 69,000 sows during March through May, 1 percent below the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are 64,000 sows, 7 percent below the actual farrowings a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2003, was 58.1 million head. This was 2 percent below March 1, 2002, and 2 percent below December 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 5.96 million head, was down 4 percent from March 1, 2002, and down 1 percent from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 52.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year, and 3 percent below last quarter.

The December 2002-February 2003 U.S. **pig crop**, at 24.4 million head, was 2 percent less than 2002, and 2 percent more than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.77 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.81 pigs saved per litter for the December 2002-February 2003 period, compared to 8.74 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2003 quarter, 3 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 1 percent below 2001. Intended farrowings for June-August 2003, at 2.79 million sows, are 3 percent below the same period in both 2002 and 2001.

HOGS & PIGS: MARCH 1 INVENTORY NUMBER, SOWS FARROWING, AND PIG CROP, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, 2002 - 2003

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	- - Thousand Head - -		Percent	- - Thousand Head - -		Percent
MARCH 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	1,270	1,290	102	59,248	58,107	98
Kept for Breeding	150	145	97	6,236	5,956	96
Market	1,120	1,145	102	53,011	52,151	98
MARKET HOGS & PIGS BY WEIGHT GROUP:						
Under 60 pounds	375	380	101	19,487	19,110	98
60-119 pounds	295	295	100	12,975	12,655	98
120-179 pounds	265	270	102	11,172	10,894	98
180 pounds and over	185	200	108	9,377	9,492	101
SOWS FARROWING:						
December 1/-February	70	64	91	2,836	2,767	98
March-May	70	69 2/	99	2,943	2,842 2/	97
December 1/-May	140	133 3/	95	5,618	5,609 3/	100
June-August	69	64 2/	93	2,887	2,792 2/	97
September-November	61	NA	--	2,817	NA	--
June-November	130	NA	--	5,704	NA	--
PIG CROP:						
December 1/-February	623	579	93	24,794	24,374	98
March-May	616	NA	--	25,959	NA	--
December 1/-May	1,239	NA	--	50,753	NA	--
June-August	624	NA	--	25,700	NA	--
September-November	549	NA	--	24,892	NA	--
June-November	1,173	NA	--	50,592	NA	--

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Actual farrowings for December 2002-February 2003 plus intentions for March-May
NA = Not available.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March was 99, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the February index. Higher prices for tomatoes, onions, oranges, and chicken eggs offset lower prices for cattle, dairy, strawberries, and wheat. 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 for strawberries, tomatoes, dairy, and asparagus offset decreases for cattle, cotton, corn, and oranges.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 7 points (6.6 percent) from March 2002. Lower prices for lettuce, strawberries, potatoes, and celery more than offset higher prices for soybeans, corn, onions, and broilers.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Mar. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 106	99	99
All crops	% 117	103	106
Food grains	% 85	104*	100
Feed grains & hay	% 91	106*	105
Oil bearing crops	% 79	100	100
All livestock & products	% 96	95	94
Meat animals	% 92	95*	93
Dairy products	% 97	87*	84
Poultry & eggs	% 101	103	106
Prices Paid Index	% 123	128*	128
Ratio 1/	% 86	77*	77
Crop Sector	% 125	131*	131
Livestock Sector	% 120	125*	125

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Mar.
	Mar. 2002 1/	Feb. 2003 1/	Mar. 2003 2/	Mar. 2002 1/	Feb. 2003 1/	Mar. 2003 2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	2.81	3.82	3.67	2.87	3.68	3.49	9.71
Winter Durum Bu.	2.64	3.62	3.49	2.81	3.52	3.27	--
Other spring Bu.	3/	3/	3/	3.33	4.24	4.13	--
Corn Bu.	2.83	3.91	3.75	2.90	3.79	3.69	--
Oats Bu.	1.74	2.19	2.17	1.94	2.34	2.30	6.64
Soybeans Bu.	2.08	2.25	2.13	1.99	2.09	1.94	4.15
All Barley Bu.	4.09	5.41	5.38	4.38	5.55	5.58	14.50
Feed Bu.	1.69	6/	6/	2.17	2.87	2.92	6.57
Malt Bu.	6/	6/	6/	1.75	2.20	2.35	--
Sunflower Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	2.59	3.06	3.14	--
Flaxseed Bu.	9.38	12.60	12.50	10.20	12.50	12.50	--
Sorghum Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	4.75	6.19	6.30	12.00
All Hay Ton	3/	3/	3/	3.23	4.14	3.97	11.20
Alfalfa Ton	59.00	80.00	80.00	92.30	91.80	92.80	--
Other Ton	63.00	84.00	84.00	99.60	96.40	96.20	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	42.00	60.00	60.00	72.70	79.40	82.30	--
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	12.70	11.40	11.00	33.60
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	0.515	0.466	0.518	1.59
Steers & heifers Cwt.	76.40	73.60	70.80	70.60	74.00	72.20	161.00
Cows Cwt.	80.10	77.80	74.20	74.10	78.10	76.20	--
Calves Cwt.	43.50	39.40	39.80	41.50	38.90	39.80	--
All hogs Cwt.	102.00	95.70	96.10	105.00	97.30	96.40	217.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	37.90	35.40	36.30	36.00	34.30	35.00	103.00
Sows Cwt.	39.00	36.70	37.50	36.30	34.90	35.60	--
Sheep Cwt.	28.40	23.20	25.20	30.00	23.20	24.20	--
Lambs Cwt.	34.60	46.60	NA	31.80	43.60	5/	79.40
	72.60	104.00	NA	66.70	92.40	5/	186.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls. 5/ Not published. Insufficient sales.

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GRAIN STOCKS

SOUTH DAKOTA: March 1 stocks are down for all crops. Lower production levels in 2002 contributed to this decline. Total stocks included grain on farms, grain in mills and elevators, grain in government storage bins, and grain stored under the farmer-owned Grain Reserve Program. **Corn** stocks totaled 202.8 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. On-farm grain stocks accounted for 150.0 million bushels, down 15 million bushels from last year. However, off-farm stocks, at 52.8 million bushels, were up 18 percent from last March.

Soybean stocks totaled 50.3 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year. On-farm stocks represented 35.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from last March; while off-farm stocks, at 15.3 million bushels, were down 14 percent from a year ago.

All wheat stocks, at 32.1 million bushels, were down 45 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 18.0 million, compared to 40.0 million last year. Off-farm stocks, at 14.1

million bushels, were down 22 percent from last March. **Oat** stocks, at 3.6 million bushels, were down 32 percent from last year. On-farm stocks consisted of 2.8 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 0.8 million bushel, down 27 percent from March 2002. **Barley** on-farm stocks totaled 480,000 bushels, down 63 percent from the previous year. No off-farm estimates are published.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2003, totaled 5.13 billion bushels, down 11 percent from March 1, 2002. **All wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2003, totaled 905 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. **Soybeans** stored in all positions on March 1, 2003, totaled 1.20 billion bushels, down 10 percent from March 1, 2002. **Barley** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2003, totaled 124 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2002. **Oats** stored in all positions on March 1, 2003, totaled 82.4 million bushels, 12 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2002.

STOCKS OF GRAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 1, 2002 & 2003

Crop	On Farm			Off Farm			All Positions		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of All Positions	2002	2003	2003 as % of All Positions	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Corn	165,000	150,000	74	44,581	52,814	26	209,581	202,814	97
Barley	1,300	480	--	247	1/	--	1,547	1/	--
Sorghum	1/	1/	--	684	548	--	1/	1/	--
Soybeans	36,000	35,000	70	17,747	15,282	30	53,747	50,282	94
All Wheat	40,000	18,000	56	18,095	14,051	44	58,095	32,051	55
Oats	4,200	2,800	78	1,049	770	22	5,249	3,570	68
UNITED STATES									
Corn	3,355,000	2,940,000	57	2,440,263	2,192,318	43	5,795,263	5,132,318	89
Barley	46,000	36,730	30	95,748	86,783	70	141,748	123,513	87
Sorghum	38,100	27,500	17	156,007	135,312	83	194,107	162,812	84
Soybeans	687,000	635,500	53	648,987	566,308	47	1,335,987	1,201,808	90
All Wheat	338,500	233,200	26	871,268	671,667	74	1,209,768	904,867	75
Oats	40,200	35,000	42	53,158	47,438	58	93,358	82,438	88

1/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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