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## JUNE CROP REPORT

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**SOUTH DAKOTA:** The South Dakota June 1 winter wheat production forecast is 57.6 million bushels, up from last month's 56.16 million bushels. The 2003 forecast is three times last year's reduced harvest of 18.13 million bushels and nearly 5 times the production from the 2001 crop, which suffered from severe winter kill. This is 7 percent above the 2000 crop of 53.76 million bushels, which was not stricken by drought or severe winter kill. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and 11 bushels above last year's yield.

**UNITED STATES:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.63 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 42 percent above 2002. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

### WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, 2001, 2002, AND FORECAST 2003

State	Area Planted 1/		Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2001	2002	Ind. 2003
	- - - - - 1,000 Acres - - - - -				- - Bushels - -		- - 1,000 Bushels - -		
Colo.	2,350	2,600	1,650	2,200	22.0	33.0	66,000	36,300	72,600
Mont.	1,450	1,850	750	1,700	28.0	38.0	19,140	21,000	64,600
Nebr.	1,650	1,750	1,520	1,650	32.0	44.0	59,200	48,640	72,600
S. Dak.	1,300	1,500	625	1,440	29.0	40.0	11,840	18,125	57,600
U. S.	41,735	44,308	29,651	36,447	38.5	44.6	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,626,376

1/ Includes area planted in the preceding fall.

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### MONTHLY HOGS AND PIGS

Monthly Hogs  
and Pigs

The April 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 8.38 million head, was 4 percent below the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 944,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average pigs per litter for April increased to 8.88, compared to 8.85 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on May 1, 2003, was 5.80 million head, down 3 percent from May 1, 2002.

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U.S. sows and gilts bred during April totaled 1.15 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year.

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## FARM LABOR

**UNITED STATES:** There were 938,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of April 6-12, 2003, down 13 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.16 per hour during the April 2003 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier.

**NORTHERN PLAINS (SD, ND, NE, KS):** During the week of April 6-12, 2003, there were an estimated 28,000 hired farm workers, down 9,000 from April 2002, but up 5,000 workers from January 2003. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$9.46 per hour during the April 2003 survey week, up 24 cents from a year ago but down 54 cents from January 2003.

### WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, SELECTED REGIONS, JANUARY 12-18, 2003 AND APRIL 6-12, 2003 1/

Region 2/	Type of Worker							
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock		All Hired Workers	
	January	April	January	April	January	April	January	April
	----- Dollars per Hour -----							
Lake	10.51	9.31	9.44	9.20	9.65	9.26	10.54	9.90
Cornbelt II	9.24	9.94	9.01	10.00	9.08	9.97	9.50	10.71
Northern Plains	9.18	9.08	9.43	9.28	9.37	9.16	10.00	9.46
Mountain I	8.51	7.63	8.17	7.68	8.25	7.66	8.53	7.93
United States 3/	8.30 *	8.40	8.90 *	8.75	8.50	8.49	9.34 *	9.16

1/ Excludes Ag. Service Workers. 2/ Lake: MI, MN, WI; Cornbelt II: IA, MO; Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD; Mountain I: ID, MT, WY.  
3/ Excludes AK. \* Revised.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 198,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on June 1. The June 1 number is down 7,000 head from a year ago and down 17,000 head from last month.

**Placements** during May totaled 29,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 2,000 head from April 2003.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during May totaled 44,000 head, up 10,000 head from a year earlier and up 15,000 head from April 2003.

**Other disappearance** during May totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from both last year and last month.

**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 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001.

**Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.23 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 408,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 747,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 776,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001.

**Other disappearance** totaled 65,000 during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

### CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) JUNE 1, 2002 & 2003

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	-- 1,000 Head --			-- 1,000 Head --		
	Percent			Percent		
On feed, May 1	215	215	100	10,951	10,530 *	96
Placed on feed during May	26	29	112	2,267	2,297	101
Fed cattle marketed during May	34	44	129	2,171	2,228	103
Other disappearance during May 1/	2	2	100	77	65	84
On feed, June 1	205	198	97	10,970	10,534	96

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

# PRICES

## UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May was 107, based on 1990-92=100, up 6 points (5.9 percent) from the April Index. All commodity group indexes except potatoes and dry beans, tobacco, and the other crops category increased since last month. Higher prices for lettuce, hogs, broilers, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for eggs, asparagus, onions, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past three-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches offset decreased marketings of cattle, dairy, apples and asparagus.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 11 points (12 percent) from May 2002. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, corn, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for dairy, potatoes, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

## TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	May 2002	Apr. 2003	May 2003
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 96	101	107
All crops	% 105	111	121
Food grains	% 86	98 *	104
Feed grains & hay	% 95	107	112
Oil bearing crops	% 83	104 *	111
All livestock & products	% 89	94 *	96
Meat animals	% 85	96	99
Dairy products	% 93	84 *	85
Poultry & eggs	% 92	99	100
Prices Paid Index	% 123	128	127
Ratio 1/	% 78	79	84
Crop Sector	% 126	131	131
Livestock Sector	% 119	124	123

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

## PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price May
	May 2002 1/	Apr. 2003 1/	May 2003 2/	May 2002 1/	Apr. 2003 1/	May 2003 2/	
Dollars							
All Wheat Bu.	2.84	3.42	3.61	2.81	3.37	3.43	9.66
Winter Bu.	2.66	3.37	3.44	2.73	3.19	3.32	--
Durum Bu.	7/	7/	7/	3.41	3.98	3.86	--
Other spring Bu.	2.86	3.45	3.70	2.91	3.49	3.61	--
Corn Bu.	1.74	2.22	2.29	1.93	2.34	2.44	6.60
Oats Bu.	2.06	2.00	2.04	1.99	1.99	1.96	4.12
Soybeans Bu.	4.44	5.66	6.01	4.64	5.82	6.19	14.40
All Barley Bu.	1.58	3.22	3.50	2.24	2.87	2.90	6.53
Feed Bu.	1.58	2.05	6/	1.89	2.22	2.47	--
Malt Bu.	6/	3.37	3.50	2.57	3.14	3.19	--
Sunflower Cwt.	10.00	12.20	8/	10.50	12.50	12.40	--
Flaxseed Bu.	6/	6/	6/	5.02	6.58	5.75	11.90
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	3.17	3.96	4.01	11.20
All Hay Ton	59.00	81.00	79.00	103.00	94.50	99.20	--
Alfalfa Ton	63.00	84.00	80.00	108.00	96.20	102.00	--
Other Ton	40.00	59.00	61.00	79.20	86.40	87.30	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	12.10	11.00	11.10	33.40
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.301	0.520	0.397	1.58
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	65.80	72.70	71.60	65.10	74.60	74.90	161.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	71.40	77.50	77.80	68.10	78.80	79.00	--
Cows Cwt.	40.50	40.40	43.60	39.80	40.20	41.10	--
Calves Cwt.	94.80	100.00	100.00	99.50	99.10	99.30	216.00
All hogs Cwt.	34.80	35.50	39.70	33.20	34.80	40.60	102.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	36.30	36.80	40.90	33.60	35.30	41.10	--
Sows Cwt.	22.80	23.80	30.30	23.50	26.00	29.20	--
Sheep Cwt.	28.40	29.80	5/	25.30	30.90	5/	78.90
Lambs Cwt.	70.10	98.70	5/	64.40	93.60	5/	185.00

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 in September 2001 for South Dakota. 8/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.

### COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:

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## COLD STORAGE

### STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Apr. 30, 2002	Mar. 31, 2003	Apr. 30, 2003	April 2003 as % of	
				April 2002	March 2003
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	196,614	248,620	265,287	135	107
Cheese, total natural	765,632	770,477	779,801	102	101
Eggs, frozen	10,247	16,955	15,724	153	93
Fruits, frozen	781,681	784,763	735,011	94	94
Fruit juices, frozen	2,183,571	2,125,494	2,192,012	100	103
Meat, total red	996,601	951,890	925,138	93	97
Beef, total frozen	405,738	403,148	388,291	96	96
Pork, total frozen	567,719	530,499	519,365	91	98
Poultry, total frozen	1,374,055	1,186,918	1,298,553	95	109
Chicken	852,430	641,983	719,324	84	112
Turkey	515,189	539,100	573,186	111	106
Vegetables, total frozen	1,519,623	1,630,989	1,454,909	96	89
Potatoes, total frozen	1,222,660	1,217,364	1,151,267	94	95

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

## SLAUGHTER

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

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			April 2003 as % of		January-April 2/			
		Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	April	March	2002	2003	2003 as %	
		- - Percent - -						Million Lbs. Liveweight		Percent
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>										
Cattle	1,000 Head	13.8	4/	4/	NA	NA	86.8	4/	NA	
Hogs	1,000 Head	352.1	373.5	356.6	101	95	359.2	394.7	110	
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.4	1.0	1.4	100	140	0.604	0.511	85	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	76.4	80.4	76.7	100	95	308.1	323.4	105	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>										
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,948.7	2,774.8 *	2,966.2	101	107	14,150.3	14,057.4	99	
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,425.3	8,152.1	8,333.5	99	102	8,703.4	8,814.5	101	
Sheep	1,000 Head	278.9	264.1	295.6	106	112	154.1	137.1	89	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,901.8	3,705.1 *	3,845.5	99	104	15,162.6	15,122.6	100	

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 printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* Revised.

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