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SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's September 1 corn production is forecast at 466.1 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 9 percent above last year's level. Yield is forecast at 118 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August forecast but 7 bushels above last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.95 million, up 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.36 million bushels, down 18 percent from last month's forecast but 9 percent above last year's level. Yield, at 46 bushels per acre, is down 10 bushels from last month but 1 bushel above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 160,000, are up 7 percent from last year.

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Soybean production is forecast at 136.6 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 21 percent above last year. Yield, at 33 bushels per acre, remains unchanged from the previous month's forecast but 6 bushels above last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 4.14 million, down 1 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up fractionally from last month and 8 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 149.4 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from August and 7.2 bushels above last year. If
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CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Unit of Production	Yield/Harvested Acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004	2003	2004
- - - - Thousand Acres - - - - -									
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Wheat, All	3,028	3,315	2,747	2,764	Bu.	42.3	NA	116,241	NA
Winter	1,600	1,700	1,380	1,250	Bu.	43.0	42.0	59,340	52,500
Durum	28	15	27	14	Bu.	23.0	NA	621	NA
Other Spring	1,400	1,600	1,340	1,500	Bu.	42.0	42.0	56,280	63,000
Corn, All	4,400	4,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	3,850	3,950	Bu.	111.0	118.0	427,350	466,100
Barley	75	70	55	50	Bu.	53.0	61.0	2,915	3,050
Oats	420	400	230	200	Bu.	68.0	80.0	15,640	16,000
Soybeans	4,250	4,200	4,190	4,140	Bu.	27.0	33.0	113,130	136,620
Sorghum, All	270	250	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	150	160	Bu.	45.0	46.0	6,750	7,360
Hay, All	--	--	4,300	4,100	Ton	1.68	1.77	7,210	7,260
Alfalfa	--	--	2,700	2,600	Ton	1.90	2.10	5,130	5,460
Other	--	--	1,600	1,500	Ton	1.30	1.20	2,080	1,800
UNITED STATES									
Wheat, All	61,700	59,719	52,839	50,556	Bu.	44.2	42.0	2,336,526	2,122,894
Winter	44,945	43,450	36,541	34,825	Bu.	46.7	42.8	1,707,069	1,489,408
Durum	2,915	2,592	2,869	2,521	Bu.	33.7	35.3	96,637	88,951
Other Spring	13,840	13,677	13,429	13,210	Bu.	39.7	41.2	532,820	544,535
Corn, All	78,736	80,968	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	71,139	73,377	Bu.	142.2	149.4	10,113,887	10,960,710
Barley	5,299	4,666	4,688	4,152	Bu.	58.9	65.7	276,087	272,824
Oats	4,601	4,220	2,224	1,938	Bu.	65.0	66.0	144,649	127,950
Soybeans	73,404	74,809	72,321	73,655	Bu.	33.4	38.5	2,417,565	2,835,989
Sorghum, All	9,420	8,099	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	7,798	6,916	Bu.	52.7	68.3	411,237	472,269
Hay, All	--	--	63,342	61,589	Ton	2.48	2.63	157,123	161,763
Alfalfa	--	--	23,578	22,226	Ton	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,264
Other	--	--	39,764	39,363	Ton	2.03	2.15	80,816	84,499

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realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.84 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast but 17 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the second highest production on record. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 38.5 bushels

per acre, down 0.6 bushel from August.

Sorghum: Production is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month and up 15 percent from 2003. Based on September 1 conditions, the sorghum yield is forecast at 68.3 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from August and 15.6 bushels from last year.

TURKEYS

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2004 is 263 million, down 4 percent from the number raised during 2003. The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2004. Minnesota, at 46.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any 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 by producing 28.0 million birds, 7 percent less than a year ago. Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2004, down 9 percent from the previous year. Virginia, at 19.0 million birds, is down 17 percent from 2003. California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 8 percent less than a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED, SELECTED STATES, 2002- 2004

State	2002	2003	2004 1/	2004 as % of 2003
	----- Thousand Head -----			Percent
Iowa	6,800	8,500	9,000	106
Minnesota	44,000	45,000	46,500	103
North Dakota	1,900	1,300	1,000	77
South Dakota	4,800	4,600	4,500	98
United States	272,429	274,048	262,950	96

1/ Preliminary

U.S. & CANADIAN CATTLE

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 120.4 million head on July 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers

that have calved, at 48.9 million head, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

CATTLE & CALVES, NUMBER BY CLASS & CALF CROP, UNITED STATES & CANADA, JULY 1, 2002-2004 1/

Year	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
	----- Thousand Head -----									
2002	105,100	15,436	33,750	4,822	9,150	1,072	62,200	9,543	38,224	5,711
2003	103,900	15,738	33,600	4,916	9,100	1,055	61,200	9,768	37,903	5,792
2004	103,600	16,760	33,500	5,340	9,000	1,081	61,100	10,339	37,700	4,701 3/

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ January-December calf crop. 3/ For current year, January to June calf crop only.
Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA, and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August at 120, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.2 percent) below the July Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index declined 2 points (1.7 percent) from July, while the Livestock Index decreased 6 points (4.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, and cantaloup. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, dairy, and corn. 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 tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, dairy, and broilers. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (10 percent) from August 2003.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 109	124*	120
All crops	% 113	120*	118
Food grains	% 109	115*	107
Feed grains & hay	% 102	113*	105
Oil bearing crops	% 101	151*	112
All livestock & products	% 105	128	122
Meat animals	% 104	122*	121
Dairy products	% 102	123*	115
Poultry & eggs	% 112	145	131
Prices Paid Index	% 127	134	135
Ratio 1/	% 86	93*	89
Crop Sector	% 131	135	135
Livestock Sector	% 123	133*	134

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			
	August 2003 1/	July 2004 1/	August 2004 2/	August 2003 1/	July 2004 1/	August 2004 2/	Parity Price August 2004
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	3.24	3.25	2.91	3.35	3.37	3.13	10.10
Winter Bu.	3.08	3.22	2.86	3.28	3.32	3.02	--
Durum Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.78	4.11	3.83	--
Other spring Bu.	3.29	3.37	3.07	3.42	3.55	3.24	--
Corn Bu.	2.01	2.28	2.12	2.15	2.51	2.27	6.79
Oats Bu.	1.25	1.29	1.25	1.39	1.37	1.31	3.96
Soybeans Bu.	5.40	8.03	6.13	5.68	8.46	6.34	16.00
All Barley Bu.	2.54	2.41	1.91	2.91	2.54	2.45	6.74
Feed Bu.	1.88	5/	5/	2.39	2.21	1.83	--
Malt Bu.	2.61	2.41	1.91	3.12	2.67	2.87	--
Sunflower Cwt.	9.17	12.40	11.60	10.90	13.30	13.00	--
Flaxseed Bu.	5/	5/	5/	5.30	7.33	6.90	13.00
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	3.93	4.27	3.87	11.00
All Hay Ton	58.00	65.00	59.00	85.00	90.40	89.80	--
Alfalfa Ton	60.00	67.00	62.00	91.90	98.40	97.40	--
Other Ton	48.00	57.00	47.00	66.70	70.90	70.00	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	13.30	16.00	15.00	35.30
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.668	0.399	0.334	1.70
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	77.30	85.50	88.90	79.30	88.50	88.10	171.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	83.40	94.60	95.00	82.90	91.80	91.50	--
Cows Cwt.	45.30	58.30	57.10	44.50	56.30	55.50	--
Calves Cwt.	115.00	125.00	131.00	106.00	131.00	131.00	229.00
All hogs Cwt.	42.80	57.60	57.50	39.60	57.10	56.00	106.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	44.40	59.40	59.00	39.90	57.50	56.30	--
Sows Cwt.	33.10	47.20	48.00	32.60	49.20	49.40	--
Sheep Cwt.	27.60	39.50	5/	29.20	37.40	5/	84.20
Lambs Cwt.	98.00	109.00	5/	88.60	102.00	5/	202.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ No price available.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	July 31, 2003	June 30, 2004	July 31, 2004	July 2004 as % of	
				July 2003	June 2004
----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----		
Butter	283,879	187,183	187,116	66	100
Cheese, total natural	808,963	841,742	874,853	108	104
Eggs, frozen	18,570	18,256	16,726	90	92
Fruits, frozen	933,294	815,057	1,061,196	114	130
Fruit juices, frozen	2,162,160	2,512,560	2,353,216	109	94
Meat, total red	825,019	804,023	808,053	98	101
Beef, total frozen	368,248	411,267	422,818	115	103
Pork, total frozen	440,654	379,659	370,874	84	98
Poultry, total frozen	1,363,167	1,353,258	1,320,430	97	98
Chicken	635,590	756,660	716,252	113	95
Turkey	722,543	595,662	603,206	83	101
Vegetables, total frozen	1,576,551	1,411,540	1,636,088	104	116
Potatoes, total frozen	1,130,439	1,127,452	1,117,009	99	99

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.

SLAUGHTER

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

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			July 2004 as % of		January-July 2/		
		July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
		----- Percent -----					Million Pounds Liveweight		
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	382.3	338.0	358.9	94	106	680.4	650.8	96
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.5	1.4	1.1	73	79	1.004	0.786	78
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	81.3	72.0	74.5	92	103	559.8	529.8	95
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	3,290.2	2,994.8*	2,787.3	85	93	25,973.8	22,796.9	88
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,116.1	8,504.4	8,094.8	100	95	15,108.1	15,587.3	103
Sheep	1,000 Head	239.8	231.1*	220.8	92	96	229.5	224.5	98
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,050.1	3,928.1*	3,707.6	92	94	27,066.2	26,007.8	96

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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