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SOUTH DAKOTA: The South Dakota November 1 corn production is forecast at 430.5 million bushels, 42 percent above last year's drought-reduced level. Yield is forecast at 105 bushels per acre, 10 bushels above last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 4.10 million, up 28 percent from last year's drought-reduced acres.

Soybean production is forecast at 121.8 million bushels, 4 percent below last year. Yield, at 29 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from last month and 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest are up 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.2 million bushels, 135 percent above last year. Yield, at 48 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels from last month but 14 bushels above last year's drought-reduced yield. Grain sorghum harvested acres are up 67 percent from last year.

Potato production is forecast at 340,000 cwt., up 3 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 340 cwt. per acre, up from 300 cwt. last year, due to a higher percentage of acreage under irrigation. Harvested acres are forecast at 1,000.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 14 percent above 2002. Yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 13.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. Both previous records were set in 1994.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.45 billion bushels, 11 percent below 2002. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.5 million acres, up fractionally from 2002.

Sorghum for grain production is forecast at 400 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 51.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from 2002. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 7.85 million acres, 8 percent above last year.

Production of **fall potatoes** for 2003 is forecast at 414 million cwt., virtually unchanged from last year but 5 percent greater than the 2001 crop. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 378 cwt. per acre, 5 cwt. above last year and 11 cwt. greater than the 2001 season.

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CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1, 2003

Crop Report	Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for		Unit of Pro- duction	Yield/Harvested		Production		
		2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003	
Cattle on Feed		- - - - - Thousand Acres - - - - -						- - Thousand - - -			
	SOUTH DAKOTA										
	Corn, All	4,400	4,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Milk	Corn, Grain	--	--	3,200	4,100	Bu.	95.0	105.0	304,000	430,500	
Production	Soybeans	4,250	4,250	4,090	4,200	Bu.	31.0	29.0	126,790	121,800	
	Sorghum, All	220	270	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Ag Prices	Sorghum, Grain	--	--	90	150	Bu.	34.0	48.0	3,060	7,200	
	Potatoes, Fall	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	Cwt.	300	340	330	340	
	UNITED STATES										
Slaughter	Corn, All	79,054	79,066	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
	Corn, Grain	--	--	69,313	71,765	Bu.	130.0	143.2	9,007,659	10,277,932	
	Soybeans	73,923	73,585	72,437	72,538	Bu.	38.0	33.8	2,749,340	2,451,759	
	Sorghum, All	9,580	9,509	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
	Sorghum, Grain	--	--	7,299	7,851	Bu.	50.7	51.0	369,758	400,012	
	Potatoes, Fall	1,138.8	1,109.7	1,109.4	1,094.8	Cwt.	373	378	414,317	413,549	



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CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 145,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1. The October 1 number is down 5,000 head from one year ago but up 11,000 head from September. **Placements** during September totaled 49,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 19,000 head from August 2003. **Marketings of fed cattle** during September totaled 37,000 head, down 6,000 head from both last year and August 2003. **Other disappearance** during September totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and August 2003. **Steer and steer calves** totaled 77,000 head, 53 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 59,000 head, 41 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 9,000 head, accounting for 6 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 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.41 million. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1, 2002 & 2003

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
On feed, September 1	145	134	92	10,129	9,834 *	97
Placed on feed during September	49	49	100	2,188	2,474	113
Fed cattle marketed during September	43	37	86	1,848	2,032	110
Other disappearance during September 1/	1	1	100	53	63	119
On feed, October 1	150	145	97	10,416	10,213	98

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

QUARTERLY MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The July-September 2003 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 360 million pounds, 6 percent above last year. This is down 5 percent from the recent five-year average of 377 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 89,000, was 7,000 head below a year ago and 2,000 head below last quarter. Third quarter milk production per cow, at 4,040 pounds, is 500 pounds

above the third quarter last year and 20 pounds above the April - June quarter this year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.07 million head, 88,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2001-2003

State	July-September Milk Cows 1/			July-September Milk Production 2/			2003 as % of 2002
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	
	- - - - 1,000 Head - - - -			- - - - Million Pounds - - - -			Percent
Iowa	207	210	200	908	923	912	99
Minnesota	507	483	472	2,093	2,013	2,011	100
Nebraska	70	67	63	275	283	277	98
North Dakota	46	39	35	166	145	137	94
South Dakota	99	96	89	393	340	360	106
Wisconsin	1,284	1,266	1,254	5,464	5,483	5,574	102
United States	9,096	9,153	9,065	40,563	41,791	41,540	99

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

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October is 113, based on 1990-92=100, 3 points above the September Index. Since last month, the Livestock & Products Index was higher while the All Crops Index was unchanged. Higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, dairy, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, hogs, wheat, and potatoes. 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 soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed more than offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, wheat, and tobacco.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is 18 points (18.9 percent) above October 2002. Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products %	95	110*	113
All crops %	101	111*	111
Food grains %	128	110*	106
Feed grains & hay %	105	100*	92
Oil bearing crops %	90	97*	116
All livestock & products %	87	110*	116
Meat animals %	84	108*	116
Dairy products %	93	110*	113
Poultry & eggs %	86	115*	117
Prices Paid Index %	125	129*	130
Ratio 1/ %	76	85	87
Crop Sector %	128	131	131
Livestock Sector %	122	126*	128

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Oct.
	Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003	
	1/	1/	2/	1/	1/	2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	4.59	3.24	3.14	4.38	3.39	3.23	9.82
Winter Bu.	4.57	3.23	3.07	4.32	3.32	3.14	--
Durum Bu.	7/	7/	7/	4.43	3.94	3.90	--
Other spring Bu.	4.61	3.24	3.20	4.45	3.42	3.30	--
Corn Bu.	2.21	2.01	1.86	2.34	2.20	2.02	6.71
Oats Bu.	2.02	1.40	1.37	1.80	1.38	1.37	4.19
Soybeans Bu.	5.02	5.82	6.68	5.20	6.06	6.94	14.70
All Barley Bu.	1.84	2.23	2.43	2.64	2.88	2.61	6.64
Feed Bu.	1.84	1.85	6/	2.26	2.30	2.24	--
Malt Bu.	6/	2.41	2.43	2.89	3.11	2.80	--
Sunflower Cwt.	12.20	10.20	10.30	12.00	10.40	11.00	--
Flaxseed Bu.	8/	5.50	6/	5.76	5.43	5.75	12.10
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.33	3.97	3.72	11.40
All Hay Ton	78.00	56.00	58.00	93.80	84.20	84.40	--
Alfalfa Ton	84.00	60.00	62.00	102.00	89.00	88.80	--
Other Ton	62.00	41.00	45.00	74.50	70.10	71.40	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	12.10	14.40	14.80	34.00
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.351	0.634	0.703	1.61
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	74.40	87.20	97.80	64.60	85.10	91.60	163.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	79.50	92.70	104.00	68.60	89.40	97.40	--
Cows Cwt.	33.40	47.20	47.30	33.60	44.90	44.70	--
Calves Cwt.	91.60	117.00	117.00	92.00	109.00	112.00	219.00
All hogs Cwt.	32.10	40.30	39.90	30.80	39.60	37.70	104.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	34.10	41.60	41.00	31.40	40.10	38.10	--
Sows Cwt.	17.80	31.10	32.00	19.20	30.80	31.10	--
Sheep Cwt.	24.70	35.40	5/	25.60	32.10	5/	80.20
Lambs Cwt.	86.00	108.00	5/	79.60	94.70	5/	188.00

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. 8/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

SLAUGHTER

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

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Sept. 2003 as % of		January-September 2/		
		Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	2002	2003	2003 as %
				- - Percent - -		- Million Pounds Liveweight - Percent			
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	13.3	4/	4/	NA	NA	173.2	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	395.5	375.8	357.2	90	95	835.6	867.5	104
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.6	0.8	1.2	200	150	1.245	1.207	97
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	83.3	78.8	75.2	90	95	699.9	712.5	102
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,866.7	3,134.1	3,122.9	109	100	33,425.4	33,632.2	101
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,505.5	8,043.1	8,554.2	101	106	19,446.6	19,426.5	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	276.3	241.2	256.3	93	106	325.0	293.8	90
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,873.2	3,912.9	4,008.0	103	102	35,020.0	34,980.6	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 published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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November Ag Prices
October Cold Storage
October Slaughter

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