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Dear Subscriber:

As we move forward into the new year, I would like to thank all the producers and businesses who responded to our many surveys in 2003. Your continued cooperation makes these reports possible. Thanks also to the county extension educators and Farm Service Agency county directors who faithfully provide crop-weather information weekly.

Larry Gabriel, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, and his staff are recognized for their support and assistance with our statistics program throughout the year. In addition, we appreciate the continued support we receive from Dean Cholick and the staff at South Dakota State University.

The rapid changes occurring in agriculture today have increased the demand for more agricultural statistics. With your help we will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of **“providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to South Dakota agriculture.”** We receive requests for current and historical statistics about agriculture on a daily basis. Please continue to contact us with your data needs.

A special thanks goes to our enumerator staff who collect the survey information and our office staff who prepare the publications. It is their dedication that provides South Dakota’s number one industry, agriculture, with high quality statistics.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

State Statistician



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NOVEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 177,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on November 1. The November 1 number is up 7,000 head from a year ago and up 32,000 head from October. **Placements** during October totaled 68,000 head, up 11,000 head from last year and up 19,000 head from September. **Marketings of fed cattle** during October totaled 34,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 3,000 head from September. **Other disappearance** during October totaled 2,000, up 1,000 head from a year ago and from September.

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 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. Inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000. **Marketings of fed cattle** during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 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, October 1	150	145	97	10,416	10,213	98
Placed on feed during October	57	68	119	2,389	2,781	116
Fed cattle marketed during October	36	34	94	1,979	1,855	94
Other disappearance during October 1/	1	2	200	84	101	120
On feed, November 1	170	177	104	10,742	11,038	103

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

DECEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on December 1. The December 1 number is up 5,000 head from last year and up 23,000 head from November. **Placements** during November totaled 54,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 14,000 head from October. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 30,000 head, unchanged from last year but down 4,000 head from October. **Other disappearance** during November totaled 1,000, unchanged from a year ago but down 1,000 head from last month.

market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002. **Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 578,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 289,000. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 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, November 1	170	177	104	10,742	11,038	103
Placed on feed during November	56	54	96	1,977	1,926	97
Fed cattle marketed during November	30	30	100	1,731	1,537	89
Other disappearance during November 1/	1	1	100	90	97	108
On feed, December 1	195	200	103	10,898	11,330	104

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

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November was 117, based on 1990-92=100, 4 points (3.5 percent) above the October index. Both the Livestock and Products Index and the All Crops Index were higher in November. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for cotton, hogs, and milk. 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 all milk, cotton, cattle, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 20 points (20.6 percent) from November 2002. The Food Commodities Index increased 5 points (4.3 percent) above last month to 121, and is 25 points (26.0 percent) above November 2002. This index value is the highest since records began in 1975.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 97	113	117
All crops	% 104	111	116
Food grains	% 122	111*	117
Feed grains & hay	% 104	96*	100
Oil bearing crops	% 97	111*	126
All livestock & products	% 89	116	118
Meat animals	% 86	116	116
Dairy products	% 91	115*	114
Poultry & eggs	% 96	117	125
Prices Paid Index	% 125	130	130
Ratio 1/	% 78	87	90
Crop Sector	% 127	132*	132
Livestock Sector	% 122	127*	127

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

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price Nov.
	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	
	1/	1/	2/	1/	1/	2/	
----- Dollars -----							
All Wheat Bu.	4.48	3.42	3.70	4.25	3.45	3.69	9.82
Winter Bu.	4.51	3.31	3.62	4.18	3.37	3.64	--
Durum Bu.	7/	7/	7/	4.52	3.90	3.76	--
Other spring Bu.	4.46	3.47	3.74	4.26	3.54	3.76	--
Corn Bu.	2.15	1.95	2.06	2.28	2.12	2.24	6.71
Oats Bu.	2.11	1.35	1.35	1.91	1.44	1.37	4.19
Soybeans Bu.	5.18	6.46	7.22	5.46	6.61	7.37	14.70
All Barley Bu.	1.90	1.99	2.28	2.79	2.77	2.56	6.65
Feed Bu.	8/	1.90	6/	2.32	2.25	2.30	--
Malt Bu.	6/	2.09	2.28	3.07	3.12	2.70	--
Sunflower Cwt.	12.50	10.70	10.40	12.00	11.40	11.60	--
Flaxseed Bu.	6/	6/	6/	6.04	5.77	5.80	12.10
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.40	3.99	4.09	11.40
All Hay Ton	77.00	58.00	61.00	93.20	84.40	80.70	--
Alfalfa Ton	83.00	62.00	64.00	101.00	88.80	88.00	--
Other Ton	58.00	45.00	50.00	73.90	71.40	64.90	--
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	11.90	15.00	14.90	34.00
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.559	0.703	0.926	1.61
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	72.70	97.00	93.30	67.30	92.00	93.20	163.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	81.30	103.00	103.00	71.90	97.80	99.70	--
Cows Cwt.	33.30	48.90	49.30	33.00	44.90	46.70	--
Calves Cwt.	94.40	117.00	114.00	91.90	113.00	112.00	219.00
All hogs Cwt.	28.80	38.60	37.00	27.80	36.80	34.80	104.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	30.10	39.60	38.00	28.10	37.10	35.00	--
Sows Cwt.	20.30	31.00	30.50	20.80	30.90	30.00	--
Sheep Cwt.	34.60	38.40	5/	31.30	34.80	5/	80.30
Lambs Cwt.	90.40	112.00	5/	84.00	96.90	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.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2002	Sept. 30, 2003	Oct. 31, 2003	Oct. 2003 as % of	
				Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	164,640	207,175	161,857	98	78
Cheese, total natural	720,392	771,591	719,945	100	93
Eggs, frozen	13,085	16,640	16,907	129	102
Fruits, frozen	1,180,359	930,389	1,161,065	98	125
Fruit juices, frozen	1,709,167	1,812,933	1,661,081	97	92
Meat, total red	1,038,867	832,155	857,859	83	103
Beef, total frozen	525,167	379,828	375,930	72	99
Pork, total frozen	489,802	435,182	465,331	95	107
Poultry, total frozen	1,495,099	1,254,866	1,178,564	79	94
Chicken	861,284	604,452	603,471	70	100
Turkey	624,940	647,483	572,360	92	88
Vegetables, total frozen	2,329,648	2,433,563	2,546,096	109	105
Potatoes, total frozen	1,252,157	1,153,673	1,254,530	100	109

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,

SLAUGHTER

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

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Oct. 2003 as % of		January-October 2/			
		Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Oct.	Sep.	2002	2003	2003 as %	
		----- Percent -----						Million Pounds Liveweight		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Cattle	1,000 Head	16.8	4/	4/	NA	NA	194.1	4/	NA	
Hogs	1,000 Head	426.5	357.2	418.5	98	117	945.8	976.6	103	
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.3	1.2	0.9	69	75	1.398	1.329	95	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	90.5	75.2	88.6	98	118	790.4	801.1	101	
UNITED STATES										
Cattle	1,000 Head	3,266.6	3,122.9	3,002.6	92	96	37,573.9	37,328.0	99	
Hogs	1,000 Head	9,403.6	8,552.8*	9,638.7	103	113	21,929.4	22,002.4	100	
Sheep	1,000 Head	300.6	256.3	265.5	88	104	364.6	329.5	90	
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,382.1	4,007.7*	4,154.0	95	104	39,402.1	39,134.3	99	

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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