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SOUTH DAKOTA EQUINE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

SIoux FALLS, March 2, 1999 – Inventory of South Dakota equine as of January 1, 1999, totaled 75,000 head, up 1 percent from the 74,000 head on January 1, 1998, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys on both farms and non-farms.

Equine sold in 1998 totaled 11,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from the 10,000 head sold in 1997. Value of sales from equine sold in 1998 was \$12 million, up 9 percent from the \$11 million in 1997.

Inventory of equine in the United States as of January 1, 1999, totaled 5.32 million head, up 1 percent from the 5.25 million on January 1, 1998. Regional inventories on January 1, 1999, were Nebraska, 75,000; Iowa, 100,000; Minnesota, 155,000; North Dakota, 40,000; Montana, 130,000; and Wyoming, 62,000 head. Texas ranked first in inventory with 600,000 head.

This release is the first NASS publication of equine statistics and is based on the 1997 Ag Census and January 1, 1998 and 1999 surveys.

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