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SOUTH DAKOTA MILK CASH RECEIPTS UP

SIoux FALLS, April 30, 2004 – Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2003, at \$176.1 million, was up 8 percent from the \$163.6 million in 2002, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer returns averaged \$13.40 per cwt., up \$0.60 per cwt. from the previous year. This is \$0.72 below the average for the past five years.

Total milk production in South Dakota increased 3 percent in 2003, to 1,325 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 16,159 pounds, was up 8 percent from 2002. The 2003 average number of cows on farms, at 82,000 head, was down 4,000 head from 2002.

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