

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2011

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2012 was 3,650,000 head, down 1 percent from 2011. Beef cows totaled 1,610,000 head, unchanged from 2011. The 2011 calf crop was 1,620,000 head, down 30,000 head from 2010. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2012 was \$1,360, up from \$1,150 in 2011.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2011, at 1,400,000 head, was up 9 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2011 value was \$130 per head, compared with \$120 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2011 totaled 3,707,000 head, up 6 percent from 2010. The December through May pig crop was up 10 percent from 2010, while the June through November pig crop was up 2 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2012, at 285,000, was up 20,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 225,000, up 7 percent from 2011.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 60,000 head, up 9 percent from a year earlier. The 2011 lamb crop, at 235,000 head, was up 5,000 head from 2010. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012 was \$241, up from \$187 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2011 totaled 260,000 head, an increase of 8 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.6 pounds, down from 7.8 pounds in 2010.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2011 totaled 1.87 billion pounds, down slightly from the 1.88 billion pounds in 2010. The average number of milk cows was 91,000 head, down from 92,000 head in 2010. Milk production per cow, at 20,549 pounds, increased 71 pounds in 2011.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2011 totaled 2,774,000, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2011 was 698 million eggs, up 4 percent from 2010. The average number of layers for 2011, at 2,383,000, was down 0.5 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2011 was 4,400,000 head, 4 percent below 2010.

