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2004 will be remembered as an unusual weather year. Drought persisted in the southwest, floods and excessive soil moisture were a problem in the northern part of the state, consistently below normal temperatures were widespread, and in some areas frost hit in June and August. The demand for crop and livestock information was high. Interest in conditions peaked with each major weather event. Through all of the weather events farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses provided information to keep agriculture informed.

I am pleased to bring you the information they reported in this *North Dakota Agriculture Statistics 2005* report. I am grateful for the voluntary cooperation of our producers and businesses.

It also took a great deal of help from partners. The North Dakota State University Extension Service, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, other USDA agencies, and numerous producer and industry groups all contributed in the effort.

A report such as this doesn't happen, though, without people to collect information and prepare it for publication. Data presented within this book was collected by NASDA enumerators. Enumerators collect the data through telephone and personal interviews. North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service staff manage the surveys, set estimates and prepare reports. I wish to thank these people for their professionalism and dedication to North Dakota agriculture.

I hope that you find this information beneficial. Please contact our office if we can serve your interests in agriculture.

Sincerely,

David Knopf
Director

