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Dear Data User:

We are proud to present you with the 64<sup>th</sup> edition of **South Dakota Agriculture**. This publication, which contains current and historical information on national, state, and county levels, is of critical importance to those involved in our leading industry. We appreciate the cooperation and support of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, which provides funding for this publication.

We especially thank the many ranchers and farmers who take the time to participate in our surveys and provide most of the information used in preparing South Dakota statistics. Thanks also go out to elevator managers, other agricultural businesses, county Extension educators, and Farm Service Agency directors, who provide additional information used in preparing these statistics.



Carter Anderson, State Director

Production agriculture is a very rewarding but challenging industry today. With the inherent risks of weather, price fluctuations, and supply and demand issues, having current information on agriculture is a luxury we enjoy in this country. It is only by giving everyone equal and timely access to production statistics that we maintain stability in the marketplace.

Thanks go out to our office staff and enumerators for their dedication in providing our state with high quality agricultural statistics. The staff of the South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service is dedicated to serving agricultural data needs of all users. Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments, and requests for information.



Steve Noyes, Deputy State Director

Sincerely,

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