

## SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY

### CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2004, was 3,650,000 head, down 1 percent from 2003. Beef cows totaled 1,711,000 head, up 1 percent from 2003. The 2003 calf crop was 1,730,000 head, down 6 percent from 2002. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2004, was \$910, up from \$790 in 2003.

### HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2003, at 1,280,000 head, was down 4 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2003 value was \$74 per head compared with \$77 a year earlier. The total value of hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003 was \$94.72 million, down 8 percent from a year earlier. The pig crop for 2003 was 2,440,000, up 1 percent from 2002. The December through May pig crop decreased 3 percent from 2002, and the June through November pig crop was up 10 percent from the previous year.

### SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2004, at 370,000, declined 3

percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 290,000, down 8 percent from 2003. Market sheep and lambs totaled 80,000 head, up 23 percent from a year earlier. The 2003 lamb crop, at 300,000 head, was down 8 percent from 2002. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2004 was \$119 compared to \$97 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2003 totaled 330,000 head, a decrease of 12 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 8.0 pounds, down from 8.3 pounds in 2002.

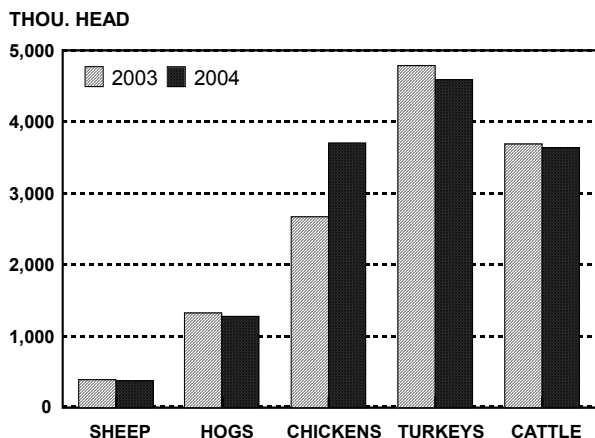
### MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2003 totaled 1,325 million pounds, up from 1,289 million in 2002. The average number of milk cows was 82,000 head, down 4,000 head from 2002. Milk production per cow, at 16,159 pounds, increased 1,171 pounds in 2003.

### POULTRY AND EGGS

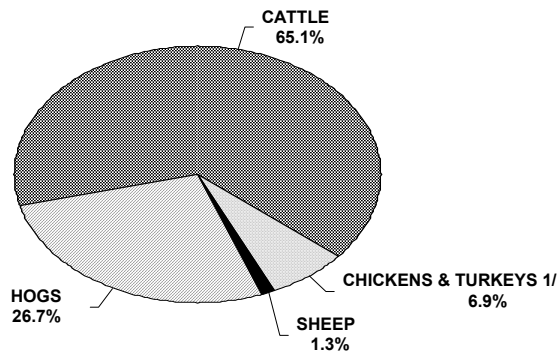
Chickens on farms on December 1, 2003, totaled 3,710,000, an increase of 39 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2003 was 761 million eggs, up 34 percent from 2002. Average number of layers for 2003, at 2,893,000, was up 24 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2003 was 4,600,000, 4 percent below 2002's record.

**LIVESTOCK INVENTORY 1/**



1/ PREVIOUS YEAR FOR HOGS, CHICKENS, AND TURKEYS.

**2003 MEAT PRODUCTION  
(Percent of Total)**



1/ EXCLUDES BROILERS.