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Dear Data User:

The South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office is proud to present the 65<sup>th</sup> annual "**South Dakota Agriculture**" bulletin. This publication is made possible through the cooperation of producers, agribusinesses, county extension educators, and Farm Service Agency county directors, as well as the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, which provides funding for this publication.

Production agriculture continues to be a rewarding but extremely challenging industry across the U.S. However, the hard work and dedication of the state's farmers and ranchers make agriculture South Dakota's leading industry. The national, state, and county level statistics in this publication serve as the foundation for fact-based decision making.



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We would like to extend a special thank you to the many farmers and ranchers who took the time to participate in our surveys. This information is the most effective way of producing actual, timely, and accurate statistics that are most useful for everyone in agriculture. Thank you, also, to the agribusinesses, elevators, county extension educators, and Farm Service Agency directors for their continued support in preparing these statistics.

Finally, we would like to thank our office staff and enumerators for their dedication in providing our state with the highest quality statistics possible. The staff of the South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office is committed to serving the agricultural data needs of all users. If at any time you have questions, comments, or information requests, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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