

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2004

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2005, was 3,750,000 head, up 3 percent from 2004. Beef cows totaled 1,720,000 head, up .5 percent from 2004. The 2004 calf crop was 1,740,000 head, up .6 percent from 2003. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2005, was \$1,010, up from \$910 in 2004.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2004, at 1,330,000 head, was up 4 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2004 value was \$110 per head compared with \$74 a year earlier. The total value of hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was \$146.3 million, up 54 percent from a year earlier. The pig crop for 2004 was 2,578,000, up 4 percent from 2003. The December through May pig crop increased 9 percent from 2003, and the June through November pig crop was down 1 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2005, at 375,000, increased

1 percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 285,000, down 2 percent from 2004. Market sheep and lambs totaled 90,000 head, up 13 percent from a year earlier. The 2004 lamb crop, at 290,000 head, was down 3 percent from 2003. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005 was \$135 compared to \$119 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2004 totaled 345,000 head, an increase of 5 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.6 pounds, down from 8.0 pounds in 2003.

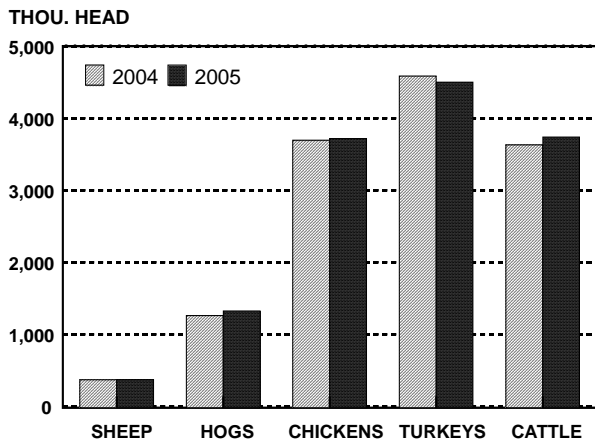
MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2004 totaled 1,347 million pounds, up from 1,330 million in 2003. The average number of milk cows was 80,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2003. Milk production per cow, at 16,838 pounds, increased 618 pounds in 2004.

POULTRY AND EGGS

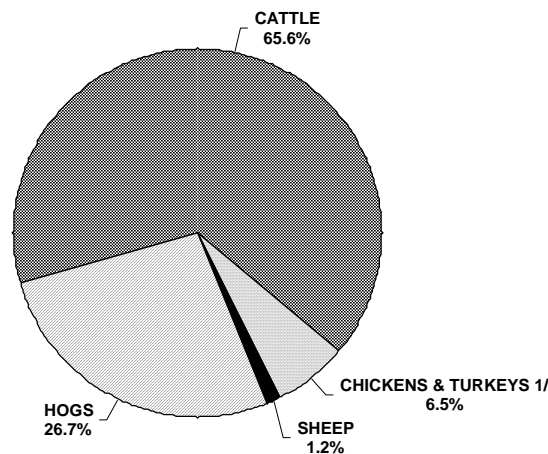
Chickens on farms on December 1, 2004, totaled 3,723,000, a slight increase from a year earlier. Egg production in 2004 was 933 million eggs, up 23 percent from 2003. Average number of layers for 2004, at 3,442,000, was up 19 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2004 was 4,500,000, 2 percent below 2003.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY 1/



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

**2004 MEAT PRODUCTION
(Percent of Total)**



1/ EXCLUDES BROILERS.