

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2005

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2006 was 3,750,000 head, up 1 percent from 2005. Beef cows totaled 1,719,000 head, up 1 percent from 2005. The 2005 calf crop was 1,720,000 head, the same as 2004. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2006 was \$1,160, up from \$1,020 in 2005.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2005, at 1,480,000 head, was up 10 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2005 value was \$100 per head compared with \$110 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2005 totaled 2,758,000 head, up 7 percent from 2004. The December through May pig crop increased 6 percent from 2004, and the June through November pig crop was up 8 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2006, at 385,000, increased 3 percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 280,000, down 2 percent from 2005.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 105,000 head, up 17 percent from a year earlier. The 2005 lamb crop, at 290,000 head, was unchanged from 2004. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006 was \$146 compared to \$135 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2005 totaled 330,000 head, a decrease of 4 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.8 pounds, up from 7.6 pounds in 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2005 totaled 1.437 billion pounds, up from 1.347 billion in 2004. The average number of milk cows was 81,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2004. Milk production per cow, at 17,741 pounds, increased 903 pounds in 2005.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Chickens on farms on December 1, 2005 totaled 3,714,000, a slight decrease from a year earlier. Egg production in 2005 was 816 million eggs, down 13 percent from 2004. Average number of layers for 2005, at 3,092,000, was down 10 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2005 was 4,600,000, 2 percent above 2004.

