

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2007

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2008 was 3,700,000 head, unchanged from 2007. Beef cows totaled 1,644,000 head, down 1 percent from 2007. The 2007 calf crop was 1,680,000 head, down 2 percent from 2006. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2008 was \$1,040, up from \$1,000 in 2007.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2007, at 1,420,000 head, was up 12 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2007 value was \$81 per head compared with \$98 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2007 totaled 2,961,000 head, up 2 percent from 2006. The December through May pig crop decreased 12 percent from 2006, but the June through November pig crop increased 17 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2008, at 355,000, decreased 7 percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 285,000, unchanged from 2007.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 70,000 head, down 26 percent from a year earlier. The 2007 lamb crop, at 303,000 head, was up 6 percent from 2006. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008 was \$134, the same as the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2007 totaled 295,000 head, a decrease of 12 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.7 pounds, up from 7.2 pounds in 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2007 totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the 1.51 billion pounds in 2006. The average number of milk cows was 85,000 head, up from 81,000 head in 2006. Milk production per cow, at 19,306 pounds, increased 726 pounds in 2007.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2007 totaled 3,470,000, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2007 was 843 million eggs, down 3 percent from 2006. The average number of layers for 2007, at 3,165,000, was down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2007 was 4,500,000 head, 7 percent above 2006.

