

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2009

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2010 was 3,800,000 head, up 3 percent from 2009. Beef cows totaled 1,618,000 head, down 8,000 head from 2009. The 2009 calf crop was 1,660,000 head, the same as 2008. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2010 was \$930, down from \$940 in 2009.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2009, at 1,170,000 head, was down 9 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2009 value was \$92 per head compared with \$97 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2009 totaled 3,315,000 head, up 1 percent from 2008. The December through May pig crop increased 1 percent from 2008, while the June through November pig crop was virtually the same from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2010, at 320,000, was up 15,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 245,000, unchanged from 2009.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 75,000 head, up 25 percent from a year earlier. The 2009 lamb crop, at 260,000 head, was down 5,000 head from 2008. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010 was \$135, up from \$121 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2009 totaled 300,000 head, an increase of 7 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.5 pounds, down from 7.8 pounds in 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2009 totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 1.80 billion pounds in 2008. The average number of milk cows was 94,000 head, up from 90,000 head in 2008. Milk production per cow, at 20,128 pounds, increased 172 pounds in 2009.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2009 totaled 2,810,000, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2009 was 696 million eggs, up 1 percent from 2008. The average number of layers for 2009, at 2,428,000, was down 5 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2009 was 4,500,000 head, 4 percent below 2008.

