

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2010

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2011 was 3,700,000 head, down 3 percent from 2010. Beef cows totaled 1,610,000 head, down 8,000 head from 2010. The 2010 calf crop was 1,650,000 head, down 10,000 head from 2009. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2011 was \$1,150, up from \$930 in 2010.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2010, at 1,290,000 head, was up 8 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2010 value was \$120 per head, compared with \$92 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2010 totaled 3,494,000 head, up 5 percent from 2009. The December through May pig crop was up slightly from 2009, while the June through November pig crop was up 11 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2011, at 275,000 head, was down 50,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 215,000, down 14 percent from 2010.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 60,000 head, down 20 percent from a year earlier. The 2010 lamb crop, at 230,000 head, was down 30,000 head from 2009. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2011 was \$187, up from \$135 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2010 totaled 240,000 head, a decrease of 20 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.9 pounds, up from 7.5 pounds in 2009.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2010 totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down slightly from the 1.89 billion pounds in 2009. The average number of milk cows was 92,000 head, down from 94,000 head in 2009. Milk production per cow, at 20,478 pounds, increased 350 pounds in 2010.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2010 totaled 2,959,000, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2010 was 672 million eggs, down 3 percent from 2009. The average number of layers for 2010, at 2,394,000, was down 1 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2010 was 4,600,000 head, 2 percent above 2009.

