

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2012

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2013 was 3,850,000 head, up 5 percent from 2012. Beef cows totaled 1,688,000 head, up 5 percent from 2012. The 2012 calf crop was 1,710,000 head, up 90,000 head from 2011. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2013 was \$1,380, up from \$1,360 in 2012.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2012, at 1,200,000 head, was down 14 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2012 value was \$125 per head, compared with \$130 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2012 totaled 3,782,000 head, up 2 percent from 2011. The December through May pig crop was up 2 percent from 2011, while the June through November pig crop was also up 2 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2013, at 275,000 head, was down 10,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 220,000, down 5,000 head from 2012.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 55,000 head, down 8 percent from a year earlier. The 2012 lamb crop, at 230,000 head, was down 5,000 head (2 percent) from 2011. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013 was \$165, down from \$241 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2012 totaled 255,000 head, a decrease of 2 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.4 pounds, down from 7.6 pounds in 2011.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2012 totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 1.87 billion pounds in 2011. The average number of milk cows was 92,000 head, up from 91,000 head in 2011. Milk production per cow, at 21,391 pounds, increased 809 pounds in 2012.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2012 totaled 2,793,000, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2012 was 666 million eggs, down 5 percent from 2011. The average number of layers for 2012, at 2,288,000, was down 4.0 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2012 was 4,600,000 head, 5 percent above 2011.

