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Dear Data User:

We are proud to present you with the 65th edition of "**South Dakota Agriculture**". This annual bulletin shows current and recent history of national, state and county agriculture statistics for South Dakota's number one industry. It is published cooperatively with funds provided by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of producers, agribusinesses, county extension educators, and county FSA directors who respond to our surveys. A special thanks goes to our farmers and ranchers for taking the time from their busy schedules to complete our surveys. Most understand the importance of current agriculture information and recognize that they are the best source for this information.



Carter Anderson, Director



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This publication continues to be the primary reference tool for people involved in South Dakota Agriculture. Current year statistics are available on our web page, which is identified on the first page of this publication. The information we provide is used by producers and others in the industry to make informed business decisions based on facts. The agricultural statistics in this publication are used to administer many of the USDA farm programs such as crop insurance. Ag statistics are also utilized to determine location and feasibility of many of the new value-added ventures in the state.

Thanks to our office staff and enumerators for their dedication in providing South Dakota with high quality agriculture statistics. Our staff is dedicated to serving agriculture data needs of all users. Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments and requests for information.

Sincerely,

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