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We are proud to present you with the 67<sup>th</sup> edition of **South Dakota Agriculture**. This book contains current and historical information on national, state, and county levels of agricultural production. It continues to provide a valuable service to everyone involved in agriculture, South Dakota's number one industry.

Rapid changes are occurring in production agriculture. Adjusting to industry changes requires sound decision-making based on facts. USDA statistics provide everyone with the most complete, unbiased information to analyze and use when making these decisions.

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In addition, we wish to thank our office staff and field and office enumerators for their dedication in providing our state with the highest quality agricultural statistics possible. Our staff is dedicated to serving the agricultural data needs of all users. Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments, and requests for information.



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