

SOUTH DAKOTA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY, 2006

CATTLE

The state's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2007 was 3,700,000 head, down 1 percent from 2006. Beef cows totaled 1,669,000 head, down 3 percent from 2006. The 2006 calf crop was 1,720,000 head, unchanged from 2005. Average value per head of all cattle on January 1, 2007 was \$1,000, down from \$1,160 in 2006.

HOGS

The number of hogs and pigs in the state on December 1, 2006, at 1,330,000 head, was down 11 percent from a year earlier. The December 1, 2006 value was \$97 per head compared with \$110 a year earlier. The pig crop for 2006 totaled 2,914,000 head, up 4 percent from 2005. The December through May pig crop increased 10 percent from 2005, but the June through November pig crop decreased 2 percent from the previous year.

SHEEP

The number of sheep and lambs on South Dakota farms and ranches on January 1, 2007, at 380,000, decreased 1 percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lambs numbered 285,000, up 2 percent from 2006.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 95,000 head, down 10 percent from a year earlier. The 2006 lamb crop, at 285,000 head, was down 2 percent from 2005. Value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007 was \$134 compared to \$146 the previous year. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2006 totaled 335,000 head, an increase of 2 percent. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.2 pounds, down from 7.8 pounds in 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

The state's milk production in 2006 totaled 1.51 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 1.44 billion pounds in 2005. The average number of milk cows was 81,000 head, unchanged from 2005. Milk production per cow, at 18,580 pounds, increased 839 pounds in 2006.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Layers and pullets on farms on December 1, 2006 totaled 3,556,000, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Egg production in 2006 was 865 million eggs, up 6 percent from 2005. The average number of layers for 2006, at 3,247,000, was up 5 percent from the previous year. The number of turkeys raised in the state in 2006 was 4,200,000, 7 percent below 2005.

