SD Inmates Featured in Corrections Magazine
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The March/April issue of Corrections Technology and Management magazine includes a feature story on South Dakota prison inmates and their role in cleaning up after a deadly tornado that struck Spencer, SD May 30, 1998.

The special feature entitled "Back From Hell" focuses on the clean-up efforts, which included up to 200 prison inmates. In all, inmates put in more than 32,000 hours of work to help clear debris, sort through the rubble and help salvage personal property.

The article also includes information on the Governor's Affordable housing project, which also involves inmate labor. The homes are constructed by inmates at the Springfield State Prison and then moved to various communities across the state. Several residents who returned to Spencer after the tornado have purchased inmate-built homes.