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North Dakota Hog Inventory Up 8 percent

North Dakota

The December 1 all hogs and pigs inventory, at 182,000 head, increased 13,000 from December 1, 2006, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is the largest inventory level since 2000's inventory at 185,000. Over the past 10 years, the largest December 1 inventory was 205,000 head in 1998. These estimates are based on a survey conducted around December 1.

The breeding herd totaled 37,500 head, up 4,500 from December 1, 2006. The 2007 annual pig crop totaled 611,000, up 81,000 from last year and the highest pig crop since 1961's crop of 660,000. Average pigs per litter, at 9.85, again set a new record high since recording began in 1924.

Market hogs totaled 144,500 head, up 8,500 from last year. Market inventory by weight group with respective changes from last year are as follows: 74,500 head weighing under 60 pounds, up 28 percent from last year; 27,000 head in the 60-119 pound range, down 25 percent; 24,000 head in the 120-179 pound range, up 9 percent; 19,000 head at or over 180 pounds, down 5 percent.

United States

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006.

**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop and Pigs Per Litter
North Dakota and United States, December 1, 2006-2007**

Item	North Dakota		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Hogs and Pigs	169.0	182.0	62,490	65,110
Breeding	33.0	37.5	6,087	6,157
Market	136.0	144.5	56,402	58,953
Under 60 Pounds	58.0	74.5	20,462	21,364
60-119 Pounds	36.0	27.0	13,928	14,459
120-179 Pounds	22.0	24.0	11,275	11,737
180 Pounds and Over	20.0	19.0	10,738	11,394
Sows Farrowing				
Dec-Nov ^{1/}	55.5	62.0	11,629	11,960
Pig Crop				
Dec-Nov ^{1/}	530	611	105,618	109,937
Pigs Per Litter				
Dec-Nov ^{1/}	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
	9.55	9.85	9.08	9.19

1/ December preceding year.

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