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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

According to the Indiana Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service, Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.50 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 3.17 million head, were 5 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 330,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 150,000 during the September - November 2007 quarter, up 7 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.34 million head, increased 8 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.95, up 1 percent from a year ago. Indiana producers intend to farrow 150,000 sows during the December 2007 - February 2008 period, and 155,000 sows during the March - May 2008 period. If realized, farrowings during the December 2007 - February 2008 quarter would be up 10,000 (7 percent) and farrowings during the March - May 2008 quarter would be up 15,000 (11 percent) from the previous quarter.

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 U.S. 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 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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.

**DECEMBER 1 HOGS AND PIGS
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2006-2008 1/**

Item	Indiana					United States				
	2006	2007	2008 2/	% of Prev. Year		2006	2007	2008 2/	% of Prev. Year	
				07/06	08/07				07/06	08/07
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head			Percent	
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	3,350	3,500		104		62,490	65,110		104	
Breeding Hogs	330	330		100		6,087	6,157		101	
Market Hogs	3,020	3,170		105		56,402	58,953		105	
Under 60 Pounds	1,120	1,160		104		20,462	21,364		104	
60-119 Pounds	760	780		103		13,928	14,459		104	
120-179 Pounds	580	640		110		11,275	11,737		104	
180 Pounds and over	560	590		105		10,738	11,394		106	
Farrowing, Sept - Nov										
Sows Farrowing	140	150		107		2,949	3,029		103	
Pigs Per Litter	8.90	8.95		101		9.11	9.24		101	
Pig Crop 3/	1,246	1,343		108		26,857	27,998		104	
Sows Farrowing										
December 4/ - May	265	280	305	106	109	5,768	5,938	6,013	103	101
December 4/ - February	130	140	150	108	107	2,841	2,905	2,976	102	102
March - May	135	140	155	104	111	2,927	3,033	3,037	104	100

1/ Data may not add due to rounding.

2/ Intentions.

3/ Number of pigs born September through November that were on hand December 1 or had been sold.

4/ December of preceding year.