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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY INCREASES

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.50 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 3.18 million head were 9 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 320,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 150,000 during the December 2007 - February 2008 quarter, up 7 percent from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.34 million head, increased 9 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.95, up 2 percent from the same period in 2007. Indiana producers intend to farrow 150,000 sows during both the March - May 2008 period, and the June - August 2008 period. If realized, farrowings during the March - May 2007 period would be up 10,000 (7 percent) and farrowings during the June - August period would be up 5,000 (3 percent) from 2007.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was estimated at 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. The December 2007 - February 2008 U.S. pig crop, at 28.1 million head, was up 6 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, up 5 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 9.21 pigs saved per litter for the December 2007 - February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 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 3.05 million sows farrow during the March - May 2008 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 4 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for June - August 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

**MARCH 1 HOGS AND PIGS
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES 2007-2008**

Item	Indiana			United States			
	2007	2008	08 as % of 07	2007	2008	08 as % of 07	
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>		<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Hogs and Pigs, March 1	3,250	3,500	108	61,860	65,909	107	
Breeding Hogs	320	320	100	6,110	6,138	100	
Market Hogs	2,930	3,180	109	55,749	59,770	107	
Under 60 Pounds	1,070	1,140	107	20,831	21,897	105	
60-119 Pounds	730	810	111	13,356	14,291	107	
120-179 Pounds	580	630	109	11,679	12,443	107	
180 Pounds and over	550	600	109	10,334	11,140	108	
Farrowing, Dec <u>1</u> - Feb							
Sows Farrowing	140	150	107	2,905	3,051	105	
Pigs Per Litter	8.80	8.95	102	9.09	9.21	101	
Pig Crop <u>2</u>	1,232	1,343	109	26,396	28,094	106	
Sows Farrowing							
March - August	285	300	<u>3</u> / 105	6,147	6,084	<u>3</u> / 99	
March - May	140	150	<u>3</u> / 107	3,033	3,047	<u>3</u> / 100	
June - August	145	150	<u>3</u> / 103	3,114	3,037	<u>3</u> / 98	

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.

3/ Intentions.