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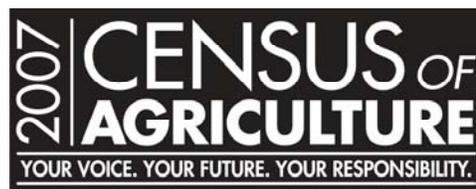
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IDAHO HOG INVENTORY UP 12 PERCENT

Idaho hog inventory on December 1, 2007 was 28,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous December 1 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding hogs inventory was unchanged at 5,000 head while market hogs increased 3,000 head to 23,000 head over the past year. An estimated 7,200 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.75 pigs. The total pig crop of 63,000 head was up 26 percent from the previous year.

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



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