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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the December 1 Hog Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,


*William R. Meyer
Director*

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. 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.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group, United States, 2005-2007 ¹

Item	2005	2006	2007	2007 as % of	
				2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory					
All Hogs & Pigs	61,449	62,490	65,110	106	104
Kept for Breeding	6,011	6,087	6,157	102	101
Market	55,438	56,402	58,953	106	105
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	20,055	20,462	21,364	107	104
60-119 Pounds	13,524	13,928	14,459	107	104
120-179 Pounds	11,293	11,275	11,737	104	104
180 Pounds and Over	10,567	10,738	11,394	108	106

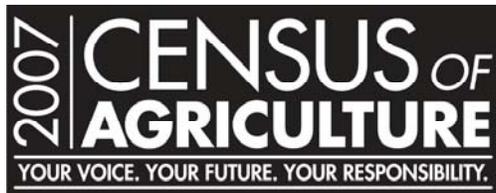
1/ May not add due to rounding.

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