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Hogs & Pigs Inventory Sets New Record High

Des Moines Iowa: On December 1, there were a record-high 17.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The December 1 inventory was up 600,000 from a year ago, and up 200,000 from September 1, 2006.

The September-November 2006 pig crop was 4.2 million head. A total of 465,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.05 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 450,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2006 – February 2007 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2007 period were estimated at 470,000 as of December 1, 2006. If realized, this would be up 5,000 sows farrowed during the same period in 2006.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2005-2006¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	430	440	102	3,570	3,760	105	4,000	4,200	105
IA	1,070	1,080	101	15,530	16,120	104	16,600	17,200	104
MN	590	590	100	6,010	6,210	103	6,600	6,800	103
MO	345	360	104	2,355	2,390	101	2,700	2,750	102
NE	350	365	104	2,500	2,635	105	2,850	3,000	105
NC	1,010	1,010	100	8,790	8,490	97	9,800	9,500	97
US	6,011	6,088	101	55,438	56,061	101	61,449	62,149	101

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2005-2006¹

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>							
IL	1,300	1,270	860	930	740	820	670	740
IA	4,610	4,870	4,180	4,400	3,520	3,620	3,220	3,230
MN	2,320	2,370	1,460	1,490	1,200	1,290	1,030	1,060
MO	1,105	1,110	480	460	450	485	320	335
NE	980	1,010	660	690	470	520	390	415
NC	3,450	3,410	2,130	1,940	1,720	1,710	1,490	1,430
US	20,055	20,334	13,524	13,603	11,293	11,544	10,567	10,580

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