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## Hogs & Pigs Report

**Iowa:** On March 1, there were 16.3 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was up 200,000 from a year ago.

The December 2005-February 2006 pig crop was 4.1 million head. A total of 455,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.0 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2006 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2006 period were estimated at 470,000 as of March 1, 2006.

**United States:** U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2005, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2005-February 2006 pig crop, at 25.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the December 2005-February 2006 period, compared to 8.94 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory  
By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>**

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	420	98	3,570	3,630	102	4,000	4,050	101
<b>IA</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>15,020</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>101</b>
MN	590	580	98	5,710	5,820	102	6,300	6,400	102
MO	330	345	105	2,520	2,355	93	2,850	2,700	95
NE	355	355	100	2,395	2,545	106	2,750	2,900	105
NC	1,010	1,020	101	8,690	8,480	98	9,700	9,500	98
US	5,941	6,025	101	53,757	54,079	101	59,699	60,104	101

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding.

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,  
Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>**

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	1,360	1,280	840	870	760	800	610	680
<b>IA</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>2,940</b>
MN	2,230	2,240	1,390	1,370	1,250	1,310	840	900
MO	1,190	1,085	520	490	480	460	330	320
NE	970	1,000	600	660	470	490	355	395
NC	3,410	3,400	2,030	1,940	1,830	1,690	1,420	1,450
US	19,667	19,838	13,087	13,114	11,360	11,317	9,644	9,811

<sup>1</sup> Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

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