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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On March 1, there were 18.7 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was up 1.8 million from a year ago.

The December 2007-February 2008 pig crop was 4.58 million head. A total of 500,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.15 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 490,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2008 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2008 period were estimated at 490,000 as of March 1, 2008.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 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 less than 1 percent 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 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 saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs 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.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2007-2008¹**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07	2007	2008	'08 as % of '07
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
IL	440	450	102	3,660	3,850	105	4,100	4,300	105
IA	1,090	1,100	101	15,810	17,600	111	16,900	18,700	111
MN	600	590	98	6,300	6,710	107	6,900	7,300	106
MO	365	380	104	2,485	2,670	107	2,850	3,050	107
NE	360	360	100	2,740	2,840	104	3,100	3,200	103
NC	1,030	1,020	99	8,370	8,980	107	9,400	10,000	106
US	6,110	6,138	100	55,749	59,770	107	61,860	65,909	107

¹ May not add due to rounding.

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2007-2008¹**

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
IL	1,310	1,390	890	920	790	830	670	710
IA	4,650	5,420	4,210	4,600	3,780	4,130	3,170	3,450
MN	2,400	2,640	1,540	1,610	1,330	1,360	1,030	1,100
MO	1,160	1,240	485	495	500	510	340	425
NE	1,050	1,040	730	770	530	600	430	430
NC	3,430	3,570	1,850	2,070	1,670	1,820	1,420	1,520
US	20,381	21,897	13,356	14,291	11,679	12,443	10,334	11,140

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

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