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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On June 1, there were 19.4 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, matching the record high. The June 1 inventory was up 1.20 million from a year ago.

The March – May 2008 pig crop was 4.96 million head. A total of 530,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.35 pigs per sow.

As of June 1, producers planned to farrow 520,000 head of sows and gilts in the June – August 2008 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the September - November 2008 period were estimated at 520,000 as of June 1, 2008.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 to 9.40.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 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, June 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	440	100	3,560	3,910	110	4,000	4,350	109
IA	1,080	1,090	101	17,120	18,310	107	18,200	19,400	107
MN	610	580	95	6,390	7,020	110	7,000	7,600	109
MO	375	375	100	2,675	2,775	104	3,050	3,150	103
NE	360	360	100	2,790	3,040	109	3,150	3,400	108
NC	1,020	1,020	100	8,680	9,080	105	9,700	10,100	104
US	6,120	6,069	99	57,830	61,591	107	63,951	67,661	106

¹ May not add due to rounding.

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
Selected States, and United States, June 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	1,420	920	990	760	850	570	650
IA	5,450	5,500	4,770	4,910	3,850	4,450	3,050	3,450
MN	2,570	2,760	1,620	1,760	1,300	1,470	900	1,030
MO	1,300	1,330	545	565	505	475	325	405
NE	1,040	1,130	730	810	580	650	440	450
NC	3,600	3,700	2,000	2,150	1,670	1,760	1,410	1,470
US	21,782	22,587	14,339	15,167	11,790	12,907	9,920	10,931

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