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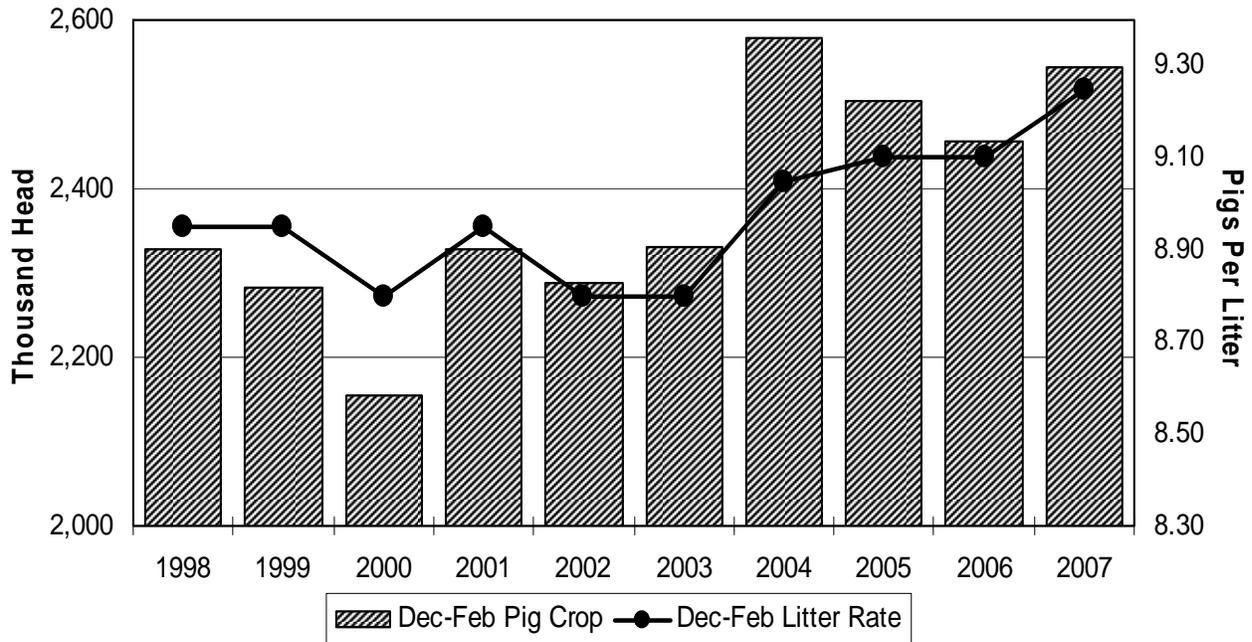
MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UNCHANGED FROM DECEMBER

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 6.8 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007, up 6 percent from last year but unchanged from the December 1, 2006 figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a new record inventory for March 1. Breeding hogs totaled 600 thousand head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.20 million head, were up 7 percent from a year ago.

STATE PIG CROP UP 4 PERCENT

Minnesota's December 2006-February 2007 pig crop totaled 2.54 million head, up 4 percent from a year earlier but down 1 percent from the September 2006-November 2006 pig crop. The 275 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.25 pigs per litter, up from 9.10 a year ago.

**December-February Pig Crop & Pigs Per Litter
 Minnesota 1998-2007**



MARCH-MAY 2007 AND JUNE-AUGUST 2007 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 275 thousand sows during March-May 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during the June-August 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be equal to the same period in 2006.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007 was 61.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2006, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2006-February 2007 pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 1 percent from both 2006 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the December 2006-February 2007 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2006 through December 2006 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half of one percent were made to the March 1, 2006 total inventory, September 1, 2006 total inventory, March-May 2006 pig crop and the September-November pig crop. An adjustment slightly larger than one-half of one percent was made to the June-August 2006 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2006-2007^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	937	948	8.98	9.05	8,411	8,578
Jan	952	965	9.08	9.09	8,646	8,776
Feb	951	961	9.05	9.08	8,605	8,730
Mar	984		9.04		8,898	
Apr	969		9.07		8,788	
May	974		9.13		8,893	
Jun	973		9.10		8,856	
Jul	965		9.10		8,780	
Aug	974		9.12		8,882	
Sep	987		9.10		8,986	
Oct	972		9.12		8,863	
Nov	951		9.10		8,652	
Total	11,590		9.08		105,259	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.