

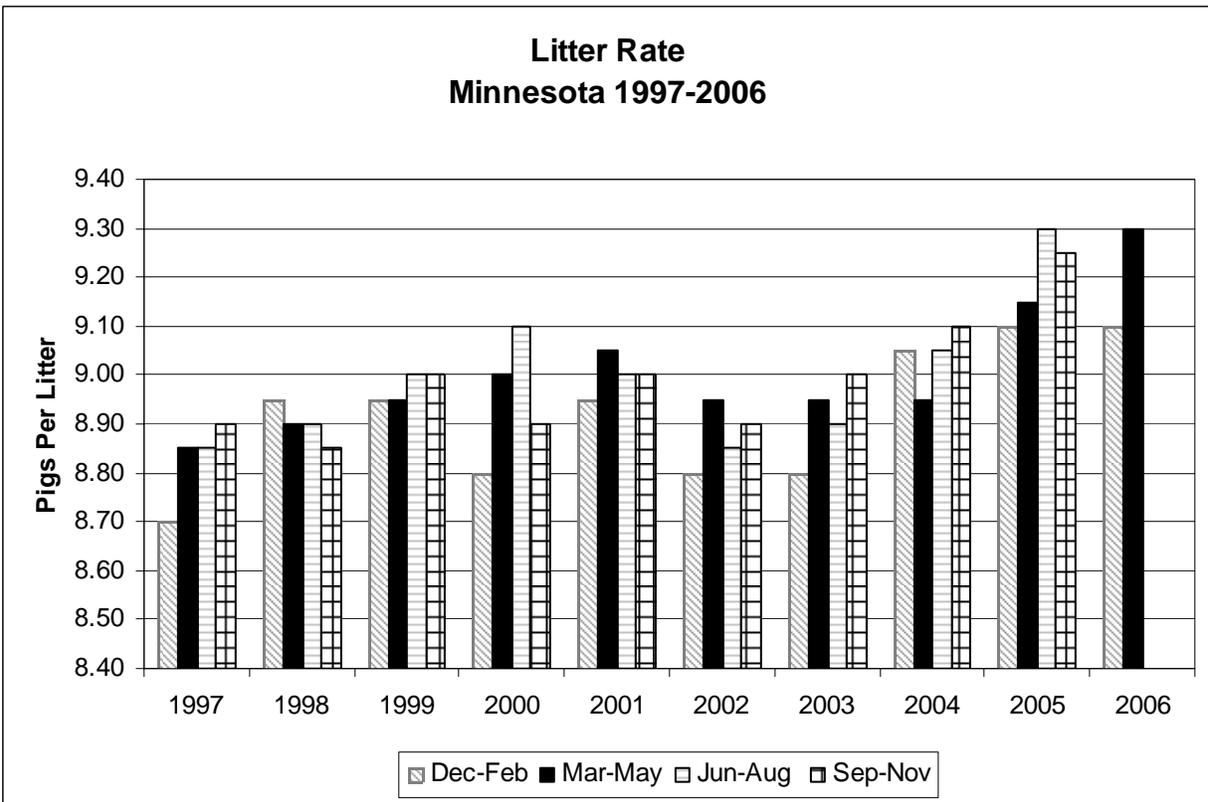
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**MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UP 5 PERCENT FROM MARCH**

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 6.7 million hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006, up 2 percent from last year and up 5 percent from the March 1, 2006 figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 590 thousand, down 2 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.11 million, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

**STATE PIG CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Minnesota's March-May 2006 pig crop totaled 2.60 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier but up 6 percent from the December 2005 – February 2006 pig crop. The 280 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.30 pigs per litter, up from 9.15 a year ago. This would be a record litter rate for the March-May quarter.



**JUNE-AUGUST 2006 AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2006 INTENTIONS**

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during June-August 2006 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from the same period in 2005. Producers intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during the September-November 2006 quarter. If realized, this would also be unchanged from the same period in 2005.

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## U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006 was 60.9 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2006.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from both last year and from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

**The March-May 2006 pig crop**, at 26.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the March-May 2006 period, compared to 9.02 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 June 2005 through March 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 December 2005 total inventory, March 2006 total inventory and to the September-November 2005 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2005-2006<sup>1 2</sup>**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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 <sup>1</sup>	938	937	8.89	8.98	8,338	8,411
Jan	951	953	8.94	9.07	8,500	8,647
Feb	946	950	8.99	9.05	8,505	8,598
Mar	967	973	8.99	9.03	8,693	8,782
Apr	962	956	9.00	9.09	8,656	8,691
May	953	968	9.06	9.12	8,637	8,828
Jun	968		9.07		8,779	
Jul	978		9.04		8,845	
Aug	972		9.08		8,825	
Sep	982		9.04		8,874	
Oct	970		9.05		8,777	
Nov	948		9.00		8,536	
Total	11,535		9.01		103,965	

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.