



# Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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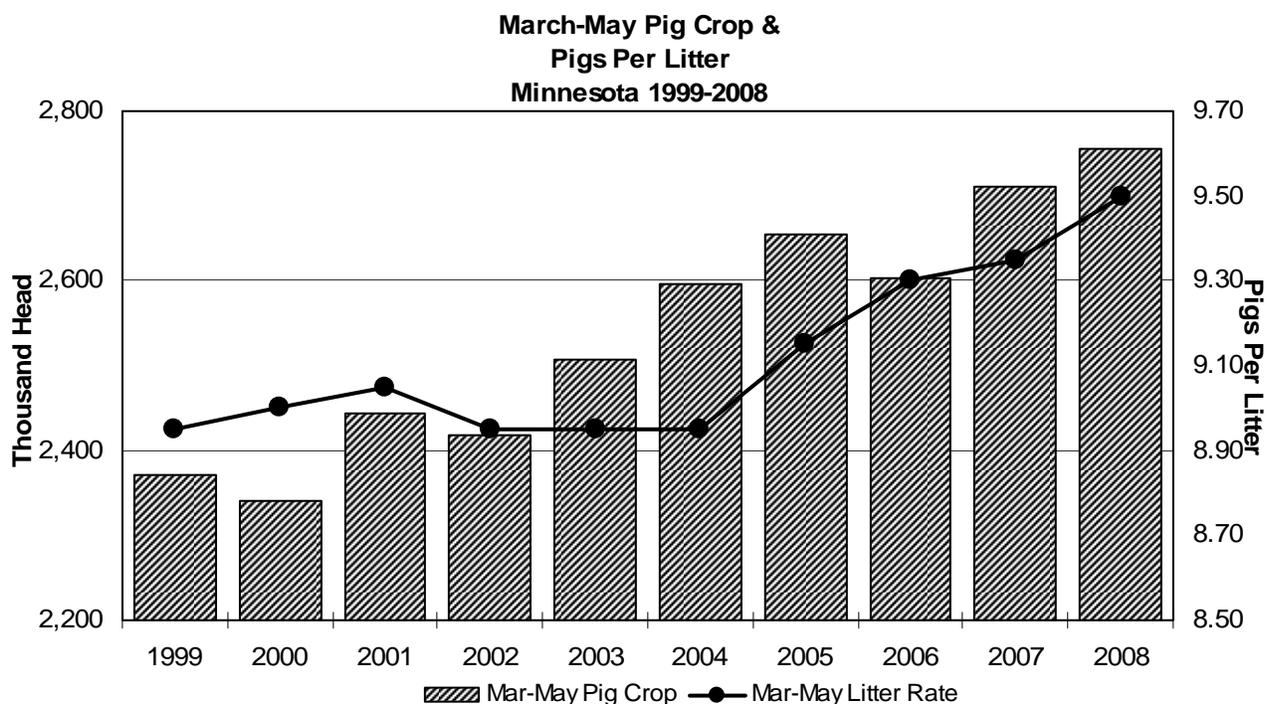
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## MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT FROM MARCH

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.60 million hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008, up 9 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the March 1, 2008 figure of 7.50 million, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a record high inventory for June 1. Breeding hogs totaled 580 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs and pigs at 7.02 million head, were up 10 percent from a year ago.

## STATE PIG CROP UP 2 PERCENT FROM 2007

Minnesota's March 2008-May 2008 pig crop totaled 2.76 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier and up 5 percent from the December 2007-February 2008 pig crop. This is a record high pig crop for the March-May quarter. The 290 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.50 pigs per litter, up from 9.35 a year ago.



## JUNE-AUGUST 2008 AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2008 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during the June-August 2008 quarter. If realized, this would be down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during the September-November 2008 quarter. If realized, this would be down 5 percent from the same period in 2007.

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## U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT

**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.

### REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2007 through March 2008 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of slightly less than two percent were made to the December 2007 and March 2008 total inventory along with an adjustment of less than three percent to September-November 2007 pig crop. Adjustments of less than one percent were made to June-August 2007 pig crop, December 2007-February 2008 pig crop, and September 2007 total inventory.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2007-2008<sup>1 2</sup>**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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>	960	1,017	9.08	9.22	8,712	9,381
Jan	972	1,026	9.10	9.24	8,841	9,484
Feb	973	1,024	9.09	9.26	8,843	9,487
Mar	1,023	1,060	9.14	9.35	9,346	9,910
Apr	1,006	1,013	9.23	9.38	9,290	9,507
May	1,004	1,019	9.22	9.40	9,260	9,583
Jun	1,046		9.30		9,727	
Jul	1,040		9.31		9,680	
Aug	1,046		9.26		9,687	
Sep	1,078		9.27		9,993	
Oct	1,062		9.30		9,872	
Nov	1,040		9.28		9,646	
Total	12,250		9.22		112,898	

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

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