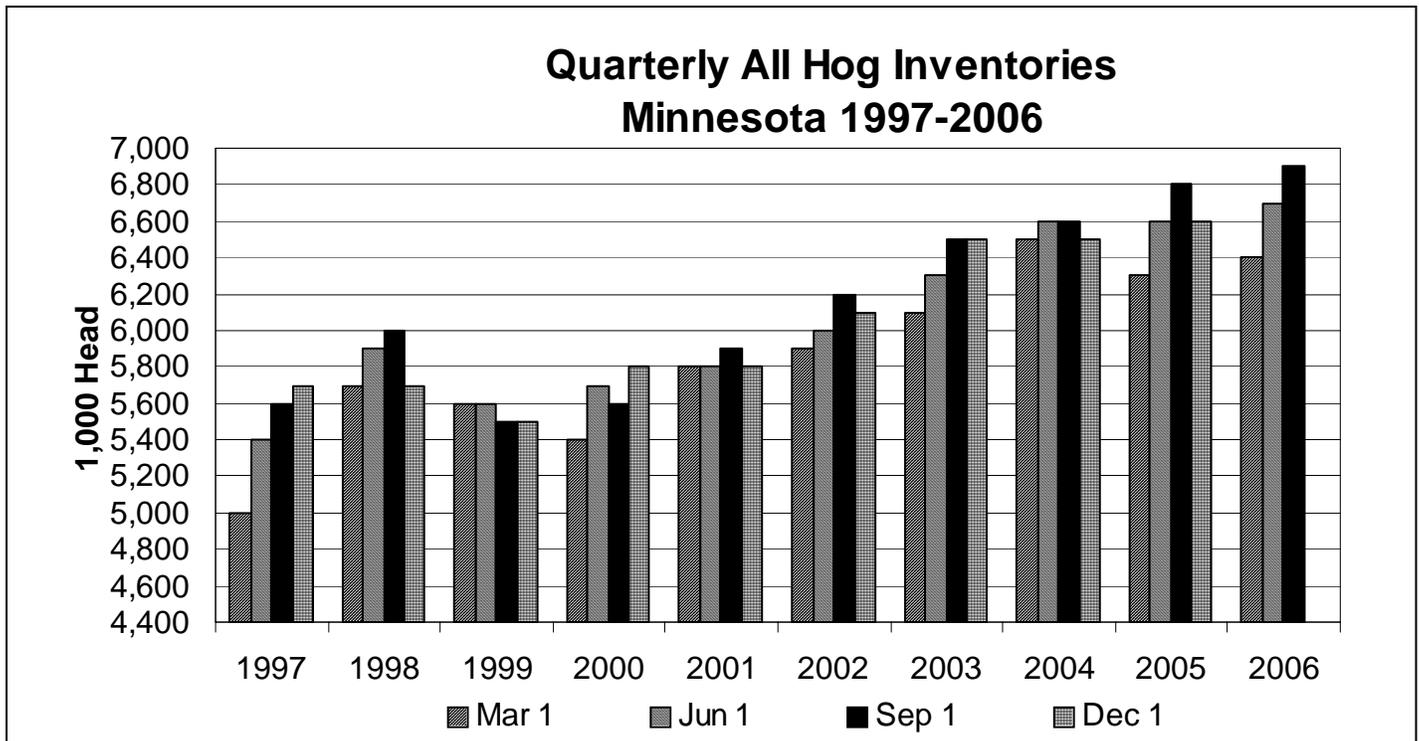




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**MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UP 3 PERCENT FROM JUNE**

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 6.9 million hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006, up 1 percent from last year and up 3 percent from the June 1, 2006 figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a new record inventory for September 1. Breeding hogs totaled 590 thousand, down 2 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.31 million, were up 2 percent from a year ago.



**STATE PIG CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Minnesota's June-August 2006 pig crop totaled 2.60 million head, unchanged from a year earlier and unchanged from the March-May 2006 pig crop. The 280 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.30 pigs per litter, unchanged from a year ago.

**SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2006 AND DECEMBER 2006-FEBRUARY 2007 INTENTIONS**

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 275 thousand sows during September-November 2006 quarter. If realized, this would be down 2 percent from the same period in 2005. Producers intend to farrow 275 thousand sows during the December 2006-February 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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## U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 62.7 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from June 1, 2006.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.08 million head, was up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 56.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

**The June-August 2006 pig crop**, at 26.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the June-August 2006 period, compared to 9.06 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 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 September 2005 through June 2006 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, a small adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the March 2006 total inventory, along with an adjustment of slightly larger than one-half of one percent to the June 2006 total inventory.

**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	8,412
Jan	951	953	8.94	9.07	8,500	8,648
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	974	9.07	9.13	8,779	8,888
Jul	978	970	9.04	9.13	8,845	8,859
Aug	972	980	9.08	9.16	8,825	8,980
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.