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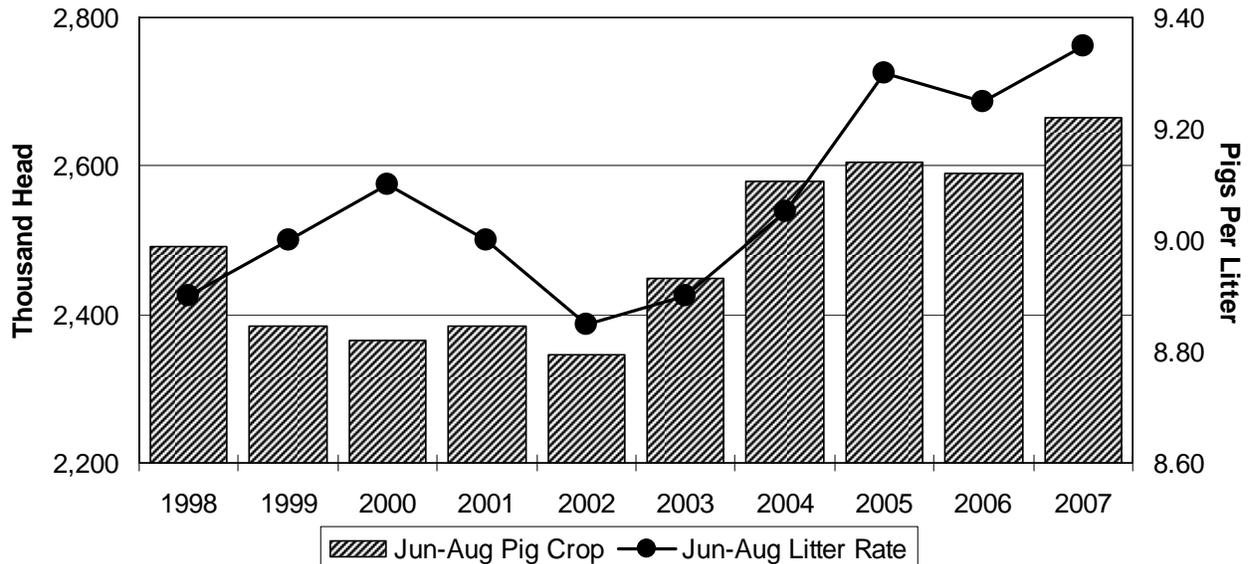
MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UP 1 PERCENT FROM JUNE

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.0 million hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007, up 1 percent from last year and also up 1 percent from the June 1, 2007, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a new record high inventory for any quarter in Minnesota. Breeding hogs totaled 610 thousand head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6.39 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

STATE PIG CROP UP 1 PERCENT

Minnesota's June-August 2007 pig crop totaled 2.67 million head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and up 1 percent from the March-May 2007 pig crop. The 285 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 9.35 pigs per litter, a record high litter rate for any quarter.

**June-August Pig Crop & Pigs Per Litter
 Minnesota 1998-2007**



SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2007 AND DECEMBER 2007 - FEBRUARY 2008 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the September-November 2007 quarter. If realized, this would be up 2 percent from the same period in 2006. Producers intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter. If realized, this would be up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up 3 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007, was 64.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from both September 1, 2006, and June 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up 3 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The June-August 2007 pig crop, at 27.5 million head, was up 4 percent from each of the last 2 years. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, up 3 percent from 2006, and up 2 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.19 for the June-August 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2006 through June 2007 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 larger than one-half of one percent were made to the March 1, 2007, inventory and December 2006 – February 2007 pig crop. An adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the June 1, 2007, total inventory.

**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	961	8.98	9.07	8,411	8,712
Jan	952	972	9.08	9.10	8,646	8,844
Feb	951	972	9.05	9.09	8,605	8,837
Mar	984	997	9.04	9.12	8,898	9,094
Apr	969	985	9.07	9.18	8,788	9,038
May	974	984	9.13	9.16	8,893	9,009
Jun	973	998	9.10	9.20	8,856	9,186
Jul	965	992	9.10	9.21	8,780	9,137
Aug	974	996	9.12	9.17	8,882	9,129
Sep	1,002		9.10		9,123	
Oct	985		9.12		8,982	
Nov	962		9.10		8,752	
Total	11,629		9.08		105,615	

¹ December preceding year.

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