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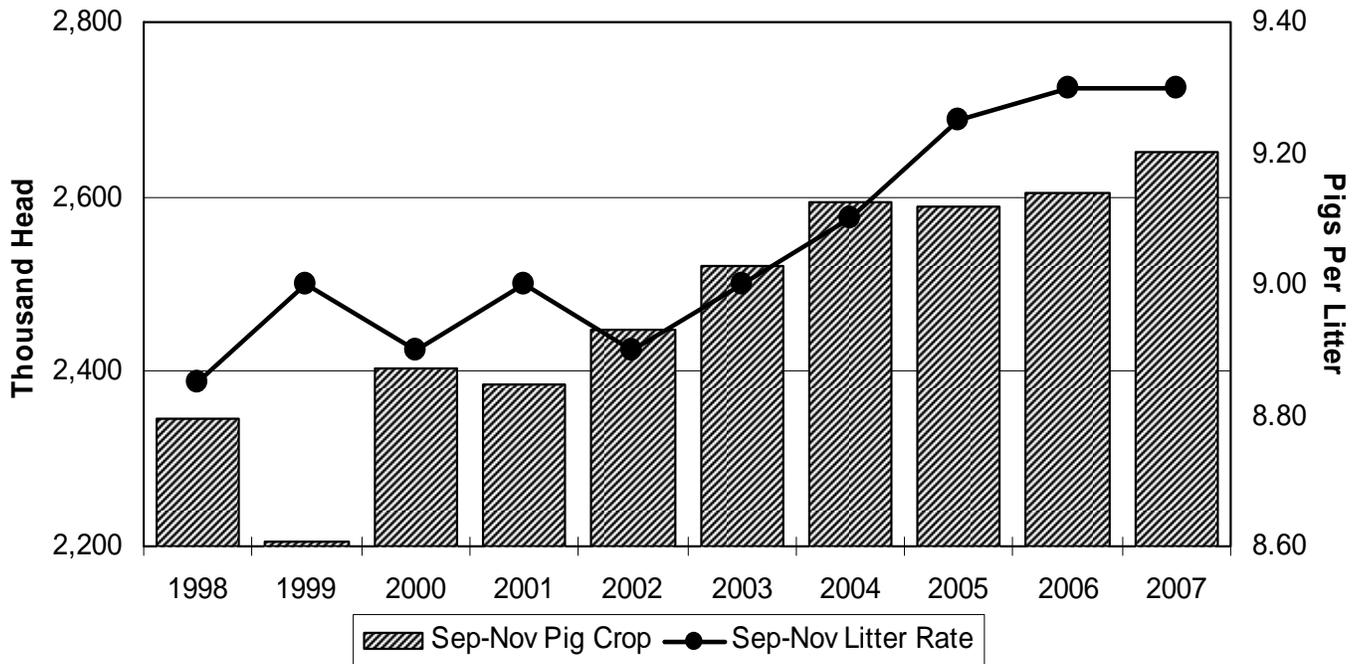
MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UP 1 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.2 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the September 1, 2007 figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a new record inventory for December 1, surpassing the previous record set in 2006. Breeding hogs totaled 600,000 head, up 2 percent from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs, at 6.6 million head, were up 5 percent from a year ago.

STATE PIG CROP UP 2 PERCENT

Minnesota's September-November 2007 pig crop totaled 2.65 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier but down 1 percent from the June-August 2007 pig crop. The 285,000 sows that farrowed averaged 9.3 pigs per litter, unchanged from a year ago.

September-November Pig Crop & Pigs Per Litter
 Minnesota 1998-2007



DECEMBER-2007-FEBRUARY 2008 AND MARCH-MAY 2008 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 275 thousand sows during December 2007-February 2008 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 280 thousand sows during the March-May 2008 quarter. If realized, this would be down 3 percent from the same period in 2007.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up 4 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2007 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 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 March 2006 through September 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 less than two percent were made to the June 2007 and September 2007 total inventory. An adjustment of less than three percent was made to the March-May 2007 pig crop while an adjustment of slightly more than one-half of one percent was made to the June-August 2007 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	938	961	8.97	9.07	8,411	8,712
Jan	952	972	9.08	9.10	8,646	8,841
Feb	951	973	9.05	9.09	8,605	8,843
Mar	984	1,023	9.04	9.14	8,898	9,346
Apr	969	1,006	9.07	9.23	8,789	9,290
May	974	1,004	9.13	9.22	8,893	9,260
Jun	973	1,005	9.10	9.24	8,856	9,291
Jul	965	993	9.10	9.24	8,780	9,180
Aug	974	995	9.12	9.22	8,883	9,175
Sep	1,002	1,024	9.10	9.24	9,123	9,458
Oct	985	1,013	9.12	9.25	8,982	9,372
Nov	962	992	9.10	9.24	8,752	9,168
Total	11,629	11,960	9.08	9.19	105,618	109,937

¹ December preceding year.

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