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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., September 29, 2006 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006, was 2.9 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 4 percent above September 1, 2005, but down 2 percent from June 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 350,000 head, was unchanged from September 1, 2005, but 4 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.55 million head, was 4 percent above last year but 1 percent below last quarter.

The June-August 2006 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.6 million head, was 1 percent above 2005 and 3 percent above 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the September-November 2006 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2005 but 3 percent above 2004. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 170,000 sows, are 3 percent below last year and two years ago.

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.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 2.90 million sows, are up 2 percent from both 2006 and 2005.

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