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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., December 27, 2007 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, was 3.15 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 3 percent above December 1, 2006, but down 3 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 355,000 head, was 3 percent below December 1, 2006, and down 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.80 million head, was 4 percent above last year and 3 percent lower than last quarter.

The September-November 2007 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.76 million head, was 3 percent above 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 185,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, are 180,000 sows, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

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.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.98 million sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for March-May 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are up slightly from 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006.

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