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## NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 28, 2008 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008, was 3.20 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 3 percent above March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was unchanged from March 1, 2007, but up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.84 million head, was 4 percent above last year but 2 percent below last quarter.

The December 2007-February 2008 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.81 million head, was 9 percent above 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 190,000 head, up 6 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 185,000 sows during the March-May 2008 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June-August 2008, are 185,000 sows, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 7 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2007-February 2008 pig crop, at 28.1 million head, was up 6 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, up 5 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from 2006. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.05 million sows farrow during the March-May 2008 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 4 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for June-August 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006.

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