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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 8 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 27, 2008 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008, was 3.40 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 8 percent above June 1, 2007, and up 3 percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was unchanged from June 1, 2007, and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 3.04 million head, was 9 percent above last year and 3 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2008 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.82 million head, was 4 percent above 2007. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 190,000 head, up 3 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 190,000 sows during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, are 190,000 sows, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2007 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006.

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