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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., September 26, 2008 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008, was 3.35 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was unchanged from September 1, 2007, and down 1 percent from June 1, 2008. Breeding hog inventory, at 355,000 head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 3.00 million head, was up slightly over last year and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.80 million head, was 6 percent below 2007. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 185,000 head, down 8 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 180,000 sows during the September-November 2008 quarter, down 8 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, are 180,000 sows, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2007 and up 1 percent from June 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2007 and up 10 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down 2 percent from 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the September-November 2008 quarter, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 2 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, at 2.98 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2008 but up 3 percent from 2007.

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