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## OHIO HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM JUNE 2010

Ohio hog producers had 2.03 million hogs on hand June 1, 2011, down 3 percent from a year ago but up 2 percent from last quarter. The number of market hogs, at 1,865,000 head, was up 2 percent from last quarter but down 4 percent from last year. Breeding stock, at 165,000 head, was down 3 percent from last quarter but unchanged from last year.

The pig crop during the March-May 2011 quarter numbered 851,000 head, up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter. The number of sows farrowed during the March-May 2011 quarter, at 90,000, was up 1 percent from last quarter and from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.45, down slightly from last year but up slightly from last quarter.

Ohio producers intend to farrow 87,000 sows during the June-August 2011 quarter; down 4 percent from a year earlier. Farrowing intentions for the fall quarter, September-November 2011, is 87,000 sows, down 3 percent from the same quarter of 2010.

**U.S.** inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011 was 65.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2010, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2011 pig crop, at 28.9 million head, was up slightly from 2010 but down 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the March-May 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S.** hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the June-August 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 3 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for September-November 2011, at 2.85 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

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