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## Pennsylvania Hog & Pig Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA. June 29, 2007-- There were 1,110,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on June 1, 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was 10,000 head more than both the March 2007 and June 2006 inventories.

Market hog inventory, at 1,010,000 head, increased 10,000 head since March; while breeding stock inventory, at 100,000 head, was unchanged from both March and last June. The March -May 2007 pig crop totaled 396,000 head, down 32,000 head from June a year earlier, but up 9,000 head from the December 2006 -February 2007 pig crop. There were 44,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 3,000 fewer than the previous year. The average litter rate was 9.00 pigs per litter, unchanged from March and down from 9.10 in June the previous year.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 46,000 sows farrow both during the June-August 2007 period and the September-November quarter, 1,000 more than actually farrowed in June-August 2006 and 3,000 more than actually farrowed in the September-November period one year ago.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2007, was 62.8 million head. This was up 2 percent from both June 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.12 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The March-May 2007 U.S. pig crop, at 27.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006, and up 4 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.15 for the March-May 2007 period, compared to 9.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the June-August 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings, and up 1 percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for September-November 2007, at 2.96 million sows, are up slightly from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

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