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## Pennsylvania Hog & Pig Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA. June 27, 2008-- There were 1,180,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on June 1, 2008, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was 40,000 head or 3.5 percent more than the March 2008 inventory, and 60,000 head or 5.0 percent above the June 2007 inventory.

Market hog inventory, at 1,085,000 head, increased 45,000 head since March; while breeding stock inventory, at 95,000 head, was down 5,000 head from both March and last June. The March -May 2008 pig crop totaled 406,000 head, down 4,000 head from June a year earlier, and down 3,000 head from the December 2007 -February 2008 pig crop. There were 43,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 2,000 fewer than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 45 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 9.45 pigs per litter, down 0.05 pig from March, but up 0.35 pig from the 9.10 pigs per litter in June the previous year.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 43,000 sows farrow both during the June-August 2008 period and the September-November quarter, 5,000 fewer than actually farrowed in June-August 2007 and 8,000 fewer than actually farrowed in the September-November period one year ago.

The 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 2008 U.S. 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 sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 to 9.40.

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. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

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