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## State's Hog & Pig Inventory Up 30,000 Head from June

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 1, 2007 - - There were 1,140,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on September 1, 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was 20,000 head less than the previous year's inventory, but 30,000 head above the June 1 inventory.

Market hog inventory, at 1,040,000 head, increased 30,000 head since June, but was down 15,000 head from September 2006; while the breeding herd inventory, at 100,000 head was unchanged from June, but down 5,000 head from one year ago. The June-August 2007 pig crop totaled 418,000 head, up 22,000 head from the same period a year ago. There were 44,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 1,000 less than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 44 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 9.5 pigs saved per litter, up from 9.0 pigs per litter the previous quarter, and up from the 8.8 pigs per litter average from a year ago.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 46,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2007 quarter, 3,000 more than actually farrowed for the same period in 2006; and intend to have 44,000 sows farrow during the December 2007-February 2008 quarter, unchanged from the number of sows that actually farrowed in December 2006-February 2007 quarter.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007, was 64.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from both September 1, 2006, and June 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up 3 percent from last year and last quarter.

The June-August 2007 U.S. pig crop, at 27.5 million head, was up 4 percent from each of the last two years. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.19 for the June-August 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the September-November 2007 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2006. Intended farrowings for December 2007-February 2008, at 2.94 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2007, and up 4 percent from 2006.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

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