

South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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HOG NUMBERS UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, June 24, 2005 –The state's June 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.40 million head, up 14 percent from June 2004 and up 3 percent from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Office.

Breeding stock totaled 145,000 head, unchanged from June 2004 and unchanged from last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,255,000 head, 170,000 head above last year (up 16 percent) and 40,000 head above last quarter.

The March through May **pig crop** was 688,000 head, 5 percent above last year. During the quarter 74,000 sows farrowed, up 6 percent from 2004. Pigs per litter averaged 9.3, down from 9.4 the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 73,000 sows during June through August, up 7 percent from actual farrowings one year ago. Intentions for September through November 2005 are for 74,000 farrowings, 4 percent above actual farrowings a year earlier.

*The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass/
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