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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG NUMBERS UP

SIoux FALLS, December 28, 2005 -- The state's December 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.48 million head, compared to 1.34 million a year ago and 1.37 million on September 1, 2005. This is up 10 percent from December 2004, and up 8 percent from last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 165,000 head, up 18 percent (25,000 head) from December 2004 and last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,315,000 head, up 10 percent (115,000 head) from December 2004 and up 85,000 head from last quarter.

The September through November **pig crop** was 744,000 head, 14 percent (91,000 head) above last year. During the quarter 80,000 sows farrowed, 13 percent (9,000 head) above December 2004. **Pigs per litter** averaged 9.30, up from 9.20 a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 83,000 sows during December 2005 through February 2006, 11,000 more than actual farrowings one year ago. Intentions for March through May 2006 are for 85,000 farrowings, up 10,000 from a year earlier.

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