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HOG NUMBERS ABOVE LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, June 30, 2006 -- The state's **June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.44 million head, up 3 percent from one year ago and up 1 percent from last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 160,000 head, up 10 percent from June 2005. **Market hogs** totaled 1,280,000 head, up 2 percent from last year.

The **March through May pig crop** was 767,000 head, up 10 percent from 698,000 head last year. During the quarter 82,000 sows farrowed, up 9 percent from 2005. Pigs per litter averaged 9.35, up from 9.30 the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 84,000 sows during June through August, 18 percent above the 71,000 actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for September through November are 82,000 sows, up from 81,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

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