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HOG NUMBERS ABOVE LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, September 29, 2006 -- The state's **September 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.48 million head, up 7 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 155,000 head, up 11 percent from September 2005, but down 5,000 head from June 2006. **Market hogs** totaled 1,325,000 head, up 7 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The **June through August pig crop** was 752,000 head, up 13 percent from 667,000 head last year. During the quarter 80,000 sows farrowed, up 13 percent from 2005. Pigs per litter averaged 9.40, unchanged from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 81,000 sows during September through November, unchanged from actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for December 2006 through February 2007 are 79,000 sows, up from 77,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

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