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HOG NUMBERS BELOW LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, December 27, 2006 -- South Dakota's **December 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.33 million head, down 11 percent from one year ago and down 10 percent from last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 140,000 head, down 15 percent from December 2005, and down 10 percent from September 2006. **Market hogs** totaled 1,190,000 head, down 10 percent from last year and from last quarter.

The **September through November pig crop** was 662,000 head, down 12 percent from last year and last quarter. During the quarter 70,000 sows farrowed, down 14 percent from 2005. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.45, up from 9.30 the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 69,000 sows during December 2006 through February 2007, down 10 percent from actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for March through May 2007 are for 71,000 farrowings, down 14 percent from actual farrowings one year earlier.

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