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## ***U.S. - CANADIAN HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY***

**SIoux FALLS, April 27, 2006** -- Inventory of all hogs and pigs for March 2006 in the U.S. and Canada was 74.6 million head. This was up marginally from March 2005, and up 1 percent from 2004. The **breeding inventory**, at 7.7 million head, was up 1 percent from a year ago, and slightly up from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 66.9 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. The **pig crop**, at 33.8 million head, was up slightly from 2005, and up 1 percent from 2004. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 3.70 million head, down slightly from last year.

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2005, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005.

**Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on April 1, 2006 in Canada was 14.5 million head, down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from last quarter. The **breeding inventory**, at 1.64 million head, was down slightly from both last year and last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 12.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from last quarter. The **pig crop**, at 8.16 million head, was down 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. **Sows farrowed** during this period totaled 864,000 head, down 1 percent from last year.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the total hogs, breeding, market hogs, sows farrowed, and pig crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. hog industry to provide producers additional information about potential hog supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on March 31, 2006.

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