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HOG NUMBERS BELOW LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, March 30, 2007 -- The state's **March 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.34 million head, down 7 percent from one year ago but 1 percent above last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 135,000 head, down 13 percent from March 2006. **Market hogs** totaled 1,205,000 head, down 6 percent from last year.

The **December through February pig crop** was 618,000 head, down 15 percent from 724,000 head last year. During the quarter 65,000 sows farrowed, down 16 percent from 2006. Pigs per litter averaged 9.50, up from the previous year's 9.40. Producers intend to farrow 69,000 sows during March through May, 18 percent below the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are for 65,000 farrowings, down from 77,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

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