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HOG NUMBERS UP 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, June 27, 2008 -- The state's **June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs** was 1.44 million head, up 12 percent from one year ago but down 1 percent from last quarter, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 150,000 head, up 3 percent from June 2007, but down 6 percent from last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,290,000 head, up 13 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from March 2008.

The **March through May pig crop** was 834,000 head, up 20 percent from 697,000 head last year. During the quarter 86,000 sows farrowed, up 18 percent from the 73,000 farrowings a year ago. Pigs per litter averaged 9.70, up from the previous year's 9.55. Producers intend to farrow 80,000 sows during June through August, 4 percent below the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for September through November are for 81,000 farrowings, down from 90,000 actual farrowings one year earlier.

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