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## HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

The December 1, 2011 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 102,000 head, compared with 99,000 head last year, according to Steven Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Breeding inventory was 33,000, up 18 percent from last year. Market hogs came in at 69,000, down 2,000 from last year. The market hogs on hand consisted of 38,000 head (55%) under 50 pounds, 15,000 (22%) weighing between 50 and 119 pounds, 11,000 (16%) between 120 and 179 pounds and 5,000 (7%) weighing 180 pounds and over. A total of 72,000 sows farrowed during the 12-month period ending December 1, 2011. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.81 for an annual pig crop of 778,000 pigs. The pig crop was up 15 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 64,000 sows farrowed 679,000 pigs.

**UNITED STATES:** **United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

**The September-November 2011 pig crop**, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP, WYOMING AND U.S., 2010-2011

	2010	2011	11/10
	1,000 head		Percent
<b>WYOMING</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	99	102	103
for Breeding	28	33	118
for Market	71	69	97
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	64.0	72.0	113
Annual Pig Crop	679.0	778.0	115
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	64,925	65,931	102
for Breeding	5,778	5,803	100
for Market	59,147	60,128	102
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,626	11,555	99
Annual Pig Crop	113,685.0	115,215.0	101

1/ December preceding year.

