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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 28, 2002--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2002, was 2.95 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 2 percent above both March 2001 and December 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 390,000 head, was up 8 percent from March 1, 2001 and 5 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.56 million head, was 1 percent above both last year and last quarter.

The December 2001-February 2002 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.5 million head, was 21 percent more than 2001 and 7 percent more than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 170,000 head, 21 percent above last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 175,000 sows farrow during the March-May 2002 quarter, 9 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and 13 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for June-August 2002, at 180,000 sows, are 16 percent above the same period in 2001 and up 13 percent from 2000.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2002, was 58.7 million head. This was 2 percent above March 2001 but 1 percent below December 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was up slightly from both March 1, 2001 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.5 million head, was 2 percent above last year but 1 percent below last quarter.

The December 2001-February 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.7 million head, was 3 percent more than 2001 and 1 percent more than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 3 percent above last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2002 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and slightly above 2000. Intended farrowings for June-August 2002, at 2.90 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001 and up slightly from 2000.

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