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### NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 28, 2003--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2003, was 2.85 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 5 percent below March 2002 and 3 percent below December 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 375,000 head, was down 4 percent from March 1, 2002 but 3 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.48 million head, was 5 percent below last year and 4 percent below last quarter.

The December 2002-February 2003 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.53 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002 and 24 percent more than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, 3 percent above last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 175,000 sows farrow during the March-May 2003 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002 but 9 percent above 2001. Intended farrowings for June-August 2003, at 175,000 sows, are 6 percent above the same period in 2002 and up 13 percent from 2001.

### U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2003, was 58.1 million head. This was 2 percent below March 1, 2002, and 2 percent below December 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 5.96 million head, was down 4 percent from March 1, 2002, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year and 3 percent below last quarter.

The December 2002-February 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 24.4 million head, was 2 percent less than 2002, and 2 percent more than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.77 million head, 2 percent below last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2003 quarter, 3 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 1 percent below 2001. Intended farrowings for June-August 2003, at 2.79 million sows, are 3 percent below the same period in both 2002 and 2001.

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