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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., June 27, 2003--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2003, was 2.95 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was unchanged from June 2002 but 2 percent above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 375,000 head, was down 5 percent from June 1, 2002 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.58 million head, was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2003 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.56 million head, was 1 percent less than 2002 but 11 percent more than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year but 9 percent more than 2001.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 175,000 sows farrow during the June-August 2003 quarter, 6 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002 and 13 percent above 2001. Intended farrowings for September-November 2003, at 175,000 sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2002 and up 6 percent from 2001.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2003, was 58.7 million head. This was 3 percent below June 1, 2002, but 1 percent above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 2002, and slightly below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.8 million head, was 2 percent below last year but 1 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 25.1 million head, was 3 percent less than 2002, and 2 percent less than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 4 percent below last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.83 million sows farrow during the June-August 2003 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2002 and 2001. Intended farrowings for September-November 2003, at 2.79 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002, and 3 percent below 2001.

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