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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., September 26, 2003--Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003, was 3.0 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 3 percent from September 1, 2002 and 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 375,000 head, was up 4 percent from September 1, 2002 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.63 million head, was 3 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2003 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.54 million head, was 4 percent more than 2002 and 14 percent above 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, 6 percent above last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to have 175,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2003 quarter, 3 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002 and 6 percent above 2001. Intended farrowings for December 2003-February 2004, at 175,000 sows, are unchanged from the same period in 2002, but up 3 percent from 2001.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003, was 59.6 million head. This was 2 percent below September 1, 2002, but 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.88 million head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2002, and 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.7 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 25.2 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2002 and 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.80 million sows farrow during the September-November 2003 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002 and 3 percent below 2001. Intended farrowings for December 2003-February 2004, at 2.77 million sows, are 2 percent below the same period in 2002, but 1 percent above 2001.

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