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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24, 2005 – Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005, was 2.75 million head, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 4 percent below June 1, 2004, but unchanged from March 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 355,000 head, was down 1 percent from June 1, 2004, but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.4 million head, was 4 percent below last year but unchanged from last quarter.

The March - May 2005 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.58 million head, was 2 percent more than 2004, but 4 percent less than 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, the same as last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the June - August 2005 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but 5 percent below 2003. Intended farrowings for September - November 2005, at 175,000 sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2004, but 5 percent below 2003.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005, was 60.8 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004, and last quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter. The March - May 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, unchanged from last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to farrow 2.90 million sows during the June-August 2005 quarter, virtually unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but down one-half of one percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for September-November 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are unchanged from the same period in 2004, but up 1 percent from 2003.

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