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# South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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## **HOG INVENTORY DOWN FROM LAST YEAR**

**SIOUX FALLS, December 30, 2003** --The state's December 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.26 million head, down 4 percent from one year ago but unchanged from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding stock** totaled 145,000 head, up 4 percent from last year and up 7 percent from last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,115,000 head, 5 percent below one year ago and 1 percent below last quarter's 1,125,000 head.

The September through November **pig crop** was 637,000 head, up 88,000 head (16 percent) from last year. During the quarter 70,000 sows farrowed, up 15 percent from 2002. Pigs per litter averaged 9.1, slightly above one year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 70,000 sows during December 2003 through February 2004, 9 percent above the actual farrowings a year earlier. Intentions for March through May 2004 are 70,000 sows, 3 percent above the actual farrowings a year earlier.

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