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HOG NUMBERS BELOW LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, March 26, 2004 –The state's March 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.24 million head, down 5 percent from one year ago and 3 percent below last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 145,000 head, the same as March 2003. **Market hogs** totaled 1,095,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

The December through February **pig crop** was 644,000 head, up 11 percent from 579,000 head last year. During the quarter 70,000 sows farrowed, up 9 percent from 2003. Pigs per litter averaged 9.20, up 2 percent from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 72,000 sows during March through May, 6 percent above the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are 70,000 sows, the same as the actual farrowings a year earlier.

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