



South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG NUMBERS DOWN

SIoux FALLS, September 24, 2004 –The state's September 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.21 million head, down 6 percent from 2003 and down 2 percent from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 140,000 head, up 5,000 head from September 2003, but down 5,000 head from June 2004. **Market hogs** totaled 1,070,000 head, down 7 percent from September 2003 and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The June through August **pig crop** was 632,000 head, 3 percent (19,000 head) below last year. During the quarter 68,000 sows farrowed, down 2,000 head from 2003. Pigs per litter averaged 9.30, unchanged from a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 70,000 sows during September through November 2004, the same as the actual farrowings one year ago. Intentions for December 2004 through February 2005 are for 71,000 farrowings, up 1,000 from a year earlier.

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