

## Wisconsin Hog Inventory Continues to Slide, Down From March

The slippery slope that Wisconsin's hog inventory has been on over the last several years continued during the past quarter. Total inventory on June 1 was estimated at 440,000 a decrease of 10,000 head from March 1. This is a decline of 40,000 head from the same time last. Market hogs, at 390,000 head, fell 30,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hogs at 50,000 head fell 10,000 head from last year, and 5,000 head from the previous quarter.

The March - May 2004 quarter pig crop totaled 228,000 head, down 7 percent from the previous year, but up 8 percent from the previous quarter. Sows farrowing during the quarter totaled 26,000 head, a 2,000 head increase from previous quarter. Average pigs per litter, at 8.75, was unchanged from last year, but down from 8.80 last quarter. Wisconsin's hog producers intend to have 23,000 sows farrow during the June - August 2004 quarter and 22,000 sows farrow during the September - November quarter.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2004, totaled 60.1 million head. This was 1 percent above both June 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004. Breeding inventory, at 5.91 million head, was down 2 percent from June 1, 2003, and down minimally from the previous quarter.

The March - May 2004 pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was fractionally less than 2003 and 2 percent less than 2002. Market hog inventory was 1 percent above last year and last quarter. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, 1 percent below last year. Sows farrowing represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.93 pigs for the March - May 2004 period, compared to 8.88 pigs last year.

## Hogs and Pigs on Farms, June 1

| Selected states  | Breeding 2004 | Change 2004/03 | Market 2004 | Change 2004/03 | Total hogs 2004 | Change 2004/03 |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                  | 1,000 head    | Percent        | 1,000 head  | Percent        | 1,000 head      | Percent        |
| <b>Wisconsin</b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>-17</b>     | <b>390</b>  | <b>-7</b>      | <b>440</b>      | <b>-8</b>      |
| Illinois         | 420           | n.c.           | 3,530       | -3             | 3,950           | -2             |
| Indiana          | 290           | -6             | 2,810       | 3              | 3,100           | 2              |
| Iowa             | 1,060         | -1             | 14,840      | 1              | 15,900          | 1              |
| Michigan         | 95            | -5             | 815         | -2             | 910             | -2             |
| Minnesota        | 600           | n.c.           | 5,900       | 4              | 6,500           | 3              |
| N. Carolina      | 1,000         | n.c.           | 9,100       | 3              | 10,100          | 3              |
| U.S.             | 5,913         | -2             | 54,169      | 1              | 60,083          | 1              |

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service

## Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, March-May

| Selected states  | Sows farrowing 2004 | Change 2004/03 | Litter rate 2004 | Pig crop 2004 | Change 2004/03 |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                  | 1,000 head          | Percent        | Number           | 1,000 head    | Percent        |
| <b>Wisconsin</b> | <b>26</b>           | <b>-7</b>      | <b>8.75</b>      | <b>228</b>    | <b>-7</b>      |
| Illinois         | 215                 | n.c.           | 8.90             | 1,914         | n.c.           |
| Indiana          | 135                 | -7             | 8.90             | 1,202         | -7             |
| Iowa             | 430                 | -9             | 8.75             | 3,763         | -8             |
| Michigan         | 44                  | -4             | 9.10             | 400           | -3             |
| Minnesota        | 290                 | +4             | 8.95             | 2,596         | +4             |
| N. Carolina      | 550                 | +2             | 9.10             | 5,005         | +3             |
| U.S.             | 2,857               | -1             | 8.93             | 25,520        | n.c.           |

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service

## Farrowing Intentions

| Selected states  | June-August 2004 | Change 2004/03 | Sept.-Nov. 2004 | Change 2004/03 |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                  | 1,000 head       | Percent        | 1,000 head      | Percent        |
| <b>Wisconsin</b> | <b>23</b>        | <b>-21</b>     | <b>22</b>       | <b>-15</b>     |
| Illinois         | 210              | -2             | 210             | +2             |
| Indiana          | 135              | -10            | 135             | -7             |
| Iowa             | 440              | -2             | 450             | +2             |
| Michigan         | 42               | -11            | 42              | -18            |
| Minnesota        | 290              | +5             | 285             | +2             |
| N. Carolina      | 560              | n.c.           | 540             | n.c.           |
| U.S.             | 2,867            | -1             | 2,837           | n.c.           |

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