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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30, 2012 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012, was 3.10 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was unchanged from March 1, 2011, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. Breeding hog inventory, at 390,000 head, was up 5 percent from March 1, 2011, and up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.71 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2011-February 2012 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.82 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 180,000 sows during the March-May 2012 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June-August 2012 are 180,000 sows, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012 was 64.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2011, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2011-February 2012 pig crop, at 28.7 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the March-May 2012 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for June-August 2012, at 2.88 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2011, and down 2 percent from 2010.

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