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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., September 28, 2012 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012, was 3.15 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was down 3 percent from September 1, 2011, but up 2 percent from June 1, 2012. Breeding hog inventory, at 380,000 head, was equal to September 1, 2011, but down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.77 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2012 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.79 million head, was down 6 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 170,000 head, down 6 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 170,000 sows during the September-November 2012 quarter, down 6 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for December 2012-February 2013 are 165,000 sows, down 6 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2012 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was down slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, down 1 percent from 2011.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the September-November 2012 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for December-February 2013, at 2.82 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012 and down 1 percent from 2011.

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