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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, NE, March 28, 2013 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013, was 3.0 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2012, but unchanged from December 1, 2012. Breeding hog inventory, at 390,000 head, was unchanged from March 1, 2012, but up 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.61 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down slightly from last quarter.

The December 2012-February 2013 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.79 million head, was down 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 170,000 head, down 3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.50 for the December-February period, compared to 10.40 last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 180,000 sows during the March-May 2013 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June-August 2013 are 175,000 sows, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

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