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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, December 23, 2014 -- **South Dakota inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014, was 1.25 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2013, but unchanged from September 1, 2014.

Breeding hog inventory, at 170,000 head, was up 3 percent from December 1, 2013, but down 3 percent from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 1.08 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up slightly from last quarter.

The September – November 2014 South Dakota pig crop, at 911,000 head, was up 3 percent from 2013. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 84,000 head, up 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.85 for the September – November period, compared to 10.75 last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 82,000 sows during the December 2014 – February 2015 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March – May 2015 are 81,000 sows, down 10 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/HogsPigs//2010s/2014/HogsPigs-12-23-2014.pdf>

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