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## SOUTH DAKOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 8 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 27, 2015 -- **South Dakota inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2015, was 1.28 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 8 percent from March 1, 2014, and up 3 percent from December 1, 2014.

**Breeding hog inventory**, at 165,000 head, was down 3 percent from March 1, 2014, but up 3 percent from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 1.12 million head, was up 9 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2014 – February 2015 South Dakota pig crop**, at 918,000 head, was up 5 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 85,000 head, up 4 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.80 for the December – February period, compared to 10.65 last year.

**South Dakota hog producers** intend to farrow 85,000 sows during the March – May 2015 quarter, down 6 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June – August 2015 are 85,000 sows, down 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

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