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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 16 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. September 27, 2019 - South Dakota inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2019, was 2.00 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 16 percent from September 1, 2018, and up 7 percent from June 1, 2019.

Breeding hog inventory, at 265,000 head, was up 8 percent from September 1, 2018, but unchanged from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 1.74 million head, was up 18 percent from last year, and up 8 percent from last quarter.

The June - August 2019 South Dakota pig crop, at 1.49 million head, was up 15 percent from 2018. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 126,000 head, up 8 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 11.85 for the June - August period, compared to 11.10 last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 124,000 sows during the September - November 2019 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for December 2019 - February 2020 are 123,000 sows, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

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