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## MARCH 2009 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2009 totaled 9.4 million head, down 7 percent from March 1, 2008 and 2 percent from December 1, 2008.

Market hogs, at 8.4 million head, were down 7 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 980,000 head, down 3 percent from last year but unchanged from December 1, 2008. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally, behind Iowa, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

The State's pig crop during the December 2008 – February 2009 period totaled 5.0 million head, down 2 percent from the same quarter last year. These pigs were produced by 520,000 sows, down 30,000 sows from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.55, up from the number of pigs saved on average last year.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 520,000 sows during the March – May 2009 quarter and 520,000 sows during the June – August 2009 quarter.

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2009 was 65.4 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2008.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 59.4 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The December 2008-February 2009 pig crop**, at 28.2 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008 but up 7 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.98 million head, down 3 percent from 2008 but up 3 percent from 2007.

## NORTH CAROLINA HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)

