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SEPTEMBER 2009 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on September 1, 2009 totaled 10.0 million head, down 3 percent from September 1, 2008 but up 4 percent from June 1, 2009.

Market hogs, at 9.02 million head, were down 3 percent from last year but up almost 5 percent from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 980,000 head, down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally, behind Iowa, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

The State's pig crop during the June – August 2009 period totaled 5.1 million head, down 5 percent from the same quarter last year. These pigs were produced by 530,000 sows, down 30,000 sows from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.70, up from the number of pigs saved on average last year.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 530,000 sows during the September - November 2009 quarter and 520,000 sows during the December 2009 – February 2010 quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 was 66.6 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007.

NORTH CAROLINA HOG & PIG INVENTORY
(Thousand Head)

