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DECEMBER 2011 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, 2011 totaled 8.8 million head, down 3% from September 1. Market hogs, at 7.95 million head, were down 3% from last year and 4% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 850,000 head, up 1% from last year and unchanged from September 1, 2011. The State's pig crop during the September – November 2011 period totaled 4.41 million head, down 3% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 445,000 sows, a 2% decrease from the same time last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.9, which is down from the 10.0 pigs saved during the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 440,000 sows during both the December 2011 – February 2012 and March – May 2012 quarters. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally, behind Iowa, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	December 1 Inventory			September 1 Inventory		
	2010	2011	Percent Change	2010	2011	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>			<i>Thousand Head</i>		
	+/-			+/-		
North Carolina						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,000	8,800	-2	9,400	9,100	-3
Breeding Hogs	840	850	+1	870	850	-2
Market Hogs	8,160	7,950	-3	8,530	8,250	-3
Under 50 Lbs.	2,950	3,000	+2	3,150	3,100	-2
50-119 Lbs.	1,970	1,920	-3	2,200	2,030	-8
120-179 Lbs.	1,660	1,560	-6	1,750	1,680	-4
180 Lbs. and Over	1,580	1,470	-7	1,430	1,440	+1
United States						
All Hogs and Pigs	64,925	65,931	+2	65,971	66,744	+1
Breeding Hogs	5,778	5,803	0	5,770	5,806	+1
Market Hogs	59,147	60,128	+2	60,201	60,938	+1

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)

