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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 9%

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. December 22, 2023 - South Dakota inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2023, was 2.31 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 9% from December 1, 2022, and up 5% from September 1, 2023.

Breeding hog inventory, at 345,000 head, was up 15% from December 1, 2022, and up 8% from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 1.97 million head, was up 9% from last year, and up 4% from last quarter.

The September - November 2023 South Dakota pig crop, at 1.99 million head, was up 15% from 2022. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 157,000 head, up 10% from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 12.70 for the September - November period, compared to 12.10 last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 156,000 sows during the December 2023 - February 2024 quarter, up 10% from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March - May 2024 are 156,000 sows, up 11% from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

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