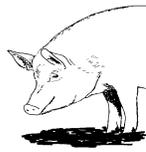


ARKANSAS HOG AND PIG REPORT



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This report contains the results from the quarterly Hog Survey conducted during the first half of March 2005. Approximately 50 hog operations in Arkansas and 8,600 in the U.S. were surveyed to collect hog information for the reference date of March 1. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. report at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for the survey.

MARCH 1 HOG INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

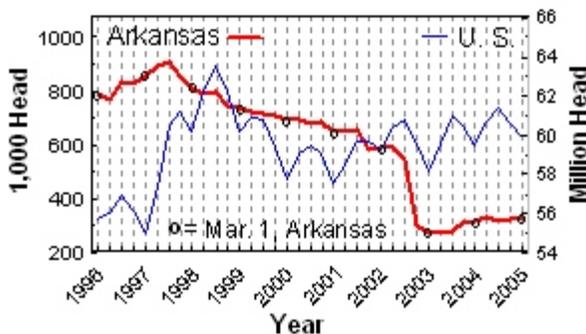
ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2005, totaled 330,000 head, up 5 percent from March 1, 2004, but unchanged from December 1, 2004. Breeding hog inventory, at 85,000 head was the same as a year ago, and market hog inventory was 245,000 head, up 7 percent. For the December 2004-February 2005 quarter, the pig crop totaled 411,000 head, up 13 percent from the same quarter in 2004.

Sows farrowed during the first quarter was 43,000 head, up 13 percent, and represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. Arkansas hog producers intend to have 45,000 sows farrow during the next March-May 2005 quarter, 10 percent above the actual farrowings for this period in 2004. The average number of pigs saved per litter for the December-February quarter was 9.55 head, down from the 9.60 head for the same period in 2004.

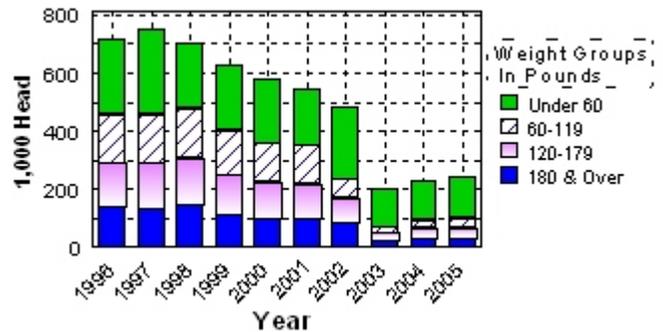
March 1 Hog and Pig Inventory, 2004-2005, Arkansas and U. S.

Item	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2004	2005	% Chg.	2004	2005	% Chg.
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs and Pigs	315	330	+5	59,520	59,899	+1
Breeding	85	85	0	5,961	5,941	0
Market	230	245	+7	53,558	53,957	+1
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Groups:						
Under 60 pounds	135	145	+7	19,823	19,817	0
60-119 Pounds	30	35	+17	12,954	13,087	+1
120-179 Pounds	30	30	0	11,205	11,430	+2
180 Pounds and Over	35	35	0	9,578	9,624	0

Quarterly Hog and Pig Inventory
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005



Market Hog Inventory by Weight Group
Arkansas, March 1, 1996-2005

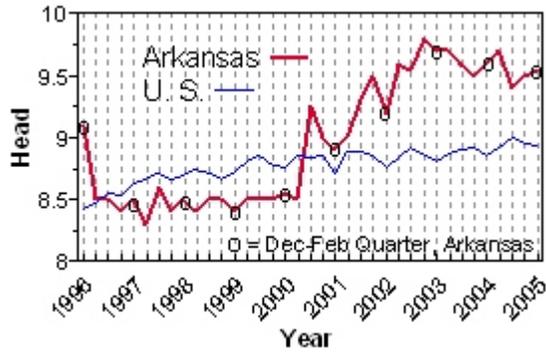


Farrowings: December-February Quarter, 2004-2005¹ and Intentions for March-May 2005 Quarter

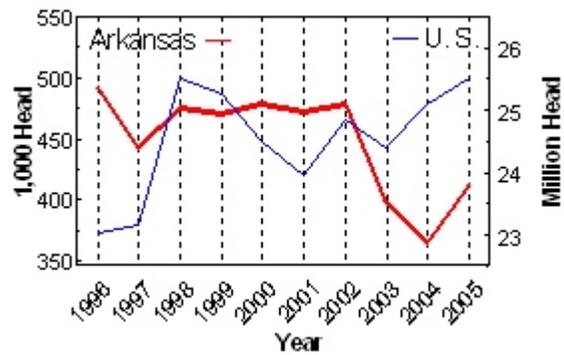
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
		2004	2005	% Chg. 04-05	Intent. Mar-May	2004	2005	% Chg. 04-05	Intent. Mar-May
Sows Farrowed	1,000 Head	38	43	+13	45	2,836	2,851	+1	2,870
Pigs per Litter	Head	9.60	9.55	-1	-	8.85	8.94	+1	-
Pig Crop ²	1,000 Head	365	411	+13	-	25,105	25,489	+2	-

¹ December preceding year. ² Number of pigs born during December-February that were still on hand March 1, or had been sold.

**Pigs per Litter by Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005**



**Pig Crop, December-February Quarter¹
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005**



¹ December preceding year.

**Annual Hogs and Pigs:
Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Group, 2003-2004**

Item by Size Group	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
Operations Having:	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>
1 - 99 Head	630	630	0	44,490	42,015	-6
100-499 Head	40	40	0	11,530	10,368	-10
500-999 Head	55	55	0	5,687	5,155	-9
1000-1999 Head	41	38	-7	4,877	4,459	-9
2000-4999 Head	28	31	+11	4,871	5,132	+5
5000+ Head	6	6	0	2,265	2,291	+1
TOTAL	800	800	0	73,720	69,420	-6
Percent of Inventory:	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
1 - 99 Head	3.2	2.8	-	1.0	1.0	-
100-499 Head	2.8	2.7	-	4.5	4.0	-
500-999 Head	13.0	13.0	-	6.5	6.0	-
1000-1999 Head	16.5	15.5	-	11.0	10.0	-
2000-4999 Head	25.0	26.5	-	24.0	26.0	-
5000+ Head	39.5	39.5	-	53.0	53.0	-