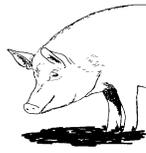


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This report contains the results from the quarterly Hog Survey conducted during the first half of September 2005. Approximately 8,700 hog operations in the U.S. were surveyed to collect hog information for the reference date of September 1. The data are also posted on our web site 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 and interviews for the survey.

SEPTEMBER 1 HOG INVENTORY DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

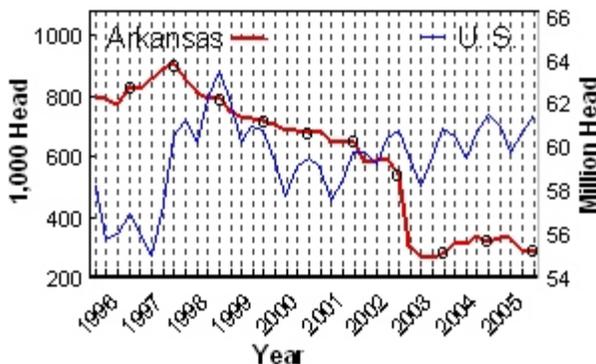
ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, totaled 285,000 head, down 11 percent from September 1, 2004, and down 2 percent from June 1, 2005. **Breeding hog inventory**, at 85,000 head, was up 6 percent, and **market hog inventory**, at 200,000 head, was down 17 percent from a year earlier. For the June 2005-August 2005 quarter, **the pig crop** totaled 413,000 head, up 2 percent from the same quarter in 2004.

Sows farrowed during the third quarter was 43,000 head, unchanged from last year, and represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. Arkansas hog producers intend to have 44,000 sows farrow during the next September-November 2005 quarter, 5 percent above the actual farrowings for this period in 2004. The average number of **pigs saved per litter** for the June-August quarter was 9.60 head, up from the 9.40 head for the same period in 2004.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 HOG INVENTORY, WITH COMPARISONS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

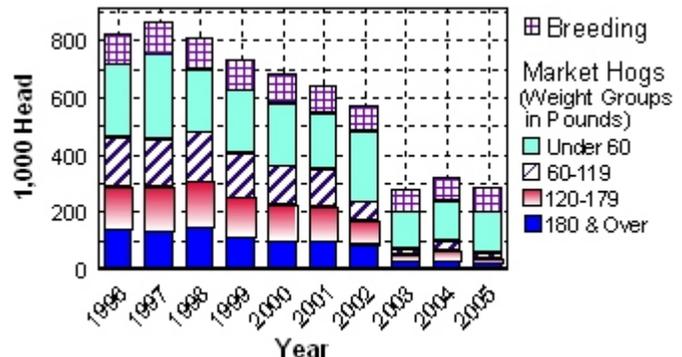
Class and Weight group	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	Sep. 2004	Jun. 2005	Sep. 2005	% Chg. Sep. 2004-2005	Sep. 2004	Jun. 2005	Sep. 2005	% Chg. Sep. 2004-2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>				
All Hogs and Pigs	320	290	285	-11	61,519	60,632	61,536	0
Breeding	80	85	85	+6	5,962	5,977	5,972	0
Market	240	205	200	-17	55,556	54,654	55,563	0
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Groups:								
Under 60 pounds	140	140	145	+4	20,729	20,223	20,634	0
60-119 Pounds	35	20	20	-43	13,613	13,356	13,716	+1
120-179 Pounds	35	20	15	-57	11,235	11,263	11,384	+1
180 Pounds +	30	25	20	-33	9,981	9,813	9,830	-2

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



○ - denotes Arkansas September 1 inventory.

Hog Inventory by Class and Weight Group
Arkansas, September 1, 1996-2005

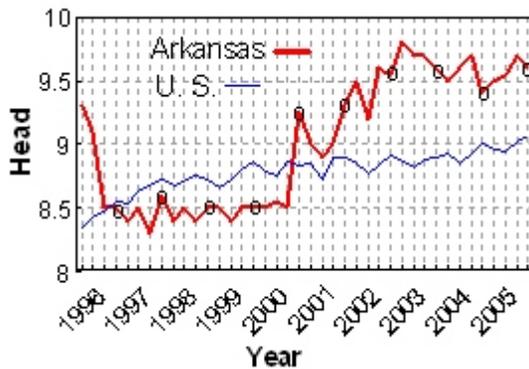


**SOWS FARROWED, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP, 2004-2005, BY QUARTER
AND FARROWING INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 2 QUARTERS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.**

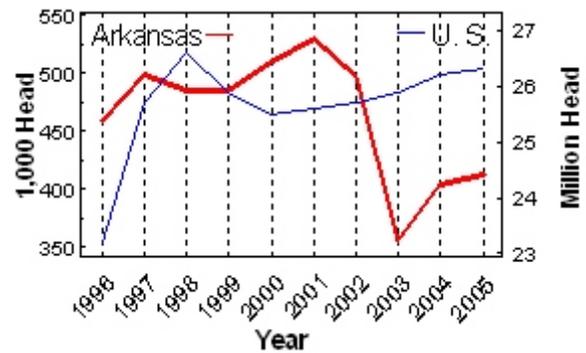
Item/Period	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	2004	2005	Intent. 2006 ¹	% Chg. 04-05	2004	2005	Intent. 2006 ¹	% Chg. 04-05
SOWS FARROWED:	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>			
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	38	43	43 ¹	+13	2,836	2,835	2,875 ¹	0
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	41	42	-	+2	2,870	2,870	-	0
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	43	43	-	0	2,905	2,898	-	0
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	42	44 ¹	-	+5	2,888	2,888 ¹	-	0
PIGS PER LITTER:	<i>Head</i>				<i>Head</i>			
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	9.60	9.55	-	-1	8.85	8.94	-	+1
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	9.70	9.70	-	0	8.93	9.02	-	+1
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	9.40	9.60	-	+2	9.01	9.07	-	+1
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	9.50	-	-	-	8.96	-	-	-
PIG CROP³:	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>			
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	365	411	-	+13	25,105	25,346	-	+1
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	398	407	-	+2	25,633	25,884	-	+1
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	404	413	-	+2	26,162	26,273	-	0
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	399	-	-	-	25,881	-	-	-

¹ Intentions. ² December preceding year. ³ Number of pigs born during the quarter that were still on hand on the first day of following quarter, or had been sold.

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



**Pig Crop, June-August Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005**



○ - denotes Arkansas June-August Quarter.